

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WEST COAST ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

February 17-18, 1978

Bell Gardens Free Will Baptist Church

(Twenty-Eighth Annual Session)

The next annual session will convene at the  
Baldwin Park Free Will Baptist Church  
in February 1979

ANNUAL LETTER FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

TO STATE ASSOCIATION

West Coast Association to California State Association meeting at Memorial

Free Will Baptist Church on June 15th-17th, 1978.

STATISTICS:

Number of churches -- 16  
Combined total membership -- 644  
Number of baptisms -- 138  
Total new members gained -- 156 Lost -- 127  
Number of parsonages -- 9  
Combined value of churches and parsonages -- \$2,000,000  
Number of churches giving to Cooperative Plan -- 8  
Number of churches designating gifts to outside causes -- 14  
Number of churches participating in Retirement and Insurance Plan -- 3  
Number of churches providing hospital insurance for pastor or staff -- 6  
Number of ordained ministers -- 26  
Number of licensed ministers -- 9  
Total number of mid-week Prayer meetings -- 16  
Average attendance -- 360  
Number of ordained deacons in the quarterly meeting -- 20  
Combined Sunday school enrollment -- 1,202  
Combined CTS enrollment -- 136  
Combined WNAC enrollment -- 118  
Combined Master's Men enrollment -- 7

Friday Night Service, February 17, 1978

Services were opened by host pastor, Tom Hampton. After congregational singing and special music supplied by the host church, Don Slaven, Pastor of the Bell Gardens Baptist Church, delivered the message.

Moderator Edward Johns called the meeting to order and appointed Ken Sluder, Lloyd Reddick, and Ron Palmer to serve as a Committee on Committees. Motion was made and accepted to delete "and it's auxiliaries" from article II of a reorganizational report adopted last year.

Business was adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30.

Saturday Morning Session, February 18, 1978

The session was opened with prayer and a devotional by John Hibbard.

Business session was called to order by moderator. Letters were read and accepted. Motion made and accepted by seat delegates. Motion was made and accepted by seat delegates from Princeton Church as letter was in the mail.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Report was read from previous night's business.

Committee on Committees report was read and accepted as follows:

Finance Committee: Tom Hampton, Calvin Mension, Harley Downard.

Resolution Committee: Wilburn Clark, Bill Maxey, Howard Cantrell.

The Quarterly Meetings were placed as follows:

May -- Norwalk  
August -- Downey Avenue

November -- Oxnard  
February -- Baldwin Park

Motion was made and accepted to change the August meeting to August 11th and 12th.

Motion was made and accepted to dissolve the Christian Education Board and the funds be turned to the General Association and that any responsibilities be turned to the Executive Board.

Nominations were opened for Executive Board. Ken Sluder was re-elected.

Business was adjourned for worship. The message was brought by Marvin Cain, Pastor of the Church of God Bell Gardens.

Business was resumed. A motion was made and accepted to appoint the Executive Board as program committee.

Mission Board report was given and received. Wilburn Clark was elected to serve on the Mission Board.

Report of the Finance Committee was given and received as follows:

1. Offerings for the year are to go to California Christian College.
2. Allocations: .40 to general fund, .20 to mission board, and .05 to youth camp.

Report of Resolution Committee was read and accepted.

1. To give a standing vote of thanks to host church.

Executive Board report was read. Motion was made and accepted to receive the report item by item.

1. Re-license: John Hibbard and Larry Essick. Received.
2. Extend full fellowship to John Smith and Cecil Spurlock.

Motion was made and accepted to return the report to committee for further discussion of item 2.

Robert Riddle was elected to serve on the General Board.

State delegates were elected as follows:

Neal Bowser, Emogene Bowser, Paul Cole, John Hibbard, Melba Hibbard, Caren Hibbard, Dwayne Sanders, Larry Essick, Parvis Ashoori, Ellen Ashoori, Johnny Scott, Phyllis Scott, Charles Baker.

Motion was made and accepted that clerk's office assume duties of issuance of cards to ministers and deacons.

Youth Camp report was given. Youth Camp date is August 20-26, 1978.

Election of officers was as follows:

Moderator -- Edward Johns  
Clerk/Treas. -- Tom Hampton

Assistant Moderator -- John Smith  
Assistant Clerk/Treas. -- Ken Sluder

Executive Board returned from committee and the report was received as follows:

1. Receive John Smith in full fellowship.
2. Relicensing of Charles Sartor deferred until further conference.
3. Receive Cecil Spurlock and George Bryant on promise of a letter.

Motion was made and accepted to extend a telegram to Wade Jernigan in appreciation of years of service.

Motion was made and accepted that the annual session have a lunch break.

Announcements from various churches were given and the meeting was adjourned.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1977 - February 10, 1978

Balance brought forward:

\$ 414.34

## Income:

Dues	1282.95
Offering	147.99
Jesse Dunn	<u>25.00</u>

1455.94

1870.28

## Disbursements:

State Dues	305.20
Salaries	260.00
Association Expenses	194.28
Jesse Dunn	25.00
Sam Goosen - honorarium	50.00
CCC (offerings)	147.99
CCC (Paid by association deducted C.E. November allocation)	11.50
C. E. Board	354.25
Mission Board	365.75
Youth Camp Board	83.02
Cr. and bank charges	<u>16.77</u>

1813.76

as of February 10, 1978

56.52

Dues not deposited (received after cut-off)

150.55

TOTAL

\$207.07

# MISSION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

January 1977 to January 1978

CASH ON HAND . . . . .	\$3221.54
BONDS ON HAND . . . . .	1000.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	
Blythe . . . . .	3330.33
Downey Ave. Loan. . . . .	575.00
Downey Ave. Bus . . . . .	600.00
Norwalk . . . . .	<u>2450.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable . . . . .	\$6955.33
TOTAL ASSETS . . . . .	\$11176.87
EXPENDITURES:	
Bond #82 purchased from Pioneer F.W.B.C. 2/22/77 . . . .	500.00
Loan to Norwalk for completion of Education unit . . . .	<u>1000.00</u>
Total Expenditures . . . . .	\$1500.00

This is the financial report for the past year. The bonds we have on hand pay \$40.00 interest per quarter. The loan granted to Norwalk was for the finishing of their Educational Unit to get the final inspection approval before the end of the year.

The bus sales agreement is final and all payments are up to date. All loan payments are being kept current with the exception of some irregularity on the Blythe loan. This was explained in a letter from them attributing the irregularity to unexpected expenses the church had to undergo because of some rather extensive wind damage.

If there are any questions regarding the financial report, please contact me in person and I will be glad to answer them.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Ron Palmer, Treasurer  
West Coast Mission Board  
17040 Downey Avenue  
Bellflower, CA



## WEST COAST ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The following are recommended changes made at a called meeting by the association, of all the pastors, to re-organize the association. This meeting was held at the Bell Gardens Church with a majority of the pastors present.

We recommend that:

1. All boards meet two times a year.
2. No persons are to serve in more than two positions, including officers, boards, and its auxiliaries.
3. All boards meet at the close of the annual meeting to organize for the coming year.
4. All boards meet at the close of the Ministers and Deacons Meeting, prior to the annual meeting, as a general board.
5. Each church send in deaths occurring in their church in their annual letter, to be read and silent prayer given.

Submitted In Christ,

Tom Hampton, Clerk  
Ken Sluder, Assistant Clerk

\*\*NOTE ARTICLE V OF YOUR CONSTITUTION FOR RECOMMENDED CHANGES.\*\*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

As instructed by the Association, this board recommends the following program of study for licensing and re-licensing of ministers.

### SECTION I -- Concerning Candidates For License

We recommend that candidates read the following books before licensing and prepare for an oral examination concerning them.

The Bible  
Free Will Baptist Treatise  
Free Will Baptist Doctrine by J. D. O'Donnell  
The Preacher and His Preaching by J. D. O'Donnell  
The Bible Period by Period by Tidwell

### SECTION II -- Concerning Candidates For Re-licensing and First Year License

We recommend that candidates attend learning seminars provided by this board, or their equivalent, on the following subjects.

Homiletics  
Speech  
Doctrine  
English  
Biblical Studies



WEST COAST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CLERKS

ANAHEIM, 400 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim 92805

Pastor, Dave Chitwood, 801 South Arapahoe Drive, Santa Ana 92704

Clerk, Patricia Chitwood, 801 South Arapahoe Drive, Santa Ana 92704

BALDWIN PARK, 3941 Merced Avenue, Baldwin Park 91706

Pastor, Robert Riddle, 3933 Merced Ave., Baldwin Park 91706

Clerk, Deloris Steven, 13224 E. Waco, Baldwin Park 91706

BELL GARDENS, 7235 Granger, Bell Gardens 90201

Pastor, Tom Hampton, 7231 Granger, Bell Gardens 90201

Clerk, Marty Smith, 7986 Luxor, Downey

DOWNEY AVENUE, 17040 Downey Avenue, Bellflower 90706

Pastor, Ron Palmer, 8528 Flower Street Apt. B, Paramount 91723

Clerk, Ellen Ashoori, 16514 1/2 Verdura Street, Paramount

FIRST, 644 "G" Street, Chula Vista 92010

Pastor, Edward Johns, 3664 Getty Street, San Diego 92154

Clerk, Gloria Willis, 1025 Nolan, Chula Vista

FIRST, 119 East Belmont, Ontario 91762

Pastor,

Clerk, Pansy Cravens, 783 East Grand, Pomona 91766

GARDEN GROVE, 8782 Lampson, Garden Grove 92641

Pastor, Ken Sluder, 8802 Lampson, Garden Grove 92641

Clerk, Carol Vandivort, 10832 Holly Drive, Garden Grove 92640

GARDENA, 1049 West 149th Street, Gardena 90247

Pastor, Bill Maxey, 1049 West 149th Street, Gardena 90247

Clerk, Paula Snead, 1143 West 166th Street, Gardena

HAWAIIAN GARDENS, 22110 Pioneer Blvd. Hawaiian Gardens

Pastor, Gary Johnson, 717 Filmore, Santa Paula

Clerk, Ruby Furr, 4554 Valentine Road, Ventura,

HUNTINGTON PARK, 6318 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park 90255

Pastor, Ron Stoneburner, 10020 San Antonio, Huntington Park 90255

Clerk, Geneva Belcher, 3129 Olive Street, Huntington Park 90255

LEMON GROVE,

Pastor, Jeff Collins, 8827 Bonnie Jean Place, Spring Valley

Clerk, Mildred Collins, 8827 Bonnie Jean Place, Spring Valley

NORWALK, 11242 Ferina, Norwalk 90650

Pastor,

Clerk, Lola Williams, 8647 Cedar #5, Bellflower

OXNARD, 831 West 7th, Oxnard 93030

Pastor, John Smith, 1400 North M., Oxnard 93030

Clerk, Dorothy Mims, 2151 Norma Ct., Oxnard 93030

PIONEER, 845 East "E" Street, Ontario 91764

Pastor, Ralph Clark

Clerk,

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PRINCETON, 810 East Princeton, Ontario 91764  
Pastor, Wilburn Clark, 823 Princeton, Ontario 91764  
Clerk, Betty Hughes, 1242 North Grove Avenue, Upland 91786

SANTA PAULA, P.O. Box 791, Santa Paula 93060  
Pastor, Cecil Spurlock, 406 Acacia Road, Santa Paula 93060  
Clerk, Rose Duren, 920 Yale Street, Santa Paula 93060