

minutes of the No. 2 quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists
Meeting Held at the Arvin Free Will Baptist Church, Feb. 9 and
10, 1968.

FRIDAY EVENING Feb. 9, 1968

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Arville Nelson, and congregational singing was led by Rev. Jack Craven followed by prayer by Rev. E.E. Morris.

Scripture reading was by Bro. Fred Session, Bakersfield, reading from Chap. 12, Romans, vs. 1-12. followed in prayer by Rev. C.E. Hames, Bakersfield.

Special singing was presented by Bro. Joe Cluck and the Jack Craven family. The congregation was led in prayer by Rev. Bill Adkinson.

The evening message was presented by Rev. ~~W.V. Mc Phail~~ E.E. Morris who was introduced by Rev. W.V. Mc Phail, the scheduled speaker. Bro. Morris was visiting from Oklahoma and preached on "Church Identity" using scripture from I Timothy, Chap. 4, vs. 16.

A missionary offering was collected to be sent to the national association for the account of the california missionary having the lowest balance. \$22.63

Benediction by Rev. J.C. Armstrong.

SATURDAY MORNING? Feb. 10, 1968 9:30 AM

Congregational singing led by Bro. Jack Craven.

Meeting called to order by the moderator, Rev. Arville Nelson followed by prayer by Bro. Wiley Gregory and more congregational singing.

Scripture reading was given by Bro. Bill Adkinson, Shafter, reading from the book of Phillipians, Chap. 2 & 3.

The welcome was given by Bro. ~~Wiley Gregory~~ Wiley Gregory followed by the response by Bro. J.C. Armstrong.

Letters from the eight churches were read and the delegates were seated, as the congregation sang "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord"

The treasurer's report was given showing a balance of \$368.64.

The pulpit committee report was accepted stating that Rev. Noel Brown would present the morning message and Rev. Joe Blair the afternoon message. Those on the pulpit committee were Barney Van Winkle, Lynn Scott, Bro. Spurlock and Wiley Gregory,

Members elected to the resolution committee were Brothers Jack Craven, Vernon Weese and Mc Masters, Obituary committee were Mattie Mc Phail, Elizabeth Clark, Cleo Ackles, Mildred Eagle, Alice Roister, Sis. Scroggins and Sis. Whitworth.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE PRESENTED.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made seconded and carried to receive and adopt the crusade committee in its entirety shown on page N.e. 133.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Don Farris.

RECESS:

11:00 AM Worship service.

Congregational singing led by Bro. Jack Craven followed by prayer by Bro. W.V. Mc Phail.

Special singing: Bro. Joe Cluck - "Jesus Passed By"
Bro. & Sis. Roister "I Don't Regret a Mile"
Jack & Lucille Craven "He'll Pilot Me"

Message by: Rev. Neuel Brown, Kerman, who preached from the 27 Chap. of Mathew Vs. 33-36

The blessing and benediction was given by Bro. Barney Van Winkle.

LUNCH

Congregational singing led by Bro. Joe Cluck. Prayer by Bro. Bennett. Special singing by Lucille Craven and Sis. Amos. The message was presented by Rev. Joe Blair - "Burdens Will Be Blessings" using Chap. I of the book of Exodus, Prayer: Bro. Merle Waddle.

Bro. Fred Session gave a report on the Sunday Schools and announced a Sunday school workshop scheduled for March 9, 1968 at the Bakersfield Church.

Rev. Winston Lawless reported on the State Wide Work pointing out that two churches have been disbanded and one organized. Then he spoke on the financing, bookstore operation and the "Voice" paper.

Rev. C.E. Hanes spoke on promotion of the proposed Crusade, asked all pastors to support it and have their churches share of the money in by the August meeting.

The finance committee plan for 1968 was approved. (See page No. 134). The obituary committee was accepted and a silent prayer was given followed by prayer by Bro. W.V. Mc Phail.

Executive board report No. 1 recommending Rev. Bill Adkisson into full fellowship of the quarterly meeting was accepted. No. 2, recommending Bro. J.H. Gibson, was accepted, he licensed to preach.

The following officers for the coming year were elected:
Moderator: Don Farris, Ass't. Moderator: Arville Nelson
Clerk: James O. Groves, Ass't. Clerk: Treas. Linda Cowan

Executive board members: Bill Adkisson (1973)

Program Committee: Helen Hames, Sis. Adkisson and Barbara Otwell. Sunday School representative: Fred Session. Bro. Wray, So. Union, was reelected to the business and finance committee.

MEETINGS SET FOR~~1973~~ the coming year:

August: Shafter, November: Wasco, Feb. 1969 Taft. Bro. C.E. Hames was elected to speak at the opening service at Shafter in August with Bro. W.V. Mc Phail as alternate.

Delegates elected to the Association meeting to be held May 4 at Erlimart were: Sisters Opal Roberts, Minnie Huckaby and Cleo Ackle of the Arvin Church. Brothers Lynn Scott, Mike Miller L.B. Blair, Vernon Weese and Orville Groves of the Bakersfield Church. Brothers Mc Masters, Shelton and Spurlock and Sisters Mc Masters and Sutton from the Lamont Church. Brothers Randall Scroggins, Ken Hayes and Charles Baird of the Lompoc Church.

Sisters Judy Cotton, Hulene Bowden, Ruby Fowler and Mildred Eagle of the Shafter Church. Sisters Mattie Mc Phail, Pearl Adams Iva Slusser, Shirley Richardson and Bro. Aaron Richardson of the South Union Avenue Church. Sisters Myrtle Hasten, Margie Schey, Dixie Young and Wilma Morris of the Taft Church. Sisters Georgia Criner, Elizabeth Clark and Rhonda Hoyle, Tina Criner and Bro. Mitchell Criner of the Wasco Church.

A report on the proposed youth camp to be held at Heartland Christian Camp xx June 24 - 28, 1968 was given by Bro. W.V. Mc Phail.

Bro. E.E. Morris encourage attendance at the National Meeting to be held in Oklahoma City

Res. Committee No. 1 Thanks for hospitality given.

A motion carried that we recommend the southern association go on record supporting the position taken by the Oklahoma State Association concerning the backsliding question (see P./32)

Rev. Bill Adkisson reported on the work in Canada followed by announcements and adjournment.

Benediction by Bro. J.C. Armstrong.

Rec. to So. Assn!
motion carried

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BACKSLIDING:

We recommend that we, the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists, go on record that we believe a person who has been regenerated or born again and is living in unconfessed, unforgiven sin, is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and therefore is a backslider in a lost condition who must repent and be restored to the right relationship with God or be eternally lost.

We recognize, according to Hebrews 6: 3-5, that it is possible for a person to get in the condition that he could never return to Christ. This, we believe, is Apostasy. However, we also recognize that a regenerate person can fall into sin, be in a lost condition and still not be an Apostate. This person, through repentance, can be reconciled to God.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CRUSADE- 1968

The Pastors of the churches participating in the Crusade met on February 2, 1968. As a result of that meeting we submit the following recommendations;

1. That the offer of the Bakersfield Free Will Baptist Church to use their facilities be accepted and that the Crusade be held there at 2236 East California Avenue.
2. That the Evangelist be Rev. Tommy Brashear of Russleville, Ark. (He is a full time Evangelist.)
3. That the budget be \$2.00 per resident member as reported in February 11, 1967. Below is the cost to each church according to this plan.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Resident Members</u>	<u>Their Cost</u>
Bakersfield	156	\$312.00
Lamont	55	\$110.00
Arvin	52	\$104.00
Shafter	59	\$118.00
South Union	30	\$ 60.00
Taft	64	\$128.00
Wasco	33	\$ 66.00
Porterville	71	\$142.00
	<u>520</u>	<u>\$1040.00</u>
Plus three offerings during the Crusade-(Estimated)		200.00
Total Budget-----		<u>\$1240.00</u>

The Evangelist to be paid- \$500.00 (This includes his travel both ways and other expenses.)

The remaining amount of the budget to be spent for promotion of the Crusade.

4. The suggested date to be October 7, through the 16th, 1968. (The Evangelist will preach at two of the outlying Churches on October 13th.)(Sunday)

money by August meeting.

Budget for Quarterly Meeting

The business and finance committee met and recommended the following financial plan for the year 1968:

Dues: \$1.25 per active member to be spent for:

Hoot Church	\$50.00 per meeting
Clerk	10.00 " "
Treasurer	10.00 " "

Missionary offering each quarter - variable

Program	10.00
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Service charge from bank	7.00
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Youth Camp	125.00	\$10.00 per church
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Executive Board Mileage	.06 per mile
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Allowance - (members
turn in claims for
reimbursement)

Total	\$462.00
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of the
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SATURDAY August 10, 1968 Meeting at the Shafter Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. W.V. Mc Phail, the oldest minister in the work, in the absence of the Moderator.

Prayer by Brother Scroggins, Lompoc, followed by congregational singing led by Rev. Jack Craven. Scripture reading and prayer was given by Rev. Newell Bonner, Taft. He read from Hebrews, Chap. 2, verses 1-10.

The welcome was given by Rev. Bill Adkisson, pastor of the Shafter Church followed by the response given by Bro. Barney Van Winkle, Arvin.

Letters were read from eight churches and the delegates were welcomed and seated as the congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven".

Rev. W.V. Mc Phail was elected as the moderator for this meeting only and Rev. Jack Craven, the assistant.

The by-laws and rules of order were read.

The following committees were selected:

<u>Pulpit</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Obituary</u>
Tom Hunt	Sister Clark	Sister Van Winkle
Bro. Holiday	Lillian Mussa	Sister Scroggins
Vernon Weese	Sister Sherman	Sister Smith
Bill Adkisson		

The minutes of the February 1968 meeting were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: Rev. Jack Craven asked all churches to turn in their money for the fall crusade to be held in Bakersfield.

NEW BUSINESS

The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$ 282.00 was read and approved as read.

Members were elected to vacancies on the program committee. They were Lucille Craven and Dorothy Cluck.

The pulpit committee reported that Rev. J.C. Armstrong was to preach the morning sermon.

A motion carried to adjourn the business session to 1:30 PM
Prayer was given by Bro. Barney Van Winkle.

*Motion carried. Jack Craven Moderator.
W.V. Mc Phail Asst.
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11:00 AM Worship Service.

Congregational singing: Led by Glen Williams singing "Just Over in the Glory Land".

Prayer by Rev. Bill Adkisson. The congregation then sang "Kneel at the Cross" and "Joy Unspeakable".

The pulpit committee reported that Rev. Joe Blair would preach the afternoon sermon.

Special singing was presented by the South Union trio singing "Have You Been a Friend to Him?" and "He'll Pilot Me".

Glen and Wanda Williams sang "Heaven Came Down".

The morning message was presented by Rev. J.C. Armstrong who used scripture from Micah Chap. 3, verse 5.

A special offering for the church in Alaska, where Don Farris is pastor, was given in the amount of \$18.33.

Benediction and lunch. (Benediction by Rev. Jack Craven)

1:30 PM Bussiness session.

Congregational singing led by Glen Williams: "Victory in Jesus", followed by prayer by Rev. Jack Craven, then "It Won't BE Very Long".

Special singing: The South Union Church Trio sang "I've Got That Old Time Religion in My Heart". Glen and Wanda Williams sang "Lord I Need You".

The message was presented by Rev. Joe Blair. "These Things Free Will Baptists Believe" Mark Chap 12, vs. 28-30.

The sunday school representative's report was read by the clerk, in the absence of Fred Session, and Shafter won the banner.

Rev. C.E. Hames reported on the plans for the crusade to be held in Bakersfield in October.

The executive board report recommending that Bro. Hayes be ordained as deacon according to the desire of his church was accepted and approved.

The obituary committee reported that one had been called from our midst since our last meeting, June Carter of Arvin. A moment of silent prayer was observed followed by verbal prayer by Rev. C.E. Hames.

The speaker for the November quarterly meeting was elected. W.V. Mc Phail will be the speaker and Rev. Arville Nelson, the Alternate.

Rev. Jay Wilson was elected to serve out the term vacated by Rev. Bill Adkisson on the Executive Board. (1973)

Youth camp report was given by Revs. W.V. Mc Phail and Hames.

The host church received a standing vote of thanks followed by the benediction by Rev. Mc Phail.

Adjourned.

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James O. Groves, Clerk

Minutes of the No. 2 Quarterly Meeting
of the Southern association of Free Will Baptists . Meeting held
at the Wasco Free Will Baptist Church, 332 "F" Street, Wasco, Calif.
Friday November 8 - 9, 1968.

Friday evening, Nov. 8, 1968.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jack Craven,
of the South Union Church. The congregation sang "Send the Light",
"I Would Not be Denied" and "Come Unto Me" led by Bro. Glen Williams.

Scripture reading and prayer was presented by Bro. Merele Waddle, of
the Bakersfield, Church, reading from the 91 st. Psalm.

Bro. Charles Wood, of the Bakersfield church, sang "I Know Who Holds
Tomorrow" and the Bakersfield church quartet sang "I Need No Mansion
Here"

The evening message was presented by Rev. W.V. Mc Phail, of the
Taft church who used scripture from James I 26-27.

A missionary offering for the California missionary with the lowest
account was given in the amount of \$17.36.

Announcements were made followed by the benediction by Rev. A.F.
Ferguson, pastor of the Shafter church.

SATURDAY, Nov. 9, 1968

Glen Williams led the congregation in singing "Standing on the Promises"
and "Kneel at the Cross" followed by the scripture reading by Bro.
Wilburn Holiday, of the South Union church. Rev. W.V. Mc Phail then
led in prayer.

The welcome was given by the host pastor Rev. Arville Nelson followed
by the response given by Bro. Roister, of the Taft Church.

Letters from the eight churches of this quarterly meeting were read
and the delegates were seated as the congregation sang "Just Over
in the Glory Land".

The minutes of the August 1968 meeting were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted showing a balance of
\$ 342.00

A motion carried for the chair to appoint the necessary committees.
Those appointed were:

<u>Pulpit</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Obituary</u>
Bro. Roy Knowlton	Bro. Herman Wray	Sis. Ruby Fowler
Bro. Howard Bennet	Bro. Charles Spurlock	Sis. Delma
Bro. Wilburn Holiday	Bro. Lynn Scott	Sis. Alice Foshee
Rev. Arville Nelson		Bro. Roister

OLD BUSINESS

Rev. C.E. Hanes gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Crusade held at the Bakersfield church in October. The income was \$1,084.44 and the expenses were \$1,072.55. The balance of \$11.96 was given to the Bakersfield church. Twenty four decisions for Christ were made.

The pulpit committee reported that Bro. Tom Hunt was chosen to preach the morning message and Rev. A.F. Ferguson the afternoon message.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion carried that the clerk purchase the necessary licence and ordination forms for ministers and deacons and charge the bill to the quarterly meeting.

A motion carried to adjourn to 11:00 AM, followed by prayer by Rev. M.J. Wilson, pastor of the Lamont church.

11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

The congregation was led in singing by Bro. Charles Wood, of the Bakersfield church. The songs sung were "Heavenly Sunlight" "The Glory Land Way", prayer by Bro. Joe Cluck, then "Look and Live".

Special singing was presented as follows:

"What a Day That Will Be" by the Bakersfield quartet followed by prayer by Rev. Jack Craven, of the South Union Church.

The morning message was presented by Bro. Tom Hunt of the Bakersfield church using scripture from John 20, 24-29

A missionary offering was given followed by the benediction and blessing on the noon day meal by Sister Lou Goves, of the Bakersfield, Church.

1:00 PM

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Glen Williams singing "I Am Resolved" and "Bringing in the Sheaves".

Prayer was led by Bro. Scroggins, of the Lompoc Church.

Bro. Fred Session, the Sunday school representative, gave his report on the Sunday school.

The afternoon message was presented by Rev. A.F. Ferguson, of the Taft church, using scripture from 11 Chap. Hebrews, vs. 6.

The executive Board report No. 1 was read recommending that Rev. A.F. Ferguson be accepted in full fellowship to this quarterly meeting. A motion carried to accept Bro. Ferguson into fellowship of the quarterly meeting.

The executive board report No. 2 was read recommending that Bro. Tom Hunt be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. A motion carried that he be licensed as recommended.

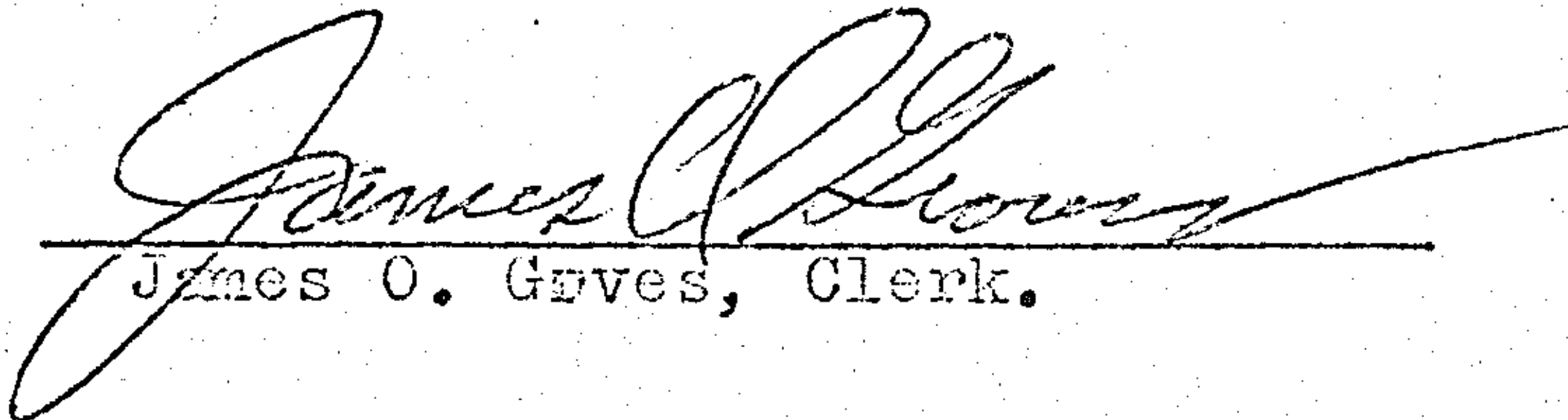
The obituary report was given stating that H.C. Bryan, of the Shafter church has passed on since our last meeting. The congregation stood in silent prayer followed by prayer by Rev. C.E. Hames, Bakersfield, in memory of the deceased.

The speakers for the next meeting, February 1969, were selected. Rev. M.J. Wilson, of Lamont, will be the speaker and Rev. Jack Craven, of South Union church, will be the alternate.

The resolution committee report recommending that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality was read and accepted as the congregation stood.

Announcements were made and the benediction given by Bro. Glen Williams, of the Bakersfield church.

Minutes by:


James O. Graves, Clerk.