

No. 2 Quarterly Meeting of the
Southern Association of Free Will Baptist

Minutes of the THIRD QUARTERLY meeting
held at the Arvin Free Will Baptist Church
February 13 & 14, 1959.

Friday night Feb. 13, 1959

Congregational Singing: Led by Bro. Wilburn

Holiday

(No. 6) "I Want to know more about
my Lord"

(No. 96) "Lord Lead me On"

moderator: Rev. Francis Boyle

Prayer:

Lead by: Rev. Arville Thurman

Congregational Singing

(No 162) "Living by Faith"

"Land where Living Waters Flow"

Devotional Service

Led by: Bro. Glen Williams

Scripture: Luke 9: 18-25

followed by a Testimony Service.

Special Singing

Glen & Wanda Williams sang
"Led by the Master Hand."

Message By: Rev. Don Jarvis
"Mortal Life"

Imitation Hymn: "O why not Tonight"

Benediction: Rev. Alde Jarvis

— SATURDAY Feb. 14, 1959 —

9:30 AM

Congregational Singing Led. By: Sis Bommer

1/2 "Just Over in the Glory Land"
1/2 "Standing on the Promises"

Moderator: Rev. Francis Boyle

Scripture Reading Rev. Norman
Coleclasure.

Mat. 6th Chap. 24:30

Closed with prayer.

Welcome By: Bro. Tony Peters

Response Rev. Berkie Story

Letters were read and accepted by a
motion that Churches who failed to pay the
required amount for dues were to do so.

Seating of Delegates by Handshake
and song "Victory in Jesus"

Visiting Brethren were welcomed.

Committees appointed

Pulpit: Almer Nelson
Fred. Sessions
Bro. Knowland

Resolution: Alder Faries
Sis. Story
Don Faries
Guy Mc Guire
Estelle White

Finance Committee: Roy Wilson

Bro. Blankinship
Sis. Cofeleasane
Sis. Homer
Sis. Gladys Guffeth

Obituary

Bro. Jim Ott
Sis. Dotson
Bro. John Keeton
Sis. Blankinship
Sis. Glenda Bomer
Bro. Homer
Bro. Tony Peters

Pulpit Committee Report

Rev. Claudie James, Oxford to bring the
morning message.

Election of 5 yr & 3 yr. Exec. Board members

5 yr. man elected was Rev. Alder Faries

3 yr. " " " Rev. Francis Bayler

Rev. Bob Leeds was elected to ~~fill the vac-~~
ancy on the Board for this meeting in the

Absence of Rev. Shon while Rev. Story was to fill in for Rev. Harold Talley who was also absent.

Adjournment

A motion carried to ~~adjourn~~ Recess until 11:00 AM & to recess the business meeting until 1:30 PM.

Dismissal

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Alder Faries

Morning Worship Service

Congregational Singing: Led by, Jim Hones
"He Lives" & "All Alone"

Prayer By: Bro. Charles Harris

Song Singing "Every body will be Happy Over There"

Special Singing Jeff "Gospel Tone Trio" sang
"I'm just a Stranger Here"

Prayer By: Bro. Wright

Amin Women's Quartet

"Maybe its you & maybe its me"

Message By: Rev. Claude Hames, Oxnard.

Proverbs Chap. 22 28th verse

& Jeremiah 6th Chap. 16 & 17th verse

"Remove not the Ancient Landmarks"

Invitational Hymn: "Softly & Tenderly"

Dismissed for Lunch

Benediction & Blessing on noon meal
by: Bro. Wright from Oxnard.

— Lunch SERVED by the Church —

Cong. Singing "Power in the Blood"

Scripture Reading: Rev. Berkie Story

from 66th Psalm.

Resolution Committee Reports

Report #1 stating that "to be a member
of the executive Board, a person
must be an ordained minister and
a pastor of a Church in the quarterly
meeting" Carried.

Report #2 (Carried) stating that "the committee
recommends the quarterly meeting sponsor
a youth camp revival at Frazer Park

The last week in August 1959. and
that a ways and means committee be
appointed.

The committee was elected as follows:

Francis Bayle - Bob Leeds - Don Farris
Odes Farris & Harold Talley.

Report #3 (Carried) "Stating that a
standing vote of thanks be given the
host Church for their Hospitality"

Finance Committee Reports

Report #1 Carried. "Recommending that
the present financial plan be carried
for another year".

Report #2 Carried.

"Recommendation that the Clerk
notify each Church as to the
amount of dues to send to our
quarterly meeting at least a month
before the next meeting."

Executive Board Reports

Report #1 Carried. Stating that "we have
examined James Myrland and
found him worthy to be licensed as
a minister for one year."

Report #2 Carried. Stating "that we have examined Bill Blankenship and have found him worthy to be licensed ~~to preach~~ as a minister for 1 yr."

Report #3 Carried, Stating that "we have examined Charles Harris and found him worthy to be licensed as a minister for 1 yr."

Report #4 Carried, Stating that "we have examined Bro. Ivan Loye and Bro. Ray Knudton and have found them worthy to be Ordained as a deacon."

Obituary Committee Report

The report was accepted and the Congregation stood in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the deceased who were: Sis. Myrtle Gitterworth, Lament
Gary Coleclasure, Lament (1 yr old.
Bro. & Sis. Norman Coleclasure)
& Darrell Adams, 16 month old son
of Bro. & Sis. Adams.

Letter from Elmhurst Church

A letter from Elmhurst Church requesting that we give a letter of recommendation to

for them to the No. 1. quarterly meeting because of their church being closer to the No. 1. quarterly meeting was read and the recommendation was voted to be given.

A motion carried to have all quarterly meetings on the second Saturday of the month.

Meeting Places

The following meeting places were chosen:

1 meeting: Shafter, August 1959

Speaker: Harold Talley Alt: Gene Shan

2 Lamont, November 1959

Speaker: Charles Harris, alt: Gene Shan

3 Taft, ~~Feb~~ February 1960, Bill Blank-
instip, speaker, alt. James Mynerd.

Exec. Bd. Member

Rev. Bob Leeda, Lamont, was elected as a 2 yr. man on the executive Board to replace Rev. Gene Shan.

Election of Officers

A motion carried by more than a 2/3 vote majority to elect the Moderator and ass't moderator annually.

Those officers elected were:

Moderator: Rev. Francis Bayle (Asst:) Rev. Arville ^{Nelson}
Clerk-Treas: James O. Groves (Asst) Leona Leeds.
Sunday School Representative: Fred Sessions

Bro. Bayle read a letter from the Youth Camp owners in Fraser Park stating that we could have the youth camp grounds in August.

The name of the camp is "Bethel in the Pines".
The charges were discussed.

Motion to adjourn, Carried

Signed: James O. Groves
James O. Groves, Clerk

No. 2 Quarterly Meeting of the
Southern Association of Free Will Baptists

Minutes of the 1st quarterly meeting held August 7 & 8,
1959 at the Shafter Free Will Baptist Church.

-----~~Friday Night August 7, 1959~~-----

Singing The meeting was opened by congregational singing led by Bro. Glen Williams "When All of God's Singers Get Home". The Moderator was Rev. Francis Boyle, Arvin, called for prayer around the altar.

Pulpit Committee

A pulpit committee was elected. The members were: Rev. Don Farris, Shafter, Bro. O.V. White, Taft, Bro. Holiday, Arvin, and Bro. Fred Session, Bakersfield.

Devotional services

Devotional service was led by Bro. Pergison, Wasco.

Report of Pulpit Committee

The pulpit committee report was received in which they elected Bro. Sanders, the visiting missionary to Hawaii to preach.

Special Singing

The Bakersfield quartet sang "Get Ready to Live in that Great Day". Sis. Dianne Allbright sang "It took a Miracle"

Evening Message

Rev. Sanders preached using Matthew 9, 36-38 as his text. His wife gave a talk and his daughter gave a reading. A handshake was given to the Sanders family.

Benediction

By Bro. Bob Leeds.

----- Saturday Morning August 8, 1959 -----

Singing

The meeting was opened by singing led by Rev. Lonnie Mc Alister, Taft. "To Caanans Land" and "Standing on The Promises"

Prayer

Prayer was led by Rev. John Reel, Bellflower.

Singing

"Lord Send Me"

Scripture Reading

Scripture reading was given by Bro. O.V. White, Taft, who read Psalms 133 followed by prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Francis Boyle, Arvin.

Welcome

A welcome was given by Revv Don Farris, Shafter.

Response

The response was given by Rev. Mel Burns, Bakersfield.

Letters

Letters were received and read from seven churches. A motion carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates. The delegates were welcomed by a handshake while the congregation sang "Some Glad Day".

Committees Appointed

Pulpit Committee: Rev. Don Farris, Chairman, Bro. O.V. White, Bro. Fred Session and Bro. Ray Mottly.

Resolution Committee: ^{Rev} Lonnie Mc Alister, Chairman, Rev. Fred Lawrence, Bro. Ed Shelton, Rev. Berkie Story, Bro. Jim Ott, Sis. Ester Lee White and Rev. Don Farris.

Pulpit Committee report

A motion carried to accept the pulpit committee report stating that Rev. John Reel, Bellflower, is to give the morning message.

Minutes Read

A motion carried to accept the minutes of our last meeting as read.

Old Business

New members of the executive board were elected to fill the vacancies left by resigning pastors. Those elected were:

Rev. Mel Burns, Bakersfield, 5 yrs.
Rev. Lonnie Mc Alister, Taft, 2 yrs.
Rev. Fred Lawrence, Santa Maria, 1 yr.

Adjournment

Motion carried to adjourn the business meeting until 1:30 PM.

Prayer

Led by Rev. Fred Lawrence, Santa Maria.

-----MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE -----

Singing

Led by Rev. Lonnie Mc Alister, Taft, "I'll live in Glory"

Prayer

Prayer was given by Rev. Berkie Story.

Singing

Congregational singing led by Rev. Mel Burns "Swinging on the Promises" and "I'll Be a Friend"

Special Singing

Sis. Dianne Allbright sang "Sheltered from the Storms"
Wasco Trio sang "Invisible Hands"
Sis. Esterlee White sang "Teach Me Lord to Wait"

Prayer

By Rev. Don Farris, Shafter.

Special Singing

Rev. Mel Burns and Wanda Williams, Bakersfield, sang

Morning Message

Rev. John Reel, Bellflower, preached on
"Effectual Prayer" from James 5 th. chapter verse 16.

Benediction

By Rev. Lonnie Mc Alister, Taft,

-----LUNCH-----

1:30 PM.

Singing

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Berkie Story,
singing "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There".

Prayer

By Bro. Fred Session, Bakersfield.

Singing

Congregation sang " It Won't Be Very Long ".

Scripture

Rev. Bob Leeds read scripture from I Cor. 13 th. Chapter
followed by prayer.

Special Singing

Girls fro, Taft Sang " Have You Heard?"

Sunday School Representative Report

Bro. Fred Session, S.S. representative gave his report
stating that he had visited Lamont, Arvin, Shafter and Taft
churches and had discussed Sunday Schools with them.

Executive Board Report

The report of the executive Board was read and approved
stating that they had examined Bro. Dub Boland and Bro. Lessenger
and recommend that they be licensed to preach for 1 year. Also,
they examined Bro. Jim Ott and Bro. Hale and have found them worthy
to be ordained as Deacons at the convenience of their church.

A motion carried to remove from the table the question of the method of examining deacons for ordination in which it originally was motioned that the local churches examine their own Deacons. The motion was removed from the table but did not carry by a majority vote.

Resolution Committee reports

#1 Recommend that we adopt the Sanders Family, missionaries to Hiwail and send them an offering to be collected on each Friday night of our quarterly meetings. (carried)

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#2 The executive to make up a questionnaire for licensed ministers and prospective deacons. (carried)

#3 Resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks. (carried)

Reading by Brenda Sanders

Brenda Sanders, of the Missionary family, gave a reading on being a missionary for Jesus.

Finance Committee reports

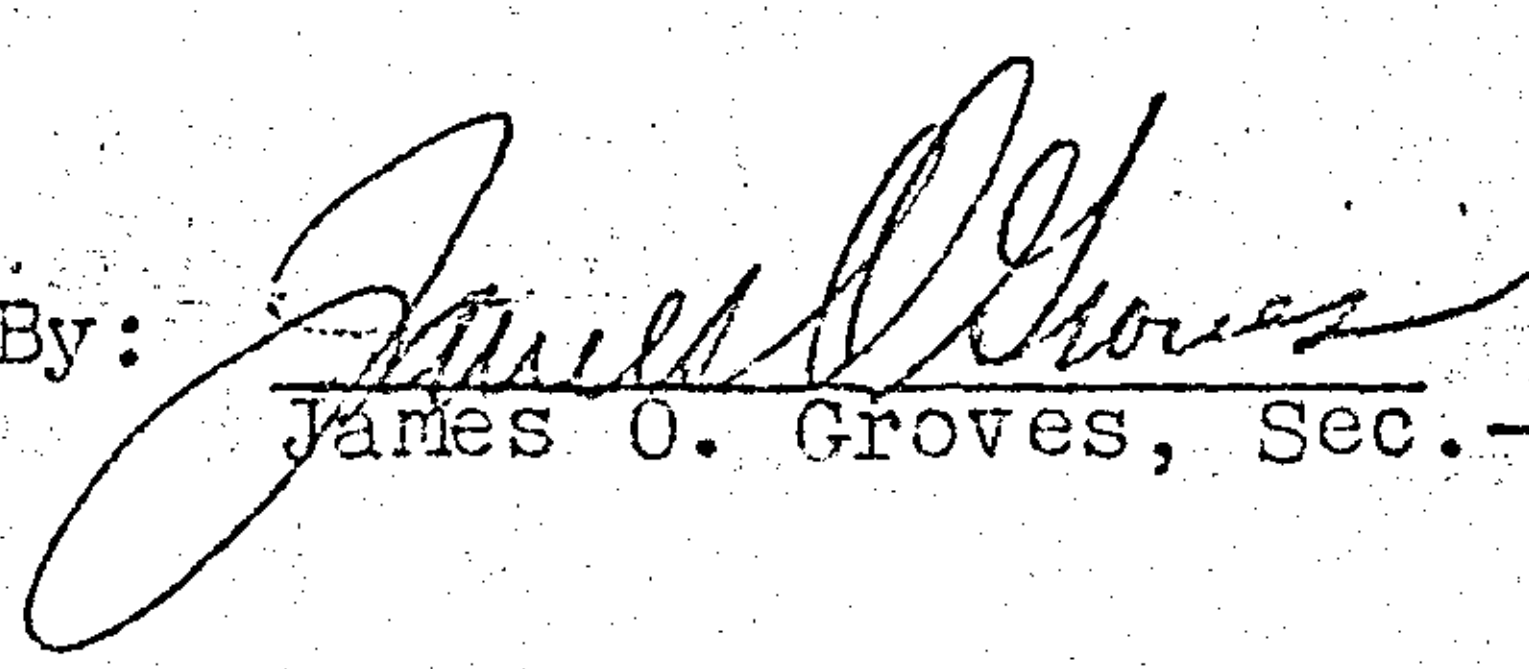
#1 Recommend that the quarterly meeting pay the Southern Association of Free Will Baptists \$35.00 for each church in our organization for the annual meeting. (Carried)

#2 Recommend that each church send \$30.00 to each quarterly meeting. \$ 15.00 will remain for our expenses and for feeding, (carried)

A motion carried that we adopt the Sanders family, missionaries to Hiwail, to send our Friday nights offering to.

A testimony service was held and the meeting dismissed.

Minutes By:


James O. Groves, Sec.-Treas.

No. 2 Quarterly Meeting of the Sputhern Association
of Free Will Baptists

Minutes of the 2 nd. quarterly meeting held at the Lamont Free Will Baptist Church at Lamont California November 13 & 14, 1959

FRIDAY NIGHT NOV. 13, 1959

Congregational singing led by Rev. Melvin Burns, Bakersfield.

"Where He Leads I'll Follow"

"He Bore It All" "I'll Live in Glory"

Prayer: Rev. Don Farris, Shafter.

The Moderator, Rev. Francis Boyle, Arvin, greeted and welcomed the congregation.

Prayer: The congregation gathered around the altar and was led in prayer by Bro. James Groves

Devotional Service: Led by Bro. Fred Session, Bakersfield. He read from the 2 nd. Chap. Phillipians 1-11 vs. and 1 st. Peter, Chap 3. 8 th. vs. This was followed by a short testimonial service.

Prayer: Rev. Leo Pergson, Wasco.

Offering for Missionaries:

The offering for the Sanders Missionary family in Hiwaaii was taken and \$ 20.93 was collected. The blessing of the offering was asked by Bre. Ford.

Special Singing:

Rev. Burns, Bakersfield, sang "why Should He Love Me So?"

Prayer: By Rev. Francis Boyle, Arvin.

Message: By Rev. Charles Harris, Arvin. Text 22 Chap. Matt. 1-14 vs. and Acts 3 Chap. 12-26 vs.

Benèdiction:

Rev. Berkie Story, Wasco.

SATURDAY MORNING NOV. 14, 1959

Congregational Singing: Led by Rev. Melvin Burns, Bakersfield,
"I Love My Savior" Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"
"Jesus Hold My Hand"

Scripture Reading: Rev. Norman Colecleasure read from 2 nd. John

Prayer: Rev. Francis Boyle, Arvin.

Welcome: Rev. Guy Mc Guire, Lamont.

Response: Rev. Lonnie Mc Alister, mTaft.

Letters: Letters were read from six churches. Santa Maria church's letter had not arrived. A motioned carried to accept letters as read and to seat the delegates including those from the Santa Maria Church.

A handshake was given the delegates while the congregation sang " Just Over In The Glory Land"

Ass't. Moderator elected: An assistant moderator was elected in the absence of Rev. Arville Nelson. Rev. Melvin Burns was elected

Santa Maria Letter: A motion carried to accept the Santa Maria churches letter which arrived late.

Appointment of Committees:

Pulpit Committee: Bro. Ben Fortune, Chair., O.V. White, Ed Shelton, Sister Amos and Charlie Atchley.

Finance Committee: Rev. Lonnie Mc Alister, Chair., Leo Pergson, Corrine Heathcott, Darrell Hilburn, and Ray Mottley.

Resolution: Fred Session, Chair., Bro. Ludd, Ester Lee White, Lorine Huckaby and Roger Lessenger.

Obituary Committee: Emily Maples, Chair., Sis Story, Charles Perry, Sis Mottley and Jo Ann Doshure.

Pulpit committee Report: Rev. Lambert was appointed to bring the morning message.

Old Business: None

Recess of Business: Motion carried to recess the business meeting until 1:30 PM.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational Singing: Led by Rev. Melvin Burns, Bakersfield.
" When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" The Son Has Set Me Free"
" When the Saints Go Marching in" Shouting on the Hills"
" Camping in Caanan"

Special Singing: Taft Trio " When I Meet the Master", Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Mc Alister, " He's the Savior of My Soul", Rev. Burns and Wanda Williams, " we'll Meet Again Somewhere"
Wasco Trio " I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

Congregational Singing " Amazing Grace"

Message: Rev. P.E. Lambert, Santa Maria, preached from 3 rd. Chap I Cor. 10 th. Verse.

Invitation: " Just as I Am " led by Rev. Burns.

Benediction & Blessing on Lunch: Rev. Guy Mc Guire, Lamont.

1:30 PM

Congregational Singing: Led By Rev. Story, Wasco. "Power in the Blood" "Joy Unspeakable" "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian."

Scripture Reading: By Rev. Story. He read Jerimiah Chap. 6 vs. 16-19 and 7 th. Chronicles, 13-15 followed by prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of our last meeting was read and accepted.

Special Singing: James Groves and Wanda Williams sang "Better than Silver and Gold"

Resolution Committee: Report # 1 Carried:

"Be it resolved that the treasurer purchase an attendance banner and that it be presented each quarter to the church having the greatest improvement in sunday school attendance and that the banner be kept at the end of the year by the church with the greatest improvement for the whole year.

Executive Board Report: Motion carried to accept the report.

The Board recommended that Bro. Leo Pergson be licensed to preach and that Bro. Norman Colecleasurer's license be extended for one year.

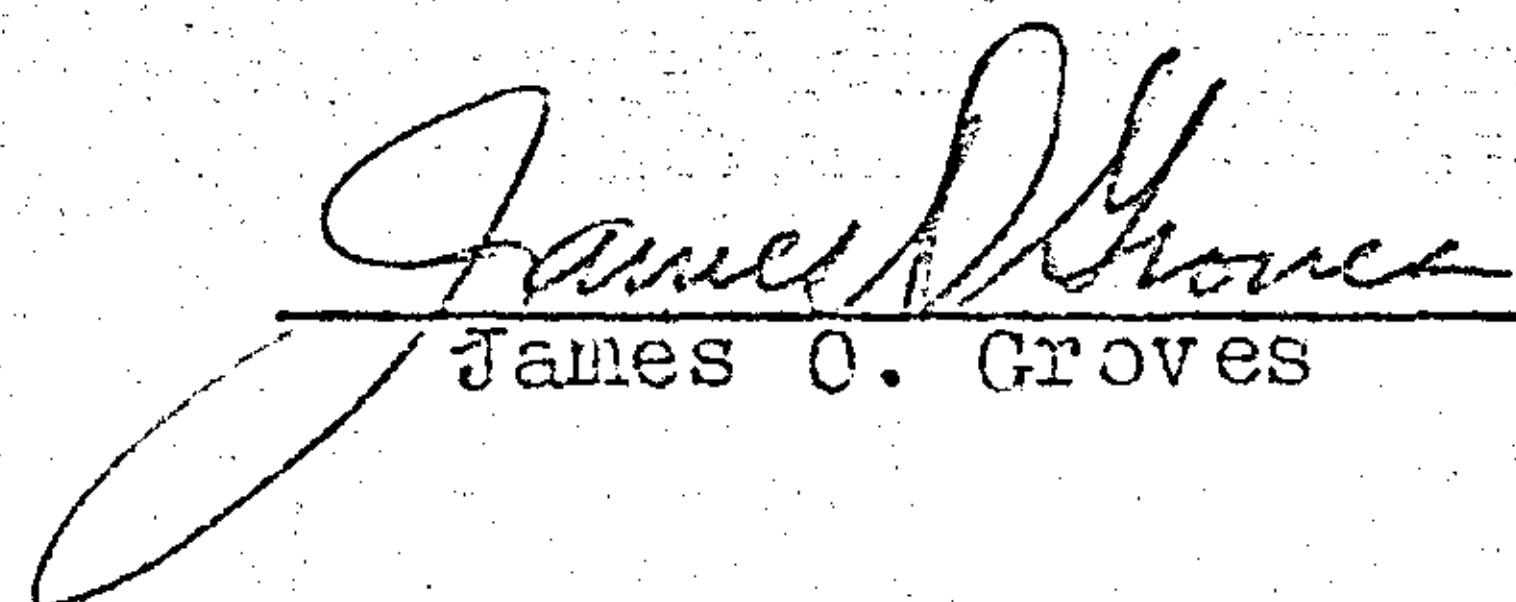
They also recommended that Bro. Ford, Bro. Mottley and Bro. Ben Fortune be ordained as deacons.

Sunday School Representative Report: Bro. Fred Session gave a report of the improvements in sunday schools over last quarter and gave a pep talk for sunday school improvement.

Discussion of Fellowship Meetings: The Moderator opened the meeting for discussion of the fellowship meetings. After discussion, a motion carried to have a fellowship meeting the Friday night before the Saturday Quarterly meeting and not to take up any business except that that is absolutely necessary and only have one speaker.

Resolution Committee Report #2. Carried. Stating that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

ANNOUNCEMENTS , Handshake , Benediction by Rev. Francis Boyle.

 , Sec.-Treas.
James O. Groves