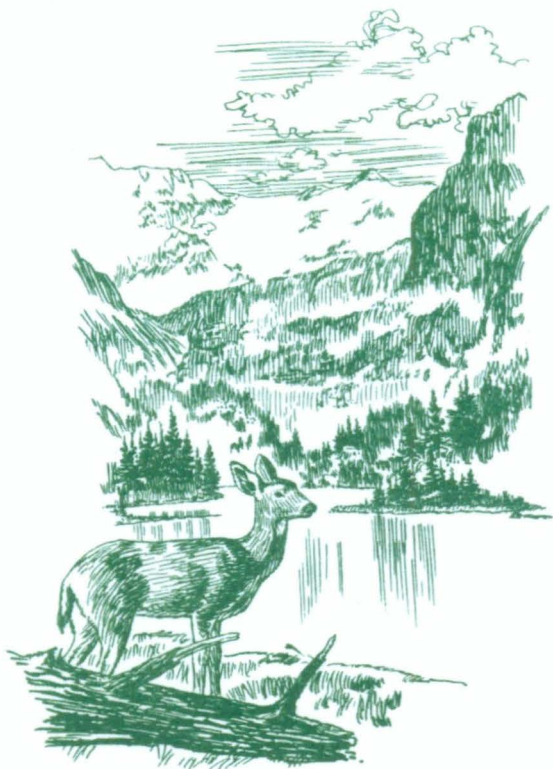




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Northwest Association

Free Will Baptist

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SESSION VIII, MAY 7-8, 1966
CONVENED IN PORTLAND

The eighth semi-annual session of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists met May 7-8, 1966 in the Portland Church. The meeting was called to order by the host pastor, Rev. John J. Postlewaite. The singing was led by Jane Halliburton, Betty Plunkett, pianist. Following the opening song, "Bound For The Promised Land," Rev. Thurman led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Edwin Wade, moderator of the Association, read the opening Scripture from Mark 9:38-41. The congregation then sang, "On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand", and the Youth Choir sang, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus".

Preceding the message by Rev. M. O. Kendall, the Kendall family sang, "Teach Me Lord To Wait", and "Glory Somebody Touched Me". Rev. Kendall read Luke 24:45-49 he gave a challenging message admonishing Christians to submit themselves completely to Jesus Christ. Following the message the Kendall family sang, "I'd Like To Talk It Over With Him".

The Association was called into business session by the moderator. Letters were received from all the Northwest churches and read by the clerk, Rev. John J. Postlewaite. On motion the letters were received and the delegates seated. Motion was made and carried to accept Rev. and Mrs. Plunkett into fellowship of the Association as associate members until the Seattle Church is organized and becomes a member of the Association. Minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and accepted on motion.

A letter was read from Rev. Milan Ruble stating that he was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. He requested that he be released as member of the Credentials Board and the Youth Camp Board. MSC to grant his request and to appoint others to fill these vacancies. The moderator then appointed Rev. John J. Postlewaite to serve on the Credentials Board and Rev. Lloyd Plunkett to the Youth Camp Board. Other committees appointed were—Pulpit: Jane Halliburton, Sherrie McClanahan and Frank Presler. Resolution: Gene Whittaker, Nathan Ruble and Del Barrett.

Arrangements for over night lodging were made by the host pastor. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Shope, Rockport, Washington.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

The services were called to order by Rev. Fred Dellinger, assistant moderator. Jane Halliburton led the congregation in singing, "He Lives", with Betty Plunkett at the piano. Devotions were given by Rev. Thurman, he read the Scripture from Romans 1:1-5 and spoke on the subject, "The New Law of The Spirit". Minutes of the Friday evening session were read and approved on motion. The assistant moderator appointed Rev. Lloyd Plunkett to serve on the Credentials Board in Rev. Edwin Wade's place, who had been called away from the meeting because of the death of Mrs. Wade's father.

Motion carried to receive Pulpit Committee's report that Dr. Ronnie Winkle speak at the 11:00 o'clock worship hour.

MSC for all boards and committees to meet after the Friday evening

services so that reports will be ready for the Saturday morning business session.

MSC to retain the present Youth Camp Board for next year—Rev. Postlewaite, Rev. Wade and Rev. Plunkett.

MSC to have Youth Camp in August this year.

MSC to send a copy of the Association's Minutes to the college library in Nashville, Tennessee.

MSC to send Brothers Milan and Nathan Ruble to the National Association as delegates.

MSC to receive Missions Board report. The board recommended that we raise the salary of Rev. Lloyd Plunkett to \$200.00 per month to match the National Home Mission Board's amount.

MSC to meet at Rockport Church for the November Association meeting. Rev. Thurman was elected to bring the introductory message. Rev. E. F. Snowden was elected alternate. An offering was received in the amount of \$23.68 to apply toward the purchase of a mimeograph machine. MSC to adjourn business until after the worship hour.

The 11:00 o'clock services were opened by the assistant moderator with a prayer for Mrs. Donna Wade and family. Following the congregational singing, Jane Halliburton sang as a solo, "Stranger of Galilee". Rev. Ronnie Winkle then delivered a very informative and challenging message on the subject, "How Can I Know God's Will For My Life". He read Judges 6:11-40 as background scripture for the message.

The Association reconvened for business with the assistant moderator calling the meeting to order.

MSC to receive the Credentials Board report and adopt it item by item.

Report: Item 1. We have examined Bro. Shope and found him sound in Doctrine and character, we recommend that he be ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted. We have examined Bro. Clifford Harris and have found him sound in Doctrine and character. However, due to the fact that Bro. Harris is not engaged in the ministry full-time, we recommend that his license be renewed with this stipulation, that should the need arise for ordination, the Credentials Board be authorized to act as an ordaining counsel and that he be ordained at that time.

Item 3. Adopted. We have examined Bro. Curtis Harris and recommend that this association issue him a license to preach the Gospel.

Item 4. Adopted. Our records show that Bro. T. E. Moore was given license to preach the Gospel by this association two years ago. He has since left the state and has not been in contact with the association. We therefore recommend that we no longer recognize his license.

An ordination service was conducted for Bro. Shope. The charge was given by Rev. Fred Dellinger. The prayer was led by Rev. Ernest Snowden.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the host church for the hospitality shown to those attending the meeting.

Motion carried to adjourn. The benediction was prayed by Burl Halliburton.

The noon meal was served in the basement of the church.

SESSION IX, NOVEMBER 11-12, 1966

The ninth semi-annual session of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists, met at the Liberty Church in Rockport, Washington, November 11-12, 1966. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Edwin Wade. The delegates were welcomed by Rev. Fred Dellinger, host pastor. Rev. Lloyd Plunkett led the congregation in hymns of praise, while Mrs. Plunkett played the piano. The opening prayer was given by Rev. M. O. Kendall. A duet was sung by Joe and Sue Postlewaite "He Bought My Soul". Rev. and Mrs. Postlewaite and Rev. and Mrs. Plunkett sang a quartet number. Following the hymn "Amazing Grace", by the congregation, the message was given by Rev. Thurman. He read the Scripture from Matt. 16:18-19, speaking on the subject, "Keys To The Kingdom". Our hearts were challenged as God's Word was preached. We were admonished to use what God has given to bring others into His Kingdom.

The Association was called to order for business by the moderator. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the clerk and approved on motion. The letters from the churches were read and motion carried to receive said letters and seat the delegates. The clerk then read the treasurer's report which was received on motion.

The moderator appointed the following committees—Pulpit: Rev. Kendall, Ernest Stafford and Joe Postlewaite. Nominating Committee: Rev. Ernest Snowden, Burl Halliburton and Rev. Lloyd Plunkett. Resolution Committee: Donna Barrett, Clifford Harris and Margie Halliburton. Registration Committee: Joy Wade and Sue Postlewaite.

Rev. Fred Dellinger assigned the guest to homes for overnight lodging. The Pulpit committee reported that Rev. Ernest Snowden would bring the 11:00 o'clock message on Saturday.

MSC to adjourn. The benediction was prayed by Mary Halliburton.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

The moderator called the services to order. The singing was led by Rev. Ernest Snowden. Leah Postlewaite played the piano. Rev. Shope led in the opening prayer. Devotions were given by Rev. M. O. Kendall, scripture reading 1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

Credential Committee report given. MSC to receive and adopt item by item.

Item 1. Adopted. We have considered the request from the Wenatchee Church regarding Victor Horner. We recommend that we honor their request and grant license to Mr. Horner to preach the Gospel, and that said papers be mailed by the association clerk.

Item 2. Adopted. We have examined Bro. Gene Whittaker and recommend that we honor the request from the Portland Church, and grant Mr. Whittaker license to preach the Gospel.

Item 3. Adopted. We have examined Bro. Raymond Gilmore and recommend that we honor the request from the Yakima Church and grant him license to preach the Gospel.

MSC to receive an oral report given on the youth camp by Rev. John J.

Postlewaite.

MSC to receive Resolution Committee report and adopt it item by item.

Item 1. Adopted. Whereas we see the tremendous importance of our Northwest Mission work, and whereas decisions made regarding the work have such far reaching effect, therefore be it resolved, that our present Mission Board be increased to five members.

Be it further resolved, that at least two of the members be ministers and that Oregon and Washington both be represented on said board.

Be it further resolved, that the two new members elected at this meeting hold office the four and five year terms respectively.

Item 2. Adopted. Whereas, there is a need for a more accurate report to be made from our association to the National Association, be it resolved; that we recommend to our churches that all monies be distributed through the association treasury.

Item 3. Adopted. Whereas, the giving of our churches to the Northwest Mission Fund is not sufficient to keep said fund operating in the black, be it resolved that we recommend to each pastor that he urge his members to make individual faith pledges to said fund.

On motion the Nominating Committee's report was received to be adopted item by item. The following officers were elected.

Moderator: Rev. Edwin Wade. Assistant Moderator: Rev. Ernest Snowder. Clerk-Treasurer: Rev. John J. Postlewaite. Credentials Board: Rev. Fred Dellinger. Youth Camp Board: Rev. J. Postlewaite, Rev. Lloyd Plunkett and Mrs. Donna Barrett. Missions Board: Ernest Snowder 3 years. Raymond Reed 4 years. Rev. Fred Dellinger 5 years.

MSC to make Youth Camp Board a standing board, Rev. Postlewaite 1 year. Rev. Plunkett 2 years. Donna Barrett 3 years.

Invitations were received from Wenatchee and Seattle churches for the next meeting of the association. A majority vote was cast for Seattle. Rev. Edwin Wade was elected to preach the introductory message.

MSC that no Board or Committee representing this association be allowed to make decisions affecting this association without official sanction from this body.

MSC that a representative from the Northwest Mission Board visit all of our churches in the interest of Northwest Missions and that we bear the expense from Northwest Mission Funds.

MSC that the Youth Camp Board work in cooperation with the youth in planning the programs for our youth rallies.

MSC to adjourn for the eleven o'clock worship services.

The services opened with congregational singing, led by Rev. Lloyd Plunkett, Betty Plunkett pianist. Prayer by Burl Halliburton. Rev. Ernest Snowder read Scripture from 1 Peter 2:21. He used for his subject, "Followers of Christ". The message challenged Christians to follow Christ and to lead others right in the Lord's work.

MSC to adjourn this session. An offering was received to apply toward the purchase of a mimeograph machine; amount \$14.75. The benediction was offered by Rev. Thurman. The noon meal was served by the host church.

SESSION X, MAY 12-13, 1967

The tenth semi-annual session of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Seattle Church May 12-13, 1967. The meeting was called to order by the moderator Rev. Edwin Wade. Rev. Lloyd Plunkett led the congregation in hymns of praise while his wife Betty played the piano. The opening prayer was prayed by Rev. John Staggs. The moderator then recognized new ministers and others who were attending the association for the first time. An accordian solo, "Overshadowed", was rendered by Cecilia Smith. Rev. and Mrs. Staggs then sang a duet number, "It's In Your Hands". Rev. Leon Sheppard led the congregation in prayer. The assistant moderator, Rev. Ernest Snowder then introduced Rev. Edwin Wade to bring the evening message. Rev. Wade took his text from Esther 4:14; Christians were admonished to find their place in God's Kingdom's work and live and work for God while there is yet time.

The meeting was called into a business session following the message. The clerk, read the minutes of the last meeting and they were received on motion. Motion carried to receive the Treasurer's report.

Rev. Edwin Wade submitted his resignation from the following positions: Moderator, Editor of the "*Nor'wester*" and Credentials Board member. MSC to receive said resignation with commendation for the good work done while serving in these positions.

Rev. Ernest Snowder offered his resignation from the following offices: Assistant Moderator, Home Mission Board member and Credentials Board member. MSC to receive said resignation with regret and commend Bro. Snowder for his service in these positions.

The letters from all the Northwest churches were read by the clerk. MSC to receive said letters and seat the delegates.

MSC to refer letter from the Yakima Church to the Mission Board and advise that they bring a suggestion regarding it in Friday's meeting.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator. Nominating: Burl Halliburton, Rev. Thurman and Del Barrett. Pulpit: Raymond Reed, Don Wagner and Curtis Harris. Resolutions: Gene Whittaker, Rev. Fred Dellinger, and Robert Whitelock.

The guest were assigned to homes for overnight lodging by Mrs. Lloyd Plunkett. Rev. John Staggs prayed the benediction.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

The meeting opened with congregational singing led by Don Wagner with his wife Louise as pianist. The prayer was prayed by Rev. John Staggs. Devotional reading was given by Bro. Tom Reid, using Romans 10:1-11, for the scripture.

Motion second and carried to receive First Free Will Baptist Church of Seattle as a member of the association.

On motion the Credentials Board report was received to be adopted item by item.

REPORT:

Item 1. Adopted. We have examined Rev. Leon Sheppard and recommend that we accept him into fellowship as a member of this association.

Item 2. Adopted. We have examined Rev. John Staggs and recommend that he be accepted into fellowship as a member of this association.

Item 3. Adopted. We have examined Rev. Lloyd Plunkett and recommend that he be received into the fellowship of this association as a member.

Item 4. Adopted. We recommend that this association grant Bro. Robert Whitelock license to preach the Gospel.

Item 5. Adopted. We recommend that Bro. Curtis Harris's license to preach the Gospel be extended for one year.

Item 6. Adopted. We have examined Rev. Orvil Thurman and recommend that we receive him into the fellowship of this association as a member.

Item 7. Adopted. We recommend that license to preach the Gospel be extended to Bro. Clifford Harris for one year.

On motion the Home Mission Board's report was received for adoption item by item.

REPORT:

Item 1. Adopted. We recommend that this association assume the payments on the Yakima church property for the next three months and that the money be taken from the Northwest Missions fund to make said payments. We recommend that each pastor encourage his people to contribute toward this cause in whatever way he feels will best suit his church. We further recommend that in the event of the sale of said property the equity be deposited in the Northwest Mission Fund with this stipulation, should the Yakima Church be re-established the funds will be put back into the work there.

Item 2. Adopted. Since the Seattle Church has assumed partial support of our Home Missionaries, Lloyd and Betty Plunkett, we recommend that we reduce their salary to \$150.00 per month.

On motion the report of the Nominating committee was received and the following officers were elected.

Moderator: Rev. Lloyd Plunkett. Assistant Moderator: Rev. John Staggs. "Nor'wester" Editor: Mr. Don Wagner. Mission Board: Mr. Robert Whitelock, 3 year term. Rev. Postlewaite was elected to fill out the unexpired term on the Credentials Board, left vacant by Rev. Wade's resignation. Rev. Orvil Thurman was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Snowden's on the Credentials Board.

Both the Vancouver and Wenatchee churches requested the next association. A majority vote was cast for Wenatchee. Rev. John Staggs was elected to preach the introductory message. Rev. John J. Postlewaite was elected alternate.

MSC to receive the Youth Camp Board report.

REPORT:

We recommend that the Youth Camp be postponed one week to meet August 20-26 instead of August 13-19.

MSC to ammend Article IX of Constitution in order to have quarterly meetings.

MSC to receive offering to be given to the Seattle Church to help meet expense of the association. MSC to mimeograph minutes after each session of the association and have them printed every five years.

The eleven o'clock worship services opened with singing led by Don Wagner, Louise Wagner, pianist. Prayer by Burl Halliburton. A duet was sung by Bro. Tom Reid and his daughter, "The Name Of Jesus". Rev. Leon Sheppard brought the message from Ephesians 5:14, using as his subject, "Awake Slumbering Souls". The Holy Spirit blessed while Bro. Sheppard stressed importance of Christians being awake and on fire for God. MSC to give the Wade family a standing vote of thanks for the work done in the Northwest Association. Benediction by Rev. Fred Dellinger. The congregation then enjoyed a fine meal at a local restaurant furnished by the host church.

SESSION XI, NOVEMBER 10-11, 1967

The eleventh semi-annual session of the Northwest Association of F.W.B. convened at the First Church in Wenatchee, Washington, November 10-11, 1967. The meeting was called to order by moderator, Rev. Lloyd Plunkett. The singing was led by Del Barrett, pianist Joan Warren, organist Julie Funston. Opening hymn, "Draw Me Nearer".

Devotions were given by Rev. Orvil Thurman, Scripture reading Phil. 3:13.

Rev. John Warren, host pastor welcomed the delegation and Rev. John Postlewaite gave the response.

Following a congregational hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed", the Postlewaite family sang, "Saved By The Blood". The congregation then sang "Onward Christian Soldiers". Rev. and Mrs. Warren then sang "He Touched Me and Made Me Whole."

Rev. John Staggs preached the message using the scripture from Hebrews 12:1-2 subject, "Abraham A Friend of God". Rev. Staggs brought out the different characteristics of Abraham which made him God's Friend and stressed that all Christians should give attention to these things in our own lives and service to God. At the close of the message he extended an invitation while the congregation sang, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord". Several young people came forward for prayer. Rev. Homer Willis led the altar prayer.

Business session:

The moderator declared the association in session to transact business. He introduced the officers of the association and Rev. Homer E. Willis, Director of National Home Missions in Nashville, Tennessee. He then recognized the delegates and guests from the different churches.

The clerk read the letters from the churches, all seven churches reported.

MSC to receive letters exclusive of the requests, and that all requests be submitted to the proper boards or committees, and that the delegates be seated.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by Rev. John Staggs, assistant moderator.

A letter of greetings was read by the clerk from Rev. Rufus Coffey, Executive Secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Registration: Joy Horner & Mrs. Leon Sheppard

Pulpit: Ray Hudson, Gene Whittaker, and Inez Thurman.

Nomination: Burl Halliburton, Del Barrett, Clara Staggs, Ronnie Winkle and Mary Dellinger.

Resolutions: Rev. Orvil Thurman, Leah Postlewaite, Rev. John Staggs, Earnie Lewis, and Rev. Leon Sheppard

Overnight lodging was arranged by Mrs. John Warren.

Benediction by Rev. John Warren.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

The services were opened with singing led by Tom Reid, pianist Joan Warren, organist Julie Funston. Chorus, "God Speaks Today", and Hymn "To God Be The Glory". Devotions were given by Gene Whittaker, Scripture John

14. The opening prayer was prayed by Adam Warnett.

The clerk read the minutes of the last session. MSC to receive as read.

On motion the treasurer's report was received.

On motion the credentials board report was received to be adopted item by item.

Item 1. Adopted. Rev. John Warren has moved into the association to pastor the Wenatchee Church. He came here from the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists in Texas. We have examined him and find him sound in doctrine. We therefore recommend him into full fellowship in this association.

Item 2. Adopted. We have examined Bro. Clifford Harris and feel that he is in need of further training and experience before ordination. We therefore recommend that he continue to preach under license and that he apply himself to the study of God's word and the Free Will Baptist Church Doctrine.

Item 3. Adopted. We have considered the request of the Wenatchee Church that Richard Horner be given license. We recommend that we grant him license for one year to preach the Gospel.

Item 4. Adopted. We have examined Bro. Mayfield from the Yakima Church and recommend that this association grant him a license to preach the Gospel for one year.

Item 5. Adopted. We recommend that Bro. Gene Whittaker's license be extended for another year.

Item 6. Adopted. We recommend that each licensed minister of this association be required to fill out the standard yearly minister's report of their ministry.

On motion the Pulpit committee's report was received. We recommend that Rev. Homer E. Willis bring the eleven o'clock message Saturday.

The moderator then recognized Rev. Homer E. Willis, General Director of Home Missions for the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Mr. Willis brought a good informative report on the work of the Home Missions Department. He also brought greetings from all the Departments in Nashville, Tenn.

The mission board's report was received on motion to be adopted item by item.

Item 1. Adopted. We recommend that this association pay \$125.00 per month to Lloyd Plunkett's account for the next six months and that this be reviewed at the next session of this association.

Item 2. Adopted. We recommend that missionaries supported by this association meet the same requirements as required by the National Home Mission Board, and that the Northwest Home Mission Board be given the privilege to work in the same manner as the National Board as far as it is practical.

Item 3. Adopted. We recommend that our missionaries visit the churches in the association at least once a year to help promote missions. Signed: Adam Warnett, chairman.

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace", Bro. Burl Halliburton led in prayer.

Youth Camp Board's report was received on motion to be adopted item by

item.

Report of the Youth Camp Board:

The Northwest Youth encampment, in session August 20-26, 1967 had a total enrollment of 71, including students, faculty, and staff. This was an increase of 21 over the camp enrollment last year. Brother Jack Gilbert from California was the camp evangelist. Thirteen first time decisions for Christ were recorded.

The camp financial record was as follows:

All receipts including registration and concession	\$877.97
Balance forward from last year	<u>114.97</u>
Total	\$992.94

Paid out:

Rent on the grounds	\$426.00
Evangelist	130.00
Groceries and supplies	277.49
Insurance	<u>42.60</u>
Total	\$876.85
Balance now	\$116.85

No literature bill has been received as yet.

The Conservative Baptist Youth Camp Board will not give us a definite answer as to whether or not we may rent Camp Ki for next year until after their own camping plans are finalized in December. At present, they give us a "very probable yes". They are giving us priority on renting the camp.

We make the following recommendations:

Item 1. Adopted. That we retain Camp Ki for next year's Youth Camp, the dates to be worked out by the Youth Camp Board with the Conservative Baptist Camp Board and reported later.

Item 2. Adopted. That the fees be kept as they have this year at \$12.00 each for the first two campers from each family, and \$10.00 each for additional campers from a family.

MSC to bring following motion tabled at last session off the table for discussion. Motion to amend Article IX of constitution to allow this association to schedule quarterly meetings.

Resolutions Committee report was received on motion to be adopted item by item.

Item 1. Amended and adopted as follows: Be it resolved that the following become Article IX of the constitution: Three of the regular sessions of this association shall convene on Friday and Saturday after the second Sunday in each of the following months, February, May, and November, and the fourth shall convene in August on Friday and Saturday following the Youth Camp. The May meeting shall be considered the annual meeting. The February and August meetings shall be held mainly for fellowship.

Item 2. Amended and adopted as follows: Be it resolved that this association elect a pulpit committee to serve one year. It shall be the duties of this committee to outline the program in printed form, and to send copies to each church at least one month prior to the meeting in order that selected

speakers might have time to prepare.

Item 3. Amended and was tabled on motion as follows: Be it resolved that this association elect an executive board of five men and that said board rotate so that a new man is elected each year. Be it further resolved that the men named to this board be selected from ordained ministers and deacons, and that every area of the association be represented on said board as much as is possible. The duties of said board shall be those such as are common among Free Will Baptists.

Item 4. Amended and adopted as follows: Be it resolved that the credentials board compile a statistical report from the church letters to be given at each session of this association, thus eliminating lengthy reading of letters.

MSC to adjourn for worship.

11 O'CLOCK WORSHIP

The singing was led by Del Barrett. Pianist Leah Postlewaite, organist Julie Funston. A duet number was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Staggs, "I've Been To Calvary."

The moderator presented Rev. Homer E. Willis for the message. Mr. Willis used Scripture from Luke 6:12 as his text. A good inspirational message was enjoyed as Mr. Willis reminded us of the rewards awaiting the faithful Christians in Heaven.

The moderator declared a three minute recess after which the association reconvened for business.

MSC to elect officers for a six month term since the annual meeting has been changed to May.

Nominating Committee's report was received on motion to be considered item by item.

We the nominating committee place in nomination the following:

1. Moderator, Lloyd Plunkett. MSC for nomination to cease, and elected.
2. Assistant moderator, John Staggs. MSC for nomination to cease and elected.
3. Clerk-treasurer, John Warren, MSC for nomination to cease and elected.
4. Youth Camp Board member for three years, Tom Reid. Leon Sheppard and Gene Whittaker were nominated from the floor. Tom Reid elected.
5. Home Mission Board member, Leon Sheppard. Burl Halliburton nominated from the floor. Burl Halliburton elected.
6. Credentials Board member 3 years, Orvil Thurman, elected.
7. Introductory speaker, Dr. Ronnie Winkle, elected.

The moderator then called for nominations for pulpit program committee. The following were elected: Don Wagner, Mrs. John Staggs, and Mrs. Lloyd Plunkett.

MSC to accept the invitation from Vancouver Church for next association meeting. Dr. Ronnie Winkle was elected as introductory speaker. Rev. John Warren was elected as alternate.

MSC to adjourn. Benediction was given by Dr. Ronnie Winkle.

Mimeograph offering received at Friday night's service \$13.42.

SESSION XII, FEBRUARY 16-17, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Plunkett, Moderator. Prayer was offered by Del Barrett.

The letters were read for the seating of delegates.

Letter was read from Brother Homer Willis for information.

The Chairman of the Program Committee was given charge of the service (Bro. Wagner). Rev. John Postlewaite led the opening hymn, "Blessed Assurance" with Leah Mae Postlewaite accompanying on the piano. Prayer was offered by Rev. Leon Sheppard.

Rev. John Staggs, host pastor, welcomed the delegation.

Rev. Jack Paramore showed some slides concerning the Bible College and challenged the congregation to meet the needs of our college.

Sam and Sue Postlewaite sang "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul".

Rev. Jack Paramore sang "I Have Found a Hiding Place."

Rev. John Staggs introduced Dr. Ronnie Winkle as the speaker for the evening. Dr. Winkle spoke on sermon titles:

1. How to Deal with Sin in Our Life
2. The Will of the Lord (How can you know it)
3. The Will of the Lord for your Life.

Rev. John Postlewaite led the invitational hymn, "Are You Washed in the Blood".

Mrs. Clara Staggs assigned lodging for the night. The session was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Halliburton.

SATURDAY MORNING

The services were opened by Bro. Don Wagner, Chairman of Program Committee. Choruses were led by Bro. Joe Postlewaite. Leah Mae Postlewaite accompanied at the piano. Bro. Fred Dellinger led in prayer.

Bro. Robert Whitelock brought a devotion thought upon the Word of God. A Bible I.Q. Test was given to all members of the congregation.

A panel discussion was conducted on: Is the Bible Relevant Today, points discussed were:

1. Today's Society
2. Liberalism
3. Fundamentalism
4. Do Morals Change with Changing Society
5. Modes of Dress

Prayer for Recess was given by Rev. John Postlewaite.

Meeting was called to order by Bro. Wagner. He led the song, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Mrs. Postlewaite was pianist. Bro. Halliburton led in prayer.

Bro. Lloyd Plunkett took charge of the services and opened the floor for an invitation for the next quarterly meeting. Motion carried to meet at the

Portland Church.

Bro. Plunkett introduced the speaker, Bro. Jack Paramore. He spoke on the subject: "Your Number One Enemy."

An offering in the amount of \$28.43 was received for the mimeograph machine. Offertory prayer was given by Bro. Del Barrett.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissal prayer was given by Rev. John Warren.

SESSION XIII, MAY 10 & 11, 1968.
CONVENED AT WENATCHEE.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Lloyd Plunkett. Congregational singing was led by Don Wagner, prayer by Bro. Whitelock. The Wenatchee Church gave a special: "Jesus Is the Way Maker" sung by Brian Warren and Terry Nelson. Rev. & Mrs. John Warren sang, "What a Day That Will Be"; the Postlewaite family sang "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

Rev. Plunkett introduced Rev. John Postlewaite as the speaker of the hour. He used 1 Corinthians 3:11 as his Scripture text and spoke on "The Foundation Of Our Faith."

Rev. John Warren welcomed the delegation to Wenatchee. The response was given by Rev. Lloyd Plunkett.

The clerk read a letter of greetings from the Foreign Missions Dept., the Home Missions Dept., and the Bible College.

Delegates names were read and the delegates seated.

Rev. John Postlewaite was elected assistant moderator to replace Rev. John Staggs, who has left the area.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Registration: Joan Warren and Dixie Nelson

Resolutions: Leon Sheppard, Chairman; Leah Mae Postlewaite, Ronnie Winkle, Fred Dellinger, Glen Golden.

Nominating: Del Barrett, Chairman; Ray Hudson, Kay Winkle, Mrs. Sheppard, Louise Wagner.

Overnight lodging was arranged by Mrs. Joan Warren.

Motion carried to adjourn.

SATURDAY MORNING

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Lloyd Plunkett. Congregational song was led by Bro. Joe Postlewaite, prayer by Bro. Orvil Thurman. The Seattle Church gave a special song. Prayer offered by Bro. Burl Halliburton.

The clerk read the church letters. Six churches reported (the seventh later reported by mail.)

The Moderator called a five minute recess so that the various boards could meet.

Reports of the various boards and committees were asked for. They were given as follows:

The Credentials Committee presented the following report:

Item 1. We report favorably on 5 churches within our association. Seattle, Vancouver, Wenatchee, Liberty, and Yakima. The Toppenish Church was not represented by letter at this association. We note that our Portland Church and Vancouver Churches have merged into one body since our last meeting (February) and will continue to function as the First Free Will Baptist Church, Inc. of Vancouver. We present the following as information: this cannot be

considered as an accurate report representing the past year since some of our churches sent in only a 6 months report. Our association has a membership of 265 members, 6 Sunday schools, 1 CTS, 1 Woman's Auxiliary, 5 prayer meetings, 9 ordained ministers, 6 licensed ministers, 9 ordained deacons. Our total local expenses were \$24,067.88. Outside giving \$4,038.68. We have property valued at \$86,000, parsonage property valued at \$28,000.

Item 2. We present a request from the Seattle Church for the November session of the Northwest Quarterly Meeting to meet with them. The August session will meet a Youth Camp. Motion carried that we meet at the Seattle Church as requested.

Item 3. We recommend that we grant the request of the Vancouver Church and ordain Bro. Gene Whittaker to preach the Gospel. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee report signed by John J. Postlewaite, Orvil Thurman, Fred Dellinger.

The Program Committee submits the following brief report:

The committee (Sister Betty Plunkett, Sister Clara Staggs, Bro. Don Wagner) met twice prior to the February meeting. The program theme was God's Word Endures Forever. Programs were printed with the feature speakers being Bros. Winkle and Paramore.

The committee met again for this meeting and secured Bros. Postlewaite and Reeds for speakers. We do appreciate the cooperation of our churches and have been blessed for our efforts.

Signed: Clara Staggs, Betty Plunkett, Don Wagner.

Bro. Adam Warnett gave an information report from the Home Missions Board stating that the Seattle Church will assume support of their pastor as they are able.

Mrs. Donna Barrett gave the Youth Camp Report as follows:

We were unable to retain Camp Ki Campground, belonging to the Conservative Baptists on dates suitable to us. We have reserved the Cedar Springs Camp ground near Snohomish, belonging to the Assemblies of God, for the week of August 25-31 at the same price Camp Ki rental would have been. It is a nicer camp, and is nearer most of our people. Rev. Leroy Welch, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas and graduate of FWBBC has been called as youth camp Evangelist. Rev. Postlewaite will be the director at camp.

The "Nor'Wester" Editor submits the following report:

Our greatest need still remains that is, *news* from the various churches. We have no problem with news from other areas of our denomination. We do appreciate those who submit news and have their suggestions.

We still plan to modernize our format and have some pre-printing done, pictures, etc. Pray for us in this work.

Signed, Don Wagner.

The Treasurer's Report was given by the clerk, John Warren. (Copies had been pre-typed and mimeographed and were handed out at the meeting.)

The Registration Committee reported a total of 90 in attendance that had registered. Seattle—20; Vancouver—18; Yakima—7; Rockport—3; Wenatchee—42.

Signed: Joan Warren and Dixie Nelson.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following report:

Item 1. Whereas Brother Joe Postlewaite has been selected by the CTS Dept. as one of 25 young persons from across the denomination to attend a three-week camp to train Youth Camp Workers, be it resolved that this Association contribute \$50.00 to his expenses for traveling to this camp. Motion carried.

Item 2. That this Association will refuse to ordain, or approve the ordination of a minister or deacon who uses tobacco, and will refuse to accept the credentials of any minister who uses tobacco. Motion carried to pass this resolution.

Item 3. That this Association take as a project the raising of \$500 for the Free Will Baptist Bible College Development Program, and that this amount be raised within one year. Motion carried to accept this resolution.

Signed: Leon Sheppard, Leah M. Postlewaite, Glen Golden.

The Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following:

Five Year Term on Home Mission Board—Gene Whittaker. For three year term, Adam Warnett. Both were elected.

Three Year Term on Examining Committee—Rev. John Postlewaite. Elected.

Three Year Term on Youth Camp Committee—Ron Winkle. Elected.

Program Committee for one year term—Mrs. Halliburton, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Plunkett. Elected.

Moderator for one year—Lloyd Plunkett. Elected. Asst. Moderator—Rev. Postlewaite. Elected.

Clerk-Treasurer—Bro. Warren. Elected.

Bro. Lloyd Plunkett elected to fill one year term on Examination Committee.

Motion carried that the Northwest Association Clerk be authorized to purchase an adding machine.

An offering in the amount of \$10.23 was received to be applied on a mimeograph machine.

WORSHIP HOUR

Singing was led by Bro. Don Wagner with Julie Funston as organist and Joan Warren as pianist. Prayer offered by Mrs. Halliburton. Bro. Don Wagner introduced Rev. Roger Reeds, Director of our National Sunday School Department as speaker of the hour. He used 1 Thessalonians chapter 1 and spoke on "A Model Church."

An Ordination Service to ordain Bro. Gene Whittaker to the ministry was conducted by Bro. Postlewaite. He read from 2 Timothy 4. Bro. Fred Dellinger led in the ordaining prayer.

Rev. Roger C. Reeds delivered greetings from all departments of the National Association.

Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Don Wagner.

SESSION XIV, NOV. 16 & 17, 1968.
CONVENED AT SEATTLE.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. Bro. Don Wagner directed the congregation in singing "Ring the Bells of Heaven." Brother Orvil Thurman welcomed the delegation to Seattle; Bro. Burl Halliburton gave the response. The congregation sang "Bring Them In." The Postlewaite family sang "Surely Goodness and Mercy." The congregation sang "If You Only Knew Him."

The speaker for the evening, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, president of Oklahoma Bible College was introduced. He spoke on Luke 8:26-40 which showed the contrast between Darkness and Light.

Motion carried to adjourn for recess.

The meeting was called to order after recess by the moderator, Brother Plunkett. Robert Whitelock led in prayer. The letters from the reporting churches were read and the delegates seated. Letter of greetings from Rufus Coffey, National Executive Secretary, was read.

Overnight lodging was arranged by Mrs. Betty Plunkett. Motion carried to adjourn. Brother Don Wagner led the dismissal prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

The moderator called the meeting to order. Brother Don Wagner led the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Brother Burl Halliburton led in prayer. The congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Brother Carl Mayfield brought a devotional thought.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was received as read.

The Credentials Committee gave the following report:

Item 1. We report favorably on three churches: Wenatchee, Seattle, and Vancouver. Represented in these churches are six (6) ordained ministers, three (3) licensed ministers, and seven (7) ordained deacons. There are three (3) Sunday Schools with a total enrollment of 304, two (2) CTS groups with a total enrollment of 100, three woman's auxiliaries with a total membership of 30, and three (3) prayer meetings.

The three churches report a membership of 232, with twenty of these having been received since the May, 1968 session of the Association.

Total value of church properties is \$66,000. There are two parsonages with a value of \$22,500.

Total income of the three churches since May: \$14,325.72. Total local expenses: \$10,748.00. Total outside expenses: \$1,980.21.

We report \$30 sent to this association as delegate fees at this meeting. This does not represent an accurate report since Rockport, Yakima and Toppenish Churches are not represented in this report.

Item 2. We recommend that the Seattle Church request be granted to

extend Brother Robert Whitelock's license to preach for one year.

Item 3. We recommend that the Vancouver Church request be granted that the May session of the Northwest Association convene with them.

Item 4. Due to the conditions of Mountain Passes in February, and due to the fact that we have fewer churches to accomodate the Associations four sessions per year, we recommend that the February 1969 session be cancelled.

All items carried.

Signed: Lloyd Plunkett, John Postlewaite, Orvil Thurman.

Mrs. Halliburton gave the Program Committee report as information.

The Home Missions Board submitted the following report:

Item 1. As a matter of information, Brother Adam Warnett was elected as Chairman of the Home Missions Board.

Item 2. We recommend that the Seattle Church try to support itself as of December 1, 1968. Carried.

Item 3. We recommend that our Missions Funds be used in halping Yakima Church get started again if plans can be worked out with our National Home Missions Board concerning a missionary for that area. Carried.

Signed: Adam Warnett, Chairman.

The Youth Camp Board submitted the following report:

Please refer to the financial report dated March 1-Oct. 31.

Total receipts were	\$1248.62
Total expenditures	1288.72
Deficit	40.13

Recommendations:

1. Lloyd Plunkett be selected as the 1969 youth camp director.

2. The selection of evangelist for camp '69 shall be the responsibility of the camp board with the approval of the Association. Suggestions for evangelist will be appreciated.

3. A food a month plan be instituted in our local churches, each church family to purchase one item each month. Mail to: R.S. Winkle, Youth Camp Board, 1830 147th Place S.E., Bellevue, Washington 98004. (Treasurers of each church to mail items monthly).

4. A free will offering shall be taken at this meeting to erase the deficit of \$40.13 as much as possible.

5. Attempt will be made to secure Cedar Springs camp near Snohomish for the first week of July, any week the month of June or the last week of August.

6. The fee for the first two campers from each family shall be raised from \$12.60 to \$13.60, insurance included.

7. For information: A suggested menu for camp has been provided and is available on request.

Don Wagner gave a report on the "Nor'wester".

Motion carried that the offering taken today go for the youth camp instead of the mimeograph machine.

The congregation sang "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me."

Dr. Winkle gave the following report from the Resolutions Committee:

Item 1. Whereas Robert's Rules of Order is accepted as the guide for the

order of business of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists, And whereas, Robert's Rules of Order states that a tie vote not broken by the moderator is a lost vote; and whereas, Resolution Item 2 voted on May 11, 1968 was subjected to two such tie votes before finally being passed by the narrow margin of two votes on a third and secret ballot; and whereas, the same restrictions regarding the use of tobacco was made to apply to Deacons as well as to ordained ministers and whereas, the selection and judging of its Deacons is the obligation of the local church and not the associational body as the constitution now reads:

Be it resolved that the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists rescind completely Resolution Item 2 of May 11, 1968 and remove its restrictions from its body members. Be it further resolved after having reviewed the adverse health consequences of smoking as contained in a four point summary on pages three and four in the Introduction chapter of A Public Health Service Review: 1967; entitled *The Health Consequences of Smoking* which reads:

The present state of knowledge of these health consequences can, in the judgment of the Public Health Service, be summarized as follows:

1. Cigarette smokers have substantially higher rates of death and disability than their nonsmoking counterparts in the population. This means that cigarette smokers tend to die at earlier ages and experience more days of disability than comparable nonsmokers.
2. A substantial portion of earlier deaths and excess disability would not have occurred if those affected had never smoked.
3. If it were not for cigarette smoking, practically none of the earlier deaths from lung cancer would have occurred; nor a substantial portion of the earlier deaths from chronic bronchopulmonary diseases (commonly diagnosed as chronic bronchitis or pulmonary emphysema or both); nor a portion of the earlier deaths of cardiovascular origin. Excess disability from chronic pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases would also be less.
4. Cessation or appreciable reduction of cigarette smoking could delay or avert a substantial portion of deaths which occur from lung cancer, a substantial portion of the earlier deaths and excess disability from chronic bronchopulmonary diseases, and a portion of the earlier deaths and excess disability of cardiovascular origin."

And with the understanding we are to safeguard against the adverse actions of our bodies as well as the thoughts behind these actions as described in 1 Cor. 6:18-20:

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Cor. 8:1-13; Romans 14:14-23; That the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists from the point of both health and scriptures recommend to its various members to abstain from the personal use of tobacco. (Passed)

Item 2. And be it further resolved that the Association select a committee consisting of all ordained ministers of our various churches, the assembly of which shall choose two laymen to serve with them to recommend to the body revision of the Constitution and By-laws of the Association as necessary including the issue of tobacco and the ministry. (Passed)

Item 3. Be it resolved that new resolutions be channeled as much as where possible first through the resolutions committee before being presented to the floor. (Failed)

Item 4. Whereas: The Association took the responsibility of raising \$500.00 for Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, last May '68, Resolution Item 3,

Be it resolved that the pastors of the various churches take action soon regarding this obligation and that consideration be given to undertaking a similar project for Okla. Bible College for the ensuing year. (Passed)

Item 5. Be it resolved that the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists purchase a copy of Robert's Rules of Order to be held by the Associational Secretary until such time as a parliamentarian is elected. The book is to be made available at each Associational meeting. (Passed)

Item 6. Whereas: The expense to send two delegates to the December meeting special assembly in Nashville is too great for the Association to bear,

Be it therefore resolved that the executive committee be instructed to word and send a letter to Vic Horner now living in Nashville, Tennessee area but still a member of the Wenatchee Church requesting him to represent the N.W. Association of F.W.B. at the December meeting in Nashville believed to be titled the "special called assembly to discuss the perseverance of the saints and feet washing" and instruct him to vote for no change in the present wording of our National Association F.W.B. treatise.

In addition, we request the entire sessions of these meetings be recorded by tape in total to be made available for reference and for recopy as necessary. (Item 6 was tabled during the morning session so a call could be made to Mr. Coffey. Removed from the table in the afternoon session; Carried)

Submitted by: R.S. Winkle, Chairman, John Warren, Don Wagner, Mary Halliburton and Tom Moss, Resolutions Committee, November 16, 1968.

Information on the Toppenish Church was given by Brother Adam Warnett. Motion carried that the Executive Committee and the Home Mission Board meet with the Toppenish Church to discuss the disposal of their property.

Motion carried to adjourn for the worship service.

During the worship hour, the congregation sang "Blessed Assurance." Margie Halliburton led in prayer. The congregation sang "Nothing But The Blood."

Brother Postlewaite introduced Rev. Homer Willis as the speaker of the hour. He spoke on the Good Samaritan.

Motion carried to adjourn. Brother Ernest Snowden prayed the dismissal prayer.

SESSION XV, MAY 16-17, 1969

The Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Vancouver, Washington, May 16-17, 1969. Host pastor, Rev. John J. Postlewaite, welcomed the delegation and led the congregation in singing "He Hideth My Soul" as the opening hymn. A solo was rendered by Rick Fugitt of Wenatchee; Vancouver youth choir sang "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" and presented the drama "Challenge of the Cross." Sue Postlewaite and Margie Halliburton sang, "I'll Wish I Had Given Him More." The message was delivered by Rev. Jack Paramore of Nashville, Tennessee. His subject was "The Mission of the Church." Brother Jack named seven outstanding things that a church should do in his very challenging message.

Moderator, Rev. Lloyd Plunkett, appointed Rev. John J. Postlewaite as clerk pro tem to serve in Bro. John Warren's absence. The delegates were recognized and seated by the moderator. A letter from Rev. Rufus Coffey executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee, was acknowledged. A telegram was also acknowledged from Rev. Reford Wilson, General Director of Foreign Missions Department, Nashville, Tennessee.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator. Nomination Committee: Earnie Lewis, Gene Whittaker, Leah Postlewaite, Inez Thurman, Joy Horner; Resolutions Committee: Dr. Ronnie Winkle, Tom Reid, Leneal Lewis, Mary Halliburton, Julie Funsten.

Guests were assigned to homes for overnight lodging by Leah Postlewaite. A youth meeting was enjoyed at the PUD Building by all young people and sponsors from 10:00 P.M. until midnight.

SATURDAY

Moderator called meeting to order. Hymn "Count Your Blessings" led by Don Wagner. Devotions and prayer was given by Rev. Orvil Thurman. Scripture Isaiah 45:22, Matthew 1:21, Romans 14:11, Phil. 2:10. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was read by clerk and accepted by the assembly. Program Committee report that Rev. Jack Paramore would preach the 11:00 A.M. message.

Credentials Committee report was given as follows:

"We report on the following named churches: Seattle, Wenatchee, and Vancouver. Total membership 252. Resident members 223. Non-resident members 29. Members received during the last year 31. Sunday Schools, three with an enrollment of 272. CTS's, two with an enrollment of 90. Auxiliaries, three with an enrollment of 31. Ordained ministers, six. Licensed ministers, four. Deacons, six. Prayer meetings, three. Value of church property, \$65,000.00. Two parsonages valued at \$23,000.00. Total income, \$29,246.93. Total outside giving, \$5,247.94. Local expenses, \$22,145.51. For delegates fees at this association, \$30.00.

This does not represent an accurate report since some of our churches have not reported by letter at this association."

Home Mission Board report was given by Burl Halliburton. Motion carried

to accept.

Youth Camp Board report was given by Dr. Ronnie Winkle. Motion carried to receive and adopt it item by item.

Item 1. We recommend that camper fees be paid 3 months in advance as much as where possible. If cancellation is necessary, refunds will be available.

Item 2. We recommend that we pay the camp cook \$100 for the week.

Item 3. The association provide the youth camp with \$100 for operation of this summer's camp.

Item 4. Where possible, Cedar Springs camp be acquired for 1970. Alternative if necessary.

Nor'wester report was given by Don Wagner and received as information. An offering was taken for a mimeograph machine by the moderator in the amount of \$16.26.

A report was given by Dr. Winkle concerning the Nashville meeting concerning backsliding and feet washing.

Moderator, Lloyd Plunkett, declared a 10-minute recess.

Nomination Committee's report was given by Joy Horner. Motion to receive report and adopt item by item.

1. Rev. John J. Postlewaite was nominated as moderator and elected.

2. Rev. Orvil Thurman was nominated as assistant moderator and elected.

3. Rev. Lloyd Plunkett was nominated as clerk-treasurer and elected.

4. Rev. Lloyd Plunkett was nominated and elected to replace himself on the Examining Board.

5. Rev. Orvil Thurman was nominated and elected to replace Bro. Whitelock on the Home Mission Board.

6. Mary Halliburton was nominated and elected to serve on the Youth Camp Board; replacing Donna Barrett.

7. Julie Funston, Leah Postlewaite, and Inez Thurman were nominated and elected as committee.

8. Betty Plunkett was nominated and elected as "Nor'wester" editor.

Resolution Committee's report was given by Ronnie Winkle. Motion carried to receive and adopt item by item.

Item 1. Whereas the churches of the Northwest Association are widely scattered and the conditions of mountain passes in February are uncertain, and the time of the summer youth camp is subject to change, be it resolved that, the February meeting of the association and the summer meeting following the youth camp be eliminated, and that the association meet semiannually only, in November and May. Adopted.

Item 2. Whereas our vision must be world-wide and whereas there is a dearth of foreign mission contact in the northwest area and whereas giving and praying can be made more intelligently through personal contact, be it resolved that the name of the Home Mission Board be changed to read the Northwest Home and Foreign Missions Board and in addition to its present responsibilities to the state and to the Home Missions Department, be it also instructed to keep frequent contact with the Foreign Missions Department in Nashville, in order to channel foreign missionaries, projects, and materials into the northwest area. Adopted.

Item 3. Be it resolved that the secretary-treasurer cash any receipts from various church bodies within one week after reception of same in as much as where possible. Adopted.

Item 4. Be it resolved that the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists give \$100 from the operational fund to Jack Paramore in appreciation of his ministry among our churches during the month of May, 1969. Adopted.

Item 5. Be it resolved that 5% of the Northwest Co-operative funds be designated as an operational fund for the annual youth camp to be taken from the 65% now being given to Home Missions. Adopted.

Item 6. Whereas Home Missions funds and other state funds are not drawing interest in their present checking accounts be it resolved that such funds be placed in a savings account until direction for these funds are provided by the body. Adopted.

Item 7. Be it resolved that this association give \$100 from the association's operational fund and that this amount be designated for the College's expansion program in Nashville, Tennessee. Adopted.

Registration Committee's report given by Sue Postlewaite.

Invitation was extended from the church in Seattle for the November meeting to convene with them. Accepted.

Motion to adjourn.

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Hymn "We're Marching to Zion" led by Don Wagner. Prayer by Burl Halliburton. Solo "Harbored in Jesus" by Rev. Jack Paramore. Message was by Rev. Paramore. His Scripture was Psalm 142:1-4; Jeremiah 1:12.

The service was concluded with a prayer of dedication with several young people responding.

The host church provided the noon meal for the delegation at Kelly's Restaurant.

SESSION XVI, NOV. 14-15, 1969.
CONVENED AT SEATTLE.

The semi-annual session of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists met Nov. 14 and 15, 1969 in the Seattle Church.

The Friday, Nov. 14 meeting began at 7:30 P.M. with singing led by Mrs. Inez Thurman, with Betty Plunkett at the piano. Opening song was "At Calvary." Rev. Lloyd Plunkett, host pastor, led in opening prayer and welcomed the association. Moderator, Rev. John J. Postlewaite, gave the response to the welcome and led the congregation in reading responsively, Psalm 85, as the opening scripture reading. In his opening remarks the moderator encouraged the body to emphasize this meeting as a time of devotion and fellowship.

The congregation was led in singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Rev. Orvil Thurman led in prayer. A ladies group from Seattle sang "Drinking At The Springs of Living Water."

The moderator introduced Rev. Lewis Perry, the pastor at Wenatchee for the message.

Rev. Perry read as his text 2 Cor. 5:10-11 and concentrated on verse 11a: "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; . . ." He pointed out that the church needed a new look at the commission Christ gave; that the church has been sidetracked in organization; but that winning men is first with all else second. He said more preaching on God's wrath was needed from a preacher with love in his heart. He mentioned these ways of persuading men:

1. by prayer
2. by witnessing, and
3. by living devoted lives

The congregation was led by the moderator in singing "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?"

The letters from the churches were read and the delegates were seated.

The moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee as follows: Joe Granger, Bob Cowan, Adam Warnett, Ernest Snowden and Fred Dellinger.

Mamie Mayfield was appointed to report on registration.

Hospitality arrangements were made by Mrs. Betty Plunkett.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. John Warren.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

Rev. Ernest Snowden led in singing the opening song: "It Is Well With My Soul." Mrs. Joan Warren was at the piano. Rev. John Warren read scripture from Ecc. 5:1-7 and gave a devotion.

The moderator read the by-laws of the association.

A letter of greeting was read from Rev. Jack Paramore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and received as read.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

A motion was made to put \$1000 of the associations Home Mission Funds into church bonds. The motion was lost.

The Credentials Committee report was given and accepted in it's entirety as follows:

Item 1. We recommend that Brother Lewis Perry be received into the association in full fellowship.

Item 2. Four churches reported by letter and five are represented. Of those reporting by letter:

Total membership is	261
resident membership	221
non-resident membership	40
Members received	21
Sunday Schools, four (4) with enrollment	278
C.T.S., two (2) with enrollment	81
Auxiliaries	3
Ordained Ministers	8
Licensed Ministers	1
Deacons	5
Prayer Meetings	5
Value of church property	\$65,000.00
Value of parsonages	23,000.00
Total income	14,648.61
Total outside giving	1,574.14
Local expenses	10,765.35
Delegates fees to this meeting	40.00

This can not be considered an accurate report since some churches did not report by letter and others only had a partial report.

The Resolutions Committee had no report.

MSC to disband the Program Committee and appoint a Pulpit Committee at each session to serve until a committee is appointed at the next session.

MSC that the Pulpit Committee be the Executive Committee.

The Youth Camp Board's report was given by Dr. Ronnie Winkle as follows:

Based on the reasons that:

1. There is need to bolster and unify our various individual churches,
2. There is general fatigue among our workers, and
3. Such a small camp as last year's is economically not feasible;

It is the recommendation of the Youth Camp Board that the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists forgo youth camp collectively this year and suggests that church retreats with a youth emphasis as individual churches substitute in this capacity during the summer of 1970.

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The Home and Foreign Missions Board report was given as follows:

We are still in contact with Rev. Willis concerning a missionary for this area. Among those who have been contacted are Rev. Joe Hurst and Brother Nathan Ruble. They have both expressed a desire to return to Washington but no definite plan has been completed.

Also Rev. Willis forwarded a letter from Rev. Paul Billings from Kellog, Idaho wanting to start a work in Spokane or that area, and wanted to know if

we could help with support. We have been in contact with Rev. Billings but do not know enough to make any recommendations at this time.

Adam Warnett, Chairman.

The report was received as given.

The Wenatchee Church extended an invitation to the association to meet with them in May. MSC to accept Wenatchee's invitation.

Rev. Ernest Snowden was elected as introductory speaker to the May association. Rev. Ronald Winkle was elected as alternate.

Mamie Mayfield gave this report on registration at this session for information:

The people present from the different churches are as follows: Seattle 24, Wenatchee 5, Walla Walla 2, Yakima 9, Vancouver 14, North Bend 1, Rockport 1. Total attendance was 56.

Some time was given to free expressions of concern for our problems facing small evangelistic witnesses such as ours.

Brother John Postlewaite discussed the problem of inadequate finances that forces our pastors to find other employment; a problem not faced by the liberals who can give full-time to promoting their cause. Brother Orvil Thurman discussed the proper approach in witnessing, saying we should approach in the name of Christ rather than in the name of the church. Brother John Warren gave an encouraging report on the reviving work in Yakima, and Lloyd Plunkett read Romans 12:17b "Provide things honest in the sight of all men," and said we should seek to be absolutely honest in all our dealings; not seeking unfair tax breaks, or discounts, or any kind of preferential treatment in the name of the church.

The business session was adjourned for worship.

Dismissed in prayer by Carl Mayfield.

Worship service began with Brother John Postlewaite outlining the program.

With Betty Plunkett at the piano, Brother Postlewaite led the congregation in singing "To God Be The Glory." Rev. Ronald Winkle led in prayer and the congregation sang "Come, Ye Thankful People," and "Count Your Blessings." John and Joan Warren sang a special number, "The Name of Jesus." The congregation sang "We Gather Together" and Betty Plunkett and Margie Halliburton sang "His Name is Wonderful" accompanied at the piano by Joan Warren.

Two devotional talks on the Thanksgiving theme were given by Joe Granger and Mary Halliburton. Joe Granger used 1 Thess. 5:14-24 and 1 Peter 2:9 in his talk; and Mary Halliburton used Psalm 117 in hers.

Rev. Postlewaite led the congregation in reading responsively 1 Cor. 3:9-17.

The association gave a vote of thanks to the host church.

The congregation was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lloyd Plunkett.

The host church provided the noon meal at Brad's Restaurant.

Lloyd G. Plunkett, Clerk

SESSION XVII, MAY 15-16, 1970
CONVENED AT WENATCHEE.

The annual session of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wenatchee on May 15-16, 1970.

Moderator John Postlewaite called the meeting to order at 7:30 Friday evening May 15.

The worship service singing was led by the host pastor Rev. Lewis Perry. Kathleen Perry was at the piano and Julie Funston at the organ throughout the meeting. The congregation was led in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. Orvil Thurman led in prayer. The congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight." Rev. Postlewaite read 1 Thess. 4:1-18. Burl Halliburton led in prayer.

Rev. Perry welcomed the association to Wenatchee and recognized the visitors, Rev. and Mrs. Dan Parker. The congregation sang "Power in the Blood." The Wenatchee youth choir sang "That Old Time Religion." A Wenatchee youth quartet consisting of Sherrie Funston, Vickie Shaw, Loy Turner and Rick Fugitt sang "Nothing Is Impossible." The choir sang "What A Day That Will Be."

The moderator introduced the introductory speaker, Rev. Ernest Snowden, who read 2 Tim. 2:13-19 and concentrated on the statements in verse 19: "The foundation of God standeth sure," and "The Lord knows those who are His." He said the whole world has rebelled. God's people have forsaken Him also. We have built a system that satisfies and feel no need of God. He pointed out that you can know Him. When the world is in chaos, God is sure.

Following the worship service, the letters from the churches were read and committees were appointed as follows:

Registration: Margie Halliburton, Dawn Swensen and Joyce Horner.

Nominations: Terry Nickell, Carl Lewis, Joan Warren, Burl Halliburton and Joy Horner.

Resolutions: Lewis Perry, Ernest Snowden, John Warren, Vic Horner and Betty Plunkett.

The delegates were seated.

Hospitality arrangements were made by Rev. Lewis Perry and Helen Warnett.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. John Warren.

SATURDAY

The Saturday, May 16 meeting was called to order by the moderator, and Earl Larsen led the congregation in singing "More About Jesus," and "Redeemed." Carl Lewis gave a devotion using Psalm 106:1-8.

Delegates not present on Friday were seated. The pulpit committee reported that Dan Parker would speak at the 11:00 o'clock service. A telephoned greeting to the association from Rev. Joe Hurst was related to the association.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

The credentials committee report was given as follows:

Item 1. The First Mission Assoc. of Oklahoma has asked for a letter of recommendation for Rev. Leon Sheppard now pastoring in that area. We recommend granting a letter.

Item 2. Four churches reported by letter to this association. The statistical report on these four is:

Membership	230
resident members	205
non-resident	25
Members received	39
by profession of faith	15
by letters	11
by statement of faith	13
Members dismissed	38

There are four (4) Sunday Schools with a total enrollment of 261, one CTS with an enrollment of 30, one Ladies Auxiliary and four prayer meetings.	
Number of licensed ministers	3
Number of ordained ministers	7
Number of deacons	5
Total value of church and parsonage property	\$96,000.00
Total income	27,753.14
Total outside giving	2,706.14
Total local expenses	22,543.54
Delegates fees to this meeting	40.00

MSC to receive the report and approve the recommendation.

The nominations committee report was given. MSC to receive the report and vote on it item by item. The report was as follows:

We, the Nominating Committee place in nomination the following persons for the respective offices for the coming year:

Moderator: Johnie Postlewaite—elected.

Assistant Moderator: Lewis Perry—elected.

Clerk-Treasurer: Lloyd Plunkett—elected.

“Nor’wester” Editor: Betty Plunkett—elected.

Examining Board: Lewis Perry

Ronald Winkle nominated from the floor; Lewis Perry elected.

Home Missions Board: Ernest Snowden—declined.

Ronald Winkle nominated from the floor and elected.

To replace Gene Whittaker on the Home Missions Board: Earnie Lewis

Item declared out of order by the moderator.

Youth Camp Board: Carl Lewis—elected.

The resolutions committee report was given as follows:

Be it hereby resolved that this association give the host church a rising vote of thanks for entertaining the Northwest Association.

MSC to receive the report and adopt the resolution. A rising vote of thanks

was given the Wenatchee Church.

Adam Warnett gave an oral report for the Home and Foreign Missions Board for information. He reported that no new projects were being initiated at this time.

MSC to encourage the churches to send their letters to the clerk before each association.

MSC to give the offering taken at the 11:00 o'clock service to the General Fund of Free Will Baptist Bible College instead of the mimeograph machine fund.

MSC to have an auditing committee audit the books at each session of the association in the future.

MSC that the moderator appoint the auditing committee at each associational meeting.

The "Nor'wester" report was given by Betty Plunkett for information. She encouraged the churches to send in their news.

MSC to make the "Nor'wester" a quarterly, rather than a monthly paper.

Margie Halliburton gave the registration committee's report for information as follows:

Attendance Saturday morning: Vancouver 8, Wenatchee 20, Seattle 10, Yakima 4, from out of state 4. Total 46.

MSC to accept an invitation from the Vancouver Church for the next meeting.

Burl Halliburton reminded the churches of the "Dollars from the Scholars" campaign for the Bible College and encouraged participation.

Motion and second to have the executive committee be the pulpit committee permanently. Lost.

Motion and second to adopt a plan to have the elected alternate to the introductory speaker be the speaker at the 11:00 o'clock service on Saturday at each meeting. Lost.

MSC to elect an introductory speaker and an alternate for the next association, and have interested persons work out and present a plan for arranging programs to the association.

John Postlewaite was elected as introductory speaker for the Nov. Meeting. Richard Horner was elected as alternate speaker.

MSC to have the executive committee serve through the next meeting as the program committee.

The moderator declared a five minute recess.

The worship service opened with Lewis Perry leading the congregation in singing "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." Rev. John Warren led in prayer. An offering of \$22.45 was received for Free Will Baptist Bible College. A ladies trio: Joan Warren, Leah Postlewaite and Betty Plunkett sang "Peace, Wonderful Peace."

The moderator introduced Rev. Dan Parker as the speaker. Rev. Parker read Mark 2:1-12 and related the story of the man brought to Jesus by four friends and let down through the roof. He made these applications:

1. The man was sick and the world is sick. It is a sickness of the mind; sick

knowledge as modern magazines and songs show.

2. The man's friends recognized the man's helpless condition. Do we recognize helplessness?

3. He needed friends; and we need friends. He asked: If you were sick, would you desire such friends? If you know such a person as this, are you such a friend?

The moderator gave Rev. Lewis Perry the floor to give directions to the place for the noon meal.

Earnie Lewis dismissed the association in prayer.

The host church fed the guests at Roy's Chuck Wagon Restaurant.

Lloyd G. Plunkett, Clerk

CANCELLATION OF NOVEMBER, 1970
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

The Assistant Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists, acting as executive committee, and after consultation with representatives of the Vancouver Free Will Baptist Church, submit the following resolution to the member churches for approval. September, 1970.

1. Whereas the Nov. 1970 meeting of the Northwest Association is scheduled to meet with the Vancouver church which is now without a pastor and which is of insufficient strength to host the association, and

2. Whereas the last meeting of the Association in May of 1970 was with the Wenatchee Church, and it would not be convenient for that church to host the Association for financial reasons and because many of its members work in fruit harvest at this time of year, and

3. Whereas it would not be convenient at this time for the Seattle Church to host the Association for financial reasons, and

4. Whereas there is no known urgent business to come before the association at this time,
Be it resolved:

1. That the November 1970 Association Meeting be canceled.

2. That the May 1971 meeting of the Association meet with the Seattle Church.

3. That this resolution be subject to approval by a majority of the member churches.

4. That each member church of the Association be encouraged to act on this resolution in a business conference in time for the results to be published in the October issue of the *NorWester*.

Assistant Moderator, Lewis Perry
Clerk-Treasurer, Lloyd Plunkett

Approved unanimously by all churches voting.

SESSION XVIII, MAY 14, 15, 1971
CONVENED AT SEATTLE

The annual session of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Seattle on May 14, 15, 1971.

With Rev. John Warren leading the singing, the Friday evening meeting opened with the congregation singing: "Lead On, O King Eternal."

Jim Nickell, from Anchorage, Alaska, led in the opening prayer.

The congregation sang, "Yield Not To Temptation."

Rev. Lloyd Plunkett, clerk and host pastor, welcomed the Association to the Seattle Church and read a letter of greeting from Rev. Roy Thomas, Deputational Missionary with the National Home Missions Board.

The congregation sang "Saved By The Blood".

Rev. Ernest Snowden led in prayer.

With Margie Halliburton at the piano, a trio consisting of Betty Plunkett, Marlene Nickell and Dawn Swenson sang "Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful".

Rev. Fred Dellinger led in prayer.

The evening's message was preached by Rev. Lloyd Plunkett.

I. Read Proverbs 29:18a—"Where there is no vision, the people perish . . ." and pointed out that

A. We are small with only nine small churches from the California border to the North Pole. Part of the reason is we think small.

B. We are scattered. For this reason we should make our meetings count and have a spiritual impact.

II. He read John 4:35-38 and concentrated on this expression in verse 35: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; . . ." He said when we look on our part of the field we see

A. Liberals and cults are stronger in our area than in most.

B. We face an indifferent population.

C. Sin is very evident.

D. Our area is in economic depression.

E. We are not to look at ourselves.

F. We are not to look at our smallness and incapacity.

III. He said let us do our job.

A. The association is for fellowship; we need fellowship.

B. The Association is for partnership. The Seattle Church is an example that some things can be done better as partners.

C. The Association is for service to the churches.

Rev. Orvil Thurman led in prayer. The congregation sang "Faith Is The Victory." Rev. Plunkett led in prayer.

Letters of resignation were read from Adam Warnett, who resigned from the Mission Board and Rev. Lewis Perry who resigned as Assistant Moderator.

Since the elected moderator has moved to Arkansas, Rev. Ronald Winkle was elected as moderator for this session.

The congregation sang "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

The clerk declared a five-minute recess.

After the recess the moderator called the meeting to order and the letters from the churches were read and the delegates seated. MSC to accept the Anchorage, Alaska, church's request for membership.

MSC to accept the Anchorage Church in full fellowship based on their profession of faith and our knowledge of its members.

MSC to seat the Anchorage delegate to this association, Bro. Jim Nickell.

MSC to have the moderator appoint all committees. The committees were appointed as follows:

Registration Committee: Barbara Vernon, Chairman, Marlene Nickell, Betty Plunkett

Nominations Committee: Orvil Thurman, Chairman, Burl Halliburton, Joan Warren

Resolutions Committee: Ernest Snowden, Chairman, Inez Thurman, Jim Nickell

Auditing Committee: John Warren, Chairman, Mary Halliburton, Fred Dellinger

John Warren was elected to preach the 11:00 A.M. message on Saturday. Betty Plunkett made the hospitality arrangements. MSC to adjourn. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Jim Nickell.

SATURDAY

With John Warren leading the singing and Joan Warren at the piano, the Saturday morning meeting opened with the congregation singing "Blessed Assurance."

A devotion was given by Kay Winkle. Her themes were: "When you feel inadequate" and "When you seek God's presence." She read several direct quotes from Scripture.

Rev. Fred Dellinger led in prayer. The floor was opened for business by the moderator. The minutes of the May 1970 session were read and approved. Delegates not seated before were seated. The treasurer's report was given. MSC to adopt the report.

The report of the Auditing Committee was as follows:

"We the auditing committee, having examined the treasurer's books, find them in order and correct."

John Warren, Chairman, Mary Halliburton, Fred Dellinger

MSC to adopt the report.

Report of the Examining Board was given as follows:

Five churches reporting by letter to this association are Vancouver, Liberty of Rockport, Seattle, Yakima and First Church of Anchorage, Alaska. The statistical report on these five is:

Membership	116
Resident	95
Non-Resident	21
Members received	15
By Profession of faith	7
By Letter	8
Members dismissed	15

There are five Sunday Schools with a total enrollment of 202. There is one CTS with an enrollment of 20.

Number of licensed ministers	3
Number of ordained ministers	9
Number of deacons	6
Total value of church and parsonage property	\$57,000.00
Total income reported	\$15,093.81
Total outside giving reported	637.83
Total local expenses reported	13,381.67
Delegate fees to this Association	40.00

MSC to adopt the report.

The Home Missions report was given by Burl Halliburton. He reported that some thought was being given to Spokane as a place to start another church. MSC to receive the report.

The Youth Camp Board report was given by Ronald Winkle. He reported that the Youth Camp Board was essentially inactive at present, dur primarily to the economic situation. MSC to accept the report.

The Resolutions Committee report was given as follows:

"We, the resolutions committee, recommend that a vote of thanks go to the Seattle Church for being so gracious a host for this setting of the Northwest Association."

Ernest Snowden, Chairman, Inez Thurman, Jim Nickell

MSC to adopt the report.

A vote of thanks was given to the Seattle Church.

The "Nor'Wester" report was given by Betty Plunkett. She noted that news was coming in well and encouraged suggestions. MSC to accept the report.

The Registration Committee reported attendance at this session as follows: Vancouver 5, Yakima 10, Rockport 3, Seattle 27, Anchorage, Alaska 1, Portland 2, and Snoqualmie 2, with a total attendance of 50. MSC to receive the report.

The Nominating Committee report was given. MSC to accept the report and vote on it item by item. The report was as follows:

"We, the Nominating Committee, place the following in nomination for the respective offices:

Moderator—John Warren. MSC to elect by acclamation.

Assistant Moderator—Fred Dellinger. Gene Whittaker was nominated from the floor and declined. Fred Dellinger was elected.

Clerk-Treasurer—Lloyd Plunkett. Elected.

Examining Board—Ernest Snowden for three years, Orvil Thurman for two years."

MSC to check with Lewis Perry at recess to see if he intended to resign as member of the examining board as well as assistant moderator. Action postponed.

Home Mission Board—Mrs. Joan Warren for five year term. Elected.

Youth Camp Board—Ronald Winkle for three year term. Elected.

Orvil Thurman, Burl Halliburton, Joan Warren

Motion made and second to postpone printing minutes another year—lost.

MSC that the morning offering go to the operational fund for printing the

minutes.

An invitation from the Yakima Church to meet with them for the November 1971 session was noted.

A spokesman from the Vancouver Church apologized for not being able to host the association in November 1970.

MSC to appoint a committee to re-examine meeting dates and update the Constitution accordingly. The committee appointed was Ernest Snowden, Chairman, Orvil Thurman, Fred Dellinger.

MSC to send delegates to the National Association.

MSC to send Ronald and Kay Winkle as delegates and empower the Executive Committee to appoint others if it is learned others are going.

The floor was opened to a free discussion of the purpose and goals of the Association. Burl Halliburton said it should be a place where love is shown; we need it.

Ronald Winkle mentioned possible starting a new church in Spokane.

Kay Winkle spoke of the need for more prayer; and believing. She asked for a good spirit in the Association.

Nikita Snowden said we need more thanksgiving.

Gene Whittaker said we need more unity in prayer and work; that we need to start with ourselves and work through the association. He said we need vision, to unite and to win souls. He emphasized interest for souls. He said we need a vision for schools.

Mary Halliburton said we need to provide a source of strength to all, especially our young.

It was mentioned that the "Nor'Wester" could be utilized for these things mentioned.

Nikita Snowden mentioned the hope of owning our own youth camp.

Ronald Winkle noted that planning would be necessary to bring about the goals mentioned.

The committee appointed to re-examine meeting dates and update the Constitution gave its report as follows:

"We recommend the changing of Article IX of our Constitution to read: The regular sessions of this association shall convene on Friday night and Saturday following the second Sunday in May and October. The May meeting shall be considered the annual meeting."

Ernest Snowden, Orvil Thurman, Fred Dellinger

MSC to table the amendment to Article IX of the Constitution until the November session.

MSC to accept the invitation from Yakima to have the November session convene with them.

Final action was taken on the nominating committee report to fill vacancy of the Examining Board. Ernest Snowden declined his nomination. Ronald Winkle was nominated from the floor and declined. Fred Dellinger was nominated from the floor and elected.

MSC to adjourn for recess. Carl Mayfield led in prayer.

(Note: efforts to contact Rev. Lewis Perry failed so it was assumed he did not intend to resign from the Examining Board.)

Worship Service opened with the congregation singing: "He Keeps Me Singing." A group of children led in singing "He is Able." Betty Plunkett and Margie Halliburton sang a duet.

Rev. John Warren brought the message. He read 1 John 2:5, then he quoted Jesus' saying, "If you love me, keep my commandments." He emphasized that people who say they love God:

1. Ought to, and will, show it by obedience to Him,
2. Should show it by love for one another, and
3. Should go to all the world and preach.

The congregation sang "Softly and Tenderly" as an invitation.

An offering of \$56.00 was received. Lauren Vernon led in prayer.

The floor was opened for nominations for the introductory speakers at the November session. Gene Whittaker was elected. Ronald Winkle was elected as alternate.

After adjournment the host church fed the delegates the noon meal.

Lloyd G. Plunkett, Clerk

SESSION XIX, NOV. 19, 20, 1971
CONVENED IN YAKIMA

The Semi-Annual session of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Yakima on Nov. 19, 20, 1971.

The meeting was called to order on Friday evening, Nov. 19, by the moderator, Rev. John Warren. Del Barrett led the singing with Joan Warren at the piano. The congregation sang "Anywhere Is Home" and "Saved by the Blood." Rev. Nathan Ruble led in prayer.

The moderator presented Brother George Murphy, a new member of the Yakima Church who was saved in the Hawaii Free Will Baptist Church, to give his testimony and tell about the work in Hawaii.

The congregation sang "I Would Not Be Denied." Patsy and Peggy Ruble sang "I Was Born To Serve The Lord." The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven," and a quartet from Malaga sang two songs: "I Would Like To Settle Down," and "Jesus Is Coming Soon."

The moderator introduced the introductory speaker, Brother Gene Whittaker for the message. Brother Whittaker spoke on "The Unstopped Gap." He read Ezekiel 22:23-31 and emphasized verse 30a: "And I sought for a man among them that would make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land . . ." He said God was, and is, looking for an intercessor. Satan is looking for an opening to go through to devour souls. We are responsible to plug the hole on sin. God hates sin but wants to save the sinner. He wants us to stand between the lost and God and intercede. It is a privilege to win souls. God only tells souls through us. We ought to be active reaching souls for Christ. He stressed the lost will be in Hell for eternity. He spoke of the need of a vision for seeing the lost saved. He challenged the congregation to witness.

The congregation sang as an invitation song, "Softly and Tenderly." There was a good altar service with several being saved or rededicated.

Letters from these six churches were read: Vancouver, Liberty Church of Rockport, Yakima and Seattle, Washington; First Church of Anchorage, Alaska; and Valley Free Will Baptist Church of Malaga, Washington. Fifty dollars in delegate fees accompanied these letters. Delegates from the churches were seated.

MSC to receive Valley Church of Malaga, Washington into fellowship and seat its delegation. Milan Ruble, the pastor of Valley Church responded, expressing appreciation for being received.

MSC to receive the new pastor of the Vancouver Church, Rev. Nathan Ruble, into full fellowship.

MSC to allow the moderator to appoint all committees. The committees appointed were:

Registration Committee: Grace Morasch, Chairman, Patsy Ruble, Peggy Ruble.
Resolutions Committee: Ronald Winkle, Chairman, Mary Halliburton, Barbara Golden.

Auditing Committee: Vincent Nelson, Chairman, Fred Dellinger, Joan Warren.

A letter of greeting from Rev. Roy Thomas, Deputational Missionary with

the National Home Missions Board was read.

Joan Warren made hospitality arrangements. Del Barrett led in the dismissal prayer.

SATURDAY

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 9:05. Del Barrett led the congregation in singing: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and "Victory in Jesus."

Rev. Nathan Ruble gave a devotion using Joshua 1:9 and Acts 28:15. He said we need to be encouraged. We gain it through the Word, seeing souls saved, and from one another. Phyllis and Debbie Ruble sang "Trust and Obey."

The Moderator declared the floor open for business. Minutes of the May 1971 session were read and approved as read.

Ronald Winkle gave an encouraging report on the National Association. He reported great unity and evidence of denominational support for its ministries. He also reported on his visit to the Anchorage Church in September 1971, and the progress of that church and the needs of Alaska.

The voting delegation was recognized.

Rev. Fred Dellinger led in prayer for the association. The treasurer's report was given. MSC to adopt the report.

The report of the Auditing Committee was given as follows:

We, the Auditing Committee, have looked over the records kept by Brother Plunkett, Assoc. treasurer, and find everything in order.

Vince Nelson, Chairman, Fred Dellinger, Joan Warren

MSC to adopt the report.

Bryan Warren and Terry Nelson sang, "Jesus is the Way Maker."

Ronald Winkle gave the report of the Youth Camp Board as information. He reported that thought was being given to a weekend retreat.

Brother Warren challenged everyone to vow to pray for the other churches in the Association at least once a week. He emphasized that God answers prayers.

Ronald Winkle gave the report of the Resolutions Committee as follows:

Be it resolved that the Association give the host church a standing vote of thanks for its hospitality.

Ronald Winkle, Chairman, Mary Halliburton, Barbara Golden

MSC to adopt the report.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the Yakima Church.

Glen Golden led in prayer. Patsy Ruble gave a testimony of how she led a girl to Christ in school a week before.

Milan Ruble gave a report of good progress and blessing on the churches in Idaho, passing on prayer requests from those there.

Brother Fred Dellinger testified that prayer is the greatest power on earth, and that we should pray. The Association had an altar of prayer led by Burl Halliburton.

A request for a letter of recommendation for Rev. John Postlewaite to the

Central Association in Arkansas was read. MSC to grant the letter.

MSC to accept the invitation of Valley Free Will Baptist Church for the May 1972 session of the Association.

Brother John Warren read an article to the Association about a cult in Puerto Rico.

MSC to take from the table an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution which was tabled at the last session in May. The amendment was adopted and reads as follows:

The regular session of this association shall convene on Friday night and Saturday following the second Sunday in May and October. The May meeting shall be considered the annual meeting.

The Association discussed printing of the minutes. MSC to authorize the clerk to have the minutes printed with at least the quality of those previously printed, and to find the best price.

The floor was opened for free discussion of the Association finances. MSC that the morning offering go toward printing of the minutes.

The registration committee report for information was given as follows:

We the Registration Committee submit the following report: Valley Church (Malaga) 28, Seattle 8, Portland 5, Vancouver 8, Rockport 3, Yakima 21. Total registration was 73 for both services.

Grace Morasch, Chairman, Peggy Ruble, Pat Ruble

The Moderator declared a ten minutes recess.

The worship service began at 11:15 A.M. The congregation sang "Seeking the Lost," and "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Rev. John Warren led in prayer. An offering of \$100.62 was received. Patsy and Peggy Ruble sang a duet.

Brother Burl Halliburton was the first of two speakers and he spoke on Liberalism. He said: Modernism is finding fault with the Word of God and attempting good Protestant churches. Modernism is finding fault with the Word of God and attempting to discredit fundamental beliefs. He read 2 Peter 1:16-21.

He said the Modernists deny that Jesus is the Son of God, that the Bible is the Word of God, miracles, and the very fundamentals of Christianity.

It is not new; the Sadducees denied the bodily resurrection; so do modernists. They think of themselves as enlightened and of fundamentalists as superstitious.

There are all shades and we need to watch out for their infiltration into the churches. We believe and they deny supernatural answers to prayer. They do not believe in a personal God, in the bodily return of Christ, in the substitutionary death of Jesus, or in the anger of God.

Brother Halliburton then read Malachi 4:6; Numbers 23:19; 2 Timothy 3:16 and Acts 4:12. He said God is Sovereign in the universe and men and circumstances are still under His control. He read Rev. 22:18.

The second speaker was Dr. Ronald Winkle, who spoke on Brainwashing. He said we are being brainwashed today in our country without knowing it. It is vicious, but can be combated.

He said the Biblical heart is the mind, and "out of it are the issues of life." God looks on the heart, the inner being. We are talking about mind warfare. It is

the heart of man God seeks to win.

In the mind are three parts: 1. The part that knows facts; 2. The part that applies facts, or wisdom; and 3. Emotion; made by God to respond to one of the first two. Emotions can run wild without responding to the other two. They run wild in mobs and in churches. Truth, not emotion, should dictate action.

A vacuum cannot be tolerated in the mind. Brainwashers know it is never empty. The mind is conditioned to respond as desired. Everything is learned and anything learned can be unlearned, and one can learn something else. Everyone has a behavior he has learned and it can be changed. We have learned there is a God. This way of thinking can be changed, according to the brainwasher.

Rev. Winkle gave this progression:

1. Everyone wants affection. Communist brainwashers and the Devil know that.

2. Everyone wants approval.

3. Everyone has basic physical needs; food, clothing, shelter and each other for social stimulation.

These can be used against a person. If someone can control these he can control you by withholding them until the right response comes.

The process the brainwasher wants to develop is: 1. defeat; 2. resentment; 3. hostility, and 4. hate. These mental attitudes are easy to direct or redirect because no one likes to be put on the spot. Winkle said a Christian needs to know he is saved. He said we are being brainwashed and the techniques are being used on a National basis. Everything is changing, including truth, we are told.

Winkle said this is how to win the battle:

1. One must know what is happening to him.

2. One must know the purpose as used by Communism is to dehumanize us and destroy free will.

3. Faith and prayer. The born again child of God who knows what he believes and believes what he knows cannot be changed.

4. To be clear on Bible principle.

5. To have a closed mind, and not be open minded when the Devil comes. On some issues we had better know where we stand.

6. To have a sense of purpose.

Rev. Fred Dellinger was elected to be the introductory speaker at the May 1972 session.

MSC to adjourn.

The moderator gave directions to the Royal Fork restaurant where the host church fed the delegation.

A quartet: Joan Warren, Milan Ruble, Marlane Craig and Del Barrett, sang "I Would Like to Settle Down." The session closed with the congregation singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Lloyd G. Plunkett, Clerk

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Article 1. This association shall be called the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such consistent, well-regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall unite in this compact and agree to this constitution. All churches affiliated with this association shall be required to adopt the Treastise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association.

Article II. The acting members of this association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which the association is composed; every church being entitled to two delegates, every church containing fifty members to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members. (Amended May 7, 1965. All ordained ministers, ministers wives, acting ordained deacons, deacons wives, and church clerks, shall act as standing delegates in this association.)

Article III. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, and clerk-treasurer, which shall be elected at the annual session. Each officer is to continue in office until his successor is chosen and qualifies and shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

Article IV. Any regular Free Will Baptist church maintaining gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrines and practices, and in favor of benevolent enterprises as Sunday Schools, missions, temperance, and education, may be received into this association on application, by a majority vote of the association.

Article V. This association shall have power to discipline its churches for unchristian conduct, a want of conformity to gospel order, or a violation of the conditions of this compact, by expelling them; to examine ministerial candidates by request of churches to which such persons belong; to license and ordain ministers, such as given evidence of being qualified and called of God; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the churches may refer to it, and transact such other business as may be necessary for the benefit of the Christian faith, consistent with the liberty and independence of the churches according to the practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination; and to make any by-laws necessary to its regulation not repugnant to this constitution.

Article VI. Each church shall send the sum of no less than ten dollars semi-annually. All expenses above the stated amount shall be at the direction of this body.

Article VII. Section I. This association shall elect an Examining Board of three members whose duty it is to set up requirements for license and ordination,

subject to the approval of the association; to examine candidates for the ministry; and to make recommendations concerning request for license, or renewal of license, being held at the annual meeting and so arranged that one member is elected each year.

Section II. Committees or boards shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided for and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

Section III. The duties of the boards and committees shall be such as are common among Free Will Baptists when not in conflict with the National Association.

Article VIII. Each member church shall report to this association at each yearly session its statistics on a form provided by the association.

Article IX. The regular sessions of this association shall convene on Friday night and Saturday following the first Sunday in May and November. The November meeting shall be considered the annual meeting. (Amended November 11, 1967. Three of the regular sessions of this associaton shall convene on Friday and Saturday after the second Sunday in each of the following months: February, May, and November, and the fourth shall convene in August, on Friday and Saturday following the youth camp. The May meeting shall be considered the annual meeting. The February and August meetings shall be held mainly for fellowship.) (Amended November 20, 1971. The regular sessions of this association shall convene on Friday night and Saturday following the second Sunday in May and October. The May meeting shall be considered the annual meeting.

Article X. This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided amendment or alteration was presented in writing at the last session of the association.

BY-LAWS

1. Each session of the association shall be called to order by the moderator, or in his absence by his representative, who shall announce the order of business.

2. The association shall determine when its daily sessions shall open and close. Each session shall open and close with suitable devotions to God.

3. A majority of all the churches in good standing, which are registered as members of this association must be represented for a quorum.

4. This association may hold correspondence by messengers, or otherwise, with any other religious body as it may seem advisable.

5. Any person not a delegate to this association may be allowed to take part in

its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator, but such a person shall not be allowed to vote.

6. It shall be the duty of all delegates to the association to be present at the time appointed for each session and give strict attention to all business. No delegate shall absent himself from this association during its session without first obtaining leave of the moderator.

7. Every member wishing to speak shall first address the moderator but no person shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any subject, without permission of the body.

8. The moderator may appoint committees as needed.

9. This association shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary law as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order except in those cases where some rule may be superceded by some rule of this association.

10. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by a majority vote of delegates present, provided amendment or alteration was presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

