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## OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Edward Johns 11242 Ferina, Norwalk, 864-1115
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## EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR INCORPORATION

Rev. Joe Horner	5 Years 5433 Orchard, Montclair, 626-6028
Rev. Orbin H. Doss	4 Years 235 N. 10th, Santa Paula, 525-3729
Rev. Lonnie McAlister	3 Years 6521 Cassandra, Bell Gardens, 927-3092
Rev. James Franklin	2 Years 1032 King St., Oxnard, 486-2778
Rev. Riley Haskins	1 Year 248 E. Coolidge, Long Beach, 428-2212

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. James Clerk	3 Years
Rev. Robert Leeds	2 Years
Rev. Joe Horner	1 Year

## LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. Malcolm Garrett	3 Years
Rev. Art Maynard	2 Years
Mr. Jesse Dunn	1 Year

## PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY EVENING, May 21, 1965

Service opened with singing directed by George Bryant. Pam Slaten at the Piano. Welcome to the Fifteenth Annual Conference by Rev. Joe Horner. Prayer offered by Rev. James Rigsby. Scripture reading by Rev. John Bumpus from I Peter 5:1-10. Special songs were rendered by the Ontario Choir; Debbie Johns and the Bereans Quartette. Rev. Lonnie McAlister speaker of the hour, used John 17:3 with "Knowing God" as the theme.

Committee on Committees appointed as follows: Carl Cravens, Rev. Clyde Johnson, Rev. Charles Harris.

Assignment to homes by host pastor. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Edward Johns.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 22, 1965

Service opened with prayer by Jesse Dunn. Song service directed by Rev. Clyde Johnson. Altar of prayer by all ordained.

Welcome by Rev. Joe Horner. Response by Rev. Malcolm Garrett. Scripture reading by V. O'Conner from Psalms 143.

Letters from all 16 West Coast Churches read and approved. Delegates seated with hand of fellowship. Visitors welcomed and seated as advisory council.

Report of Committee on Committees. Committees are as follows:

RESOLUTION: Juanita McAlister; V. O'Conner; Bro. Hopkins, Bro. Cherry Art Maynard.

PROGRAM: Scott Maxey, Ken Williams, Shelby Farmer..

FINANCE: June Rowe, Jerry Fite, Jeff Collins, Rev. Don Bias, Rev. B. H. Robertson.

OBITUARY: Rev. Joe Slaten, Bill Maxey, Boyd Duren Myrtle McEvers.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. Lonnie McAlister Ruby Ralls, A.M. Culver, William Adams, Eilene Dunlap.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's Report read and approved.

Progressive Building Fund report given and accepted. (see reports)

Election of Officers. (see Officers)

Executive Board report accepted. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept Rev. Bob Thomas' resignation as 2 Year member from the Executive Board.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:15 P.M. Benediction by Malcolm Garrett.

#### FRIDAY 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Service opened with singing directed by Rev. Joe Slaten. Prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss. Specials in song rendered by Larry Williams and Louise Scroggins, and Bereans Quartette.

Memorial message brought by Rev. C. C. Hood. Text from I Corinthians 15:4.

Blessing on noon meal and benediction by Rev. Edward Johns.

#### FRIDAY 1:15 P.M.

Song service directed by Rev. Lloyd Reddick. Prayer by Rev. Ralph Brown.

James Clark elected as 3 Year member of the Sunday School Board.

Malcolm Garrett elected as 3 Year member of the League Board.

Quarterly Meetings and speakers set as follows:

August 27 - 28, 1965 - Gardena. Rev. Oscar Wright, Speaker; Rev. Art Maynard, Alternate.

November 26-27, 1965 - Buena Park. Rev. Shelby Farmer Speaker; Rev. Ralph Brown, Alternate.

February 25-26 1966 - Ontario. Rev. B. H. Robertson Speaker; Rev. Lloyd Reddick, Alternate.

May 20-21, 1966, - Santa Paula. Rev. J. A. Franklin Speaker; Rev. Robert Leeds, Alternate.

Motion carried to accept Rosalie Thomas' resignation as Youth Camp Treasurer. Fern McAlister elected Youth Camp Treasurer.

Winston Lawless brought a report from the State on the State Program. He asked that the State be permitted to print minutes of the Association this year and hereafter.

Motion carried to accept Program Committee report as amended. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept Finance Committee report. (see reports)

Motion tabled until next annual meeting: No person be allowed to serve in two offices of the Association

Motion carried to accept Temperance Committee report. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept Resolution Committee report. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept Obituary Committee report with a moment of silent prayer. (see reports)

Motion carried to accept Executive Board report. (see reports)

Motion carried to have Associational Treasurer pay for mimeograph reports printed for Annual Meeting.

Offering received for Rev. & Mrs. E. Yandell. Received \$68.42.

Special song rendered by Bob Thomas family.

Letter read from Anaheim Mission. Motion carried to receive letter as information.

Motion carried for Moderator to appoint delegates to the State Association. Appointed were: Vera Simpson; Arthur Maynard; Norma Dixon; Juanita McAlister; G. W. Davidson; Larry Williams; Pamela Slaten; Ruby Ralls; Cliff Collier; Bentrena Johnson; Kenny Williams; and Paula Clark.

Youth Camp report read. Motion carried to accept this report and the oral report.

State Association letter read and accepted.

Motion carried to give host church a standing vote of thanks.

Motion carried for the Association to pay Youth Camp costs for Officers and Teachers.

Motion carried to adjourn.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved we receive an offering for Rev. and Mrs. E. Yandell to help in sickness.

2. We recommend we discontinue use of committee on committees. (tabled to next annual association)

3. Be it resolved that reports to the Annual Association be submitted to the clerk in sufficient time to be put into digest form and presented to the body as one report. (A mimeographed copy to be distributed to the body.)

4. Be it resolved we retain Resolutions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of 1963 proceedings.

- 1) Be it resolved that the Association keep the altar in the sanctuary of the Youth Camp.
- 2) Be it resolved that we have 500 minutes printed.
- 4) Be it resolved that the churches name, address and pastors name, address and clerks name and address be printed in the minutes.
- 5) Be it resolved that the address of the church where the meeting takes place be put on the programs with the pastor's name and address and telephone number.
- 6) Be it resolved that the Articles of Faith be printed with the scriptures added to them with the minutes.
- 7) Be it resolved that our Annual Association meet on Friday and conclude on Saturday.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each church send 25 cents per member for Associational expenses and 20 cents per member for the progressive building fund, making a total of 45 cents per member.

2. We recommend that each church send \$10.00 for feeding of the delegates at each session of the Association.

3. We recommend that the Clerk and Moderator each be paid \$10.00 per setting.

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

5. We recommend that we pay the Executive Board 6¢ per mile for necessary business trips.

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We the Obituary Committee, would like to report that God in His infinite wisdom has called from the West Coast Association: Don Blaylock of Blythe; Claude Perkins of Oxnard and Ada English of Buena Park.



## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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 minister or deacon be ordained who uses tobacco.

3. We recommend that our people carefully consider the type of programs they bring into their homes by the media 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 worldliness.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

1. We have examined W. R. Sawyer and Johnny Meadows and recommend them for license to preach the gospel.

2. We recommend license for Arthur Maynard and Jeff Collins be extended.

3. We recommend William H. Fisher for fellowship into the Association.

4. Whereas, Robert Thomas and family have been a real blessing to the Association in their efforts of Youth Camp work and all of the program of the Association, we believe Robert Thomas will be of service and a blessing wheresoever God calls him; we ask the Association to give him a letter of recommendation.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT - May - 1964 to May 65

Friday evening, June 12, 1964, Gardena. Since a number of members have moved their membership else-

the Gardena church asked the Executive Board to concur in the following:

1. They be recognized as the Free Will Baptist Church of Gardena.

2. They are in no violation of the Faith and Practice of the Treatise of Free Will Baptists in granting letters to those requesting them in church conference.

3. The church has the ability to meet the financial obligations of the church.

The Board concurred with them in all three.

The Board voted to make an emergency loan of \$425 so the church could pay J. B. Rigsby the former pastor, his unpaid salary and vacation. The loan to be paid within twelve months.

Bell Gardens 10:00 A.M. June 13, 1964. Since the Annual Association asked the Executive Board to decide on the questions to be used in the examination of ministers and have them at the First Quarterly Meeting for consideration, the Board decided on the questions, also a Doctrinal Course for study to help better understand the questions. The Board recommend a church who desires a member be examined for license or ordination to preach the gospel, have them study both questions and doctrinal course for six months before examination.

Since we have no By-Laws for our "Progressive Building Fund", we the Executive Board recommend the following:

Income: Whereas, the only income to the Progressive Building Fund is through church giving, therefore, we recommend each church cooperate in giving as recommended by the Association.

Expenditures:

1. Loan to churches for remodeling or furnishing.
2. Loan to help a church purchase property.

3. Purchase only church bonds that will mature within two years.

4. Emergency loan to help a church in financial difficulty.

The Executive Board voted to purchase from our Progressive Building Fund the following church bonds: Norwalk Church - one for \$250.00 and one \$100.00. Blythe Church - A loan for \$200.00 which was paid in ninety days. One \$1,000.00 church bond which will mature November 1965.

The Executive Board examined the following:

License: Vaughn Gene O'Conner; George E. Bryant; John W. Bumpus; Haskell Hall; Malcolm Garrett; and Cliff Collins.

License extended: Shelby Farmer; Arthur Maynard; and John Morrow.

Ordained Ministers recommended to the Association:

C. C. Hood; Billy Adkisson; Edward Johns; and Leo Pergson.

The local church examines and ordain those they desire for deacons however, since the Blythe Church did not have enough ordained to carry out this service, they requested the Quarterly Meeting to examine Gene Sutter and Roy Churchwell for deacons. They were examined and ordained in the First Quarterly Meeting on August 29, 1964 with Lonnie McAlister, Robert Thomas and Orbin Doss directing the service.

Ojai, January 23, 1965. There were several believers who established a Mission in Ojai, April 1964 They rented the Woman's Club Building in down-town Ojai, winning a number of people to the Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. Leo Pergson and J. C. Scott were in charge of the mission and we commend them for their efforts in the program. They requested the Executive Board to organize them into a church January 23, 1965 The Executive Board examined and organized the church

according to the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptists. Leo Pergson was elected pastor and Rose Duran elected Clerk/Treasurer. There were eighteen charter members.

SPECIAL NOTE: There are any number of our people who believe the Executive Board has the authority to discipline churches who may get out of order, or Ministers who walk disorderly. However, the Board is unable to discipline a church or a minister without a request from the local church.

THE DEACONS OF THE CHURCH: We often hear when a deacon is ordained by a church, that it gives him a life time right to that office and should they change their church relationship, it is believed they are a deacon there also. However, this kind of believing is inconsistent with the Treatise since they hold office at the pleasure of the church like every other officer elected by the church.

### STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST COAST ASSOCIATION

Total Membership	893
Members Received	218
Members Dismissed	138
Members Deceased	4
Members Baptized	68
Number of Churches	16
Number of Sunday Schools	16
Average Attendance	1,116
Number of C. T. S.	14
C. T. S. Membership	233
Number of Auxiliaries	13
Auxiliary Membership	110
Number of Ordained Ministers	29
Number of Ordained Deacons	44
Number of Prayer Meetings	16

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Paid Pastors	\$35,961.49
Evangelistic Work	2,229.11
Cooperative Plan	9,198.11
Building and Repairs	40,149.56
Value of Church Properties	620,000.00
Miscellaneous	23,261.81

## CHURCHES

- Artesia - 22110 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia  
 Pastor - Rev. Lloyd Reddick  
 Clerk - Lucille Scroggins, 21903 Elaine Ave. Artesia
- Bell Gardens - 7235 Granger, Bell Gardens  
 Pastor - Rev. Lonnie McAlister  
 Clerk - Joyce Dunn, 8121 Pruitian, Downey
- Baldwin Park - 3939 Merced, Baldwin Park  
 Pastor - Rev. Clyde Johnson  
 Clerk - Francis Boggs, 526 E. Lemon, Glendora
- Blythe - 136 N. Lovekin, Blythe  
 Pastor - Rev. Harmon Herndon  
 Clerk - Patsy Chnrchwell, 13230 Linden Lane, Blythe
- Buena Park - 7142 Thomas Street, Buena Park  
 Pastor - Rev. C. C. Hood  
 Clerk - S. P. Dexter, 18430 Ibex Ave., Artesia
- Downey Avenue - 17040 Downey Ave., Bellflower  
 Pastor - Rev. Riley Haskins  
 Clerk - Eula Dudley, 280 E. Coolidge, Long Beach
- Gardena - 1049 W. 149th Street, Gardena  
 Pastor - Rev. Bill Adkisson  
 Clerk - Hazel De Groot, 1740 Carlson Lane, Redondo Beach
- Garden Grove - 8782 Lampson, Garden Grove  
 Pastor - Rev. Charles Harris  
 Clerk - Carol Vandivort, 10832 Holly Dr., Garden Grove
- Huntington Park - 6312 Santa Fe, Huntington Park  
 Pastor - Rev. Robert Leeds  
 Clerk - Glen Cummings, 3643 E. 59th Pl., H. Park

Norwalk - 11242 Ferina, Norwalk

Pastor - Rev. Edward Johns

Clerk - Mildred Ruth, 11821 La Reina, Downey

Princeton - 810 E. Princeton, Ontario

Pastor - Rev. B. H. Robertson

Clerk - Bentrena Johnson, 1183 Claremont Pl. Pomona

Ojai - (none given)

Pastor - Rev. Leo Pergson

Clerk - Rose Duren, 227 N. Alvarado, Ojai

Ontario - 119 E. Belmont Ave., Ontario

Pastor - Rev. Joe Horner

Clerk - Pansy Cravens, 783 E. Grand, Pomona

Oxnard - 831 7th Street, Oxnard

Pastor - Rev. James Franklin

Clerk - Mae Harrison, 1051 West Kamala St. Oxnard

San Diego - 2846 Van Ness, National City

Pastor - Rev. Oscar Wright

Clerk - Lessie Monje, 722 E. 22nd St. National City

Santa Paula - 139 Ojai Street, Santa Paula

Pastor - Rev. Orbin H. Doss

Clerk - Mrs. Leonard King, 335 Acacia Rd. Santa Paula

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Bill Adkisson, 1049 W. 149th St., Gardena

Ph. 327-2367

Rev. Don Bias, 22208 Arline, Artesia

Ph. 429-5257

Rev. Ralph Brown, 866 E. Lincoln, Escondido

Rev. Marvin Bryant, Oklahoma

Rev. Jeff Butler, 3235 Orange, National City

Ph. 477-3338

Rev. James Clark, 15444 Ashgrove Dr., La Mirada

Ph. 521-1134

Rev. Leroy Cupit, 5651 Downey St., Cypress



Rev. Orbin H. Doss, 235 No. 10th St., Santa Paula  
 Ph. 525-3729  
 Rev. Charles Duckworth 7925 La Carta Dr., Buena Park  
 Rev. William Fisher, 239 S. Hambledon, La Puente  
 Rev. James Franklin, 1032 King Street, Oxnard  
 Ph. 486-2778  
 Rev. Charles Harris, 12191 Haga, Garden Grove  
 Ph. 539-2324  
 Rev. Riley Haskins, 248 E. Coolidge, Long Beach  
 Ph. 428-2212  
 Rev. Harmon Herndon, 13250 Linden Lane, Blythe  
 Rev. Clarence Hicks, 5047 Newcastle Dr., Riverside  
 Ph. 685-5183  
 Rev. C. C. Hood, 7142 Thomas, Buena Park  
 Rev. B. J. Hood, 10718 Roseton, Santa Fe Springs  
 Rev. Joe Horner, 5433 Orchard, Montclair  
 Ph. 626-6028 or YU4-0260  
 Rev. Edward Johns, 11242 Ferina, Norwalk  
 Ph. 864-1115  
 Rev. Clyde Johnson, 3939 No. Merced, Baldwin Park  
 Ph. 338-0285  
 Rev. Robert Leeds, 6318 Santa Fe Ave., Huntington P.  
 Ph. 587-4444  
 Rev. Lonnie McAlister, 6521 Cassandra, Bell Gardens  
 Ph. 927-3092  
 Rev. Stanley Parke - Bell Gardens  
 Rev. Leo Pergson, 106 Shady Lane, Ojai  
 Rev. Lloyd Reddick, 12032 $\frac{1}{2}$  Sycamore, Norwalk  
 Ph. 868-7253  
 Rev. B. H. Robertson, 8173 Tapia Via, Cucamonga  
 Ph. 982-1970  
 Rev. Henry Scroggins, 21903 Elaine Ave., Artesia  
 Ph. 421-7657  
 Rev. Joe Slaten, 5475 Coonen Dr., Arlington  
 Ph. 688-4968

Rev. David Wallace, North Carolina

Rev. Darnell Williams, 547 Lemon Anaheim  
Ph. 539-1300

Rev. Elza Yandell, 5903 Ludell, Bell Gardens  
Ph. 773-1472

### ORDAINED DEACONS

Alfred Bough - 102 W. Euclid, Upland

Carl Cravens, 783 E. Grand, Pomona

Porter Clark - 13531 Palm Ave., Baldwin Park

M. Ray Boggs - 526 E. Lemon, Glendora

Harold Phillips - 34392 County Line Rd., Yucaipa

Ernest Stacy - 923 W. 6th St., Ontario

Douglas Miller - 427 E. Maple, Ontario

Andrew Ruth - 11821 La Reina, Downey

Roy Pierce - 11143 Molette, Norwalk

Harry Carr, Sr., 12611 Woods, Norwalk

J. W. Shumate - 14726 Seaworth, Norwalk

Willart Bartholomew - 12731 Halcourt St., Norwalk

S. P. Dexter - 18430 Ebex, Artesia

Jesse Dunn - 8121 Puritian, Downey

James J. Sparks - 12237 S. Fidel, Whittier

Howard Cantrell - 11527 E. Willake, Santa Fe Spgs.

Ed Gillam - 5520 Pacific Blvd., Huntington Park

Carl Rodden - 2633 Hill Street, Huntington Park

Malta King - 1218 Hawthorne, Santa Paula

Leonard King - 335 Acacia, Santa Paula

Barney Henthorne - 143 S. Ojai, Santa Paula

Estel Newport - South Mt. Road, Santa Paula

Cleo Suggs - 245 Colgate, Santa Paula

Everett Lewis - 135 $\frac{1}{2}$  N. 4th St., Santa Paula

Boyd Duren - 227 N. Alvarado, Ojai

Pat Henthorne - 126 Venice St., Santa Paula



## LICENSED MINISTERS

Shelby J. Farmer 1540 W. 207th St., Torrence

Bill Sawyer - 114 W. Olive, Pomona

Jeff Collins - 9108 Buck St., Spring Valley

Loren Butler - 114 S. Newlin, Whittier

John Bumpus - 1053 Calaveras, Ontario

Malcolm Garrett - 154 S. Wabash, Glendora

Arthur Maynard - 1723 Park Avenue, Long Beach

Vaughn O'Conner - County Rd., Pomona

George Bryant - 1017 S. Grove,

Johnny Meadows - (address unknown)

# PROGRESSIVE BUILDING FUND

CASH IN BUILDING AND LOAN May 23, 1964 \$1,482.41

## INCOME:

From Association	678.40	
Loan Payment (Gardena)	142.50	
Bond Interest	183.71	
Saving & Loan Interest	78.62	
Bonds Maturing	1,450.00	
{ Garden Grove    450.00 }		
{ Norwalk        500.00 }		
{ Buena Park     500.00 }		
	2,533.23	
		\$4,015.64

## EXPENDED:

Loans	625.00	
{ Gardena        425.00 }		
{ Blythe        200.00 }		
Bonds Purchases	1,350.00	
{ Norwalk       350.00 }		
{ Blythe        1,000.00 }		
Safe Deposit Box Rental	4.40	
		1,979.40

Net Gain \$2,036.24

## ASSETS:

Cash in Building & Loan		2,051.44
Bonds		2,950.00
{ Buena Park     100.00 }		
{ Blythe        1,500.00 }		
{ Norwalk       1,350.00 }		
Accounts Receivable		483.50
{ Gardena        283.50 }		
{ Blythe        200.00 }		
		5,484.90

Net Worth

**WEST COAST DISTRICT  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

February 6, 1965

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Ontario, California.

President, Pansy Cravens called the meeting to order. Singing was led by Sis. Bailey, accompanied by Sis. Thomas. Songs sung were, "He Lives" and "Want to Know More".

Tribute was given to the late Rev. Geo. McLain. Sis. Cravens read some history of the many Free Will Baptist churches and Auxiliaries that he and his wife helped to start in California. We stood in a moment of silence and Rev. Edward Johns closed with prayer.

A welcome was given by Sister O'Conner. The response was given by Sis. Harris. Sis. Dixon gave the scripture reading.

A combined Secretary's report was given from the following Auxiliaries: Huntington Park; Santa Paula; Norwalk; Gardena; Ontario; Artesia; Garden Grove; Baldwin Park; and Bell Gardens. Motion carried to accept the report.

A combined Treasurer's report was given by Sis. Johnson. Motion carried to accept the report. Minutes from the last meeting was read and approved.

A letter of appreciation was read from Rev. Bruce Newport for the offering the District Auxiliary gave to his account as he is preparing to go to the Mission field.

Sis. Doss; Sis. Adkisson; Sis. Cravens; Sis. McAlister, and Sis. Dixon were elected by acclamation to be the Nominating Committee.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

Resolution: Sis. Rogers; Sis. Johns; Sis. O'Conner  
Sis. Leeds; and Sis. Sutter.

Finance - Sis. Bennie Johnson; Sis. Smithen; Sis.  
Cindie Vandivort; Sis. Henthorne; and Sis. Bailey.

Registration - Sis. Doss and Sis. Powell.

Credential - Sis. Thomas; Sis. Suggs; and Sis. Carol  
Vandivort.

Obituary - Sis. Altha Johnson and Sis. Harris.

The Congregation sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Special prayers were prayed for our Foreign Missionaries. Sis. Doss for Missionaries in Brazil and So. America Sis. Adkisson for Missionaries in Cuba, Ecuador and India; Sis. Rogers for Ivory Coast-West Africa; Sis. Cindie Vandivort for Japan and Panama; and Sis. Henthorne for Uruguay and South India.

Dismissed for recess.

The 11:00 o'clock worship service opened by singing "Joy Unspeakable". Bro. Clyde Johnson prayed that God would especially bless in the Morning Worship. Specials in song: Deborah Johns, "I Don't Mind"; Sis. Powell and Sis. Vandivort, "Glad Day"; Sis. Thomas and Sis. Bailey, "Closer to Thee".

The message was brought by Bro. Malcolm Garrett. Text scriptures Rom. 16:1-2, 17-19. After the good message, Bro. Horner came forward and gave a special welcome to each one present and asked everyone to stay and eat lunch.

Bro. Doss asked God's blessing as the benediction and on the noon meal.

The afternoon services were opened with singing, "Send the Light" and "Let Him Have His Way". Prayer by Sis. Altha Johnson. Sis. O'Conner sang "God Will Take Care of You".

Topic I "How I Know God Answers Prayer" was given by Sis. Fern McAlister.

Topic II "I Like My Private Island" was given by Sis. Bentrena Johnson.

A special feature, A devotional for Missions, was given by Sis. Altha Johnson and the youth from Baldwin Park Church.

Sis. Johns gave a report of how the District Auxiliary had progressed since 1957 when it was organized with three (3) local Auxiliaries to the present number of nine (9) local Auxiliaries.

The following Committee reports were accepted:

Credential - We graded Gardena Achievement Chart A-1, Ontario B, and Huntington Park C.

Registration - We report forty (40) adults, nineteen (19) children, and six (6) ministers registered.

Obituary - We are happy to report no deaths this year.

#### Finance

1. We recommend that we have an adopted Missionary and that we adopt Rev. Don Robirds. Three (3) dollars from each Auxiliary per quarter.

2. We recommend we continue supporting the co-laborer fund with three (3) dollars per quarter.

3. We recommend we give ten (10) dollars to the West Coast Association for printing our minutes.

4. We recommend we retain today's offering in our treasury

#### Resolution

1. Be it resolved that each local Auxiliary bring their Standard of Achievement Charts to the annual meeting to be graded.

2. Be it resolved that we request in our letter to the State that the State Auxiliary Meeting be in the Fresno area, and if it can not meet there, the Hunt-

ington Park Church invites it to their church.

3. Be it resolved that we award an attendance banner or trophy to the Auxiliary having the highest percentage of Auxiliary members present.

4. Be it resolved that a District Auxiliary Meeting not spoken for in the annual letter, be filled from the floor only if there is an Auxiliary in the local church.

5. Be it resolved that sandwiches be served at our Auxiliary meetings.

6. Be it resolved that we give an award to each Auxiliary having an "A-1" Standard at the Annual Meeting.

7. Be it resolved we give the host church a standing vote of thanks, especially for the wonderful lunch beautiful flowers and the large welcome sign.

#### Nominating

President - Peggy Adkisson; Vice President - Pansy Cravens; Recording Secretary - Alma Johns; Corresponding Secretary - Leona Leeds; Treasurer - Bentrena Johnson; Personal Service Chairman - Hester Bowser; Study Course Chairman - Rosalie Thomas; Program-Prayer Chairman - Fern McAlister.

Permission was given to Sis. Johns to send letter to State Secretary. Treasurer's letter to the State was read and accepted to be sent to the State Treasurer.

The District Conventions for the following year:

Garden Grove - May 1, 1965

Artesia - August 14, 1965

Norwalk - November 6, 1965

Santa Paula - February 5, 1966

Rev. Bill Adkisson was elected as speaker at the May meeting in Garden Grove, Rev. Lloyd Reddick as alternate.

Sis. Doss installed the new officers.

Motion carried to authorize Study Course Chairman to order Study Course books for the next year.

Offering received \$16.56.

Announcements were made. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bob Leeds.

## THE ANNUAL WEST COAST ASSOCIATION LEAGUE RALLY

When Convened At The The  
OXNARD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
On the 8th and 9th of Lanuary, 1965

Friday night services opened in Congregational singing led by Larry Williams. Selections were "Deeper, Deeper", "His Way with Thee", "Love Lifted Me" and "At the Cross". Prayer by Bro. Maynard. Larry Williams and Louise Scroggins sang "If Jesus Goes With Me". Bro. Pete Maynard sang "Reach Out and Touch the Lord". The congregation then met in an altar of prayer. Nancy Hargrove presented the scripture reading. Bro. Edward Johns brought the evening message. Announcements were made and the assignment of homes was made by the host pastor.

Saturday morning services were opened in prayer by Clyde Johnson. Congregation led in song by Larry Williams. Selection were "I'm Going that Way", "I'll Live in Glory" and "Give of Your Best". Scripture reading from Romans 12 and prayer by Gaylon Fite. The welcome was given by Debbie Douglas. Response was given by Kenny Willisms. Led in prayer by Bro. McAlister. The minutes were read and approved. Letters from Oxnard; Norwalk; Artesia; Bell Gardens; Huntington Park; Gardena; Ontario; and Baldwin Park read and approved. Bro. Garrett read a letter from the San Diego League requesting they be dropped from the Association. Request granted. The League Rallies for the coming year were set as follows:



April 8 - 9, 1965 - Artesia

July 8 - 9, 1965 - Baldwin Park

October 7 - 8, 1965 - Gardena

January 7 - 8, 1966 - Ontario

Motion carried that Moderator appoint a committee to plan a program for the State Rally. Appointed were: Larry Williams; Jesse Dunn; and Bro. Butler. Motion carried to elect a committee to revise the Constitution. Motion carried to elect three members. Elected were: Bro. McAlister; Larry Williams; and Malcolm Garrett. Motion carried that we contact Mr. Wes Stallings, a ventriloquist, and ask him to present a program at the Artesia Rally in April. Motion carried that officers use funds as needed for programs. Motion carried to elect officers. Elected:

President - Malcolm Garrett

Vice President - Larry Williams

Corresponding Secretary - Sandra Maxey

Motion carried to table remaining elections until after morning worship. Dismissed in prayer for short recess by George Bryant.

Services began with congregational singing. Selections were "I Love to Walk with Jesus" and "He set me Free". Prayer by Bro. Leeds. A duet sang "Prayer is the Key to Heaven". Louise Scroggins and Larry Williams Sang "Judgement Day". Prayer by Bro. Johns. The message was delivered by Malcolm Garrett. His scripture was Luke 18. Dismissed in prayer by Art Maynard.

Services re-opened in prayer by Bro. Jesse Dunn. Led in congregational singing by Larry Williams. The selections were "The Wondrous Story". Janet Fite sang "Jesus Loves Me", Debbie Johns sang "Please Mention My Name" Rosalie and Bobby Thomas sang "There



Shall be Showers of Blessings", Baldwin Park duet sang "Then the Answer Came". Prayer by Bob Thomas. Artesia presented a program entitled "Do You Need Starch in Your Spine?" Rosalie Thomas and Sis. Barley sang "Without Him". The Sword Drill conducted with the winners: Junior - Bebbie Mann; Intermediate Debbie Douglas.

The attendance banner was presented to Baldwin Park. Election of officers resumed.

Recording Secretary - Nancy Davidson  
Treasurer - Gaylon Fite  
Chorister - Tina Rogers  
Sword Drill Leader - Rev. Don Bias  
Sponsors - Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Dunn

Speakers for Friday evening April 8th is Art Maynard and Loren Butler, alternate.

Motion carried to give host church a standing vote of thanks.

Announcements made and dismissed in prayer by Gaylon Fite

**MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE**  
**Buena Park Free Will Baptist Church**  
**April 16, 17, 1965**

**FRIDAY EVENING, April 16, 1965**

Singing led by Bro. Dexter. Prayer by Bro. Harris. Scripture reading by Jesse Dunn. Message given by Bro. James Clark. Dismissed by Bro. C. C. Hood.

**SATURDAY MORNING, April 17, 1965**

Singing led by Bro. Shumate. Prayer by Clarence Hicks, Welcome by Bro. Duckworth and response by Bro. Bill Adkisson.

Minutes read and accepted. Letters read and accept-

ed. Committees appointed.

Resolution: Bob Leeds, James Clerk, Lonnie McAlister

Pulpit: C. C. Hood, S. P. Dexter, Jesse Dunn

Finance: Joe Horner, James Shumate, Clarence Hicks

Rev. Edward Johns elected by acclamation as President. Clerk - Jesse Dunn; Assistant Clerk Joe Horner.

Rev. Riley Haskins elected as doctrinal speaker for coming year. Rev. Lonnie McAlister, alternate.

Meetings set as follows:

July 16-17, 1965 - Downey Avenue

Speaker - Joe Horner; Alternate - Bro. Clark

October 15 - 16, 1965 - Gardena

Speaker - Edward Johns; Alternate - Bro. Maynard

January 21 - 22, 1966 - Huntington Park

Speaker - George Bryant; Alternate - Bro. Morrow

April 16 - 17, 1966 - Artesia

Speaker Bro. Duckworth; Alternate - Bill Adkisson

Motion carried to postpone subject of church administration to next meeting. Speaker, Bob Leeds, Alternate, Lloyd Reddick.

Lesson by Lloyd Reddick on Church Unity.

11:00 o'clock message by Oscar Wright.

Motion carried to continue Friday evening services.

Motion carried to give host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Motion carried to accept Finance report. We recommend that \$20.00 be sent to West Coast Association for printing of minutes. We recommend that \$3.00 be sent to each annual meeting as dues.

Motion carried to give \$150.00 to C.B.I.

Report on work of State Board of Education given  
by Lonnie McAlister.

Motion carried to adjourn.

# **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 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; 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 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 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.

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## 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.