

Minutes
of the
Golden Gate Association
of
Free Will Baptists

1957

Proceedings of the
TENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Convened at Turlock, California
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
May 24-25, 1957

The next annual session will meet with the Capitol Church, Sacramento, California, beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in May, 1958.

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OFFICERS

Moderator Elder Ralph Hampton
2004 Aloha Way, Modesto, California
Assistant Moderator Elder Dean Moore
2824 May Road, Richmond, California
Clerk - Treasurer Mrs. Mae Graham
651 - 8th Street, Turlock, California
Assistant Clerk Mrs. Mildred Bedell
1401 Coalinga Avenue, Richmond 5, California

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elder Earl Jensen 5 Year Member
Lander & C St., Turlock, California
Elder Dean Moore 4 Year Member
2824 May Road, Richmond, California
Elder Ralph Hampton 3 Year Member
2004 Aloha Way, Modesto, California
Elder Roy Pembroke 2 Year Member
1852 Alvarado Ave., Walnut Creek, California
Elder Truman Huddleston 1 Year Member
8090 W. Cereni, Riverdale, 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 prayers.

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

The Golden Gate Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Turlock Church, Turlock, California, Thursday evening, May 24, 1957, for the tenth annual session.

Moderator, Rev. O. H. Doss of Modesto, called the meeting to order, song service led by Elder Joe Mooneyham of Modesto accompanied by Carolyn Hern at the piano. Opening prayer by Elder Estell Sweeten of Turlock. Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Dudley sang, "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone" as a duet.

Moderator Doss introduced Rev. Ralph Hampton as the introductory speaker of the evening. Rev. Hampton used Luke 12:48 with the theme "Obligations" for his inspiring message.

Host pastor, Rev. Earl Jensen assigned delegates to homes for the night, after which the meeting adjourned to meet at 9:30 AM, Friday, May 24, 1957. Benediction by Rev. J. S. Cox of Atwater, California.

Friday Morning

Meeting called to order, song service led by Bro. Bert Hilton of Sacramento with Yvonne Carter at the piano. Congregational singing of "When We All Get To Heaven."

As a devotional, Elder Rue Thomas of Hawthorne, Nevada, read Hebrews, second chapter. Prayer led by Elder J. L. Waltman of Turlock.

Letters from Group One and Group Two, consisting of 24 churches, read and accepted. Delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated during the singing of "Standing on the Promises".

Nomination and Election of Officers seated the following for the ensuing year: Moderator Ralph Hampton, North Modesto; Assistant Moderator, Dean Moore of Sherwood; Clerk-Treasurer Mae Graham with Mildred Bedell as Assistant Clerk.

Petitionary letter read and accepted from the Mt. Pleasant Church; delegates given the right hand of fellowship by Moderator.

Motion carried that all committees be appointed by Chairmen.

Committees were appointed as follows:

RESOLUTION		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
T. N. Huddleston		Mary Lou Swendell	
H. D. Gentry		Ellen Cox	
W. L. Bedell		Edith Young	
Rue Thomas		Alma Brown	
Leroy Richardson		Opal Eppler	
PULPIT		FINANCE	EXAMINING
Earl Jensen		Delmar Priest	E. E. Morris
Bill Taylor		Roy Pembroke	George McLain
Bert Hilton		Bobby Brown	I. L. Boggs
Rena Dickerson		Don Robirds	J. S. Cox
Earnest Wood		Estell Sweeten	Jack Edin

Pulpit Committee reported they had chosen Brother Rue Thomas of Hawthorne, Nevada to bring the 11:00 AM message.

Motion carried to adjourn for a ten minute recess to re-convene at 11:00 AM.

Re-convened with singing led by Bro. Bert Hilton accompanied by Yvonne Carter; prayer by Elder I. L. Boggs of Los Gatos. Elder Rue Thomas spoke on "A Day's Journey Without Jesus", taking his scripture from Luke, 2:40, leaving with the convention the thought of the anxiety and care of going 'a day's journey without Jesus'.

Guests were welcomed by Host Pastor Jensen and invited to partake of the noon meal prepared and served by the ladies of the Turlock Church.

Benediction and grace given by Elder Bobby Brown of Salinas.

We met at 1:30 PM for business, opening the service by congregational singing led by Bro. Bert Hilton. Petaluma quartette sang as a special number "An Empty Mansion" followed by scripture reading by Elder Odis Farris from Ephesians 4:1-7. The Martinez quartet sang as a request number "Looking for a City."

Elder and Mrs. Jerry Dudley and Mrs. Dewey Dixon, coming from the West Coast Association into the Golden Gate Association were welcomed as new members.

Rules of order were read by Moderator Hampton.

Motion carried that we elect a committee of five members of the Association to write questions and answers for examining candidates for ordination.

Those elected were: Elder Earl Jensen, Elder Odis Farris, Elder Dean Moore, Elder Truman Huddleston and Elder Roy Pembroke.

Clerk-Treasurer's report read and accepted. (See reports.)

Sunday School report read and accepted as read. (See reports.)

Sunday School Board elected as follows: Elder Dean Moore, Elder Bobby Brown and Brother Bert Hilton.

Resolution Number One read and accepted. (See resolutions.)

Elder Earl Jensen elected as 5 year member of the Executive Board.

Selected as meeting place of the eleventh annual session in 1958 was Sacramento, California. Rev. Bob Taylor will bring the introductory message, followed by Truman Huddleston.

Pulpit Committee reports Elder George McLain will preach the evening message.

Finance report read and received. (See reports).

Credential Committee report read and received. (See reports).

Motion carried for adjournment.

Closing prayer by Brother Pete Conner.

Friday Night

We met for worship service at 7:30 PM with singing led by Bro. Bert Hilton. Invocation by Elder Joe Mooneyham. The Sacramento quartette sang "Steal Away" a capella, followed by prayer by Elder Billie Kelton of Hughson. Sister Lura Clayton read an original poem and the Sacramento quartette sang "The King and I".

Elder George McLain took the stand to bring an inspiring message using a portion of second Timothy with "Ready" as his theme.

Delegates were assigned to homes for the evening, closing prayer by Bro. John Wood, adjourned to convene again of Saturday morning at 10:30, May 25th.

Saturday Morning

On Saturday morning, May 25th, we were called to order in song service directed by Brother Bert Hilton. Rev. Dewey Wood led in prayer. Devotional read from Psalm 123 by Rev. Carl Young of Petaluma.

Executive Board report read and received. (See reports).

Pulpit Committee reported they had selected Rev. O. H. Doss for the 11:00 AM Worship Service speaker.

Delegates to State Association elected. (See reports.)

Motion carried that we give retiring Moderator O. H. Doss, and retiring Assistant Clerk Jo Hupp a standing vote of appreciation for their service.

Motion carried to give host church a vote of thanks for the hospitality shown during this session.

Prayer by Bro. Don Robirds.

A very good message, "Lovest Thou Me" from John 21:15-17 was brought by Elder O. H. Doss.

Motion for adjournment called for and carried; session closed with general handshake.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Hampton, Moderator

Mae Graham, Clerk

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board of the Golden Gate Association is happy to report a successful year in the service of the Lord. The Board has organized one church, namely the Capitol Church at Sacramento, during the past year. The complete minutes of the Executive Board may be seen by anyone requesting them.

Elder Dean Moore, Clerk

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

I. We, the Sunday School Committee recommend that this association elect a board to look into the possibility of Sunday School Workshop for Officers and Teachers to attend for benefit of the Sunday Schools.

II. We recommend this body send a letter to the National Association Sunday School Board for a graded series of Sunday School literature for all age groups.

III. We recommend that this body adopt the six point record system.

Mary Swindell, Chairman

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee having examined and found them sound in faith and doctrine recommend for ordination to preach the gospel the following:

Bro. C. R. Cantrell of Pacheco
Bro. Bob Taylor of Sacramento
Bro. Archie Mayhew of Modesto

For licensing to preach the gospel:

Bro. Earnest Wood
Bro. Robert Carter of Modesto
Bro. Clifford Richardson of Sacramento

For ordination as deacons:

Bro. Edd McDonnal of Sacramento
Bro. G. D. Skinner
Bro. J. R. Twilley of Modesto

Licenses granted and Ordinations during the past year:

Ordained as Ministers:

Richard Smith, Virgil Mustain, Robert Smith

Ordained as Deacons:

Manuel Ferea, Clarence Chisum, Donald Albright,
Alvin Spear and Jack Newman.

Licensed:

Jack Wood, Ronald Winkle, Robert Cantrell, Bob
Taylor, Archie Mayhew and Jack Newfeld.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT

C.W.F.	\$277.19	Cash Out	
Churches	387.93	Host Church	\$200.00
Group 2	150.00	State Association	130.00
Babbitt Church	270.00	Ass'n Minutes	148.72
Auxiliary Minutes	25.00	Group 1	92.55
	<u>\$1,110.12</u>	Moderator	10.00
		Clerk	20.00
		Assistant Clerk	10.00
		Clerk Supplies	15.84
Received	\$1,110.12	Executive Board	35.28
Spent	662.39		<u>\$662.39</u>
			<u>\$ 447.73</u>
Balance on hand			

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

We recommend that the monies of this Association be disbursed as follows:

Host Church	\$200.00
State Association	175.00
Minutes	200.00
Executive Board	200.00
Moderator	20.00
Clerk	25.00
Assistant Clerk	10.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
	\$880.00

We recommend that 500 Minutes be printed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1—Be it resolved that two speakers be chosen to speak at each session, one being a new minister followed by an older minister.

MEETINGS OF QUARTERLY GROUPS FOR 1957-1958

GROUP I —

AUGUST, 1957—Hawthorne, Nevada. Speakers: Elders Earl Jensen and Ralph Hampton.

NOVEMBER, 1957—Sacramento, California. Speakers: Elders O. H. Doss and Rue Thomas.

FEBRUARY, 1958—Turlock, California. Speakers: Elders Rue Thomas and T. N. Huddleston.

GROUP II —

AUGUST, 1957—Winters, California. Speakers: Elders Bethel Robertson and Carl Young.

NOVEMBER, 1957—Salinas, California. Speakers: Elders Bob Taylor and E. E. Morris.

FEBRUARY, 1958—Concord, California. Speakers: Elders Dewey Wood and Frank Hoffman.

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

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

GROUP I

CHURCH	Members	Ministers	Deacons	Average Yrly. Sunday School	Deceased	Paid Missions	Paid Evangelists	Paid Pastor	Building & Repairs	Value Of Church Property	Paid Co-op Plan	Paid Misc.
Capitol	48	4	3	50	0	\$120.00	\$140.00	\$210.00			\$19.26	\$1,134.20
Chowchilla	39	7	1	46	1		87.60	520.00	\$568.19	\$11,000.	120.00	469.08
Dorris	15	1	1	56	0	25.00	90.00	300.00	1,180.00	16,000.	44.22	534.20
Hawthorne	16	3	0	30	0		296.00	50.00	610.95	4,000.	42.42	202.80
Hughson	26	1	0	50	0		187.51	900.00	2,200.00	7,000.		
Modesto	196	4	6	162	0		248.02	3,481.04	2,636.07	60,000.	929.86	226.42
Mt. Pleasant	13	1	(Organized April 8, 1957)									
N. Modesto	48	1	1	66	0		125.00	2,900.00	8,011.00	25,000.	455.00	325.44
Planada	36	3	3	45	0			722.00	* 489.00	10,000.	147.99	243.30
Riverbank	43	2	1	29	1			945.00	* 135.00		180.96	61.96
Stockton	39	2	2	60	0		111.00	780.00	1,320.00	15,000.		313.93
Turlock	150	5	5	135	3		155.00	3,900.00	2,406.00	55,000.	289.87	2,107.23
TOTALS	669	34	23	729	5	\$145.00	\$1,440.13	\$14,708.04	\$19,556.21	\$203,000.	\$2,229.58	\$5,618.56

* Rent

GROUP II

CHURCH	Members	Ministers	Deacons	Average Yrly. Sunday School	Deceased	Paid Missions	Paid Evangelists	Paid Pastor	Building & Repairs	Value Of Church Property	Paid Co-op Plan	Paid Misc.
Antioch	19	3	0	30	0		\$ 75.00	\$380.00	\$2,495.10	\$18,000.	\$170.49	\$129.34
Campbell	92	4	7	60	0		245.76	4,070.00		13,500.		294.40
Concord	54	2	4	87	0		127.25	3,081.55		30,000.	481.42	754.77
Freedom	23	2	3	25	0		53.50	750.00	238.50			70.50
Greenfield	20	1	2	40	0			423.00		596.		370.40
Martinez	39	3	1	43	0		210.00			8,500.	190.11	
Newark	21	1	0	35	0			880.00	* 570.00			90.00
Oakland	27	2	2	42	0	\$20.00	100.00		1,334.20	30,000.		
Petaluma	40	1	3	48	0	9.00		887.55	637.00		14.00	382.70
Richmond	128	6	7	126	1		65.00	3,400.00	4,813.80	100,000		1,704.20
Rodeo	17	1	1	37	0		57.98	460.76	* 415.40			110.13
Salinas	63	1	3	77	0	25.00	173.35	2,240.00	813.34	16,000.		549.05
Sherwood	127	1	3	112	0		100.00	2,340.00	6,416.01	2,000.	583.59	1,210.24
Winters	31	2	3	30	0		7.00	75.00	91.77	4,500.		
TOTALS	701	30	39	792	1	\$54.00	\$1,214.84	\$18,987.86	\$17,825.12	\$223,096.	\$1,439.61	\$5,665.73

* Rent

MINISTERS' REGISTER

Rev. Earl Jensen, 601 C. St., Turlock, Calif., ME 4-6440
Rev. J. L. Waltman, 667 8th St., Turlock, Calif., ME 4-3147
Rev. Estell Sweeten, P. O. Box 899, Turlock, ME 2-1874
Rev. Ralph Hampton, 2004 Aloha Way, Modesto, LA 3-9966
Rev. F. A. McCage, 915 Acacia St., Modesto, LA 2-6603
Rev. T. N. Huddleston, 8090 Cereni Ave., Riverdale,
Calif., Burrel 5Y16.

Rev. J. S. Cox, 1519 Elm St., Atwater, Calif., EL 8-6091
Rev. Rue Thomas, Box 516, Babbitt, Nevada, WIC 5-2292
Rev. H. D. Gentry, Box 461, Dorris, Calif., EX 2-4222
Rev. Billy G. Kelton, 1210 Pecos Ave., Modesto, LA 2-2149
Rev. Herman Hupp, 3719 Texas St., Riverbank, UN 9-2253
Rev. Leroy Richardson, 3500 - 27th Ave., Sacramento,
Calif., GL 6-8437.

Rev. E. E. Morris, 1726 Lincoln Ave., Richmond, BE 5-6966
Rev. Dean Moore, 2824 May Road, Richmond, BE 5-6991
Rev. B. J. Brown, 776 Holly St., Salinas, Calif., HA 2-5467
Rev. Bob Taylor, 2870 - 26th Ave., Sacramento, GL 1-0247
Rev. Roy Pembroke, 1852 Alvarado, Walnut Creek,
Calif., YE 5-5201.

Rev. Jerry Dudley,

Rev. I. L. Boggs, 220 W. Main St., Los Gatos, EL 4-3226
Rev. W. L. Bedell, 1401 Coalinga, Richmond, BE 5-2862
Rev. Austin Jensen, 1168 Eli, Petaluma, California.
Rev. Carl Young, 113 Howard St., Petaluma, PO 3-1865

DEACONS' REGISTER

Delmar Priest, 836 Ventura, Richmond, California.
Tony Moore, Rt. 3, Box 215, Merced, California.
John Brown, 693 Angles, Turlock, California.
T. V. Carter, 663 Vermont, Turlock, California.
Elo Guy, 3931 - 44th Ave., Sacramento, California.
Alfred Dickerson, 3131 Catalpa St., Martinez, California.
W. S. Taylor, Jr., Petaluma, California.
Pete Conner, Napa, California.
W. D. Prescott, Petaluma, California.
R. C. Watts, Rt. 1, Box 366, Denair, California.
John P. Taylor, 580 Flora Ave., Campbell, California.

CHURCH CLERKS

GROUP I

Hawthorne—Nellie Rhoden, Box 474, Babbitt, Nevada
N. Modesto—Janice K. Gibson, Rt. 5 Box 1005, Modesto.
Modesto—Ruth Walker, 1505 Placer Street, Modesto
Riverbank—Alma Brown, 3710 Texas St., Riverbank

CHURCH CLERKS (Continued)

Turlock—Ella Mae Foster, Box 675, Empire, California
Hughson—Doris Ward, Box 168, Hughson, California
Stockton—Joy Luman, 2282 E. 9th St., Stockton, California
Chowchilla—Grace Bland, 804 Trinity, Chowchilla, Calif.
Sacramento—Lucille Hilton, 4054 Washington, Ave.,
Sacramento, California.
Dorris—Mary Krouce
Planada—Mora Speck, 95A5, Merced, California
Mt. Pleasant—Neva Reed, Box 163, Lincoln, California

GROUP II

Campbell—Georgia Hall, 375 Sunny Oaks, Campbell
Concord—Devilla Melton, Box 6, Concord, California
Freedom—Ethel Boggs, 220 W. Main St., Los Gatos, Calif.
Greenfield—Velma Dunson, Box 392, Greenfield, Calif.
Martinez—Bobbie Skinner, 3870 Martha Drive, Martinez
Oakland—Loreta Ferea, 859 70th Avenue, Oakland
Petaluma—Sybil Prescott, 406 Gonzales Ct., Jefferson,
Petaluma, California.
Newark—Stella Ward, 113 Charleston Way, Irvington,
California.
Rodeo—Mignon Priest, 1218 Starr St., Crockett, Calif.
Richmond—Goldie Priest, 836 Ventura St., Richmond
Sherwood—Helen Kaighen, 3121 Nevin Ave., Richmond
Winters—Betty Bickham, Rt. 1, Box 62, Winters, Calif.
Antioch—Janeta Pembroke, 1852 Alvarado Ave., Walnut
Creek, California.
Salinas—Margaret Wood, 8 Loquinta Rd., Salinas, Calif.

Delegates elected to State Association were, Lura Clayton, Vivian Sweeten, Pat Clifton, Bert Hilton, Dennis Cook, Robert Carter and Johnnie Taylor.

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Modesto—Leo & Sam Avenue, Modesto, Calif.
North Modesto—225 E. Orangeberg, Modesto, Calif.
Turlock—Lander & C Streets, Turlock, Calif.
Hughson—Charles & Santa Fe, Hughson, Calif.
Stockton—Aldebert Farmington Road, Stockton, Calif.
Riverbank—Second & Sante Fe, Riverbank, Calif.
Capitol—Sacramento, Calif.
Planada—203 Stanford St., Planada, Calif.
Hawthorne—Hawthorne, Nevada.
Chowchilla—Truman Street, Chowchilla, Calif.
Dorris—Dorris, Calif.
Rodeo—448 First Street, Rodeo, Calif.
Martinez—Psalms Drive, Martinez, Calif.
Concord—2875 The Alameda, Concord, Calif.
Salinas—780 Holly Street, Salinas, Calif.
Antioch—311 Lawton Street, Antioch, Calif.
Winters—5th & Edwards, Winters, Calif.
Sherwood—
Richmond—1700 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, Calif.
Newark—
Oakland—2014 E. 30th Street, Oakland, Calif.
Freedom—Grange Hall, Freedom, Calif.
Campbell—
Petaluma—
Mount Pleasant—

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 nor 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, therefor 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.

14. 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, Heb. 3:1-6, II Peter 1:9-11, II Peter 2:12-16, II Peter 2:20-22, Rev. 2:10, Rev. 3:5.

15. Ressurrection. 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 Judgment. We believe that there will be a general or universal judgment when all nations will be gathered before the Judgment 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 self denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and 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 the 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
GOLDEN GATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
CONVENTION**

April 27, 1957

The Annual Golden Gate Woman's Auxiliary began by singing "Send the Light" led by Sister Neona Purser. Prayer by Sister McLain. Devotional: Ephesians 6: 13-20 read by Sister Mae Graham. Welcome given by Imogene Belcher. Response given by Mary Hatcher.

Minutes from previous meeting read and approved.

Motion carried to receive the Financial report as read.

Motion carried to receive letters and reports of dues sent.

Motion carried to accept petitionary letter from Campbell Auxiliary.

Motion carried to set the next meeting at Salinas, August 3, 1957.

A report of work done during the convention year by all Auxiliaries in the district was read by the secretary.

Motion carried to have a nominating committee.

Motion carried that the chair have power to appoint all committees. They were appointed as follows:

Resolution—

Peggy Morris
Frances Arnwine
Imogene Belcher

Finance—

Goldie Priest
Emma Floyd
Myrtlee Gates

Evaluation of Standards—

Winnie McLain
Virgie Moore
Helen Tillery

Obituary—

Beatrice Twilley
Louemma Groves

Registration—

Ella Mae Foster
Marsleet Chisum

Nominating—

Neona Purser
Lucille Hampton
Maybelle Lloyd
Cleo Doss
Dean Holland

Dismissed for short recess in prayer by Brother Waltman.

11:15 AM

Song Service - "Light of the World is Jesus" led by Sister Myrtlee Gates.

Prayer by Sister Betty Brown.

Special song "Lord Send Me" sung by Sisters Maybelle Lloyd and Frances Van Horn.

Message by Rev. R. C. Hampton using the scripture St. Matthew 5: 14-16.

Motion carried to have photographer come out at the close of the meeting and take pictures of newly elected officers. Sister Mae Graham volunteered to contact a photographer.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss.

1:20 PM

Song Service - "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning" led by Sister Janice Gibson. Prayer by Sister Beatrice Twilley. Special "He Bought My Soul At Calvary" by Sister Janice Gibson.

Report of Obituary Committee was read and accepted. (We the Obituary Committee regret to report that God has called Mrs. Johnson of Richmond from our midst. A moment of silent prayer was observed, then audible prayer by Neona Purser.)

Report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted. (We the Finance Committee recommend we send \$25.00 to the Golden Gate Association for printing of Minutes.)

Resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4 were read and accepted:

1—Be it resolved that the body set the places and dates of the district Auxiliary meetings yearly. They were set as follows:

August 3, 1957—Salinas

November 2, 1957—First Modesto Church

February 1, 1958—Turlock

April 26, 1958—Richmond

2—Be it resolved that we have posters made with pictures of Auxiliary Officers, dates and churches and addresses where meetings will be held and this done at expense of Auxiliary.

3—Be it resolved that we give the Host Church a standing vote of thanks for the good lunch.

4—Be it resolved that Workshops be set up for the coming year.

Motion carried that the Executive Committee plan a workshop for the meeting at Salinas.

Report of Registration Committee was read and accepted. (44 members, 5 ministers, and 8 visitors present).

Report of nominating committee read and accepted.

Officers nominated were elected as follows:

President—Johnny Jenkins

Vice President—Goldie Priest

Youth Chairman—Frances Van Horn

Study Course Chairman—Maybelle Lloyd

Stewardship & Prayer Chairman—Ella Mae Foster

Personal Service Chairman—Myrtlee Gates

Recording Secretary & Treasurer—Reba Kirk

Corresponding Secretary—Janice Gibson

Report of Evaluation of Standard of Achievement Charts read and accepted. (The charts showed that much work has been done but not one Auxiliary was A-1). Of the six charts present, Concord, Richmond, North Modesto, Mdesto, Turlock and Salinas; Concord came nearest to being A-1, therefor will be sent to the State to represent the Golden Gate Association.

New Officers were installed by Peggy Morris.

Benediction by Rev. R. C. Hampton.

Reba Kirk, Secretary