

MINUTES
of the
First Freewill Baptist Association
of Arizona

Proceedings of the Organizational Session

Convered at Casa Grande, Arizona, April 3, 1954

The next Session will meet with the Casa Grande Church
at West Ninth Street, Building Number 105, beginning on
Friday Night, June 4, 1954.

Officers Elected

Moderator Rev. Ezra Edwards
At Stone and Fort Lowell, Tucson, Arizona

Assistant Moderator Rev. M. W. Atkerson
Box 568, Stanfield, Arizona

Clerk - Treasurer Mrs. Becky Hickman
Box 102, Sahuarita, Arizona

Executive Board

Rev. M. W. Atkerson Temporary
Box 568, Stanfield, Arizona

Rev. Ezra Edwards Temporary
At Stone and Ft. Lowell, Tucson, Arizona

Rev. B. W. Hutchison, Jr. Temporary
5815 S. Stewart Blve., Tucson, Arizona

Order of Business

1. Introductory Sermon
2. House called to order by Moderator
3. Letters called for, read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates
5. Election of officers
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading Rules of Order
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council
9. Appointment of Committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Reports of committees
13. Miscellaneous business

Rules of Order

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator or in their absence the oldest minister present shall call the Association into conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall arise 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 discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority membership voting.
11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own Church.
12. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

Proceedings

The Casa Grande, Arizona church and the Tucson church met in Casa Grande for the purpose of organizing an Association. The meeting convened at 10:00 A. M. on April 3, 1954. Services opened with singing and a portion of God's word was read by Elder J. L. Waltman (John 14: 1 through 23). Prayer was led by Brother Gorman. Called to order by Moderator. Letters called for and read. Letters received and delegates seated. Visitors welcomed by Moderator.

Election of Officers

Moderator Rev. Ezra Edwards
Ass't. Moderator Rev. M. W. Atkerson
Clerk - Treasurer Mrs. Becky Hickman

Temporary Executive Board

Rev. M. V. Atkerson, Rev. Ezra Edwards, Rev. B. W. Hutchison, Jr.

The Delegates chose as the name for their new Association the "First Freewill Baptist Association of Arizona. "Constitution and By-Laws read by Moderator and accepted by Delegates. Adjourned for lunch which was graciously served by Casa Grande Church.

1:00 P. M. Meeting reconvened and services began with singing led by Brother Russ and prayer. Each Church represented gave \$10.00 for the printing of the Minutes. Business being concluded the Meeting closed with singing and Christian handsake. The minutes were read and approved and Motion was made to Adjourn, carried. Closing prayer by Rev. M. W. Atkerson.

Rev. Ezra Edwards, Mod.

Becky Hickman, Clerk

Articles of Faith

1. The Bible. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. Matt. 22:29, Mark 15:28; John 5:39; John 2:22; John 7:38; Acts 1:16; Acts 8:35; Acts 18:28; Rom. 15:4; Gal. 1:8; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:12; 20-21.

2. God. We believe there are three persons in the Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them. L. John 5:7; Gen. ch. 1 and 2; Ex. 20:9-11; Psalms 33:6; Jer. 51:15; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:14-17; I Cor. 8:5-6; Eph. 3:8-18; Col. 1:9-17; Rev. 4:9-11.

3. Man. We believe that God created man innocent, but by disobedience he fell into a state of sin and death. His posterity, therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:15-17; Gen. 3:14-19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 5:12-15; 1 Cor. 15:21,22; Gal. 3:22; 1 John 1:10.

4. 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. Mat. 18:2,3; Luke 18:16,17.

5. General Atonement. We believe that Christ died for all and whosoever will may be saved. Matt. 28; 19,20. Luke 24:45-47; 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.

6. Terms of Salvation. We believe the terms of Salvation. are: 1st. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty renunciation of it. 2nd. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to God through faith in Christ with a purpose to love and through faith in Christ with a purpose to love and obey Him in all things. Luke 14:25-27; Luke 24:45-47; 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.

7. 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 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.

8. The Church. We believe that the church of God or Christ is the whole body of Christians throughout the world.

Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:46,47; I Cor. 12:13-20; Eph. 1:22,23; Col. 1:18-24; I Tim. 3:14,15; Heb. 3:6; Eph. 4:4-6.

9. A Church of God. We believe that a church of God is an organized body of believers in Christ who statedly assemble to worship God and keep the Ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures Matt. 18:15-17; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 8:1; Acts 13:1-3; Acts 14:23; Rom. 16:1-5; I Cor. 11:12; I Cor. 11:23-48; I Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15,16; Titus 1:5; I Peter 5:13; Rev. 1:11.

10. Ordinances. We believe that Baptism, Communion and feet washing are Gospel Ordinances and should be observed by the people of God. Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:18,20; John 13:4-13; Matt. 28:19,20; Acts 2:41; Acts 8:12; Acts 8:35-38; Acts 9:18; Acts 10:47,48; Acts 16:33; I Cor. 11:23-26; I Tim. 5:9,19.

11. Baptism. We believe that immersion in the scriptural mode of baptism. Matt. 3:5,6; Mat. 3:13-17, Mark 1:5-11; John 3:22,23; Acts 8:36-39; Rom. 6:3,4.

12. Open Communion. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be on at His table. John 15:5; John 17:11-21; I Cor. 11:23-29; I Cor. 12:13-21; Gal 3:26-29.

13. The Christian Sabbath. We believe that the Divine Law requires that one day in seven 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; I Cor. 16:1,2; Rev. 1:10,11.

14. 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. 6:4-6; Heb. 10:24-30; Heb. 3:1-6; Peter 1:9-11; II Peter 2:12-16; II Peter 2:20-22; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:5.

15. 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 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 24:14,16; Acts 26:6-8; I Cor. 15:12,22; I Thes. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:12-15.

16. General Judgement. We believe that there will be a general or universal judgement when all nations will be gathered before the Judgement 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. 20:2-15; Rev. 21:7,8.

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 all 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 Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and 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 seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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 tilling 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 denomination enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, 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.

MINUTES OF THE
FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION
OF

FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Proceedings of the First Annual Session convened at Casa Grande, Arizona, June 12, 1954.

The First Quarterly Conference will be held at Casa Grande, Arizona on September 11, 1954, at 10:00 A.M.

Introductory Sermon: Rev. W. A. Finney

Alternate Sermon: Rev. C. E. Edwards

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Rev. C. E. Singleton-----Member
Rte 1 Box 442, Eloy, Arizona

PROCEEDINGS

Morning Session: The meeting was opened with prayer. A welcome was made by the Rev. C. E. Singleton of the Casa Grande Church. The response was given by Rev. W. A. Finney of the Phoenix Church. Everyone joined in group singing, led by Brother Finney and accompanied by Willimina Lindsey at the piano.

Letters were called for, read, received, and delegates seated. Also read, was a letter of petition for admission to the Association from the North Side Freewill Baptist Church (Phoenix). The letter was accepted, petition granted, and delegates were all seated with a Christian handshake.

Officers were elected for the coming year and the Committee appointed.

Rules of Order read by the Moderator

Special music by Rev. Pinson, a visiting minister from Hobbs, New Mexico.

AFTERNOON SESSION: Meeting was opened with prayer and singing. An inspiring devotional service was led by Rev. C. W. Hayes of Phoenix, and the afternoon message by Rev. George McClain of Phoenix.

So ended a day, spent in Christian Fellowship and Love,
with the earnest desire of those present to labor more faith-
fully in the Vineyard of our Lord.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, ask that every Freewill Baptist practice tithing for the un-building of God's work, and Free will Baptist work in Arizona. We recommend a freewill offering to take care of any expenses that may occur.

(Signed) Brother Copeland
Brother J. J. Brown
Brother Hickman

Amendments: We recommend that each pastor preach a sermon on tithing at least twice yearly; and that a freewill offering be taken at the quarterly conference to be used to help build churches in Arizona.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Publications Committee, suggest that each church family take at least one of our Freewill Baptist publications; and that each minister or church group appoint some member or members to contact each family concerning the publications and urge them to subscribe to one or more; in order that our Free-will Baptists everywhere may be drawn closer together through publications.

(Signed) Sister Brown
Sister Hickman
Sister Russ

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We, the Literature Committee, do recommend Freewill Baptist literature one hundred per cent in all Sunday Schools and Leagues. We do urge each church to organize a League if you do not already have one.

(Signed) Brother W. F. Medart
Brother Davidson
Sister Lindsey

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School Committee, wish to report that we have three Sunday Schools represented in our Association, with an average attendance as follows:

Northside Phoenix	65
Casa Grande	25
Tucson	45

Taking all three together, the average is 45. We recommend that all churches use Freewill Baptist Literature.

(Signed) Brother Tolbert Hoagland
Brother Wayne Wegman
Sister Davidson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend that all members of this association and each member of our respective churches to abstain from all places selling intoxicating drinks. Strive to take children to Sunday School and church and be temperate in all things."

(Signed) Brother Chester Warren
Sister Skinner
Sister Edwards

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
CONVELED AT
CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA SEPTEMBER 11, 1954

Third Quarterly Conference

Will be held at the Freewill Baptist Church, Tucson
in December 10 and 11, 1954.

Introductory Sermon, Dec. 10, Rev. C. E. Singleton.

Alternate Sermon, Rev. B. W. Hutchison, Jr.

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7 West Fort Lowell, Tucson, Arizona
Rev. C. E. Singleton-----Member
Route 1, Box 442, Eloy, Arizona
Rev. Luther Hicks-----Member
4032 East Lincoln Street, Phoenix, Arizona

Second Quarterly Session Minutes (Casa Grande, Arizona)

Morning Session--Sept. 11, 1954

Conference was opened with the singing of gospel songs,
led by Rev. B. W. Hutchison, accompanied at the piano by
Sister Lindsey.

Altar prayer was led by Rev. Luther Hicks.

Rev. C. W. Hayes was elected Moderator. Rev. Hutchison
was named Assistant Moderator.

Letters from the churches were called for, read, and
accepted. Delegates stood and were recognized. They were
given a Christian handshake and seated as delegates.

Pulpit Committee was appointed by the Moderator,
Assistant Moderator, and Clerk. Sisters Davidson, Hutchison,
and Brother Brown were appointed.

The Welcome Address was given by Brother Singleton, of
the Casa Grande Church, to all the churches present and to
visiting Brethren.

Response was given by Brother Hutchison.

The Moderator turned the services over to Rev. C. B. Harris. His message was entitled, "Christian Duty Towards a Brother or Sister in Scripture Lesson" was taken from Luke 10. Rules of Order were read by Sister Lindsey.

All Ministers present were asked to stand.

Committees appointed were: Finance, Literature, Publications, Sunday School, and Temperance.

The Executive Board was asked to meet, in order to select a member to replace Rev. Finney, who moved to Ardmore, Okla.

The meeting was turned over to Rev. Hutchison. He led the group in singing. Special music was rendered by Bro. Warren, who sang, "I Made A Place in My Heart For the Lord." The Gorman family sang, "I've Been Waiting". Brothers Lindsey, Hutchison, Davidson, and Sister Davidson, sang a quartette number entitled, "One Of His Own."

The Morning Session ended with singing "Amazing Grace" and Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. Warren opened the meeting. He led the group in congregational singing.

The Hickman Family sang "Take Up Thy Cross" and Eddie Hickman sang, "Do Lord."

Bro. Hicks led the devotional service. He read Psalms.

Altar Prayer was led by Sister Skinner of Phoenix.

The Testimony Service revealed many wonderful testimonies from God's Children.

BUSINESS MEETING

The next quarterly meeting (December) is to be held in Tucson. The motion was made and carried that our quarterly meetings begin on Friday nights and continue through Saturday evening.

Introductory sermon is to be given by Rev. Singleton, with Rev. Hutchison as alternate.

Motion made and carried that we obtain National Association of Freewill Baptists tags for our automobiles. Brothers Russ and Singleton were appointed to look into the matter.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Luther Hicks fill a vacancy on the Executive Board. Rev. Hutchison is to be Chairman of the Board.

Committee Reports were heard, Accepted, and the Committees discharged.

Offering taken for the day's expenses amounted to \$14.00 (Fourteen dollars).

Vote of thanks given Sister Lindsey for mimeographing minutes. Sister Lindsey volunteered to do this again.

Motion made and carried, that all ordained ministers, deacons, and their wives, be standing delegates to the Association. Similar motion made and carried concerning church clerks and treasurers.

Motion made and carried that a Preacher-Deacons Meeting be held on November 11, 1954 (Armistice Day) at Coolidge.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Rev. Hutchison and Rev. Gorman (Visiting minister from Fall Gardens, California) gave inspiring messages on Faith.

A letter was read from Casa Grande Church requesting ordination for three deacons. Motion made and carried that they be ordained at this meeting. The Executive Board in its entirety, composed the Examining Council, and upon examination of the candidates gave a favorable report and the following Brothers were ordained to be Deacons: Brother Willard Russ, Brother O. E. Moore and Brother Orville Cone-

The Committee Reports were heard and accepted, and the Committees were discharged.

The Casa Grande Church was given a standing vote of thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

The conference was closed with singing led by Rev. B. W. Harrison, Jr. of Tucson, and prayer by Rev. C. E. Edwards.

So ended a day, spent in Christian love and fellowship, and all in agreement that the Spirit of the Lord was surely with us.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the Sunday School Committee, wish to report that we have three Sunday Schools represented in our Association with an average attendance as follows:

North Side Phoenix	75
Casa Grande	28
Tucson	35

Adding all three together, the average is 46.

We recommend that all churches use Freewill Baptist Literature

Signed: Sister Sylvia Hutchison
Brother Orville Russ
Brother Chester Warren

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, ask that every Freewill Baptist church because we think it is scriptural and we recommend that an offering be taken today to pay the rent on this building and cover other expenses.

Signed: Brother H. W. Hickman
Brother Tolbert Hougland
Brother Ben Fortune

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Temperance, report as follows: We recommend all members of this Association to abstain from all places of worldly amusements, and not patronize places selling intoxicating drinks. Strive to take children to Sunday School and Church, and be temperant in all things.

Signed: Brother J. J. Brown
Brother Orville Copeland
Sister Mary Edwards

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Publications Committee, do suggest that each family take at least one of our Freewill Baptists publications: 1. Contact-G. S. Mooneyham, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 2. Freewill Baptist Gem, Monette, Mo. 3. Freewill Baptist Weekly Paper, Ayden, North Carolina. We recommend that each Church appoint a chairman to get subscribers to our papers.

Signed: Sister Betty Cole-Sister W. Lindsey, Bro O. E. Moore

MINUTES

Financial report: Balance on hand, September 11 (after all
paid) \$68.00 (Sixty-Eight dollars).

LETTERS TO CASA GRANDE CHURCH

Thanks to the Casa Grande group for their kindness and
hospitality. May God richly bless them.

APPROPRIATIONS

Members and Deacons Meeting, Armistice Day, November 11,
Coolidge, Arizona.
Quarterly Conference, December 10 and 11 Tucson, Arizona
Prescott Baptist Church.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION CONVENED AT TUCSON DECEMBER 11, 1954

OFFICERS

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Assistant Moderator
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Rev. F. E. Singleton-----Member
Box 442, Eloy, Arizona
Rev. Luther Hicks-----Member
332 E. Lincoln Street, Phoenix

THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF 1955 WILL BE HELD AT THE
PRESBYTERIAN BAPTIST CHURCH, TUCSON, ARIZONA
ON

MARCH 4 and 5 instead of March 11-12.

MEETING ADDRESS 2565 E. 18th Street
Tucson, Arizona

Inductory Sermon---Rev. J. D. Stepp
Moderate---Rev. B. W. Hutchison, Jr.

Note important change in dates as listed in the minutes of
the Business Session.

April 1974 Moderator 11, 1974

Meeting was opened with singing led by Brother Stepp.
Prayer was offered by Brother Cook. The meeting was called
to order by Brother Hutchison.

Churches were represented: Northside Freewill Baptist
Church (Phoenix) and the First FreeWill Baptist Church (Tucson)

Brother Hayes presided as Moderator.

Welcome /address was given by Brother Edwards of Tucson.

Response was given by Brother Stepp of Phoenix.

Church letters were read, received, and the delegates
were seated.

Following visitors were welcomed: Brother and Sister
John, Irma, Arizona, Sister Emma Moore, Springfield, Ill.
All joined in a Christian handshake to seat the delegates
and welcome the visitors.

Brother Stepp was elected Moderator for this session, with
Brother Hayes as Assistant.

Following committees were appointed by the Moderator,
the Assistant Moderator, and the Clerk:

Prayer Committee

Brother Hill
Sister Spears
Sister Hendrix

Temperance Committee

Sister Stepp
Brother Medart
Sister Reece

Literature Committee

Brother Medart
Brother Lindsey
Sister Hutchison

Sunday School Committee

Brother Edwards
Sister Hill
Sister Simmers

Publications Committee

Sister Hutchison
Sister Hill
Sister Medart

Finance Committee

Brother Lindsey
Brother Medart
Brother Hutchison

The Prayer Committee assigned the morning preaching time
to Brother Cook of Yuma. The afternoon time was assigned
to Brother Hayes and Sister Moore, and the Evening to Bro.

Following a short recess, the meeting reconvened with con-
tinual singing.

Special music was as follows:

"In The Sweet Forever"

Brother and Sister Hill

"Praying for the Ones I Love"

Brother Stepp and Brother Lindsey

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Brother and Sister Hutchison

Sister Hickman and Brother Stepp

Accompanist at the piano was Sister Edith McClellan.

Brother Cook took the pulpit and preached an inspirational
message from I John 4:19.

The service closed with prayer by Brother Hill.

The meeting was adjourned until after lunch.

Lunch was served at the church.

Service began with Prayer, led by Brother Houghland
Singing led by Brother Hutchison. Devotional was given by
Brother Edwards. He read Chapter 2 of I John. Prayer by Bro.

Rules of Order were read and the meeting was opened for
business.

MEETING

Brother Stern volunteered to obtain FreeWill Automobile
Licenses for any one who wants them, if the Committee formerly
appointed, had not yet made arrangements.

Sister Emma Moore gave a report on Home Missions.

The next quarterly conference will be held at Tucson with
the First Free Will Baptist Church, March 11-12, 1955. Brother
Stern was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Bro.
Hutchison as Alternate.

A oral report on the spiritual condition of the Casa Grande
Church was given by Brother Edwards. The report was accented.

The Moderator recommended that the Executive Committee
take in the case of the needs of the Casa Grande Church
concerns filling the pulpit, etc.

Bro. Edwards mentioned a need for a Free Will Baptist work
in Glendale, Arizona.

Bro. Stern mentioned the need for a work in Yuma.

Members of the Association were asked to pray about these
places. It has been requested that suggestions be made
to the Executive Board when new fields of labor are found and
need for work recognized.

Committees gave their reports. They were all read, accepted
and dismissed.

Motion was made and accented, that each Conference a Free-
will offering be taken. This offering is to be put in a

fund for organizing new churches over the State of

Arizona. Motion also made and carried that the use of the

be left to the decision of the Executive Board. The

offering was taken, and the amount of thirty dollars

and thirty-five cents (\$30.35) was received. The Treasurer

instructed to put the offering in the regular Association

fund, but to keep funds itemized separately.

Motion was made and carried that three members of the

Executive Board constitute a Quorum and when money is needed

for work, the Committee must meet and give a written

order to the Clerk, signed by at least three members of the

Executive Board before the Clerk may issue a check from the

Building Fund.

The meeting recessed for ten minutes while the ministers

prepared for the afternoon service.

Special music was again enjoyed by the congregation.

"Jesus Hold My Hand"

Wanda and Wilma Hendrix

"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"

"In Empty Mansion"

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Brother Hill, Brother Lindsey

Brother Stern, Brother Hutchison.

Brother Hayes preached a stirring message from I Cor.

13:1-14. The title of this message being "Let Us."

Sister Moore then took the stand and brought an inspirational
message on the "Appearances of Christ." The Gospel Call was

and the churches again joined in a Christian hand-

of thanks were expressed for Sister Edith McClellan's
the piano throughout the conference.

of thanks were expressed to Sister Lou Spears for her
in organizing and working in the League of the Tucson

Music included:

"Well Done My Child"

Brother and Sister Hill

"I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone."

Brother Stepp

of thanks was given the Tucson Church for their
ability.

The meeting was adjourned until March 11, 1955.

REPORTS

your Finance Committee, ask that every Free Will
practice tithing for the un-building of God's work
Free Will Baptist work in Arizona.

Recommended that an offering be taken to care for any
incurred at this meeting. (Mal. 3:10)

Brother Lindsey

Brother Medart

Brother Hutchison

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

your Sunday School Committee, wish to report that we
two Sunday Schools represented with an average attendance
as follows:

Tucson 51

Phoenix 53

total average being 52 of the two groups. We regret
that Casa Grande did not report.

Recommend that all parents go and take their children
Sunday School and Church.

Brother Edwards

Sister Simmers

Sister Hill

your committee on Temperance, recommend that all mem-
of this Association, and each member of our respective
abstain from all places selling intoxicating bever-
Strive to take children to Sunday School and Church
temperate in all things."

Sister Stepp

Brother Medart

Sister Reece

the Literature Committee, recommend that Free Will
Literature be used in all Sunday Schools and Leagues.
each church to organize a League if you do not already
do.

Brother Medart

Brother Lindsey

Sister Hutchison

the Publications Committee, ~~recommend~~ ^{family}
for one or more of the three Free Will Baptist
See your Pastor for the address.
Sister Hill
Sister Medart
Sister Hutchison

REPORT

Financial Status at last meeting	
Balance on hand (Sept. 11)	\$68.00
Tucson Church for Minutes	10.00
Phoenix Church for Minutes	10.00
Balance in Assoc. Acct.	<u>\$88.00</u>
Work for Arizona Acct."	<u>30.35</u>
Total Balance	\$118.35

Free Will Baptist Church (Tucson)
2565 East Eighteenth Street

Phoenix Free Will Baptist Church (Phoenix)
Baptist Quarters--Camelback Woman's Club Bldg.
Indian School Road and 38th St.

Address beginning Easter Sunday
30th Street and Virginia

Ditto carbons, and typing of Convergence minutes
by Willimina Lindsey.