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The next annual session will be held at the Calwa Free Will Baptist Church, 3707 E. Lourite Street, Fresno, California, on Friday night before the third Sunday in May (May 17, 18, 1963).

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### **PROCEEDINGS**

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Fifteen Annual Session of the Center Association was opened with Congregational singing directed by Mr. Archie Reynolds, Kerman, accompanied by Mrs. Wanda Rogers, Kerman.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Gene Rogers, Kerman, read the Devotional Reading from Isaiah 54th chapter, verses 1-4.

A united prayer was led by Rev. Doice McAlister, Calwa. Solo, "The Pearly White City," by Mrs. Marjorie Winters, Calwa. Duet, "Oh! Lord," by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Reynolds, Kerman.

Prayer led by Rev. Meryl Erickson, North Fresno.

The Introductory Message was brought by Rev. George McLain, Clovis. He chose for his topic "Forward With Christ", using Acts 19:1 for his scripture reading.

Benediction by Rev. Andrew Winter, Calwa.

#### SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Business Session opened with singing "Amazing Grace", led by Rev. Delmar Scroggins, Hanford, accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen, Clovis.

Prayer led by Mr. L. A. Van Horn, Ada, Oklahoma.

Rev. Eual Allen, Orange Cove, read II Corinthians 9:6-11, for the devotional reading.

The Welcome was given by Mr. Jess Rolen, Kerman.

The Response was given by Rev. G. B. Ramsey, Selma.

Letters from Sanger, Kerman, Calwa, Selma, Clovis, Orange Cove, Parlier, Hanford, North Fresno and Goshen were read, accepted, and delegates seated.

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. Gene Rogers; Assistant Moderator, Rev. George McLain; Clerk, Mrs. Marjorie Winters; Assistant Clerk, Mrs. June Rolen; Treasurer, Mrs. Delmar Sharp, Kerman.

Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Delmar Sharp, Kerman. Motion carried to accept report. (see reports)

Motion carried that the Moderator and Assistant Moderator appoint committees.

They were appointed as follows:

#### **PULPIT**

Jess Rolen, Kerman Virgil Little, Selma C. M. Goff, Sanger Edgar Wilson, Hanford Marion Oglesby, Parlier

#### **FINANCE**

Delmar Sharp, Kerman Bill Hoover, No. Fresno Betty Watson, Goshen

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Edith Cox, Selma Onema Erickson, No. Fresno Cythia Scroggins, Hanford

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jerry Mudra, Calwa Bennett Hatcher, Kerman Hays Henry, Clovis

#### **TEMPERANCE**

Rev. Bob Pierce, Sanger Rev. Delmar Scroggins, Hanford Rodney Kemp, Kerman

#### RESOLUTION

Rev. G. B. Ramsey, Selma Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Clovis Rev. Meryl Erickson, No. Fresno

#### **LEAGUE**

Jim Hamilton, Parlier Nancy Little, Calwa Bobby Wilbanks, No. Fresno

#### **OBITUARY**

Mamie Little, Selma Bessie Rush, Calwa Iva Wilson, Hanford Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. Bob Pierce, Sanger

would bring the Eleven o'Clock Worship Hour message.

The setting of the meetings and selection of speakers for the coming year as follows:

First Quarterly Meeting:

Place — Goshen Free Will Baptist Church

Date — August 17-18, 1962

Speaker — Rev. Meryl Erickson

Alternate — Rev. Herman Hupp

Second Quarterly Meeting:

Place — Orange Cove Free Will Baptist Church

Date — November 16-17, 1962

Speaker — Rev. Baxter Ramsey

Alternate — Rev. Lonnie Rolen

Third Quarterly Meeting:

Place — Selma Free Will Baptist Church

Date — February 15-16, 1963

Speaker — Rev. Doice McAlister

Alternate — Rev. Jerry Watson

Annual Association:

Place — Calwa Free Will Baptist Church

Date — May 17-18, 1963

Speaker — Rev. Gene Rogers

Alternate — Rev. Eual Allen

Motion carried that we adjourn until 1:30 p.m. Business Session.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Delmar Scroggins.

#### WORSHIP HOUR

Congregational singing directed by Rev. Meryl Erickson, North Fresno, accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen, Clovis.

Prayer led by Rev. Eual Allen.

Mixted Quartet, Rev. & Mrs. Meryl Erickson, Mrs. Marjorie Winters and Rev. Delmar Scroggins, sang "I'm All Upon the Altar."

Solo, "Leave It There" by Mrs. Marjorie Winters.

Message brought by Rev. Bob Pierce, using Mark 10:32 as his text with "Put Forth the Cross" as his subject.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jerry Watson, Goshen.

#### 1:30 BUSINESS SESSION

The afternoon business session was opened by congregational singing directed by Mr. Herb Parker, North Fresno, accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen.

Prayer led by Rev. Herman Hupp, Parlier.

The Afternoon devotional reading was given by Rev. Jerry Watson, Goshen, using Ephesians 3:17-21 for his scripture.

An oral report on our Youth Camp was given by Rev. Gene Rogers, Director.

Report of Executive Board was read and accepted. (see reports)

Rev. Doice McAlister was elected as five year member of Executive Board.

Rev. Eual Allen was elected as three year member of Executive Board to fill the vacancy due to the former member moving away.

Motion carried that we accept Resolution Committee report No. 1 and 3 and table Resolution No. 2 until after the report of the Finance Committees. (see reports)

Reports of Finance Committee was read and accepted. (see reports)

Resolution No. 2 was read and accepted. (see reports)

Motion carried that churches desiring to participate in Radio Program do so by financial support.

Report of Obituary Committee was read and accepted. Following the reading of the report a moment of silent prayer was observed followed by audible prayer by Rev. Delmar Scroggins. (see reports)

Report of League Committee read and accepted. (see reports)

Report of Temperance Committee read and accepted. (see reports)

Report of Woman's Auxiliary Committee read and accepted. (see reports)

Report of Sunday School Committee read and accepted. (see reports)

Motion carried that the delegates to our State Convention be selected from those attending.

Mr. Bill Hoover, Sunday School Director, gave an oral report on years work.

Motion carried that a Sunday School Board be established, consisting of the Superintendent from the local churches and the Sunday School Director of the Center Association serve as Chairman.

Mr. Bill Hoover was elected as Sunday School Director for the coming year.

Motion carried that the planning of the radio program be referred to the pastors of the Center Association.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

Benediction by Mr. Bob Smith, Parlier.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Resolution

- I. Be it resolved that the local church clerks mail church letters for the Annual Association to the clerk in one week advance.
- II. Be it resolved that the Center Association sponsor a radio program.
- III. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

#### Finance

1. We recommend the feeding fund be \$60.00 for each quarterly meeting and \$100.00 for the Annual Association.

2. We recommend an offering be taken at each setting of the Quarterly Meeting and Association to be used for benevolence and to supplement the treasury.

3. We recommend that 300 minutes be printed.

4. We recommend that each church send their letters with \$25.00 to each Quarterly Meeting and \$35.00 to the Annual Association. The money will be appropriated as follows:

\$280.00	Feeding
	State Association
150.00	Minutes
	Moderator
<b>25.00</b> .	Clerk Programs
12.00	Programs
<b>280.00</b> .	Youth Camp
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<b>\$935.00</b> .	Total

## Woman's Auxiliary

We report a total of five Auxiliaries in the district. Parlier and Goshen have organized this year but have not united with the district. We recommend that the pastors aid and encourage organization of Auxiliaries. We recommend the printing of our Annual Minutes in the Associational Minutes which we send \$15.00.

Temperance

We, the committee, recommend that we abide more closely to the following recommendations: Be temperant in bodily appetites, in mental activities, and social activities.

League

We request that our Annual Minutes be printed with Associational Minutes for which we send \$20.00.

**Obituary** 

We, the committee, report the following have been called from our midst: Bro. Vern Quackenbush Jr., Calwa, and Sis. Hattie Nevills, Parlier.

### **Executive Board**

1. We recommend that Bro. Robert Pierce be ordained to

preach the Gospel.

2. We recommend that Bro. Bob Smith continue under License for another year or until such time warrented for ordination.

3. We recommend that Bro. Greg Hunsucker continue under License for another year or until such time warrented for ordination.

# CHURCH CLERKS

Calwa

Mrs. Marjorie Winters, 1731 So. Recreation Ave., Fresno Clovis

Mrs. Betty McClay, 4505 W. Archie, Fresno

Goshen

Mrs. Elsie Carpenter, P.O. Box 185, Goshen

Hanford

Mrs. Iva Wilson, 424 No. Kaweah, Hanford

Kerman

Mrs. Florene Sharp, P.O. Box 51, Kerman

North Fresno

Mrs. Katherine Cochron, 1293 Roosevelt, Fresno

**Orang Cove** 

Mrs. Wynema Baker, P.O. Box 514, Orosi

Parlier

Mrs. Josephine Hupp, 200 Sierra, Kingsburg

Sanger

Mrs. Lois Calvin, 83 So. Piedra Road, Sanger

Selma

Mrs. JoNita McCullar, 1335 First St., Selma

## MINISTER'S ROLL

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Watson, Jerry, 1108 No. Enos, Visalia
Winters, Andrews, 1731 So. Recreation, Fresno, Phone CL 1-8172

### **DEACON'S ROLL**

Burton, Fred, 310 So. Lind, Fresno Calvin, Denton, 83 So. Piedra Road, Sanger Eaton, Jim, P.O. Box 763, Orange Cove Floyd, Will, 4039 E. Jenson, Fresno Goff, 1026 'O' St., Sanger Hall, J.W., P.O. Box 355, Kerman Kemp, Rodney, 16455 W. Nielson, Kerman Lawless, J. B., Fresno Little, M. V., Selma Little, Orvil 5050 E. Platt, Fresno Miller, Arlie, 1209 E. Sussex, Fresno McCullar, Earl, 2625 Cleveland, Selma Oglesby, M., 4 Elizabeth, Reedley Parker, Herb, 136 W. Buckingham Way, Fresno Reynolds, Archie, P.O. Box 726, Kerman Rolen, Jess, 410 Shasta, Kerman Scroggins, Charlie, 765 2nd St., Parlier Sharp, Delmar, P.O. Box 51, Kerman

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

# YEARLY REPORT MAY 18, 1961 TO MAY 19, 1962

INCOME FOR FISCAL YEAR	
Calwa F.W.B. Church	\$100.00
Kerman F.W.B. Church	
Clovis F.W.B. Church	
Selma F.W.B. Church	100.00
Sanger F.W.B. Church	100.00
Orange Cove F.W.B. Church	100.00
Hanford F.W.B. Church	
Parlier F.W.B. Church	100.00
North Fresno F.W.B. Church	100.00
Offerings	
Center Assn. League Rally (Minute Money)	20.00
Woman Auxiliary	
TOTAL	, 964.14
Cash on deposit, May 19, 1961	\$547.62
Received May 19, 1961 to May 18, 1962	
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Total Cash for year	\$1511.76
Total Expense for year	
Cash on deposit May 18, 1962	\$ 659.41
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EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR	
Kerman F.W.B. Church (Food Fund)	\$100.00
Kerman F.W.B. Church (Program)	•
June Rolen (Youth Camp)	
Margie Winters (Clerk)	
Rev. George McLain (Moderator)	
Rev. Delmar Scroggins (Executive Board - Mileage)	
Rev. Lonnie Rolen (Executive Board Mileage)	
State Assn. of F.W.B.	169.25
Hanford F.W.B. Church (Food Fund)	60.00
Pacific Printing Press (Minutes)	149.19
Calwa F.W.B. Church (Food Fund)	60.00
Calwa F.W.B. Church (Food Fund) National Assn. of F.W.B. (Supplies)	1.79
Clovis F.W.B. Church (Food Fund)	60.00
June Rolen (Youth Camp)	100.00
Pacific Printing Press (Ministers Cards)	5.72
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TOTAL	\$852.35

# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MINUTES

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Center Association met at Selma Free Will Baptist Church, 10861 Highland Avenue, Selma, March 2, 1962.

Convention was called to order by President Wanda Rogers.

Opened by singing "Trust and Obey" and "Have Thine Own Way" led by Mrs. Marjorie Winters accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen.

Prayer by Mrs. Louise Smith.

Welcome was given by Mrs. Lois Wells and response by Mrs. Onema Erickson.

Mrs. Zella Ramsey gave the "Thought For The Day" taken from II Timothy 2:21.

Motion carried that President appoint committees. They were appointed as follows: Registration and Credential Committee — Katy Cochron and Louise Smith; Resolution — Nancy Little, Helen Copeland, and Georgia Reynolds. Finance — June Rolen, Gladys Stevens, Edith Cox.

Nominating Committee was elected by acclamation as follows: Lydeen York, Clovis; Florene Sharp, Kerman; Bessie Rush, Calwa; Onema Erickson, No. Fresno; Euna Ramsey, Selma.

Individual Auxiliary reports were read.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing "Higher Ground".

Prayer by Mrs. Betty Watson.

Mrs. Loretta Stevens and Mrs. Georgia Reynolds, Kerman sang "I Found The Answer" and "Highest Hill."

Mrs. Goldie Priest, State Convention President, spoke on "Prepared Unto Every Good Work" taken from II Timothy 2:20-21. She challenged each one to study, pray and serve.

Dismissed by Mrs. Winnie McLain.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing "Leave It There."

Prayer by Mrs. Gladys Stevens.

Mrs. Louise Smith and Mrs. Marjorie Winters sang "I Know A Place."

Report of Resolution Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Reports of Registration and Credential Committee were read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Report of Finance Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of Nominating Committee was read. Motion carried that report be accepted and names submitted be elected by acclamation. (See Reports.)

Officers were installed by Mrs. Lydeen York, Clovis using as her theme "Channels of Blessings". Dedicatory prayer by Mrs. Goldie Priest.

Motion carried that February Convention convene with Clovis Church, 6666 No. Peach Ave., Clovis, and September Convention convene with Kerman Church, Second and "C" Streets, Kerman.

A standing vote of thanks was given the host church.

Dismissed by Mrs. June Rolen.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Registration

Auxiliary Members — 33; Ministers — 1; Visitors 7; Total — 41. Selma won Attendance Banner with 90% present.

#### **Credentials**

North Fresno, Calwa, Clovis, Selma and Kerman Auxiliaries represented with reports and dues paid.

#### Finance

1. We recommend that \$5.00 per auxiliary be given to Kerman Auxiliary to assist with expenses for entertaining State Auxiliary Convention.

- 2. We recommend that a project be adopted and that it be finance for mailing of "Medicine for Missions" and that this be allocation of \$1.50 per member and be paid by May 1, 1962.
- 3. We recommend that each auxiliary represent with 60c per member each convention.
- 4. We recommend that \$15.00 be paid for printing of minutes with Center Assoc. Minutes.
- 5. We recommend that \$10.00 be given to guest speakers, if the speaker is not from Center Assoc.

#### Resolution

Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given the host church for their hospitality.

### **Nominating**

- President June Rolen, 815 S. Orange St., Fresno 2, Calif. Phone AM 6-5589
- Vice Pres. & Enlistment Chairman Onema Erickson, 1035 San Pablo, Fresno. Phone 268-6895
- Youth Chairman Zella Ramsey, 349 S. Shasta, Kerman. Phone VI 6-9077
- Study Course Chairman Winnie McLain, 6666 N. Peach, Clovis, Calif. Phone CY 9-2371
- Stewardship-Prayer Chairman Katy Cochron, 1293 Roosevelt, Fresno.
- Personal Service Chairman Mamie Little, 11836 So. Amber, Selma.
- Recording Secretary-Treasurer Wanda Rogers, P.O. Box 724, Kerman, Phone VI 6-8228
- Ass't Sec. & Corresponding Sec. Marjorie Winters, 1731 S. Recreation, Fresno, Phone CL 1-8172

# CENTER ASSOCIATION LEAGUE MINUTES

The Annual Center Association League Rally met April 15, 1962 at Selma and opened by singing, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" led by Margie Winters, accompanied by Pat Parker.

Welcome given by Clyde Robinson.

Response given by George Rogers.

Devotional led by Noel Allen with prayer by Rev. Sam Winters.

Letters read and accepted.

Secretary's report read and accepted by motion.

Election of Committees. (See Reports.)

Rev. Gene Rogers gave a talk on the importance of youth camp.

Motion made and carried that the Chair have the power to appoint judges for the sword drills; those appointed as follows: Delmer Sharp, Richard Smith, and Virgil Little.

Junior sword drill conducted by June Rolen. Gary Winters was the winner.

Singspiration led by Margie Winters, prayer by Rev. Doice McAlister. In the absence of president J. B. Lawless at this time, Noel Allen was elected pro-tem.

Business proceeded with the appointment of the Nominating Committee, the Resolution Committee, and the Finance Committee. (See Reports)

Motion made and carried to have three rallies on Saturday night and the annual rally on Sunday afternoon.

Motion made to accept the officers recommendation to have competitive quiz in our association league rallies. Carried.

Motion made and carried to have our Center Association Sponsor, Delmer Sharp, represent us with a report to the State League Rally.

Report of the Resolution Committee read and accepted. (See Reports)

Report of the Finance Committee read and accepted. (See Reports)

Report of the Nominating Committee read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gene Rogers.

Dinner served by the host church.

#### EVENING SERVICE, 7:30 P.M.

Prayer by J. B. Lawless, president. Singspiration by Margie Winters, followed with an altar of prayer.

Installation of officers led by Rev. Gene Rogers.

Special singing by "The Debinares" singing, "Heavenly Love. Sue Lacefield sang, "I Found The Answer". Margie Winters sang, "There's Room at the Cross For You".

The evening message was brought by Rev. Jess Step, using Judges 6:14 as his text.

A motion was carried to give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Benediction led by Royce Stevens.

#### REPORTS

#### Nominating Committee:

Clyde Robinson
Pat Parker
Kathleen Hatcher
Betty Lawless
Wynema Baker

#### **Resolution Committee:**

James Barratt
Judy Miller
George Rogers
Neoma Robinson
Twilla Allen
Beverly York

#### Finance Committee:

Barbara Stiggins Ruth Kennedy Jack Grimes

#### **Nominating Committee Report:**

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following officers:

President, J. B. Lawless

Vice-President, Jerrell McAliser — Assistant Noel Allen

Recording Secretary, Edna Hatcher — Assistant Shanna Baker Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Stiggins — Assistant Janice Rolen

Treasurer, Bobby Wilbanks — Assistant Clyde Robinson

Chorister, Margie Winters — Assistant Betty Lawless

Pianist, Pat Parker — Assistant Betty Lawless

Sword Drill Leader, Nancy Little — Assistant Neoma Robinson

Sponsor, Delmer Sharp

### Resolution Committee Report:

- 1. Be it resolved that the league rally continue meeting on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the coming year.
- 2. Be it resolved that the officers continue preparing the programs.
- 3. Be it resolved that we continue resolution No. 1 of July 16, 1961, which reads "that each league be represented at the rallies with a 15-20 minute program to be judged as follows:

spirituality	50%
preparation	25%
time	15%
clearness of speech	10%

# Finance Committee Report:

- 1. Sponsor an orphanage.
- 2. Buy a banner.
- 3. Buy official Bibles.
- 4. Buy chorus books.
- 5. All leagues with over 14 members pay 12.50, all leagues 13 or less pay 75c per member.
- 6. That we take an offering and send it to the California Bible Institute Library Fund, Richmond, California.
- 7. Send 40c per member to the State League Rally.

# 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 appearance 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, sacred 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 forsake 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 te 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 Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# 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 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 uunless it has been discussed at its own church.
- 12. At each Association arrangement shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional services, each day.

## CONSTITUTION

#### PREAMBLE:

From long experience, we, members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination among us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

#### Article I

This organization shall be known as the Center Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of California.

#### Article II

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of our churches and to devise and execute measures for expanding our work in the cause of Christ into broader fields.

#### Article III

This Center Association shall consist of three delegates duly appointed or elected by the church they represent and all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers, their wives, all ordained Free Will Baptist deacons and their wives, and church clerks.

#### Article IV

The Center Association shall have the right to settle any and all questions of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the churches composing this organization, or act upon an appeal that may be made by any member of a member church who feels he has been unjustly charged. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the person or body making such appeal.

#### Article V

OFFICERS — The officers of this Center Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the opening of each setting of the annual association.

COMMITTEES — Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise provided for and shall hold office until their work is completed or their successor's are appointed.

#### Article VI

This Executive Board shall be composed of five members. Each member shall be an ordained minister in good standing in the Center Association and their terms of tenure shall be as follows:

- (1) One for one year
- (1) One for two years
- (1) One for three years
- (1) One for four years
- (1) One for five years

Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order required.

#### Article VII

The Center Association shall hold its meetings annually, the date and place to be decided at each previous setting of said Association.

#### Article VIII

Should necessity arise which calls for and requires immediate action, the Executive Board of this Association shall convene upon call of its chairman and shall take whatever action it deems necessary in the best interest of the cause of Christ. The action, however, shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding Articles.

#### Article IX

The Executive Board will not recommend to license or ordain any minister who does not believe or practice all of our doctrine.

#### Article X

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Center Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting. All proposed alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Churches	Total Membership	Number Received	Members Dismissed	Members Deceased	Total Offering Received		Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Building and Repairs		Cooperative Plan	Tota! Expenditure	Value of Church Property
Calwa	68	12	8	1	\$ 3,142	.84	\$ 1,370.00		\$ 144.06	\$	98.43	\$ 2,997.92	\$ 35,000.00
Clovis	68	16	11	O	6,632	95	.3,500.00	100.00	1,957.61		120.00	6,740.70	20,000.00
Goshen	23	23	0	0	574	42	53.72	30.00	197.18			523.06	50.00
Hanford	61	13	6	0	1,751.	81		58.85				1,710.40	22,000.00
Kerman	200	23(	14	0	11,867	17	3,900.00	100.00	5,380.18		350.00	11,980.71	59,000.00
North Fresno	77	16	8	0	5,137.	12	2,455.00	85.00	998.99		361.97	4,302.41	17,500.00
Orange Cove	33	7	3	0	2,910	45	1,300.00	5.00			22.00	2,367.20	17,000.00
Parlier	48	9	3	1	3,928.	24	1,612.00	177.74	1,200.15	1		3,678.04	10,500.00
Sanger	39	- 8	5	0	1,842	52	461.70	140.00	509.93	:	30.00	1,217.36	10,000.00
Selma	95	7	14	0	5,645.	95	3,380.00	200.00	5,078.18		563.74	10,603.14	45,000.00
TOTAL	712	134	73	_ 2	\$42,933	.47	\$19,732.42	\$896.59	\$15,465.28	\$ 1	,546.14	\$46,120.92	\$215,050.00