

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING OF
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENED AT THE WINTERS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WINTERS, CALIFORNIA

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2, 1974-AT 9:30 A.M.

The fourth quarterly session of the Northern California Association of Free Will Baptist's was opened in the Winters Free Will Baptist Church, with Congregational singing, "Victory In Jesus", directed by Rev. Jay Constant, Vacaville, accompanied by Rev. George Latham at the Piano. A welcome by the Host Pastor, Rev. Marvin Bryant was given to all present.

The Response was given by Rev. Castille, Lincoln.

Reverend Keeney, Stockton, brought the Devotional Thought, taking his text from Psalm 133. Prayer.

A message from our Moderator, Rev. Chester Burgess, College City, taken from Acts.

The Church letters read by the Clerk, motion carried to accept letters and to seat the delegates by extending the right hand of fellowship while singing "Oh How I Love Jesus."

Petition for membership from the Lincoln Free Will Baptist Mission to the Northern California Association of Free Will Baptist's was read. Motion carried to accept them into full fellowship.

Motion carried to give the Moderator power to appoint the pulpit committee. Motion carried to have Moderator appoint an assistant moderator.

Pulpit Committee:

John Moyer-First Church, Stockton

Sherman Wren-College City,

Er. Trout-Elmwood Free Will Baptist Church, Stockton.

Motion carried to have Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Fred Humphrey, appoint the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee

Jay Constant, Winters F. W. B. C.

Johnnie Hale, Airport F. W. B. C., Anderson

Clark Castille, Lincoln F. W. B. C.

Er. Keeney, First Church, Stockton

All ministers asked to stand and be recognized.

Special Song by Miss Fostine Scroggins, "If God Is Dead", "Why Me Lord."

Moderator Recommended Olivehurst Free Will Baptist Church to be accepted into full membership of the Northern California Association of Free Will Baptist's.

Motion carried to accept Olivehurst F. W. B. C. into our Association.

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Ron Wood, Home Missionary to Yuma Arizona, gave a report on plans to establish a Free Will Baptist Church in Yuma, Arizona.

Br. Jack Williams, Dean of C. C. C. gave a report on the progress of the College.

Report from the Pulpit Committee; Br. Jack Williams will bring the afternoon message. Either Fred Humprys, Jay Hart, or Johnnie Hale will bring the morning message at the May 1974 Annual Meeting.

Recess, closing prayer by Lonnie Mc Alister.

11:00 A. M. MORNING MESSAGE

Reconvened for morning worship with the congregation singing "Sweet Hour Of Prayer".

Message brought by Rev. Wade Jernigan, taking his text from Jude 20, 21, and Hebrews 5.

Dismissed

Reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

Meeting called to order by the Assistant Moderator.

The congregation sang "Shall We Gather At The River", led by Steve Trout, accompanied by Rev. George Latham on Piano. Second Song "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms".

Prayer by Rev. Clark Castille.

Special Singing by the Gate Way Singers

Report from C. C. C. given by Wade Jernigan, President C C C.

Report from the Finance Committee: Todays offering to be applied to Fostine Scroggins Tuition at C. C. C. in the Spring.

Motion carried to accept Finance Committee Report.

Br. McAlister, California State Mission Board Dept., reported that BROTHER Sherman Wren, College City, has been asked to take the Olivehurst F. W. B. C.

It was suggested by Wade Jernigan, that an account be opened at C. C. C. and any donations for Fostine could be sent directly to the college in her name.

Offering taken, accompanied by pianist Sister Trout.

Br. Ralph Jordan has sent his ordination papers to us and has gone to another denomination. Motion carried to make his ordination papers Null and Void. Motion carried to adjourn

Wade Jernigan, Dismissal prayer.

Worship Service followed-Preaching by Br. Jack Williams.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENED AT COLLEGE CITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
COLLEGE CITY, CALIFORNIA
MAY 4, 1974

9:30 A. M.

Moderator Rev. Chester Burgess called the meeting to order. Br. Kieth Wilson led the congregation as they sang "Trust and Obey." Opening prayer led by Rev. Harvey Helms. The congregation joined together again to sing "Throw Out the Life Line".

Welcome was extended by the host pastor Rev. Chester Burgess. Response was given by Rev. Sherman Wren, Olivehurst. Morning devotion was given by Rev. Marvin Bryant, taking his text from Luke 11: 1-4. Moderators Message by Reverend Chester Burgess, Mark 2:1-4. Letters from churches read by clerk, Charlette Long. Motion carried to accept the letters and to seat the delegates. Delegates seated and given the right hand of fellowship as the congregation sang "Sunlight" directed by Br. Jay Constant.

Petitionary letter from the Airport Free Will Baptist Church, Anderson, Ca., was read. Motion carried to accept Airport F. W. B. C. into full membership, with all rights and privileges. Anderson delegates given the right hand of fellowship.

Nominations are in order for the five year man on the executive board. Br. Clark Casteil nominated. Motion carried to have nominations cease and to proceed to elect br. Clark Casteil as the five year man on the executive board.

Motion made and second to declare the office of two year man, held by Br. Winston Lawless, vacant and to proceed to fill that office.

Nominations now open for the office of two year man on the executive board. Motion carried to cease nominations and to proceed to elect. Rev. Marvin Bryant elected as the two year man on the executive board.

Motion carried to give the Moderator power to appoint various committees.

Resolution Committee: Jay Constant, Rev. Keeney, Ramsey, Humphrey, Morris.

Finance Committee: Johnston, Mize, Mills, Morris, Wren.

Dismissed for mess by prayer led by Br. Ramsey.

RECONVENED AT 11:00

Morning Worship service began with the congregation singing "Power in The Blood", led by Rev. Jay Constant. Specials from the Anderson Quartet-"Sorry I Never Knew You.", Special from the Lincoln Church-"My Lord Keeps a Record", Special from the Yuba City Church-"Precious Name".

Morning message brought by Rev. Fred Humphreys, II Thes. 3:1, Luke 13:6.

Moderator gave thanks for all participation. Br. Jay Hart appointed to bring the afternoon message.

Chair appoints Rev. Jay Constant as chairman of the planning Committee for this year. He will appoint his own committee.

Dismissed to Lunch by prayer.

Reconvened with a song service led by Br. Jay Constant as the Congregation sang "Victory In Jesus", and "Oh I Love To Walk With Jesus", and "He Set Me Free".

Obituary Report-None deceased.

Finance Committee Report: This committee suggest the following.

1. 10%-Clerk, 10%-Dist Assoc., 40%- Executive Board, 40%-Host Church.
2. Each Church will pay \$10.00 per quarterly meeting to the host church, to help cover the cost of feeding the delegates.
3. This committee suggests that the offering received today be given to Fostine Scroggins for College.

Motion carried to accept this report and to vote on items seperately.

#1. Carried.

#2. Carried.

#3. Carried.

Report from the Resolution Committee:

Be it resolved that this body give the Host Church a standing vote of thanks for the delicious meal.

Motion carried to accept this report.

A thank you note from Fostine Scroggins was read and entered as information.

Motion carried to give Moderator power to appoint delegates to state meeting.

Motion carried to accept the executive board report and to vote all these in.

~~1. Motion carried to combine the off~~

Board met May 4, 1974, at the College City F. W. B. Church.

First to be examined to be ordained was Br. Sherman Wren, examined by Rev. Marvin Eryant, Rev. E. Mize, Rev. H. Helms, Rev. C. Castell, Rev. J. Hale.

Second to be examined; Br. Davis Morris to be licensed to preach the Gospel.

Board examined and found to be sound in doctrine by this board.

Next to be examined: Bro. Bill Burgess to be licensed to preach the Gospel

Examined and found to be Sound in F. W. B. Doctrine.

Next to be examined for license to preach the Gospel: Gary Wilson, and found sound in doctrine.

Next to be examined for license to preach the Gospel is David Holley, examined and found to be sound in doctrine.

Motion carried to combine the offices of Clerk and Treasurer.

Nominations open for the office of Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried to cease nominations and to proceed to elect Charlette Long by acclamation.

Nominations in order for Assist. Clerk-Treasurer. Nominations cease and proceed to elect. Fostine Scroggins elected as Assist. Clerk-Treasurer.
Nominations in order for Moderator. Motion carried that the one having the most votes be Moderator and the one having second most votes be the Assist. Mod.
Motion carried to have nominations cease and proceed to elect.
Rev. Chester Burgess Elected Moderator and Rev. Keeney elected Assist. Moderator.

Motion carried to adjourn until the meeting in August at the Olivehurst, First Free Will Baptist Church.

Love Offering and dismissal prayer asked at close.

Offering taken \$39.63.

also: Motion carried to accept an invitation to attend the following churches for quarterly meetings:

Lincoln-----November 1974
Olivehurst--August 1974
Winters-----February 1975
First Church Stockton-----May 1975

Motion carried to pay 25¢ per member for dues to the State Assoc. Meeting.
Suggested that each church send in 25¢ per member to clerk for these dues.

Received dues today: Winters Church ✓
 First Church Stockton ✓
 Olivehurst ✓
 Anderson
 Lincoln ✓

MEETING OF THE OFFICERS OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
MEETING AT THE HOLN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, L...N, CALIFORNIA July 26, 1974

OFFICERS PRESENT: Marvin Bryant, Clark Casteil, Chester Burgess, Br. Hamilton,
Br. Ed Mize, Charlette Long, Visitors; Wanda Burgess, Mrs.
Casteil.

Opening prayer by Rev. Hamilton.
Visitors invited to seat in the meeting.

Moderator message, where do we want to go with this association.
Preamble read.
Report on the State Association meeting by Moderator Rev. Chester Burgess.
Each Pastor please encourage all standing delegates to attend State Meetings.

Authority to Ordain discussed.
Letters from LValley View Acres Free Will Baptist Church read and discussed.

Planning Committee responsibility read from the preamble.
We have been out of order by appointing a Planning Committee.

The Executive Board responsibility questioned.

Entice all members to attend meetings.

It was recommended for all delegates to wear some identification.

Moderator to check Elmwood Church for Minister I. D. Cards.

Gridley F. W. E. C. disbanned.

Churches are generally organized or disbanned by executive board.

Closing prayer by Rev. Mize.

~~First~~ MINUTES OF THE
~~SECOND~~ QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENED WITH THE OLIVEHURST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OLIVEHURST, CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 3, 1974
9:30 a.m.

Br. Trout led the congregation in song, accompanied by St. Trout on the piano, as we sang "Power in The Blood".

Opening prayer was led by Br. Jay Hart.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Chester Burgess. Rules of order were read by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. A. E. Keenoy, and he also gave an oral address to the body on organization and discipline. I. D. Ribbons were passed out to the delegates, deacons, deacons wives, pastors, pastors wives.

The host pastor of the Olivehurst Church, Rev. Sherman Wren was introduced. Rev. Wren gave a welcome to the association. He also asked a special prayer for a hospitalized member.

Response to the welcome was given for the association by Rev. Castoil. The devotional thought for the day was given by Br. Morris of the Anderson Church. His thought taken from John 14:1-6. The Way the Truth and the Life. Followed by prayer.

Letters from the churches read by the clerk, Sister Charlotte Leng. Motion carried to accept letters and to seat the delegates. The delegates were welcomed and seated as the congregation sang "Amazing Grace".

A Petitionary letter from the Valley View Free Will Baptist Church was read and the motion carried to accept them into full fellowship. Their delegates were welcomed and seated.

The moderator, Rev. Chester Burgess, gave a message, taken from Luke 14:35 Better the cause of Christ, also his thought was that it is the Pastors job is to make sure everything is done.

A progress report from all ministers was asked for. Sherman Wren, Olivehurst, reports that his church is prospering.

A letter of resignation from Rev. Ed Hico from the office on the executive board was read. Motion carried to accept his resignation.

Moderator declared the office of four year Executive man vacant and asked that nominations be open for that office. Virlin Ramsey, Jay Constant, Jay Hart nominated. Nominations declared to cease and we shall proceed to elect.

Br. Virlin Ramsey elected to the office of Four year Executive man.

Nominations were in order for the office of three year Executive man. Jay Constant, Jay Hart nominated. Nominations declared to cease and proceed to elect. Rev. Jay Constant elected as the Three Year Executive man.

Br. Brown led the dismissal prayer.

Reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Come and Praise", accompanied by Sis. Trout on the piano, followed by "Oh Victory In Jesus", "Sunshine In My Soul".

Opening prayer and blessing on the love offering led by Br. Bryant.

Br. Guthrie began the special singing with "Peace In The Valley", followed by the Morris Quartet, Anderson. The First Church Quartet, Stockton, sang "My God is Real" Sister Hico sang "Every Hour Of Every Day", followed by Festine Scroggins "One Day I Will"

The morning message was brought by Rev. Virlin Ramsey, Elmwood Church, Steektan.
His message taken from Psalms 23, Acts 19:15, John 10:9.
Motion carried to give Moderator power to appoint necessary committees.

Obituary Committee: Sis Callison, Chairman, Pam Hico, Sister Tato.

The Executive Board to meet during lunch and organize.
A request to ordain David Morris this afternoon.

Motion carried to receive letters for ordination.
Blessing for noon meal and dismissal prayer led by Rev. Lawrence, Steektan.

Reconvened 1:45

Meeting reconvened with congregational singing "Where the Soul Never Dies".
Br. Trout led Singing, "When I've gone the last Mile of the Way".
Prayer led by Br. Guthrie.
Moderator asked for the Obituary Committee report. Br. Fred C. Boal of the First Church, Steektan had passed away. A moment of prayer was given for his relatives. Prayer led by Rev. Hico.

A request for the Anderson F. W. B. C. to sing "The Family of God."
A special from the Elmwood Church, "Remind Me Dear Lord.", Rev. Chester Burgess sang "We Have an Anchor That Keeps the Soul", Jay Hart sang "Take It To The Lord And Leave It There", and "The Truth Has Set Me Free", Festine Scroggins sang "The Old Fashioned Church House", Sister Ussery & Lady sang "What a Day That Will Be" The Congregation sang "Amazing Grace"

Br. Lawrence the afternoon speaker was introduced. He spoke from Philippians 2:3. Love your enemies.
Moderator Rev. Chester Burgess asked for a report from the Executive Board.
A motion to separate the report into two sections carried.

Motion carried to accept the Executive Board recommendation that Br. Daniels spend three months in study of the Christian Doctrine and then appear before the board to be re-examined.

Motion carried to accept the Executive Board recommendation to ordain Br. David Morris to preach the Gospel, as he was found sound in doctrine by that board.

Motion carried to pay all outside speakers \$25.00 (Speakers not members of our association).

Motion carried to amend first motion to read to pay all outside speakers \$25.00 and 10¢ per mile, for speaking at Association meetings.

Motion carried to let this policy be for the rest of the ensuing year.
Motion carried to keep love offering in the Assoc. Treasury to pay for the outside speakers.
Dismissed for five minute recess.

Reconvened to ordain David Morris.

MINUTES OF THE
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL LBAPTISTS
WHEN CONVERGED WITH THE LINCOLN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
LINCOLN, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 2, 1974
9:30 a.m.

The Congregation was led in singing "Victory In Jesus" by Rev. Worley, accompanied on the Piano by Jane Trout, Stockton.

Opening prayer was led by Rev. Verlin Ramsey, Elmwood, Stockton.

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Chester Burgess, College City. The rules of order were read by Assist. Mod. LRev. A. E. Keeney, Stockton. Rev. Keeney then addressed the congregation about the rules of order. The Moderator introduced Rev. Clark Casteil, Lincoln, who gave the welcome to the Association members gathered there in Lincoln. He spoke on the previous meeting and the new members who came into our association as Pastors.

The Moderator spoke in behalf of the Assoc. Clerk, who was not present as she just had a new baby. Recording minutes in her absence was Sister Sheridan, Stockton.

The response for the association was given by Rev. Jay Hart, Stockton.

The devotional thought and scripture was given by Rev. Marvin Eryant, of Lwinters. His thought from Luke 11:9-13. Ask and Seek. He compared earthly food and spiritual food. Prayer was led by Rev. Eryant.

The letters from the churches were read by acting assistant Cler, Pauline Keeney, Stockton. Motion carried to accept letters and to welcome and seat the delegates.

Dismissed for Recess.

Meeting was reconvened as Rev. Worley led the congregation as they sang "Amazing Grace", and "I Feel Like Traveling On".

Moderator's message was taken from John 3:2. Rev. Burgess spoke of the conditions of our world today and our church conditions today and the need for a Christian Day School.

Last year three were ordained and licensed and they are present at this meeting today.

A request for prayer for Ir. Frakebill and his Wife.

A report on the Executive Board was given. Br. Gondtant and his family were called to Pleasant Hill to preach. He will have to be moved from the Board as the three year man.

Nominated for the office of three year man were: Rev. Sherman Wren, Rev. Jay Hamilton, and Rev. Jay Hart. Elected was Rev. Sherman Wren. The Executive Board was to meet during the recess.

Dismissed for recess, prayer by Ir. Trout.

Congregation was led in song by Rev. Worley while singing "I'll Be Satisfied" and "Somebody Touched Me". Sister Trout accompanied on the Piano. Specials from: Sister Fran Guthrie, Trout Quartet, "Walk and Talk in the New."

Rev. Verlin Ramsey introduced Fr. Morris, Anderson, as the speaker for the hour. 1 Cor. 12:21.

Dismissal prayer and blessing asked by Rev. Jay Hart.

Association was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Worley led the Congregation as they sang "He Set Me Free." Prayer was led by Br. Steve Trout.

Reports from the committees were received:

Br. Bill Burgess reported on the financial needs of C. C. for the future.
Motion carried for the clerk to purchase a new brief case.
Motion carried to purchase one full page of advertising in the anchor, C. G. C. yearbook.

LSpecial songs from the First Church of Stockton. "Precious Lord Take My Hand" and "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

The Executive Board report recommended that this association does not ordain Br. Daniels, Sacramento, on grounds of marital status.

Motion carried to accept the board recommendation.

Special Association offering taken in the amount of \$40.33, to be used as so designated.

Mike Gleason, Anderson, gave a Piano solo.

Special singing by Br. and Sis. Trout "The King and the Beggar."

Rev. Clark Casteil spoke on Is. 5:13-14. He suggested further study on the teaching in churches and Sunday Schools.

Nominations were opened to elect four members for a planning committee to serve for the rest of this year and a new one to be elected for next year. Nominated were: Verlin Ramsey, Clark Casteil, Jay Hart, Sherman Wren. Motion carried to cease nomination and to proceed to elect by acclamation.

Motion carried to have Moderator appoint a Plpit Committee to select a speaker for that day, at each association meeting.

Rev. Ted Keeney spoke on using our lay members who are educated to help in our work in the Free Will Baptist teaching and doctrine. Br. John Oller of the First Church of Stockton suggested to be used. Rev. Burgess says the planning committee will contact Br. Oller before Fe. 1975 meeting and seek his help.

The host church was given a standing vote of thanks.

Dave Norris led prayer.

Everyone shook hands while singing "Amazing Grace".

Association dismissed.