

Minutes for the Northern Association

Then convened at the Shintua Free Will
Baptist Church in Shintua, Ca. Feb. 3, 1973
Morning service was opened by song led
by Brother Trent.

Star of prayer led by Brother Lumbas.

Welcomes by local pastor, Brother Bryant.
State Moderator, Brother Collins, gave a
talk concerning the work of the State.

Recognition of Guest by Brother Burgess.

Devotion and Prayer by Brother Stutta.

Brother Jay Constantine gave a report on his
mission.

Cong. Song led by Brother Trent.

Brother Roman led in Prayer.

Special singing by the Gateway Singers.

The morning message was delivered by
Brother Bryant. His topic "King or Coming King".

Brother Johnny Hale dismissed and asked
the blessing on the noon meal.

Afternoon service opened by song led by
Brother Jay Constant.

Prayer led Brother Jordan.

Special singing by Brother Guthrie and the
Gateway Singers.

Brother Jay Hamilton asked blessing on

a report on The College was given by Brother
Foyt.

Ministers report from each church.

Dismissed by altar prayer.

Minutes of The Northern California
Association of Free Will Baptists
Convened at The
College City Free Will Baptist Church
College City, California
May 4th, & 5th, 1973

Proceedings Friday Evening:

Theme: "It Is Time", Romans 13:11

The Northern Association of Free Will Baptists, opened their quarterly conference in the College City Free Will Baptist Church, Friday, May 4th, at 7:30 P. M. The evening service was opened by congregational singing led by Brother Chester Burgess, and accompanied by Sister Georgia Reid on the Piano. Prayer was led by Brother James Wren. Welcome to all by Moderator Brother Chester Burgess. Devotion was brought by Brother H. D. Gentry. Brother Gentry took the text from Psalms 99:1. Testimony Service was led by Brother Gentry also. After prayer led by Brother Marvin Bryant. Special songs by: Brother Chester Burgess-"Pick up the Broken Pieces" Brother Gentry-"He looked Beyond My Faults and Saw My Need". The evening message was brought by Brother Johnie Hale, taking his text from Romans 13:11, 12, II Kings 7:8,9. Closing prayer by Brother Duggan.

Saturday Morning Session, May 5, 1973

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Brother Chester Burgess. Conference was opened as Brother Jay Constant led the congregation in song, accompanied by Brother George Latham at the piano. Welcome to everyone by Host Pastor, Reverend Chester Burgess.

Response by Brother Jay Hamilton.

Scripture and Prayer by Brother Marvin Bryant.

Members from the churches read by Sister Charlette Long.

All Delegates were seated as they received the right hand of fellowship and the congregation sang, "Amazing Grace".

Motion Carried to give Moderator power to appoint committees.

Resolution Committee; Chairman, Brother Jay Constant, Brother Marvin Bryant, Br. Hamilton.

Pulpit Committee; Chairman, Brother James Trout, Brother James Wren, Brother Hamilton.

Finance Committee; Chairman, Brother Johnie Hale, Sister Neva Reid, Sister Rize.

Obituary Committee; Chairman, Sister June Trout, Brother Machado, Brother John Arnold, Brother Sherman Wren.

Congregation dismissed for morning break by Brother Guthrie.

Session opened again by Song Service led by Brother Constant.

Special Singing by the Gate Way Singers.

The evening message was brought by Brother Ron Wood, C. C. C., his theme; "Mission and Destiny of The Church".

Closing Prayer and blessing for food asked by Brother Gentry.

Sunday Afternoon

Session opened by Assistant Moderator Brother Gentry. Song Service led by Brother Jay Constant, accompanied by Brother George Latham at the Piano.

Moderator Chester Burgess opened business with a report from the Obituary Committee, which was accepted as read: We the Obituary Committee report that since last May, four of our loved ones, have been called to meet God. From Elmwood, Stockton: Sister Lela Clark, Brother Lester Reid. From Winters: Brother W. H. Callison, Brother George Constant. A moment of

silence and prayer by Brother Marvin Bryant was given in respect for those passed on. Financial Report accepted as read. They agreed to leave finance as is; 10% Clerk, 10% District Association, 40% Executive Board, 40% Host Church.

Executive Board recommended Brother Sherman Wren to be licensed to preach the gospel. Motion carried. Executive Board recommends clerk to notify Yuba City and Olivehurst Free Will Baptist Churches. Motion carried.

Resolution Committee Report accepted as read;

1. Be it resolved that this association sponsor a semi-annual evangelistic campaign in a designated area of our association.
2. That the newer areas of our association be first in consideration.
3. That the local pastor or pastors and planning committee serve as a steering committee to select the evangelist; select the date, secure adequate housing for the meetings, serve as a publicity committee, arrange for special music, "etc."
4. That every church that is in fellowship with this association support these campaigns with their person, prayers and finances.
5. That a special fund be set up by this association for these meetings. Offering taken up here to go to regular treasurer.
6. That this body select an area for the first Revival in today's meeting.

Pulpit Committee selected Brother Jay Constant to bring afternoon message.

Delegates to the State meeting of Free Will Baptists were: Sister Georgia Reid, Brother Sherman Wren, Brother James Wren, Sister Charlette Long.

Association meetings for this year were set at: Linda F. W. B. C.--August, 1973

Elmwood F. W. B. C., Elmwood,--November, 1973

Winters F. W. B. C.--February, 1973

College City F. W. B. C.--May, 1974

on Carried to elect officers for May 1973 thru April 1974.

Moderator--Brother Chester Burgess

Assistant Moderator--Brother Tex Gentry

Clerk--Sister Charlette Long

Assistant Clerk--Sister Billy Constant

Five year man of Executive Board--Brother Johnnie Hale, to replace Brother C. Burgess.

Planning Committee for Meetings--Motion passed to have Moderator and Host Pastor to be Planning Committee.

Planning Committee for Semi-Annual Evangelistic Revival: Chairman, Brother Jay Constant, Brother Marvin Bryant, Brother Chester Burgess.

Treasurer--Sister Georgia Reid.

Motion carried to elect Jacaville as spot to hold first Semi-Annual Evangelistic Revival.

Motion carried to elect Brother Johnnie Hale to serve on Home Missions Board, Brother Jay Constant elected as alternate.

Brother Lawless elected as representative to Board of Trustees of C. C. C.

Treasurer Report accepted as read.

Report on California Christian College given by Brother Ron Wood.

Brother Constant elected to give up message time to Gate Way Singers for Special.

Closing Prayer by Brother John Arnold.

Johnnie Hale - 5 yrs.
Tex Gentry - 4 yrs.
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Moderator,
Brother Chester Burgess

Charlette Long
Clerk,
Charlette Long

MINUTES OF THE
~~SECOND~~ QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
NORTHERN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENED WITH THE LINDA FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH, MARYSVILLE, CALIF. AUG. 3, 4, 1973

FRIDAY EVENING

SONG SERVICE LED BY: CHESTER BURGESS
PIANIST: SANDY GOEHRING
"COME UNTO ME" & "MY GOD IS REAL"
PRAYER LED BY: H.D. GENTRY
"BRING THEM IN"
SPECIAL SONGS: "WHEN I SHALL CROSS THE RIVER" & "ON THE HILLS OF
HOME", BY BRO. & SIS SMITH & SIS. LILA USSERY.
ALTAR OF PRAYER LED BY: JAY HAMILTON
SPECIAL SONGS: "NEITHER DO I CONDEMN THEE", BY PAM MIZE & SANDY
GOEHRING.
"I'M TOO NEAR HOME WITH MY LORD" & "HE'LL PILOT ME"
BY THE SMITHS & SIS. USSERY.
"YOU KNOW NOTHING UNTIL YOU'VE KNOWN THE LOVE OF GOD"
BY SUSIE NELSON.
"WHAT HEAVEN MEANS TO ME", BY SUSIE, KATHY, & SIS.
NELSON, GUEST FROM CRESSEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.
MESSAGE BROUGHT BY: BRO. JAY CONSTANT, "STEWARDSHIP
OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD" I COR. 4:1, 2. ISA. 5:1, EZE. 33.
BENEDICTION: BRO. SHERMAN WREN

SATURDAY MORNING

SONG SERVICE LED BY: BRO. JAY CONSTANT
PIANIST: SIS. NELSON
"BRING THEM IN" & "LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS".
WELCOME BY HOST PASTOR: BRO. ED MIZE
SCRIPTURE, INVOCATIONAL, & PRAYER BY: BRO. ROY HUGHES ICOR. 3:9, 11
MINISTERS REPORTS:
JOUNIE HALE, ANDERSON, FIRST SERVICE IN NEW BUILDING TO BE AUG. 5.
JAY CONSTANT, VACAVILLE
CHESTER BURGESS, COLLEGE CITY
HARVEY HELMS, YUBA CITY
RALPH JORDAN, OLIVEHURST REVIVAL AUG. 10th thru 12th, COLLEGE
STUDENT TO PREACH THE FIRST THREE SERVICES & CHESTER BURGESS
THE REMAINDER.
MARVIN BRYANT, WINTERS
PRAYER BY: BRO. MARVIN BRYANT
RECESS

SATURDAY MORNING CONT.

11:00 SERVICE

DIRECTED BY:

H.D. GENTRY

SONG SERVICE LE BY:

KATHY NELSON

PIANIST

SIS. NELSON

"STANDING ON THE PROMISES" & "IT WON'T BE VERY LONG" &
"GLAD REUNION DAY".

PRAYER LED BY:

BRO. JORDAN

SPECIAL SINGING BY THE SMITHS & SIS. USSERY, "FOR ME",
"NOW I HAVE EVERYTHING", ACCOMPANIED BY SANDY GOEHRING.
"WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE" BY SIS. IVA & LILA USSERY.

SERMON BY:

WESLEY NELSON, CRESSEY F.W.B.C.
PSALMS 24

DISMISSAL PRAYER & BLESSING ON NOON MEAL.

LUNCH

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

SONG SERVICE:

BPO. JAY CONSTANT

"COME & DINE", & "VICTORY IN JESUS"

PRAYER BY JOHNNIE HALE, ANDERSON

SPECIAL SONG: "NEITHER DO I CONDEMN THEE", BY PAM MIZE, &
SANDY GOEHRING.

"A RICH MAN AM I" & "I'M JUST A STRANGER" BY THE
NELSON FAMILY.

SERMON BROUGHT BY:

BRO. H.D. GENTRY, EZE. 37

REPORT BY SHERMAN WREN OF THE STATE ASS'N.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT & DISMISS THE DELEGATES.

OFFERING OF \$23.12 RECEIVED

MOTION: THE OFFERING GO TO THE ASS'N. SPONSORED REVIVAL AT
VACAVILLE.

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING BY BRO. MILLS, WINTERS.

MOTION: GIVE THE HOST CHURCH STANDING VOTE OF THANKS
FOR THEIR WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY & FOOD.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN

BENEDICTION BY BRO. KENNETH REID, WINTERS.

CHESTER BURGESS, MODERATOR
BILLIE CONSTANT, ASST. CLERK

NEXT MEETING AT ELMWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 224 CARDINAL AV
STOCKTON, CALIF. 95205, PHONE 464-0178.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHICH CONVENED AT THE ELMWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 1973
AT 9:30 A. M.

The third quarterly session of the Northern California Association of Free Will Baptist's was opened in the Elmwood Free Will Baptist Church, 224 Cardinal Avenue, Stockton, California, with the Congregation singing "The Unclouded Day", directed by Rev. H. D. Gentry, Stockton, accompanied by Jane Trout at the piano, and Judy Graves at the organ. A welcome by the Host Pastor Rev. H. D. Gentry was given to all present.

Response was given by Rev. Edward Mize.

Rev. Johnie Hale, Anderson, brought the Devotional Thought, taking his text from Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 14-16. The thought; here am I send me. May we through a consecrated life for Christ produce fruit.

Altar of prayer led by Rev. H. D. Gentry, as the congregation sang "My Wonderful Lord".

Church letters read by clerk. Rev. H. D. Gentry gave an oral letter report from the Elmwood Church. Motion carried to accept the oral report from the Elmwood Church, and to seat their delegates. Motion carried to accept church letters and to seat delegates. Delegates given the right hand of fellowship.

Petitions for membership from the First Free Will Baptist Church, 2088 South Adelbert Street, Stockton, California, and the Lincoln Free Will Baptist Mission, Lincoln, California, to the Northern California Association of Free Will Baptists, were read. Motion carried to accept these letters. Rev. H. D. Gentry gave an oral recommendation for the First Free Will Baptist Church. Motion carried to accept these into full fellowship and the Association be notified that they have been accepted.

The Pulpit Committee appointed by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator: Steve Trout, Sam Gillon, and Carol Morse.

Moderator's message by Rev. Chester Burgess. He spoke on the church as an independent body, formed so we can better further the cause of Christ.

Progress reports from all Ordained Ministers:

Rev. H. D. Gentry, Elmwood Free Will Baptist Church, Stockton; The Elmwood Church is very excited after having their first Missionary Conference.

Rev. John Arnold; He asked to be excused as he has been hospitalized due to illness.

Rev. Chester Burgess, College City Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Harvy Helms, Yuba City Free Will Baptist Church; Six recent conversions. Also having study on the doctrine each Wednesday Evening.

Rev. Marvin Bryant, Winters Free Will Baptist Church; They have moved to Winters and are on the up-surge. They have had some conversions. He is laterally preaching the rafters down.

Rev. Edward M., Linda Free Will Baptist Church, they have had many conversions and good altar services. They could not meet their down payment for the option to buy after a two year period, and as result, have no building to worship in.

Rev. Jay Hamilton, Lincoln Free Will Baptist Mission; God is suppling the needs of this mission.

Report from all Licensed Ministers:

Rev. Sherman Wren, College City; He is thankful to God for saving him and that God would use him to preach,

Rev. Jay "W" Hart, Stockton; He is preaching in a local church. He is happy to be a minister.

Rev. A. E. Keenney, Stockton; They have accepted many new members and built a church for God. They are trying to help Jay W Hart to begin a mission work in the Sonora Area.

Rev. Stutz, Sacramento; There is a new work opening up in the Sacramento area. They are having services in homes. They have the money to get a place to worship, Pray they will find one available.

Report from the Vacaville Mission; They now have seven families attending, with an average of 22. They have Prayer Meetings at 7:00 P. M. each Thursday, and invite all to come and fellowship. Many prayers needed for this area.

Rev. Johnie Hale, Anderson; The work is growing there. The building is almost completed. They had a weeks revival since the last Quarterly Meeting, One man was saved whom they had long worked with. They do not have a large attendance, however, what they have are honest sincere people. They request prayer for the growth of the California Home Missions Board, and thank all for their prayers and support, Also a challenge to all ministers to begin works in new unclustered areas.

Dismissal prayer and recess.

11:00 A. M. Worship Service

The service opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven", "Wonderful Words of Life", and "Heavenly Sunlight", led by Rev. Kolton, California Christian College. Stuart Oller, student of C. C. C., led the congregation in prayer.

Announcement for the Executive Board to meet at lunch.

Special Songs: Rev. Kelton, C. C. C., wrote and sang the following: "Nail Scarred Hands", and "He forgave Me Of Everything". Member of the Yuba City Free Will Baptist Church sang "My Redeemer". Jim Guthrie, Elmwood Church, "It Is No Secret" and "Look Toward Heaven".

Rev. Keeney, Stockton, led closing prayer and blessing. Dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Rev. Darwin Kelton gave a report on the California Christian College. They invite everyone to the college Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:30 P. M., for a Missionary Conference, November 5, 6, & 7. They are now in the midst of starting

a Chapel extension program. They challenge each church to give to this extension program. Rev. Minigan sends his greetings from Oklahoma. The school extends a welcome to all to visit the school any time and share their blessings.

Special Singing: Steve Trout and Mrs. Jones; "Front Seat, Back Seat", "Charity",

Rev. Marvin Bryant, Winters, the afternoon speaker, took his message from Hebrews 12:15-17, and Galations 5.

Report from the Executive Board: We recommend Br. Jay "W" Hart to be ordained to preach the Gospel. We recommend Br. Fred Humphrey to be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Motion carried to accept the report.

Motion carried to table notion to make moderator a standing member on all committees until the Annual Conference in May 1974.

Jay "W" Hart asked to be ordained at this Quarterly Conference and to have Rev. H. D. Gentry lead services.

Jay Hart asked blessing on offering to be taken. Amount of offering \$13.60. Motion carried to give offering taken to the Linda Church, which is in dire need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November 18, Lincoln Mission is having all day services. A Lodi man to preach in the morning, dinner on the grounds, to be followed with more preaching. Everyone is invited.

Committee for the next Association Revival to meet and plan next revival.

Association votes a round of thanks to the Elmwood Church for a fine dinner and wonderful hospitality.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Fred Humphery.

Dismissed for five minutes recess.

Ordination Services for Jay "W" Hart.

Clerk, Charleth Long

Chester Burgess (Moderator)