

MINUTES
OF THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
California State Conference
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Ministers and Deacons

Held With The
TURLOCK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
October 27, 28, 29, 1955
Turlock, California



Next Meeting At
TULARE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
December 27-29, 1956

OFFICERS

Earl Jensen	President
Wiley Gregory	Vice President
Wade Jernigan	Clerk
Delmer Priest	Assistant Clerk

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Jerry Dudley
Dean Moore
Cecil Thurman
A. E. Woollery
Jack Cravens

MEMBERSHIP

Ministers	97
Deacons	114
Total	211

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The President called the conference to order and a minister was elected to bring the introductory message. Rev. E. E. Morris was elected.

Opened by singing "Draw Me Nearer" led by Gloster Barlow, accompanied by Evon Carter. Led in prayer by Rev. Cecil Thurman.

All of the ordained were called into the altar for an united prayer.

Quartet number by Clinton Wood, Earline Parish, Wade Jernigan and Joe Mooneyham. Testimony service was led by J. B. Smith.

Introductory message by Rev. E. E. Morris, Subject; "Called According To God's Purpose," Scripture— II Timothy 1:9. Pastor Rev. Earl Jensen placed the visitors in homes. Dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing, "Precious Name," led by Rev. Jerry Dudley, accompanied by Charlotte Groves. Scripture reading by Delmer Priest using Phil. 2:1-8. Led in prayer by Gene Russell. Welcome by Rev. Earl Jensen. Response by Rev. Wiley Gregory.

Letters from the following Ministers and Deacons Conferences were read and accepted Golden Gate Association, Center Association, Southern Association and West Coast Association.

Letter from Rev. Winston Lawless was read and recognized by the body.

By request of the West Coast Association, Gene Rogers was put on the Ministers Roll to receive a card.

Officers elected as follows: Rev. Earl Jensen, President; Rev. Wiley Gregory, Vice President; Rev. Wade Jernigan, Clerk; Delmer Priest, Assistant Clerk.

Appointment of Committees

Divine Service— J. A. Roberts, Ralph Groves, Roy Wade, Elijah Wheeler and S. A. Sanders.

Resolution Committee— J. B. Smith, Jerry Dudley, Cecil Thurman, Dean Moore and Francis Boyle.

Obituary— A. E. Woolery, W. H. Callison, Clark Casteel and John Wood.

Finance— H. E. Dixon, Roy Pembroke and Joe Blair.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30. Dismissed by Rev. O. H. Doss.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," led by Clinton Wood accompanied by Charlotte Groves. Prayer by Rev. Jerry Dudley.

Rev. Francis Boyle brought the message using as his scripture I Sam. 27:10 and I Corin. 13:7-8A. Subject "Where Have You Made A Road Today "

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. H. E. Dixon.

1:30 O'CLOCK SESSION

Opened with singing, "Power In The Blood," led by Lloyd Reddick. Prayer by Rev. Jack Cravens. Turlock Quartet sang "I've Been A'Waitin." Prayer by John Wood.

Resolution No. 1 read and accepted. (See Report.)

Obituary Report read and accepted. A moment of silent prayer in remembrance of the deceased. Led in prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

Finance report read and accepted. (See Reports)

Motion was made to meet with the Tulare Church in 1956 and Rev. Wade Jernigan was elected to bring the Introductory Message at next session. Rev. Wiley Gregory was elected as alternate.

Motion made to make Rev. E. E. Morris an honorary member of the California State Ministers and Deacons Conference.

Program Committee appointed. John Reel, Wiley Gregory and Francis Boyle.

Motion made that a Credential Committee be elected to examine the letters from the District Ministers and Deacons conference. Those elected were: Jerry Dudley, Dean Moore, Cecil Thurman, A. E. Woolery and Jack Cravens.

Rev. E. E. Morris gave an oral report on the State Association of Free Will Baptist in Oklahoma.

Discussion: Free Will Baptist Church—Rev. Wade Jernigan and Rev. Earl Jensen.

Resolution No. 2 read and accepted. (See Reports)

Motion to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30. Dismissed by Rev. Merle Erickson.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Service opened by singing "Draw Me Nearer," and "Jesus Saves" led by Clinton Wood accompanied by Evon Carter. Prayer by Rev. J. E.

Bridges. Turlock Quartet sang, "Glad Reunion." Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Dudley, "Cleanse Me." Testimonial service was led By Pete Connor.

Rev. E. E. Morris brought the evening message using Matt. 16:19. "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing "Showers of Blessings" led by Clinton Wood accompanied by Evon Carter. Devotional Titus 3:1-9. Prayer by Rev. Ralph Hampton.

Resolution No. 3 accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution No. 4 accepted. (See Reports.)

Treasurer's Report read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Glos-ter Barlow.

11 O'CLOCK SESSION

Opened by singing "Higher Ground" led by Rev. E. E. Morris accompanied by Evon Carter. Prayer by Rev. Roy Pembroke.

Rev. A. E. Woolery brought the message using Luke 10:42, "One Thing Is Needful." United altar of prayer. Motion to adjourn. Benediction by E. L. Floyd.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that the clerk be paid \$25.00 and the Moderator be paid \$10.00. The assistant clerk and the assistant moderator not be paid.

We recommend that each subordinate conference send \$10.00 per church annually, \$5.00 to go to the host church and \$5.00 for expenses.

We also recommend that we have 500 minutes of this conference printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand.....	\$100.56
Amount Received	335.00
Paid Bell Gardens Church	160.00
Paid Officers (Clerks & Moderators)	50.00
Wilkins Print Shop for Minutes	81.03
Printing of Programs	10.00
Balance	\$134.53

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

No. 1 Be it resolved that Amendment No. 1 of our By-laws be made Article 12 and Article 12 be made Article 13. That Article 12 be made to read as follows: That each subordinate association send a letter to this conference giving names of all ministers and deacons who are in good standing.

No. 2 Be it resolved that any business from subordinate conferences, pertinent to this body, be forwarded to this body for consideration of the resolution committee for presentation.

No. 3 Be it resolved that the State Ministers and Deacons Conference recommend that each subordinate or District Ministers and Deacons Conference examine each member for membership according to the standards of the State Conference.

No. 4 Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Turlock Church for their splendid care of this setting of the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

By Laws

ARTICLE 1

The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the ministers present into conference. If a quorum is present the President or in his absence the Vice-President shall moderate the meeting. If neither of these are present, the senior minister in years shall be in charge.

ARTICLE 2

It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the ministers of the conference. Ministers and Deacons shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the conference. In case of questionable representation the case under question shall be referred to the Credential Committee.

ARTICLE 3

Each minister and deacon belonging to this conference must be a member of some church in California and should report to each session in person or by letter and failing to do so for one year is subject to discipline.

ARTICLE 4

Each conference shall be opened by reading a portion of God's word and prayer, and each session shall be closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 5

By a two-thirds vote of the members present a ruling of the President may be overruled.

ARTICLE 6

This conference shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

ARTICLE 7

No member shall absent himself from the conference during its meeting without permission from the President.

ARTICLE 8

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of a committee, unless person nominated is not elected.

ARTICLE 9

The President shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord.

ARTICLE 10

Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and address the President by the appellation, "Brother President," but shall not speak further until recognized.

ARTICLE 11

No member of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes, nor twice on the same subject without permission from the President.

ARTICLE 12

Be it resolved that each subordinate association send a letter to this conference, giving names of all ministers and deacons who are in good standing.

ARTICLE 13

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Constitution

ARTICLE 1

This ministers and deacons conference shall be called the California State Free Will Baptist Ministers and Deacons Conference and shall be composed of ordained Free Will Baptist Ministers and Deacons who are members of some orthodox Free Will Baptist Church in the state of California.

ARTICLE 2

The officers of this conference shall be President, Vice-President, Clerk, Asst. Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE 3

This conference shall have the power to discipline its members.

ARTICLE 4

Every ordained minister and deacon in the State of California should be a member of this conference and is required to report in each session in person or by letter. Every member shall be required to carry a card of identification and recommendation from this conference, and said card to be issued annually.

ARTICLE 5

This conference shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 6

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

Amendment No. 1

Be it resolved that the Ministers and Deacons Conference of California will not recognize any minister advocating Premellinialism as Free Will Baptist doctrine.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We wish to report that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst in the past year; Rev. L. L. Davis, Rev. Albert Shelton and Brother W. W. Daniels.

Covenant

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and being called and chosen to the Ministry and Deaconship, we give ourselves to one another, by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by the grace of God to love and support our brother minister to the advancement of the Gospel and the Glory of God.

We will not be partakers of any sinful amusement, neither shall we conduct ourselves in any manner at any time that will bring reproach on the ministry or hinder God's cause.

We agree to faithfully discharge our obligations and duties, to study to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

We willingly by self denial, agree to promote the Gospel and by faith, endeavor to "Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We agree to reprove with meekness and to watch over one another in love and affection, endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness, reputation, and ministerial success. Seek to strengthen and encourage one another, and at all times promote the success of the church and Gospel of our Lord and Savior. We will at all times hold Christian principles sacred, and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief mission in life to carry God's eternal message to those who are dead in sin, that they may be resurrected by "Saving Grace."

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of Education and Denominational enterprises, constantly praying and toiling for greater achievement for Christ. May the God of peace sanctify us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

MINISTERS ROLL

James Allen	Truman Huddleston
Gloster Barlow	Herman Hupp
F. C. Berry	Guy Hutsell
Joe Blair	Albert Jacoe
Francis Boyle	Austin Jensen
J. E. Bridges	Earl Jensen
Benny Brown	Bill Kelton
Bobby Brown	Wade Jernigan
W. F. Brown	Winston Lawless
Marvin Bryant	L. A. Lawson
W. H. Callison	Ray Letsinger
W. L. Cantrell	Aaron Lewis
Jerry Carr	L. C. Lynch
Clarke Casteel	Fred Marler
John Clifton	Bob Maxwell, Jr.
W. I. Cook	Jimmie Maxwell
G. M. Condley	Lonnie McAlister
Saul Cox	George McLain
Jack Cravens	Brady Miller
H. E. Dixon	Joe Mooneyham
O. H. Doss	Dean Moore
Jerry Dudley	Neal Moore
I. B. Dunaway	Cecil Mooris
Jack Eeden	Ray Mooris
Merle Erickson	O. J. Mount
J. R. Evans	H. S. Nance
Amos Fagan	Elzia Owens
Don Farris	Roy Pembrook
C. R. Fassio	Jud Pierce
Charles Frederick	Cecil Porter
Joy Freeman	Johnny Priest
Randall Fry	Garret Pusley
Emmett Gray	Earl Ramsey
Wiley Gregory	G. B. Ramsey
Robert Groves	Lee Ramsey
Ralph Hampton	John Reel
Clifton Harrison	Lloyd Reddick
Riley Hollins	Leonard Rial
Billy Hood	LeRoy Richardson

MINISTERS ROLL, (Continued)

Wilbur Roberts
Pete Robertson
I. B. Rose
D. J. Rowlett
Delmer Scroggins
Henry Scroggins
Eugene Shaw
Earnest Snowden
Roma Stewart
Estell Sweeten
Harold Talley

Cecil Thurman
John Trip
J. L. Waltman
Lloyd Weese
Jess Williamson
C. E. Wilkinson
Sam Winters
Clinton Wood
L. K. Wood
Arville Woolery
Fred Wynn

LICENSED MINISTERS

W. T. Cantrell

Newell Bonnor

DEACON ROLL

L. H. Adkins
Jack Bailey
Emmitt Barr
H. H. Bennett
Gus Berry
Grady Ballard
Gordon Bradshaw
Earl Buchancan
Golden Burden
Fred Burton
George Constante
Kenny Carpenter
T. V. Carter
Denton Colvin
Pete Conner
Claude D. Cox
O. V. Cremeen
John Cross
Fred Daniels
Robert Daniel
G. M. Davis
Bob Denton
Boyd Duren
Harry Edward
O. H. Ellis
Jewell Flannery
E. L. Floyd
Will Floyd
Herbert Foster
Jasper Gates
Ed Gilliam
Paul Griffin
James Groves
Ralph Groves
Elo Guy
Dick Hagar
J. W. Hall
G. W. Henley
Pat Henthorn

W. F. Holliday
Henry Horton
Gregg Hunsucker
Sullivan Ingram
Leo Jackson
B. A. Jenkins
Elza Johns
R. S. Johns
Charlie Jones
Elmer Jones
Joe Kelsey
Rodney Kemp
Leonard King
Lester Kyle
Everette Lewis
J. D. Lewis
M. V. Little
Alvin Long
Ira Malson
Estelle Martin
Tom Matthews
Joe Mauldin
Earl McCullar
Laurel McFarland
J. V. Meek
Ed Metcalf
Truman Mims
Jack Moore
Lowell Moore
Oren Moore
Quincey Moore
Tony Moore
Arville Nelson
Estel Newport
Curtis Nixon
Marion Ogelsby
Roy Peevyhouse
Ervin Pendley
Jack Percifield

DEACON ROLL (Continued)

G. Pitts
Delmer Priest
Dea Reynolds
Andrew Roberts
J. A. Roberts
Carl Rodden
Clyde Rogers
J. M. Rolen
Doyle Royster
W. J. Rush
Eugene Russell
S. H. Sanders
Carl Scott
Charlie Scroggins
Dick Shipman
Carl Smithen
J. B. Smith
Floyd Smith

Robert Spurlock
Hosey Stout
John Taylor
Alton Todd
Pete Ussery
Charles Van Horn
Barney Van Winkle
Roy Wade
W. R. Walden
Neal Watts
R. C. Watts
Elijah Wheeler
O. V. White
E. W. Wickware
Edgar Wilson
J. C. Wood
Alfred Woody

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