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MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL SESSION
of the
CENTER ASSOCIATION
OF
CALIFORNIA FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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CONVENED AT THE

KERMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

KERMAN, CALIFORNIA

MAY 19-20, 1972

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OFFICERS

MODERATOR.....JACK L. WILLIAMS
4863 E. NORMAL, FRESNO, 251-7234

ASSISTANT MODERATOR.....NUEL BROWN
775 S. SECOND ST., Kerman, 846-8228

CLERK-TREASURER.....MARY KELTON
4881 E. UNIVERSITY, FRESNO, 251-0227

ASSISTANT CLERK-TREASURER.....~~SHIRLEY PACE~~
1926 S. COURT, VISALIA, 734-5030

C.T.S. SPONSORS.....JERRY AND BETTY WATSON
4415 DAMSEN LANE, VISALIA, 732-7856

EXECUTIVE BOARD

REV. LONNIE ROLAN.....~~5~~ YEARS 4
2913 E. NORTHDAL, FRESNO, 229-2203

REV. NUEL BROWN.....~~4~~ YEARS 3
775 S. SECOND ST., Kerman, 846-8228

REV. ~~CHARLES ROAM~~ MERYL ERICKSON.....~~3~~ YEARS 2
~~10681 S. HIGHLAND, SELMA, 896-3394~~

REV. JERRY WATSON.....~~2~~ YEARS 1
4415 DAMSEN LANE, VISALIA, 732-7856

REV. WADE T. JERNIGAN.....~~1~~ YEAR 5
4881 E. UNIVERSITY, FRESNO, 251-9639

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

THE SERVICE WAS OPENED WITH SINGING "BRETHREN WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP", LED BY ARCHIE REYNOLDS. PRAYER BY HERB PARKER. OPENING REMARKS BY NUEL BROWN. A DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT WAS GIVEN BY BILL STITH ON "PRAYER", TAKEN FROM 1 JOHN 3:16-18. SPECIAL MUSIC WAS RENDERED BY JANIS WILLIAMS, FOLLOWED BY THE KERMAN QUARTET.

THE MESSAGE OF THE EVENING WAS DELIVERED BY JACK WILLIAMS, "THE HIGHER GROUND OF GOD", WITH HIS TEXT TAKEN FROM JOB 42:16,17. AFTER A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER FOR DECEASED REV. JIM LOVE, THE CONGREGATION WAS DISMISSED BY JOY FREEMAN.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

THE SERVICE WAS OPENED WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING LED BY DARWIN KELTON, ACCOMPANIED BY BOB THOMAS, SINGING "THE SOLID ROCK" AND "HIS WAY WITH THEE". PRAYER WAS LED BY JACK WILLIAMS.

A DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT WAS GIVEN BY CHARLES ROAM, TAKEN FROM ACTS 4:13-20. THE WELCOME TO KERMAN WAS GIVEN BY ARLIE MILLER, FOLLOWED BY JERRY WEBB GIVING THE RESPONSE.

THE CLERK AND ASSISTANT CLERK READ THE LETTERS AND THE DELEGATES WERE SEATED. MODERATOR JACK WILLIAMS READ THE RULES OF ORDER.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MODERATOR: JACK WILLIAMS

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: NUEL BROWN

CLERK - TREASURER: MARY KELTON

ASSISTANT CLERK - TREASURER: SHIRLEY PACE

C.T.S. SPONSORS: JERRY AND BETTY WATSON

THE PULPIT COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS: GENE FRY, GARY COLE, AND GARY HUNSUCKER. THEY CHOSE WADE JERNIGAN TO BRING THE MORNING MESSAGE. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES WAS DONE BY MODERATOR AND THE ASSISTANT MODERATOR. (SEE COMMITTEES)

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS READ AND A MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE THE REPORT. A REPORT WAS GIVEN BY CHARLES ROAM, SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, CONCERNING THE WORK AT HANFORD. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT. (SEE REPORTS) A MOTION WAS SUSTAINED TO TAKE THE TREASURER'S REPORT OFF THE TABLE. MOTION SUSTAIN TO ACCEPT THE REPORT.

PRAYER BY CECIL SPURLOCK.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

THE CONGREGATION SANG "WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER", "ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS", AND "MORE ABOUT JESUS". PRAYER BY EARL MCCULLAR. AN OFFERING FOR THE ASSOCIATION WAS TAKEN, FOLLOWED WITH PRAYER BY BOB PIERCE.

SPECIAL MUSIC WAS RENDERED BY DARWIN KELTON. THE MORNING MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY WADE JERNIGAN, WHOSE TEXT WAS TAKEN FROM ACTS 11:22-26. PRAYER AND BLESSING ON THE NOON MEAL BY HERBERT HOLLEMAN.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

THE CONGREGATION SANG "WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN", LED BY VERN GUNNELS, ACCOMPANIED BY BOB THOMAS, FOLLOWED BY "AMAZING GRACE". PRAYER BY BOB PIERCE.

A DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT WAS GIVEN BY BOB HOPPIE, TAKEN FROM II CORINTHIANS 5:17. ANOTHER OFFERING WAS TAKEN TO SUPPLEMENT THE ASSOCIATION TREASURY.

A REPORT WAS GIVEN ON THE YOUTH CAMP BY DIRECTOR BOB LEEDS. AN ORAL REPORT WAS BY WADE JERNIGAN FROM CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

THE REPORTS WERE GIVEN FROM THE COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS: EXECUTIVE BOARD, RESOLUTION, FINANCE, SUNDAY SCHOOL, TEMPERANCE, AND OBITUARY. (SEE REPORTS)

THE PLACEMENT OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND THE ANNUAL MEETING WERE MADE, WITH THE SPEAKERS AND ALTERNATES ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

CLOVIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SPEAKER: DELMER SCROGGINS

ALTERNATE: BOB HOPPIE

AUGUST 18&19, 1972

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SPEAKER: CHARLES HARRIS

ALTERNATE: JACK WILLIAMS

NOVEMBER 17&18, 1972

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

SELMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SPEAKER: BOB PIERCE

ALTERNATE: DUANE COLVIN

FEBRUARY 16&17, 1973

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SPEAKER: NUEL BROWN

ALTERNATE: WADE JERNIGAN

MAY 18&19, 1973

THE FIVE-YEAR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WAS ELECTED TO BE LONNIE ROLEN. MOTION SUSTAINED TO DISCONTINUE THE REGISTRATION EXCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS. AN ORAL REPORT WAS GIVEN FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE HOME MISSION BOARD, JERRY WATSON.

MOTION SUSTAINED TO ADJOURN. PRAYER BY-ARLIE MILLER.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION

BOB PIERCE
VERN GUNNELS
BEN BUSH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BRAXTON JONES
ARLIE MILLER
CAROLINE O'BANION

FINANCE

RON BRISCOE
BAXTER RAMSEY
DELMA GUNNELS

OBITUARY

SIS. RAMSEY
LINDA WELLS
ALICE GRIMES

TEMPERANCE

BOB HOPPIE
MIKE CULBREATH
PHYLLIS FITE

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT THE ASSOCIATION MINUTES BE PUBLISHED IN BOOK FORM INSTEAD OF SHEET FORM.

2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE GIVE THE HOST CHURCH A HEARTY ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY AND THE DELICIOUS MEAL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE CLERK AND ASSISTANT CLERK MIMEOGRAPH THE ASSOCIATION MINUTES.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE FEEDING FUND BE \$50.00 FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION.

3. 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.

~~4. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE SEND \$25.00 PER QUARTER TO THE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE ACCOUNT OF JESSE DUNN, BOISE, IDAHO.~~

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE SEND \$45.00 PER QUARTER TO THE CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

6. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE MINUTES BE PRINTED ONE FOR EVERY FIVE MEMBERS PER CHURCH.

7. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE CHURCHES SEND THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT OF MONEY, ACCORDING TO MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH 40 - \$15.00 QUARTERLY

\$20.00 ANNUALLY

41 THROUGH 75 - \$20.00 QUARTERLY

\$25.00 ANNUALLY

OVER 75 - \$25.00 QUARTERLY

\$30.00 ANNUALLY

8. THE MONEY WILL BE DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

FEEDING \$200.00

STATE ASSOCIATION (50¢ PER MEMBER)

MINUTES \$150.00

MODERATOR \$10.00

ASSISTANT MODERATOR \$5.00

CLERK-TREASURER \$25.00

ASSISTANT CLERK-TREASURER \$10.00

PRINTING OF PROGRAMS \$12.00

~~MISSIONS (DUNN'S ACCOUNT) \$100.00~~

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE \$180.00

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

1. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE FOLLOW THE RULES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING AND BE TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS; THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS,

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT ALL REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF TOBACCO BECAUSE OF THE DETRIMENT OF THE GOSPEL AND TESTIMONY.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT ALL SHOULD BE FAITHFUL IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL WORSHIP AND BUSINESS FUNCTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT THE CAUSE OF CHRIST MAY BE FURTHERED.

4. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE RENEW AN ATTITUDE OF CONSTANT PRAYER FOR REVIVAL DURING THE COMING YEAR WITHIN THIS ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS THE STATE AND OUR NATION.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. ASK THE KIDS WHAT THEY WANT TO LEARN. IF THEY STUDY WHAT THEY WANT TO, THEY WILL BE MORE INTERESTED.

2. WE RECOMMEND EACH CHURCH HAS SPECIAL TEACHING CLASSES FOR THE TEACHERS.

3. WE NEED TO ALLOCATE MORE MONEY FOR MATERIALS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE CENTER ASSOCIATION MIGHT SPONSOR AN AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY FOR USE BY THE VARIOUS CHURCHES.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

WE, THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE, REPORT THE FOLLOWING WHOM THE LORD HAS TAKEN FROM OUR PRESENCE THIS LAST YEAR: ROY MCALISTER, CALWA; GEORGE LINDSEY, KERMAN; MACIE WILKERSON, SELMA; REV. BILL HUDDLESTON, WARNER HALE, AND WAYNE PALMER, SANGER; MAMIE LITTLE, MMEORIAL; AND REV. JAMES LOVE, HARMONY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. WE RECOMMEND THAT CECIL SPURLOCK BE LICENSED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

2. WE ACCEPT JERRY WEBB IN FELLOWSHIP AS THE NEW PASTOR OF THE ORANGE COVE CHURCH.

3. WE RECOMMEND BOB HOPPIE TO BE LICENSED.

4. DUE TO THE PRESENT RULING OF THE CENTER ASSOCIATION THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR ORDINATION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A PASTOR, EVANGELIST, OR MISSIONARY. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND DARWIN KELTON CONTINUE TO PREACH UNDER LICENSE UNTIL HIS MINISTRY DEMAND ORDINATION.

5. SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 3, 1972: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MET WITH BRO. EDWARD JOHNS AND SIX INTERESTED PERSONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE HANFORD CHURCH. WE AGREED THAT BRO. JOHNS WOULD CARRY ON THE WORK AS PASTOR AS OTHERS HAVE. THE HANFORD CHURCH WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS EXCEPT TAXES (IF NOT EXEMPT) AND INSURANCE. THE HANFORD MISSION HAS THE AUTHORITY TO USE THE PROPERTY AND BUILDING AS THEY SEE FIT.

CENTER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
MAY 1, 1971 TO APRIL 30, 1972

CASH ON DEPOSIT MAY 1, 1971

\$217.78

INCOME

CHURCH DUES	\$ 795.00
OFFERINGS - CENTER ASSOC.	128.00
OFFERINGS - SPECIAL	69.55
EARMARKED FOR HANFORD	235.00
HANFORD INCOME	<u>1,223.51</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$2,451.18

EXPENSES

FOOD FUND	\$160.00
OFFICERS	50.00
CCC ALLOCATION	180.00
HOME MISSIONS	148.50
FOREIGN MISSIONS	37.50
STATE DUES	173.00
STATIONARY SUPPLIES	33.05
PRINTING OF MINUTES	85.00
HANFORD EXPENSES	<u>1,674.68</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$2,591.73

CASH ON DEPOSIT APRIL 30, 1972

\$77.23

OUTSTANDING BILLS

FOOD FUND	\$ 50.00
MISSIONS ALLOCATION	25.00
CCC ALLOCATION	45.00
PRINTING OF PROGRAMS	4.00
HANFORD INSURANCE	106.00
STATE DUES	(50¢ PER MEMBER)

CHURCH CLERKS

CALWA

VIRGINIA BUSH, 2018 S. MAPLE, FRESNO

CLOVIS

MARY KELTON, 4881 E. UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

DEMAREE

SHIRLEY PACE, 1926 S. COURT, VISALIA

HARMONY

MARGARET HYATT, 4668 TAMERA AVE., FRESNO

KERMAN

MANYA BROWN, 556 S. SECOND, KERMAN

MEMORIAL

GLADYS STEVENS, 4047 HUNTINGTON BLVD., FRESNO

NEIGHBORHOOD

SHERRIE HILT, P.O. Box 345, GOSHEN

ORANGE COVE

WINNIE JORDAN, JR., P.O. Box 192, ORANGE COVE

PARLIER

VIDA DAVIS, 302 TUOLUMNE ST., PARLIER

SANGER

BONNIE L. COLVIN, 17790 LONE OAK RD., SANGER

SELMA

JANTICE McCULLAR, 2442 "C" ST., SELMA

< DELEGATES TO THE STATE MEETING >

DARWIN KELTON	MARY KELTON	STAN BARRON
SANDI JONES	ED HYATT	ERNIE MILLER
GENE FRY	MARGARET HYATT	WANDA MILLER
TIM ROLEN	VERLA JERNIGAN	

ORDAINED MINISTER'S ROLL

BROWN, NUEL, 775 S. SECOND ST., KERMAN — *Pastor*
 BUSH, BEN, 2018 S. MAPLE AVE., FRESNO — *Pastor*
 COLVIN, DUANE, 17790 LONE OAK RD., SANGER — *Pastor*
 DUNN, JESSE, BOISE, IDAHO (*moved*)
 ERICKSON, MERYL, 3312 N. EZIE, FRESNO — *Pastor*
 FREEMAN, JOY, 15177 "B" ST., KERMAN
 GUNNELS, VERN, 1033 W. HOUSTON, VISALIA (*Resigned*)
 HARRIS, CHARLES, 4464 N. DUKE, FRESNO — *Pastor*
 JERNIGAN, WADE, 4881 E. UNIVERSITY, FRESNO (*ccc*)
 LOVE, JIM, FRESNO, (DECEASED) —
 MOONEYHAM, JOE, 3400 FAITH HOME RD., CERES
 PIERCE, BOB, 27242 AVENUE 13, MADERA
 PORTER, CECIL, 76 ELIZABETH, REEDLEY
 RAMSEY, G.R., 1418 EVERGREEN, SELMA — *Pastor*
 ROAM, CHARLES, 10681 S. HIGHLAND, SELMA (*Resigned*)
 ROLEN, LONNIE, 2913 E. NORTHDAL, FRESNO — *Pastor*
 SPAIN, DELBERT, 700 ANNADALE, SANGER
 THURMAN, CECIL, 6077 N. CALAVERAS, FRESNO
 TURNER, TROY, CLOVIS
 WATSON, JERRY, 4415 DAMSEN LANE, VISALIA — *Pastor*
 WEBB, JERRY, 1641 S. GEARHART, FRESNO — *Pastor*
 WILKINSON, CLAUDE, 8782 E. DINUBA AVE., SELMA
 WILLIAMS, JACK, 4863 E. NORMAL, FRESNO (*ccc*)
 WINTERS, SAM, 1483 E. FREMONT, FRESNO
 WOOD, L.K., NO ADDRESS

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERS REC'D.	MEMBERS DISM'D.	MEMBERS DECEASED	S.S. ENROLLMENT	C.T.S. ENROLLMENT	TOTAL OFFERING	PASTOR'S SALARY	EVANGELISTIC	BUILDING & REPAIRS	LITERATURE
CALWA	20	11	27	1	32	0	5,498.15	2,360.00	305.60	148.13	
CLOVIS	45	22	3	0	153	35	7,203.43	2,445.80	2,780.00	228.62	
DEMAREE	33	7	2	0	38	19	8,806.00	3,085.00	50.00	3,051.00	167.00
HARMONY	49	49	0	1	90	0	4,800.00	400.00	75.00	200.00	360.00
KERMAN.	208	11	3	1	88	0	12,994.32	6,711.00	1,968.30	617.58	
MEMORIAL	135	24	21	1	151	98	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NEIGHBORHOOD	66	5	0	0	68	22	6,084.98	1,655.00	123.00	2,503.82	550.64
ORANGE COVE	56	6	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PARLIER	35	7	0	0	30	0	2,679.10	1,590.00	100.00	138.00	458.23
SANGER	31	6	2	2	45	0	1,869.22	840.00	67.00	731.59	66.90
SELMA	69	4	0	0	NA	0	10,849.24	5,082.30	100.00	634.89	561.60
TOTALS	747	152	59	6	595	174	60,784.44	24,169.10	515.00	12,313.20	2,858.70

NA - MENAS NO ANSWER GIVEN

OTHER LOCAL EXPENSES	TOTAL LOCAL EXPENSES	CO-OP	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS
2,426.97	5,240.70		95.30	
1,164.94	6,619.36	297.64		
1,770.00	8,133.00	20.00	83.00	237.00
2,100.00	3,250.00	525.00	115.00	
2,250.60	12,361.01	709.53		
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
683.52	5,590.98	56.98	89.55	
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
599.00	2,932.23	15.30	50.00	
371.55	2,077.04			
3,112.86	9,506.51	400.24	279.23	
14,479.44	55,371.83	20.00	2,087.69	866.08

EDUCATION	ASS'N PROJECTS	OTHER OUTSIDE EXPENSES	TOTAL OUTSIDE EXPENSES	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY
		95.30	46,000.00	
160.90	85.00	543.54	25,000.00	
227.00	75.00	684.00	25,000.00	
250.00		890.00		
	105.00	814.53	59,000.00	
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
151.85	85.00	96.84	480.22	24,600.00
NA	NA	NA	NA	21,000.00
		65.30	10,500.00	
89.80		65.00	154.80	13,500.00
209.92		185.26	1,074.65	40,000.00
1,089.47	350.00	347.10	4,802.34	264,600.00

CENTER ASSOCIATION
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
MINUTES

THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CENTER ASSOCIATION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION CONVENED WITH THE NIEGHBORHOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON MARCH 4, 1972, USING "SPIRIT GIVETH LIFE" AS THEIR THEME. MRS. BETTY WATSON PRESIDED AS PRESIDENT.

THE CONVENTION OPENED WITH THE SINGING "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY" UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MRS. JANIS WILLIAMS WITH MRS. MARGIE KENNEDY AT THE PIANO. PRAYER WAS LED BY MRS. LIZZIE STIGGINS.

THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY MRS. MARY KIRKENDOLL AND THE RESPONSE TO THE WELCOME WAS GIVEN BY MRS. GENEVA HATCHER.

THE MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED. THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: JOYCE HORNER, BERNICE OSBORNE, GERTRUDE ZABEL, LIZZIE STIGGINS, AND MARGIE KENNEDY.

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT:

RESOLUTION

MARY KELTON

NETTIE JERNIGAN

SHERRIE HILT

ODESSA NICKEL

VERNA M CULLAR

FINANCE

MARGIE WINTERS

ALMA STIGGINS

LYDEEN YORK

JANIS WILLIAMS

MARY KIRKENDOLL

REGISTRATION

GENEVA HATCHER

SANDI JONES

BERTHA EDWARDS

LOCAL REPORTS WERE READ AND ACCEPTED. PRAYER LED BY MRS. GERTRUDE ZABEL. MOTION CARRIED TO ADJOURN UNTIL 1:30 P.M.

BENEDICTION OFFERED BY MRS. BETTY WATSON.

WORSHIP HOUR

THE SERVICES OPENED WITH THE CONGREGATION SINGING "BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE" DIRECTED BY MRS. JANIS WILLIAMS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. MARGIE KENNEDY. PRAYER WAS LED BY MRS. JUNE ROLAN. OFFERTORIAL PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY MRS. BETTY WATSON.

MRS. JANIS WILLIAMS SANG "SEAL US, O HOLY SPIRIT".

MRS. WINNIE McLAIN BROUGHT THE MESSAGE OF THE HOUR USING THE THEME "SPIRIT GIVETH LIFE" AS HER SUBJECT. THE SCRIPTURE READING WAS TAKEN FROM ROMANS 15: 2 AND JOHN 6:63.

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING ON THE NOON MEAL WAS OFFERED BY MRS. MARY KIRKENDOLL.

AFTERNOON SESSION

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS OPENED WITH THE CONGREGATION SINGING "CLEANSE ME" UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MRS. JANIS WILLIAMS WITH MRS. MARGIE KENNEDY AT THE PIANO. PRAYER WAS LED BY MRS. SHIRLEY IRVING.

MISS DEBE JERNIGAN PRESENTED THE DRAMATIC READING "I HAVEN'T THE TIME". PRAYER WAS LED BY MRS. LYDENE YORK.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS READ AND ACCEPTED. THE REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES WERE READ AND ACCEPTED. (SEE REPORTS)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR WAS CONDUCTED BY MRS. MARY KELTON.

ORAL REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY THE DISTRICT OFFICERS. MOTION CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

BENEDICTION OFFERED BY MRS. JOYCE HORNER.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CONVENTION HAVE TWO MEETINGS PER YEAR. THE ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MARCH AND THE OCTOBER CONVENTION MEETING THE LAST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER.

2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING TIME OF EACH LOCAL AUXILIARY BE PRINTED IN THE MINUTES.

3. BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE GIVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD AUXILIARY A STANDING VOTE OF THANKS FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. WE RECOMMEND THAT EACH LOCAL AUXILIARY REPRESENT WITH \$1.50 PER MEMBER TO BE PAID 75¢ PER MEMBER AT EACH CONVENTION.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE PAY \$10.00 TO OUR GUEST SPEAKERS THAT ARE NOT IN THE DISTRICT.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE GIVE DEBE JERNIGAN \$10.00.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

THERE WERE 28 MEMBERS PRESENT, WITH 2 VISITORS - TOTAL PRESENT: 30.

THE MEMORIAL AUXILIARY WON THE ATTENDANCE PLAGUE PERMANENTLY FOR WINNING IT THREE OUT OF FOUR YEARS.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

WE, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING WOMEN TO SERVE AS OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

PRESIDENT: JUNE ROLAN

2913 E. NORTHDAL, FRESNO, PH. 229-2203

VICE PRESIDENT: MARGIE KENNEDY

2206 $\frac{1}{2}$ STILLMAN STREET, SELMA

SECRETARY-TREASURER: MARJORIE WINTERS
1485 E. FREM AVENUE, FRESNO, PH. 431-2679

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: LYDENE YORK
493 W. KEATS, FRESNO, PH. 222-1012

MISSION PRAYER CHAIRMAN: MARY KELTON
4881 E. UNIVERSITY, FRESNO, PH. 251-0227

MISSION ACTION CHAIRMAN: BETTY WATSON
4415 DAMSEN LANE, VISALIA, PH. 732-7856

FIELD WORKER: GENEVA HATCHER
6112 W. ASHLAN AVENUE, FRESNO, PH. 485-9292

MONTHLY MEETINGS OF OUR LOCAL AUXILIARIES ARE PLACED
AS FOLLOWS:

CLOVIS: SECOND THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M.

KERMAN: SECOND TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

MEMORIAL: SECOND MONDAY, 7:30 P.M.

NEIGHBORHOOD: SECOND TUESDAY, 10:00 A.M.

SELMA: FIRST TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M.

PLACEMENT OF THE CONVENTIONS FOR THE NEXT YEAR ARE
AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST CONVENTION

MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

4141 N. MILLBROOK, FRESNO

OCTOBER 28, 1972

ANNUAL CONVENTION

SELMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

10681 S. HIGHLAND AVE., SELMA

MARCH 3, 1973

CENTER ASSOCIATION
C.T.S. MINUTES

THE CENTER ASSOCIATION C.T.S. RALLY CONVENED WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH ON APRIL 15, 1972. THE CONGREGATION SANG "I AM THINE, O LORD" LED BY VERN GUNNELS AND ACCOMPANIED BY MARK KELTON. WE WERE THEN LED IN PRAYER BY JERRY WATSON. THE CONGREGATION SANG "HAVE THINE OWN WAY". THE RALLY WAS GIVEN A WARM WELCOME BY KATHY WATSON AND A HEART STIRRING DEVOTION WAS GIVEN BY DAN STEIGMAN.

THE PRESIDENT THEN APPOINTED THE RESOLUTION AND FINANCE COMMITTEES. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS ELECTED FROM THE FLOOR. THE COMMITTEES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION

GARY HUNSUCKER
DONETTE LACEFIELD
SHIRLEY IRVING
MARK KELTON

FINANCE

VERN GUNNELS
DEBE JERNIGAN
KATHY WATSON
LOU ANN YANDELL

NOMINATING

SUZIE IRVING
WANDA PACE
JACK WILLIAMS
BRENDA YORK

AFTER THE APPOINTING OF THE COMMITTEES, QUIZ LEADER, SHIRLEY PACE, CONDUCTED A MOCK TIC-TAC-TOE GAME. THE MEMORIAL TEAM PLAYED REV. LONNIE ROLEN, REV. JACK WILLIAMS, TIM ROLEN, AND CINDY LINDSEY. THE MEMORIAL TEAM IMMERGED VICTORIOUS. EVERY HEART WAS TOUCHED AND CHALLENGED AS MARK KELTON GAVE A DECLAMATION ENTITLED "WHAT CAN ONE MAN DO?" WE WERE THEN DISMISSED IN PRAYER BY NANCY LITTLE.

WE GATHERED TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN AND UNITED OUR HEARTS IN SINGING "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE". TIM ROLEN LED US ALL IN PRAYER.

THE PRESIDENT THEN CALLED US INTO THE BUSINESS SESSION. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND THE TREASURER'S REPORT WERE READ AND ACCEPTED.

THE FINANCE AND RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE READ AND ACCEPTED. (SEE REPORTS)

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT WAS READ AND THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED:

PRESIDENT: TIM ROLAN

VICE PRESIDENT: DAN STEIGMAN

SECRETARY-TREASURER: DEBE JERNIGAN

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: KATHY WATSON

QUIZ LEADER: CHERYL ROGERS

MUSICIAN: MARK KELTON

SPONSORS: JERRY AND BETTY WATSON

THE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED THAT WE SET THE PLACE FOR ALL OUR RALLIES AT EACH ANNUAL RALLY. A MOTION TO DO SO WAS MADE BY CHERYL ROGERS AND SECONDED BY JACK WILLIAMS. MOTION WAS SUSTAINED. THE RALLIES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

OCTOBER 14, 1972 - MEMORIAL

JANUARY 13, 1973 - CLOVIS

APRIL 14, 1973 - DEMAREE

THERE WAS THEN A DISCUSSION ON JULY DUES. IT WAS DECIDED THAT NO JULY DUES BE PAID.

WE WERE THEN DISMISSED IN PRAYER BY LONNIE ROLAN.

THE WORSHIP HOUR BEGAN WITH THE CONGREGATION SINGING "HE IS ABLE TO DELIVER THEE", LED BY VERN GUNNELS AND ACCOMPANIED BY MARK KELTON. KATHY WATSON RENDERED A SPECIAL BY SINGING "HE WASHED MY EYES WITH TEARS". DAN STEIGMAN THEN BLESSED THE HEARTS OF EVERYONE PRESENT AS HE SANG "HOW ABOUT YOUR HEART?"

THE SERVICE WAS THEN GIVEN TO GOD'S MAN HOUR, REV. JACK L. WILLIAMS, BY TIM ROLAN. BROTHER WILLIAMS USED THE

THEME "WHO AM I?" TAKING HIS TEXT FROM PSALM 8:3-6. WE WERE THEN DISMISSED IN PRAYER AND THE NOON MEAL BLESSED BY REV. VERN GUNNELS.

THE NOON MEAL WAS PROVIDED BY THE HOST CHURCH.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION:

1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE GIVE THE HOST CHURCH A STANDING VOTE OF THANKS.

2. BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE CANCEL THE JULY RALLY BECAUSE IT CONFLICTS WITH THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

FINANCE:

WE, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, RECOMMEND THAT \$5.00 BE GIVEN TO THE GUEST SPEAKER OF THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

NOMINATING:

GIVEN IN PRECEDING REPORT.

RULES OF ORDER

1. THE MODERATOR OR ASSISTANT MODERATOR, OR IN THIER 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 SIT AS ADVISORY MEMBERS.
5. THOSE WHO SPEAK SHALL RISE AND ADDRESS THE MODERATOR. PERSONAL REFLECTION SHALL BE AVOIDED IN ALL DEBATES.
6. IF ANY PROPOSITIONS 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 VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CENTER ASSOCIATION SHALL CONSIST OF THREE DELEGATES FROM EACH LOCAL CHURCH. STANDING DELEGATES SHALL BE CHURCH CLERKS AND ALL ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR WIVES AND ORDAINED DEACONS AND THEIR WIVES AND UNMARRIED WIDOWS OF DECEASED ORDAINED MEMBERS--ALL IN GOOD STANDING.

ARTICLE IV

AT THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS EACH CHURCH SHALL REPRESENT WITH A LETTER LISTING ALL THEIR DELEGATES AND REQUIRED DUES. AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, ALL STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR EACH CHURCH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THEIR LETTER.

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 ANY CHURCH WHO FEELS THAT HE HAS BEEN UNJUSTLY CHARGED. SAID APPEAL SHALL HAVE BEEN WRITTEN AND PROPERLY SIGNED BY THE PERSON OR BODY MAKING THE APPEAL.

ARTICLE VI

THE CENTER ASSOCIATION SHALL HOLD ONE MEETING ANNUALLY AND THREE MEETINGS QUARTERLY, DATE AND PLACES TO BE SELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETINGS.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS - THE OFFICERS OF THE CENTER ASSOCIATION SHALL CONSIST OF THE MODERATOR, ASSISTANT MODERATOR, CLERK, ASSISTANT CLERK, AND TREASURER, EACH OF WHOM SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE OPENING OF EACH SETTING OF THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION.

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:

- (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 THE 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 THE 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 SUCCESSORS ARE APPOINTED.

ARTICLE XII

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..