

# MINUTES

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

## CENTER ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST OF CALIFORNIA



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Memorial Free Will Baptist Church  
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## OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Rev. Jack Gilbert	485-1301
	2114 Arden Dr., Fresno	
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Mr. Bill Johnson	
	4575 E. Brown, Fresno	251-0228
CLERK	Mrs. Marjorie Winters	
	1731 Recreation, Fresno	251-8172
ASSISTANT CLERK	Mrs. Mary Kelton	
	3515 Mayfair Dr., Fresno	237-4632
TREASURER	Mr. Delmer Sharp	
	579 Scott Ave., Fresno	222-5876
ACTS DIRECTOR	Mr. Dennis Boyles	
	3914 N. Milbrook, Fresno	222-9280

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. John Reel	5 years
269 12th Street, Orange Cove	626-4344
Rev. Lonnie Rolen	4 years
2913 E. Northdale Ave., Fresno	229-2203
Rev. Baxter Ramsey	3 years
10681 S. Highland Ave., Selma	896-3394
Rev. Meryl Erikson	2 years
3312 N. Ezie St., Fresno	291-2335
Rev. Nuel Brown	1 year
775 S. 2nd St., Kerman	846-8228

## PROCEEDINGS

### Friday Evening Service

The Twenty-First Annual Session of the Center Association of the Free Will Baptist was called into session by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lonnie Rolen.

The congregation sang "At Calvary" under the direction of Mr. Ernie Miller with Mrs. Betty Lawless at the piano.

Prayer was led by Mr. J. E. Wilson.

The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus." Mr. Herb Parker led in prayer.

Devotional thoughts from Colossians 3:1-4 were given by Bill Johnson. Prayer led by Rev. Odus Eubanks.

The Kerman Quartet sang "I'M Bound For the Land of Canan" and "He's Everything to Me."

Rev. Nuel Brown, pastor of the Kerman Church brought the introductory message "Fullness of God's Glory" using the 5th chapter of Revelation as his text.

The benediction was offered by Rev. John Wright.

### Saturday Morning Session

The Saturday morning session of the Association opened with singing "Stand Up For Jesus" under the direction Mr. Don Woodall with Mrs. Betty Lawless at the piano.

Devotional thoughts were taken from the 6th chapter of Matthew and prayer by Rev. Jack Gilbert.

Mr. Delmer Sharp welcomed the Association to the Memorial Church. The response was given by Mr. Earl McCuller.

Letters from Calwa, Clovis, Demaree, Fresno, Goshen, Hanford, Kerman, Memorial, Orange Cove, Parlier, Sanger and Selma were read and accepted. Following the reading of the letters the seated.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: moderator, Rev. Jack Gilbert; assistant moderator, Mr. Bill Johnson; clerk, Mrs. Marjorie Winters; assistant clerk, Mrs. Mary Kelton; treasurer, Mr. Delmer Sharp; and CTS Director, Mr. Dennis Boyles.

The committees were appointed by the moderator and assistant moderator. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. (SEE REPORTS)

A motion carried to adjour the business session until 1:30 p.m.

Benediction by Rev. Baxter Ramsey.

### Worship Hour

With the assistant moderator, Mr. Bill Johnson, presiding, the service opened with singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" under the direction of Mr. Don Woodall with Mrs. Betty Lawless at the piano. Prayer led by Mr. Jess Rolen.

Rev. Odus Eubanks brought the morning message using James 5:1-7 as his text.

Benediction and blessing on the noon meal offered by Rev. John Reel.

### Saturday Afternoon Session

The Saturday afternoon session of the Association opened with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing" under the direction of Mr. Don Woodall with Mrs. Betty Lawless at the piano.

A solo was rendered by Mrs. Linda Smith.

A mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Lois Colvin, Rev. John Reel, Rev. Delmer Scroggins and Mr. Winnie Jordan Jr. sang "I Can't Find the Way Alone."

Prayer offered by Rev. James Ligon.

The placement of the Quarterly Meetings and the Association for the coming year are as follows.

### First Quarterly Meeting

Place- Calwa Free Will Baptist Church  
3707 E. Laurite Street, Calwa  
Date- August 16-17, 1968  
Speaker-Bro. Charles Roam  
Alter. Rev. Baxter Ramsey

### Second Quarterly Meeting

Place- Sanger Free Will Baptist Church  
3135 S. Swan Avenue, Sanger  
Date- November 15-16, 1968  
Speaker-Bro. Dennis Boyles  
Alter: Bro. Jerry Webb

### Third Quarterly Meeting

Place- Selma Free Will Baptist Church  
10681 S. Highland Avenue, Selma  
Date- February 14-15, 1969  
Speaker-Rev. John Reel  
Alter. Bro. Troy Dobbs

### Annual Association

Place- Fresno Free Will Baptist Church  
3rd. and Nevada Street, Fresno  
Date- May 16-17, 1969  
Speaker-Bro. Bill Johnson  
Alter. Rev. Delmer Scroggins

Rev. Lonnie Rolen gave an oral report of the Executive Board.

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

Motion carried that this Association cancel the date set for Youth Camp at Hartland.

Rev. Odus Eubanks gave an oral report on the progress of our California Bible Institute.



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

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and accepted. A moment of silence was observed, followed by prayer led by Rev. John Reel. (See Reports)

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

Motion carried that the moderator and assistant moderator appoint the delegates to the State Association.

They were appointed as follows: Roy McAlister, Katy Cochran, Bill Johnson, Bentrina Johnson, Jerry Webb, Janice Webb, Corky Lindsey, Novy Cochran, Ed Boyles, Bennett Hatcher, Dennis Boyles, Verla Boyles, Charles Roam, Shirley Pace, Elinora Gibson and Ima Gene Wells.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction offered by Mr. Dennis Boyles.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Resolution Committee

1. We recommend that the minutes of the association be ready to hand out at the First Quarterly Meeting following the Annual Association.

2. We recommend that the Associational Clerk read only the parts of the church letters that pertain to the delegates, ordained authority, and the status of the church.

3. Be it resolved that the Center Association send a letter of commendation to the State Association, commending the members of the California State Board of Christian Education and to the Faculty of California Bible Institute for their unselfish, untiring and committed devotion of duty they have given in maintaining a strong and vital "Christian College" for the past school year of 1967-1968 in the state of California for Free Will Baptist.



### Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee , report that God in His infinite wisdom has called Sister Victoria Coats from Parlier Church, Sister Edna Brunnick from the Calwa Church and Sister Zetra Collins from the Fresno Church. We recommend that we have a moment of silent prayer for these that have gone on to be with the Lord.

### Temperance Committee

We suggest to the assembly that we uphold our present rules and live temperate in all things.

### Executive Board

Having examined Bro. Jessie Dunn, Bro. Marvin Mills Bro. Bill Johnson, Bro. Bill Parker and Bro. Charles Raom, we find them sound in the faith and recommend that they be license to preach the gospel.

### 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 \$25.00 per month to the National Foreign Mission Board to be used for deficit accounts.

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

6. We recommend that the churches send the following amount of money, according to their membership, to the Annual Association and Quarterly Meetings:

Membership thru 40	Quarterly Meeting	\$15.00
	Annual Association	20.00
Membership of 41 thru 75	Quarterly Meeting	20.00
	Annual Association	25.00
Membership over 75	Quarter Meeting	25.00
	Annual Association	30.00

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
Mission s	100.00
California Bible Institute	180.00
	<u>\$938.00</u>

### COMMITTEE LIST

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>	<u>Finance</u>
Herb Holliman	Delmer Sharp	Delmer Sharp
Odus Eubanks	Bud Gregg	J. B. Lawless
Nuel Brown	Earl McCullar	Allie Stone
Carl Sharp		
Joy Karl		
<u>Obituary</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Temperance</u>
Bentrina Johnson	Marion Oglesby	Bill Parker
Ed. Gibson	John Wilson	Artie Hill
Betty Lawless	Herb Holliman	Corky Lindsev

CENTER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
May 20, 1967 to May 19, 1968

Cash On Deposit. May 20, 1967 \$524.88

INCOME

Calwa Church	\$105.00	
Clovis Church	105.00	
Demaree Church	75.00	
Fresno Church	105.00	
Hanford Church	105.00	
Kerman Church	105.00	
Memorial Church	105.00	
Neighborhood Church	80.00	
Orange Cove Church	105.00	
Parlier Church	105.00	
Sanger Church	105.00	
Selma Church	105.00	
Offerings	128.05	
Clovis for Missions	5.00	
CBI Bond Fund Offerings	457.13	
Fresno Church	93.00	
Memorial	91.00	
Kerman	113.00	
Hanford	38.00	
Parlier	13.13	
Neighborhood	39.00	
Orange Cove	50.00	
Selma Aux.	20.00	
	457.13	

TOTAL INCOME	\$1795.18	\$1795.18
TOTAL CASH REC. AND ON DEPOSIT		\$2320.06

## DISBURSED

Food Fund	\$240.00	
Rev. N. Brown, Moderator	10.00	
Rev. L. Rolen, Asst. Mod.	5.00	
Mrs. Margie Winters, Clerk	25.00	
Rev. N. Brown, Exe. Mileage and phone calls	17.74	
Mrs. Mary Kelton, Asst. Clerk	10.00	
Rev. B. Ramsey, Exe. Mileage and phone calls	9.14	
Rev. Merle Erickson, Mileage	8.22	
California State Assoc. (Dues)	195.25	
California Exe. Dept. (Minutes)	152.50	
Missions	105.00	
California Bible Institute	880.00	
June Rolen, Youth Camp	250.00	
	<u>\$1,907.85</u>	<u>1,907.85</u>
CASH ON DEPOSIT May 19, 1968		412.21

## CHURCH CLERKS

### Calwa

Mrs. Linda Smith, 6584 E. Floral Ave., Selma  
Clovis

Mr. N. V. Gibson, 505 Shaw Ave, Fresno  
Demaree

Mrs. Cynthia Cooley, 247C S. Linwood St., Visalia  
Fresno

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Shirley Irving, 30735 Markham Rd., Visalia

Orange Cove

Mr. Winnie Jordon Jr., P. O. Box 192,  
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

Bradshaw, G., 1039 S. Chinowth St., Visalia 734-1014

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Rolen, L., 2913 E. Northdale Ave., Fresno, 229-2203

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Smith Richard, 3630 E. Grant, Fresno, 485-7788

Spain, Delbert, 700 Annadale St., Sanger

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Turner, Troy, Clovis

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## DEACON'S ROLL

Boyles, Dennis, 5748 N. Palm , Fresno  
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Colvin, Denton, 83 Perdra Road, 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. Jensen Ave., Fresno  
Holliman, Herbert, 2823 Royal oaks, Visalia  
Hall, Alfred, 15390 W. E St., Kerman  
Hunsucker, Gregg, 1412 Woodland Dr., Visalia

Irving, Howard, 30547 Markham Road, Visalia  
Kennedy, Herbert, 1909 E. Rose Ave., Selma  
Kemp, Rodney, 16455 W. Nielson Ave., Kerman  
Lawless, J. B., 1941 N. Sierra Vista Ave., Fresno  
Little, Bob, 5053 E. Fillmore Ave., Fresno  
Little, M. V., 4638 E. Tyler Ave. Fresno  
Little, Orvil, 5050 E. Platt Ave., Fresno  
Lovitt, Warren, 30646 Rd. 52, Visalia  
McAlister, Jerry, 651 S. 3rd St., Kerman  
McCullar, Earl, 2105 Chestnut Ave. , Selma  
Miller, Arlie, 15458 W. C. St., Kerman  
Oglesby, Marion, 186 Elizabeth Ave., Reedley  
Parker, Herbert, 136 W. Buckingham Way, Fresno  
Penley, E. L., 2480 Pine St., Selma  
Reynolds, Archie, 15240 W. C St., Kerman  
Rolen, Jess, 969 S. 3rd St., Kerman  
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 Way, Fresno  
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York, Connell, 493 W. Keats Ave. , Fresno.



## LICENSED MINISTERS ROLL

Ira Condley, 1307 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, 229-8836  
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Hays, Elmer, Selma  
Higgs, Norman, 2324 E. Norwich Ave., Fresno 224-4936  
Johnson, Bill, 4575 E. Brown Ave., Fresno 251-0228  
Kelton, Darwin, 3515 Mayfair Dr., Fresno, 237-4632  
Mills, Marvin, Fowler  
Roam, Charles, 2106 E. Normal Ave., Fresno  
Webb, Willis, Sanger



# NOTES

STATISTICAL REPORT							OF CHURCHES						
Churches	Membership	Members rec.	Members dis.	Members dec.	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment		Woman's Aux.	Total Offerings	Pastor's Salary	Evangelistic	Bldg. & Repair	Literature
Calwa	49	12	26	1	44	31			1,968.50	480.00		700.00	68.92
Clovis	39	6	26		54		11	2,734.61	1,374.14	150.00		630.00	80.00
Demaree	20	10			41	28		5,029.93	1,427.50	100.00			114.22
Fresno	104	7	4	1	120	23	14	21,372.22	5,140.97	274.73		3,940.11	435.98
Hanford	24		17		22			1,635.07	590.00			192.20	68.95
Kerman	198	12	2		96	45	15	13,921.36	5,200.00	232.50		5,195.86	658.24
Memorial	122	30	10		130	101	26	18,421.62	6,625.00	208.39		6,674.00	738.76
Neighborhood	41	2			37	23	8	2,618.67	1,175.00	65.51		651.39	100.54
Orange Cove	54	4	2		45			4,104.67	2,080.00			48.99	115.42
Parlier	28	3	1	1	25			1,888.17	1,300.00				81.95
Selma	82	7	6		72		14	6,671.00	3,380.00	98.79		169.63	147.26
Sanger	49	3	6		50			1,693.15	761.00	55.00			66.14
Totals	810	96	100	3	736	251	88	82,058.97	29,533.61	1184.92		18,202.18	2,676.38

# STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches	Advertising	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses	Co-Op Plan
Calwa		1,144.97	2,393.89	
Clovis	57.00	543.47	2,734.61	
Demaree		1,172.31	3,114.03	330.85
Fresno	1,155.72	6,208.16	17,155.67	1,199.21
Hanford		427.65	1,278.80	124.49
Kerman		115.33	11,401.93	295.63
Memorial	45.00	2,211.45	16,502.60	204.27
Neighborhood		258.04	2,250.48	110.00
Orange Cove		1,499.01	3,743.42	
Parlier		425.91	1,807.86	
Sanger	50.00	359.85	1,605.60	89.45
Selma		1,794.31	5,589.99	240.00
Total	1307.72	16,160.46	69,578.88	2,593.90

## OF CHURCHES

Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Associational Exp.	Total Outside Exp.	Value of Church Property
			105.00	105.00	46,500
			105.00	105.00	14,000
		113.69	75.00	519.45	15,000
1,172.10	234.60	379.64	131.00	4,216.55	103,000
			105.00	243.49	20,000
476.79	591.37	933.67	218.00	4,847.64	59,000
623.47	353.82	836.66	105.00	2,031.55	70,000
35.00	21.50	96.69	105.00	368.19	7,880
			105.00	147.30	15,000
			105.00	105.00	10,500
		30.00	105.00	224.45	11,243
180.00		202.25	105.00	727.00	35,000
2487.36	1,201.29	2592.51	1369.00	13,640.62	403,123

CENTER ASSOCIATION  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION  
MINUTES

The Annual Session of the Center Association Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church on January 27, 1968, using the theme "Give Me Thy Heart". Mrs. Betty Watson presided as president.

The convention opened with singing "The Call For reapers" under the direction of Mrs. Betty Lawless, with Mrs. Linda Gilbert at the piano. Prayer was led by Mrs. Georgia Reynolds.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Lydeen York and the response to the welcome was given by Beth Rolen. Mrs. Susan Barron gave the thought for the day.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following committees were appointed by the president.

Resolution

Florene Sharp  
Saddie Brossi  
Lois Miller  
Katie Cochran  
Ima Gene Wells

Finance

Marjorie Winters  
Linda Gilbert  
Barbara McAlister  
Bernice Osborn  
Edna Ramsey

Judges

Wanda Rogers  
Doris Wilson  
Yvonne Brown

Registration

Mary Kelton  
Addie Lovitt  
Georgia Reynolds

Mrs. Doris Wilson led in prayer.

The following were elected to serve on the nominating committee: Louise Smith, Minnie Lacefield, Elsie Kemp, Elinor Gibson and Verna Kennedy.

Individual Auxiliary reports were read and accepted. Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Joyce Dunn.

### Worship Hour

With Mrs. Betty Lawless leading, the congregation sang "Saved By The Blood". Prayer was offered by Mrs. Gladys Stevens. Mrs. Joyce Dunn sang "I was Born To Serve The Lord." The Clovis Trio sang "Give Me Thy Heart". Prayer was led by Mrs. Geneva Hatcher.

Rev. Odus Eubanks brought the message Give Me Thy Heart, using Ephesians 6:1 -10 as his text.

Benediction and blessing on the noon meal was offered by Bro. Troy Dobbs.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Mrs. Betty Lawless, with Mrs. Linda Little at the piano. Prayer was led by Mrs. Martha Wiley. The afternoon devotional reading was brought by Mrs. Euna Ramsey reading the 100th chapter of Psalms. Mrs. Joyce Dunn and Mrs. Marjorie Winters sang "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All."

Mrs. Betty Watson led in the offertorial prayer.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The report of the nominating committee was read and accepted. SEE REPORTS

The report of the resolution committee was read and accepted. SEE REPORTS

The following were selected to serve on the State Luncheon Committee: Mrs. Yvonne Brown, Mrs. Winnie Lacefield, Mrs. Florene Sharp, Mrs. Elinor Gibson, Mrs. Lorene Miller and Mrs. Betty Watson.

Mrs. June Rolen was selected to present the gift to Rev. Ed Morris.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and

accepted. SEE REPORTS

The report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted. SEE REPORTS

The Neighborhood Auxiliary received a rating of B+ and the Kerman and Memorial Auxiliaries received a rating of B on their Standard Achievement Charts.

Motion carried that the plaque purchased this year be used as a roving plaque for the next four years. The Memorial Auxiliary received the plaque for the highest percentage in attendance during the past year.

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Winnie McLain.

The benediction was offered by Mrs. Elsie Kemp.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Resolution Committee

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

2. Be it resolved that the meeting time of each local auxiliary be printed in the minutes.

3. Be it resolved that the District Convention serve food to the State Convention for a minimum charge of \$1.25 and that a committee consisting of one member from each local Auxiliary be appointed to work out the details.

4. Be it resolved that a gift of \$15.00 of appreciation be given to Rev. E.E. Morris on Monday evening, February 12, 1968 at the Kerman revival. Rev. Morris has now retired from the pastorate. He has been a stalwart defender of the doctrine and a leader in the Free Will Baptist denomination in California as well as through-out the nation. Local Auxiliaries are encouraged to give individual gifts if they desire.

5. Be it resolved that we give the Memorial Woman's Auxiliary a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.



## Finance Committee

1. We recommend that each local Auxiliary represent with \$1.50 per each member to paid 50¢ at each convention.

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

## Registration Committee

Those registering included: Auxiliary members, 45; Ministers, 3; Visitors, 7; Total present: 55.

## Nominating Committee

We recommend the following women to serve as officers for the coming year:

President - Mrs. Mary Kelton

3515 Mayfair Drive, Fresno, 237-4632

Vice President - Mrs. Barbara McAlister

651 S. 3rd St., Kerman, 846-8392

Secretary & Treasurer - Mrs. Marjorie Winters

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

Assistant Sec. / Treas. - Mrs. Ima Gene Wells

2828 B Street, Selma, 896-1776

Study Course Chairman - Mrs. Katy Cochran

1293 N. Roosevelt Ave., Fresno, 237-6796

Stewardship Prayer Chairman - Mrs. Bentrina Johnson

4575 E. Brown Ave., Fresno, 251-0228

Missions Chairman - Mrs. Linda Gilbert

2114 Arden Dr., Fresno, 485-1301



Historian - Mrs. Winnie McLain  
1621 N. 6th St., Fresno, 485-9727

Personal Service Chairman - Mrs. Lois Miller  
15458 W. C St., Kerman, 846-9245

### Monthly Meeting of Local Auxiliaries

First Monday Night- Neighborhood  
Second Monday Night- Memorial  
Second Tuesday Night- Clovis, Selma and Fresno  
Second Thursday Night- Kerman

The Placement of the convention for the coming year:

#### First Convention

Place - Fresno Free Will Baptist Church  
3333 E. Nevada St., Fresno  
Date: May 25, 1968

#### Second Convention

Place - Selma Free Will Baptist Church  
10681 S. Highland Ave., Selma  
Date: September 28, 1968

#### Annual Convention

Place - Memorial Free Will Baptist Church  
4141 N. Milbrook Ave., Fresno  
Date: January 25, 1969

## CENTER ASSOCIATION CTS RALLY MINUTES

The Center Association C. T. S. Convention met at the Fresno Church, 3rd and Nevada St., Fresno. Saturday April 20, 1968.

The theme of the convention was "Passion for Souls." Proverbs 11:30.

Convention was called to order by Vice President Jim Love.

Prayer by Bill Johnson.

Opened by singing "Praise the Lord" led by Janet Little, and accompanied by Donna Stevens.

Welcome was given by Johnna Lennon.

The devotional was given by Aldean Moore.

Letters from Fresno and Memorial were read and accepted. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Motion carried that the President appoint committees. Those appointed were as follows:

General committee: Johnna Lennon, Donna Brown and Gary Eubanks.

Nominating committee: Janet Little, Waynette Brown and Janice Cochran.

Dismissed by Bob Little.

After a few minutes recess the congregation sang "He Keeps Me Singing".

The report of the Nomination Committee was read. Motion made to accept report as read to take each office separately. (SEE REPORTS)

Those elected were : President-Earl Scales, Vice President- Tim Rolen, Recording Secretary- Janice Rolen, Corresponding Secretary- Janice Cochran, Treasurer- Nan Cochran, Song Director-Johnna Lennon, Pianist - Donna Stevens, Quiz Leader-Debbie Sharp.

Motion carried to recommend Bill Johnson to the Center Association for C. T. S. Director.

The Constitution of the State C. T. S. Convention was read.

Motion carried that a committee be elected to prepare a Center Association C. T. S. Constitution.

Motion carried that the committee consist of the President, General Director, Local Pastors and C. T. S. Directors.

Report of General Committee was read. Motion carried to accept report as read and to take each item separately.

Resolution #1 accepted by motion. (SEE REPORTS)

Resolution #2 accepted by motion. (SEE REPORTS)

Resolution #3 accepted by motion. (SEE REPORTS)

Motion carried that the officers serve as a Publicity Committee.

Installation of new officers was given by Mrs. Winnie McLain. The theme of the installation was "Praying Hands." Prayer of dedication was given by Bill Johnson.

Benediction and blessing on evening meal by Rev. L. Rolen.

Evening meal was served by the host church in the educational building.

### Evening Service

Opened by singing "I Will Sing The Wonderous Story" led by Johnna Lennon and accompanied by Donna Stevens at the piano and Larry Condit at the Organ.

Prayer by Richard Kennedy.

Sword Drill, Bible Bowl and Tic Tac Toe were led by Gary Winters.

Dismissed for recess by Larry Condit.

Opened by singing "His Way With Thee."

Janice Rolen sang "Now I Belong to Jesus, Don Woodall sang "I Don't Know About Tomorrow", Larry Condit sang a song that he had written.

Message by Rev. Adrian Condit using Proverbs 11:30 as his text.

Benediction by Rev. Odus Eubanks.

## Reports

### General Committee

1. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given the host church.

2. Be it resolved that nominations be given for a Publicity Committee to publicize the rallies and create interest in C.T.S. activities.

3. Be it resolved that the officers serve as a visitation committee to extend help and inspiration to local C.T.S. groups.

### Nominating Committee

We recommend the following for officers.

President- Earl Scales, Vice President- Tim Rolen, Recording Secretary- Janice Rolen, Corresponding Secretary- Marilyn Wallace, Treasurer- Nan Cochran, Song Director- Johnna Lennon, Pianist- Donna Stevens, Quiz Leader- Steve Miller, Sponsors- Mr. and Mrs. D. Boyles.

## **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.