

MARCH 1955

Conference opened on Friday Night with Prayer led by Bro. Lairsey and the meeting was called to order by Bro. Edwards, the oldest Minister present in the absence of the Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Singing led by Sister Spears and a stirring message on "Giving the Whole Heart to God" was given by Bro. Hutchison. He took his text from Deut. 6:5.

The meeting was adjourned until Saturday morning, with prayer led by Bro. McClelland.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

The meeting opened with singing led by Brother Hutchison, prayer by Brother Lindsey and a devotional reading by Brother Hayes from Romans 12.

Brother Hutchison took the Chair as Moderator of the Conference. The Welcome Address was given by Brother Edwards of Tucson and the response was made by Brother Stepp of Phoenix.

Two Churches were represented the North Side Phoenix Church and the First FreeWill Baptist Church of Tucson.

The letters were called for and read and approved and the delegates were seated with a good Christian handshake.

The Pulpit Committee was appointed-Bro. Geo. McClelland Bro. Ted Jones-Guy Lindsey.

The Committees were appointed.

A report on the Freewill Baptist Automobile Tags was made by Bro. Stepp.

Report on Casa Grande Church was given by Bro. Edwards & Bro. Stepp. Report was received and the Committee was dismissed.

Business meeting adjourned until 1:30 and the Morning worship service was begun with songs led by Brother Stepp and Prayer by Bro. Swanson, a visiting Minister. Special Music was sung by quartet from Phoenix and Tucson Church accompanied by Sister Lindsey at the piano. The quartet was composed of Bro. Hutchison, Becky Hickman, Brother Stepp and Brother Lindsey.

Bro. Hayes took the stand and preached a wonderful message on "There's A Reason" taking his text from I Samuel 17.

After another handshake the meeting was adjourned with Prayer.

Lunch was served at the Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Meeting opened with prayer by Grandma Reece and singing led by Bro. Stepp. Bro. Renfro led the Afternoon Devotional Service taking as his scripture Lesson the 14th Chapter of St. John and I Cor. 2:9.

Bro. Hayes proposed a Christian handshake be given to give Godsneed to Bro. and Sister Hutchison as they leave to go to France. Bro. Stepp made the motion that a letter of recommendation be written for the Hutchisons from this Association. Motion seconded by Bro. Hayes. Motion Carried.

Sister Hickman commended the Ministers and Deacons Conference for their good work in the issuance of cards of Recommendation for all Deacons and Ministers in good standing in our Conference.

some of the delegates had to return to Phoenix.

Brother Hutchison brought a wonderful message and the Conference was ended with prayer and thanksgiving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Casa Grande Committee--Report on Casa Grande Church by Bro. Edwards and Brother Stepp. Report received and Committee dismissed.

PULPIT COMMITTEE

The following were recommended for the preaching sessions.

11:00 A.M. Brother Hayes

2:30 P.M. Brother Stepp

7:30 P.M. Brother Hutchison

PUBLICATIONS

We recommend our National Paper (Contact) and urge each family to subscribe for it. We also recommend Freewill Baptist Gem and all the other Freewill Baptist publications. We urge that all members make use of these fine publications. Address of Contact is: 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Signed: Rev. J. D. Stepp
Bro. Geo. McClelland
Sister Loula Reece

TEMPERANCE

We recommend that each member of our respective churches abstain from all places selling intoxicating beverages, strive to take children to Sunday School and Church and be temperate in all things.

Signed: Bro. W. F. Medart
Sister Altha Skinner
Sister Eva Jones

FINANCE

We urge that all Freewill Baptists tithe and give offerings; for according to the Scriptures, we haven't given until we have paid our tithe. That we use any funds on hand to finance new work; or revive any work when found to be sound prospects for a church or the upbuilding of God's cause. A freewill offering be taken and added to the funds for this cause.

Signed: Bro. W. G. Lindsey
Bro. W. F. Medart
Rev. C. E. Edwards

LITERATURE

We recommend that Freewill Baptists use Freewill Baptist Literature in all their Sunday Schools and Leagues, as has been recommended in former minutes.

Signed: Sister Selvedge
Brother Sheaffer
Sister Medart

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are two Sunday Schools represented with an attendance of 48 at Tucson, and 79 at Phoenix. Average: 64.

We urge that each one strive earnestly to bring in new members to Sunday School and that parents bring their children to Sunday School.

We regret losing the Casa Grande Church.

Signed: Rev. C. E. Edwards
Sister Cora Woods
Sister Mary Edwards

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

On Hand from last meeting	\$88.00
Minutes--this meeting	
Phoenix \$10.00	
Tucson 10.00	20.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$108.00</u>

New Work for Arizona Fund

On hand from last meeting	\$30.35
Offering today	17.51
Total New work for Ariz.	47.86

GRAND TOTAL \$108.00 plus \$47.86 or \$155.86

(All materials and work on this report is donated)

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF THE FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS WHEN CONVENED WITH NORTH-SIDE PHOENIX CHURCH JUNE 11, 1965

Conference opened with singing led by Bro. Finney and prayer by Bro. Stepp. Meeting was called to order by Bro. Edwards who read the 23rd Psalm. Rules of Order were read by the Clerk. Letters were called for and the letter from the Tucson Church was read and approved and delegates were seated. Bro. Finney was elected Moderator for this Meeting and Bro. Stepp was elected Assistant. Business was adjourned until afternoon session.

MORNING WORSHIP service was opened with singing and shouting and prayer by Bro. McAffrey; Bro. Stepp brought the Message using as his text Mch. 4:6 and reading from James 2:10. His sermon was on Works and Faith closing with a challenge to the Association to launch out to more and greater works in Arizona. An Altar call was made and Meeting was adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON MEETING was resumed with singing by Children's Choir, Congregational singing and special quartet music by Tucson Church Quartet and Northside Phoenix Quartet. Duet by Arthur Finney and Sybil Davidson, accompanied by Bob Finney. Devotional was conducted by Brother Renfro.

Letter from Northside Phoenix Church was read and approved and delegates were seated. A letter from the West Side Free-will Baptist Church in Phoenix petitioning membership in the Association was read, accepted and the petition was granted. Letter from West Side Church was read, approved and their delegates were seated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-- Preparation of By-Laws. Motion by Bro. Fuller that this Committee on Preparation of By-Laws be granted until the next session of this Association convenes to present the by-laws for approval. Second by Bro. Jones, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS--Motion by Brother Stepp we elect a New Executive Board with members elected for 5 yrs., 4 yrs., 3 yrs., 2 yrs., and 1 year. Seconded by Bro. Renfro, Motion Carried.

The following Board was elected: Rev. W. A. Finney--5 year
Rev. J. D. Stepp--4 year, Rev. Renfro--3 year., Rev. C. E. Edwards ---2 year., Rev. Burns--1 year.

Becky Hickman was elected Clerk-Treasurer for coming year.
Myra Hill was elected Assistant.

Letter from C. E. Singleton asking that his credentials be received by the Association since he felt unworthy to hold them. Letter accepted and request granted.

Committee reports read, approved and committees discharged.
M Motion by Bro. Stepp, seconded by Bro. Edwards that this Association have a Youth Rally Aug. 26, 1955. Motion Carried.
Bro. Hill was elected Pres. in charge of the Rally, Sister Hill, Vice-President. Meeting to be at Northside Church in Phoenix. Treasurers report read, approved. Short talk to young people by Bro. McAffrey.

Next Meeting Sept. 10, at West Side Phoenix Church.

Introductory Sermon---Bro. Hill, Alternate--Bro. Renfro.

Meeting closed with prayer by Brother Edwards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Total from last Meeting	\$108.00
Minutes Today	30.00
Casa Grande Church	55.41
Total General Fund	<u>\$193.41</u>

New Work for Arizona Fund	\$ 47.86
*less	<u>25.00</u>
Today's offering	<u>21.00</u>
Total New Work Fund	<u>43.86</u>

TOTAL

\$237.27

*We have no record as to who this was given to, but think it was to help start Coolidge Church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE--We believe in tithing and urge every Christian to practice it. We recommend that everyone give liberally to the Freewill offering as it is for the New Work in Arizona Fund.

Brother Hickman
Brother Hill
Brother Jones

TEMPERANCE--We, the Temperance committee recommend we Christians should refrain from supporting businesses as much as possible where they sell liquor, beer and wine, and temperance in all things, especially talking about our Brethren.

Brother V. L. Jones
Brother J. C. Renfro
Brother H. Hickman

PUBLICATIONS---We suggest that all subscribe to one or more of the papers. We also think that it would help if each Church sent in a report on the work of their church to the papers.

Signed: Josephine Lucas
Eva Jones
C. B. Dean

SUNDAY SCHOOL:--

That each Sunday School use Freewill Baptist Literature and further request that all Sunday School teachers be Christians for it is impossible for the unsaved teacher to teach the Word of God. The committee's prayers are behind the young folks, and that all Mothers and Fathers take an active interest in the Sunday School that our Sunday School will take an interest in the Youth Rally. See if Sunday School report is sent to the National Convention.

Signed: Doyle S. Fisher
Patshy Medart
Alma Henry

PULPIT--Brother Finney to preach the afternoon message.
Amended to read Brother Hill.

Signed: Bro. Thomas
Sister Fuller
Sister Skinner

OBITUARY--We, as a committee urge all Churches in this Association to set aside a fund for benefit for the relief of the sick and bereaved. We report that Sister Ella Selvedge, Charter Member of the Tucson Church has passed away since our last meeting.

Signed: Br. Fuller
Sister Woods
Sister Medart

RESOLUTIONS--

1. Be it resolved that from henceforth we begin annual meetings on Friday and quarterly meetings on Saturday until we grow some, then we might begin earlier.

2. Be it resolved that we elect each year a credential committee to examine Preachers and Deacons from other States, thus relieving our Executive Board of some of their duties. (Executive Board to Serve as Credentials Committee)-Passed

3. Be it resolved that the names and address of all Church Clerks of the Arizona Association be listed in the minutes for future reference.

4. Be it resolved that each Church, be asked if they desire to, send \$10.00 to each session of the Association and Quarterly meetings to help cover the expense of the Executive Board.

5. Be it resolved that we give this church, particularly the ladies of this Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality shown during this meeting.

Signed: Brother Medart
Sister Edwards
Sister Miriam Wentzel

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 1955

The meeting of the First Arizona Association when convened with the West side Freewill Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona was called to order by Rev. W. A. Finney. Prayer by Brother Edwards and singing led by Brother Renfro. Letters were called for and letters from Tucson and Northside Church were read, received and delegates were seated with right hand of Christian fellowship. The Conference proceeded with election of officers for this session as follows:

Moderator--Rev. C. E. Edwards

Assistant Moderator--Rev. W. A. Finney

Brother Calvin Dean of Tuscaloosa, Alabama was welcomed as a visitor and invited to a seat in the Association as an advisory member.

Motion by Brother Finney, Seconded by Bro. Renfro that Bro. Elvis Priest be elected to fill vacancy on Executive Board made when Brother Stepp left. Brother Priest was elected as the one year man on the Executive Board with following Members being moved up one year each.

Bro. Renfro-----4 years

Bro. Edwards-----3 years

Bro. Burns-----2 years

Bro. Priest-----1 year

Bro. Finney remaining on the Board as the 5 year man.

Motion by Brother Hickman, seconded by Brother Jones that the Executive Committee be given until the next Session to prepare the by-laws. Motion carried.

Rules of Order were read.

Motion by Bro. Finney we adjourn business until 1:00 P.M. Seconded by Bro. Medart, Motion Carried.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prayer by Brother Renfro. Singing led by Josephine Lucas. Message brought by Bro. Renfro taking his text from the 12th Chapter of Hebrews was very inspirational and an encouragement to all present to "Run with patience the race that is set before us." Service closed with prayer by Brother Doyle Fisher. Adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION--

Services began with prayer by Brother Dean and singing led by Brother Renfro. Letter from Westside Church was read, received and the delegates were seated with a Christian handshake.

Motion by Bro. Finney, seconded by Josephine Lucas we have three hundred copies of Annual minutes printed each June. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bro. Finney we receive all reports of Committees including amendment to the Resolutions Committee Report. Seconded by Bro. Medart. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chair we set meeting place for next Annual session in June, 1956. All Churches gave invitation for the meeting and a vote was taken. The next Annual Session will meet with Tucson Church at 2565 E. 18th Street, Tucson, Arizona.

Rev. Finney to preach introductory sermon. Rev. C. E. Edwards alternate.

The next Quarterly Conference will be December 10, 1955, and it was voted to meet in Coolidge, if possible. Introductory sermon by Brother Hill. Alternate Bro. Priest.

Motion by Brother Hickman we adjourn business, seconded by Sister Henry, Motion Carried.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

Prayer by Sister Henry, singing led by Brother Kenfro. Message by Brother Hill on "Standing Where God told us to stand". After this good message the meeting closed with a Christian handshake and a prayer by Bro. Edwards.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Phoenix Churches for the good dinner and for their hospitality.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

There has been no expense incurred that has not been paid. We recommend that a collection be taken for new work in Ariz.

Signed: Sister Warren
Sister Hamilton
Brother Fisher

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend that each member of our respective Churches abstain from all places selling intoxicating beverages, strive as far as possible to take all whom we come in contact with to Sunday School and Church, and be temperate in all things.

Signed: W. G. Lindsey
W. F. Medart
Wayne Wegman

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that Quarterly meetings meet on Saturday before the second Sunday.

2. Be it resolved that the names and addresses of all Church Clerks of the Arizona Association be listed in the minutes for future reference.

3. Be it resolved that each Church send \$10.00 to each session of the Association and quarterly meetings to help cover the expense of the Executive Board. (This resolution ruled out of order).

4. Be it resolved that we give this Church and particularly the ladies of this Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality shown during this meeting.

Signed: Bro. Fisher
Bro. Medart
Sister Brown