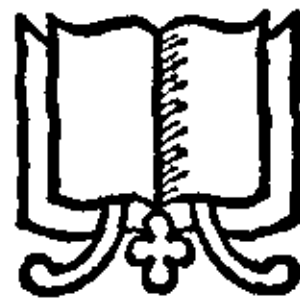


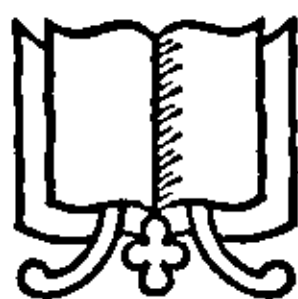
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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Rev. Lloyd Reddick.....4 Years  
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Rev. John Reel.....3 Years  
8707 Burton, Bellflower, Calif., Met. 4-0665

Rev. Wiley Gregory.....2 Years  
1415 Ojai St., Santa Paula, 424M3

Rev. M. A. Bryant.....1 Year  
14615 1/2 Gridley Road, Norwalk, Calif., UN 8-2338

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **THURSDAY EVENING**

Song service led by Rev. Lloyd Reddick, "I'm Satisfied With Jesus," "Away Over Yonder." Pianist, Betty Bryant. Opening Prayer led by Rev. Riley Haskins. Congregation singing, "Where We Will Never Grow Old." Duet by Shirley Morton and Delma Wright, "He Set Me Free." Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Reddick sang, "I Need No Mansion Here." Devotional led by Ernest Stacy. Scripture reading, Psalms 16:1-11 read by Rev. Marvin Bryant.

"I Can Tell You The Time" and "Hand In Hand With Jesus" sung by Mrs. Lloyd Reddick, Rev. John Reel, Rev. Lloyd Reddick, and Rev. Marvin Bryant.

Sermon by Rev. Lloyd Reddick, using John 6:67-69 and Phil. 3:13-14 as his Text. Special Song by Cathy Bryant, "Friend of Galilee." Announcements and Home Assignments were made by Host Pastor and Dismissal Prayer was offered by Rev. Claude Hames.

### **FRIDAY MORNING**

Song Service led by Rev. Lloyd Reddick, accompanied by Mrs. Claude Hames, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer led by Rev. Edward Johns. Congregational singing, "I'm A Millionaire." Welcome by Rev. B. H. Robertson. Response by Rev. Wiley Gregory. Scripture read by Austin Bernard, 1 Cor. 13:1-13. Letters read from all West Coast churches, some corrections were made and these letters were accepted as corrected. Delegates seated by a handshake and songs "The Gloryland Way" and "Glory To His Name." Petitionary letter from the San Bernardino Church was read, accepted and their delegates were seated in full fellowship by a handshake extended to them by the Moderator, Rev. John Reel. Motion made and granted to adjourn business and grant to the Ministers and Deacons time to hold conference before election of officers. Election

of officers was as follows: Rev. John Reel, Moderator, Rev. Lloyd Reddick, Assistant Moderator. Motion to adjourn business to go into the Morning Worship Hour. Prayer led by Rev. Don Bias.

### **11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE**

The annual MEMORIAL SERVICE was opened by the congregation singing, "Where We'll Never Grow Old," and "Precious Memories." Everyone standing in a Moment of Silent Prayer followed by Rev. Marvin Bryant in remembrance of those among our members that The Lord has called home. "It's Going to Be Glory" rendered by a trio, Rev. Marvin Bryant, Rev. John Reel, and Mary Sleeker. "I Must Travel On" sung by Bille Pierce, Mary Sleeker, Mrs. John Reel, and Polly Esley.

Rev. John Reel spoke briefly of Sister Virginia Mims, whom the Lord, in his infinite wisdom, has called from our midst. Rev. John Reel read the Scripture for the message using I Kings 18:12 and I Tim. 4:12. The Memorial Message was brought by Rev. A. B. Tolbert, who being the Oldest Minister (in age and in God's Service) present at this setting. His topic, "The Promised Land." At the close of the morning service, a hand of fellowship was extended to Rev. A. B. Tolbert, Rev. John Reel and Rev. Don Bias. These three ministers are the oldest in age and in God's service in the West Coast Association. Luncheon arrangements were made by Rev. B. H. Robertson. Benediction and Blessing were offered by Rev. Edward Johns.

### **1:30 P.M. FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

The afternoon session was declared into order by Rev. Lloyd Reddick, Assistant Moderator. Scripture reading by Rev. Albert Jacoe. Motion made and granted that as the other officers were elected that the one with the highest number of votes be put into office with the next highest being their assistant. Ruth Holmesley, Clerk; Rev. H. B. Robertson, Assistant Clerk; Rev. Wiley Gregory, Treasurer;

Rev. Albert Jacoe, Assistant Treasurer; Robert Riddle, Building Fund Treasurer; Rev. John Reel, Assistant Building Fund Treasurer; Rev. Claude Hames elected as five year man on the Executive Board.

Letter from Bell Gardens read and delegates seated. Motion carried to have all committee members appointed by Moderator. Appointed as follows:

**DIVINE SERVICE**

Sharon Rice  
G. W. Davis  
Doyle Bell  
Riley Franks  
James Clark

**RESOLUTION**

Rev. C. R. Fassio  
Rev. Marvin Bryant  
Rev. Riley Haskins  
Rev. Albert Jacoe  
Rev. Claude Hames

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Rev. Edward Johns  
Josephine Burns  
Darlene Dewey  
Quinton Brakebill  
Mary McDaniel

**FINANCE**

Rev. Wiley Gregory  
Wayne Rice  
Webster Sleeker  
Oscar Wright  
Austin Bernard

**OBITUARY**

Fannie Smithens  
Laura Wilcox  
Anna Rodgers

**PROGRAM**

Betty Gregory  
Mrs. Reddick  
Mrs. R. Haskins  
Rev. Claude Hames

Rev. Beryl Brakebill acknowledged receiving the Love Offering that had been given to him by the people of the West Coast and extended to them his heartfelt thanks for their kindness.

Divine Service report read and accepted. (See reports). Annual Treasury report read and approved. (See reports).

Committees excused for their particular functions.

Incorporation papers and By-Laws drawn up were read to the body of delegates, by Rev. Don Bias. Motion carried to table further action on this matter until the Saturday morning session.

Resolutions committee's report read: (See Committee Report). Resolution 1 carried. Resolution 2 carried with a free will offering of \$65.64 collected for this purpose. Resolution 3, to retain from last year's minutes, resolutions numbers 6, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15. Resolution 4 carried. Resolution 5 carried, to add to the West Coast Association By-Laws that the Oldest Minister (In age and God's Service) present at the Annual Conference be privileged to bring the Memorial Service.

Sunday School Report read and approved by acclamation. Motion granted to give Moderator power to appoint a 3 man Committee to secure information concerning Youth Camp Arrangements. These three men: Carl Rodden, Wayne Rice and Oscar Wright. Motion to have this report ready to submit to the next setting of the League Rally. Motion Granted.

Song service led by Lyman Hall, "I'm Satisfied With Jesus," and "I'll Fly Away." Special song by Linda Christian, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand," and "How Can You Refuse Him Now?" accompanied by her mother. Little Diane Brakebill and her mother sang "Heavenly Love" accompanied by Jesse Williamson. Sister Ivy of the San Bernardino Church sang "I Don't Know Who Holds Tomorrow," accompanied by Paul Bice. Executive Board's report No. 1 read and accepted (see reports).

Discussion about Bob Maxwell was held. Rev. Albert Jacoe reported that he had written a letter of apology to Bob and his wife stating that they were still members of the Ventura church. Motion granted to rescind action taken against Bob Maxwell at the last session of the West Coast Association held at Bell Gardens, California. Prayer led by J. B. Ledbetter.

### **7:30 P.M. FRIDAY EVENING**

Song Service led by Lyman Hall accompanied by Betty Bryant at the piano. "Jesus Hold My Hand," "Heaven," "Victory In Jesus,"

"I Just Steal Away and Pray" and "I'll Live On." An altar of prayer by all the Ordained, led by Rev. B. H. Robertson. Linda and Juanita Christian song "He's Everywhere" and "Someone To Care." Cathy Bryant sang "I Need No Mansion Here Below." Devotional led by Rev. Riley Haskins. J. B. Ledbetter, Betty Bryant, Rev. Lloyd Reddick and Rev. Martin Bryant sang, "Mansion In Glory." Sermon by Rev. Edward Johns, using Exodus 14:15 as his Text, "We Must Go Forward."

Home Assignments by Rev. B. H. Robertson, host Pastor. Dismissal Prayer by Rev. Wiley Gregory.

### **9:00 A.M. SATURDAY MORNING**

"Just Over in Glory Land" directed by Lyman Hall. Adam Chandler read Psalms 135 as the morning Scripture Reading. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Tolbert.

#### **SCHEDULE FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETING AND INTRODUCTORY SPEAKERS AS FOLLOWS:**

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|---|--|
| 1st Quarter: Oxnard, Aug. 29-30, 1958.....      | Rev. H. J. Rogers<br>Alternate, Rev. B. H. Robertson |
| 2nd Quarter: Blythe, Nov. 28-29, 1958.....      | Rev. John Reel<br>Alternate, Rev. Marvin Bryant      |
| 3rd Quarter: Santa Paula, Feb.-March.....       | Rev. Don Bias<br>Alternate, Rev. Edward Johns        |
| 9th Annual Meeting, Huntington Park, May-June.. | Rev. Claude Hames<br>Alternate, Rev. Wiley Gregory   |

Program Committee Report read and accepted.

Clerk reported not having a letter from National City. Letter of Invitation was read to this body of Delegates from the National City Church, inviting young ministers not pastoring a church to come and Preach.

Annual Executive Board report read and approved. (See annual Reports).

Delegates elected for the State Convention were as follows: Joe Horner, Oscar Wright, Ethel Clark, Josephine Burns, J. B. Ledbetter, Darlene Chandler, Roberta Hall, Ima Hill, Mary McDaniel, and Ethel Higginbotham. Letter to the State Convention read and approved. Motion granted that the Clerk send to the State with the West Coast Letter a recommendation that we change the wording of our letter forms to read: That we receive members into our churches NOT by Baptism but On the Promise of Baptism. Motion granted that we pay 4 cents per mile for two cars to take our delegates to the state convention.

Rev. C. C. Hood was extended a hand of fellowship and was seated as an advisory member. Executive Board report Nos. 2 and 3 read and accepted. (See Reports).

A representative from the United Evangelical spoke briefly about the work done by their organization.

Incorporation Papers were read again by Rev. Don Bias and a motion granted to accept these papers as drawn up by the Board of Trustees.

Resolution 10 read and accepted. (See reports). Motion to adjourn business until 1:00 P.M. Prayer by Rev. C. C. Hood.

### **11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICES**

J. B. Ledbetter directed the song service, "An Unclouded Day" and "I Surrender All." Special rendered by a quartet, "I Found It In the Word Of The Lord." A Poem which was written and read by Josephine Burns of the Huntington Park Church and was dedicated to our Pastors. "Lord, I Cannot Walk Alone" was sung by Rev. and Betty Bryant, J. B. Ledbetter, and Rev. Lloyd Reddick. Sermon by Rev. Beryl Brakebill, "We Must Go On using II Samuel 13:1 as the

text. Rev. John Reel presented the License to Preach the Gospel to Brothers Joe Horner and James Clark.

Luncheon arrangements were made by host Pastor. Benediction and Blessing was offered by Rev. Wiley Gregory.

### **1:00 P.M. SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

Saturday afternoon session was declared into order by Assistant Moderator. Executive Board report No. 4 read and accepted (See Reports). Finance Report of Money Received read and approved. Motion to adjourn.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:** We, the Obituary Committee, wish to report that God, in his infinite wisdom, has called from our number, Sister Virginia Mims, of the Oxnard Church. (Signed by Chairman of Obituary Committee.)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** No. 1. We recommend that each Church send 50 cents per active member for the association expense; and 10 cents per active member for the Building Fund, making a total of 60 cents per active member.

No. 2. We recommend that we retain the \$10.00 from each church for the feeding of the delegates, at our Quarterly Conferences.

No. 3. We recommend that each Church send \$15.00 for the feeding of the delegates at our Annual Conference.

No. 4. We recommend that we pay the Moderator \$10.00 per setting and that the Clerk be paid \$25.00 per year.

No. 5. We recommend that the Assistant Clerk be paid \$15.00 per year and that this office be responsible for the printing of the programs for each meeting. (Signed by Chairman of Finance Committee.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:** No. 1. We recommend that each local Church work to promote a teachers training course.

No. 2. We recommend that each local Church participate in a "West Coast Sunday School Challenge."

No. 3. We recommend that each church promote the State Teachers Course. (Signed Chairman of Sunday School Committee.)

DIVINE SERVICE: Rev. Edward Johns to preach Friday 8:00 P.M. Services and Rev. Beryl M. Brakebill to preach the Saturday Morning Services. (Signed the Divine Service Committee.)

RESOLUTIONS: No. 1. Be it resolved that the churches of this association do not report having a Ladies Auxiliary on their church letter unless their Auxiliary is a member of the West Coast Ladies Auxiliary.

No. 2 Be it resolved that we plan a Youth Camp for our Association and elect a board of members to secure all the details as to the purchase of property and buildings or of leasing property and buildings.

No. 3. Be it resolved that the Church address and the Pastor's name and address with his telephone number be in the minutes of 1958.

No. 4. Be it resolved that this Association will not Ordain or License any Minister or Deacon that does not believe and practice tithes in his home church.

No. 5. Be it resolved that we have 500 Minutes printed.

No. 6. Be it resolved that the West Coast Association will not recognize any Minister advocating pre-millennialism doctrine, and will not fellowship any church in the West Coast Association calling a Pastor that believes, teaches or preaches pre-millennialism as FREE-WILL BAPTIST DOCTRINE.

No. 7. Be it resolved that the address of the church where the meeting takes place be put on the programs.

No. 8. Be it resolved that our Articles of Faith be printed in our minutes with the Scriptures added to them.

No. 9. Be it resolved that our Quarterly Association convene on Friday evening and run through Saturday.

No. 10. Be it resolved that we give the people of the Ontario Church a standing vote of thanks for being Hosts for this meeting.

No. 11. Be it resolved that we add to our By-Laws that the oldest minister (in age and God's Service) at the Annual Memorial Service be permitted to be the Speaker of the hour. (Signed by Chairman of Resolution Committee).

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:** No. 1. We have examined the following Brethren, Joe Horner and James Clark, and have found them sound in doctrine and recommend that they be licensed to Preach God's Word.

No. 2. We recommend that our Brothers, Oscar Wright and John Cross have their License renewed for another year to preach the Gospel.

No. 3. We have examined Harry Carr, and found him sound in doctrine and recommend that he be ordained as a Deacon.

No. 4. We recommend that Rev. H. J. Rogers of the Lawndale Church be seated as a member of this Association. (Signed Chairman of the Executive Board).

### **ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT 1958**

The Executive Board Report given by Rev. Don Bias reads as follows: At one time there were 22 different churches in the West Coast Association. 7 disbanded, three of which went into the Southern Association. Out of 35 Ordained Ministers two returned their credentials (W. A. Cornett, and Fletcher Adcock.) There have been 42 men Ordained as Deacons in this Association. This year the present Executive Board traveled 2,002 miles. Set One Church in Order at San Bernardino, California. Examined 2 to be Ordained for Ministers; and Examined 2 to be Ordained for Deacons. 2 Licensed to Preach the Gospel.

## TREASURY REPORT FOR 1958

|   |            |
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| Balance brought forward .....               | \$ 412.70  |
| Total Receipts Received .....               | 364.10     |
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| Total .....                                 | \$ 776.80  |
| Total Expenses — 1st Quarter .....          | \$ 647.54  |
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| Balance in Treasury .....                   | \$ 109.26  |
| Total Receipts Received — 1st Quarter ..... | \$ 360.40  |
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| Total .....                                 | \$ 469.66  |
| Paid Out — 2nd Quarter .....                | \$ 325.14  |
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| Balance .....                               | \$ 144.52  |
| Total Received — 2nd Quarter .....          | \$ 316.70  |
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| Balance .....                               | \$ 461.22  |
| Paid Out — 3rd Quarter .....                | \$ 223.19  |
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| Balance .....                               | \$ 238.03  |
| Total Received — 3rd Quarter .....          | \$ 339.40  |
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| Balance .....                               | \$ 577.43  |
| Paid Out 4th Quarter .....                  | \$ 170.74  |
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| Balance in Treasury .....                   | \$ 457.43  |
| Total Receipts Received for the Year .....  | \$1,431.34 |
| Total Paid Out for One Year .....           | \$1,366.51 |

# **STATISTICAL REPORT** **OF THE WEST COAST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES**

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Membership .....              | 744          |
| Members Received .....              | 230          |
| Members dismissed .....             | 116          |
| Members died .....                  | 1            |
| Members baptized .....              | 43           |
| Number of Churches .....            | 13           |
| Number of Sunday Schools .....      | 13           |
| Average Attendance .....            | 696          |
| Number of Leagues .....             | 11           |
| League Membership .....             | 170          |
| Number of Auxiliaries .....         | 4            |
| Auxiliary Membership .....          | 31           |
| Number of Ministers .....           | 23           |
| Number of Deacons .....             | 38           |
| Number of Prayer Meetings .....     | 13           |
| Paid Pastors .....                  | \$ 24,337.85 |
| Evangelistic Work .....             | 1,704.00     |
| Cooperative Plan and Missions ..... | 1,407.84     |
| Building and Repairs .....          | 24,779.50    |
| Value of Church Properties .....    | 181,937.00   |
| Value of Parsonage Properties ..... | 19,500.00    |

| <b>Church</b>         | <b>Address</b>                              | <b>Pastor</b>        |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Artesia .....         | 22110 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia, Calif.        | Rev. Don Bias        |
| Baldwin Park .....    | 3939 Merced St., Baldwin Park, Calif.       | Rev. Riley Haskins   |
| Bell Gardens .....    | 7216 Garfield Ave., Bell Gardens            | Rev. C. R. Fassio    |
| Blythe .....          | 13339 Cottonwood Lane, E. Blythe            | Rev. Edward Johns    |
| Huntington Park ..... | 6312 Santa Fe Ave., Huntington Park, Calif. | Rev. Lloyd Reddick   |
| Lawndale .....        | 4446 Compton Blvd., Lawndale, Calif.        | Rev. H. J. Rogers    |
| National City .....   | 35 E. 18th St., National City, Calif.       | Rev. Beryl Blair     |
| Norwalk.....          | 14619 Gridley Road, Norwalk, Calif.         | Rev. M. A. Bryant    |
| Ontario .....         | 143 North Vine St., Ontario, Calif.         | Rev. B. H. Robertson |
| Oxnard .....          | Princeton & Occidental, Oxnard, Calif.      | Rev. Claude Hames    |
| Paramount .....       | 7909 Jackson St., Paramount, Calif.         | Rev. John Reel       |
| Santa Paula .....     | 139 Ojai St., Santa Paula, Calif.           | Rev. Wiley Gregory   |
| Ventura .....         | 280 South Ventura Ave., Ventura, Calif.     | Rev. Al Jacoe        |

## ORDAINED

| Minister                    | Address                                    | Phone     |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Rev. Don Bias.....          | 21915 Clarkdale, Artesia, Calif.,          | HA1-1185  |
| Rev. Beryl Blair.....       | 1736 Sweetwater Rd., National City, Calif. |           |
| Rev. B. M. Brakebill..      | 25141 5th St., San Bernardino, Calif.      | GL 8-4215 |
| Rev. Marvin Bryant.....     | 14619 Gridley Rd., Norwalk, UN             | 8-2338    |
| Rev. Jerry Casey.....       | 6562 Su, Bell Gardens, Calif.,             |           |
| Rev. Charles Duckworth..... | Norwalk, Calif., UN                        | 3-4945    |
| Rev. H. H. Easterwood.....  | Box 431, Somis, Calif., HU                 | 7-7262    |
| Rev. C. R. Fassio.....      | 6590 Fry St., Bell Gardens, TO             | 9-3764    |
| Rev. Wiley Gregory.....     | 1415 Ojai Road, Santa Paula, Calif.,       | 424M3     |
| Rev. Claude Hames.....      | 3132 Vanderbilt, Oxnard, Calif., HU        | 3-4819    |
| Rev. Riley Haskins.....     | 3125 Vineland St., Baldwin Park, ED.       | 7-7131    |
| Rev. Billy J. Hood....      | 11541 E. Florence, Santa Fe Springs, UN    | 4-7316    |
| Rev. Al Jacoe.....          | 41½ Vince St., Ventura, Calif., MI         | 8-6779    |
| Rev. Edward Johns.....      | 605½ No. 5th St., Blythe, Calif.,          | 1705      |
| Rev. Lonnie McAlester.....  | Box 179, Kerman, Calif. ...                |           |
| Rev. Lloyd Reddick..        | 7012 Albany, Huntington Park, Cal., LU     | 2-2630    |
| Rev. John Reel.....         | 8707 Burton, Bellflower, Calif., ME        | 4-0665    |
| Rev. Wilburn Roberts..      | 11413 Corby Ave., Norwalk, Cal., UN        | 4-9638    |
| Rev. B. H. Robertson..      | 5433 Orchard Ave., Ontario, Calif., NU     | 4-1402    |
| Rev. Herbert Rogers.....    | 13218 Canfield Ave., Norwalk, Calif.       |           |

Rev. Henry Scroggins....21818 Devin St., Artesia, Calif., GA 1-7251  
 Rev. A. B. Tolbert.....416 No. Monterey, Ontario, Calif.  
 Rev. Jesse Williamson.....7435 Scout, Bell Gardens, Calif.  
 Rev. J. E. Yandell....5903 Ludell St., Bell Gardens, Calif., LU 1-3942

## LICENSED

| Minister                    | Address  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Bro. Chester S. Burgess.... | 11755 Garetal St., Santa Fe Springs, Calif.<br>UN 3-9757 |
| Bro. Adam Chandler.....     | 9620½ Mallison, South Gate, Calif.                       |
| Bro. James F. Clark.....    | 542 Daisy Ave., Long Beach, Calif.                       |
| Bro. James Dyer.....        | 1813 Coolidge St., San Diego, Calif.                     |
| Bro. Dewey Forrest.....     | Artesia  |
| Bro. Wesley Laurent.....    | 2571 Randolph, Huntington Park, Calif.                   |
| Bro. J. B. Ledbetter.....   | 6141 Galant, Bell Gardens, Calif.                        |
| Bro. Oscar Wright.....      | 514 Flora, Ontario, Calif., YU 4-2009                    |

## DEACONS

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| A. J. Bailey.....    | 207 Hughs Dr., Oxnard HU 3-0084               |
| Herb Bartlett.....   | Blythe, Calif.                                |
| C. C. Bonds.....     | Roseland Tr. Court, E. Garvey, S. San Gabriel |
| Harry Carr.....      | 15329 Bellota, Paramount, ME 3-5449           |
| W. Porter Clark..... | 2617 N. Lexington Ave., El Monte              |
| Carl Cravens.....    | 695 E. Grand, Pomona, LY 2-0461               |
| Elmer Chandler.....  | Teal Club Road, Oxnard                        |
| John Cross.....      | 426 N. Gertrude, Redondo Beach                |

Jake DeGroot.....1740 Carlson Lande, Redondo Beach  
 Edd Gilliam.....5520 Pacific, Huntington Park  
 B. L. Hall.....982 E. Ave. B., Blythe 5285  
 Barney Henthorne.....Santa Paula  
 Pat Henthorne.....Santa Paula  
 Columbus Howard.....S. 4th St., Santa Paula  
 Leonard King.....335 Acacia, Santa Paula  
 Malta King.....Santa Paula  
 Charles Kirkpatrick.....3815 C Randolph, Huntington Park  
 Everett Lewis.....Rt. 1, Box 216, Santa Paula  
 Tom Mathews.....22027 Devlin, Artesia  
 Thomas Matthews.....12239 Brittan, Artesia, HA 1-6539  
 Truman Mims.....151 St. Mary's Dr., Oxnard, HU 3-2047  
 Estel Newport.....Rt. 2, Box 255, Santa Paula  
 Walker Nichols.....10335 Gridley, Santa Fe Springs, UN 3-2278  
 Ed Pierce.....Paramount  
 Roy Pierce.....Norwalk  
 Robert Riddle.....15318 Vermont, Paramount  
 Andrew Roberts.....Norwalk  
 Carl Rodden.....2633 Hill St., Huntington Park, LU 1-9679  
 J. J. Sparks.....12229 Fidel, Norwalk, OX 6-3754  
 Cleo Suggs.....14th St., Santa Paula  
 Bob Vandivort .....

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LEAGUE RALLY WHEN CONVENED  
WITH THE ONTARIO FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
THIS 11th AND 12th DAY OF JANUARY 1958**

Saturday evening services opened with singing led by Leon Wooten. Prayer by Bill Johnson. Devotional service was led by Darlene Drake. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer's report read and approved. Officers were elected as follows: President: Jesse Dunn, Vice President: Gene Vandivort, Secretary: Joyce Dunn Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Rice, Treasurer: Bentrena Johnson, Sponsors: Brother and Sister Oscar Wright, Song Leader: Leon Wooten.

Rev. B. H. Robertson was the Speaker of the Hour, using a Scripture from Daniel as his Text. Home assignment made by Host Pastor. Dismissal Prayer by Rev. C. R. Fassio.

Sunday Morning song services directed by Leon Wooten. Letters called for by President. Prayer by Rev. Joe Blair. Scripture reading by Jesse Dunn, (Mark 14.) Welcome by Bentrina Johnson. Response by Donna Sales. Letters from the following leagues were read: Oxnard, Bell Gardens, Santa Paula, Lawndale, Huntington Park and Ontario. Letters accepted as read. Committee's appointed as follows: Finance: Virginia Mims, Larry Williams, Leon Wooten, Mary McDaniel, Marjorie Tuggle acting as chairman. Resolution Committee as follows: Jeane Looney, Pat Price, Paul Workman, Jim Oath, L. T. Rogers as Chairman. Obituary Committee as follows: Betty Gregory, Joe Williams, Margaret Rogers, Howard Florence, and Bill Johnson acting as Chairman.

Obituary Committee Report read as follows: The League Rally has died Spiritually, no physical deaths have occurred. (Signed Obituary Committee.) Motion granted to accept this report.

Finance Committee Report: We recommend that each league, sometime before May have each member pay \$1.00. This could be mailed to the League Treasurer; or may we suggest that the local secretary collect the money from each leaguer and mail it. (Signed Finance Committee.) Motion granted to accept this report.

Motion granted to change the League Rally from Saturday and Sunday to Friday Nights and Saturday's. Motion granted to have the League's Secretary secure information concerning State League Rally and to notify each local League. Settings for the coming League Rallies are as follows:

1st — Norwalk, July 11, 12, 1958, Rev. John Reel; Alternate Oscar Wright.

2nd — Santa Paula, Oct. 10, 11, 1958.

3rd — Huntington Park, Jan. 9, 10, 1959.

Dismissal Prayer by L. T. Rogers.

Morning Worship hour began with the song service led by Leon Wooten. Special song by Fern Rice and the Lawndale Quartet. Rev. Joe Blair was the speaker of the hour. His theme being "Train in the Service of God"; taken from Proverbs 22nd Chapter and the book of Ephesians. Benediction and Blessing offered by Bill Johnson.

Sunday afternoon session was declared into order by President. Singing directed by Margorie Tuggle. The Sword Drill winners were Delma and Gary Wright. Lawndale presented their play. Paramount letter was read and accepted. Huntington Park presented their play. Special singing by the Ontario Church. Ontario presented their play. Rev. Jess Williamson was elected as League Evangelist. Ontario League won both the Attendance and Program Banners. A Trophy was presented to the Ontario League. Special offering of \$18.28 was received to defray expenses. Motion to adjourn. Dismissal Prayer by J. B. Ledbetter. Points received for plays: Ontario, 413; Huntington Park, 333; Lawndale, 393.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEST COAST MINISTERS AND  
DEACONS CONFERENCE WHEN CONVENED AT THE  
ONTARIO FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**May 30, 31, 1958**

The annual meeting of the West Coast Ministers and Deacons Conference was called to order Friday morning, May 30, 1958 by the moderator, Rev. John Reel.

Churches represented by letter were Oxnard, Ontario, Ventura, Lawndale, Paramount, Huntington Park, Artesia, Baldwin Park and Norwalk. Letters accepted with amendments on finance (See Resolution 1.)

Election of officers: Rev. Claudie Hames, President; Rev. Riley Haskins, Vice President; Rev. John Reel, Clerk. Appointment of committees: Business Committee, Rev. Don Bias, Roy Pierce and Charlie Matthews.

Credential Board: Rev. Marvin Bryant, 5 years; Rev. C. R. Fassio, 4 years; Rev. B. M. Brakebill, 3 years; Rev. Al Jacoe, 2 years; Rev. Wiley Gregory, 1 year.

Resolution 1. (Accepted): Motion made to bring tabled issue, carried over from last meeting, of \$3.00 per ordained member at each annual setting instead of the \$1.25 per church per setting, with amendment that churches only sending \$1.25 would include balance with their letter to next conference.

Schedule for the ensuing year:

1st — September 26, 27, 1958, Artesia; Oscar Wright Speaker; Rev.

Riley Haskins, Alternate.

2nd — January 9, 10, 1959, Santa Paula; James Clark, Speaker;

Rev. James Williamson, Alternate.

Annual Meeting to convene Friday night and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in April, 1959, San Bernardino; Rev. Riley Haskins, Speaker; Rev. Wiley Gregory, Alternate.

Motion granted to have only one Conference after the January meeting to eliminate conflicting with the West Coast Association.

Rev. B. H. Robertson was elected as Subject teacher for the ensuing year. Suggested topic for next meeting: "Ministerial Ethics." Moderator: Rev. Claudie Hames; Clerk: Rev. John Reel.

# **CONSTITUTION**

**PREAMBLE:** From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better denominational government.

## **Article I.**

This organization shall be known as the West Coast Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of California.

## **Article II**

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of our churches and associated bodies of this Association and to devise and execute measures of expanding our work in the cause of Christ in broader fields.

## **Article III**

Representation to the West Coast association is to be by subordinate church. Each subordinate church shall be entitled to three delegates to be selected from the laity.

## **Article IV**

The West Coast Association shall have the right to settle any and all questions of discipline doctrine or practice, that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing this organization or act upon an appeal that may be made by any church or individual which is a component part of this body. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies making such appeal from the lower to the next higher body.

## **Article V**

**Officers:** The officers of this West Coast Association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, and treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the opening of each setting of the annual association.

**Section 2.** Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise provided for and shall hold office until work is completed or their successors are appointed.

## **Article VI**

The executive board shall be composed of five members. Each member shall be an ordained minister in good standing in the West Coast Association and their terms of tenure shall be as follows:

- (1) one for one year.
- (1) one for two years.
- (1) one for three years.
- (1) one for four years.
- (1) one for five years.

Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

## **Article VII**

The West Coast Association shall hold its meetings quarterly. The date and place to be decided upon at each annual meeting of said West Coast Association.

## **Article VIII**

Should necessity arise which call and requires immediate action, the West Coast Executive Board shall convene upon call of its chairman and shall take whatever action it deems necessary in the best interests of the cause of Christ. The action however shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

## **Article IX**

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the West Coast Association by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting. All proposed alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

## **Article X**

No minister will be received into this association who cannot obtain a recommendation from the church from which he comes, and that said church be a member of this association, and that he obtain a recommendation from the West Coast Minister's Conference before he is allowed to pastor a church in the West Coast Association.

## 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 appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unto 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, secret prayer, family devotion, 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 forget 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 agreed 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 bonds 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 uphold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christian Society.

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 souls and the conversion of the world.

**ARTICLES OF FAITH**  
**of the**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Article I**  
**THE BIBLE**

We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

Matt: 22:29; Mark 15:28; John 2:22; John 5:39; John 7:38; Acts 1:16; Acts 8:35; Acts 18:28; Rom. 15:40; Gal. 1:8; II Tim 3:16-17; II Peter 1:12, 20, 21.

**Article II**  
**GOD**

We believe there are three persons in the God head, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them.

First John 5:7; Gen. 1st and 2nd Chapters; Exo. 20:9-11; Psa. 33:6; Jer. 51:15; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:14-17; 1 Cor. 8:5, 6; Eph. 3:8-10; Col. 1:9-17; Rev. 4:9-11.

**Article III**  
**MAN**

We believe that God created Man innocent, but by disobedience he fell into a state of sin and death. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

Gen. 2:15-17; Gen. 3:14-19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:9-26; Rom. 5:12-15; 1 Cor. 15:21, 22; Gal. 3:22; 1 John 1-10.

## **Article IV**

### **CHILDREN SAVED**

We believe that children are born in a saved state and we must become like unto them if we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matt. 18: 2, 3; Luke 18: 16, 17.

## **Article V**

### **GENERAL ATONEMENT**

We believe that Christ died for all and whosoever will may be saved.

Matt. 28: 19, 20; Luke 24:45-37; John 3:16; I Tim. 2:1-6; Titus 2:11, Heb. 2:9; II Peter 3:9; I John 2:1, 2; Rev. 22:17.

## **Article VI**

### **TERMS OF SALVATION**

We believe the terms of Salvation are:

1st. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty denunciation of it.

2nd. Faith, or the unreserved commital of one's self to God through faith in Christ with purpose to love and obey him in all things.

Luke 13:3-5; Luke 14:25-27; Luke 24:45-37; John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Acts 15:8, 9; Acts 16:31; Rom. 5:1, 2; Rom. 10:8-13; Gal. 3:26; Eph. 2:8, 9; Heb. 11:6.

## **Article VII**

### **DIVINE CALL TO THE MINISTRY**

We believe that God in His wisdom and goodness displays His power of Grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Yet those who are called are commanded to study to show themselves approved unto God, etc.

John 5:39; John 1:16, 17; Acts 3:22; Acts 13:14; Acts 18:27, 28; Acts 20:28; Acts 22:14, 15; Rom. 10:14, 15; Gal. 1:11-23; II Tim. 2:15; Titus 1:7-9.

## **Article VIII**

### **THE CHURCH**

We believe that the Church of God, or Christ, is the whole body of Christians throughout the world. Matt. 16:18.

Acts 2:46, 37; 1 Cor. 12:13-20; Eph. 1:22, 23; Eph. 4:4-6; Col. 1:18-24; 1 Tim. 3:14, 15; Heb. 3:6.,

## **Article IX**

### **A CHURCH OF GOD**

We believe that a Church of God is an organized body of believers in Christ who statedly assemble to worship God and keep the Ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Matt. 18:15-17.

Matt. 28:18, 20; Acts 8:1; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 14:23; Rom. 16:1-5; 1 Cor. 11:12; 1 Cor. 11:23-28; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15, 16; Titus 1:5; 1 Peter 5:13; Rev. 1:11.

## **Article X**

### **ORDINANCES**

We believe that Baptism, Communion and feet washing are Gospel Ordinances should be observed by the people of God.

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:18, 20; John 13:4-17; Matt. 28:18, 20; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12; Acts 8:35-38; Acts 9:18; Acts 10:47, 48; Acts 16:33; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; 1 Tim. 5:9, 19.

## **Article XI**

### **BAPTISM**

We believe that immersion is the Scriptural mode of baptism.

Matt. 3:5, 6; Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:5-11; John 3:22, 23; Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3, 4.

## **Article XII**

### **OPEN COMMUNION**

We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be one at His table.

John 15:5; John 17:11-21; 1 Cor. 11:23-29; 1 Cor. 12:13-21; Gal. 3:26-29.

### **Article XIII**

#### **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**

be set apart for the worship of God and that no work of worldly nature should be done on that day. Work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted.

Mark 16:1, 2; John 20:1, 19, 26; Acts 13:27; Acts 16:13; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:10,11.

### **Article XIV**

#### **APOSTASY**

We believe that only those Christians who through grace and patience endure unto the end have promise of Eternal Salvation.

Ezek. 18:24-26; Matt. 10:22; Matt. 24:12, 13; Matt. 24:48-51; Matt. 25:14-30; Mark 13:13; Luke 12:45, 46; John 15:1-6; Rom. 11:21; I Cor. 10:11, 12; I Cor. 15:12; I Thes. 3:4, 5; Heb. 3:1-6; Heb. 6:4-6; Heb. 10: 24-30; II Peter 1:9-11; II Peter 2:12-16; II Peter 2:20-22; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:5.

### **Article XV**

#### **RESURRECTION**

We believe in the resurrection of all men — they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28, 29; Acts 4:1, 2; Acts 17:18; Acts 23:6; Acts 24:14, 15; Acts 26:6-8; I Cor. 15:12, 22; I Thes. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:12-15.

### **Article XVI**

#### **GENERAL JUDGMENT**

We believe that there will be a general or universal judgment when all nations will be gathered before the Judgment Seat of Christ, to be judged according to their works. The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

Eccl. 11:9; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36, 37; Matt. 13:37-43; Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; John 5:28, 29; Acts 10:42; Acts 17:30, 31; Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27, 28; Rev. 20:12-15; Rev. 21:7,8.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read, and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of Delegates.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

## **RULES OF ORDER**

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator or, in their absence the oldest minister present, shall call the Association to conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.
3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A lesser number may adjourn until such time as a quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to seat as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection 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. Motions 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. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of the membership voting.
11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed at its own church.
12. At each Association arrangement shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional services each day.
13. The West Coast Association shall have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.