

MINUTES OF THE #2 QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

BAKERSFIELD FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH Feb. 13-14, 1970.

FRIDAY-EVENING, Feb. 13, 1970

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev Jack Craven, followed by prayer by Rev Robert Ledds.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Glen Williams singing "Sunlight" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name".

Scripture reading and prayer was given by Bro. David Minyard. He read from the 25 th. Psalm then the congregation sang "At The Cross".

The Bakersfield quartet sang "I've Been Changed" and "Had it not Been". Bro. Darwin Kelton sang three or four songs.

The evening message was presented by Rev. Tom Hunt using scripture from II Corinthians, Chap. 12 vs. 1-9.

A missionary offering was collected amounting to \$-32.60.

An announcement of the sale of the "Anchor", California Christian College year book was given by Bro. Ronnie Young.

Benediction: Wade Jernigan.

SATURDAY MORNING FEB. 14, 1970

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Rev. Jack Craven.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Charles Wood singing "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Sweet Bye and Bye".

Scripture reading from the 6 th. Chap. of Galations was given by Rev. Newell Bonner followed by prayer.

The welcome was given by Bro. Jess Cowan followed by the response by Rev. Robert Leeds.

The letter from the individual churches were read, accepted as read and the delegates seated as the congregation sang "We'll Work till Jesus Comes".

The minutes of the November 1969 meeting were read and accepted as read.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to allow the moderator to appoint the committees for this meeting. Those appointed were:

PULPIT: L.B. Blair, Ch., Wilburn Holiday and Bro. Young.

RESOLUTION: Sis. Engle, Ch., Richard Webb and Vernon Weese.

OBITUARY: Sis. Smith, Ch., Sis. Mc Phail and Sis. Amos.

OLD BUSINESS: None was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: The delegates for the Southern Association meeting to be held in Exeter May 1&2, 1970 were chosen. (See a copy of the letter for the names).

PULPIT COMMITTEE Reported that Rev. C.E. Hames had been selected to preach in the morning and Rev. Gerry Webb in the afternoon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the coming year was held. The following were elected:

Moderator: Rev. Arville Nelson, Assistant Moderator: Rev. Jack Craven. Clerk: James Groves, Ass't. Clerk: Wanda Williams. A member of the business and finance committee whose term expires in 1974 was selected, who is Rev. A.F. Ferguson. Executive Bd. member whose term expires in 1975: Rev. Roy Norie.

RECESS;

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:

Congregational singing led by Bro. Charles Wood singing "At the Cross", and "When I See the Blood" followed by prayer by Rev. A.F. Ferguson. Rev. Rial.

Rev. A.F. Ferguson sang "Ship Ahoy" and the Bakersfield quartet sang "Give Up" and "I've Been to Calvary".

Rev. C.E. Hames preached using scripture from 5 th. Chap. of Ephesians vs. 11-18.

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal was given by Rev. J.C. Armstrong.

----- L U N C H -----

1:15 PM BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was opened with Bro. Glen Williams leading the congregation singing "I Am Resolved" followed by prayer by Rev. Tom Hunt.

Rev. Gerry Webb preached using Romans 3 rd. Chap. vs. 28-29 as his scripture.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT # 1 was given stating ---"In December 1969, the Board was called in special meeting to examine Bro. Tom Hunt for ordination as a minister. He is now pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ontario, California". Also, they ---"Examined Bro. Dick Gardner for license to preach and recommend him for licensing for another year". The executive board elected Rev. C.E. Hames, chairman and Rev. M.J. Wilson, secretary for the coming year.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the executive Board report.



The RESOLUTION COMMITTEE report # 1 was given stating --- "Be it resolved that the host church furnish identification tags for all present at the quarterly meetings". A motion was made, seconded and ~~was~~ carried to accept this ~~motion~~. resolution.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE report #2 was given stating --- " Be it resolved we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality and delicious noon meal. A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the resolution.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE report was given stating - "We report the following deaths: Arvin: Alice Sandlin, Bakersfield: Bro. Patrick, Taft: Kay Hunt, Walter Brown and Bro. Mc Phail". A motion was made, seconded and carried that the congregation stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of the deceased.

The meeting places for the year 1970 were set as follows:

AUGUST 7-8, 1970 -- Arvin FWB Church. NOVEMBER 13-14, 1970 -- Taft FWB Church and FEBRUARY 12-13, 1971 Bakersfield FWB Church. Bro. Dick Gardner was chosen as the introductory speaker for the August meeting with Rev. Jack Craven as the Alternate.

The BUSINESS ~~AND~~ FINANCE committee report was given in which the budget was presented as follows: Dues= \$1.25 per active member as listed on the Feb. Letter. Expenses: Host Church \$50.00, Clerk \$10.00 per meeting, Treasurer \$10.00 per meeting, annual program expense \$10.00, So. Ass'n. dues \$250.00, Nursery attendant \$5.00 each meeting and the executive board members to be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.06 per mile of travel for necessary travel for quarterly meeting business when the quarterly meeting is not in session.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the business and finance committee report.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to split the missionary offering equally between the Robirds and the Mayhews,

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the moderator along with the executive board meet with the ~~the~~ Quarterly meeting to discuss the feasibility of becoming two separate associations, and report at the association meeting. The chairman of the executive board was to notify those concerned.

Announcements were given followed by prayer and benediction by bro. Glen Williams.

Minutes by.   
James O. Groves, Clerk.

Minutes of the No. 2 Quarterly meeting of the Southern Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Arvin Free Will Baptist Church, August 7 & 8, 1970.

Friday Evening, August 7, 1970

The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by the Moderator, Rev. Arville Nelson.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING was led by Bro. Wilburn Holiday singing "Redeemed" followed by Prayer by Rev. Wadw Jernigan then Bro. Holiday led singing "I Am Resolved".

SCRIPTURE READING was given by Rev. M.J. Wilson reading from Acts 20 th. Chap. Vs. 28-32. followed by prayer.

SPECIAL SINGING: The Jack Craven family sang "Jesus Is Coming Soon" and "Had It Not Been" and "I've Got A Mansion". Rev. A.F. Ferguson sang "Follow Me".

Rev. Dick Gardner preached using the 5 th. Chapter of Romans as scripture and entitling his sermon "The Way Out".

A MISSIONARY OFFERING was collected amounting to \$ 32.65.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were given followed by the benediction by Bro. J.B. Smith.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 8, 1970

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 AM

A CONGREGATIONAL SONG was led by Bro. Wilburn Holiday singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing".

SCRIPTURE READING was given by Bro. Dave Minyard using the 119 th. Psalm, Vs. 33-40.

The WELCOME was given by Bro. J.B. Smith followed by the RESPONSE By Rev. Gerald Webb.

Letters from seven churches were read. A motion Carried to seat the delegates in anticipation of receiving a letter from the South Union Avenue Church. The delegates were seated as the congregation sang "At Calvary"

Rev. C.E. Hanes was elected as Assistant Moderator for this meeting only.

The pulpit committee was appointed as follows: J.B. Smith, Chair. Pete Eagle and Abner Nelms.



The MINUTES OF THE Feb. 1970 meeting were read and accepted as read.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was given showing a balance of \$128.87 and was accepted. A BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE was selected to study the financial condition of the quarterly meeting at this meeting.

VISITING BRETHREN WERE welcomed and seated. They were Bro. Ronnie Young and Bro. Wade Jernigan.

The RESOLUTION COMMITTEE was appointed. They were Rev. Roy Norie, Chairman, Lester Kyle and Merle Waddle.

The OBITUARY COMMITTEE was appointed. They were Sister Mildred Eagle, Sis. Rial and David Molter.

The PULPIT COMMITTEE REPORT Was given stating they had chosen Bro. Ronnie Young to preach the morning message and Rev. Wade Jernigan, the afternoon message.

REPORTS WERE given, Rev. C.E. Hames on the question of separating the # 1 and #2 Quarterly meetings into two associations. At the Shafter meeting, it was decided to leave the organization as is, (two quarterly meetings making up the Southern Association).

Rev. Wade Jernigan reported on the School, California Christian College.

The By-Laws were read to the congregation.

A CTS report was given by Rev. Roy Norie and Rev. C.E. Hames reported on Youth Camp.

RECESS TO 1:00 PM -- Prayer by Rev. C.E. Hames.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM.

CONGREGATIONAL singing led by Bro. Royster "I Would Not be Denied" and "Victory in Jesus" followed by prayer by Sis. Arlene Gardner

SPECIAL SINGING by Rev. A.F. Ferguson: "It Took a Miracle"  
Prayer: By Rev. Roy Norie.

The sermon was presented by Bro. Ronnie Ypung using scripture from the 17 th. Chap. of 1 st. Samuel and the 23 rd. Psalm. He entitled his sermon " Five Stones of Measurement".

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal was given by Rev. Gerald Webb.

----- LUNCH -----

BUSINESS MEETING 1:00 PM

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING was led by Bro. Royster singing "At The Cross" followed by prayer by Rev. Bob Leeds, then singing "Amazing Grace".

SPECIAL SINGING: Wanda Williams sang "In the Shelter of His Arms". Bro. Fergusom and Wade Jernigan sang "No Tears"

THE MESSAGE was presented by Rev. Wade Jernigan preaching about spiritual Israel.

A motion carried to accept the So. Union Church letter which was received late.

THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE reported that there had been no deaths of quarterly meeting members for the last quarter.

The Business and Finance committee recommendations were accepted by motion and second:

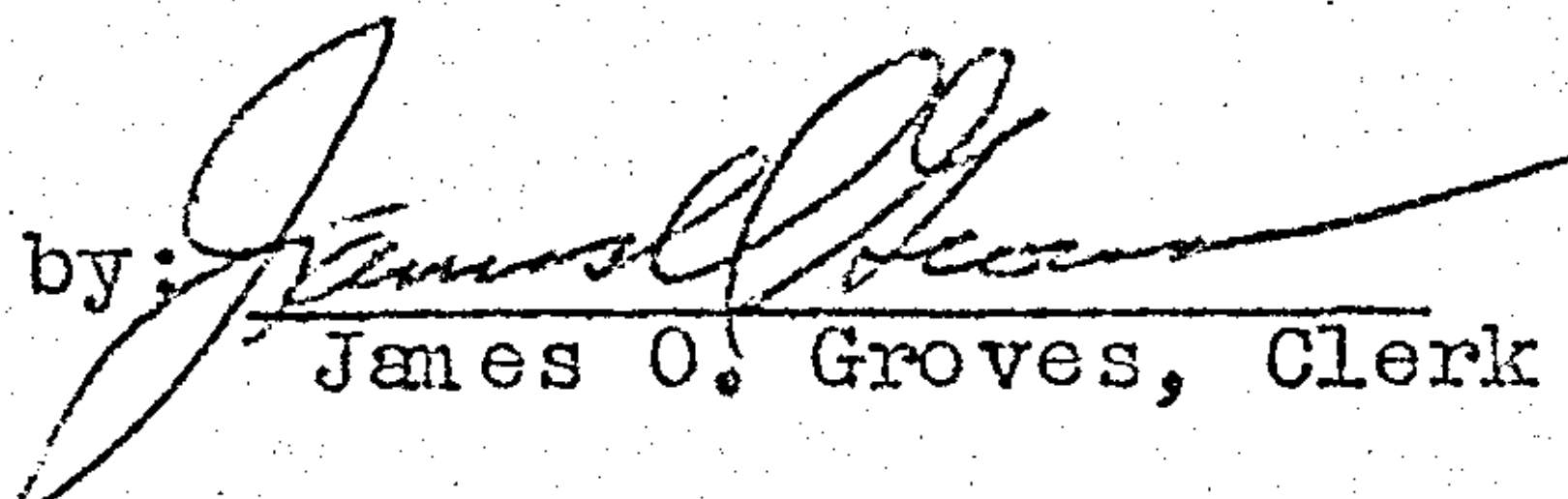
- # 1 Be it resolved that we raise the dues to \$ 1.75 per member. A motion carried to table this motion until the November meeting.
- #2 Recommend that the Southern Association revise the dues for this year. The executive board and moderators to meet on this question.

The RESOLUTION COMMITTEE reports were accepted:

- #1 Be it resolved that the first and last names of delegates and members be used for proper recording in the minutes.
- #2 Be it resolved that all pastors encourage their church members to support Youth Camp.
- #3 Be it resolved that the executive board and the moderator meet with the Center Association to discuss the revision of the dues.
- #4 Be it resolved that the host church be given a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

The speaker selected for the opening service at the November meeting in Taft was Bro. A.F. Ferguson, with Bro/. Arville Nelson as the alternate

Adjournment and benediction by Bro. Royster.

Minutes by:   
James O. Groves, Clerk



Minutes of the No. 2 Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists.  
Taft, California, November 13-14, 1970.

Friday Evening, Nov. 13, 1970

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Arville Nelson. The congregational singing was led by Bro. Royster, of Taft, singing "I Would Not be Denied" and "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer by Rev. Arville Nelson,

Scripture reading and prayer was given by Rev. M.J. Wilson using 1 st. Corinthians, 2 nd, Chap. vs. 9-12.

The congregation sang "Break Thou The Bread of Life".

The message was presented by Rev. A.F. Ferguson. He preached from the 6 th. Chap of Jeramiah. using a text "A New dedication to an Old Way".

A missionary offering was given in the amount of \$ 15.30  
Benediction by Rev. J.C. Armstrong.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 14, 1970

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Rev. Arville Nelson.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Glem Williams singing "Sweeter Than the Day Before" and "Glory to His Name" followed by scripture reading by Bro. Bookout reading from 1st. Cor., Chap. 13 followed by prayer by Bro. Fred Session.

The welcome was given by Bro. Beh-Leeds Roy Norie and the response by Bro. Bob Leeds.

Letters from the local churches were read and approved as read. The delegates were seated as Rev. M.J. Wilson gave them the right hand of fellowship.

A pulpit committee was selected consisting of Rev. Roy Norie, Jess Cowan and Bro. Spurlock and Bro. David Minyard.

The Minutes of the August 1970 meeting were read and approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given showing a balance of \$234.62

Rev. A.F. Ferguson was elected to serve as the assistant moderator for this meeting.

The pulpit committee reported that Rev. M.J. Wilson was to present the morning message and Rev. Bob Leeds, the Afternoon message.

A resolution committee was appointed consisting of David Minyard, Fred Session and Pete Eagle.

The obituary committee consisting of Sisters Bowden, Molter and Cleo Aekle- Eakle was appointed.

Old business was called for and the tabled motion from the last meeting concerning a proposed increase in dues was voted on and was not passed.

New Business: The speaker for the February meeting in Bakersfield, Feb. 1971 is to be Rev. Roy Norie with Rev, Bon Leeds, the assistant.

A missionary offering of \$ 24.47 was given.

Rev. Norie discussed the proposed youth camp next summer .

A motion carried to recess to 1:00 PM-fellwewd-by-the-blessing on-the-noon-meal-and-the-benediction-

-----Lunch-at-the-Fort-----

11:00 AM Worshipservice.

Congregational singing was led by Rev. A.F. Ferguson singing "Lily of the Valley" followed by prayer by Rev. Tom Hunt.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Glen Williams singing "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus"

Special Singing: Glen & Wanda Williams sang "Without a Prayer".

A male trio consisting of Wilburn Holiday, A.F. Ferguson and Bro. Rial sang "Rock of Ages". Prayer by Rev. C.E. Hammes.

A trio arranged by Bro. Rial and Bro. Kyle sang "Heaven Will Surely be Worth it All".

Rev. M.J. Wilson presented the message "A Changeless God in a Changing World". using scripture from Malachi 3rd. Chap . vs. 5-9.

The blessing on the noon meal and dismissal prayer was given by Bro. Royster.

----- Lunch at the Fort -----

1:30 PM

Congregational singing led by Bro. Glen Williams, "Bringing in the Sheaves". followed by prayer by Bro. Pete Eagle. Bro. A.F. Ferguson sang a solo followed by Glen and Wanda Williams singing a duet.

The message was presented by Rev, Bob Leeds "Childish or Child-like" using scripture from Luke 7 th. Chap. Vs 31 .

Resolution Committee report #1 --"Be it resolved that all the ordained encourage participation by members in church, quarterly and associational meetings. Motion carried.

Resolution committee report # 2 --- "Be it resolved that the by-laws be adhered to and that speaker stand and address the moderator".

Obituary committee report stating that sis. Odessa Bookout of Bakersfield and Elsie Miller, of Taft had deceased was received and the congregation stood in memory of them followed in prayer by M.J. Wilson.

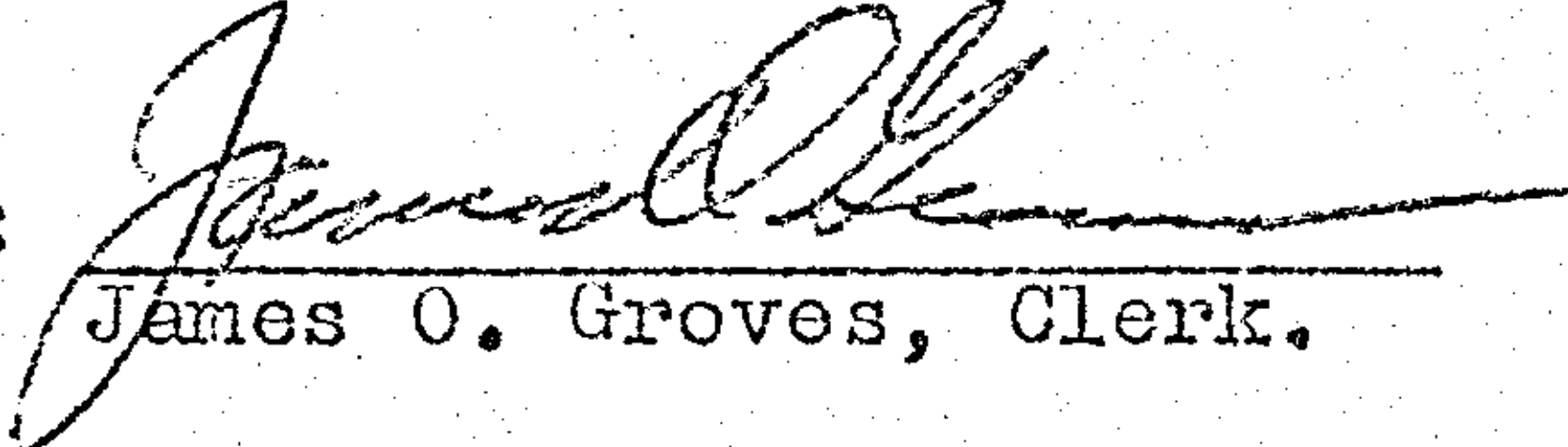


Rev. M.J. Wilson talked on the youth camp for next summer.

Resolution committee report # 3 -- " Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality". A motion carried to adopt the resolution and the congregation stood.

A motion carried to adjourn followed by the benediction by Bro. Baird.

Minutes by:

  
James O. Groves, Clerk.