

MINUTES
of the
Golden Gate Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1958

Proceedings of the
ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Convened at Ceres, California,
VILLAGE CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
May 23-24, 1958

The next annual session will meet with Sunnyvale, California, Church beginning on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in May, 1959.

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held at
Village Chapel Church, Ceres, California
May 22-24, 1958

OFFICERS

Moderator Elder F. A. McCage
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Elder Dewey Wood 5 Year Member
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Elder Earl Jensen 4 Year Member
Lander & C Sts., Turlock, Calif.
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Elder Ralph Hampton 2 Year Member
2004 Aloha Way, Modesto, Calif.
Elder Roy Pembroke 1 Year Member
1852 Alvarado Ave., Walnut Creek

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 of 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

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 rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overthrown 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 the Village Chapel Church, Ceres, California on May, 22, 1958 for the eleventh annual session.

Moderator Elder R. C. Hampton of Modesto called the meeting to order. Song service was led by Elder Jerry Dudley of Concord accompanied by Sister Irene Kelton of Hughson at the piano. Opening prayer by Elder

W. D. Gentry of Dorris, California. Prayer by the ordained led by Elder Bard Wood of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; concluded by Elder F. A. McCage of Modesto.

Moderator Hampton led the devotional service and concluded by introducing the speaker chosen for the evening worship, Elder T. N. Huddleston of Riverdale. Elder Huddleston used Proverbs 4:23; theme—The Heart the Center of Living. He was followed by Elder Bob Taylor of Riverbank who also gave an inspiring message.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 9:30 Friday, May 23, 1958.

Benediction by Elder Virgil Florence of Buhl, Idaho.

Friday Morning

Meeting called to order. Song service led by Elder Don Robirds of Modesto with Sister Irene Kelton at the piano.

As a devotional, Elder Clinton Wood of Salinas read Psalm 123. Elder Jerry Dudley of Concord led in prayer.

Letters from Group 1 and Group 2 consisting of 27 churches read and accepted. Delegates were given the right hand of fellowship during the congregational singing of "Take the Name of Jesus With You" and "Revive Us Again."

Nominations declared opened for officers for the ensuing year. Following officers were seated: Moderator, Elder F. A. McCage; Assistant Moderator, Elder B. J. Brown; Clerk - Treasurer, Sister Mae Graham and Assistant Clerk, Sister Mildred Bedell.

Motion carried that Chair appoint all committees.

COMMITTEES

PULPIT

Elder Don Robirds
Brother George Robirds
Brother Frank Purser
Brother Bill Alkire

RESOLUTION

Elder Dean Moore
Elder T. N. Huddleston
Elder Carl Young
Elder Winston Lawless
Elder Clinton Wood

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sister Edith Young
Elder Earl Jensen
Sister Mary Lou Swindell
Deacon J. A. Roberts
Sister Mary Young

FINANCE

Brother Pete Conner
Elder Clark Casteel
Elder Estell Sweeten
Brother Claud Smith
Elder J. L. Waltham

EXAMINING

Elder Jerry Dudley
Elder Bob Taylor
Elder H. D. Gentry
Elder J. S. Cox
Deacon L. H. Adkins

YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

Elder Jerry Dudley
Elder Earl Jensen
Elder Carl Young
Elder R. C. Hampton
Elder Roy Pembroke

Moderator McCage asked for a standing vote of thanks to the retiring officers. Carried unanimously.

Visiting brethren Elder Vard Wood of Stratford, Oklahoma and Elder Virgil Florence of Buhl, Idaho; Elder O. H. Doss of Kerman, California and Elder Lonnie McAllister of the West Coast Association given a welcome and the right hand of fellowship by Moderator.

Rules or order read by Moderator McCage.

Pulpit Committee reported Elder Farrel Gene McCage to speak at the 11:00 A. M. service to be followed by Elder Vard Wood.

Motion carried that new Youth Encampment Committee be appointed and to be made up of pastors.

Committee elected as follows:

Elder Jerry Dudley

Elder Carl Young

Elder Earl Jensen

Elder Ralph Hampton

Elder Joe Mooneyham

Sunday School Report read and accepted. See Reports.

Executive Board Report read and accepted. See Reports.

Executive Committee report read and accepted. See reports.

Examining Committtee report read and accepted. See reports.

Obituary report: The following deceased were reported through letters:

Sister Audrey Moris, Richmond

Brother John Williams, Turlock

Sister Lineen, Winters

Sister Mae Wash, Turlock

Brother John Allen, Turlock

Brother E. W. Rogers, Modesto

Brother M. C. Barnes, Turlock

Sister Zora Copeman, Hughson

Congregation stood for a moment of silent reverence, concluded in prayer by Elder Dean Moore of Sherwood Church.

Resolution Committtee reports read and voted on. See resolutions.

Motion carried for adjournment for morning worship hour. Closing prayer by Elder Winston Lawless.

Called to worship at 11:00 A. M. with congregational singing directed by Elder Jerry Dudley with Sister Mildred Bedell at the piano. Quartette arranged by Elder Clinton Wood sang "All the Way My Saviour Leads."

Elder Farrel Gene McCage took the stand proclaimig the theme "Life Lost" from John 12:24-26, followed by Elder Vard Wood who used John 7:37 for "Life Gained." Both were very inspiring messages.

Lunch announments made by host pastor, Elder Joe Mooneyham. Dismissed in prayer by Elder O. H. Doss of Kerman, California.

Re-convened at 1:30 for business with congregation singing led by Elder Don Robirds with Sister Vivian Sweeten at the piano.

Elder B. J. Brown read I Peter 2:13 for a devotional and prayer led by Lonnie McAlister.

Sunnyvale church invitation for next annual meeting accepted. Speakers to be Elder Estell Sweeten and Elder Clark Castell.

Program committee for 1959 Annual Association:

Elder B. J. Brown
Elder Clinton Wood
Elder Ralph Hampton

Pulpit Committee selected Elder A. E. Keeney of Stockton and Elder Jerry Dudley of Concord for evening speakers

Clerk - Treasurer's report read and received. See reports.

Nominations opened for Sunday School Workshop Committee.

Nominated and elected were:

Elder Dean Moore Elder Carl Young
Elder Jerry Dudley

Youth Encampment Committee elected were:

Elder Jerry Dudley Elder Walter Bedell
Elder Carl Young Elder Winston Lawless
Elder Dean Moore

Youth Camp Chairman of 1958 reported on availability of Bethany College site near Santa Cruz for encampment this year. Report received.

Motion carried that Committee make all arrangements for Youth Camp for July, 1958.

Delegates to State Association were elected:

DELEGATES

Brother Charles Vance
Brother Chester Sharp
Brother Bil Alkire
Sister Edith Young
Sister Christine Berger
Sister Myrtle Gates
Elder Farrel McCage

ALTERNATES

Sister Nannie Siler
Sister Meda Morris
Sister Ruby Lawrence
Brother J. R. Plum
Brother Frank Purser
Sister Mary Lou Swindell
Brother Roy Lewis

Motion carried for adjournment until 7:30 P. M. Benediction by Elder Earl Jensen.

The evening service opened by singing led by Elder Don Robirds. Altar prayer of ordained men led by Elder Walter Wood of Ceres.

Motion carried to omit Preachers and Deacons Conference of June, 1958.

Motion carried that lapel cards be prepared for next annual session.

Quartette arranged by Elder Clinton Wood sang "Land Where Living Waters Flow."

Ordination service for Elder Roy Buckmaster of Stockton held with Elder F. A. McCage giving the charge. Ordaining prayer by Elder Estell Sweeten.

Two special numbers sung by Woods quartette and Stockton duet.

Moderator McCage introduced Elder A. E. Keeney of Stockton who brought his message from Matthew 11:1-5 followed by Elder Jerry Dudley.

"How firm a Foundation" was sung as a special number by Sister Kay Sumpter of Modesto.

Motion carried for adjournment of this session. Closing prayer by Elder B. J. Brown of Sunnyvale.

Respectfully submitted
Elder F. A. McCage, Moderator
Sister Mae Graham, Clerk

REPORTS

Executive Board

The work of the Golden Gate Executive Board, though somewhat limited in scope has been successful during the past year.

The board has been active in matters pertaining to two of our churches that were having difficulties. These were the churches of Hawthorne, Nevada and Dorris, California.

We are happy to report success in both these matters.

Elder Dean Moore, clerk

Executive Committee

We, the Executive Committee, having examined Elder J. D. Williams; we recommend that he be accepted into this body.

Elder R. C. Hampton, Chairman

Examining Committee

We the Examining Committee, having examined and found them to be sound in faith and practice, recommend ordination as ministers of the gospel, Don Robirds of Modesto, Robert Carter of Modesto and Roy Buckmaster of Stockton. Brother Buckmaster requested ordination at an early date.

Having examined Brother J. Hamilton of Lincoln, recommend that his license be extended and that he study farther for a year. We commend him for his work and encourage him to continue his present work.

Having examined Dr. P. E. Nikkel of Turlock, we recommend that he be granted a license to preach the gospel for one year.

Sunday School

We, the Sunday School committee, having read the report of the previous year, find it adequate to build up our Sunday Schools if put into action.

1. 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.

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

3. We further recommend that the Sunday Schools of this body adopt the six-point record system.

4. We recommend that our churches promote a Visual Aid course in Sunday School work.

Edith Young, chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that we elect a standing youth committee to be active during the ensuing year to promote and set up the program for the Youth Encampment.
2. Be it resolved that we use the Executive Board of the Golden Gate Association as the Credential Committee of this Association.
3. Be it resolved that we abolish the practice of sending deacons to the quarterly conferences or the Annual Association for examination, leaving this responsibility to the individual churches.
4. Be it resolved that this body give the Village Chapel Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality during this conference.

CLERK'S REPORT

C. W. F.	\$ 447.73	Babbitt Refund	\$ 10.00
Groups 1	438.60	Host Church	200.00
Group 2	490.60	State Association	175.00
Aux. Min.	25.00	Assoc. Minutes	174.72
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	\$1,401.93	Clerk	25.00
		Ass't Clerk	10.00
Received	\$1,401.93	Morris Flowers	8.18
Paid Out	758.96	Clerical Supplies	32.96
Bal. on hand	\$ 642.97	Executive Board	103.10
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FINANCE REPORT

We, the Finance committee recommend that each Quarterly Meeting represent with 75c 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	353.25
Minutes	200.00
Executive Board	150.00
Moderator	20.00
Clerk	25.00
Ass't Clerk	10.00
Miscellaneous	50.00

We recommend that 500 Minutes be printed.

Pete Conner, Chairman

MEETINGS OF QUARTERLY GROUPS, 1958-1959

GROUP I —

AUGUST, 1958,—Chowchilla. Speaker: Elder Bob Taylor. Alternate Speaker: Elder Don Robirds.

NOVEMBER, 1958—Modesto. Speaker: Elder Ralph Hampton. Alternate Speaker: Elder T. N. Huddleston.

FEBRUARY, 1959, Stockton. Speaker: Elder F. A. McCage. Alternate Speaker: Elder J. L. Waltman

GROUP II —

AUGUST, 1958—Petaluma.

NOVEMBER, 1958—Sunnyvale.

FEBRUARY, 1958—Salinas.

Motion carried at meeting in February 1958 that host church act as program committee for their meeting and also select the speakers for the Friday evening worship service.

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

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

GROUP I**CHURCH**

	Members	Ministers	Deacons	Average Sunday School	Deceased	Paid Missions	Paid Evangelists	Paid Pastor	Building & Repair	Value of Church Property	Paid Co-Op Plan	Paid Misc.
Capitol	50	1	2	66			70.00	1,500.00	950.00	500.00	280.00	380.00
Chowchilla	39	3	3	56				600.00	944.86	12,000.00	105.00	410.18
Dorris	15	1				105.21	225.00	920.00	25.00	-		
Hawthorne	3			28			140.00	326.00		3,000.00		114.93
Hughson	20	1	1	46	1		100.00	437.63		7,000.00		40.00
Modesto	178	3	6	140	1	108.70	100.62	3,832.44	1,909.71	53,000.00	382.98	288.57
Mt. Pleasant		1		44				559.80		3,000.00		69.34
N. Modesto	58	2	2	63		44.73	80.86	4,100.00	585.38	25,000.00	88.95	365.85
Planada	40	2	3	45				150.00	854.92	10,000.00	88.36	264.12
Riverbank	42	2		60				755.90	180.00		52.60	260.46
Stockton	51	3	2	55		36.25		640.00	43.57	21,000.00	105.00	
Turlock	137	4	5	140	4	600.00	77.00	6,340.00	250.00	40,000.00	384.00	2,250.00
Village Chapel	29	1	1			60.00	58.96	95.96	828.49		337.65	194.73
TOTALS	660	24	25	815	6	\$9,541.89	\$914.42	\$20,257.73	\$6,571.93	\$174,500.00	\$1,824.54	\$7,229.12

GROUP II

CHURCH	Members	Ministers	Deacons	Average Sunday School	Deceased	Paid Missions	Paid Evangelists	Paid Pastor	Building & Repair	Value of Church Property	Paid Co-Op Plan	Paid Misc.
Antioch	29	4		30				520.00	807.26	21,000.00	188.40	106.74
Campbell	56	3	5	85			150.00	4,420.00	3,356.07	20,000.00		
Concord	71	4	4	99		60.65	15.00	3,720.00	3,180.91	45,000.00	667.74	596.23
Greenfield	14	1	2	50		4.60		568.00	1,940.00	6,000.00		252.50
Martinez	22	1	1	30						8,500.00		
Newark	24	1		42				960.00	30.00			290.00
⌘ Oakland	28	1	2	32		24.00	130.00	170.00	112.20			2,750.92
Petaluma	55	1	3	50			108.35	1,790.00	2,433.01	15,000.00	14.00	188.90
Richmond	114	6	7	132	1		115.00	4,505.00	6,900.76	114,000.00	242.45	928.56
Rodeo	21	1	1	50		40.00		540.00	545.40		39.21	13.50
Salinas	66	1	3	100			100.00	2,520.00	1,611.40	25,000.00	200.00	390.06
Sherwood	153	2	3	189				3,780.00	528.07	45,000.00	1,106.64	
Sunnyvale **	34	1	2	78			75.00	375.00	76.28			753.38
Winters	50	1	2	62	1		150.00	1,200.00	2,578.00	9,000.00		75.51
TOTALS	737	28	35	1,029	2	\$129.25	\$843.35	\$25,068.00	\$24,099.36	\$307,500.00	\$2,458.44	\$6,346.30

**Organized December, 1957

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AT QUARTERLY MEETINGS

GROUP I

Don Robirds
Wesley Nelson
J. Hamilton
Farrel Gene McCage

GROUP II

Virgil Mustain
James Tirey
Gordon Bradshaw
Earnest Wood
Edgar Hyatt
Jay Constant
Jack Wood

DEACONS ORDAINED

GROUP I

Gilferd Jones

GROUP II

Edgar Caton
Wayne Tillery

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the Golden Gate Association of Free Will Baptists, 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 composd.

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 member 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 Education 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, Romans 15:4, Gallations 1:8, II Tim. 3:16-17, II Peter 1:12, 20-21.

2. *God.* We believe there are three persons in the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them. I John 5:7, Genesis, chapters 1 and 2, Exodus 20:9-11, Psalms 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: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty reunciation of it. 2. 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, Romans 5:1-2, Romans 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, Romans 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. *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, Romans 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 2:21, 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, Romans 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 peity, 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, Romans 11:21, I Cor. 10:11-12, I Cor. 15:12, I Thess. 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 ressurrection of all men. They that have doon 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 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 conference, 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

February 1, 1958

The Annual Golden Gate Woman's Auxiliary began by singing "When We all get to Heaven" led by Sister Ella Mae Foster, with accompaniment by Sister Earleen Parris. Prayer by Sister Waltman. Devotional—Romans 13:13 and 12:6 and Genesis 28:22b given by Sister Hampton. Welcome given by Helen Bradford. Response given by Ruth Walker.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Motion carried to accept Financial Report as read.

Letters read from Sherwood, Richmond, Concord, Salinas, Campbell, North Modesto, First Modesto, Village Chapel and Turlock Auxiliaries.

Motion carried that the chair appoint all committees.

Motion carried to have a nominating committee:

Committees were appointed as follows:

Nominating

Verna Shipman

Reba Kirk

Evelyn Adkins

Obituary

Myrtle Gates

Hazel Lester

Goldie Jensen

Finance

Goldie Priest

Mary Moore

Frances Van Horn

Registration

Imogene Belcher

Sarah Mayhew

Resolutions

Ella Mae Foster

Earleen Parris

Bea Dudley

Motion carried to dispense with having posters made.

Dismissed for short recess by congregational singing "Where He Leads Me" led by Sister Neona Purser and Prayer by Brother Ralph Hampton.

11:00 A. M.

Song Service—"Send the Light" led by Sister Myrtle Gates.

Prayer by Sister Lucille Hampton.

Special song "I Surrender All" sung by Sister Mary Moore, followed by prayer by Brother Delmer Priest.

Message brought by Rev. Jack Dodson using Scriptures Matthew 25:14-21 and I Cor. 4:2. (A very inspiring message on the Stewardship of our Time, Talents, and our Tithes).

Dismissed in prayer for lunch hour by Sister Opal O'Donnell.

1:00 P. M.

Song Service—"Have Thine Own Way" led by Sister Neona Purser and accompaniment by Sister Sarah Mayhew. Also, Sister Clyde Caton directed "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Prayer by Frances Arnwine.

Motion carried to receive reports of all committees as read. (See Reports)

Motion carried to accept Resolutions No. 2 and 3. (See Reports)

Motion carried to accept report of Nominating Committee. (See Reports)

Motion carried to accept report of Financial Committee. (See Reports)

Special number in song was rendered by a women's quartet from Richmond and Sherwood.

Special offering was taken as recommended by Finance Committee. Prayer was offered by Sister Tressie Murphy.

Installation of new officers by Rev. Jerry Dudley. Also prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Dudley.

Motion carried to give the out-going officers a standing vote of thanks.

Motion carried to give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

A skit was presented by Sister Imogene Belcher of Turlock.

Film Strip on "The Glad Church and the Sad Church" was shown.

Dismissed in prayer.

REPORTS

Registration Committie reported 68 members, 1 deacon and 7 ministers, making a total of 76 present.

Obituary Committe reported that there had been no deaths of Auxiliary members during the past year.

Resolutions passed were: No. 2—Be it desolved that the President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Vice President make out the programs for the coming year; and No. 3—Be it resolved that the program committee be given the power to set the next meeting and notify us, then the other meetings can be set at that meeing.

Finance Committee recommended that 1—\$24.80, the balance of our quota for the W.N.A.C. Project be sent from the treasury, that \$15.00 be sent to the state for Feeding Fund, and that \$25.00 be used for printing minutes in the Golden Gate Association Minutes. 2—That an offering be taken today. 3—That each Auxiliary be prompt in sending their annual dues of 30c per member to the Treasurer.

Nominating Committee submit the following nominees for officers for the coming fiscal year:

President—Opal O'Donnell

Vice President—Bea Dudley

Youth Chairman—Lucille Hampton

Study Course Chairman—Jeanette Fuschak

Stewardship and Prayer Chairman—Imogene Belcher

Personal Service Chairman—Ruth Walker

Recording Secretary and Treasurer—Goldie Priest

Corresponding Secretary—Devilla Melton

Reba Kirk, Recording Secretary