

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
of the  
**CENTER ASSOCIATION**  
of  
**CALIFORNIA**

Held With  
Free Will Baptist Church, Selma, California  
March 16, 17 and 18, 1950

## OFFICERS

|                     |           |   |
|---------------------|-----------|---|
| Moderator           | - - - - - | Eld. Orbin Doss<br>Kerman, California                       |
| Assistant Moderator | - - - - - | Eld. Lloyd Talley<br>Orange Cove, California                |
| Clerk               | - - - - - | Gladys Massengale<br>Fowler, California                     |
| Assistant Clerk     | - - - - - | Elva Lambert<br>Hanford, California                         |
| Treasurer           | - - - - - | Eld. Lloyd Talley<br>P. O. Box 171, Orange Cove, California |

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

|                        |   |         |
|------------------------|---|---------|
| Elder Lloyd Talley     | - - - - -   | 5 years |
| Elder Lester Davis     | - - - - -   | 4 years |
| Elder Delmar Scroggins | - - - - -<br>(Unexpired term of Eld. Earl Jenson)         | 3 years |
| Elder Orbin Doss       | - - - - -   | 2 years |
| Elder W. M. Huddleston | - - - - -<br>(Unexpired term of Eld. N. Barlow, deceased) | 1 year  |

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The next annual session will be held with the Kerman Church, Kerman, California, on Thursday night before the third Sunday in March, 1951, Elder Talley to bring the introductory message, with Eld. Wm. Huddleston as alternate.

## PROCEEDINGS

The third annual session of the Free Will Baptists of the Center Association of California convened with the Selma Church, Selma, California, March 16, 17 and 18, 1950.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Services opened with singing led by Elder Delmar Scroggins.

Prayer by Elder Austin Deaton of Bakersfield.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. Norman Cathey.

Special singing by the Free Will Baptist Quartet.

The message was brought by Eld. Delmar Scroggins. Subject: "The Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Godhead." A very spiritual message enjoyed by everyone.

Rev. Earl Jenson, the host pastor, placed the delegates in homes. A number in song and a friendly handshake was enjoyed by all. Services dismissed by Rev. Ray Morris.

### FRIDAY MORNING SERVICES

Services opened with singing led by Rev. Lloyd Talley of Orange Cove.

Rev. Earl Jenson called the house to order, being the outgoing moderator.

Scripture reading, Third Epistle of John, by Rev. George McLain of Richmond.

Conference declared open by Moderator.

Letters were called for, read, accepted and delegates seated from the following: Kerman, Selma, Hanford, Sanger, Parlier and Orange Cove.

Reading of the Rules of Order by the Moderator.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator, Rev. Orbin Doss.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lloyd Talley.

Clerk, Gladys Massengale.

Assistant Clerk, Elva Lambert.

Treasurer, Rev. Lloyd Talley.

Visiting brethren were invited to sit in council.

Motion made and carried that Moderator be given power to appoint all committees.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Divine Service: Sister Stella Miracle, Sanger; Brother Buchanan, Parlier; Brother Alton Todd, Orange Cove; Brother Joy McLain, Kerman; Brother E. W. Burgess, Hanford; Rev. E. Jenson, Selma.

Business and Resolution: Rev. J. R. Evans, Orange Cove; Brother Lee Ramsey, Kerman; Rev. P. E. Lambert, Hanford; Brother D. Spane, Sanger; Rev. R. M. Hollins, Selma.

Obituary Committee: Brother C. Porter, Parlier; Sister Lucy Parker, Sanger; Sister Agnes Kerr, Parlier; Sister Esther Schinn, Orange Cove; Brother G. Turner, Hanford; Brother Dewey Cummings, Selma.

Publications: Rev. Delmar Scorrings, Parlier; Brother Bridges, Orange Cove; Brother E. Baker, Sanger; Brother O. Woolrey, Selma; Sister Helen Kisner, Kerman; Brother C. J. Smith, Hanford.

Home Mission and Auxiliary: Sister R. Scantling, Parlier; Sister Golda Jenson, Selma; Sister Nancy Smith, Hanford.

Sunday School: Sister Margie Winter, Parlier; Sister Alve Holt, Orange Cove; Sister Marie Knight, Sanger; Rev. Joe Whittenburg, Selma; Sister Ruth Rowland, Kerman; Sister Ann Burgess, Hanford.

Temperance Committee: Brother Andrew Winters, Parlier; Brother Claud McCowan, Orange Cove; Rev. Lester Davis, Selma; Brother E. Cook, Hanford; Brother John Hall, Kerman; Brother Luther Knight, Sanger.

League Committee: Sister Eileen Scroggins, Parlier; Sister L. Talley, Orange Cove; Brother Cecil Morris, Selma; Sister Troy Turner, Hanford; Sister L. York, Kerman; Sister Ruth Baker, Sanger.

Finance Committee: Rev. El Jenson, Selma; Brother Troy Turner, Hanford; Brother Wm. Huddleston, Sanger.

The Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. Austin Deaton of Bakersfield would bring the eleven o'clock message, followed by Rev. F. A. McCage of Modesto. Regular move we adjourn business until afternoon; dismissed for intermission by prayer.

### FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Services opened with singing by congregation, prayer by Rev. J. W. Huddleston of Turlock.

The welcome address was given by Elder Herman Hupp.

Response by Rev. J. R. Evans of Orange Cove.

Rev. Austin Deaton of Bakersfield brought the first part of the message, followed by Rev. F. A. McCage of Modesto. The subject was "faith"; the scripture reading Hebrews 11:12; I Cor. 13:5; I Cor. 4:13. It was a wonderful message, inspiring all who heard to invest more faith in the Almighty God.

Following the message, a friendly handshake was enjoyed by the congregation. Pastor Earl Jenson invited all present to partake of the lunch being served.

Dismissed by prayer.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Services opened with singing by the congregation.

Scripture reading by Brother D. Spane of Sanger: I Corinthians, 13.

Prayer by Brother Bridges of Orange Cove.

Report from the Executive Board regarding the finances of the broadcast was read and accepted.

The following ministers were elected to serve on the Executive Board, filling in vacancies caused by the death of Rev. Noble Barlow, and the return to Oklahoma of Rev. Earl Jenson;

Elder Lloyd Talley, Re-elected to serve five years.

Elder Delmar Scroggins, elected to serve the unexpired term of Elder Earl Jenson, three years.

Elder Wm. Huddleston, elected to serve the unexpired term of Elder Noble Barlow, deceased, one year.

The meetings of the Association were placed as follows for the coming year:

First quarterly meeting at Selma, in June, with Rev. Orbin Doss to bring the introductory message, Rev. D. Scroggins, alternate.

Second quarterly meeting at Parlier, in September, with Rev. L. Davis to bring the introductory message, Rev. Bridges, alternate.

Third quarterly meeting at Orange Cove in December, with Rev. O. Woolrey to bring the introductory message, Rev. E. Gray, alternate.

Fourth Annual Session in March, 1951, at Kerman, with Rev. L. Talley to bring the introductory message, Rev. Wm. Huddleston, alternate.

Delegates were elected represent this Association in the State Association, convening in Bakersfield, April 19th, as follows:

### Delegates

Bro. Dewey Cummings  
Sis. N. Smith  
Bro. Doyce McAlister  
Bro. Alton Todd  
Bro. Herman Hupp  
Bro. L. Knight  
Sis. R. Scantling

### Alternates

Bro. D. Sharp  
Sis. Wilson  
Sis. Ann Cummings  
Sis. H. Toby  
Bro. J. Enns  
Sis. Richey  
Bro. R. Brawley

Authority was given to send \$55 to the State Association for Minutes and Expense; \$35 for food, \$15 for minutes, \$5 for expenses.

A reporter, Mrs. Gladys Massengale, was elected to report activities of the Center Association to the publications read by our people.

A petitionary letter was received from the Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, asking admission to this Association. Discussion of the petition and church organization given by the pastor of that church, Rev. Ray Morris, Motion carried we accept that church as a member of this association. Motion carried that we send a representative of this Association to Phoenix to investigate and lend assistance to the new church. Rev. O. Doss was elected to act as representative, expenses to be paid by the Association. The Executive Board was authorized to pay said expenses upon presentation of bill.

The Reports from the following committees were read and accepted: (See Reports).

Obituary  
Publications  
Temperance  
Sunday School  
Auxiliary and Home Mission.

The Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. Geo. McLain of Richmond, would bring the evening message, followed by Rev. I. W. Yandell of Oklahoma.

The Business and Resolution Committee presented the following resolutions, with the noted action:

Resolution No. 2, concerning calling of pastors, opened for discussion, referred to Committee for revision.

Resolution No. 3, concerning continuation of Association until noon on Saturday, read and accepted.

Resolution No. 4, concerning the printing of the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith in the Minutes, read and accepted.

Motion made and carried that the Association pay the Moderator ten dollars for his services and the clerk twenty dollars for her services for each annual session.

Revised Resolution No. 2 returned from the Committee. Motion made and carried that the Association accept said resolution.

Motion carried that the Center Association continue to pay for the broadcast time on the air and encourage contributions to the members of the program who make the broadcast possible.

Radio report received from Rev. D. Scroggins.

Motion carried to retain the five members on the program who have been on the past year, with Rev. L. Davis as pastor.

Motion carried that we adjourn until the evening service, 7 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. P. E. Lambert.



## FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Services opened with singing by congregation led by Rev. McCage of Modesto.

Prayer by Rev. Dixon, of Arvin.

A special song by the Free Will Baptist Quartet—"Marching Along."

Devotional services led by Rev. P. E. Lambert of Hanford.

The Free Will Baptist Quartet sang "Old Time Religion" and "Old Daniel Prayer."

A very inspiring message was brought by Rev. Geo. McLain of Richmond, followed by Rev. I. W. Yandell of Oklahoma. Subject: "Baptism of the Holy Spirit." Scripture reading—Galatians 5:22.

Benediction rendered by Rev. Ray Morris of Phoenix, Arizona.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Services opened with singing by congregation followed by prayer.

Committee on Divine Service reported the eleven o'clock message would be brought by Rev. Waltman of Turlock, followed by Rev. H. E. Dixon of Arvin. This service to be held in commemoration of the deceased.

Motion made and carried to extend to Rev. Earl Jenson and wife a vote of thanks for their excellent service to this Association and to all who knew them.

Program Committee resolution read and accepted. (See Reports).

Motion made and carried that Rev. L. Davis, O. Doss and H. Hupp serve as program committee for the coming fiscal year.

Report from the Examining Committee as follows:

"We, your executive board, having examined Brother Jasper Keating find him sound in doctrine. We recommend this Association recognize his ordination by the Galilee Association of General Baptists in Missouri and that this Association issue to him Free Will Baptist credentials."

Credentials were issued to Bro. Keating, in recognition of former ordination by General Baptists, with the request that he return to the Galilee Association of Missouri the credentials which he now possesses.

"We, your executive board, having examined Bro. P. E. Lambert, find him worthy of ordination."

"We, your executive board, having examined Bro. Arvil Woolrey, find him worthy of ordination."

"We, your executive board, having examined Bro. Ed. Humphrey, find him worthy of ordination."

"We, your executive board, having examined Bro. Cecil Morris, find him worthy of ordination."

"We, your executive board, having examined Bro. Joe Whittenburg, find him worth of ordination."

"We, your executive board, having examined Bro. Cecil Porter, find him worthy of license."

"We, your executive board, having examined Brother John Enns, find him worthy of license."

"We, your executive committee, having examined Bro. Andrew Winters, find him worthy of license."

"We, your executive committee, having examined Bro. E. W. Burgess, find him worthy of ordination for deacon."

"We, your executive committee, having examined Bro. C. J. Smith, find him worthy of ordination for deacon."

Motion carried that the above recommendations be accepted, ordination services to be held at home churches or at such time as each individual wished to arrange.

"We, your executive board, having examined Bro. Delbert Spain find him worthy of ordination."

"We, your executive board, having examined Bro. Henry Scroggins, find him worthy of ordination."

Motion made and carried to accept the above recommendations and by request allow the ordination service to be held after the close of the Association, i.e., 1:30 p.m., Saturday.

Credentials of Sanford J. Massengale and Joel Hancock having been recalled were accepted by the Association and were declared void.

The Parlier church reported that since they had been unable to gain possession of the credentials of Henry Pendley, they were asking the Association to take action on the matter.

Report of the program committee read and accepted.

Report of finance committee read and accepted.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn until eleven o'clock services.

Session closed by prayer.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICES

Congregational singing—"Precious Memories" and "No Shadows in Heaven."

Free Will Baptist Quartet sang "Sometimes We'll Understand."

Memorial Message brought by Rev. Waltman, followed by Rev. Dixon. Scripture: Rev. 14:13.

A wonderful message was brought and was greatly enjoyed by a full house.

The services closed with congregational singing and a handshake by everyone.

Benediction pronounced by Rev. O. Woolrey.

Motion made and carried that the Association adjourn until the next annual session to be held at Kerman, the Thursday night before the third Sunday in March, 1951.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Business and Resolution Committee—

No. 1.—Be it resolved that the Center Association recommend that the churches set a time to call their pastors so that their church year begins the first of June. Also, recommended that the May conference be the one in which the pastor is called for the ensuing year.

No. 2.—Be it resolved that this Association continue until noon Saturday and the eleven o'clock service be set aside for a Memorial service.

No. 3.—Be it resolved that this Association petition the State Association to set the State meetings to begin on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in June in order that the District Associations can convene prior to them.

No. 4.—Be it resolved that we have the Church covenant and the Articles of Faith printed in our minutes of this and future associations.

No. 5.—Be it resolved that we extend to the Selma church our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and hospitality during our stay here.

### Obituary Report—

We, your Committee, report that God in His infinite wisdom, has called Sister Mary Lumpkin of Kerman, Sister Sarrah Owens of Hanford, Brother Noble Barlow of Parlier, Sister Roman and Sister Lynn of Selma, during the past year.

### Publications Committee—

We, your Committee, endorse the old report and further request that each church reporter write more items, more often to our papers, and that each member of this Association subscribe to at least one of the following publications:

"The Small Voice," published at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

"The Evanel," published by Elder N. P. Gates, Hazel Park, Michigan.

"The Free Will Baptist," published at Ayden, N. C.

"The Gem."

### Home Mission Report

We, your Committee, report that three Home Missions and two Auxiliaries have reported a splendid work. Inasmuch as we have a State Auxiliary work organized, would like to recommend that each church who has not already done so, to organize and have representation in the State Auxiliary meeting in April.

### Sunday School Report—

We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend that each Sunday School have an Officers' and Teachers' meeting at least once a month; also, each church have a training course for its officers and teachers at least once a year. We also propose that we have a Sunday School Rally twice a year.

### Temperance Committee—

We, the Committee, wish to recommend that we keep all resolutions printed in the last minutes and that we, as a Committee, render this resolution: That the Free Will Baptists in the State of California do their best as far as possible to trade with merchants who do not handle alcoholic beverages.

### League Committee—

We, your Committee, find that four churches have active Leagues. We recommend that the other churches organize leagues and participate in the League Rallies. We suggest that the pastors and church officials of each church do more to encourage the League work and recommend that they attend the Rallies.

### Finance Committee—

We, your Committee on Finance, wish to report

1. There has been up to date \$130.00 received from the various churches. Ninety-four dollars was paid to the Selma church for feeding fund, Thirty-six dollars paid into the minute fund.
2. We recommend that each church send sixteen dollars to sitting of the quarterly meeting—\$10 for feeding, and \$6 for minutes.
3. We recommend that each church send \$26 to each yearly meeting of the Association—\$20 for feeding fund, and \$6 for minutes.
4. We recommend that each church send \$2.50 weekly or \$10 monthly for the Radio Program, and that each pastor encourage the members to send donations to the program to help bear the expense of the ones who make the program possible.
5. We recommend that each church pay tithes of tithes to the Association Treasurer.

### Treasury Report—

All bills, including the radio program, have been paid, and there is a balance of \$174,000 in the treasury.

Because of limited funds, the preacher and deacon's reports were omitted.

## MINISTERS ROLL

Rev. Lloyd Talley, Orange Cove, California.  
Rev. Earl Jenson, Selma, California.  
Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman, California.  
Rev. Delmar Scroggins, Parlier, California.  
Rev. J. R. Evans, Orange Cove.  
Rev. Wm. R. Morris, Phoenix, Arizona.  
Rev. Lester Davis, Selma, California.  
Rev. J. E. Bridges, Orange Cove, California.  
Rev. I. W. Cook, Laton, California.  
Rev. Emmett Gray, Selma, California.  
Rev. R. M. Hollins, Fresno, California.  
Rev. J. A. Mize, Sanger, California.  
Rev. F. A. McCage, Modesto, California.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. George W. McLain, Richmond, California.  
Rev. J. L. Waltman, Turlock, California.  
Rev. Truman Huddleston, Turlock, California.  
Rev. Winston Lawless, Pixley, California.  
Rev. L. C. Florence, Delano, California.  
Rev. H. E. Dixon, Arvin, California.  
Rev. F. A. McCage, Modesto, California.

## DEACONS ROLL

Bro. J. W. Hall, Kerman, California.  
Bro. J. M. Whittenburg, Selma, California.  
Bro. Andrew Winters, Parlier, California.  
Bro. Elmer Baker, Sanger, California.  
Bro. Lee Ramsey, Kerman, California.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self denial faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for

church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of Peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, to promote the success of the church and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christian Society.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

### ARTICLE I

#### THE BIBLE

We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

Matt. 22:29; Mark 15:28; John 2:22; John 5:39; John 7:38; Acts 1:16; Acts 8:28; Romans 15:40; Gal. 1:8; Second Timothy 3:16-17; Second Peter 1:12, 20,21.

### ARTICLE II

#### GOD

We believe that there are three persons in the God head, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them.

First John 5:7; Gen. 1st and 2nd chapters; Exo. 20:9-11; Psalms 33:6; Jer. 51:15; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:15-17; First Cor. 8:5, 6; Eph. 3:8-10; Col. 1:9-17; Rev. 4:9-11.

### ARTICLE III

#### MAN

We believe that God created man innocent, but by disobedience he fell into a state of sin and death. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

Gen. 2:15-17; Gen. 3:14-19; Isa. 53:6; Romans 3:9-26; Romans 5:12-15; First Cor. 15-21; Gal. 3:22; First John 1:10.

## **ARTIVLE IV CHILDEN SAVED**

We believe that children are born in a saved state and we must become like unto them if we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mat. 18:2-3; Luke 18:16:17.

## **ARTICLE V GENERAL ATONEMENT**

We believe that Christ died for all and whosoever will may be saved.

Mat. 28:19-20; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; First Tim. 2:1-6; Titus 2:11; Hebrews 2:9; Second Peter 3:9; First John 2:1-2; Rev. 22:17.

## **ARTICLE VI TERMS OF SALVATION**

We believe the terms of Salvation are:

1st. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty renunciation of it.

2nd. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to God through faith in Christ with purpose to love and obey Him in all things.

Luke 13:3-51; Luke 14:25-27; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Acts 15:8-9; Acts 16:31; Romans 5:1-2; Romans 10:8-13; Gal. 3:26; Eph. 2:8-9; Heb. 11:6.

## **ARTICLE VII DIVINE CALL TO THE MINISTRY**

We believe that God in His wisdom and goodness displays His power of Grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Yet those who are called are commanded to study to show themselves approved unto God, etc.

## **ARTICLE VIII THE CHURCH**

We believe that the Church of God, or Christ is the whole body of Christians throughout the world.

Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:46; First Cor. 12:13-20; Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 4:4-6; Col. 1:18-24; First Timothy 3:14-15; Heb. 3:6.

## **ARTICLE IX A CHURCH OF GOD**

We believe that a Church of God is an organized body of believers in Christ who statedly assemble to worship God and keep the Ordiances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures.

Matt. 18:15-17; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 8:1; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 14:23; Romans 16:1-5; First Cor. 11:12; First Cor. 11:23-28; First Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15-16; Titus 1:5; First Peter 5:13; Rev. 1:11.



## ARTICLE X ORDINANCES

We believe that Baptism, Communion and feet washing are Gospel Ordinances and should be observed by the people of God.

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:18-20; John 13:4-17; Matt 28:19-20; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12; Acts 8:35-38; Acts 9:18; Acts 10:47-48; Acts 16:33; First Cor. 11:23-26; First Tim. 5:9-19.

## ARTICLE XI BAPTISM

We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism.

Matt. 3:5; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:5-11; John 3:22-23; Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3-4.

## ARTICLE XII OPEN COMMUNION

We believe that the Lord's people are one in him; therefore should be one at His Table.

John 15:5; John 17:11-21; First Cor. 11:23-29; First Cor. 12:13-21; Gal. 3:26-29.

## ARTICLE XIII THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

We believe that the Divine Law requires that one day in seven be set apart for the worship of God and that no work of worldly nature should be done on that day, work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted.

Mark 16:1-2; John 20:1, 19, 26; Acts 13:27; Acts 16:13; Acts 20:7; First Cor. 16:1-2; Rev. 1-10-11.

## ARTICLE XIV APOSTASY

We believe that only those Christians who through grace and patience endure unto the end have promise of Eternal Salvation.

Eze. 18:24-26; Matt. 10:22; Matt. 24:12-13; Matt. 24:48-51; Matt. 25:14-30; Mark 13:13; Luke 12:45-46; John 15:1-6; Rom. 11:21; First Cor. 10:11-12; First Cor. 15:12; First Thes. 3:4-5; Heb. 3:1-6; Heb. 6:4-6; Heb. 10:24-30; Second Peter 1:9-11; Second Peter 2:12-16; Second Peter 2:20-22; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:5.

## ARTICLE XV RESURRECTION

We believe in the resurrection of all men; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28, 29; Acts 4:1-2; Acts 17:18; Acts 23:6; Acts 24:14-15; Acts 26:6-8; First Cor. 15:12-22; First Thes. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:12-15.

## ARTICLE XVI GENERAL JUDGMENT

We believe that there will be a general or universal judgment when all nations will be gathered before the Judgment Seat of Christ, to be judged according to their works. The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

Eccl. 11:9; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36-37; Matt. 13:37-43; Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; John 5:28-29; Acts 10:42; Acts 17:30-31; Rom. 14:10-12; Second Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27-28; Rev. 20:12-15; Rev. 21:7-8.

## RULES OF ORDER

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator or in their absence the oldest minister present shall call the Association to conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such a time as a quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seat as advisory members.

5. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority membership voting.

11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed at its own church.

12. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional services each day.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

| Church      | Pastor         | Mem-<br>bership | Re-<br>ceived | Dis-<br>missed | De-<br>ceased | Paid<br>Pastor | Paid<br>Evangelist | Bldg.<br>Exp. | Value of<br>Property |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Parlier     | D. Scroggins   | 54              | 29            | 12             | 1             | 562.79         | \$ 56.35           |               |                      |
| Kerman      | O. Doss        | 142             | 1             | 9              | 2             | 2,915.00       | 175.00             | 1,110.00      | 30,000               |
| Selma       | L. Davis       | 169             | 81            | 43             | 2             | 2,700.00       | 114.00             | 438.16        | 12,000               |
| Sanger      | Wm. Huddleston | 27              | 17            | 5              | 0             | 0              | 0                  | 200.00        |                      |
| Hanford     | P. E. Lambert  | 26              | 11            | 12             | 1             | 1,050.00       | 0                  | 0             | 0                    |
| Orange Cove | Rev. Bridges   | 123             | 9             | 6              | 0             | 854.00         | 75.00              | 806.17        | 5,000                |
|             |                | 541             | 148           | 87             | 6             | \$8,801.79     | \$420.35           | \$2,554.33    | \$47,000             |