

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

**Held With The**  
**KERMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**October 31, November 1, 2, 1957**  
**Kerman, California**



**Next Meeting At**  
**ARVIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Arvin, California**  
**October 30, 31, 1958**

## OFFICERS

Earl Jensen ..... *President*  
F. A. McCage ..... *Vice President*  
Delmer T. Priest ..... *Clerk*  
Francis Boyle ..... *Assistant Clerk*

## MEMBERSHIP

Ministers ..... 129  
Deacons ..... 164  
Total ..... 293

## **THURSDAY EVENING SESSION**

The president called the Conference to order, singing lead by Bro. Rush, scripture reading by Rev. Joe Blair, Gal. 5-22, prayer by Bro. Holland. Devotional service lead by Bro. Lonnie McAlister. Special singing by Selma Trio, "I Will Not Be A Stranger" and "Have You Been To Him In Prayer."

Introductory message by Rev. Winston Lawless, Text, "The Kingdom of God," Romans 14:17. Pastor assigned homes to the visitors, dismissed in prayer by Bro. Franklin.

## **FRIDAY MORNING SESSION**

Conference called to order by the president, singing lead by Rev. Jerry Dudley, scripture reading by Rev. Woolery, using Psalms 133, prayer by Bro. Clark Casteel. Welcome by Bro. O. H. Doss, Response by Bro. Reel.

Reading of the letters from the four associations, Golden Gate, Center, Southern and West Coast.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Officers elected as follows: Rev. Earl Jensen, president; Rev. F. A. McCage, vice president; Delmer T. Priest, clerk, and Rev. Francis Boyle, assistant clerk.

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Divine Service— Bro. Watts, Bro. Hall, Bro. Holliday, Bro. Roberts and Bro. Twilly.

Resolution Committee— Bro. Casteel, Bro. Morris, Bro. Woolery, Bro. Blair and Bro. Geo. McLain.

Finance Committee— Jack Craven, John Reel, Bro. Winters, Dean Moore, and Gene Rogers.

Obituary Committee— Bro. Bridges, Riddle, Johns and Dudley.

Voted to meet with Arvin Church, Thursday night, October 30, and Friday, October 31, 1958, the Conference to close Friday night, October 31, if finished with all the business.

Bro. John Reel elected to bring the Introductory message, Jerry Dudley, alternate. Host pastor is to make up the program. Divine Committee reported that Rev. I. B. Dunnaway would preach the 11 o'clock message and Rev. Fascio to preach the evening message. Adjourned until 1:30 PM dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bridges.

### **1:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE**

Singing lead by Lonnie McAlister, Prayer by Bro. Sweeten, special singing by mixed quartet from Blythe and Kerman Churches. Message by Rev. I. B. Dunnaway, "Text, Rev. 20-1". Dismissed by Rev. Geo. McLain.

### **1:30 O'CLOCK SESSION**

Singing lead by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Prayer by Bro. Waltman, Voted to continue with business. Voted to change the wording in Amendment No. 1. (see amendment).

Voted to accept polity committee report, see report.

Resolution No. 1 passed, see resolution, Resolution No. 2 passed.

Obituary report accepted, see report.

Finance report accepted, see report.

Adjourned: Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dean Moore.

### **FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE**

Open by singing, led by Bro. I. B. Dunnaway, prayer by Bro. Franklin, Special singing by Men's quartet and Kerman quartet, solo by Sister Winters. Devotional led by Bro. Lonnie Rolan. Message by Bro. Fascio, "Text, 'The Christian Approach,' Hebrews, chapter 4 verses 14:16." Bro. Fascio preached a wonderful message and good spirit prevailed, had an old fashioned hand shake at close of the message. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Edward Johns.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

We recommend that the Clerk be paid \$30.00 and the Moderator be paid \$15.00.

We recommend that 750 minutes of this Conference be printed.

We recommend that each subordinate Conference send \$10.00 per active Church to the State Conference, \$5.00 to go to the host Church and \$5.00 for state expenses.

## **RESOLUTION**

No. 1— Be it resolved that the Ministers and Deacons Wives be included in the Mortuary fund.

No. 2— Be it resolved that this body give the Kerman Church a standing vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

## **OBITUARY**

We the Obituary committee report the following at his passing into eternity, Rev. Aaron Lewis, Farmersville, Calif. We recommend a moment of silence and prayer in remembrance of Bro. Lewis.

We recommend that the Ministers and Deacons Conference busy ourselves with the Treaties definition of purpose etc. for our Conference. Our doctrinal differences are to be discussed in this meeting according to Section II, Item I, page 49 of Practice of the Free Will Baptist, contained in the Treaties, 1953 edition.

## **MORTUARY FUND**

A check for \$146.00 was sent to Mrs. Aaron Lewis, at the passing of her husband, Rev. Aaron Lewis. At the present time there are ninety one (91) paid up members. If you wish to pay your dues or join, please send \$2.00 to Delmer T. Priest, 836 Ventura Street, Richmond, Calif. Don't forget, your wife can also become a member.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

In bank at beginning of year .....	\$453.83
Stanislaus Publishing Co. ....	62.40
Postage for mailing minutes .....	2.90
Leaving balance of .....	<b>\$388.53</b>
Collected from conference (Kerman) .....	520.00
Paid host church (Kerman) .....	260.00
Balance on hand .....	<b>\$648.53</b>

Adjourned until Thursday night, October 30, and Friday, October 31, 1958, at Arvin Church, Arvin, California.

## **NOTICE**

In sending letters to the State Ministers and Deacons Conference, please include addresses of all Ministers and Deacons.

## **1958 CALENDAR**

The Golden Gate Ministers and Deacons Conference is held the first three 5th Sundays with the other meeting being to convene with the State in October.

1st will meet March 28, 29, 1958 at First Modesto Free Will Baptist Church at Leo and Sam Avenues, Modesto.

2nd—June 27th, 28th, 1958

3rd—August 29th, 30th, 1958

## 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 congregation 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 recognize no minister advocating Premellinialism as Free Will Baptist doctrine.

## 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 time promote the success of the church and Gospel of our Lord and Savior. We will at all time 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.

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