

# MINUTES

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

CENTER ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST  
OF CALIFORNIA



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The next session will convene with the Memorial  
Free Will Baptist Church on May 17-18, 1968.

## OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Nuel Brown 775 South 2nd Street, Kerman, 846-8338	
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Lonnie Rolen 2913 East Northdale, Fresno, 229-2203	
Clerk	Mrs. Marjorie Winters 1731 South Recreation, Fresno, 251-8172	
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Mary Kelton 3515 Mayfair Drive, Fresno, 237-4632	
Treasurer	Mr. Delmer Sharp 579 Scott Avenue, Fresno, 222-5876	
CTS Director	Mr. Bob Little 5053 East Filmore, Fresno, 251-6650	

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Lonnie Rolen 2913 East Northdale, Fresno, 229-2203	5 years
Rev. Baxter Ramsey 10681 South Highland Avenue, Selma, 896-3394	4 years
Rev. Meryl Erickson 3312 North Ezie Street, Fresno, 291-2335	3 years
Rev. Nuel Brown 775 South 2nd Street, Kerman, 346-8338	2 years
Rev. Jerry Watson 4415 Damsen Lane, Visalia, 732-7856	1 year

## PROCEEDINGS

### Friday Evening Service

The Twentieth Annual Session of the Center Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Rev. Nuel Brown, acting moderator.

The congregation sang "The Solid Rock" under the direction of Mr. Leroy Scudder with Mrs. Linda Jackson at the piano. Prayer was led by Mr. Herbert Holleman.

The congregation sang "More About Jesus" and "My Saviour's Love". Prayer was led by Mr. Royce Stevens.

Rev. Art Maynard read Hebrews 12:1-10 for the devotional reading. Rev. Gerald Wilkinson, pastor of the Hanford Church, brought the introductory message from Revelations 2:1-5, "Have We Put God First?"

The benediction was offered by Mr. Herbert Parker.

### Saturday Morning Session

The Saturday morning session opened with singing "Marching to Zion" under the direction of Mr. Leroy Scudder with Mrs. Jolene Hunsucker at the piano.

The congregation sang "The Wonderful Story". Devotional thoughts were given by Rev. Baxter Ramsey. Prayer was led by Mr. Arlie Miller.

Mr. Bill Johnson gave the welcome on the behalf of the host church. The response was given by Mr. Jess Rolen.

Letters from the Calwa, Clovis, Fresno, Goshen, Hanford, Kerman, Memorial, Orange Cove, Parlier, Sanger, and the Selma Churches were read and accepted. Following the reading of the letters the delegates were seated. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Winston Lawless.

A motion carried to receive the petitionary letter presented to this body from the Demaree Church and to accept them with full fellowship.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: moderator, Rev. Nuel Brown; assistant moderator, Rev. Lonnie Rolen; clerk, Mrs. Marjorie Winters; assistant clerk, Mrs. Mary Kelton; treasurer, Mr. Delmer Sharp; and CTS director, Mr. Bob Little.

The committees were appointed by the moderator and the assistant moderator as follows:

<u>Pulpit</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Finance</u>
Leroy Scudder	Arlie Miller	Delmer Sharp
James Salmon	Dotty Eskew	Peggy Moore
W. E. Wilbanks	Katy Cochran	Gertrude Zable
	Alan Snelling	Carl Sharp
	Donald Scroggins	Pearl Mann

  

<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Temperance</u>	<u>Obituary</u>
Rev. Art Maynard	Rev. James Ligon	Lizzie Stiggins
Earl Scales	Lorraine Miller	Allie Stone
Gregg Hunsucker	Tom Milier	Lola Burrows

The report of the Center Association Treasurer was given by Mr. Delmer Sharp. A motion carried to accept the report. (See Reports)

A motion carried to adjourn.

### Worship Hour

The service opened with the congregation singing "Praise the Lord" and "To God Be the Glory" led by Mr. Leroy Scudder accompanied by Mrs. Wanda Rogers. Rev. Gene Rogers led in prayer.

Mr. Jim Salmon sang "How Great Thou Art".

Rev. Art Maynard, pastor of the Demaree Church, brought the morning message, "Failure of Us As a Church", using I John 3:10 as his text.

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal were offered by Rev. G. B. Ramsey.

### Saturday Afternoon Session

The Saturday afternoon session was opened by singing "I Know My Redeemer Liveth" under the direction of Mr. Arlie Miller accompanied by Mrs. Jolene Hunsucker. Prayer was led by Rev. L. W. Wood.

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

A motion carried to give Rev. Lawless a standing vote of thanks in appreciation for the work he is doing.

Rev. Gene Rogers, President of California Bible Institute, gave an oral report.

The yearly report of the Executive Board was given by Rev. Delmer Scroggins and a motion carried to accept it.

A motion carried to receive the report of the District CTS Director, Rev. James Ligon. (See Reports)

Rev. Nuel Brown gave an oral report on our district Youth Camp.

The report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Sunday School Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Temperance Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and a moment of silent prayer was observed, followed by prayer by Rev. Winston Lawless. (See Reports)

The report of the Executive Board was read and accepted. (See Reports). Rev. Lonnie Rolen was elected as the five year member of the Executive Board.

A motion carried that the moderator have power to appoint delegates to the State Association. Those appointed were Jim Salmon, Katie Cochran, Mary Kindoffer, Ernie Miller, Alan Snelling, Richard Eskew, Ruby Scroggins, Johnny Enns, Lorraine Miller, Shirley Pace, W. E. Wilbanks, Bill Johnson, Roy McAlister, Margie Rush, Gregg Hunsucker, and George Mann.

Rev. Lonnie Rolen was elected to be a representative on the General Board of the State Association.

An offering of \$25.23 was received. Prayer was offered by Mr. Virgil Little.

A motion was made to adjourn. The benediction was prayed by Rev. Gerald Wilkinson.

The placement of the quarterly meetings and the Annual Association for the coming year are as follows:

First Quarterly Meeting

Place -	Fresno Free Will Baptist Church 3rd and Nevada Streets, Fresno
Date -	August 18-19, 1967
Speaker -	Rev. Lonnie Rolen
Alternate -	Rev. Bennie Burrows

### Second Quarterly Meeting

Place - Clovis Free Will Baptist Church  
6642 North Peach Avenue, Clovis  
Date - November 17-18, 1967  
Speaker - Mr. Bill Johnson  
Alternate - Rev. Delmer Scroggins

### Third Quarterly Meeting

Place - Hanford Free Will Baptist Church  
1033 West 7th Street, Hanford  
Date - February 16-17, 1968  
Speaker - Rev. Art Maynard  
Alternate - Mr. Jesse Dunn

### Annual Association

Place - Memorial Free Will Baptist Church  
4141 North Milbrook Avenue, Fresno  
Date - May 17-18, 1968  
Speaker - Rev. Nuel Brown  
Alternate - Rev. Baxter Ramsey

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We recommend that the moderator of our quarterly meetings be chosen from among the body other than those serving on the Executive Board.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that the feeding fund be \$60.00 for the Annual Association and the quarterly meetings.

2. We recommend that an offering be taken during the morning worship hour of each quarterly meeting and the Annual Association to be used to supplement the treasury.

3. We recommend that 300 minutes be printed.

4. We recommend that we send \$5.00 per quarter to the Bill Adkisson, Harvey Aguirre, Wade Jernigan, Don Robirds, and Archie Mayhew accounts.

5. We recommend that we send \$15.00 per month to the California Bible Institute.

6. We recommend that each church send its 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	180.00
Total	<u>\$1,188.00</u>



## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report that God, in His wisdom, has called Brother John Hall, Brother Albert Miller, Brother Simpson Crowe, and Brother J.T. Crowe from the Kerman Church; Brother Hugh Duncan from the Parlier Church; and Brother Dan Rawlett from the Clovis Church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each church in this Association have at least one teacher training course per year.

2. We recommend that all churches plan their programs with special emphasis on the youth of the church and the community.

3. We wish to inform the churches that films for Sunday School training are available from Mr. Ernie Miller.

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend that all of our churches follow the teachings of our Church Covenant and the Holy Scriptures in the matter of Temperance, and further that since temperance covers such a wide area, that each Christian should strive to be temperate in all things.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Having examined Brother Billie Ray Johnson, we find him sound in the faith and recommend him for license to preach the Gospel.

We recommend that Brother Ira Condley's license be renewed for one year or until duty demands otherwise.

We recommend that Brother Loren Butler's license be renewed for one year or until necessity demands otherwise.

We recommend that Brother Bennie Burrows who comes from the West Coast Association for license to preach the Gospel for one year.

## REPORT OF THE DISTRICT CTS DIRECTOR

The CTS Board was called together during the past year for a total of five meetings. The first two were well attended. Several programs were suggested, but all-in-all each met with little enthusiasm.

Two meetings were conducted for the purpose of setting up Youth Camp for this year. The officers and teachers were elected at this time.

As for rallies, the Director was informed that these had already been set up for the year by the youth and we were advised to follow their plans, which we did.

However, it is the observation of this CTS Director that an outline of responsibilities be drawn up for the CTS Director for the purpose that he and everyone else will know his responsibilities and that a more effective work can be done in the CTS.

By this there could be created in our churches more enthusiasm for CTS. The important need is to support our youth by offering time and energy to the programs adopted for them--something that has been noticeably lacking these past few years.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Ligon  
District CTS Director

## ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

November 18-19, 1966, the Executive Board met at the Sanger Free Will Baptist Church to examine Brother Bill Roberts and Brother Elmer Hayes for licenses to preach the Gospel. The Board found them sound in doctrine and recommended that they be licensed for one year. The Board recommended that Brother John Wright be ordained to preach the Gospel.

February 17-18, 1967, the Executive Board met at the Clovis Free Will Baptist Church and recommended that Brother Doyle Hood's license be extended for one year, and that Brother Darwin Kelton be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

April 20, 1967, the Executive Board was called to the Demaree Mission, at Demaree and Nigee Roads, to assist in organizing a Free Will Baptist Church. Four members of the Board were present. The church was organized with ten charter members. Brother Art Maynard was called to serve as their pastor.

May 6, 1967, the Executive Board was called to the Demaree Free Will Baptist Church to examine Brother Art Maynard for ordination to preach the Gospel. The Board found him sound in doctrine and recommended that he be ordained.

CENTER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

May 14, 1966 to May 20, 1967

CASH ON DEPOSIT - May 14, 1966 \$ 424.10

INCOME

Calwa Church	\$ 105.00	
Clovis Church	105.00	
Fresno Church	105.00	
Hanford Church	105.00	
Kerman Church	105.00	
Memorial Church	105.00	
Neighborhood Church	105.00	
Orange Cove Church	105.00	
Parlier Church	105.00	
Sanger Church	105.00	
Selma Church	105.00	
Offerings	132.66	
Special Offering-CBI	<u>301.00</u>	<u>1,588.66</u>

TOTAL CASH RECEIVED AND ON DEPOSIT \$2,012.76

DISBURSED

Food Fund	240.00	
Watson, Moderator	10.00	
Erickson, Asst. Mod.	5.00	
Winters, Clerk	25.00	
Kelton, Asst. Clerk	10.00	
St. Ass'n Dues (745 @ 25¢)	186.25	
California Bible Institute	120.00	
Robirds	50.00	
Mayhew	50.00	
Printing of Minutes	152.50	
Executive Board Mileage	12.80	
Bryant, Love Offering	75.33	
Special Offering-CBI	301.00	
Youth Camp	<u>250.00</u>	<u>1,487.88</u>

CASH ON DEPOSIT - May 20, 1967 \$ 524.88

## CHURCH CLERKS

Calwa

Mrs. Linda Smith, 2018 So. Maple Ave., Fresno

Clovis

Mrs. Jeanne Wood, 1124 W. Swift Ave., Fresno

Demaree

Mrs. Cynthia Cooley, 100-1/2 Howard St., Visalia  
Fresno

Mrs. Minnie Lacefield, 6636 Tollhouse Rd., Clovis  
Hanford

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

Mrs. Wanda Miller, 1506 Kearney Blvd., Kerman  
Memorial

Mrs. Gladys Stevens, 4047 E. Huntington, Fresno  
Neighborhood

Mrs. Shirley Irving, 30735 Markham Rd., Visalia  
Orange Cove

Mrs. Winnie Jordon, Jr., P.O. Box 192, Orange Cove  
Parlier

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

Mrs. Bonnie Colvin, 909 Rowson St., Sanger  
Selma

Mrs. Verna Kennedy, 89009 E. Rose Ave., Selma

## MINISTER'S ROLL

Allen, Eual, 159 Center St., Orange Cove, 6267971

Brown, Nuel, 775 So. 2nd St., Kerman, 846-8228

Erickson, Meryl, 3312 N. Ezie St., Fresno, 291-2335

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

Gilbert, Jack, 2114 W. Arden Dr., Fresno, 485-1301

Huddleston, W. A.

Hupp, Herman, 2001 Sierra St., Kingsburg

Ligon, James, 3333 E. Nevada St., Fresno, 266-4376

Livingston, W. L., 1360 E. Fir St., Hanford

Maynard, Art, 2946 E. Grant St., Fresno, 485-5527

Porter, Cecil, 76 Elizabeth Ave., Reedley

Ramsey, Baxter, 10681 So. Highland Ave., Selma, 896-3394

Reel, John, 100 Howard Ave., Visalia

Rogers, Gene, 4864 E. Normal Ave., Fresno  
Scroggins, Delmer, 765 2nd St., Parlier, 646-2837  
Smith, Richard, 3630 E. Grant St., Fresno, 485-7788  
Spain, Delbert, 700 Annadale St., Sanger  
Thurman, Cecil, 3476 Terrace Ave., Fresno, 222-6437  
Turner, Troy, Clovis  
Watson, Jerry, 4415 Damsen Lane, Visalia, 732-7856  
Wilkinson, C. E., 8728 E. Dinuba Ave., Selma  
Wilkinson, Gerald, 1146 12th St., Hanford, 584-3023  
Winters, Sam, 1731 So. Recreation, Fresno, 251-8172  
Wood, L. K., 1625 So. O St., Tulare, 686-2467  
Wright, John, 2018 So. Maple Ave., Fresno, 485-5187  
Yandell, J. E., 4316 E. Hammond Ave., Fresno, 255-4617

#### LICENSED MINISTERS ROLL

Condley, Ira, 1307 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, 229-8836  
Hayes, Elmer, Selma  
Higgs, Norman, 2324 E. Norwich Ave., Fresno, 224-2936  
Johnson, Bill, 1120 E. Saginaw, Fresno, 227-8351  
Kelton, Darwin, 3515 Mayfair Dr., Fresno, 237-4632  
McAlister, J. L., 3655 E. Grant St., Fresno, 268-4114  
Webb, Willis, Sanger

#### DEACONS ROLL

Burton, Fred, 310 So. Lind Ave., Fresno  
Carpenter, Joe, P. O. Box 185, Goshen  
Colvin, Denton, 83 Piedra Rd., Sanger  
Colvin, Dwayne, 909 Rowson St., Sanger  
Davis, George, P. O. Box 366, Parlier  
Eaton, Jim, 551 E. Palm Ave., Reedley  
Floyd, Will, 4039 E. Jenson Ave., Fresno  
Holleman, Herbert, 2823 Royal Oaks, Visalia  
Hunsucker, Gregg, 42978 Road 64, Reedley  
Kennedy, Herbert, 8909 E. Rose Ave., Selma  
Kemp, Rodney, 16455 W. Nielson Ave., Kerman  
Lawless, J. B., 4774 E. Harvard Ave., Fresno  
Little, Bob, 5053 E. Fillmore Ave., Fresno  
Little, M. V., 4638 E. Tyler St., Fresno  
Little, Orvil, 5050 E. Platt Ave., Fresno  
Lovitt, Warren, 30646 Road 52, Visalia

Miller, Arlie, 15458 W. C St., Kerman  
 McCullar, Earl, 2625 Cleveland Ave., Selma  
 Moore, Lowell, P. O. Box 491, Armona  
 Oglesby, Marion, 186 Elizabeth Ave., Reedley  
 Parker, Herbert, 136 W. Buckingham Way, Fresno  
 Penley, E. L., 2580 Pine St., Selma  
 Reynolds, Archie, 15240 W. C St., Kerman  
 Rolen, Jess, 969 So. 3rd St., Kerman  
 Scudder, Leroy, Nashville, Tennessee  
 Sharp, Delmer, 579 E. Scott Ave., Fresno  
 Stevens, Royce, 4047 E. Huntington Blvd., Fresno  
 Todd, Alton, 935 N. Conyer, Visalia  
 Wiley, Wayne, 1112 E. Saginaw, Fresno  
 York, Connell, 493 W. Keats Ave., Fresno

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	Calwa	Clovis	Demaree
Membership	65	59	14
Received	9	14	
Dismissed	18	2	
Deceased		1	
S. S. Enroll.	39	52	14
CTS Enroll.	24		
W. A. Enroll.		12	
Totl Offer. Rec.	\$ 1,726.73	\$ 8,315.57	
Pastor's Salary	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,932.91	
Evangelistic Work	\$ 172.22	\$ 300.00	
Building, Repairs	\$ 1,342.60	\$ 2,300.00	
Literature	\$ 133.74	\$ 69.56	
Advertising		\$ 45.70	
Other	\$ 483.69		
Totl Local Exp.	\$ 2,162.25	\$ 5,647.97	
Coop. Plan		\$ 220.33	
Foreign Missions	\$ 15.67	\$ 28.46	
Hom Missions	\$ 8.75	\$ 30.97	
Education		\$ 142.26	
Ass'n Expenses	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	
Other	\$ 36.14	\$ 125.00	
Totl Out. Exp.	\$ 160.56	\$ 6,520.02	
Value Church Prop.	\$45,500.00	\$12,000.00	



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CHURCHES	Fresno	Hanford	Kerman	Memorial	Neighborhood
Membership	97	37	181	80	39
Received	3	3	7	38	6
Dismissed	1	14	2		
Deceased			2		
S.S. Enroll.	145	56	100	114	37
CTS Enroll.	24	31	30	80	25
W.A. Enroll.	19		13	28	13
Totl Offer. Rec.	\$18,545.78	\$ 2,076.90	\$13,077.10	\$29,634.34	\$ 2,549.01
Pastor's Salary	\$ 5,795.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 4,780.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 765.00
Evangelistic Work	\$ 200.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 242.74	\$ 38.00
Building, Repairs	\$ 5,260.27	\$ 660.40	\$ 3,775.45	\$24,246.35	\$ 740.26
Literature	\$ 810.94	\$ 81.24	\$ 758.10	\$ 731.46	\$ 244.26
Advertising	\$ 826.60	\$ 10.00		\$ 24.40	
Other	\$ 2,860.60	\$ 241.57	\$ 213.01	\$ 559.60	\$ 495.82
Totl Local Exp.	\$15,753.41	\$ 1,768.24	\$ 9,626.56	\$28,804.55	\$ 2,283.34
Coop. Plan	\$ 1,100.72	\$ 125.31	\$ 244.24	\$ 928.53	\$ 54.09
Foreign Missions	\$ 900.31		\$ 784.97	\$ 416.08	\$ 9.52
Home Missions	\$ 451.09			\$ 404.25	\$ 15.92
Education	\$ 340.25		\$ 1,491.01	\$ 238.87	\$ 28.26
Ass'n Expenses	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
Other		\$ 35.00	\$ 1,942.61		
Totl Out. Exp.	\$ 2,897.37	\$ 265.31	\$ 4,567.83	\$ 2,092.73	\$ 223.62
Value Church Prop.	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$59,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$ 6,000.00



# STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	Orange Cove	Parlier	Sanger	Selma	Totals
Membership	53	26	53	77	781
Received	5	1	1	10	97
Dismissed	2	1	4	3	47
Deceased		1			4
S.S. Enroll.	60	25	40	92	774
CTS Enroll.					214
W.A. Enroll.				15	100
Totl Offer. Rec.	\$ 3,799.57	\$ 1,721.76	\$ 1,661.78	\$ 6,275.33	\$ 89,383.87
Pastor's Salary	\$ 2,465.00	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 3,380.00	\$ 25,937.91
Evangelistic Work	\$ 100.00			\$ 106.00	\$ 1,258.96
Building, Repairs			\$ 486.24	\$ 174.00	\$ 38,985.57
Literature	\$ 123.34		\$ 42.73	\$ 166.84	\$ 3,162.21
Advertising	\$ 19.50		\$ 75.12		\$ 1,001.32
Other	\$ 639.55	\$ 483.22	\$ 210.00	\$ 2,050.39	\$ 8,237.45
Totl Local Exp.	\$ 3,347.39	\$ 1,778.22	\$ 1,534.09	\$ 5,877.23	\$ 78,583.25
Coop. Plan			\$ 20.00	\$ 604.20	\$ 3,297.42
Foreign Missions	\$ 30.92				\$ 2,185.93
Home Missions					\$ 910.98
Education	\$ 150.00	\$ 13.13		\$ 60.00	\$ 2,463.78
Ass'n Expenses	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,155.00
Other	\$ 36.00				\$ 2,174.75
Totl Out. Exp.	\$ 321.92	\$ 118.13	\$ 125.00	\$ 769.20	\$ 18,061.69
Value Church Prop.	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$363,500.00

CENTER ASSOCIATION  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION  
MINUTES

The annual session of the Center Association Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Calwa Free Will Baptist Church, with Mrs. Lois Miller presiding as president.

The convention opened with singing "Wonderful Story of Love" under the direction of Mrs. Fern McAlister, with Mrs. Linda Little at the piano. Prayer was led by Mrs. Helen Ligon.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Sylvia Wright and the response to the welcome was given by Mrs. Imogene Wells.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Individual Auxiliary reports were read and accepted.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

<u>Registration</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Finance</u>
Geneva Hatcher	Florene Sharp	Bernice Osborn
Louise Smith	Elinor Gibson	Mary Kelton
Onema Erickson	Helen Ligon	Katie Cochran
	Addie Lovitt	Barbara McAlister
	Alma Stiggins	Imogene Wells

The following were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee: Bonnie Williams, Yvonne Brown, Linda Gilbert, Betty Watson, and Lydeen York.

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

First Convention

Place - Fresno Free Will Baptist Church

3333 East Nevada Street, Fresno

Date - May 27, 1967

Second Convention

Place - Kerman Free Will Baptist Church

South 2nd and C Streets, Kerman

Date - September 23, 1967

### Annual Convention

Place - Memorial Free Will Baptist Church  
4141 North Milbrook Avenue, Fresno

Date - January 27, 1968

Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Gussie Faldon.

### Worship Hour

With Mrs. Fern McAlister leading, the congregation sang "Wonderful Words of Life". The Thought for the Day was given by Mrs. Linda Gilbert. Prayer was led by Mrs. Martha Wiley.

A trio composed of Mrs. Onema Erickson, Mrs. Birdie Lindsey, and Mrs. Elinor Gibson sang "He's All I Want". Mrs. Louise Smith and Mrs. Marjorie Winters sang "Shelter From the Storm".

Mr. Arlie Miller, guest speaker, spoke on "Parental Responsibilities to Education", using Job 38: 1-13 as his scripture reading.

The benediction and blessing on the noon luncheon was offered by Rev. John Wright.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Bring Them In" led by Mrs. Birdie Lindsey. Prayer was led by Mrs. Minnie Campbell.

The Clovis Trio sang "Do You Know My Jesus?"

The afternoon devotional was brought by Mrs. Winnie McLain, using "Purpose In Life Through God's Word" as her subject.

The report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The following women were selected to serve as the volunteer committee to help California Bible Institute from time to time: Mrs. June Rolen, Mrs. Katie Cochran, Mrs. Yvonne Brown, Mrs. Onema Erickson, Mrs. Betty Watson, Mrs. Imogene Wells, and Mrs. Sylvia Wright.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and

accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

Mrs. Winnie McLain was elected to serve as a delegate on the Nominating Committee at the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. Wanda Rogers gave an oral report of the work at California Bible Institute.

The Kerman and Goshen Auxiliaries were given a rating of "B" on their Standard of Achievement Charts.

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Wanda Rogers.

The benediction was offered by Mrs. Onema Erickson.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that a committee be elected to establish a Volunteer Corps list from local Auxiliaries to assist at California Bible Institute in various positions.

2. Be it resolved that each Auxiliary remember Rev. J. E. Yandell on his 87th birthday, February 5, by cards, visits or gifts.

3. Be it resolved that the Auxiliary with the highest attendance during the year be rewarded at the annual meeting with a banner.

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

5. Be it resolved that we give the Calwa Woman's Auxiliary a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality and the Fresno Auxiliary for their wonderful pies.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each local Auxiliary represent with \$1.50 per member per year to be paid \$.50 each con-

vention.

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

3. We recommend that \$1.00 per capita member be sent to the State Convention.

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Those registering included: Auxiliary members, 45; Ministers, 2; Visitors, 2. Total present was 63.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend the following women for officers for the coming year:

President - Mrs. Betty Watson

4415 Damsen Lane, Visalia, 732-7856

Vice President - Mrs. Mary Kelton

3515 Mayfair Drive, Fresno, 237-4632

Recording Secretary/Treasurer - Mrs. Marjorie

Winters, 1731 South Recreation, Fresno, 251-8172

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Mrs. Imogene Wells

282 B Street, Selma, 876-1776

Study Course Chairman - Mrs. Barbara McAlister

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Stewardship/Prayer Chairman - Mrs. Bentrina Johnson

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Missions Chairman - Mrs. Linda Gilbert

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS OF LOCAL AUXILIARIES

First Monday Night - Memorial

Second Monday Night - Calwa

First Tuesday Night - Kerman

Second Tuesday Night - Goshen, Fresno, Selma

Second Thursday Night - Clovis

## CENTER ASSOCIATION CTS RALLY MINUTES

The annual Center Association CTS Rally met with the Kerman Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, April 15, 1967. The theme of the rally was "No Man Can Serve Two Masters", taken from Luke 16:13.

The rally was called to order by president Gary Winters. The congregation sang "Hallelujah" led by Alecia Wilkinson accompanied by Donna Stevens. Prayer was led by Bill Johnson.

The welcome was given by Don Brown and the response by Nan Cochran. Prayer was led by Arlie Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Letters from local CTS groups were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Arlie Miller led the competition in the Bible Tic Tac Toe for the Heralds for Christ. Hanford and Memorial were the participating teams. Hanford was the winner.

A motion carried that the president appoint a General Committee to report any necessary business. Those appointed were Waynette Brown, Alan Snelling, Marilyn Wallace, and Kathy Wilkinson.

Dismissed in prayer by Mr. Delmer Priest, Richmond.

After a short recess, services opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart". Prayer was led by Jesse Dunn.

The report of the General Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the following officers were elected: president, David McAlister; vice president, Alan Snelling; recording secretary, Janice Rolen; corresponding secretary, Marilyn Wallace; treasurer, Waynette Brown; pianist, Donna Stevens; chorister, Alecia Wilkinson; quiz leader, Gary Winters.

A motion carried that Robert Little be recommended for the District CTS Director. This recommendation is to be made to the Annual Session of the Center Association.

A short talk on Youth Camp was given by Rev. Nuel Brown.

Installation of officers was conducted by Mr. Delmer Priest.

The benediction and blessing on the evening meal was offered by Rev. Gerald Wilkinson.

The evening meal was prepared by the host church.

### Evening Service

The evening service was opened by singing "Bringing In The Sheaves" led by Alecia Wilkinson accompanied by Donna Stevens. Prayer was led by Aldene Moore.

Arlie Miller sang "It Is Real" and "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love". Mrs. Dean Moore sang "God Leads Us Along".

An inspirational message was brought by Rev. Dean Moore, pastor of the Richmond Church, using as his text Luke 16:13.

The benediction was offered by Rev. Gene Rogers.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### GENERAL COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that the CTS Rally recommend a CTS Director to the Annual Session of the Center Association.

2. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Kerman Church for the hospitality shown at this rally.



## **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.



# 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.

## 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 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 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.