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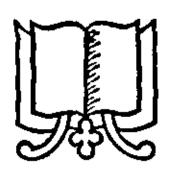
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OFFICERS

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Clerk	Ruth L. Holmesley		
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Rev. Riley Haskins	4 Years		
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Rev. Lloyd Reddick	13230 Linden Lane, Blythe, 0-8934		
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Rev. Don blas	21914 Horst Ave., Artesia, HA 9-5257		
Rev. Claude Hames	313 Vanderbilt, Oxnard, HU 3-4819		
BOARD OF TR	USTEES FOR INCORPORATION		
Rev. Claude Hames	1 Year		
Rev. Don Bias	2 Years		
Rev. Riley Haskins			
Rev. Lloyd Reddick	4 Years		
	5 Years		
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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. James Clark	3 Years
Rev. Riley Haskins	
Rev. H. W. Breeding	1 Year
221	16 Pioneer, Artesia, HA 1-1185
WEST COAST ASSOCIATION	N LEAGUE BOARD
Don Eslinger	
J. B. Ledbetter	2 Years
Tesse Dunn	1 Year

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING

Cleo Suggs directed Song Service, accompanied by Mae Harrison at the piano. Congregation sang "I Must Tell Jesus," "Will Jesus Find Us Watching," "To The Work." Prayer led by Rev. Robert Riddle. "Near The Cross," "Jesus Saves," "Standing On The Promises." Rev. Robert Leeds read Romans 8:1-13 for Scripture Reading.

"Come See The Place Where Jesus Lay," sung by the Clark children. Eupel Higgenbothom and Minnie Dingman sang "The Lord Will Carry Me Through." A quartet from Oxnard Church sang "Mercy Unlock The

Door."

Rev. James Clark, speaker of the hour used Matt. 27:62-66 and Matt. 28:1-20 as his Text and "A Vision" as his theme.

Committee on Committees appointed as follows: Rev. Wiley Gregory, Bill Harrison, Rev. Francis Boyle, Rev. James Clark, Rev. Robert Riddle.

Assignment of Homes by Host Pastor. Dismissed by Prayer by Rev. Orvil Thurman.

FRIDAY MORNING

Eupel Higgenbothom directed Song Service, accompanied by Mrs. Phillips. Congregation sang "Leaning On Jesus," "There Is A Name I Love To Hear," and "Stepping In The Light" followed by an Altar of Prayer for all the Ordained led by Rev. E. Yandell.

Rev. Lloyd Reddick read Psalms 133 for Scripture Reading.

Welcome by Rev. Wiley Gregory. Response by Rev. E. Yandall.

Letters read from all the 15 West Coast Churches. Letters approved. Delegates seated with Hand of Fellowship as Delegation sang "At The Cross' lead by Rev. Billy Hood.

Visitors recognized as follows: Rev. Orvil Thurman, Rev. Floyd Test and Sis. Test.

Letter from Faith Freewill Baptist Mission read, accepted as informa-

tion.

Report of Committee on Committees read. Appointment of Committees as follows: (Motion granted to fill vacancies by Moderator)

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Pulpit: Rev. Wiley Gregory, G. W. Davidson, Bill Adkinson.

Finance: Rev. Wiley Gregory, Rev. Claude Hames, Rev. Don Bias.

Resolution: Rev. James Clark, Rev. Lloyd Reddick, Rev. Paul Purcell, Rev.

James Franklin, and Murrell Douglas.

Sunday School: Rev. Harold Breeding, Rev. Billy Hood, Rev. F. W. Boyle. Obituary: Lydia Gaskins, Hester Bowser, Cindy Vandivoit.

Temperance: Rev. J. B. Rigsby, Peggy Robertson, Eupel Higgenbothom.

Election of Officers held (See Officers)

Oral resignation by Rev. Wiley Gregory as Association Treasurer and Executive Board. Motion granted to accept resignation and give him a standing vote of thanks.

PULPIT COMMITTEE REPORT #1 AND 2

Rev. Floyd Test, 11:00 a.m. speaker.

Rev. Orvil Thurman, 8:00 p.m. speaker., Rev. Thurman declined with regret due to illness. This report turned back to committee.

Election of Executive Board and Incorporation, Sunday School Board

and League Board. (See Officers)

Annual Finance Report read and approved. Quarterly Finance Report

read and approved. (See Reports and Annual Reports)

Letter of resignation from Rev. Virgil Florence read and accepted. Rev. Francis Boyle was elected to replace Rev. Florence as Assistant Youth Camp Director.

Minutes were read and approved as read. Announcement was made concerning illness of the Rev. A. B. Talbert's family and his regrets of not

attending this session.

Announcements were made. Motion granted to adjourn for recess. Dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY 11:00 A.M.

Henry Scroggins led the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me" followed by prayer by Rev. Claude Hames. Delegation sang "Standing On The Promises." Larry Williams and Louise Scroggins sang "Hide Thou Me." Don Eslinger and Rev. Rigsby sang "Let Me Be Worthy." Rev. Test

used John 10:9 as his Text and "I Am The Door" as his theme. Congregation sang "Nothing But The Blood."

Announcements were made concerning luncheon. Benediction and

Blessing offered by Rev. Robert Riddle.

1:15 P.M.

George Berland directed delegation singing "His Way With Thee," "Higher Ground," accompanied by Fannie Smithen. Prayer was led by Rev. Don Bias. Report from Temperance Committee read 1-2-3-4 and carried as recommendations, (See Reports)

Pulpit Committee report returned, read and approved. (See Reports)
Obituary Committee Report read and a copy given to Speaker for

Memorial Service. (See Reports)

Motion granted to take previously tabled motion and change of Article 10 in the 1961 minutes from the table. Proposed change read, approved and printed in 1962 minutes as changed.

Schedule for 1962 and 1963 as follows:

August 24-25, 1962 — Artesia — Rev. Claude Hames, (Alt). Rev. J. Rigsby

November 30 and December 1, 1962 — Bellflower — Rev. Robert

Leeds, (Alt.) Rev. J. Rigsby

February 22-23, 1963 — Santa Paula — Rev. J. Franklin, (Alt.) Rev. B. H. Robertson

May 23-24-25, 1963 — Huntington Park — Rev. Edward Johns, (Alt.) Rev. H. Breeding

J. B. Ledbetter led delegation singing "More About Jesus."

Finance report read by Clerk from Youth Camp Fund. Report accepted as read.

Letter read from the Artesia Freewill Baptist Church concerning Tom Mathews and Board of Arbitration, with their recommendations (Letter in Association File for further reference). Motion was made that the Association Clerk send a letter to the Norwalk Church stating that we recommend that Tom Mathews be dropped from the rolls of the church. Motion granted. Motion granted that the Association Clerk notify the Ministers and Deacons conference of this recommendation and further recommend that his card be cancelled for the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

Resolutions 1 and 2 read and tabled until 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Reso-

lution 3 read and carried. (See Reports)

The following persons were elected as Delegates to the State Association: Hester Bowser, Gale Vandivoit, Joyce Swanner, Bernice Glaze, Don Eslinger, Bill Adkinson, Malcom Garrett, Billy Joe Fewell, Ruth Hill, Peggy Adkinson, Larry Williams, Norma Dixon, Jake De Groot, J. B. Ledbetter, John Hodges, Betty Gwinn and Anita Bailey.

Motion granted that Moderator be empowered to fill vacancies at State Association Meeting.

Annual Executive Board Report read. Motion granted to receive Report. (See Annual Reports)

Oral Youth Camp Report given by Director Rev. James Franklin \$18.00 each, 23-27 of July. Youth Camp Report read. Motion granted to accept this report as follows:

1. Abolish swimming.

2. Have 2 teaching classes and 11:00 a.m. service.

3. Two teachers for ages 0-11 and 12-?

4. Have one sponsor for every 7 children.

5. Enroll 2 weeks prior to Camp Time.

Rev. Claude Hames with Rev. J. B. Rigsby as alternate were elected as Youth Camp Adult Evangelist. Youth Camp Evangelist for Juniors is Rev. Robert Riddle and Ted Wilbanks as alternate. \$5.00 was pledged from each Artesia and Bell Gardens toward transportation for Ted Wilbanks.

Teachers and subjects selected as follows:

Adult Class —

Christology — Rev. Lloyd Reddick

Life of Paul — Rev. J. Rigsby

Seniors —

Bible History — Rev. Edward Johns

Christian Growth — Rev. Robert Leeds

Intermediate —

Christian Growth — Rev. H. Breeding

Bible History - Rev. H. Rogers

Jr. Flannelgraph —

Life of Moses — Helen Hames and Alma Johns

Athletic Director -

Bob Thomas and James Clark

Adult Music—

Rev. Harold Hoover and Rosa Lee Thomas

Junior Music —

Louise Riddle and Larry Williams

Finance Committee Report read and approved as read. (See Reports)

FRIDAY 7:00 P.M.

Song Service directed by J. B. Ledbetter, accompanied by Virginia Lawless. Delegation sang "Foot Steps Of Jesus" and "Higher Ground." Prayer offered by Rev. Winston Lawless. Eupel Higgenbothom, Minnie Dingman and Mrs. Mae King sang "We Are Just Too Near the Pearly Gates," "He Leadeth Me" and "Old Rugged Cross" was sung by congregation. Larry Williams and Louise Scroggins sang "You Never Mentioned

Him to Me." Oxnard Quartet sang "Echoes From the Burning Bush." Rev. J. A. Franklin, speaker, used John 3:1-17 as Text and "New Birth" as his theme. Congregation sang "Just As I Am."

Assignment of Homes by Rev. Wiley Gregory. Rev. Orvil Thurman

dismissed services by Prayer.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

"He Lives" and "Ready" led by Rev. Riley Haskins followed by prayer by Rev. H. Rogers. Malcom Garrett read Mark 8:34-38 as Scripture Reading.

Executive Board Report 1 read and accepted.

Motion granted to remove from table second issue, i.e.: Changes Article 5. Motion carried to correct this in this printed issue (See Constitution).

State Letter read by Clerk, and approved by Delegates. Resolution

3 read and accepted.

Winston Lawless, State Promotional Secretary allotted time to talk of State Work.

Congregation sang "We're Marching to Zion," led by Rev. Billy Hood accompanied by Mrs. Rogers.

Motion granted that Moderator appoint program committee. Appointed as follows: Henry Scroggins, Rev. Robert Riddle and Sis. Franklin.

The Clark children sang "How I Love the Name of Jesus."

Announcements were made.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:

Sunday School Report was made and approved as follows:

1. We recommend that the Association have two Sunday School Institutes in the ensuing year. Dates and places to be decided at this Session. Ontario and Garden Grove were the selected places. Motion granted that Sunday School Board secure teachers for Institutes. Motion granted that Sunday School Board talk to pastors and in turn select a date and notify all churches.

Congregation sang "At the Cross."

Rev. Wiley Gregory spoke briefly on leaving the State and Association Work. Program committee report read and approved.

Executive Board Report No. 2-3-4 read and approved.

Resolutions 6-7-8-9-10-11 read and granted.

Progressive Building Fund Annual Report read by Rev. Don Bias. Motion granted to adjourn. Dismissal in prayer by Bro. Test.

SATURDAY 11:00 A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. Lloyd Reddick directed Song Service accompanied by Virginia Lawless. Congregation sang "My Saviour First of All," "My Faith Looks

Up to Thee." Prayer led by Riley Haskins followed by delegation singing

"Higher Ground."

Larry Williams read 1 Timothy 6:11-21 for Scripture Reading, Larry Williams and Louise Scroggins sang "Farther Along." Joyce Swanner, Dora Dixon, Larry Williams and Rev. Lloyd Reddick sang "Precious Memories."

Silent moment of Prayer in memory of those whom God has called home. Rev. E. Yandell brought the Memorial Message using as his Text 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Congregation sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Benediction and Blessing by Rev. Rigsby.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Be it resolved that we add to our Constitution Article 5 the following officers: Progressive Building Fund Treasurer and Assistant Progressive Building Fund Treasurer.

2. Be it resolved that Article 5, Section 2, be changed in printed minutes to comply with motion passed in 1959, in that: The Moderator shall appoint a Committee on Committees the opening night of the Associa-

tion.

3. Be it resolved that this Association keep the altar in the sanctuary of our Youth Camps.

4. Be it resolved that we retain resolutions 2-3-9-10-11-12 of present

minutes. (See Below)

- 5. Be it resolved that we give the Santa Paula Church a standing vote of thanks.
 - 6. (Retained 2) Be it resolved that we have 500 minutes printed.

7. (Retained 3) Be it resolved that we recommend to our churches that they adopt and use the State Sunday School Teachers Training program.

- 8. (Retained 9) Be it resolved that the church's name, address and pastors' and assistant pastors' names and addresses be printed in the minutes of 1962.
- 9. (Retained 10) Be it resolved that the address of the church where the meeting takes place be put on the programs.

10. (Retained 11) Be it resolved that the Articles of Faith be printed

with the scriptures added to them with the minutes of 1962.

11. (Retained 12) Be it resolved that our Quarterly Association convene on Friday and run through Saturday.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

1. We have examined Rev. Robert Leeds and find him sound in Doctrine and recommend him for full fellowship in this Association.

2. We have examined Bro. Jack Arnold of Rt. 1, Box 63, Talent, Oregon, found him sound in Doctrine and recommend that his license be renewed.

3. In reply to a request of the Santa Paula Church we have examined Rev. Herbert Rogers, finding him sound in Doctrine and recommend him

for full fellowship in this Association.

4. We, the Executive Board of the West Coast Association, recommend the Church of Norwalk surrender the credentials of Rev. Marvin Bryant to the Association because they are the property of the Association rather than the church.

5. We, the Executive Board, have met with Rev. B. J. Hood, pastor of the Downey Avenue Freewill Baptist Church and wish to reaffirm our position concerning Johnny Pugh and his credentials. We previously stated that we found John Pugh sound in Doctrine and if he will surrender his Independent Baptist Credentials and accept a license we will recommend him for fellowship with the Association.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. We recommend that each church send 25 cents per member for Associational expense and 20 cents per member for Progressive Building Fund, making a total of 45 cents per member.

2. We recommend that each church send \$10.00 for feeding of

Delegates at the Quarterly Conferences.

3. We recommend that each church send \$15.00 for feeding of Delegates at the Annual Conference.

4. We recommend that the Clerk and Moderator each be paid \$10.00

per sitting.

5. We recommend that the Assistant Clerk be paid \$15.00 per year and this office be responsible for printing of programs for each meeting.

YOUTH CAMP FINANCE REPORT:

Balance from 1961\$ 1	6.80
Received Ministers and Deacons Conference	0.00

Total on Hand 1962......\$116.80

PULPIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Rev. Floyd Test — 11:00 a.m. Friday

Rev. James Franklin — 8:00 p.m. Friday

TEMPERANCE REPORT:

1. We recommend that this Association reaffirm the position taken in the Church Covenant, by total abstinence from the sale and use of

intoxicating beverages.

- 2. We recommend that this Association take a definite stand against the use of tobacco in any form. We feel the progress of the Lord's work has been hindered because of this. We further recommend that no Ministers or Deacons be ordained who use tobacco.
 - 3. We recommend that our people carefully consider the type of

programs they bring into their homes by the medium of television and radio.

4. We recommend that our people dress with modest apparel at all times in these days when there is such a prevalent tendency toward world-liness.

OBITUARY REPORT:

Huntington Park — Norma Glee Kirkpatrick, Oxnard — Vivian Roberts and Floy Ethyl Chandler, Garden Grove — Sarah Dixon, Artesia — L. G. Roberts, Santa Paula — Paul (Pete) Foley.

We, the Obituary Committee, wish to report that God in His Infinite

Wisdom has called the above mentioned Loved Ones home.

ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE BUILDING FUND TREASURY REPORT May 25, 1962

Cash in Building and Loan May 25, 1961	
	2,020.26
Received June 2, 1961 San Bernardino	23.00 29.50 21.30 17.81
Received August 26, 1961 Association Treasury	2,111.87 125.82 2,237.69
Received August 28, 1961 San Bernardino	18.08 20.55 24.23 20.94 16.02 138.00
January 10, 1962 Received San Bernardino February 7, 1962 Received San Bernardino	2,475.51 22.01 16.10

February 24, 1962 Received Association Treasury	142.25
	2,681.97
March 6, 1962 bought Bonds in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Garden Grove Church	2,000.00
Leaving a balance of	689.97
Interest	7.84
Total	. 689.81
April 1st '62 Loan to Princeton Church, Ontario	. 600.00
Balance	. 89.81
April 2nd '62 Deposit Box for Bonds	4.50
Balance	84.41
May 7 Received Princeton Church	50.00
May 18 Received payment in full San Bernardino	350.20
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Accounts receivable Princeton\$ 550.00	.ф 484.01 ———
	.ф 484.61 ————
Accounts receivable Princeton\$ 550.00	.ф 484.01 ————
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Accounts receivable Princeton	\$3,034.61 \$681.98 594.03 1,276.01

First Quarter received	477.98
Balance	1,049.97
Second Quarter paid out	719.12
Balance	330.85
Second Quarter received	465.11
Total	795.96
Third Quarter paid	413.47
Balance	382.49
Third Quarter received	523.80
Total	906.29
Fourth Quarter paid out	311.90
Balance in Treasury	594.39

ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Period of time covered in this report May 26, 1961 to May 27, 1962. Examined and granted licenses to following Ministers:

1. Jake De Groot of Lawndale (on his promise to do more to further his ministry and improve his personal life). This was a renewal.

2. Bob Maxey of Lawndale.

3. Jack Arnold of Huntington Park.

4. Clarence Hicks of San Bernardino.

Business Transactions — (1) Recommendation that balance of money in bank from National City Church which disbanded, be given to mission that is now in existence there. (2) Recommendation that loan of money to Bell Gardens Church be postponed until they have secured pastor, as their present pastor, Rev. Cecil Fassio has resigned, and then to make application if they still want the money which will then be considered by the board. (Filed under B)

Called in conference July 27th at Youth Camp and passed following recommendations. (1) We recommend that officers of youth encampment be elected at the first quarterly meeting of the association when convened at Bellflower Church August 26th and 27th. (2) We recommend that licensed Ministers take correspondence course in New Testament Survey

and a course in Homeletics.

Executive Board work at Bellflower. We examined the following for license to preach the Gospel — (1) Jefferson Davis Butler, 3235 Orange, National City, Calif., with following stipulations: To study our National Treatise and report his decision within six month. (2) Lewis De Shazer, 9824 So. Alameda, Apt. 6, South Gate. We recommend that he study our Doctrine more thoroughly and report for examination again in 3 months. (3) J. B. Ledbetter, 11421 Elm Hurst Drive, Norwalk, Calif. Granted re-license. (4) Edgar Hyatt, 1447 No. Fuller, Los Angeles 46, Calif., granted license. (5) Earl Lowery, 408 First St., Azusa, Calif., granted license.

Received Rev. Virgil Florence and Rev. J. A. Franklin into Association, as Ministers from other Associations. (Filed under B)

Called in Conference for Arbitration at Artesia Church, Nov. 11, 1961. Decision as follows — Where as it is unethical for a former pastor to continue in the church where he was formerly pastor, we rule that Rev. Don Bias change his membership to another church, and refrain from influencing members of the Artesia Church. We further rule, due to the fact that Bro. Tom Mathews has conducted himself in a manner unbecoming to an ordained deacon by attending a church of another faith and failing to keep the church covenant, we declare his credential null and void and so order that he relinquish them to the Artesia Freewill Baptist Church. (Filed under A)

On December 2, 1961 Executive Board examined Rev. Rigsby in accordance to request of Lawndale Church and granted him license to preach the gospel.

On February 23-24, met in conference at Princeton Avenue Freewill Baptist to examine Bro. Gene Clark for re-license (granted). Saturday at Princeton Avenue Church — Johnny Pugh from Bellflower unwilling to surrender credentials of another organization, we do not recommend him for license. Having examined Rev. Francis Boyle we recommend him in full fellowship to our association, 8782 Lantson, Garden Grove, Calif. Having examined Rev. Robert Riddle we recommend him in full fellowship, 5442 No. Arden Dr., Temple City, Calif.

In accordance to request from Lawndale Church, we have examined Rev. James B. Rigsby to be ordained to preach the gospel, being sound in Doctrine, he has been called to pastor Lawndale Church.

In accordance to request of Executive Board that Jefferson Butler study the treatise and report at this setting of the association, we find he has satisfactorily complied.

In accordance to request of Bellflower Church we have examined Rev. Everet Gaylor and recommend him for full fellowship in this association. We request that he get a letter of recommendation from his former association. In accordance to request of Bellflower Church we have examined Bro. Louis De Shazer and recommend that he study the treatise on the second coming of Christ, Resurrection and Retribution and report back in 3 months.

March 6, 1962 met with Garden Grove Freewill Baptist to consider loan to them by purchasing \$2,000 worth of bonds. (Bonds were purchased)

March 6, 1962, granted Princeton Avenue Freewill Baptist \$600.00 when they want it.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST COAST ASSOCIATION

Total Membership	869
Members Received	208
Members Dismissed	111
Members Deceased	6
Members Baptized	83
Number of Churches	15
Number of Missions (National City)	1
Number of Sunday Schools	16
Average Attendance	l 1 47
Number of Leagues	11
League Membership	332
Number of Auxiliaries	9
Auxiliary Membership	89
Number of Ordained Ministers	
Number of Ordained Deacons	37
Number of Prayer Meetings	15
Paid Pastors	5.82
Evangelistic Work	6.21
Cooperative Plan	3.25
Buildings and Repairs	6.36
Value of Church Properties 330,150	0.00
Miscellaneous	9.96

CHURCHES

Church	Address	Pastor
Artesia	,,	Rev. Harold Breeding
	22110 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia Assistant Pastor, Henry Scroggins	
Baldwin	Park	Rev. Riley Haskins
Bell Gar	dens7235 Granger, Bell Gardens	Rev. James Franklin
Blythe	13339 Cottonwood Lane, East Blythe	Rev. Lloyd Reddick
Garden (Grove8782 Lampson Avenue, Garden Grove	Rev. Francis Boyle
Hunting	ton Park	Rev. Robert Leeds
Lawndal	e4446 Compton Blvd., Lawndale	Rev. James B. Rigsby
Norwalk	14619 Gridley Road, Norwalk	Rev. Robert Riddle
Ontario	143 North Vine Street, Ontario	Rev. Edward Johns
Oxnard	Princeton and Occidental, Oxnard	Rev. Claude Hames
Downey	Avenue Freewill Baptist	Rev. Billy Hood
Santa Pa	ula	Rev. Herbert Rogers
Rialto	144 So. Olive, Rialto	Rev. Beryle M. Brakebill
Buena P	ark7142 Thomas Street, Buena Park	Rev. James Clark
Princetor	n Freewill Baptist	Rev. B. H. Robertson
Faith Fr	eewill Baptist Mission	Rev. J. D. Butler ula Vista

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. J. A. Franklin, 5991 Gallant St., Bell Gardens, 862-4723

Rev. C. R. Fassio, 1135 Gladstone Ave., La Verne, Calif.

Rev. Ralph Brown, 318 W. 4th, Escondido, Calif.

Rev. James B. Rigsby, 14325 Burin St., Lawndale, 059-8027

Rev. Paul and Cleo Purcell, 1541 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, FA 8-0805

Rev. H. W. Breeding, 22116 S. Pioneer, Artesia, HA 1-1185

Rev. Henry Scroggins, 21903 Elaine, Artesia, HA 9-8168

Rev. Wilburn Roberts, 18032 S. Norwalk, Artesia

Rev. Claude Hames, 313 Vanderbilt, Oxnard, HO 3-4819 Rev. Francis Boyle, 782 Lampson, Garden Grove, 539-7260

Rev. Harold Hoover, 990 N. Willow, Rialto

Rev. Darnell Williams, 577 S. Lemon, Anaheim

Rev. Charles Harris, 8561 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove

Rev. Lloyd Reddick, 13230 Linden Lane, Blythe, 0-8934

Rev. I. W. Cook, General Delivery, Blythe

Rev. Robert Leeds, 6312 Santa Fe Ave., Huntington Park

Rev. Elza Yandell, 5903 Ludell, Bell Gardens

Rev. Wiley Gregory, Oklahoma

Rev. Herbert Rogers, 235 N. 10th, Santa Paula, JA 5-3774

Rev. Robert Riddle, 14615 Gridley Rd., Norwalk

Rev. Virgil Florence

Rev. Don Bias, 21914 Horst, Artesia, HA 9-5257

Rev. Edward Johns, 5433 Orchard, Montclair, NA 6-6028, YU 4-0260

Rev. Joe Slaten, 5475 Coonen Dr., Arlington, OV 8-4110 Rev. A. B. Talbert, 416 N. Monterey, Ontario, YU 6-7020

Rev. Riley Haskins, 13531 Palm St., Baldwin Park, ED 7-7131

Rev. Everett Gaylor, 212 E. Ramona Rd., Alhambra

Rev. B. H. Robertson, 744 N. Grove, Ontario, YU 6-2329

Rev. B. M. Brakebill, 7705 Roger Lane, San Bernardino, GL 8-2343

Rev. B. J. Hood, 10718 Roston, Santa Fe Springs

Rev. James Clark, 7142 Thomas St., Buena Park, LA 2-4921

Rev. Charles Duckworth, 7925 LaCarta Circle, Buena Park, LA 2-6495

Rev. LeRoy Cupit, 5651 Darmy, Cypress, TA 8-6158

ORDAINED DEACONS

Jesse Dunn, 5804 Priory St., Bell Gardens, 862-1291 Scott Marrs, Jr., 6805 Hannon, Bell Gardens, TO 2-4468 James J. Sparks, 12237 S. Fidel, Whittier, OX 6-3754 Howard Cantrell, 6524 Hannon St., Bell Gardens Granville Spurlock, 4856 Lennox, Inglewood, Calif. J. L. Barker, 26235 Oceanview, Lomita, DA 6-6549

Thurman Mims, 151 St. Marys' Dr., Oxnard, HU 3-2047 Elmer Chandler, Blackfort, Arkansas Mirl Douglas, 1233 W. Iris, Oxnard, HU 6-1863 Bill Tinker, 8865 Stardust Lane, Anaheim Bob Vandivoit, 11662 Magnolia, Garden Grove Clarence Eagle, 1309 Toliver, Santa Ana Edward Gilliam, 5520 Pacific Blvd., Huntington Park, LO 5-5425 Carl Rodden, 2633 Hill, Huntington Park Charles Kirkpatrick, 3815 Apt. C, Randolph, Huntington Park, LU 8-0488 C. C. Bonds, 669 S. Main St., Orange, KI 7-8767 Bob Thomas, 15951½ Hunsaker Ave., Paramount, ME 3-1539 Matta G. King, 1218 Harthorn, Santa Paula, JA 5-6158 Leonard King, 335 Acacia Rd., Santa Paula, JA 5-3255 Everett Lewis, Rt. 1 Box 316B, Santa Paula, JA 5-6265 Pat Henthorne, 643 Vemis Ave., Santa Paula Barney Henthorn, 143 S. Ojai St., JA 5-4773 Cleo Suggs, 343 Colgate St., Santa Paula, JA 5-8361 Estel Newport, Rt. 2, Box 255, Santa Paula, JA 5-5736 Andrew D. Ruth, 11821 La Reenor Downey Howard A. Bryant, 12237 Algean, Norwalk Alfred Baugh, 102 Euclid Place, Upland, YU 2-4618 Carl Cravens, 783 E. Grand, Pomona, 622-0461 Bill Christensen, 408 W. 3rd, San Dimas, LY 9-1059 Porter Clark, 12846 E. Farnell, Baldwin Park, ED 7-8109 Harold Phillips, 14446 Palmrose, Baldwin Park, ED 8-7661 Raymond Boggs, 526 E. Lemon, Glendora, ED 5-3487 Ernest Stacy, 923 W. 6th, Ontario, YU 4-4146 Lewis Scott, 512 Ramona, Rialto S. P. Dexter, 18430 Chex Ave., Artesia, UN 5-3076 James W. Shumate, 14726 Seaforth, Norwalk, UN 3-7602 Willard Barthalomew, 15431 Longworth, Norwalk, UN 4-3821

LICENSED MINISTERS

James M. Franklin, 5985½ Gallant, Bell Gardens
Jake De Groot, 1740 Carlson Lane, Redondo Beach
J. D. Butler, 3235 Orange, National City
Jack Arnold, Rt. 1, Box 63, Talent, Oregon, KE 5-2284
J. B. Ledbetter, Rt. 1, Box 84B, Lompoc, Calif., RE 6-6382
Gene Clark, 227 W. 4th, San Dimas
Earl Lowery, 408 E. 1st Azusa
Edgar Hyatt, 3429 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles, 665-0881
Clarence Hicks, 5047 Newcastle, Riverside, OV 5-5183

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LEAGUE RALLY When Convened With The OXNARD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

On

January 12th and 13th, 1962

FRIDAY NIGHT

Service opened by President Larry Williams. Congregational singing led by Don Eslinger. Special songs by the Oxnard Trio. Special song "Jesus Passed By" by Bro. Don Eslinger. Altar of prayer led by Bro. Gregory. Scripture reading by Rosa Wohlford 1 John 4. Message was given by Rev. Hames in the absence of Bro. Maxey and alternate Bro. Arnold. Led in prayer by Bro. Franklin. Assignment of home by Host Pastor. Dismissed in prayer by J. B. Ledbetter.

SATURDAY MORNING

Services opened with singing led by song leader Bill Johnson. Prayer by Bro. Florence. Welcome given by Nancy Davidson. Response given by Jesse Dunn. Scripture reading by Malcom Garrett. Letters read and accepted from the following churches: Bell Gardens, Ontario, Norwalk, Lawndale, Blythe, Huntington Park, Oxnard and Artesia. Letters for reinstatement accepted from the Baldwin Park league.

Motion we elect officers for the ensuing year at this time. Officers elected as follows: President, Larry Williams; Vice-President, Don Eslinger (Lawndale); Recording Secretary, Louise Scroggins (Artesia); Corresponding Secretary, Pam Slaten (Ontario); Treasurer, Bentrena Johnson (Ontario); Songleader, Bill Johnson (Ontario); Asst. Song Leader, Jesse Dunn (Bell Gardens); Pianist, Mae Harrison (Oxnard); Sword Driller, Jesse Dunn (Bell Gardens); Sponsor, J. B. Ledbetter (Norwalk). Motion we vacate the office of Evangelist.

Appointment of Committees was made.

Resolution Committee:

- 1. Bill Johnson (Ontario)
- 2. Sonny Clark (Baldwin Park)
- 3. Joyce Dunn (Bell Gardens)
- 4. Deana Crawford (Oxnard)

Finance Committee:

- 1. Bentrena Johnson (Ontario)
- 2. Jeanette Eslinger (Lawndale)
- 3. Louise Scroggins (Artesia)
- 4. Mae Harrison (Oxnard)

Obituary Committee:

- 1. Gloria Hart (Artesia)
- 2. Raymond Romine (Baldwin Park)
- 3. Donna Baker (Oxnard)
- 4. Pam Slaten (Ontario)

Dismissal of leagues for workshop at 10:00 o'clock.

Services convened with singing led by Bill Johnson after five minutes recess. Specials by Artesia and Baldwin Park Churches. Service turned to Bro. Franklin for the noon message taken from 2 Corinthians 10:1-13. Dismissal prayer and blessing of the noon meal by Henry Scroggins.

Afternoon services opened with singing led by Bill Johnson. Minutes of last Rally read and approved. Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Finance Committee recommended that the other eight leagues represented send \$8.50 by March 1st to the treasurer, for "Expanding Our Horizon" plan. Recommended that \$10.00 be paid for printing of annual minutes.

Resolution Committee resolved that officers of League Associations make up the program committee. Resolved to give Host Church standing vote of thanks. Resolved leagues not represented by letter be contacted.

Obituary Committee reported that God in His Infinite Wisdom called Bro. L. G. Woods of the Artesia Church.

Decision for rallies as follows:

1st - Huntington Park, April

2nd - Oxnard, July

3rd — Baldwin Park, October

4th — Ontario (annual), January

Speakers elected for next rally. Friday night Rev. J. B. Rigsby, Lawndale, alternate Bro. Earl Lowery, Baldwin Park. Saturday services Rev. Florence, Norwalk, alternate Rev. Hames, Oxnard.

Report from League Board which was appointed by Association of Free Will Baptist Churches. Motion that officers plan something, put into effect to represent Association at the State Rally, officers to meet after Rally to plan for this.

Attendance banner went to Oxnard League with 29 present.

Attendance today: Oxnard 29, Santa Paula 2, Bell Gardens 3, Lawndale 7, Artesia 5, Norwalk 2, Ontario 6, Baldwin Park 18, Huntington Park, 3. Total 75.

Services turned to J. B. Ledbetter for evening message. Services dismissed with prayer led by Rev. Franklin.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEST COAST MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE WHEN CONVENED At The Huntington Park Free Will Baptist Church April 20 and 21, 1962

FRIDAY EVENING

The service opened by an Altar prayer followed by a song service including specials by Everett Gaylor and Rev. Florence's quartet. Rev. Hames brought the message from Romans 8:35-39.

SATURDAY MORNING

The service opened with singing led by S. P. Dexter. Prayer by Rev. Florence. Welcome by Rev. Leeds, host pastor. Scripture reading by Jesse Dunn, John 5.

Letters read and accepted. Motion made and passed in order to become a member of the Ministers and Deacons conference you must first be a member of the Association and a member of a Church in the Association.

Election of Officers as follows: President, Rev. Robert Riddle; Vice-President, Rev. Riley Haskins; Clerk, James Clark; Assistant Clerk, Jesse Dunn.

Schedule and speakers for the coming year as follows:

Artesia, July 20, 21, Speaker Rev. Riley Haskins, Alt. James Lowery; Ontario, October 19, 20, Speaker Rev. Leeds, Alt. Rev. Franklin; Bell Gardens, January 18, 19, Speaker James Clark, Alt. James Rigsby; Lawndale, April 19, 20, Speaker Clarence Hicks, Alt. Edward Johns.

The subject for next meeting will be "The Approaches of Personal Soul Winning," the speaker will be Rev. Francis Boyles.

Committees elected as follows: Pulpit, Gilliam, Dunn and Thomas; Finance, Franklin, Johns and Rigsby; Program, Boyles, Thomas and Hames; Resolution, Hicks, Purcell and Bias.

A Soul Winning Clinic was conducted by Rev. E. Johns and Rev. Claude Hames. The 11 o'clock message was brought by Rev. Harold Breeding from John 14. Dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting opened by singing followed by business session. Three resolutions were passed.

1. That we continue paying the fee of Three Dollars (\$3.00) per

- year ordained with the exception of members over sixty-five who will be considered Honorary members.
- 2. That the Ministers and Deacons conference transfer One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the Youth Camp Fund.
- 3. That the Ministers and Deacons conference send Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to the Association for the printing of the minutes.

Rev. E. Johns was elected as the doctrinal preacher for the coming year with Rev. Paul Purcell as the alternate. Rev. E. Yandell brought the message on doctrine. Dismissal by prayer.

CARDS ISSUED:

Ordained Ministers: Rev. Rigsby, Rev. Purcell, Rev. Clark, Rev. Haskins, Rev. Gaylor, Rev. Breeding, Rev. Scroggins, Rev. Roberts, Rev. Bias, Rev. Yandell, Rev. Hames, Rev. Franklin, Rev. Johns, Rev. Riddle, Rev. Talbert.

Ordained Deacons: S. P. Dexter, Billy Christensen, H. W. Phillips, Porter Clark, J. L. Barker, A. D. Ruth, Howard Bryant, Tom Matthews, A. E. Gilliam, Carl Rodden, Chester Bonds, Robert Thomas, Truman Mims, Elmer Chandler, Jesse Dunn, Howard Cantrell, James Sparks, Carl Cravens, Alfred Bough.

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION DISTRICT LADIES' AUXILIARY CONVENTION February 3, 1962

President Alma Johns called the annual meeting to order. Opened with singing, "His Way With Thee" and "Home of the Soul," led by Diane Clark, accompanied by Sis. Cleo Purcell. Sis. McAlister read 2 Timothy 2:15. Prayer offered by Rev. Edward Johns. Welcome by Sis. Gilliam. Response by Kathryn Clark. Letters were read from Baldwin Park, Lawndale, Blythe and Huntington Park. Treasurer Report read and approved. Petitionary letter for membership from Bell Gardens read and approved.

Committees were appointed as follows: Nominating, Cleo Purcell, Mable Franklin, Pauline Easley, Tommie Reddick and Diane Clark; Credentials: Rosa Lee Thomas, Sis. Cross, Florence Meyers; Finance: Juanita Cummings, Daisey Yandell, Sis. McAlister, E. Myers; Registration: Sis. Gilliam, Evelyn Liming, Sis. Spurlock; Resolution: Lorraine Clark, Hester Bowser, Rosa Smith; Obituary: Sis. Holmes, Sis. Didway, Tommie Reddick.

Congregation sang "I Want to Be a Worker." Playlet was given by Lawndale delegation. Congregation sang "Higher Ground." Prayer led by Ed Gilliam. "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" and "No Not One" followed by prayer offered by Hester Bowser. Rev. J. Rigsby and Rosa Lee

Thomas sang "Let Me Loose Myself." Diane Clark "Give of Your Best to the Master." Red Loyd Reddick and Tommie Reddick sang "I Will Not Be a Stranger." "My Lord Keeps a Record," sang by Rosa Thomas and Rev. Virgil Florence. Reading from the Book of Titus 3:5-8 followed by prayer session, Rev. Virgil Florence brought the Message of the Hour. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Cleo Purcell.

1:30 P.M.

Song Service led by Sis. Spurlock, accompanied by Rev. Rigsby leading "If We Never Meet Again" and "I'll Live On." Lorraine Cross led in prayer. Diane Clark spoke briefly on "The Know How of Vacation Bible School."

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Registration: Present, 7 Ministers, 3 Deacons, 8 Visitors, 22 Members, 7 children — Total present 47.

Credentials: Found Funds and Records in Order.

Obituary: 1 death, Sister Norma Glee Kirkpatrick, Huntington Park. Finance:

- 1. We recommend to pay 30 cents per active member, once a year at the Annual Meeting.
- 2. We recommend this body pay \$10.00 to the Association for printing of minutes.
- 3. We recommend we continue supporting the Co-Laborer Fund, Minimum of \$3.00 each quarter from each Auxiliary.
 - 4. We recommend we continue to support Rev. Lonnie Palmer.
 - 5. We recommend we give the P.M. offering to Rev. Lonnie Sparks.

Nominating Committee: Alma Johns, President; Vice-President, Hester Bowser; Youth Chr., Cleo Purcell; Study Course Chr., Kathryn Clark; Stewardship Chr., Pauline Easley; Personal Service Chr., Mable Franklin; Recording Secretary, Rosa Lee Thomas; Corresponding Secretary, Tommie Reddick; Treasurer, Juanita Cummings.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the meetings be read at first order of business at next meeting instead of last item of business.

Installation of officers was conducted by Sis. Cleo Purcell. Dedication of officers "Let Your Lower Lights Be Burning" was rendered by Diane Clark and Rosa Lee Thomas. Ed Gilliam led the dedication prayer.

Next meeting scheduled at Baldwin Park Church, May 3, 1962, August 4th, Lawndale, November, Blythe. The Annual Conference to convene in Ontario. Rev. James Franklin was elected as speaker for the meeting at Baldwin Park, Rev. J. Rigsby as alternate.

Dismissed for Various Study Course Groups.

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 the West Coast Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Progressive Building Fund Treasurer and Assistant Building Fund Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the opening of each setting of the Annual Association.

Section 2. Moderator shall appoint a Committee on Committees the opening night of the Association Meeting. The selected Committees shall be appointed by this committee and shall hold office until work is completed or their successors are appointed. This will enable all committees to be

ready the following morning and a time be set aside for committee work and no business be transacted until the committee work has been completed and have returned to the service. Also any further examinations by the Examining Council be made at this time. (1959)

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 in this Association who cannot obtain a written recommendation from the Association from which he comes and must be a member in good standing in said Association and shall have no voice or hold any office in this Association until he has obtained a recommendation from the Examining Council of 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 appearance of evil, to abstain from sinful amusements and unholy 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 Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forsake 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 agree 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 hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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 the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Of The

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Article 1

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; I Cor. 8:5, 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 an alien 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; I Cor. 15:21,22; Gal. 3:22; I 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 salavation. 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; I Cor. 12:13-20; Eph. 1:22,23; Eph. 4:4-6; Col. 1:18-24; I 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 Ordiances 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; I Cor. 11:12; I Cor. 11:23-28; I Cor. 16:19; Col. 4; 15,16; Titus 1:5; I Peter 5:13; Rev. 1:11.

Article X

ORDINANCES

We believe that Baptism, Communion and feet washing are Gospel Ordinances should be 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; I Cor. 11:23-26; I Tim. 5:9,19.

Article XI

RAPTISM

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; I Cor. 11-23-29; I 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 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.