

No. 2 Quarterly meeting of the Southern Assn.
of Free Will Baptists

Minutes of the organizational meeting held at the Free
Will Baptist Church at Bakersfield Calif. August 8 -9,
1958.

6Friday Night August 8, 1958

Congregational Singing: Lead by Bro. James O. Groves
Rev. Orville Thurman, pastor of the Wasco F.W.B. Church
took charge of the meeting as temporary moderator. He
was the eldest minister in the congregation.

Prayer:

By. Rev. Francis Boyle, Arvin

Devotional Service

Devotional services was given by Rev. Harold
Talley, pastor of the Taft church. His scripture read-
ing was the 148 th. Psalm.

Special Singing

A quartet consisting of Sis. Winna Mc Guire and
Wanda Williams and Bros. Bill Mc Guire and Glen Williams
sang "Sweet By and By".

Message

The evening message was presented by Rev. Guy Mc
Guire whose text was from Luke, Chap. 19, vs. 12.

Committee on committees

A committee on committees was appointed by the moder-
ator consisting of Bro. Fred Session, Barney Van Winkle
and Bro. Nelms.

Adjournment

A motion carried to ~~adjourn~~ recess until Sat. morning Aug. 9^m 1958 at 9:30 AM.

Saturday Morning Aug. 9, 1958

9:30 AM

Singing By Rev. Jack Craven leading.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Orville Thurman, Wasco.

Scripture reading

Rev. Don Farris, Shafter read 1 Thessalonians 5 th. chap, 5 th. vs. then lead in prayer

Welcome

The welcome was given by. bro. Fred Session, bksfld.

Response

A response to the welcome was given by Rev. Bob Leeds, Arvin.

Singing (congregation)

"Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. Jack Craven, Arvin.

The moderator then talked on the purpose of this organizational meeting and requested all to work in close harmony.

Letters received

Letters recommending delegates were received from the churches represented. Letters were received from Arvin, Bakersfield, Erlimart, Shafter, Taft and Wasco Churches. A motion carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates. All visiting brethren were welcomed by the moderator.

Election of Officers

Officers were elected by the delegation as follows;
Moderator: Rev. Orville Thurman ---- Assist. Mod. Rev.
Harold Talley---- Clerk: James O. Groves --- Ass't. Clerk
Sis. Leona Leeds. A motion carried that the clerk act as
the treasurer for the present.

Committees appointed

The report of the committees on committees was ~~received~~
received and read. The following committees were appointed

Resolution: James O. Groves, Chairman
Rev. Don Farris
Rev. Francis Boyle
Rev. Orville Thurman
Bro. A.F. Nelms

Finance: Clyde Rogal, Chairman
Rev. L.K. Wood
Rev. Harold Talley
Glen Williams
Albert Horner

Pulpit: Rev. Odes Farris, Chairman
Riley Haworth
Sis. Irene Royal
Sis. Minnie Ewing
Sis. Eva Bonner

Obituary: Sis. Sylvia Dodson
Sis. Anna Colecleasure
Sis. Barbara Presley
Sis. Emma Lee Maples
Sis. Jean Berkshire

Pulpit committee report

The pulpit committee report was read in which Bro.
Herbert Waide, our visiting missionary to Japan, was
elected to bring the morning message and Harold Talley
the afternoon message. A motion carried to accept the
report.

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11:00 AM Morning Message and worship services

Congregational Singing

Singing led by Rev. Jack Craven

Prayer

Prayer led by Rev. Orville Thurman

Singing

Led by. Rev. Jack Craven " Beyond the Sunset"
" I Know Somebody's Listening"

Special Songs: A quartet composed of Sis. Mc Guire,
Wanda Williams , Guy Mc Guire and
Glen Williams sang " Some call it
Heaven but I call it Home"

Message

The message was presented by Rev. Herbert Waide, m
our Missionary to Japan, Text Mat. 28, 18-20.

Benediction and Blessing

The benidiction and the blessing on the noon meal was
given by Bro. W.B. Boland.

-----LUNCH -----

1:00 PM Business meeting

Congregational Singing

Led by Rev. Jack Craven " Just A Little While to
Stay Here"

Prayer

By Rev Harold Talley

Resolution No. 1

A motion carried to adopt resolution no. 1 which
read " Be it resolved that we adopt the constitution as
presented by the Executive Board and the resolution comm-
ittee with the ammendments voted from the floor (a copy
is attached to these minutes).

Election of Executive Board

The executive board was elected as follows:

Rev. Don Farris 5 yrs.
Rev. Orville Thurman 4Yrs. ✓
Rev. Gene Shaw 3 yrs.
Rev. Harold Talley 2 yrs.
Rev. L.C. Lynch 1 yr.

Finance Report #1

The recommendation no. 1 of the finance committee stating that ~~that~~ each Church send \$15.00 to each quarterly meeting, the host church to receive \$10.00 of each \$15.00 sent was voted on and carried.

Finance Report #2.

Recommendation no. 2 that a free will offering be taken to help the host church at this organizational meeting carried. An offering was taken and \$ 14.28 was collected and turned over to the Bakersfield church.

Obituary report

The obituary report was received in which it was stated that Sis. Bessie Wilkinson, a member of the Wasco church, had passed on. The congregation stood in silent prayer in memory of the deceased. The prayer was closed by Rev. Orville Thurman.

Meeting Place set for 2 nd. qtly. meet.

The 2 nd. quarterly meeting was set to be held at the Shafter Free Will Baptist Church Nov. 7-8, 1958 and the 3 rd. qtly. meeting at Arvin Free Will Baptist Church Feb. 13-14, 1959.

Speakers elected

The speaker for the 2nd. qtly. meeting will be Rev. L. C. Lynch with Rec. Odes Farries, ass't. and the 3 rd. meeting, Rev. Don Farris with Rev. Gene Shaw, alternate.

Programs

A motion carried that the clerk and assistant clerk prepare the programs for the next meeting (2 nd. qtly.)

Clerks pay

A motion carried to pay the clerk \$5.00 for his services at each quarterly meeting.

Moderator elected

Rev. Gene Shaw was elected moderator for the 2 nd. qtly. meeting and Rev. Bob Leeds the Ass't. moderator.

Copies of Constitution

A motion carried that the clerk mimeograph 100 copies of the constitution to be distributed to the member churches.

Purchase of record books

A motion carried that the treasurer purchase the necessary record books for the minutes and the money collected.

Recess

A motion carried to recess until 2:45 PM.

Executive Board Report

A report was received from the executive Board stating that they met at 2:30 PM Aug. 8, 1958, organized and elected Rev. Don Farris ~~xxx~~ as Chairman and Rev. Harold Talley as Secretary.

Singing (Congregational)

Led. By Bro. James O. Groves "Can He Depend on You"
"I'll be Satisfied"

Executive Bd. Report #2.

The executive board report stating that they had examined Bro. John Keeton and that they recommend that ~~he~~ his license be extended until the next annual meeting and at that time he present a written report of his activities between this date and the annual meeting.

Resolution #2.

A motion carried to accept res. # 2 in which it was recommended that the host church be given a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. This was followed by the congregation standing to show their appreciation.

Host Church rec. \$35.00

A motion carried that the host church receive 1/2 of the \$10.00 from each sent to this meeting. Seven churches were represented thereby giving the Bakersfield church \$35.00.

Ribbons for delegates

A motion carried that the clerk have ribbons made for Ministers, Deacons, delegates, clerks and wives.

Adjournment of business meeting.

A motion carried to adjourn the business meeting.

Afternoon worship services

Singing (Congregational)

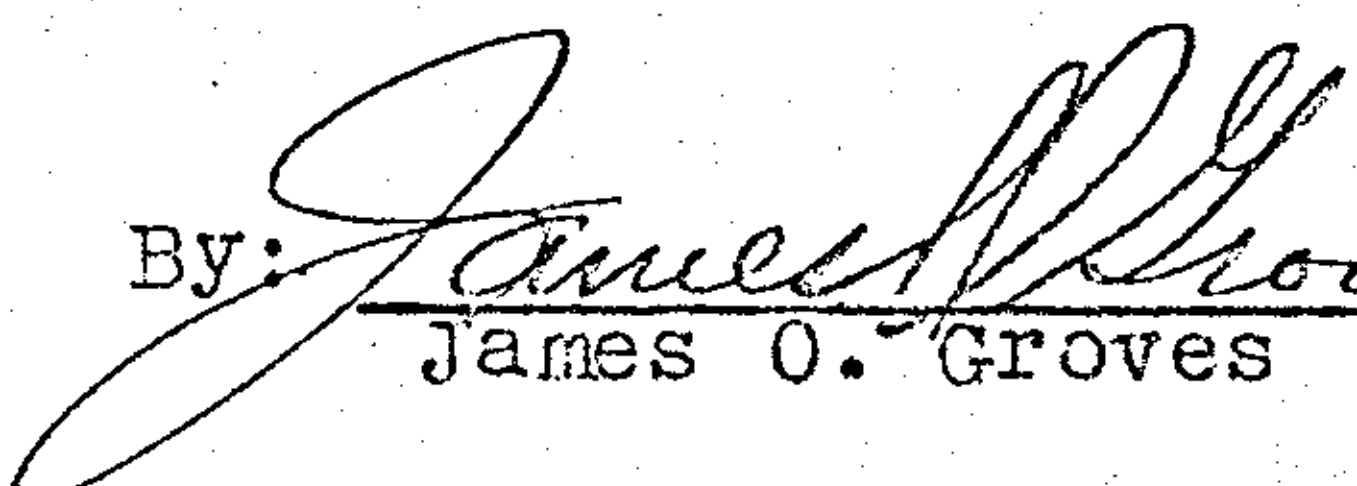
Led by Bro. James O. Groves
" When He Blest My Soul "

Message

The message was presented by Rev. Harold Talley.
Text Phillipians 3 rd. Chap 13-14 th vs.

Benediction

The congregation was dismissed in prayer by
Bro. Albert Horner.

By:  Clerk
James O. Groves

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING November 7 & 8, 1958
at the Shafter Free Will Baptist Church.

FRIDAY NIGHT -Nov. 7, 1958

Congregational Singing: Led By Sis. Thurman, Wasco

Moderator: Rev. Gene Shaw, Taft

Prayer: By Rev. Bob Leeds, Lamont

A testimony service was conducted by Bro. Fred Session
of the Bakersfield Church, followed by an alter of prayer
led by Rev. L.C. Lynch, Taft.

Congregational singing: Led by Sis. Thurman, Wasco

Solo: By Rev. Gene Shaw, Taft. " I Wont Have to Cross Jordan
Alone"

Evening Message: Rev. L.C. Lynch, Taft, used I Timothy,
6 th. chapter as his text.

Benediction:

SATURDAY MORNING NOV. 8, 1958

Congregational Singing: Led by Rev. Harold Talley

" Power in the Blood" and "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Rev. Gene Shaw,
Taft.

Devotional by: Rev. Berkey Story, Lamont . Psalms 139,
1 through 14.

Prayer By; Rev. Orville Thurman, Wasco.

Welcome By: Rev Don Farris, Shafter.

Response By: Sis. Ruth Popejoy, Lamont

Letters: Letters from delegation of Churches were read and accepted. Letters were received from; all Churches in the organization except Erlimart.

An ammeidment to the motion to accept the letters was carried in which those Churches that sent three delegates were to select two more so that they would have five delegates, according to our constitution, and those that paid only \$10.00 dues were to pay \$5.00 more, a ~~an~~ total of \$15.00.

A motion also carried that we accept an oral statement from the Erlimart Church and seat their delegates.

Appointment of Committees

A motion carried for the Chair to appoint the committees.

Committees appointed were: Pulpit Rev. Don Farris
O.V. White
Linda Nelson
Ed Shelton
Henry Delmeter

A motion carried to combine the business and Finance committee;

members: Clyde Rogal Esther Lee White
Berkey Story Ruth Popejoy
Clifford Fowler Fred Session
and L.K. Wood.

Obituary: Irene Royall Wanda Nelson
John Hale

Reading of Minutes

The minutes of the organizational meeting were read and accepted as read by a motion that carried.

Pulpit committee report

The pulpit committee report was received and read. The morning message to be by Rev. Odes Farries, Bakersfield and the afternoon message by: Rev L.K. Wood, Erlimart.

Visiting Bretheren

The visiting bretheren were welcomed by the moderator. A motion carried that the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk be the program committee and that they receive an additional \$5.00 for their services

Election of Moderator

Rev. Francis Boyle, Arvin, was elected as moderator for the next quarterly meeting and Rev. Arville Nelson, Bakersfield, was elected as the assistant moderator.

Sunday School Board Report

Rev. Harold Talley, of the State Sunday School Board, reported on the work of the Board and stated that the projector and films should be in this area around January 1959. Their Board recommends that we select a Sunday School promoter for our area and that each Church try to obtain a film projector and visual aids for their Sunday Schools.

Recess

Motion carried to recess to 1:30 PM.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational Singing: Led by: Glen Williams

" Standing on The Promises of God" and "It Wont Be Very Long"

Special Singing : Glen & Wanda Williams, "I'm Bound For The Kingdom"

Message: Rev Odes Farries, Bakersfield. II Timothy Chap.4, vs. 1-6, "Why I Am A Free Will Baptist"

Benediction: Bro. Rufus Johns

-----LUNCH -----

Congregational Singing : Led by: Glen Williams, " When All of
God's Singers Get Home" and "The Lily of The Valley"

Scripture Reading ; Bro. Colecleasure, II Cor. Chap. 12, Vs. 9
followed by prayer.

Business

Obituary Report was received and and prayer was given by: Rev.
Arville Nelson, Bakersfield, in memory of the deceased.

Deceased: Sis. Bessie Wilkerson, ~~Sis~~ Louis Odom, Sis. Waldon .

Resolution Committee Reports

- No. 1. (Motion to Table) (Concerened ordaining Deacons)
- No. 2 Carried. A reccommendationthat each Church pro-
vide visual aids in teaching their Sunday Schools,
if at all possible.
- No. 3 Carried. Recommendation that we select a Sunday
School representative and that he be paid six-
cents a mile for car expense for necessary trips.
- No. 4 Carried. Resolution to give the host Church a
standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Executive Board Report

- No. 1 Accepted. A recommendationk that Bro. Glen Williams
be ordained as a deacon.

Congregational Singing: "I Will Sing The Wonderous Story"

Message: Rev. L.K. Wood, Erlimart. Phillipians, chap. 3, vs. 1-15
" The Mark of The High Calling"

Announcements were given by various delegates.

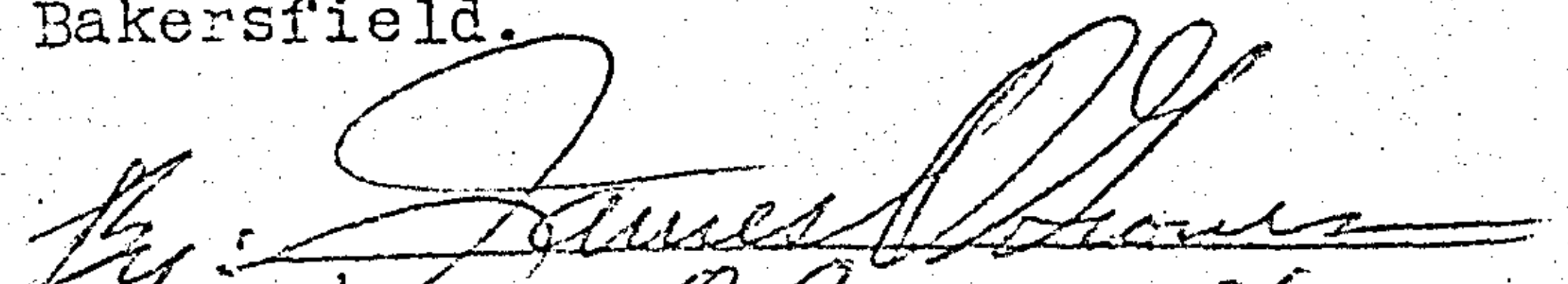
Motion carried to adjourn.

A handshake was given to Rev. L.K. Wood and L.C. Lynch,
as speakers and to Rev. Gene Shaw and Rev. Bob Leeds as Moderator
and Assistant. Congregation~~xxxx~~ sang " When We All Get to Heaven"

Benediction:

Bro. Fred Session, Bakersfield.

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By: 
James O. Groves, Clerk