

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**GOLDEN GATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**1950**

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Proceedings of the  
**THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**  
**CONVENED AT RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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The next Annual Session will meet with Turlock Church, Turlock, California, beginning on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in April, 1951.

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator.....Eld. F. A. McCage  
1208 Eugene, Modesto, Calif.  
Assistant Moderator.....Eld. Truman Huddleston  
Corner Lander & C, Turlock, Calif.  
Clerk ..... Mae Graham  
Route 3, Box 0, Turlock, Calif.  
Assistant Clerk.....Sybil Sweeten  
Gen. Del., Turlock, Calif.  
Treasurer.....Eld. Wiley Gregory  
Route 1, Box 1118, Ceres, Calif.  
Statistician ..... Kelly Adkins  
Route 2, Box 132, Ceres, Calif.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Eld. F. A. McCage.....5 Years  
1208 Eugene, Modesto, Calif.  
Eld. J. P. Pierce.....4 Years  
Route 2, Firebaugh, Calif.  
Eld. George McLain.....3 Years  
440 S. 24th St., 1B, Richmond, Calif.  
Pete Connor .....2 Years  
Waterman Park, Apt. B 24, Fairfield, Calif.  
Quincy Moore .....1 Year  
2050 Mariposa Rd., Stockton, Calif.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator
3. Letters called for, read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates
5. Election of Officers
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading Rules of Order
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council
9. Appointment of Committees
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Reports of Committees
13. Miscellaneous Business

## **RULES OF ORDER**

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator or in their absence the oldest minister present shall call the Association into 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 quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

5. Those who speak shall arise 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 discussions 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 first been discussed in its own church.

12. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

# PROCEEDINGS

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## Thursday Night Service

Service opened with song service led by Arlie Miller. Prayer by Eld. J. L. Waltman. The Auxiliary Week of Prayer Committee rendered a very impressive service on the theme "Advancing With Christ," Sister Goldia Priest as leader, following prayer by Eld. F. A. McCage. Special in song rendered by Richmond quartette. Eld. F. A. McCage brought introductory message; subject, "Immorality of Man." Everyone enjoyed the good message. Prayer by Eld. I. W. Yandell. Eld. Geo. McLain, pastor of the host church, assigned homes to visiting delegates. Closing prayer by Eld. Sutton.

## Friday Morning Session

Service opened with singing led by Eld. Clinton Wood. Assistant Moderator Eld. Truman Huddleston read 5th chapter of St. John as a lesson. Prayer by Eld. W. M. Johnston. Moderator Eld. Geo. McLain called conference into session. Rules of order read by Moderator Eld. Geo. McLain. A temporary Pulpit Committee appointed of Bro's. Quincy Moore, Pete Connor and J. V. Meek, who reported Eld. Néal Moore and Eld. O. H. Doss for the eleven o'clock hour. Letters called for, read, received and delegates seated from Modesto, Richmond, Salinas, Turlock. Two churches, Chowchilli and Firebaugh, who's delegates were unable to represent, sent letters and finance and were accepted by motion of body.

### Officers elected as follows:

Moderator: Eld. F. A. McCage, 1208 Eugene, Modesto.

Assistant Moderator: Eld. Truman Huddleston, Corner Lander & C, Turlock.

Clerk: Mae Graham, R. 3, Box 0, Turlock.

Assistant Clerk: Sybil Sweeten, Gen. Del., Turlock.

Treasurer: Eld. Wiley Gregory, R 1 Box 118, Ceres.

Petitionary letters called for. Winters and Hughson churches responded with letters and delegates. Letters read and delegates seated. Rules of Order read by Moderator Eld. F. A. McCage. Visitors welcomed: Eld. and Mrs. I. W. Yandell, Andrew Roberts, Herman Hupp, W.

Lawless, Doris McAllister, A. E. Woolery, Eld. R. L. Groves, Eld. O. H. Doss, Eld. Bud Davis and D. Arthur Yandell. Motion carried that chair appoint all committees. Appointed as follows:

**Business:**

Eld. J. L. Waltman, H. G. Harris, L. H. Adkins, Pete Connor and J. B. Meek.

**Pulpit:**

Eld. Geo. McLain, Quincy Moore, Leo Shelton and Bud Jenkins.

**Resolutions:**

Eld. Geo. McLain, Eld. W. M. Johnston, D. G. Lynch, Eld. G. H. Constant and Sy Mashburn.

**Finance:**

Eld. J. E. Sweeten, Shirley Miller, Ada Jones, Eld. W. H. Kellison and Dock Hallford.

**Obituary:**

Wanda Miller, Edna Hardwick, G. Hendrick and Della Constant.

**Temperance:**

Eld. Wiley Gregory, Luther Jones and Floyd Smith.

**Sunday School:**

Eld. John Montgomery, J. F. Flannery and Josephine Rayney.

**Publication:**

Mattie Haver, Mae Wilson and K. R. Adkins.

**Home Missions:**

Cleota Shelton, Geta Montgomery and Frances Van-Horn.

Eld Truman Huddleston tendered his resignation as 3-year man on the Executive Board and same was accepted. Eld. Geo. McLain was elected to fill the vacancy. Eld. F. A. McCage was elected as 5-year man on the Executive Board. Eld. Arthur Downs' term as 1-year man terminated. Examining Board's report read and received (see reports). Adjournment motion to one o'clock carried. Closing prayer by W. B. Lawless.



## **Eleven O'clock Service**

Song service led by Bro. Jones. Prayer by Bro. G. D. Lentz. Specials in song rendered by mixed quartette and Salinas Church. Eld's. Neal Moore and O. H. Doss gave the eleven o'clock message using I John 3:1. Good messages. Closed for lunch hour. Prayer by Eld. Truman Huddleston.

## **Friday Afternoon Session**

Assistant Moderator Eld. Truman Huddleston read part of the 8th chapter of Romans as lesson. Prayer by Eld. Bud Davis. Home Mission report read and received (see reports). Motion carried as the Chowchilli Church delegates could not be present same would be accepted by letter and finance.

As some were compelled to leave motion carried that we suspend business for the ordination service of deacons of Charles Van Horn, Andrew Rayney and Dock Hallford. Council was Eld. Neal Moore, Eld Ben Johnson, Eld. F. A. McCage, Eld. Wiley Gregory and Eld Geo. McLain. Eld. F. A. McCage gave the charge; ordaining prayer by Eld. Geo. McLain. Examining Committee's report read and received (see reports). Pulpit Committee reported Eld. I. W. Yandell for the evening service. Temperance Committee's report read and received. Publication Committee's report read and received. Home Mission Committee's report read and received. Finance Committee's report read and received. Sunday School Committee's report read and received. Business Committee's report read and received. Obituray Committee's report read and received. (See reports.) Standing moment of silent prayer concluded by Eld. F. A. McCage. Treasurer's report read and received (see report). New treasurer elected, Eld. Wiley Gregory. Statistician elected, K. R. Adkins. As the ordination papers of Eld. Clyde Rutledge were turned in to the Associational Clerk stating he was no longer a member of our denomination, motion carried that we no longer recognize him as a Free Will Baptist minister and that this be forwarded to the State Association.

Meeting places of the Golden Gate Association as follows:

First Quarterly Meeting Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in July at Salinas; Eld's. J. E. Sweeten and Wiley Gregory Introductory speakers. 2nd Quarterly

Meeting Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in October at Modesto; Eld's. Clinton Wood and R. L. Fullilove Introductory speakers. 3rd Quarterly Meeting Thursday night before 2nd Sunday in January 1951, at Hughson; Eld's. Luther Jones and W. M. Johnston Introductory speakers. Fourth Yearly Meeting on Thursday night before 2nd Sunday in April, 1951 at Turlock; Eld's. Leo Shelton and Geo McLain as Introductory speakers.

Delegates elected to State Association as follows: Bro. and Sis. Cox, Geta Montgomery, E. L. McDonald, Coeta Shelton, Sy Mashburn, Tommy Montgomery. Alternates: D. G. Lynch, K. R. Adkins, J. M. Chappell, Billy Jo Adkins, Edna Cardwell, Mattie Haver, Jaunita Miller.

Motion carried that we indorse the move to move the setting of the State Association from April to June, and that pastors terms be terminated from April to June. Motion carried we accept the call of the Modesto church for the next setting of the State Association. Standing vote of thanks given all retiring officers. Motion carried chair express thanks to host church for the hospitality shown visiting delegates. Minutes read and approved. Adjournment motion carried. Closing prayer by Billy Jo Adkins.

Eld. F. A. McCage, Moderator  
Mae Graham, Clerk

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### Obituary:

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to report that God in His infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call from our midst just two; Murl Collinson of Winter's Church, and Merritt Hallford of the Richmond Church, the past year.

Edna Hardwick, Chairman

### Home Missions:

We of the Home Mission Committee find the women in most of the churches have a new organization called Ladies Auxiliary, and have not had sufficient time to make a report.

Coeta Shelton, Chairman

### Publication:

We, your Committee on Publication, beg leave to report we recommend that we should support our publishing houses by using papers and supplies, and that we should do our best to obtain a publishing house as soon as possible.

Mattie Haver, Chairman

### Sunday School:

We recommend each child under 12 years memorize a verse each Sunday from the Bible for the Sunday School. We urge all parents to take their children to Sunday School instead of sending them. We also recommend Free Will Baptist literature in all our Sunday Schools. We also recommend it be taught as Sunday School instead of Sabbath School.

Josephine Raney, Chairman

### Temperance:

Be it resolved that we abstain from the use of tobacco in the church house or on porches and at all times look after our brothers and sisters in brotherly love. Also, be it resolved that all Free Will Baptists abstain from going into or patronizing places that display intoxicating beverages.

Eld. Wiley Gregory, Chairman



### **Treasurer's Report:**

Received from Association.....	\$143.00
Received from Delmar Priest.....	32.00
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	\$175.00
Paid Moderator.....	\$10.00
Paid Clerk.....	10.00
State Association expense.....	55.00
Minutes .....	75.00
Ordination Blanks.....	1.65
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	\$151.65
Balance in treasury.....	23.40
In Evangelistic fund.....	25.00
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Total .....	\$ 48.40

### **Finance:**

We, your Committee on Finance, report we find total expense of our association this year, \$160.00; balance in treasury \$23.40; making a total of \$186.40 in treasury.

Be it recommended we send \$55.00 with our letter to the State Association as recommended by the Business Committee of the State Association.

Eld. J. E. Sweeten, Chairman

### **Business Committee:**

The business Committee has just witnessed the confessions of Elders John Montgomery, G. H. Constant and W. H. Collison in their handshaking and confessions one to another and all differences of the past are settled once and forever. From henceforth we are brethren.

Eld. J. L. Waltman, Chairman

### **Statistician:**

As statistician of Golden Gate Association I wish to make the following report. I find we have 8 churches with a total membership of 636 and that we have 5 church buildings with a value of \$77,500.00. We have 21 ordained ministers, 10 licensed ministers, and 34 deacons.

Pete Connor, Statistician

### **Executive Board:**

We have examined and recommend for license to preach Leo Shelton and Sy Mashburn, and the license to

preach of Billy Jo Adkins be extended. We recommend as deacons Chas. Van Horn, Andrew Raney, Dock Hallford and R. C. Watts. We have examined for ordination to the ministry Clinton Wood and Bryant Montgomery. We find them sound in faith and doctrine and practice, but due to their youth we recommend they carry license a while longer.

Eld. F. A. McCage, Chairman

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## CHURCH REPORTS

### Richmond:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 61; total membership, 146; condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School and League, good; average number of Sunday School pupils, 140; League membership, 16; Auxiliary membership, 15; amount paid pastor, \$3,315.00; evangelist, \$735.90; building and repair \$10,749.03; value church property, \$25,000.00; foreign missions, \$39.60; incidentals, \$429.80.

Eld. Geo. McLain, Pastor  
Goldia Priest, Clerk

### Turlock:

State of religion, good; members received this year, 36; total membership, 152; condition of prayer meeting, Sunday School and league, good; average Sunday School attendance, 115; league membership, 50; auxiliary membership, 18; amount paid pastor, \$2,600.00; evangelist, \$201.00; value church property, \$30,000.00; building and repair, \$3,380.00; incidentals, \$176.00.

Eld. Truman Huddleston, Pastor  
Neva Parker, Clerk

### Modesto:

State of religion, good; number received this year, 72; total membership, 151; condition of Sunday School, league and auxiliary, good; average number in Sunday School for year, 103; league membership, 46; auxiliary membership, 16; value church property, \$14,000.00; paid as building and repair, \$3,217.82; pastor, \$3,120.00; evangelist, \$275.49.

Eld. F. A. McCage, Pastor  
Evelyn Adkins, Clerk

**Firebaugh:**

State of religion, good; number received this year, 22; total membership, 75; value church property, \$4,500.00; paid-pastor, \$556.45; evangelist, \$320.43; building and repair, \$525.68; home mission, \$25.10; condition of Sunday School, prayer meeting and league, good; average number of Sunday School attendance, 40; league membership, 33.

Eld. J. L. Waltman, Pastor  
Eupria Muse, Clerk

**Winters:**

State of religion, good; number received this year, 12; value church property, \$4,000.00; total membership, 38; condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting, good.

Eld. W. H. Cullison, Pastor  
Della Constant, Clerk

**Salinas:**

State of religion, good; number received this year, 30; total membership, 30; paid pastor, \$40.00; evangelist, \$130.76; building and repairs, \$12.34; budget money, \$497.87; incidentals, \$90.51; condition of Sunday School, good; average number, 50; prayer meeting, good; league membership, 12.

Neal Moore, Pastor  
Neakita Snowder, Clerk

**Chowchilli:**

State of religion, good; number received this year, 20; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 34; paid pastor, \$51.15; evangelist, \$47.00; for rent of church building, \$241.00; song books, \$11.00; Sunday School literature, \$14.00.

Joy Freeman, Pastor  
Bertie Rial, Clerk

**Hughson:**

Organized March 30, 1950, with 24 members including two ordained ministers and two ordained deacons. State of religion, excellent; total membership, 34; prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, very good—organized April 2 with 42 members; ground for church building has been donated and plan to start building in next few weeks.

Eld. John Montgomery, Pastor  
Leo Shelton, Clerk

## MINISTERS' REGISTER

### Ordained:

Eld. Neal Moore.....	Castorville, Calif., Box 236
Eld. I. W. Yandell.....	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Eld. John Montgomery.....	Hughson, Calif.
Eld. Robert Groves.....	Selma, Calif.
Eld. Wiley Gregory.....	Ceres, Calif., R 1, Box 1118
Eld. Luther Jones.....	Salinas, Calif., 516 W. Market
Eld. W. M. Johnston.....	Salinas, Calif., 731 Terrace
Eld. R. L. Fullilove.....	Turlock, Calif., 125 Syeruse
Eld. Truman Huddleston.....	Turlock, Calif., Lander & C
Eld. J. E. Sweeten.....	Turlock, Calif., Gen. Del.
Eld. Geo. McLain.....	Richmond, Calif., 440 S 24 1-B
Eld. F. A. McCage.....	Modesto, Calif., 1208 Eugene Ave.
Eld. G. H. Constant.....	Winters, Calif., Box 533
Eld. O. H. Doss.....	Kerman, Calif., Box 61
Eld. Bud Davis.....	Selma, Calif., Box 21
Eld. J. L. Waltman.....	Turlock, Calif., 145 8th St.
Eld. Arvel Wollery.....	Selma, Calif., Box 326
Eld. W. H. Collison.....	Copay, Calif

### Licensed:

Billy Jo Adkins.....	Ceres, Calif., R 2, Box 114
Sy Mashburn.....	Stockton, Calif., 1811 E. 8th St.
Leo Shelton.....	Hughson, Calif., Box 506
Davie L. McCalister.....	Kerman, Calif., R 2, Box F
Herman Hupp.....	Selma, Calif., Box 65
Kyle Sraggs.....	San Francisco, Calif.
Burnis Nichols.....	Richmond, Calif.
W. B. Montgomery.....	Turlock, Calif.
Clinton Wood.....	Turlock, Calif.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God-Head or Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Gen. 17:1; I John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures, and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any

ability we possess by nature.—Eph. 5:1, 19.

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the Life, Resurrection, Ascension and Intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.—Matt. 24:13; 2:10.

6. That the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matt. 25:46.

7. That Baptism and the Lord's supper, and the washing of the saints' feet are the Ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects and the only proper mode of Baptism is Immersion.—Mark 1:4, 9, 10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or the Lord's day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in case of necessity or mercy.—Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order; those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; I Thes. 4:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor of God.—John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by his repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted.—Acts 20:21; I Tim. 2:5, 6; John 3:14-16; I Cor. 15:20, 22; Romans 5:15.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—John 10:7; I Pet. 3:21.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table.—1 Cor. 1:1, 11, 27, 28; John 17:11.



## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures; secret prayer family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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 Schools, 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.

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