

MINUTES

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

May 3-4, 1968



The next session will convene with the
Shafter Free Will Baptist Church

May 2-3, 1969

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Edward Johns 1908 Stanley Ave., Corcoran
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Don Farris 8875 S. Union, Bakersfield
Clerk	Peggy Adkisson 1608 N. Maple, Fresno
Assistant Clerk	Alma Johns 1908 Stanley Ave., Corcoran
Treasurer	J. L. McAlister 886 Alameda, Lindsay
Assistant Moderator	De Arthur Yandell 219 South A, Tulare

Executive Board

Rev. J. L. McAlister 886 W. Alameda, Lindsay	5 years (1973)
Rev. A. E. Woolery P. O. Box 468, Earlimart	4 years (1972)
Rev. DeArthur Yandell 219 South A, Tulare	3 years (1971)
Rev. Edward Johns 1908 Stanley, Corcoran	2 years (1970)
Rev. W. V. McPhail 106 Van Buren, Taft	1 year (1969)

Officers of Quarterly Meeting #1

Moderator: Rev. Joe Blair.....
83 Prospect, Porterville
Clerk: Mrs. J. W. Tileen.....
429 N. Gale Hill Ave.

Officers of Quarterly Meeting # II

Moderator: Rev. Jack Cravens.....
8200 Marie Dr., Lamont
Clerk: James Groves.....
2405 Fairfax Rd., Bakersfield

PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty First Annual Session of the Southern Association of Free Will Baptist of California convened with the Earlimart Church on Friday evening, May 3, 1968.

The Friday evening service was called to order by the eldest minister present, Rev. Ray Letsinger, in the absence of the moderator.

Congregational singing was led by Rev. James Hughes. Scripture read by Rev. Claude Hames using Isaiah 2. The Sanders family sang, "O The Glory Did Roll ." Edward Johns brought the message from II Chron. 7 :14. Benediction by Rev. A. E. Woolery.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session was called to order by the moderator Rev. Don Farris. Congregational singing was led by Jim Groves. Scripture reading was read by Rev. Bill Adkisson, using Rom. 12: 1-2 and Phillipians 3:7. The welcome was given by Rev. Luther Crumb , and the response by Rev. C. Hames.

Quarterly Meeting #I and II letters were read and accepted. Motion carried that the body seat Delegates present. The Delegates were seated and the Congregation extended hand of fellowship.

Rev. Edward Johns was elected to serve as assistant moderator. Peggy Adkisson was elected by acclamation to serve as clerk.

The minutes of the previous conference was read and accepted. Motion carried that the moderator have power to appoint all committees. The Pulpit Committee reported that Bill Adkisson was to bring the 11:00 O'clock message. Rev. J. L. McAlister was elected as Five year man and Rev. Edward Johns as two year man on the Executive Board.

Jim Groves was elected as five year man on the business and Finance committee. Rev. Jay Wilson was elected as five year man on the Sunday School Board.

The Treasurers report was given and accepted . Motion carried to adjourn until 1 O'clock.

WORSHIP HOUR

The service was opened with Jim Groves leading the congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Luther Crumb. Special singing: "He Touched Me," Mrs. Baker and "Calling My Name," Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Houck.

The message was brought by Rev. Bill Adkisson . The text Scripture Matt. 13:16. The benediction and blessing on the noon meal was offered by Rev. Joe Blair.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The congregational singing was directed by Rev. Ray Letsinger, accompanied by Mrs. Kenny. Scripture reading by Rev. W. McPhail using Psalms 1. Prayer by Rev. Jay Wilson.

The Business and Finance report was given and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Resolution Committee was accepted. (See Reports)

Motion carried to give the moderator power to appoint five delegates for the State Association. Those that were appointed were Ruby Fowler, Jim Groves Sr., Emma Houck, Lee Ryan, and Sis. Owens. Motion carried for each church to send one delegates name to clerk to be added to the State letter within two weeks.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Joe Blair as Youth Camp Director. Rev. Bill Adkisson was elected as two year man on Youth Camp Committee. Rev. E. Johns was elected by acclamation as assistant Youth Camp Director. Phyllis Shipman was elected as Secretary and Treasurer and Doris Wilson as Assistant.

Rev. W. McPhail gave an oral report on the Youth Camp.

Motion carried to accept letter to the State Association, with additional delegates added.

The Shafter Free Will Baptist Church will be host to the next setting of the Association in 1969. Motion carried for the Chair to appoint a Program Committee. Rev. B. Adkisson and Fred Sessions were appointed. Motion carried for host church to mail out the programs in advance.

The Obituary Committee Report was given and accepted. (See Reports) A motion carried to stand and have a moment of silent prayer and prayer led by Rev. De-Arthur Yandell

Rev. W. McPhail was elected as speaker and De-Arthur Yardell as alternate speaker for the next setting of the Association on Friday evening.

Rev. Bill Adkisson was elected to be recommended as State Mission Board member. Rev. C. Hames was elected by acclamation to be recommended as the General Board member for the state.

Officers were elected as follows: Rev. E. Johns, Moderator; Rev. Don Farris, Assistant Moderator; Peggy Adkisson, Clerk; Alma Johns, Asst. Clerk; J. L. McAlister, Treasurer; De Arthur Yandell, Asst. Treasurer.

Motion carried for a committee of three men to meet with the Center Association Executive Committee to discuss and investigate in a combined Youth Camp for the Senior High and the Junior High groups. Rev. Don Farris, Rev. Bill Adkisson and Rev. Edward Johns were elected to serve on this committee.

Motion carried to dismiss until next setting. Dismissed in prayer by Jim Groves.

COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION

Rev. Claude Hames
Rev. Rex Shipman
Rev. Joe Blair
Mildred Eagle
Rev. Doug. Boland

PULPIT

Rev. A. E. Woolery
Fred Sessions
Ira Walden

OBITUARY

Sue Barnhart
Doris Wilson
Mrs. D. J. Rowlett

STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board

Rev. J. L. McAlister-1973
Rev. A. E. Woolery- 1972
Rev. De Arthur Yandell- 1971
Rev. Edward Johns- 1970
Rev. W. V. McPhail- 1969

Sunday School Board

Rev. J. Wilson -1973
Rev. Joe Blair -1972
Joe Cluck -1971
Fred Sessions -1970
Doyle Royster -1969

Business and Finance

Jim Groves- 1973
Rev. Doug Boland -1972
Rev. Don Farris- 1971
Joe Cluck- 1970
Rev. W. McPhail -1969

Youth Camp Committee

Rev. J. Blair-1969 Dir.
Rev. E. Johns Asst. Dir.
Rev. B. Adkisson -2yr.
Rev. J. Hughes -1yr.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution:

1. Be it resolved that we give host church a standing vote of thanks for their fine meal and hospitality.
2. Be it resolved that we have at least one delegate from each church to serve as a delegate at the State Association.

Obituary:

There were seven deaths in Association #1, and three deaths in Association #2.

Business and Finance:

Moderator	\$ 10.00
Clerk	25.00
Host Church	50.00
State Assoc. Dues	300.00
Southern Assoc. Youth C.	250.00
Deposit Box	12.00
State Assoc .	175.00
Mailing	5.00
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	\$ 827.00

We recommend the dues to the Southern Association be .50 per member for 1968.

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

	Q. M. <u>#1</u>	Q. M. <u>#2</u>	So. <u>Ass'n</u>
Churches	8	8	16
Parsonages	5	6	11
Ordained Ministers	19	13	32
Licensed Ministers	2	1	3
Ordained Deacons	22	29	51
Sunday Schools	8	8	16
CTS	4	7	11
Woman's Aux.	3	6	9
Master's Men	1	2	3
Prayer Meetings	8	8	16
Sunday School Enrollment	612	512	1124
CTS Enrollment	84	137	221
Women's Aux. Membership	50	54	104

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

QUARTERLY MEETING # 1

Total Offerings	\$ 66,562.07
General Offerings	40,979.29
Building Fund	7,061.12
Pastor's Salary	19,921.66
Evangelistic Work	860.80
Building and Repair	18,009.34
Literature	1,861.91
Miscellaneous	7,158.42
Advertising	772.08
Other	15,265.84
Parsonage Rent	
Total Local Expenditures	62,006.75
Cooperative Plan	2,869.58
Foreign Missions	2,890.89
Home Missions	468.81
Education	557.14
Associational Projects	233.22
State and National Projects	460.22
Other	4,571.56
Total Outside Expenditures	12,051.42
Value of Church Property	228,607.00
Value of Parsonage Property	72,950.00

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS

Quarterly Meeting # 1

Corcoran: 1021 Dairy Ave., Corcoran

Rev. Edward Johns, 1908 Stanley, Corcoran

Sue Barnhart, 1016 Claire, Corcoran

Earlimart

Rev. A. E. Woolery, P. O. Box 468, Earlimart

Letha Morton, Rt. 1 Box 776, Delano

Exeter

Rev. Clifford Mullins, 230 W. Palm, Exeter

Thelma Wagner, 3321 S. Dollner, Visalia

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Quarterly Meeting # 2

Total Offerings	66,416.00
General Offerings	65,635.00
Building Fund	781.00

Pastor's Salary	20,973.00
Evangelistic Work	608.00
Building and Repairs	90,948.00
Literature	2,188.00
Miscellaneous	10,421.00
Other	11,195.00
Total Local Expenditures	136,335.00

Cooperative Plan	2,853.00'
Foreign Missions	667.00
Home Missions	475.00
Education	1,630.00
Associational Projects	658.00
State and National Projects	17.00
Other	10.00
Total Outside Expenditures	6,300.00

Value of Church Property	311,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	62,500.00

CHURCHES PASTORS CLERKS

Quarterly Meeting # 2

Arvin-782 Orange St. Arvin

Rev. Wiley Gregory, 782 Orange , Arvin

Edna Pierce, Rt. 1, Box 316, Arvin

Bakersfield-2236 E. California Ave., Bakersfield

Rev. Claude Hames, 930 Exchange, Bakersfield

Barbara Winkle, 1501 Rosalia, Bakersfield

Lamon t-8717 School St., Lamont

Rev. Jay Wilson, 1400 Kelly, Bakersfield

Frances Taylor, Rt. 1, Box 510, Arvin

Farmersville

Rev. Oscar Wright, 794 Magnolia, Farmersville
Fern Rowlett, 345 E. Pepper, Farmersville

Lindsay

Rev. J. L. McAlister, 886 W. Alameda, Lindsay
Vernice Gardenhire, 25774 Rd. 204, Exeter

Porterville

Rev. Joe Blair, 83 N. Prospect, Porterville
Bobbie Sanders, P. O. Box 566, Strathmore

Tulare

Rev. DeArthur Yandell, 219 S. A. St., Tulare
Audrey Denton, 1112 Sierra Ave., Tulare

Visalia

Rev. W. B. Boland, Visalia
Doris Weaver, 3801 N. Mooney, Visalia

MINISTERS

Quarterly Meeting # 1

Blair, Joe 83 Prospect, Porterville
Boland, W. B. Visalia
Cathey, Norman 2743 Hanna, Corcoran
Crumb, Luther Earlimart
Johns, Edward 1908 Stanley Ave., Corcoran
Letsinger, Ray 682 W. Putnam, Porterville
McAlister, J. L. 886 Alameda, Lindsay
Mullins, C. 230 W. Palm, Exeter
Owens, Elza 439 Harvard, Lindsay
Richardson, Tip 141 W. Vine, Visalia
Shaw, Gene 339 Orange, Lindsay
Woolery, A. E., P. O. Box 468, Earlimart
Wright, Oscar, 794 N. Magnolia, Farmersville
Yandell, DeArthur, 219 A. St. , Tulare

Lompoc- 205 Chestnut, Lompoc
Rev. Jerry Webb, Lompoc
Mary Scroggins, 303 E. Laurel, Lompoc
Shafter- 30376 Richland Dr., Shafter
Rev.
Dorothy Cluck, Shafter
South Union- 8875 S. Union Ave. Bakersfield
Rev. Jack Cravens, 8200 Gail Marie, Lamont
Wilma Engle, 546 Burchfield, Bakersfield
Taft- 510 Harrison St., Taft
Rev. W. V. McPhail, 106 Van Buren, Taft
Marie Johns, 107 Jackson, Taft
Wasco- 332 F St., Wasco
Rev. Arville Nelson, 1501 Sycamore, Wasco
Wanda Nelson, 1501 Sycamore, Wasco

MINISTERS

Quarterly Meeting # 2

Armstrong, J. C. 4000 Thoreson Ct. , Bakersfield
Bonner, Newell, 505 Piercc, Taft
Brown, Walter, 407 Naylor, Taft
Cravens, Jack, 8200 Gail Marie, Lamont
Gregory, Wiley, 782 Orange, Arvin
Hames, Claude, 930 Exchange, Bakersfield
McPhail, W. V., 106 Van Buren, Taft
Nelson, Arville, 1501 Sycamore, Wasco

DEACONS

Atchley, Charlie, 2214 Camino Primavera, Bakersfield
Cowan, Jess, 2149 Kentucky St. , Bakersfield
Gibson, J. H. , 8187 D St., Wasco
Groves, James O., 2405 Fairfax Rd., Bakersfield
Knowlton, Roy, 2217 I St., Wasco
Popejoy, Tom, 707 Tucker St., Arvin
Session, Fred, 3316 Monterey, Bakersfield
Waddle, Merle, 2649 Victoria St., Bakersfield

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Woman's Auxiliary

Minutes

South Union Free Will Baptist Church

July 6, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Alice Royster. Singing was led by Mattie McPhail with Gail Peters at the piano singing "Whispering Hope" and "The Comforter has Come." Prayer by Sis. Wadell. Scripture and devotion by Helen Hames. Scripture being found in Psalms 51. We were led in prayer by Bro. Edward Johns. Welcome by Sis. Laurice Nichols. Response by Sis Alma Johns. Sis. Helen Hames was elected to serve as president for today's meeting since our President and Vice President were absent.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurers report was read and accepted. Letters from Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved.

Committees were as follows:

Resolution

Opal McPhail
Laura Archibald
Sis. Waddel

Finance

Juanita Whitfield
Peggy Adkisson

Credentials

Alma Johns
Hulene Bowden
Lucille Cravens
Mattie McPhail

Obituary

Laurice Nichols
Ruby Fowler

A letter of resignation was read and accepted from Virginia Gunning resigning as Vice President. Alma Johns was elected as Vice President for October meeting.

Bro. Jack Cravens was elected as speaker for October meeting with Bro. McPhail as alternate. Adjourned for recess, dismissed in prayer by Sis. Lucille Cravens.

WORSHIP HOUR

Morning Worship Service was opened with singing led by Mattie McPhail with Gail Peters at the piano. Singing "Let Me Be Worthy," "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me," "Love Lifted Me." Special singing was by Sis. Mattie McPhail, Laurice Nichols, and Lucille Cravens singing "Breathe on Me", assisted by Gail Peters at the piano.

Bro. Bill Adkisson brought the message using Phil. 3:8-20. Text being "Enemies to the Cross of Christ." Dismissed in prayer and blessing on Noon meal by Bro. Claude Hames. Gave host church a standing vote of thanks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution

1. We recommend our District project be the same as last year, Don Robirds Account.
2. We recommend the speaker be paid \$5.00.
3. We recommend to give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

Credentials

All auxiliaries reported by letter and dues except Tulare. We recommend that our corresponding secretary notify the recording secretary to send in a report to the Dist. recording sec. each quarter. Shafter won the attendance banner with 28% of members present.

Finance

Today's offering be sent to Wiley Sr. , amount \$9.65.

Obituary

We are happy to report there has been no deaths.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letter called for.
7. Reading rules of order.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Report of committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator or in their absence the oldest minister (in the work) present shall call the Association into conference.

2. Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.

3. Fourteen members from two or more Quarterly Meetings constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.

4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.

5. Those who speak shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.

7. A motion made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the moderator.

9. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. A ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-third majority of members voting.

11. No question from any Quarterly Meeting shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own Quarterly Meeting.

12. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

13. The Association shall have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This organization shall be called the Southern Association and shall be composed of Quarterly Meeting No. 1 and No. 2.

Article 2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a moderator, an assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer, and assistant clerk, each of whom shall be elected at each setting of the Association.

Article 3. This Association shall have power to discipline its Quarterly Meetings for un-Christian conduct, a want of conformity to Gospel Order, or a violation of the conditions of this compact, and expel them in case of unsuccessful labor.

Article 4. This Association shall meet annually and it shall be the duty of all Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed to represent themselves by letter and three delegates per church.

Article 5. The Executive Board shall be composed of five members. Each member shall be an ordained minister in good standing in this Association and the term of tenure shall be as follows:

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| 1. One for one year. | 4. One for four years. |
| 2. One for two years. | 5. One for five years. |
| 3. One for three years. | |

Succession of office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Article 6. The voting body of the Southern Association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the various Quarterly Meetings they represent, all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers, their wives, all ordained Free Will Baptist deacons, their wives, and Quarterly Meeting clerks.

Article 7. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Southern Association by a two-third vote of members present and voting.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scripture, sacred prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ". We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace", to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, to promote the success of the church and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.