

**Minutes**  
of the  
*Golden Gate Association*  
of  
*Free Will Baptists*  
**1956**

**Proceedings of the  
NINTH ANNUAL SESSION  
Convened at Richmond, California  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
May 25-26, 1956**

The next annual session will meet with the Campbell Church, Campbell, California, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in May, 1957.

# Minutes

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Held With

Richmond Church, Richmond, California

May 25-26, 1956

## OFFICERS

Moderator ..... Rev. O. H. Doss  
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Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Ralph Hampton  
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Clerk & Treasurer ..... Mrs. Mae Graham  
651 - 8th Street, Turlock, California, Phone ME 4-3322  
Assistant Clerk ..... Mrs. Jo Hupp  
3719 Texas St., Riverbank, California, Phone UN 9-2253

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Dean Moore ..... 5 Years  
5956 Monterey Ave., Richmond 9, California  
Rev. Ralph Hampton ..... 4 Years  
2202 N. 6th, Ceres, California, Phone KE 7-1461  
Rev. Roy Pembroke ..... 3 Years  
1852 Alvarado Ave., Walnut Creek, California  
Rev. Truman N. Huddleston ..... 2 Years  
8090 W. Cererri Ave., Riverdale, California  
Rev. E. E. Morris ..... 1 Year  
1726 Lincoln Ave., Richmond, California

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon
2. House called to order by Moderator
3. Letters called for, read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of 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 with 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

## Thursday Night Service

The Golden Gate Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Richmond Church, Richmond, California, May 25-26, 1956, for the ninth annual session. Called to order in song service led by Lester Purcer of Richmond, with Mournna Poe and Glenda Purcer at the piano and organ. Prayer by Rev. T. N. Huddleston. Richmond quartet rendered two numbers in song. Prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss of Modesto. Solo "Each Step Of The Way" by Mary Moore of Richmond.

Moderator, Rev. O. H. Doss introduced speaker, Rev. George McLain of Campbell. Using the 27th chapter of Acts, he preached a very interesting message.

Host Pastor assigned delegates to homes. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 AM, Friday, May 25, 1956. Benediction by Rev. Ralph Hampton.

## Friday Morning - 9:30 AM

Called to order in song service led by Rev. Wade Jernigan of Kerman, California. Prayer by Rev. H. D. Gentry of Dorris, California.

Rev. Dean Moore of Richmond, read as scripture lesson I Coll. 13:1-10. Letters were accepted and delegates seated from Modesto, Turlock, Salinas, North Modesto, Campbell, Merced, Dorris, Hughson, Hawthorne, Rodeo, Concord, Martinez, Riverbank, Stockton, Richmond, Winters. Petitionary letters called for. El Sobrante, Antioch and Oakland responded with letters, delegates seated. Motion carried Chair appoint all committees.

Committee were appointed as follows:

### PULPIT

J. V. Meek  
Pete Connor  
Leo Jackson  
Bertha Lohspeach  
Tony Moore

### FINANCE

E. L. Floyd  
Rev. Bobbie Brown  
Rev. Roy Pembroke  
Rev. T. N. Huddleston  
Kelly Adkins

### RESOLUTION

Rev. Dean Moore  
Rev. E. E. Morris  
Rev. H. D. Gentry  
Rev. J. L. Waltman  
Rev. Benny Brown

### OBITUARY

Loretha Ferea  
Sue Blevins  
Laverne Romines  
Mary Armstrong  
Emma Jean Nelson

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. J. C. Wood

Bob Smith

Rev. Johnnie Priest

Evelyn Adkins

Hazel Sweeten

Motion carried all churches to be listed in minutes whether represented or not. Pulpit committee reports Rev. E. E. Morris of Richmond, to bring 11 o'clock message.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator ..... Rev. O. H. Doss

Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Ralph Hampton

Clerk, Treasurer ..... Mrs. Mae Graham

Assistant Clerk ..... Mrs. Jo Hupp

Adjournment motion to 1:30 PM carried. Benediction by Rev. J. S. Cox.

### Friday Morning - 11:30 AM

Song "He Keeps Me Singing" was led by Mary Moore of Richmond, accompanied by Mary Armstrong. Prayer by Rev. Bennie Brown. Rev. E. E. Morris, Richmond, brought the message using John 8:12 as his text. His subject was "Light". Wonderful message. Solo by Mary Moore. Benediction by J. Q. Moore. Lunch served by host church.

### Friday Afternoon - 1:30 PM

Song service led by Rev. Garrett Pusley of Salinas. Duet by Rev. Clinton Wood and Mignon Priest. Devotional lesson read from Phil. 3:1-14 by Rev. Ralph Hampton, Modesto. Prayer by Rev. Johnnie Priest, Rodeo.

Motion carried that Examining Committee be elected for this session. Election as follows: Rev. L. A. Lawson, Rev. J. S. Cox, Rev. Clinton Wood, Frank Hoffman and Rev. I. L. Boggs.

Delegates elected to State Association were: Emma Jean Nelson, Hazel Sweeten, Gertrude Knight, Bob Smith, Virginia Peevyhouse, Edith Young and Evelyn Adkins. Alternates were: Kelly Adkins, Wesley Nelson, Betty Keith, Beatrice Twilly, Ollie Hoover, Bill Keys and Nellie Gordonair.

Sunday School report was read and received. Obituary report read and received with silent prayer concluded by singing "In The Sweet Bye and Bye". See reports.

Treasury report read and accepted with the understanding that Group I be allowed to withdraw their quarterly meeting deposits of \$242.55, since Group II has a separate quarterly meeting treasury.



Financial report read with amendment that each quarterly meeting group contribute \$50.00 to Host church at this session.

Letter from Group I read. Resolution I passed. (See resolutions).

Motion carried that each quarterly meeting group report by letter to the Annual Session, instead of individual letters from churches. Quarterly Meeting letters to include names of 3 delegates from each church, also statistical reports.

Next annual session will be held in May, 1957, at Campbell, California. Rev. Ralph Hampton and Rev. Estell Sweeten were elected speakers.

Rev. Dean Moore was elected as 5-year man on the Executive Board. By request the resignation of Rev. Neal Moore as 1-year man accepted. Rev. E. E. Morris, Richmond, elected to fill the unexpired term as 1-year man.

Pulpit committee reports Rev. H. D. Gentry of Dorris, as speaker for evening service, to be followed by Rev. Wade Jernigan of Kerman.

Letter read from minority group of Chowchilla church. Motion carried that minority group from Chowchilla church be accepted as being in good standing and their delegates seated, and deal with the church.

Financial report read and accepted. Examining Committee report read and received. Executive Board report read and received. (See reports). Motion to adjourn to 9:30 AM, Saturday. Benediction by Rev. J. L. Waltman.

Ordination service held for Homer Armstrong of Hawthorn, Nevada. Rev. E. E. Morris gave the charge. Ordaining council: Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. O. H. Doss, Rev. Ralph Hampton. Rev. O. H. Doss gave ordaining prayer.

#### Friday Night - 7:30 PM

Song service led by Lester Purser, Richmond, accompanied by Mournia Poe. Solo, "Beautiful Garden" by Kathryn Underwood. Oakland quintet rendered "Christ Arose" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Richmond quartet sang "I'm A Private In The Army Of The Lord", "Teach Me Lord To Wait" and "Why Did Jesus Have To Bleed And Die?". Prayer by Brother Beard. Rev. H. D. Gentry of Doris, took stand using Luke 9:23. Theme: "Must Jesus Bear His Cross Alone?", followed by Rev. Wade Jernigan of Kerman. Very inspiring messages. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

## **Saturday Morning - 9:30 AM**

Song service led by Edgar Gatton, with Verla Fay Pembroke at piano. Rev. Roy Pembroke read the lesson from Heb. 2:1-11. Prayer by Rev. Clinton Wood of Concord.

Motion that League Board be elected. Those elected were: Rev. E. E. Morris, Rev. Bobby Brown, Edgar Caton, Bud Jenkins, Rev. Gloster Barlow, E. L. Floyd and Rev. Clinton Wood. Resolution No. II and III carried.

Pulpit Committee reports Rev. Ralph Hampton as speaker for the 11 o'clock hour. 10 minute intermission. Prayer by Rev. Bobby Brown.

Song service led by Rev. Clinton Wood. Prayer by Brother Mustang. Duet by Rev. Clinton Wood and Mignon Priest "Let Me Lose Myself And Find It Lord In Thee."

Elder Ralph Hampton spoke on "Religion versus Christianity". Wonderful message.

Motion carried to adjourn. Prayer by Pete Robertson.

Rev. O. H. Doss, Moderator  
Mrs. Mae Graham, Clerk

# 1956-57 MEETINGS

## GROUP I

August, 1956, Merced. Speakers: Rev. Earl Jenson and Rev. Sam Winters.

November, 1956, Hughson. Speakers: Rev. Gloster Barlow and Rev. Merle Erickson.

February, 1957, North Modesto. Speakers: Rev. Herman Hupp and Rev. J. L. Waltman.

## GROUP II

August, 1956, Concord. Speakers: Rev. Frank Hoffman and Bethel Robertson.

November, 1956, Campbell. Speakers: Rev. Dean Moore and Rev. Neal Moore.

February, 1957, Martinez. Speakers: Rev. Garrett Pusley and Rev. Clinton Wood.

*Group I Clerk*-Mrs. Mae Graham, 651 - 8th Street, Turlock. MErcury 4-3322.

*Group II Clerk*-Mrs. Mildred Bedell, 1401 Coalinga Avenue, Richmond. BEacon 5-2862.

Those ordained in quarterly meetings as follows:

August, 1955—

Gloster Barlow, Turlock, (Minister)  
Bill Kelton, Modesto, (Minister)

November, 1955—

Virgle Wilson, Chowchilla, (Minister)  
Millard Dunson, Greenfield, (Deacon)

February, 1956—

John Farmby, Merced, (Deacon)  
Paul Kennedy, Richmond, (Deacon)  
Frank Hoffman, Richmond, (Minister)

Those licensed for the ministry were as follows:

August 1955—

W. C. Hammersley  
Homer Armstrong, Hawthorn  
Virgin Mustain, Richmond  
Russell Hicks, Richmond



## REPORTS

### *SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE*

We recommend, that this body send a letter to the National Association Sunday School Board for a graded series of Sunday School literature.

Rev. Clinton Wood, Chairman

### *OBITUARY COMMITTEE*

We, the obituary committee, find that God has seen fit to call from our midst the following dear souls: Georgia Dollarhide, Concord; Hildegard Russell, Richmond; Bertha Spurlock, Maudie O'Hanlon, Maggie Daniels, Nora Taylor and John W. Barnes, Turlock Sidney Frazer, Stockton; Emil Davidson, Hughson; Arnold Phelon, Firebaugh.

We, the committee, request a moment of silent prayer in memory of these, followed by congregation singing "In The Sweet Bye And Bye."

Loretha Ferea, Chairman

### *EXECUTIVE BOARD*

The Executive Board of the Golden Gate Association is happy to report a very successful year in the service for the Lord. Your Executive Board has organized six new Free Will Baptist churches during the past year. They are: Greenfield, North Modesto, Freedom, Antioch, Oakland and El Sobrante. The complete minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board may be seen by anyone requesting to see them.

Rev. Dean Moore, Clerk

### *TREASURY REPORT*

		PAID OUT	
Bal. carried fw'd	\$270.84	State Ass'n	\$105.00
May deposit	306.70	Ass'nl Minutes	130.00
Auxiliary Minutes	25.00	Host Church	75.00
Babbitt pd. on loan	20.00	Ntl Hdqtrs	50.00
Gp. I Qtly Mtgs.	242.55	Paid Moderator	10.00
		Paid Clerk	20.00
		Paid Ass't Clerk	10.00
Total Receipts	\$865.09	Flowers	
Receipts	\$865.09	Daniels funeral	7.80
Paid Out	587.90	Davis funeral	5.20
Bal. on hand	\$277.19	Blanks, Stationery	5.00
		Exec. Board exp.	169.90
		Total Paid Out	\$587.90

## *FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT*

We, the Finance Committee, recommend each Quarterly Meeting represent with \$.70 per member at the next annual meeting:

For Minutes	\$175.00
State Association	130.00
Officers' Expense	65.00
Executive Board expense	200.00
Host Church	200.00

E. L. Floyd, Chairman

## *EXAMINING COMMITTEE*

We, the examining committee, have examined the following and have found them doctrinally sound and recommend for ordination as ministers: Boyd Allen of Concord, Russell Hicks of Oakland, Walter Bedell of Richmond, Homer Armstrong of Hawthorne, Glen Smith of Antioch, W. T. Cantrell of Antioch. We recommend for ordination as deacon, Truman Howe of Concord.

## *RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution I Recommendation to G. G. Ass'n. annual meeting. Motion that each church report by letter to each meeting all of the ordained ministers and deacons that are tithers and those who are not. We request that this motion be adopted and placed in the minutes.

Resolution II Be it resolved that this body give to this church and to the El Sobrante church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality during this Association.

Resolution III Be it resolved that the league board be instructed to work with the Quarterly Meetings and league sponsors of the various churches to coordinate the league work in the Golden Gate Association and that they be authorized to make provisions for youth encampment in 1957.

Rev. E. E. Morris, Chairman

## *COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN*

### *Executive Boards*

Rev. Ralph Hampton, Chairman, 220 N. 6th St., Ceres, Cal.  
Rev. Dean Moore, Clerk, 5956 Monterey, Richmond 9, Cal.

### *League Boards*

Rev. E. E. Morris, Chmn, 1726 Lincoln, Richmond, Cal.  
Rev. Bobby Brown, Clerk, 776 Holly St., Salinas, Cal.

	Members	Ministers	Deacons	S. School Average	Paid For Missions	Paid Evangelist	Paid Pastors	Building & Repairs	Value Of Church Property	Co-op Plan	Misc.	Deaths
Turlock	186	3	6	148		92.00	\$3,825.00	\$782.26	\$55,000.	\$698.26	\$4,290.44	5
Richmond	221	4	5	218	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$4,455.00	\$7,728.07	\$90,000.	\$1,043.50	\$1,645.55	1
Modesto	159	3	5	138	\$220.00	\$345.80	\$3,595.75	\$3,107.86	\$50,000.	\$782.88	\$357.44	0
Campbell	83	2		75	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$2,760.00		\$10,000.			0
Concord	63	2	4	75	\$545.70	\$84.85	\$3,297.50	\$200.79	\$30,000.		\$343.99	0
Martinez	55	2		39	\$150.00				\$8,500.			0
Winters	24	3	3	30	\$17.94	\$17.40	\$344.57	\$115.30	\$5,000.			0
Firebaugh	32	4	1			\$51.20			\$7,000.		\$318.91	1
Salinas	70	2	4	87		\$78.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,392.65	\$15,500.		\$884.34	0
Stockton	37	1	1	61			\$860.00		\$15,000.		\$410.00	0
Merced	37	3	4	38	\$42.81	\$100.00	\$295.00				\$116.76	0
Riverbank	31	2		30		\$34.06	\$661.50			\$84.31	\$338.55	0
Rodeo	17	1	1	35		\$150.00	\$624.85	\$806.00			485.55	0
Hughson	22	1		50		\$90.00	\$406.00					1
Hawthorne	11	1	1			\$280.00			\$3,500.		\$720.08	0
No. Modesto	50	1	1	66			\$1,395.00	\$2,080.00	(Organized Dec 1955)		\$67.00	0
Dorris	20	2	1	46		\$70.00		\$877.19	\$8,500.	(Org. 6-27-55)	\$555.17	0
El Sobrante	92								(Organized 1956)			0
Freedom	17	1		25			\$160.00	\$280.00	(Organized Feb. 15, 1956)			0
Antioch	21	2	1	34					Organized Apr. 21, 1956)			0
Greenfield	16	1		40					(Organized 1956)			0
Chowchilla		(Not Represented)										
Manteca		(Not Represented)										
Oakland	37	2		40	\$17.31	\$100.00		\$600.00	\$25,000.	(Org. 4-28-56)		0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>\$1,171.92</b>	<b>\$1,890.11</b>	<b>\$25,582.67</b>	<b>\$20,512.07</b>	<b>\$301,000.</b>	<b>\$26,089.95</b>	<b>\$10,780.97</b>	<b>8</b>

## MINISTERS' REGISTER

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 Roy Pembroke, 1852 Alvarado Ave, Walnut Creek YE5-5201  
 Estell Sweeten, Box 899, Turlock,  
 Bennie Brown, 2035 Jackson St., Santa Clara  
 J. L. Waltman, 667 8th Street, Turlock, ME 4-3147  
 Johnnie Priest, 1218 Starr, Crockett,  
 —Leroy Richardson, 6310 34th Ave., Sacramento  
 J. C. Wood, 710 William Way, Concord, MU 2-1813  
 —A. J. Edens, 1921 Kenwood St., N. Sacramento  
 J. S. Cox, 1519 Elm Ave., Atwater  
 —Russell Hicks, 2129 Bissell Ave., Richmond  
 —E. L. Snowden, 2234 Girard St., Martinez  
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 H. D. Gentry, Box 461, Dorris EX 7-4222  
 Dean Moore, 5956 Monterey Ave., Richmond, 9  
 —Boyd Allen, 61 Kettinger Village, Pleasanton  
 I. L. Boggs, 220 West Main, Los Gatos, EL 4-3226  
 Garrett Pusley, 753 Middlefield Rd., Salinas  
 —Billie Joe Adkins, Box 1124, Babbitt, Nevada WI 5-2292  
 George W. McLain, Campbell, FRanklin 8-8252  
 H. Frank Hoffman, Oakland  
 Earl Jenson, Lander & C Sts., Turlock, ME 4-6440  
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 Billie G. Kelton, 1210 Pecos, Modesto  
 J. P. Pierce, Firebaugh

## DEACONS' REGISTER

E. L. Floyd, 340 Rowland Ave., Modesto  
 J. V. Meek, 1109 Juanita, Salinas  
 Tony Moore, Merced  
 John Taylor, Campbell  
 A. J. Moore, 2728 16th Street, San Pablo  
 Pete Connor, 2540 Wimbledon, Napa  
 E. A. Russell, 1925 Wilcox Ave., San Pablo  
 J. Q. Moore, 2050 Mariposa, Stockton  
 Delmar Priest, 836 Ventura, Richmond

## CHURCH ADDRESSES

**RICHMOND:** 1700 Lincoln  
**MODESTO FIRST:** Leo and Sam Avenues  
**NORTH MODESTO:** 225 E. Orangeburg  
**TURLOCK:** Lander and C Streets  
**HUGHSON:** Charles and Santa Fe  
**RIVERBANK:** Second and Santa Fe  
**MERCED:** 19th and J Streets  
**STOCKTON:** Aldebert Farmington Road  
**SALINAS:** 780 Holly Street  
**CONCORD:** 2875 The Alameda  
**MARTINEZ:** Psalms Drive  
**RODEO:** 448 - 1st Street  
**FREEDOM:** Grange Hall (Organized Feb. 15, 1956)  
**ANTIOCH:** 311 Lawton  
**OAKLAND:** 2014 E. 30th Street  
**EL SOBRANTE:** Castro Road  
**CAMPBELL:** 271 Campbell Avenue  
**WINTERS:** 5th and Edwards Street  
**DORRIS:**  
**GREENFIELD:** Oak and 101 Grange, Salinas Hall  
**FIREBAUGH:**  
**HAWTHORN:** 10th and J Streets  
**CHOWCHILLA:** Truman Street  
**MANTECA:**  
**SACRAMENTO MISSION:**  
**PETALUMA MISSION:**

## CHURCH CLERKS

Modesto - Reba Kirk, Rt. 2, 1733 Lois Way, Ceres, Calif.  
North Modesto - Janice Kay Gibson, Rt. 5, Box 1005,  
Turlock - Ella Mae Foster, Box 675, Empire.  
Richmond - Goldie Priest, 836 Ventura, Richmond.  
El Sobrante - Helen Kaighin, 3121 Nevin Ave., Richmond.  
Campbell - Georgia Hall, 375 Sunny Oaks, Campbell.  
Salinas - Margaret Wood, No. 8 Laqunita Rd., Salinas.  
Concord - Rhoda Moore, 154 Janet Lane, Concord.  
Martinez - Bobbie Skinner, 3870 Martha Dr., Martinez.  
Rodeo - Mignon Priest, 1218 Starr, Crockett.  
Riverbank - Alma Brown, Box 721, Riverbank.



## CHURCH CLERKS (Conitnued)

Hughson - Doris Ward, Box 168, Hughson.

Winters - Betty Bickham, Rt. 1, Box 63, Winters.

Hawthorn - Mrs. Homer Armstrong, Box 1583, Hawthorn,  
Nevada.

Stockton - Erma Read, 2940 Loomis Ave., Stockton.

Merced - Mora Speck, Rt. 1, Box 95-A, Merced.

Dorris - Mary Krouse, Box 392, Dorris.

Oakland - Loretha Ferea, 959 - 70th Ave., Oakland.

Antioch Jeaneta Pembroke, 1852 Alvarado, Walnut Creek.

Freedom - Kathryn Sifford, 20-B Airport Rd., Watsonville.

Greenfield - Cora Norwood.

Chowchilla - Bertie Rial (Acting Clerk) 416 Riverside,  
Chowchilla.

Manteca - Bonnie Daniel, 617 Wilson Lane, Manteca.

Firebaugh - Euphia Muse, P. O. Box 3, Red Top Station,  
Merced.

## CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the Golden Gate Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined churches conveniently located as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE II. The conference of this Association shall consist of ordained ministers, their wives, ordained deacons, their wives, who are regular members of churches in this conference and church clerks and three elected delegates from the several churches of which it is composed.

ARTICLE III. The officers of this yearly Association shall be a standing Clerk and Treasurer and Moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the Association with Assistants as may be found necessary. An executive board of not less than five members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years. A Credential Committee of five members elected.

ARTICLE IV. Any regular organized Free Will Baptist church maintaining Gospel order agreeing with the denomination in Doctrine and Practices, and in favor of the benevolent enterprises as Sunday School, Missions, Temperance and Educations may be received into this Association on application by a vote of the conference.

ARTICLE V. This yearly association shall have power to discipline the churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful but, in no case to reverse their decisions nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

ARTICLE VI. The sessions of this Association shall be held on Thursday night, Friday, Friday night and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May. At which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates and report their standing and statistics at which time the Association shall act upon questions and topics as may be referred to by its respective churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution no to the practices of the denomination.

ARTICLE VII. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by laws not inconsistent with this constitution which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

ARTICLE VIII. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular session notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **The Bible.** We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. Matt. 22:29, Mark 15:28, John 5:39, John 2:22, John 7:38, Acts 1:16, Acts 8:35, Acts 18:28, Rom. 15:4, Gal. 1:8, II Tim. 3:16-17, II Peter 1:12, 20-21.

2. **God.** We believe there are three persons in the God head, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them. I John 5:7, Gen. ch. 1 and 2, Ex. 20:9-11, Psalm 33:6, Jer. 51:15, John 1:1-3, Acts 14:14-17, I Cor. 8:5-6, Eph. 3:8-10, Col. 1:9-17, Rev. 4:9-11.

3. **Man.** We believe that God created man innocent, but by disobedience he fell into a state of sin and death. His posterity, therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:15-17, Gen. 3:14-19, Isa. 53:6, Rom. 5:12-15, I Cor. 15:21-22, Gal. 3:22, I John 1:10.

4. **Children Saved.** We believe that children are born in a saved state and we must become like unto them if we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 18:2-3, Luke 18:16-17.

5. **General Atonement.** We believe that Christ died for all and whosoever will may be saved. Matt. 28:19-20, Luke 24:45-47, John 3:16, I Tim. 2:1-6, Titus 2:11, Heb. 2:9, II Peter 3:9, I John 2:1-2, Rev. 22:17.

6. **Terms of Salvation.** We believe the terms of Salvation are: 1st. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty renunciation of it. 2nd. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to God through faith in Christ with a purpose to love and obey Him in all things. Luke 13:3-5, Luke 14:25-27, Luke 24:45-47, John 3:16, Acts 10:43, Acts 15:8-9, Acts 16:31, Rom. 5:1-2, Rom. 10:8-13, Gal. 3:26, Eph. 2:8-9, Heb. 11:6.

7. **Divine Call to the Ministry.** We believe that God in His wisdom and goodness displays His power of Grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Yet those who are called are commanded to study to show themselves approved unto God, etc. John 5:39, John 1:16-17, Acts 18:27-28, Acts 20:28, Acts 22:14-15, Rom. 10:14-15, Gal. 1:11-23, II Tim. 2:15, Titus 1:7-9.

8. **The Church.** We believe that the church of God, or Christ is the whole body of Christians throughout the world. Matt. 16:18, Acts 2:46-47, I Cor. 12:13-20, Eph. 1:22-23, Col. 1:18-24, I Tim. 3:14-15, Heb. 3:6, Eph 4:4-6.

**9. A Church of God.** We believe that a church of God is an organized body of believers in Christ who statedly assemble to worship God and keep the Ordinances of the Gospel according to the scriptures. Matt. 18:15-17, Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 8:1, Acts 13:1-3, Acts 14:23, Rom. 16:1-5, I Cor. 11:12, I Cor. 11:23-28, I Cor. 16:19, Col. 4:15-16, Titus 1:5, I Peter 5:13, Rev. 1:11.

**10. Ordinances.** We believe that Baptism, Communion and feet washing are Gospel Ordinances and should be observed by the people of God. Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:18-20, John 13:4-13, Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 2:41, Acts 8:12, Acts 8:35-38, Acts 9:18, Acts 10:47-48, Acts 16:33, I Cor. 11:23-26, I Tim. 5:9,19.

**11. Baptism.** We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism. Matt. 3:5-6, Matt. 3:13-17, Mark 1:5-11, John 3:22-23, Acts 8:36-39, Rom. 6:3-4.

**12. Open Communion.** We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be one at His table. John 15:5, John 17:11-21, I Cor. 11:23-29, I Cor. 12:13-21, Gal. 3:26-29.

**13. The Christian Sabbath.** We believe that the Divine Law requires that one day in seven be set apart for the worship of God and that no work of worldly nature should be done on that day. Work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted. Mark 16:1-2, John 20:1,19,26, Acts 13:27, Acts 16:13, I Cor. 16:1-2, Rev. 1:10-11.

**4. Apostasy.** We believe that only those Christians who through grace and patience endure unto the end have promise of Eternal Salvation. Ezek. 18:24-26, Matt. 10:22, Matt. 24:12-13, Matt. 24:48-51, Matt. 25:14-30, Mark 13:13, Luke 12:45-46, John 15:1-6, Rom. 11:21, I Cor. 10:11-12, I Cor. 15:12, I Thes. 3:4-5, Heb. 6:4-6, Heb. 10:24-30, II Heb. 3:1-6, Peter 1:9-11, II Peter 2:12-16, II Peter 2:20-22, Rev. 2:10, Rev. 3:5.

**15. Resurrection.** We believe in the resurrection of all men. They that have done good unto the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28-29, Acts 4:1-2, Acts 17:18, Acts 23:6, Acts 24:14-15, Acts 26:6-8, I Cor. 15:12,22, I Thes. 4:15-17, Rev. 20:12-15.

**16. General Judgement.** We believe that there will be a general or universal judgement when all nations will be gathered before the Judgement Seat of Christ, to be judged according to their works. The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Eccl. 11:9, Eccl. 12:14, Matt. 12:36-37, Matt. 13:37-43, Matt. 25:31-46, Mark 9:43-48, John 5:28-29, Acts 10:42, 17:30-31, Rom. 14:10-12, II Cor. 5:10, Heb. 9:27-28, Rev. 20:2-15, Rev. 21:7-8.



## 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 selfdenial, 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 churches conferences, public worship, and 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 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.



# MINUTES OF SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF GOLDEN GATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

May 16, 1956 - Modesto

The second annual session of the Golden Gate Women's Auxiliary of Free Will Baptists opened with singing led by Margie Winters, accompanied by Earlene Parris on the organ. Prayer by Lucille Hampton. The welcome address was given by Mae Mooneyham, response by Jo Hupp.

Motion carried that we elect a secretary for the day. Margie Winters was elected. Letters read from Riverbank and Modesto. Motion carried that we accept the letters. Motion carried that we accept petitionary letter sent by North Modesto.

Our president, Sis. Ella Mae Foster, gave a very inspiring message. Motion carried that the president have power to appoint committees. Committees appointed as follows:

## RESOLUTION

Mae Mooneyham  
Beatrice Twilley  
Ruth Barlow

## FINANCE

Cleo Doss  
Jo Hupp  
Lucille Hampton

## OBITUARY

Maudine Holland  
Christine Burger  
Emma Floyd  
Mae Belle Lowery

Dismissed in prayer ill 11:00 AM service. Prayer by Earlene Parris.

## 11 AM SERVICE

Song service led by Sis. Margie Winters. Prayer by Sis. Alma Brown. Duet by Sis Johnnie Jenkins and Margie Winters. Rev. O. H. Doss, Modesto, brought an inspiring message. His text being "Our Needs In Such A Time As This". Dismissed prayer by Sis. Ruth Walker. Lunch served by host church.

## 1:30 PM SERVICE

Song service led by Sis Johnnie Jenkins, accompanied by Sis. Earlene Parris on the organ. Prayer by Sis. Cleo Doss. Secretary and Treasury report read and accepted. Reports given by the following committee chairmen; Enlistment, Ruth Walker; Youth, Reba Kirk; Study and Mission, Lucille Hampton; Program and Prayer, Jo Hupp; Personal Service, Johnnie Jenkins substituting for Helen Kaighin; Publicity and Stewardship, Margie Winters substituting for Mary Moore.

Committee reports given. Obituary committee reports that God has called the following from Turlock: Sis. Maggie Daniels, Sis. Bertha Spurlock and Sis. Maudie O'Hanlon. Resolution Committee: "Be it resolved that our auxiliary meet the day preceding the quarterly meeting." Registration committee reports 27 members attended, one minister, and 5 visitors. Total of 33 present. Finance Committee reports: \$25.00 be sent to the Golden Gate Association for the printing of Auxiliary minutes and \$15.00 to the National for visual aids.

Election of Officers for the coming year:

### OFFICERS

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*Corresponding Secretary* - REBA KIRK  
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Installation of Officers by Earlene Parris, Modesto.  
Program "Make It A Matter Of Prayer" by the Modesto church.

Finance report: Dues received as follows:

North Modesto	- \$3.20	- 16 Members
Riverbank	- 2.80	- 14 Members
Modesto	- 2.60	- 13 Members
Turlock	- 5.20	- 26 Members
Concord	- 2.80	- 14 Members
Richmond	- 2.60	- 13 Members

ELLA MAE FOSTER,  
*President*  
MARGIE WINTERS,  
*Acting Clerk*