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WEST COAST ASSOCIATION OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS



HELD AT THE
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF SANTA PAULA, CALIFORNIA
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The next session to be held at the
Gardena Free Will Baptist Church
1049 W. 149th Street
Gardena, California
May 25-27, 1967

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Edward Johns 11242 Ferina, Norwalk, 864-1115	
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Loyd Reddick 12032½ Sycamore, Norwalk, 868-7253	
Clerk	Joyce Dunn 8121 Puritan, Downey, 862-1291	
Assistant Clerk	Bentrena Johnson 1183 Claremont Place, Pomona, 622-4715	
Treasurer	Rev. James Clark 15444 Ashgrove Drive, La Mirada, 521-1134	
Assistant Treasurer	Gene Vandivort 10832 Holly Drive, Garden Grove, 534-3465	

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR INCORPORATION

Rev. Jack Richey 6521 Cassandra, Bell Gardens, 927-3092	5 years
Rev. Robert Leeds 6318 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park, 587-4444	4 years
Rev. Mac Franklin 7142 Thomas Street, Buena Park	3 years
Rev. Oscar Wright 644 G Street, Chula Vista	2 years
Rev. James Franklin 1032 King Street, Oxnard, 486-2778	1 year

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Bill Johnson 1183 Claremont Place, Pomona, 622-4715	3 years
Rev. Doit Reed 1350 East E Street, Ontario, 983-1904	2 years
Glen Cummings Huntington Park	1 year

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Riley Haskins 5433 Orchard Avenue, Montclair, 626-6028	5 years
Rev. Charles Harris 12191 Haga, Garden Grove, 539-2324	4 years

Rev. Don Bias
22208 Arline, Artesia, 429-5257

3 years

Leon Butler

2 years

Rev. Malcolm Garrett

1 year

2020 Merced, Baldwin Park

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Evening Service

The service was opened with singing directed by Cleo Suggs. Prayer was led by Everett Lewis.

The welcome to the sixteenth annual conference was given by Rev. Edward Johns. Scripture reading was given by Rev. Don Bias reading from II Thessalonians 2.

Rev. Mac Franklin sang a solo. Rev. J. A. Franklin, speaker of the hour, used Romans 12:1-2 as his message text.

The committee on committees was appointed as follows: Meryl Douglas, Barney Henshaw, Rev. Robert Leeds.

The host pastor assigned homes for guests needing a place to stay. Benediction by Rev. Winston Lawless.

Saturday Morning Session

The service began with singing directed by Rev. Charles Duckworth. Prayer was led by Rev. Oscar Wright.

The welcome was given by Rev. Orbin Doss. The response was given by Rev. J. A. Franklin. Jesse Dunn read Hebrews 13:8.

Delegates from 15 churches reporting were seated, followed by a prayer by the moderator. Visitors were welcomed and seated as advisory council.

Report of the committee on committees was read and accepted. The committees were as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Finance</u>
Clifford Wright	Joe Owens	Rev. James Clark
Leon Butler	Glen Cummings	Charles Duckworth
Don Woodall	Myrtle McEvers	Red Berka
	Hershel Cole	Rev. Doit Reed
	Bill Johnson	Bill Maxey
<u>Obituary</u>	<u>Temperance</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
Benny Burrows	Jenny Garrett	Rev. Orbin Doss
Ruby Haskins	Jesse Dunn	Everett Lewis
Mrs. Mims	Mrs. Reddick	Glen Cummings

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Election of officers was held. (See Officers)

The Executive Board report was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The Progressive Building Fund report was given and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Sunday School Board was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The Youth Camp report was given and accepted. (See Reports)

The annual report of the Executive Board was read and accepted. (See Reports)

A motion carried to remove a motion off the table that read: "No person shall hold more than one office in the association." The tabled motion carried.

The Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. Wade Jernigan would bring the morning message.

A motion carried to adjourn business until 1:15 p.m.

Worship Hour

The service opened with singing led by Rev. Loyd Reddick. Prayer was led by Rev. Charles Duckworth. Rev. Reddick arranged a special song.

The message was brought by Rev. Wade Jernigan. He used Matthew 28:19, "The Field Is the World," as his text. An offering was taken for missions.

The benediction and the blessing on the noon meal was offered.

Saturday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with singing directed by Rev. Loyd Reddick.

A petitionary letter was read from Mr. James B. Rigsby. A motion carried to refer this letter to the Executive Board.

Rev. Winston Lawless gave an oral report on the work in the state.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A motion carried to take from the table a motion on the discontinuance of the committee on committees.

The tabled motion was not carried.

A motion carried to remove from the table the motion concerning by-laws to govern the Mission Board. The tabled motion carried.

A motion carried to remove from the table the motion on the proposed constitutional alterations. The tabled motion carried.

Quarterly meetings and speakers for the coming year are as follows: August 26-27, 1966, at Artesia, Rev. Jack Richey, speaker, and Rev. Don Bias, alternate; November 25-26, 1966, at Bell Gardens, Rev. Doit Reed, speaker, and Rev. Malcolm Garrett, alternate; February 24-25, 1967, at Gardena, Rev. Oscar Wright, speaker, and Rev. J. A. Franklin, alternate; May 25-27, 1967, at Garden Grove, Rev. Mac Franklin, speaker, and Rev. Orbin Doss, alternate.

A motion carried to accept the report of the Obituary Committee with a moment of silent prayer. (See Reports)

A motion carried to accept the report of the Program Committee.

A motion carried to accept the report of the Temperance Committee. (See Reports)

A motion carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee. (See Reports)

A motion carried to accept the report of the Resolution Caommittee and to consider the resolutions one at a time. (See Reports)

A motion carried to have the chair appoint a committee as needed for Resolution 5. The committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Orbin Doss, Rev. Riley Haskins, and Rev. Charles Duckworth. (See Reports)

A motion carried to have the annual association on a Thursday night, Friday, and Saturday.

An amended motion carried to have each church send \$20.00 to the annual association for the feeding of delegates.

A motion carried to accept the reports of the Executive Board one at a time. (See Reports)

A motion carried to recommend to the State Rev. Oscar Wright for the Board of Christian Education.

A motion carried to recommend to the State Rev.

Jack Richey for the General Board.

Delegates appointed to the State Association are as follows: Glen Cummings, Juanita Cummings, and Larry Williams. The letter to the State Association was read and accepted.

An oral report on the Idaho Mission was given by Rev. Wade Jernigan. A motion carried to give today's offering to mission candidates Rev. and Mrs. Bill Adkisson.

Announcements were made. A motion carried to adjourn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that we retain resolutions 3 and 4 of the 1965 minutes:

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 that we retain resolutions 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 of the 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 church's name and address, pastor's name and address, and the clerk's name and address be printed in the minutes.

5) Be it resolved that the address of the church where the meetings take place be put on the programs along 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.

2. Be it resolved that the program be sent to each church two weeks before each meeting.

3. Be it resolved that the Article XV of our Articles of Faith read, "We believe in the general resurrection of all men", so that it corresponds with the General Judgment of Article XVI.

4. Be it resolved that we give the host church

a standing vote of thanks for its wonderful hospitality and the dinner.

5. Be it resolved that we have some type of program for the assistance of our retired ministers. (Tabled until the next meeting).

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each church send 25¢ per member for the associational expenses and 20¢ per member for the Progressive Building Fund (which is now called the Mission Board), making a total of 45¢ per member.

2. We recommend that each church send \$10.00 for feeding of the delegates at each quarterly session of the association and \$20.00 at the annual session.

3. We recommend that the clerk and the moderator each be paid \$10.00 per each meeting of this association.

4. We recommend that the assistant clerk be paid \$15.00 per year and that 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

Those deceased this year were as follows: Rev. Leroy Cupit and Sister Sophia Gorman of the Buena Park Church; Sister Daisy Yandell of the Huntington Park Church; Rev. B. H. Robertson of the Princeton Church; Brother Noah Goss of the Garden Grove Church; and one from the Ontario Church and one from the Santa Paula Church whose names were not available.

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 and recommend Brother Jack Richey and Brother Jim Franklin for fellowship into the association.

2. We recommend that the association support the decision of the Downey Avenue Church in its action in regard to James B. Rigsby.

3. We recommend Brother Benny Burrows to be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

4. We recommend Brother Jesse Dunn to be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT - May 1965 to May 1966

The Executive Board met at the close of the annual association in Ontario and elected Rev. Riley Haskins chairman and Rev. Orbin Doss clerk.

The Executive Board met in Bell Gardens July 24, 1965, at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Riley Haskins, chairman, called the Board into session. Rev. Joe Horner led in prayer. After serious thought and friendly dis-

cussion the Board made the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the first quarterly meeting elect a Mission Board composed of three members.

2. Should the board be elected, we recommend that the Mission Board present to the second quarterly meeting by-laws to govern the board.

3. The Board voted that chairman Rev. Riley Haskins meet with the Baldwin Park Church Board and suggest that they investigate an alleged rumor that William H. Fisher is using a tape recording of a person speaking in an unknown tongue, of which Fisher is in sympathy. We also suggest that the church investigate James B. Rigsby in the alleged rumor of his misconduct.

The Executive Board met during the first quarterly meeting at Gardena August 28, 1965. The Board examined for fellowship into the association Rev. Loyd Reddick, Rev. Oscar Wright, and Rev. Albert Jacoe. The Board recommended for fellowship Rev. Loyd Reddick and Rev. Oscar Wright. The Board voted to defer recommending Rev. Albert Jacoe until investigation could be made into the rumor that he caused church trouble in another association.

The Board examined and recommended license be extended for Vaughn O'Conner, and that Hersill Maynard be licensed to preach the Gospel.

The Board voted to loan from the Progressive Building Fund \$2,500.00 to the National City Church to help purchase property.

The Executive Board met at Gardena October 9, 1965. The Board examined and recommended Vaughn O'Conner for ordination to preach the Gospel.

The Board voted to loan from the Progressive Building Fund \$1,000.00 to the Blythe Church.

The Executive Board met during the quarterly meeting at Buena Park November 27, 1965. The Board examined and recommended Malcolm Garrett for ordination to preach the Gospel, and John W. Roberts for

license to preach the Gospel.

The Executive Board met February 3, 1966 at the Downey Avenue Church. The Board examined and recommended Shelby Farmer for ordination to preach the Gospel. The ordination service was held the same evening with Rev. Riley Haskins giving the charge, Rev. Lonnie McAlister presenting the Bible, and Rev. James Franklin praying the ordination prayer.

The Executive Board met during the quarterly meeting at Ontario February 26, 1966. The Board examined and recommended Doit Reed, Bob Maxey, and Cecil Anderson for license to preach the Gospel. The Board examined and recommended Bob Pergson for ordination as a deacon. (The Ojai Church had not enough ordained in the church to examine Bob in the local church, and they had asked the Executive Board to do so).

The Executive Board met Thursday evening, April 14, 1966, at the Downey Avenue Church. The church had requested the Board meet with them as an advisory committee in the trial of James B. Rigsby who was to be tried for the alleged charges of conduct unbecoming to a minister of the Gospel. Since Rev. Riley Haskins, chairman of the Board and pastor of the Downey Avenue Church, was presenting the charges and was unable to serve on the Board, the Board elected Rev. Edward Johns, moderator of the West Coast Association, to serve on the Board for this meeting. The Downey Avenue Church voted for the Executive Board to hear the charges and make recommendations concerning the charges and the trial. After hearing all the evidence in regard to the charges the Board recommended that all evidence presented by persons outside the membership of the Downey Avenue Church be disregarded. In the light of evidence presented by members of the Downey Avenue Church the Board made the following recommendations:

1. That James B. Rigsby no longer be considered a member of the Downey Avenue Church and that all rights and privileges as a member be taken away.

2. That the license and ordination certificate of James B. Rigsby be Declared null and void, and that he surrender the same to the Downey Avenue Church.

The Executive Board met at the Princeton Church in Ontario on May 12, 1966. The Board examined and recommended Doit Reed for ordination to preach the Gospel. Doit Reed requested that the Executive Board take charge of the ordination service. Rev. James Franklin gave the charge, Rev. Riley Haskins presented the Bible, and Rev. Orbin Doss prayed the ordination prayer.

Doit Reed has been called to pastor the Princeton Church and a number of the membership were present for the ordination service. The hand of fellowship was given Doit and his wife at the close of the service.

Rev. Robert Leeds, director of our youth camp, is calling for the cooperation of all the West Coast Association churches to help make this year the best youth camp yet. Heretofore in our youth camp we have failed to have enough adults to do the many things it takes to help our youth have a good camp. Please, let us have more adults attending youth camp this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

We would like to thank the association for its support and encouragement during the past year. We have seen growth and an increase in interest among our churches concerning their Sunday schools. One item of interest is the increase in attendance in the Garden Grove Church. They won the Series E division of the national enlargement contest with an increase of 42%. We commend them for their hard work.

The following list is a report of the work accomplished this year:

1. A pastors and Sunday school superintendents workshop and dinner was held in Huntington Park.

Rev. Ray Syrstad, representing Scripture Press, was the guest speaker. Most of our churches were represented.

2. A teacher training institute was held at the Gardena Church. Rev. Robert Leeds and Rev. Joe Horner were speakers.

3. The Second Annual Sunday School Convention was held at Huntington Park in January. A wide variety of Christian education directors and teachers conducted the workshops.

4. We have worked closely with all the churches of the West Coast Association this year. The Board has suggested solutions to Sunday school problems when requested to do so by the churches. We advise all of our churches to seek help from our Board when necessary.

5. The Sunday School Board has worked with the State and National Sunday School Boards to make our work more effective and to serve our churches better.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

CASH ON HAND - May 1965 \$111.07

INCOME

Offering at 1966 Annual	
Sunday School Convention	<u>16.00</u>
	\$127.07

DISBURSED

Office Supplies	\$15.08	
Teachers' Pledges	20.83	
S. S. Material from N.A.E.	11.18	
S. S. Material from F.W.B.	10.00	
Telephone	10.00	
Postage	9.20	
Equipment Maintenance	<u>5.16</u>	<u>81.45</u>

CASH ON HAND - May 1966 \$ 45.62

PROGRESSIVE BUILDING FUND REPORT

CASH IN BUILDING AND LOAN - May 22, 1965 \$2,051.44

INCOME

Association Treasurer	\$ 887.90		
Loan Payments			
Blythe	\$ 400.00		
Chula Vista	200.00		
Gardena	<u>283.50</u>	883.50	
Bond Interest		129.00	
Building & Loan Interest		95.82	
Bonds Maturing			
Blythe	\$1,500.00		
Norwalk	<u>250.00</u>	<u>1,750.00</u>	<u>3,746.22</u>
			\$5,797.66

DISBURSED

Loans			
Blythe	\$1,000.00		
Chula Vista	<u>2,500.00</u>	3,500.00	
Bond Purchases			
Buena Park	\$ 100.00		
Norwalk	<u>1,100.00</u>	1,200.00	
Key for Safe Deposit Box		2.00	
Telephone		<u>4.17</u>	<u>4,706.17</u>

NET GAIN \$1,091.49

ASSETS

Cash in Building & Loan			\$2,291.69
Bonds			
Buena Park	\$ 100.00		
Norwalk	<u>1,100.00</u>	1,200.00	
Accounts Receivable			
Blythe	\$ 800.00		
Chula Vista	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>3,100.00</u>	<u>4,300.00</u>

NET WORTH \$6,591.69

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Churches	15
Number of Parsonages	8
Number of Ordained Ministers	31
Number of Licensed Ministers	10
Number of Ordained Deacons	46
Number of Sunday Schools	15
Number of CTS's	9
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries	10
Number of AFC's	1
Number of Master's Men	2
Number of Prayer Meetings	15
Number of Junior Churches	1
Church Membership	765
Resident Members	714
Non-Resident Members	51
Members Received	133
By Baptism	57
By Letter	53
By Statement of Faith	23
Members Dismissed	189
By Letter	82
Excluded	100
Deceased	7
Sunday School Enrollment	1,141
CTS Enrollment	248
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	88

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>TOTAL GIVING IN THE CHURCHES</u>	\$134,977.97
General Offerings	118,006.30
Building Fund	17,631.67
 <u>SPENT FOR LOCAL CAUSES</u>	
Pastor's Salary	38,958.01
Evangelistic Work	805.05
Building and Repair	42,558.79
Literature	3,787.06
Advertising	746.88
Miscellaneous	8,140.97
Other	13,010.34

Other \$ 3,627.30

Total Local Expenditures \$111,674.78

SPENT FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

Cooperative Plan	9,125.53
Foreign Missions	1,828.46
Home Missions	348.36
Education	570.20
Associational Projects	<u>1,660.73</u>

Total Outside Expenditures \$ 13,595.44

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY \$637,000.00

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY (PARSONAGES) \$ 84,500.00

CHURCHES

Artesia - 22110 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia

Pastor - ~~Rev. Loyd Reddick~~ James Clark

Clerk - Dorothy Mounts, 22023 Devlin St., Artesia

Baldwin Park - 3939 Merced Avenue, Baldwin Park

Pastor - Rev. Malcolm Garrett

Clerk - Frances Boggs, 131 W. Cypress Ave., Monrovia

Bell Gardens - 7235 Granger, Bell Gardens

Pastor - Rev. Jack Richey

Clerk - Hester Bowser, 11202 Joslin Street, Santa Fe Springs

Blythe - 136 North Lovekin, Blythe

Pastor - Rev. Harmon Herndon

Clerk - Patsy Churchwell, 13230 Linden Lane, Blythe

Buena Park - 7142 Thomas Street, Buena Park

Pastor - Rev. Mac Franklin

Clerk - S. P. Dexter, 18430 Ebex Avenue, Artesia

Chula Vista - 644 G Street, Chula Vista

Pastor - ~~Rev. Oscar Wright~~

Clerk - Louise Jackson, 321 Redcrest Dr., San Diego

Downey Avenue - 17040 Downey Avenue, Bellflower
Pastor - Rev. Charles Duckworth
Clerk - Don Woodall, 11776 Idaho Ave., Los Angeles

Gardena - 1049 West 149th Street, Gardena
Pastor - ~~Rev. Richmond~~
Clerk - Edith Wright, 824 Acacia Avenue, Torrance

Garden Grove - 8782 Lampson, Garden Grove
Pastor - Rev. ~~Charles Harris~~
Clerk - Carol Vandivort, 10832 Holly Drive, Garden Grove

Huntington Park - 6312 Santa Fe, Huntington Park
Pastor - Rev. Robert Leeds
Clerk - Carl Daniels, 6600 Corona Avenue, Bell

Norwalk - 11242 Ferina, Norwalk
Pastor - Rev. Edward Johns
Clerk - Mildred Ruth, 11821 La Reina, Downey

Princeton - 810 East Princeton, Ontario
Pastor - Rev. Doit Reed
Clerk - Dayle Cherry, 937 East Princeton, Ontario

Ojai - Woman's Clubhouse
Pastor - Rev. Leo Pergson
Clerk - Pauline Pergson, 106 Shady Lane, Ojai

Ontario - 119 East Belmont, Ontario
Pastor - Rev. Riley Haskins
Clerk - Pansy Cravens, 783 East Grand, Pomona

Oxnard - 831 7th Street, Oxnard
Pastor - Rev. ~~James Franklin~~ OSCAR WRIGHT
Clerk - Mae Harrison, 1051 W. Kamala Street, Oxnard

Santa Paula - 139 Ojai Street, Santa Paula
Pastor - Rev. Orbin Doss
Clerk - Myrtle McEvers, P. O. Box 647, Santa Paula

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adkisson, Bill, Nashville, Tennessee

Bias, Don, 22208 Arline, Artesia, 429-5257
 Brown, Ralph, 866 East Lincoln, Escondido
 Butler, Jeff, 3235 Orange, National City, 477-3338
 Clark, James, 15444 Ashgrove Dr., La Mirada, 521-1134
 Cupit, Leroy, 5651 Downey Street, Cypress
 Doss, Orbin, 235 N. 10th St., Santa Paula, 525-3729
 Duckworth, Charles, 7925 La Carta Drive, Buena Park
 Erwin, Donald D., San Diego
 Fisher, William, 239 South Hambledon, La Puente
 Franklin, James, 103 King Street, Oxnard, 486-2778
 Franklin, Mac, Buena Park
 Garrett, Malcolm, 3939 Merced Avenue, Baldwin Park
 Harris, Charles, 12191 Haga, Garden Grove, 539-2324
 Haskins, Riley, 5433 Orchard Ave., Montclair, 626-6028
 Herndon, Harmon, 13250 Linden Lane, Blythe
 Hicks, Clarence, 5047 Newcastle Drive, Riverside,
 685-5183
 Hood, B. J., 10718 Roseton, Santa Fe Springs
 Hood, C. C., 7142 Thomas, Buena Park
 Johns, Edward, 11242 Ferina, Norwalk, 864-1115
 Johnson, Clyde, 145 West First Street, San Dimas
 Ledbetter, J. B., Nevada
 Leeds, Robert, 6318 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park,
 587-4444
 Pergson, Leo, 106 Shady Lane, Ojai
 Reddick, Loyd, 12032½ Sycamore, Norwalk, 868-7253
 Reed, Doit, 1350 West E Street, Ontario, 983-1904
 Richey, Jack, 6521 Cassandra, Bell Gardens, 927-3092
 Richmond, Rev., 1049 West 149th Street, Gardena
 Scott, J. C., Ojai
 Scroggins, Henry, 1903 Elaine Avenue, Artesia
 Slaten, Joe, 5475 Coonen Drive, Arlington, 688-4968
 Williams, Darnell, 547 Lemon, Anaheim, 539-1300
 Wright, Oscar, 644 G Street, Chula Vista
 Yandell, Elza, 5903 Ludell, Bell Gardens, 773-1472

LICENSED MINISTERS

Anderson, Cecil, 522 N. Ventura Rd., Oxnard, 487-3427
 Collins, Jeff, 8827 Bonnie Jean Place, Spring Valley,
 465-6983
 Dunn, Jesse, 8121 Puritan, Downey, 862-1291
 Maynard, Hersill
 Maxey, Bob, 14421 South Normandie, Gardena, DA4-4320

Roberts, John William, Ojai
Sawyer, Bill, Dorset Street, Pomona

ORDAINED DEACONS

Bartholomew, Willard, 12731 Halcourt St., Norwalk
Berka, Francis, 125 South Madrona, Brea
Boggs, M. Ray, 526 East Lemon, Glendora
Bough, Alfred, 102 West Euclid Place, Upland
Cantrell, Howard, 11527 E. Willake, Santa Fe Springs
Cooper, Hershel, 6322 San Lorenzo, Buena Park
Cravens, Carl, 783 East Grand, Pomona
Davidson, G. W., 792 Sycamore Drive, Port Hueneme
Dexter, S. P., 18430 Ebex Avenue, Artesia
Douglas, Meryl, 4724 Highland Avenue, Oxnard
Dudley, E. W., Downey
Eagle, Clarence, 2467 California St., Huntington Park
Farmer, Eddie, 8173 Topia Via, Cucamonga
Farmer, Jim, 3536 Olive Avenue, Long Beach
Gilliam, Edward, 5520 Pacific Blvd., Huntington Park
Goodhart, Dean, 18413 Norwalk Boulevard, Artesia
Harrison, Bill, 1051 Kamala Street, Oxnard
Henthorne, Barney, 143 S. Ojai Street, Santa Paula
Henthorne, Pat, 126 Venice Street, Santa Paula
Horton, Henry, 446 East Los Angeles, Moorpark
King, Leonard, 335 Acacia, Santa Paula
Lewis, Everett, 135½ North 4th Street, Santa Paula
Miller, Douglas, 427 East Maple, Ontario
Mims, Truman, 151 St. Mary's Drive, Oxnard
Moore, James, 22 Walter Boulder, Elkton, Maryland
Newport, Estel, South Mountain Road, Santa Paula
Phillips, Harold, 34392 County Line Road, Yucaipa
Rodden, Carl, 2633 Hill Street, Huntington Park
Ruth, Andrew, 11821 La Reina, Downey
Shumate, J. W., 14726 Seaforth, Norwalk
Spalding, Douglas, 13013 Ramsey Drive, La Mirada
Sparks, James, 12237 South Fidel, Whittier
Stewart, Fred, 8360 La Villa, Downey
Suggs, Cleo, 245 Colgate, Santa Paula
Vandivort, Gene, 10832 Holly Drive, Garden Grove
Vandivort, G. R., 11662 Magnolia, Garden Grove

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
MINUTES

Theme: "Willing to Serve"

Scripture: Colossians 3:24

The West Coast Association Annual Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Santa Paula Free Will Baptist Church.

The president called the meeting to order. Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Truman Mims, accompanied by Mrs. Regina King. Prayer was led by Rev. James Franklin.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Cleo Doss. The response was given by Mrs. Oscar Wright. Meditation was given by Mrs. Fern McAlister.

The Nominating Committee was elected from the floor as follows: Mrs. Alma Johns, Mrs. Pansy Cravens, Mrs. Oscar Wright, Mrs. Cleo Doss, and Mrs. Bill Maxey.

The president and vice president appointed the following committees:

Registration

Pansy Cravens
Nevalene Mitchell

Finance

Bentrena Johnson
Estelle Newport
Mildred Ruth

Resolution

Katy Henthorne
Mrs. Oyorah
Joyce Dunn

Obituary

Mrs. Truman Mims
Cleo Doss

Mrs. Bentrena Johnson gave a combined treasurer's report of the auxiliaries. A motion carried to accept the report. A combined secretary's report was given from the following auxiliaries and accepted: Santa Paula, Norwalk, Gardena, Bell Gardens, Chula Vista, Huntington Park, Ontario, Baldwin Park, and Garden Grove.

An offering of \$23.44 was received. Rev. Oscar Wright prayed the blessing on the offering.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Dismissed in prayer by Joyce Dunn.

Worship Hour

Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Gladys Collier. Prayer was led by Rev. Lonnie McAlister.

A duet from Santa Paula, Mrs. Euphie Higginbotham and Mrs. Minnie Dingman, sang "I Tried to Do My Best."

Rev. Rufus Coffey from Nashville, Tennessee brought the morning message using as his text John 4:4-42.

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal were offered by Rev. Orbin Doss.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Mack Owens.

Several missionaries were present and these gave their testimonies and told about the work and the needs in their fields of labor. We were privileged to hear Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens, serving in Canada, and Rev. Bill Fulcher, serving in Uruguay.

The reports of the Registration, Credentials, Finance, Resolution, Obituary, and Nominating Committees were read and accepted. (See Reports)

The conventions for the coming year were set as follows: May 7, 1966, at Garden Grove; August 13, 1966, at Chula Vista; November 5, 1966, at Ontario; and February 4, 1967, at Gardena.

A motion carried to authorize Mrs. Oscar Wright to order the study course books needed.

A motion carried to have the recording secretary continue reading a combined letter from all auxiliaries.

Rev. Oscar Wright was elected to be the speaker at the meeting in Garden Grove. The alternate is Rev. Charles Harris.

A motion carried that today's offering be given to the Mack Owens' account.

Mrs. Oscar Wright installed the new officers. Rev. Oscar Wright prayed the prayer of dedication. The congregation sang "Kneel At the Cross." The benediction was prayed by Carol Vandivort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

There were 54 present, with 33 auxiliary members, 10 visitors, 5 ministers, and 6 children. Bell Gardens, with 50% of its members present, received the attendance banner.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We graded Gardena's Achievement chart A-1, Garden Grove's B, and Norwalk's C.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that we give quarterly to the Co-Laborer offering \$3.00 per auxiliary.

2. We recommend Estentino Garcia as our adopted missionary and send quarterly \$3.00 per auxiliary.

3. We recommend that each auxiliary member pay \$1.00 each year for superannuation.

4. We recommend that we pay \$10.00 for printing of our minutes.

5. We recommend that 20% of each offering taken at district meetings go to the CBI Student Loan Fund.

6. We recommend that the district treasurer pays for bulletins, postage and telephone calls for auxiliary business.

7. We recommend that we send to the State Woman's Auxiliary the following project for 1966-67:

Robirds Car	\$ 500.00
Furniture for African School	350.00
Hershey Car	2,500.00
CBI Student Loan Fund	<u>1,650.00</u>
Total	\$5,000.00

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that each local auxiliary bring its Standard of Achievement Chart to the annual meeting to be graded.
2. Be it resolved that we request in our letter to the State Woman's Auxiliary that the state convention be in the Fresno area.
3. Be it resolved that we award an attendance banner to the auxiliary having the highest percent 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 that 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 of Achievement at the annual meeting.
7. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We are happy to report that there have been no deaths this past year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President - Peggy Adkisson
Vice President - Pansy Cravens
Recording Secretary - Alma Johns
Corresponding Secretary - Carol Vandivort
Study Course Chairman - Clifford Wright
Personal Service Chairman - Cleo Doss
Treasurer - Bentrena Johnson
Program Prayer Chairman - Nancy Harris

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION CTS RALLY
MINUTES

The West Coast Association Annual CTS Rally convened at the Ontario Free Will Baptist Church on January 7-8, 1966. The theme of the rally was "Christ Truly Saves."

The Saturday morning service was opened by the moderator, Rev. Malcolm Garrett. Singing was led by Tina Rogers. Selections were "Thank You, Lord," "Safe Am I," "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," and "Standing on The Promises." The scripture reading was taken from Psalm 10:4. The welcome was given by the Ontario Church, and Rev. Malcolm Garrett responded to it.

Letters were read and accepted from Chula Vista, Bell Gardens, Gardena, and Huntington Park.

The new CTS constitution was presented by Jesse Dunn. A motion carried to accept the new constitution.

A motion that we accept late letters carried. A motion carried that we proceed to elect officers for the coming year. Officers elected were as follows: president, Larry Williams; vice president, Ron Briscoe; recording secretary, Betty Hawk; corresponding secretary, Janet Spalding; treasurer, Debbie Johns; chorister, Joanne Maxey; pianist, Pam Slaten; special activities director, Rev. Charles Harris; general director, Jess Dunn.

Installation of officers was conducted by Rev. Joe Horner.

The minutes of the previous rally were read and accepted. President Larry Williams appointed a Finance Committee as follows: Louise Scroggins, Debbie Johns, Nanci Davidson, Jesse Dunn, and Rev. Lonnie McAlister.

Dismissed in prayer for a short recess by Brother Hicks.

Worship Hour

The service was opened with singing led by Tina Rogers. Selections were "His Way With Thee," "Joy Unspeakable," and "I Love to Tell the Story." Led

in prayer by Rev. Joe Horner.

The AFC group from Ontario sang "Anywhere With Jesus." A quartet from Gardena sang "In The Garden." H. L. and Louise Scroggins sang "And Then the Answer Came."

The message was brought by Rev. Charles Harris. His theme was "Champions for God," and his scripture was I Samuel 17:4.

Dismissed in prayer for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The service was opened by congregational singing led by Joanne Maxey. The selection was "The Old Rugged Cross."

The letter from the Ontario Church was read and accepted.

The places for the coming CTS rallies were selected as follows: April 1-2, 1966, at Baldwin Park; July 9-10, 1966, at Artesia; October 7-8, 1966, at Gardena; January 6-7, 1967, at Oxnard.

Speakers for the next rally were selected as follows: Friday night, Rev. Hersill Maynard, speaker; Rev. Joe Slaten, alternate.

The Finance Committee offered the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that \$10.00 be paid by each CTS at each CTS rally.

2. We recommend that each CTS contribute monthly to a foreign missionary.

3. We recommend that the 11 o'clock CTS rally offering go to CBI.

The following resolutions were approved by the body:

1. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

2. Be it resolved that we pay the host church for the expenses of feeding.

A motion carried that we pay \$10.00 toward the printing of the minutes.

A tape recording by Samuel Johnson, National CTS Director, was played which explained the goals of CTS and its competitive programs.

The Junior Sword Drill competition was presented by Rev. Don Bias. The winner was Ken Maxey.

The attendance banner was presented to Gardena. The attendance was as follows:

Princeton	1
Huntington Park	3
Chula Vista	4
Bell Gardens	6
Oxnard	6
Baldwin Park	7
Artesia	8
Norwalk	8
Garden Grove	14
Gardena	24
Ontario	<u>29</u>
Total	110

A motion carried that the Gardena Church change the Attendance Banner from "League" to "CTS" if possible.

An offering for CBI was taken while the congregation sang "At Calvary." Prayer was led by Jesse Dunn.

Announcements were made and we were dismissed in prayer by Ron Briscoe.

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION
MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE
MINUTES

Artesia Free Will Baptist Church
April 15-16, 1966

Friday Evening Service

The Ministers' and Deacons' Conference was opened by singing led by Brother Ruth. Scripture was read by Brother Bob Maxey. The message was brought by Rev. Charles Duckworth.

Saturday Morning Session

The service was opened by singing led by Rev. Loyd Reddick. The welcome was given by Rev. Henry Scroggins. The response was given by Rev. Robert Leeds.

The minutes of the previous conference were read and accepted.

Brother Rogers and Brother Jesse Dunn were selected to bring the morning messages.

Rev. Loyd Reddick was elected to present a lesson on the practical aspects of Communion and Feet-washing.

The election of officers was as follows:

President - Rev. Edward Johns

Vice President - Rev. Riley Haskins

Clerk/Treasurer - Rev. Oscar Wright

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer - Rev. James Clark

Saturday Afternoon Session

The service was opened by singing led by Rev. Loyd Reddick.

Future meetings were set as follows: July 15-16, 1966, at Bell Gardens, Rev. Riley Haskins, speaker, and Bob Maxey, alternate; October 14-15, 1966, at Chula Vista, Rev. Robert Leeds, speaker, and Rev. James Clark, alternate; January 20-21, 1967, at Huntington Park, Rev. Edward Johns, speaker, and

Rev. Oscar Wright, alternate; April 14-15, 1967, at Norwalk, Rev. Oscar Wright, speaker, and Rev. Loyd Reddick, alternate.

A motion carried to have spiritual baptism and water baptism as subjects for the next meeting.

Rev. Riley Haskins brought a message on the "Doctrine of Sin."

A 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 committal 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

GENERAL RESURRECTION

We believe in the general 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.

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.

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.