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The next annual session will be held at the Selma Free Will Baptist Church, 10681 So. Highland Avenue, Selma, California, on Friday night before the third Sunday in May (May 13, 14, 1966).

OFFICERS

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Rev. Merle Erickson Five Years
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Rev. Lee Ramsey Three Years
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Rev. Delmar Scroggins Two Years
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Rev. G. B. Ramsey One Year
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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. J. B. Lawless 4774 E. Harvard Ave., Fresno
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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Center Association of the Free Will Baptists opened with the congregation singing under the direction of Mr. Ernie Miller, with Mrs. June Rolen at the piano. The congregation sang "I'll Live On".

Mr. Bob Kelton read II Peter 1:1-8 for the devotional reading, followed by prayer. The congregation sang "Just Over in the Glory Land" and "Oh How I Love Jesus". Mr. Darwin Kelton sang "Happy Journey" and "Never Before".

The congregation sang "A Song in My Heart" under the direction of the moderator, Rev. Ed Sunday. An altar of prayer was led by Mrs. Zella Ramsey.

The introductory message was brought by Rev. Jerry Watson, using "Answer God's Call" as his subject and Matthew 10:17 for his scripture reading.

Benediction was offered by Rev. G. B. Ramsey.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Services opened with prayer led by Mr. Earl McCullar. The congregation sang "What a Gathering That Will Be" under the direction of Rev. Ed Sunday with Rev. Gordon Smith at the piano. With Mr. Archie Reynolds leading, the congregation sang "Standing on the Promises" and "Wonderful Savior is He".

The welcome was given by Mr. Jess Rolen with the response given by Rev. Jerry Watson. The devotional thought, based on the 2nd chapter of Philippians was given by the moderator, Rev. Ed Sunday. Prayer was offered by Rev. Winston Lawless, State Executive Secretary.

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

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. Ed Sunday; Assistant Moderator Rev. Jerry Watson; Clerk, Mrs. Marjorie Winters; Assistant Clerk; Mrs. Roena Kelton; Treasurer, Mr. Delmer Sharp.

The letter from the Sanger church was received and the delegates were seated.

Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

<u>PULPIT</u>	<u>RESOLUTION</u>	<u>FINANCE</u>
Baxton Jones	Rev. Merle Erickson	Delmer Sharp
Addie Lovit	Rev. Leon Barker	Eunice Soares
Alfred Hall	Earl McCullar	Pat Wilbanks
<u>C. T. S.</u>	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	<u>OBITUARY.</u>
J. B. Lawless	Rev. Jay Constant	Carman Markham
Ruby Scroggins	Dewey Tucker	Nettie Johnson
JoAnne Tibbets	Minnie McKinney	Minnie Campbell
<u>WOMAN'S AUXILIARY</u>	<u>TEMPERANCE</u>	<u>MASTER'S MEN</u>
Euna Ramsey	Emma Tucker	Archie Reynolds
Lela Mae Wilson	Rev. G. B. Ramsey	Arlie Miller
June Rolen	Roy McAlister	Marion Oglesby

Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Delmer Sharp. Motion carried to accept report as read. (see report)

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 P.M. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gordon Smith.

WORSHIP HOUR

The services opened with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus" under the direction of Mr. Arlie Miller, with Rev. Gordon Smith at the piano. Prayer

led by Rev. Rex Shipman of Tulare. The congregation sang "Heaven Holds All to Me" and "Rock of Ages".

Mrs. Ella Mae Hupp and Mrs. Marjorie Winters sang "Let Me Lose Myself". So.o, "Satisfied With Me", by Rev. Gordon Smith.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Wiley Gregory, Arvin, using "Sitting In Dangerous Places" as his topic and Acts 20:6-16 for his scripture reading.

Benediction and blessing on the noon meal was offered by Rev. W. A. Huddleston.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon business session opened with singing "We Have An Anchor", directed by Mr. Arlie Miller, accompanied by Rev. Gordon Smith. The devotional thought from Psalms 119:1-5 and prayer was offered by Rev. Merle Erickson.

Rev. Carl Young, Petaluma, spoke concerning the movement of the California Bible Institute to Fresno.

The setting of the Quarterly Meetings-Annual Association and speakers for the coming year are as follows:

First Quarterly Meeting

Place - Neighborhood Free Will Baptist Church
5084 Avenue 308, Goshen

Date - August 13 - 14, 1965

Speaker - Rev. Ed Sunday

Alternate - Rev. Merle Erickson

Second Quarterly Meeting

Place - Clovis Free Will Baptist Church
6642 No. Peach Avenue, Clovis

Date - November 19 - 20, 1965

Speaker - Rev. Gordon Smith

Alternate - Rev. Cecil Thurman

Third Quarterly Meeting

Place - Parlier Free Will Baptist Church
Stanislaus and "K" Street, Parlier
Date - February 18-19, 1966
Speaker - Rev. G. B. Ramsey
Alternate - Rev. Leon Barker

Annual Association

Place - Selma Free Will Baptist Church
10681 So. Highland Ave., Selma
Date - May 13-14, 1966
Speaker - Rev. Lee Ramsey
Alternate - Rev. Jay Constant

Motion carried to grant the Fresno Church's request that Bro. Cecil Thurman be re-instated as an ordained minister and that his ordination papers be returned to him.

Resolution tabled at the February Quarterly Meeting was read and accepted. (see reports)

Resolution Committee report was read and accepted. (see reports)

Motion carried to receive Rev. Delmar Scroggins' oral Executive Board report with a written report to be received by the clerk in time to be inserted into the minutes.

Rev. Winston Lawless, State Executive Secretary, gave an oral report on our State work.

Congregation sang "I am Thine O Lord" under the direction of Rev. Delmar Scroggins accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen.

Report of the District Sunday School work was given by Rev. Jay Constant. (see reports)

An oral report on Youth Camp was given by Rev. Lonnie Rolen.

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

Report of Auxiliary Committee was read and accepted.
(see reports)

Report of C.T.S. Committee was read and accepted.
(see reports)

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

Report of Master's Men Committee was read and accepted.
(see reports)

The moderator appointed the following as delegates to the State Association: Pat Wilbanks, Roy McAlister, Opal Wilbanks, Minnie Campbell and Johnny Barker.

Motion carried that the clerk have power to select the remaining delegates from those attending the State Association.

Report of Obituary Committee was read and a moment of silent prayer was observed followed by audible prayer.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction offered by Rev. G. B. Ramsey.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

August 15, 1964 - The Executive Board met during the First Quarterly Meeting at Goshen and organized electing Rev. G. B. Ramsey as Chairman and Rev. Delmar Scroggins as Clerk.

The Executive Board examined Bro. Delbert Spain and found him sound in doctrine and recommended that his credentials be restored.

The Executive Board gave Rev. Ed Sunday power to set the itinerary for Rev. Don Robirds during November 3-7, 1964.

November 14, 1964 - The Executive Board met during the Second Quarterly Meeting to examine Bro. Cecil Thurman and found him sound in doctrine and recommended him for license for one year or until such time for ordination.

The Executive Board examined Bro. Loren Butler and found him sound in doctrine and recommended him for license for one year.

The Executive Board examined Bro. J. W. Webb and found him sound in doctrine and recommended that he be ordained as a Deacon.

January 18, 1965 - The Executive Board met with the Goshen Church to advise them on the condition of the church. Rev. Ed Sunday was elected to serve as moderator.

Bro. Harold Gruin was examined for Deacon and was found sound in doctrine and recommended for ordination.

The Goshen church asked the Executive Board to examine Bro. Leon Barker for ordination to preach the gospel. The Board found him sound in doctrine and recommended him for ordination.

February 20, 1965 - The Executive Board met during the Third Quarterly Meeting at Clovis to examine Bro. Norman Higgs and found him sound in doctrine and recommend he be licensed to preach for one year.

March 21, 1965 - The Executive Board was called to 3509 No. First Street, Fresno, to meet with Rev. Lonnie Rolen concerning the organization of a church. Five members were present. The Board recommended that this group be set in order as a mission until they affirm their ability to sustain a church.

May 14, 1965 - The Executive Board met during the Annual Association at Kerman with two State Home Mission Board members, Rev. Wiley Gregory and Rev. Rex Shipman to discuss the new mission in Fresno.

We thank the Center Association for their cooperation during the past year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS REPORT

To the Annual Center Association when convened with the Kerman Free Will Baptist Church.

I am glad to report one very informative and challenging Sunday School Convention held at the Calwa Church. We were assisted in the workshops by Rev. Ed Sunday, Rev. Gordon Smith, Bro. J. B. Lawless Sis. Jura Hamilton, and Sis Katherine Cochran, with special guest, Rev. Winston Lawless, representative of our National Sunday School Board, and myself representing our California Sunday School Board.

Our churches have reported slight increases over the 1964 average with some Sunday schools increasing as much as 15%.

It has been brought to my attention that some of our teachers have been attending Sunday School workshops and Child Evangelism classes which account for many individual class increases.

I will recommend that this Association elect a five man board composed of pastors and Sunday School Superintendents to establish training programs and to promote the work of our Sunday schools in general.

I am reporting \$6.00 expenses incurred during the year 1964-65.

Rev. Jay Constant, Director

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that in the future all mission work must be endorsed by a local church and have the sanction of the Executive Board of the Association in which it occurs before beginning services, and that this be recommended to the State Association.

2. Be it resolved that we the Free Will Baptists, adopt and use the King James Version of the Bible and that all other translations be regarded as reference books.

3. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend the feeding fund be \$60.00 for each Quarterly Meeting and \$60.00 for the Annual Association.

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

3. We recommend that 300 minutes be printed.

4. We recommend that we send \$25.00 quarterly to the missionary with the lowest account.

5. We recommend that we send \$25.00 per quarter to the California Bible Institute.

6. We recommend that each church send their letter with \$25.00 to each Quarterly Meeting and \$30.00 to the Annual Association. The money will be disbursed as follows:

Feeding	\$240.00
State Association	196.00
Minutes	160.00

Moderator	10.00
Assistant Moderator	5.00
Clerk	25.00
Assistant Clerk	10.00
Programs	12.00
Youth Camp	250.00
Missions	100.00
California Bible Institute	100.00
Total	<u>\$1,108.00</u>

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report that God, in His wisdom, has called Rev. George McLain, Bro. Walter Guiener, Sis. Maggie Nelms Sis. Gearllen Bailey, Bro. Robert Furr from Selma; Rev. Earl Bridges and Bro. Charlie Scroggins from Parlier; Sis. Ollie Graham from Hanford; Rev. Tole Hancock from Orange Cove and Sis. Nettie Hand from Clovis to their eternal home during the past year.

C. T. S. COMMITTEE

We recommend that we adopt the C.T.S. program and elect a General C.T.S. Director. This director is to encourage the adoption of the C.T.S. program in each local church. We further recommend that each church work more closely together to promote the CTS program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. We the Sunday School Committee recommend that this Association elect a five man board composed of pastors and Sunday School Superintendents, and that these officers hold office for one year only, unless re-elected at the next annual Association.

2. We recommend that 6¢ per mile be paid to Board members for traveling expenses incurred in performance of his work for the Association.

3. We recommend that each church in the Association have at least one Teachers Training Course per year.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We report six (6) active Auxiliaries and one (1) inactive Auxiliary in our district. We request our minutes be printed in the Annual Association Minutes. All are invited to attend the three (3) district conventions. \$1,050.00 was given the past year to help build a house for Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew in Africa.

MASTER'S MEN

We recommend that all the local churches sponsor a breakfast for the Master's Men, Laymen and Ministers before the Quarterly Meetings and Annual Association.

TEMPERANCE

We recommend that we conscientiously abide by the following recommendations: Temperance being a word of many shades of meaning, depending on the individual, we suggest that there are certain vices from which there should be total abstinence. We further suggest that a more conscientious effort be made upon the part of every loyal Christian to interpret the meaning of the word "temperance" in the light of the teachings of the Holy Word, and to refrain from a secular definition of the word.

CENTER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

May 15, 1964 to May 15, 1965

CASH ON DEPOSIT - May 15, 1964 \$1,017.42

INCOME:

Kerman Church	100.00	
Clovis Church	100.00	
Fresno Church	80.00	
Selma Church	100.00	
Goshen Neighborhood Church	125.00	
(\$25.00 from last year)		
Hanford Church	100.00	
Calwa Church	100.00	
Parlier Church	110.00	
Sanger Church	110.00	
Orange Cove Church	100.00	
Offerings	185.00	
Woman's Auxiliary (minutes)	15.00	1,225.95
TOTAL CASH RECEIVED AND ON DEPOSIT		<u><u>\$2,243.37</u></u>

DISBURSED:

Food Fund	240.00	
Youth Camp (2 years)	400.00	
Rev. Ed Sunday (moderator)	10.00	
Rev. Doice McAlister (a. Mod)	5.00	
Mrs. Marjorie Winters (clerk)	25.00	
Mrs. June Rolen (asst. Clerk)	10.00	
Executive Board Expenses	37.10	
State Asso. Dues (746 @ 25¢)	186.50	
Pacific Printing (minutes)	162.14	
Refund Dues (Parlier & Sanger)	20.00	
Kerman Church (programs)	2.00	
Missions	559.90	
Flowers (McLain funeral)	13.00	1,670.64
CASH ON DEPOSIT - May 15, 1965		<u><u>572.73</u></u>

CHURCH CLERKS

Calwa

Mrs. Pat Jones, 5027 E. Fillmore Ave., Fresno

Clovis

Mrs. Lois Miller, 1209 E. Sussex Way, Fresno

Fresno

Mrs. Katherine Cochran, 1293 Roosevelt Ave., Fresno
Goshen

Mrs. Shirley Irving, 30735 Markham Rd., Visalia
Hanford

Mrs. Olena Wilkinson, 1146 12th St., Hanford
Kerman

Mrs. Wanda Miller, 1506 Kearney Boulevard, Kerman
Orange Cove

Mrs. Minnie McKinney, 704 12th St., Orange Cove
Parlier

Mrs. Vida Davis, P. O. Box 366, Parlier
Sanger

Mrs. Bonnie Colvin, 1313 "O" St., Sanger
Selma

Mrs. Verna Kennedy, 11527 So. Highland, Selma

MINISTERS ROLL

Allen, Eual, 159 Center St., Orange Cove, MA6-7971

Barker, Leon, 717 N. Camelia, Farmersville, 594-4453

Constant, Jay, 2186 N. Blythe Ave., Fresno, 264-0948

Erickson, Merle, 513 Keats, Clovis, 299-6610

Freeman, Joy, 15177 "B" St., Kerman, 846-8378

Huddleston, W. A., 1717 7th St., Sanger

Hupp, Herman, 2001 Sierra St., Kingsburg, TW7-2334

Livingston, W. L., 1360 E. 1st St., Lindsay, 2-2665

Morris, Ray, Sacramento

Porter, Cecil, 76 Elizabeth Ave., Reedley

Ramsey, G. B., 10681 So. Highland, Selma, TW6-3394

Ramsey, Lee, 349 S. Shasta, Kerman, VI6-9077

Rolen, Lonnie, 815 S. Orange, Fresno, 266-5589

Scroggins, O. D., 765 2nd St., Parlier, 646-2837
Smith, Gordon, 669 4th St., Orange Cove
Smith, Richard, Ventura
Spain, Delbert, 700 Annadale Ave., Sanger
Sunday, Ed, 789 2nd St., Kerman, VI6-8228
Thurman, Cecil, 3665 E. Grant St., Fresno
Watson, Jerry, 2018 S. Maple, Fresno, 237-1896
Wilkinson, C. E., Phoenix, Arizona
Wilkinson, Gerald, 1146 12th St., Hanford, 584-3023
Winters, Sam, 1731 S. Recreation, Fresno, 251-8172

DEACONS ROLL

Burton, Fred, 310 S. Lind Ave. Fresno
Carpenter, Joe, P.O. Box 185, Goshen
Colvin, Denton, 83 S. Piedra Rd., Sanger
Colvin, Dwayn, 1303 "O" St., Sanger
Davis, George, P.O. Box 366, Parlier
Eaton, Jim, 742 9th St., Orange Cove
Floyd, Will, 4039 E. Jensen Ave., Fresno
Hall, J. W., P.O. Box 355, Kerman
Hunsucker, Greg, Orange Cove
Kennedy, Herbert, 11527 So. Highland, Selma
Kemp, Rodney, 16455 W. Nielson Ave., Kerman
Lawless, J. B., 4774 E. Harvard Ave., Fresno
Little, Bob, 4774 E. Fillmore Ave., Fresno
Little, M. V., Selma
Little, Orvil, 5050 E. Platt Ave., Fresno
Lovit, Warren, 30646 Road 52, Visalia
Miller, Arlie, 1209 E. Sussex Way, Fresno
McCullar, Earl, 2625 Cleveland Ave., Selma
Moore, Lowell, P.O. Box 391, Armona
Oglesby, Marion, 4 Elizabeth Ave., Reedley
Parker, Herb, 136 E. Buckingham Way, Fresno
Reynolds, Archie, 15240 W. "C" St., Kerman
Rolen, Jess, 410 S. Shasta Ave., Kerman
Sharp Delmer, 579 E. Scott Ave. Fresno
Wilson, Edgar, 424 Kaweah Ave., Hanford
York, Connell, 493 W. Keats Ave., Fresno

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MINUTES

Theme: "Just Looking"
Scripture: Hebrews 12:2

The Annual Session of the Center Association Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church, Goshen, California, January 23, 1965, with Mrs. Florene Sharp presiding as President.

The convention opened with singing "Saviour, Like A Shepherd" under the direction of Mrs. Roena Kelton accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Reth Rolen.

Welcome address by Mrs. Shirley Irving and the response to the welcome by Mrs. Linda Little.

Thought for the day was given by Mrs. June Rolen, using Hebrews 12:2 for her scripture reading.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

The President appointed committees as follows:

RESOLUTION

Winnie McLain
Vena Rowlett
Katy Cochran
Gladys Stevens

FINANCE

Marjorie Winters
Lottie Moore
Geneva Hatcher
Lois Miller
Minnie Campbell

REGISTRATION

Betty Watson
Verna Kennedy
Martha Wiley

OBITUARY

Mary Kelton
Linda Little
Euna Ramsey

The following were elected to serve as the Nominating Committee: Lydeen York, Nancy Little, Zella Ramsey, Alma Stiggins, Katy Cochran, and Winnie McLain.

The individual Recording Secretary reports were read and accepted.

The placements of the convention for the coming year are as follows:

First Convention

Place - Calwa Free Will Baptist Church
3707 E. Laurite Street, Fresno
Date - May 22, 1965

Second Convention

Place - Kerman Free Will Baptist Church
2nd and "C" Street, Kerman
Date - September 25, 1965

Annual Convention

Place - Selma Free Will Baptist Church
10681 So. Highland Ave., Selma
Date - January 22, 1966

Lydeen York was elected to serve on the State Woman's Auxiliary Nominating Committee.

With Mrs. Roena Kelton, leading, the congregation sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "His Way with Thee". Prayer by Mrs. Lizzie Stiggins.

Mrs. Marjorie Winters sang "Be Thou My Guide".

Mrs. Vida Fry, Tulare, spoke on the topic "Just Looking" using Hebrews 12:2 for her scripture reading.

Benediction and blessing on the noon meal was offered by Mrs. Winnie McLain.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Is Thy Heart Right With God" led by Mrs. Roena Kelton, accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen.

Prayer by Mrs. Martha Wiley.

Report of Resolution Committee was read and accepted. (see reports)

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

Report of Obituary Committee was read and a moment of silent prayer was observed followed by audible prayer led by Mrs. Geneva Hatcher.

Report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted. (see reports)

Motion carried that we send the offering received today to the Archie Mayhew project.

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Bessie Petty.

Benediction by Mrs. Lois Miller.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION

1. Be it resolved that the meeting time of each local Auxiliary be printed in the minutes.

2. Be it resolved that this convention present a check in the amount of \$25.00 to Rev. George McLain to express our appreciation of the work he has done in the State of California.

3. Be it resolved that in accordance with the Program-Prayer Chairman's wishes that we set up a prayer program for special prayer needs.

4. Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Goshen Auxiliary for their hospitality.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each local Auxiliary represent with 10¢ per month for the convention expenses.

2. We recommend that \$15.00 be paid for the printing of our minutes with the Center Association.

3. We recommend that \$10.00 be given to the guest speaker if not from the Center Association.

4. We recommend that the State Project be adopted.

REGISTRATION

Auxiliary members 33; ministers 1; visitors 2; total present 36.

OBITUARY

We report that God, in His wisdom, has called Sis. Nettie Hand of Clovis to her eternal home during the past year.

NOMINATING

We recommend the following as officers for the coming year:

President - Mrs. June Rolen

815 So. Orange Ave., Fresno, Ph. 266-5589

Vice President - Mrs. Betty Watson

2018 So. Maple Ave. Fresno, Ph. 237-1896

Youth Chairman - Mrs. Zella Ramsey

349 So. Shasta Ave., Kerman, Ph. VI6-9077

Study Course Chairman - Mrs. Winnie McLain

8573 Ostler Ave., Selma, Ph. 896-2145

Stewardship Prayer Chairman - Mrs. Gladys Stevens

P. O. Box 66, Kerman, Ph. VI6-9009

Personal Service Chairman - Mrs. Lois Miller

1209 Sussex Way, Fresno, Ph. 222-2753

Recording Secretary/Treasurer - Mrs. Marjorie Winters

1731 S. Recreation, Fresno, Ph. 251-8172

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Mrs. Roena Kelton

349 So. Shasta Ave., Kerman, Ph. 846-9077

MONTHLY MEETINGS OF LOCAL AUXILIARY

Second Monday Night - Calwa and Goshen

First Tuesday Night - Kerman and Fresno

Second Tuesday Night - Clovis and Selma

CENTER ASSOCIATION LEAGUE MINUTES

The Annual Center Association Free Will Baptist League Rally was opened by Singing "Walking with Jesus" led by Neoma Robison and accompanied by Cheryl McLain. Opening prayer by Rev. Jay Constant.

Welcome: Cheryl McLain

Response: Jerry Owens

Devotional: Emory Webb, James 1:22

League letters read and accepted by motion.

Secretary's report read and accepted by motion.

Treasurer's report read and accepted by motion.

Election of Committees:

RESOLUTION

Peggy Hood

Carmen Markham

Dallas Jones

Jerryi Owens

FINANCE

George Rogers

Lynn Hamilton

Debbie Sharp

Bob Little

Bob Wilbanks

NOMINATING

Neoma Robison

Bev York

Carolyn Wallace

Alan Snelling

Gary Winters

The Sword Drill judges were appointed as follows: Rev. Jay Constant; Roena Kelton; Rev. Jerry Watson; and Marjorie Winters, alternate.

The Junior Sword Drill was led by Bob Little.

Dismissed by Herb Parker.

Reconvened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Edna Hatcher.

Prayer by Merle Erickson.

Skit: "Prayerless Percy" given by Debbie Lacefield and Janice Cochran. Talk on CTS by Rev. Jay Constant.

Resolution Committee report read and accepted.

Finance Committee report read and accepted.

Nominating Committee reported as follows:

President - Gary Winters

Vice President - Dallas Jones

Recording Secretary - Janice Rolen

Corresponding Secretary - Cheryl Winters

Treasurer - Lynn Hamilton

Chorister - Alan Snelling

Pianist - Cheryl McLain

Sword Drill Leader - Bob Wilbanks

Motion carried to discontinue office of sponsor.

Dismissed by prayer and blessing on evening meal by Bob Little.

Reconvened with "Have Faith in God" led by Alan Snelling, accompanied by Cheryl McLain. Prayer by Arlie Miller. "Wear A Crown" by Alan Snelling and Cheryl McLain. Prayer by Delmer Priest.

Installation of officers by Rev. Ed Sunday, using I Timothy 4:12 and James 1:22.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

"Count Your Blessings" was led by Alan Snelling and accompanied by Cheryl McLain. Offeratory prayer by Clyde Robison, Jr. Gary Winters sang "I Have Found a Hiding Place"; Clyde Robison, Jr. sang "The Ninety and Nine"; John Schoffler sang "Face to Face"; Cheryl McLain sang "With His Hand in Mine".

The evening message was by Delmer Priest, James 1:22 "Marriage and the Home".

Presentation of Awards:

Junior Sword Drill - Timmy Rolen.

Attendance Banner - Fresno League.

Motion carried to give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

Closing prayer by Bro. Sunday.

New C.T.S. Officers were those presented by the nominating committee:

President - Gary Winters

Vice President - Dallas Jones

Recording Secretary - Janice Rolen

Corresponding Secretary - Cheryl Winters

Chorister - Alan Snelling

Treasurer - Lynn Hamilton

Pianist - Cheryl McLain

Sword Drill Leader - Bob Wilbanks

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 Saviour, 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 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 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.

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

The Center Association shall consist of three delegates duly appointed or elected by the church they represent. Standing delegates shall be Church Clerks and all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers, their wives, and ordained Free Will Baptist deacons, their wives and all unmarried widows of deceased ordained members. Standing delegates must be members of good standing in a local church of Center Association.

ARTICLE IV

Each church shall represent with a letter all of its statistical information called for by this Association and listing all of the delegates representing them by name. Letters are requested to be sent if delegation cannot be present and representation fee cannot be met.

ARTICLE V

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 VI

The Center Association shall hold one meeting annually and three meetings quarterly. Dates and places to be selected at annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS — The officers of the 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.

Each quarterly meeting shall elect its own Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

ARTICLE VIII

THE 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 IX

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 X

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

ARTICLE XI

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 XII

There shall be a representative of Sunday School, League Convention, Woman's Auxiliary Convention and Masters Men to report quarterly to the Association of the progress of the work.

ARTICLE XIII

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 or more in advance.

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 unless 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.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Church	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Associational Expenses	Total Outside Expenditures	Value of Church Property	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Woman's Aux. Enrollment
Calwa	193.87	4259.35	251.23		24.00		100	375.23	40000	--	37	11
Clovis	121.57	4820.64	120.00	234.75	173.73	16.00	100	644.48	20000	68	13	10
Fresno		6782.68	671.59		300.00		100	1071.59	35000	117		12
Goshen	600.00	1685.66	34.82				100	134.82	6600	59		6
Hanford		2455.97	127.55				100	227.55	20000	50	20	
Kerman	608.51	9507.51	349.19	233.35	230.48		100	913.02	59000	109	25	17
Orange Cove		2305.00		60.00	72.00	185.45	100	417.45	18000	59		
Parlier		1253.13					100	100.00	10500	25	15	10
Sanger		1925.01	80.55				100	180.55	11000	39	8	8
Selma	1394.46	5874.75	240.00	232.97	18.11	10.00	100	601.08	35000	87		14
TOTAL	2918.41	50869.70	1874.93	761.07	818.32	211.45	1000	1665.77	255100	613	118	89

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Churches	Total Membership	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Deceased	Total Offerings Received	Pastors Salary	Evangelistic work	Building and Repair	Literature	Advertising	Misc.	
Calwa	98	68	7	0	4342.09	1220.00	51.00	2405.01	202.50		186.97	
Clovis	92	24	3	1	5688.34	2660.00	110.00	71.61	207.35		985.00	
Fresno	107	27	7	0	8049.06	1890.00	155.00	2963.17	788.29	313.92	672.30	
Goshen	25	0	3	0	2133.18	237.95	61.60	392.32	130.25		263.54	
Hanford	59	13	9	1	2704.06	992.50	107.00	619.10	77.39	67.20	592.78	
Kerman	191	23	13	0	9581.22	3960.00	100.00	3522.62	274.05		1042.33	
Orange Cove	54	11	0	1	3492.75	2080.00	50.00		175.00			
Parlier	26	2	9	2	1441.02	1101.00			83.99		69.14	
Sanger	49	20	11	0	2067.20	600.00	20.54	5557.78	72.67	54.00	84.57	
Selma	84	5	15	5	7027.01	3380.00	142.22	585.81	158.74		213.52	
TOTAL	785	135	77	10	46524.93	17121.45	797.36	11117.42	2170.23	435.12	4101.15	