

PROCEEDINGS OF SESSION CONVENED AT NORTHSIDE FREEWILL BAPTIST
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

June 9

1956

EXECUTIVE BOARD---

Rev. Arthur Finney

Rev. James Renfro

Rev. Elvis Priest

Rev. Burns

Rev. J. D. Stepp - 5 year term, beginning June, 1956

OFFICERS---

Moderator-Rev. Finney

Clerk and Treasurer-Willimina Lindsey

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We commend these of our people who live soberly and temperately in their daily lives and who refuse to patronize businesses which sell intoxicating beverages, who denounce Sin, and who cleave to the portion of our Church Covenant which says, "We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world." We recommend that all Freewill Baptists read and remember this verse, found in Romans 14:14.

"I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean."

Signed: Brother W. T. Martin

Brother D. Carmichael

Sister Becky Hickman

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE--

We, your Publishing Committee, recommend that our churches report our meetings and other activities to Freewill Baptist papers.

We also recommend the national publication (Contact) and that each family subscribe for it and all other Freewill Baptist papers.

Signed: Brother J. D. Stepp

Sister Skinner

Sister Lou Ella Snears

FINANCE COMMITTEE--

We, the Finance Committee, report a total of \$361.90 in the general fund of the Association.

We recommend that sixty dollars be paid for a representative to the National Association of Freewill Baptists meeting in West Virginia.

We recommend that Brother Henry Hill to serve as this delegate or Brother Stepp.

We recommend that the past recommendations of the Finance Committee be put into action, and that the Bible plan for word tithe be followed.

Signed: Brother Hickman

Brother Elvis Priest

Brother Paul Lucas

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

We your Sunday School Committee, have all agreed that every parent should bring their children to Sunday School and all should cooperate with the officers of the Sunday School to help further the work. We think each and everyone should help to further attendance by bringing in new people.

Signed: Sister Carmichael
Sister Cora Wood
Brother J. C. Renfro

FINANCIAL REPORT

On hand June 8, 1956	\$361.90
Offering June 9, 1956	38.00
Total on hand June 9	<u>\$399.90</u>

August 30, 1956

Check to Arizona Title Company
(at request of Brother Stepp
as spokesman for Executive
Board)

Balance on Hand Sept. 7

70.00
<u>\$329.90</u>

CHURCHES SENDING DELEGATES

Tucson - First Freewill Baptist Church
2565 E. 18th Street

Phoenix-Northside Freewill Baptist Church
30th St. and East Virginia
Pastor - Rev. J. D. Stepp

Tonto Street Church did not send any delegates

The conference was opened by singing with Brother Stepp as song leader. Prayer was offered by Brother Renfro. Bro. Finney was the Moderator.

Letters from the Tucson Church and the Northside Church were read. Checks were enclosed (\$10.00 each)

Delegates were seated and a hand of fellowship given to all.

Rules of order were read by the Moderator, Rev. Finney.

Motion was made and seconded that the Moderator and Clerk appoint all committees, since time was an element.

Committees appointed were as follows:

Pulpit Committee -- Sister Skinner
Sister Lucas
Sister Carmichael

Temperance Committee-- Brother Martin
Brother Carmichael
Sister Hickman

Publishing Committee-- Brother Stepp
Sister Skinner
Sister Snears

MINUTE COMMITTEE--Brother Paul Lucas
Brother Mickman
Brother Priest

James Renfro, clerk resigned. Sister Lindsey was elected as clerk.

Pulpit Committee proposed that Brother Priest give the morning sermon and Brother George Sparks the afternoon sermon.

After morning sermon, the meeting was adjourned until after lunch. Lunch was served by the ladies from the Northside Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with singing hymns and prayer.

Motions made:

Brother Stepp made the motion that the Clerk make ditto copies of minutes.

Brother Hill made the motion that the Association money be transferred to Phoenix bank for convenience purposes.

Brother Priest made the motion that the recommendations made by the Finance Committee be carried out. Brother Hill said he could not attend the National Convention. Brother Stepp and Sister Stepp were nominated to attend Convention. They declined because of previous arrangements. Motion was left that if any of group could attend--money was to be sent by Association to seat the delegates and the maximum amount of sixty dollars be allowed for travel expenses if necessary.

Above motions passed.

Next session to be held at Tucson

Meeting adjourned for the Baptismal service and for preaching service.

Brother Finney administered the baptism. Brother Sparks preached on "What is the Gospel?"

PROCEEDINGS OF SESSION CONVENED AT FREIWILL BAPTIST CHURCH TUCSON, ARIZONA September 8, 1956

MORNING SESSION

Brother Edwards called the meeting to order in the absence of the Moderator, Brother Finney.

Welcome Address--Brother John Elliston

Response--Brother Elvis Priest

Brother John Elliston elected as Moderator by acclamation.

Brother James Renfro elected as Assistant Moderator.

Rose Mary Priest elected clerk Pro-Tem due to the absence of the clerk--Williamina Lindsey.

Letters from the Northside Free Will Baptist Church (Phoenix) and the Tucson Free Will Baptist Church, read and accented.

Delegates seated and given the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Motion made and seconded that the officers be given power to appoint Committees: Motion Carried.

Pulpit Committee

Sister Skinner

Sister Elliston

Bobby Murrah

Finance Committee

Brother Warren

Brother Edwards

Sister Hendrix

Resolutions Committee
Brother Elliston
Sister Wood
Brother Hickman

Temperance Committee
Sister Warren
Brother Edwards
Sister Priest

Publishing Committee
to be combined with
Temperance Committee

Church Auxiliaries Com.
Sister Elliston
Sister Edwards
Brother Priest

The Pulpit Committee announced that the morning sermon be preached by Brother Priest and the afternoon service by Brother Renfro.

Business session adjourned until 1:00 P.M. Worship service by Brother Priest was taken from Genesis: 12:1-3.

LUNCHEON

Session convened at 1:15 P.M.

Prayer by Sister Wood; Solo by Brother Warren.

Devotional Reading by Bobby Murrah I Cor. Chapter 10.

BUSINESS SESSION

The following boards were elected by the body:

Missions Board

John Elliston, Chairman

J. D. Stepp

Chester Warren

Superannuation Board

Brother Edwards, Chairman

Elvis Priest

Brother Finney

Constitution Revision Committee

Brother Stepp

Brother Elliston

Brother Sumrall

Christian Education Board

Elvis Priest, Chairman

John Elliston

James Renfro

Resolutions Number 1, 2, and 3 passed by the body.

Report of the Executive Committee given by Brother Priest.

Motion made by Brother Warren that we accept the report and approve their actions and give power to go further with negotiations.

Recommended that our churches send their teachers and officers and prospective teachers to the Arizona State Sunday School Convention, to be held in Tucson and Phoenix during January.

Next Quarterly meeting to be held at the Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona, J. D. Stepp, pastor, second Saturday in December.

The Superannuation Board is to cooperate with our National Superannuation program to help our aged ministers and other full time Christian workers.

Resolution No. 2--Be it resolved that the Moderator, Ass't. Moderator and Clerk elected at this meeting act as a Program Committee to plan the program for the next meeting of the Association.

Resolution No. 3--Be it resolved that a Constitution Revision Committee be elected as a permanent committee to study provisions in the constitution which may be out of harmony with the wishes of the body as expressed in resolutions passed by the body, and make recommendations from time to time to bring them into harmony.

Resolutions Committee

(No individual names were signed)

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT (W. Lindsey)

On Hand, June 8, 1956	\$361.90	
Money received June 9, 1956	38.00	
Total on Hand, June 9		\$399.90

August 30, 1956

Check to Ariz. Title and Trust (request of Bro. Stepp, spokes- man for Executive Board	70.00	
Balance on Hand, Sept. 7		329.90

Sept. 8, 1956

Northside Church	10.00	
Tucson Church	10.00	
Total on Hand, Sept. 9, 1956		349.90

Oct. 4, 1956

Check to Arizona Title and Trust (request of Bro. Stepp, spokesman for Executive Board)	\$235.68	
Balance on Hand, Oct. 25		\$114.22

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Arthur Finney

Rev James Renfro

Rev. Elvis Priest

Rev. Burns

Rev. J. D. Stepp - 5 year term beginning June, 1956

PROCEEDINGS OF SESSION CONVENED AT NORTHSIDE FREE WILL BRPTIST CHURCH, PHOENIX, DECEMBER 8, 1956.

MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator

Prayer by Brother Stepp

Letters from each church read, motion made and seconded to accept them, and seat delegates. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to adopt program with necessary changes to be made. Carried.

Officers Elected:

Brother Elliston elected Moderator
Brother Edwards elected Assistant Moderator
Sister Warren elected Clerk for this meeting
Sister Medart elected Assistant Clerk.

Pulpit Committee appointed:

Sister Stepp
Sister Witt
Brother Warren

Motion Made and seconded to adjourn until afternoon.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary put on their program at this time.
Sister Stepp introduced the speakers from the Northside Phoenix, Auxiliary.

Sister Moore gave a talk on "Womens' Work For God."
Sister Warren gave a report on what their Auxiliary has been doing.

Brother Elliston introduced the speakers from the Tucson church.

Sister Witt gave a talk, "Extending the Kingdom of God Through Womens' Auxiliary" in the absence of Sister Lou Spears. She also gave a brief report on what their Auxiliary was doing.

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Smith spoke on Jude 1.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with prayer by Brother Stepp.

Devotion - Matthew 6:33 Brother Edwards

COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

Resolutions Committee

Brother Warren, Chairman
Brother Wegman
Brother M. Burns

Finance Committee

Sister Priest, Chairman
Brother Jones
Sister Medart

Temperance--Publication Committee

Brother Reed, Chairman
Sister Witt
Bro. Priest

Obituary Committee

Sister Brown, Chairman
Sister Wegman
Sister Stepp

Short Message by Brother Stepp, "Extending the Kingdom of God Through Person Work."

Special Music: Northside Church, Phoenix

Talk: "Extending the Kingdom of God Through Stewardship."

Sister Pearl Pierman.

Special Music: Mission, Phoenix

Talk: "Extending the Kingdom of God Through the Sunday School"
Brother Elliston in the absence of Sister Elliston.
Fifteen minute recess.

Session reconvened at 3:20 P.M.

Prayer- Brother Wegman

Motion made and seconded to put forth every effort to start a new work in Chandler before the next session. Carried.

Motion made and seconded to accept report of the Superannuation Committee. Carried

Motion made and seconded to receive and adopt resolution of Constitution Revision Committee. Carried.

Motion made and seconded to accept and adopt both recommendations of Christian Education Board. Carried.

Motion made and accepted to receive report of Resolution Committee. Carried

Resolution 1. Adopted

Resolution 2. Accepted

Brother Warren, Brother Priest, Brother Burns elected Program Committee

Resolution 3. Accepted.

Sister Madart, Brother Elliston, and Sister Wegman elected on Advertising Committee.

Motion made and seconded to receive report and accept Finance Committee report.

Publications and Temperance Committee report accepted and recommendations adopted. Motion made to keep this committee intact until the end of the church year.

Committee: Brother Raymond Deed, Sister Jessie Witt and Brother Priest.

Motion made and seconded to go to Tucson for next quarterly meeting, Carried.

Motion made and seconded to give the Northside Free Will Church a standing vote of thanks. Carried.

Motion made to adjourn. Carried

Roller Present - 27

Next Conference Second Saturday in March, 1957

Place - Tucson, Arizona

3020 E. 18th Street

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Arthur Finney

Rev. James Penfro

Rev. Elvis Priest

Rev. Burns

Rev. J. D. Stepp- 5 yr. term beginning June, 1956.

Clerk-Treasurer Williamina Lindsey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education Board--We, your Christian Education Board recommend that all teachers and officers of the Sunday Schools in this Association attend the forthcoming Sunday School Conventions in Phoenix and Tucson in January. We recommend further that this Association authorize the Board

to make investigation for a Summer Youth Camp and report its findings at the next meeting of the Association.

Signed: John Elliston
Elvis Priest

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee submit the following:

Bal. on Hand (Oct. 25)	\$114.22
Offering Today (Dec. 8)	19.23
Checks (Dec. 8)	20.00
Tucson \$10.00	
Northside 10.00	
Bal. on Hand Dec. 8	\$153.45

We recommend that Tithes and Offerings be stressed more in each of our Free Will Baptist Churches in order to expand the Kingdom of God through Free Will Baptists in Arizona.

Signed: Brother Ted Jones
Sister Medart
Sister Priest

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, wish to report that Stanley Richardson, father of Viola Lucas, and Sister Elnora Martin of Tucson, became deceased during the past quarter. We recommend a minute of silent prayer in their memory.

Signed: Sister Jess Brown
Sister Stepp
Sister Wegman

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance and Publication Committee, recommend that we continue publication of the quarterly minutes, combined with the annual minutes. We also encourage good Christian Literature and establishing Church Libraries. We encourage Temperance in all things. We suggest that a standing board be selected for temperance and publications, so that they may work toward selecting proper reading matter that doesn't contain liquor ads and such undesirable literature.

Signed: Raymond Reed
Jessie Witt
Elvis Priest

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that a Board or Committee be authorized to draft a budget for raising and disbursing association funds; and to present same to the next meeting of the Association for acceptance or alteration.

2. Be it resolved that we elect a program committee until the end of the Associational year.

3. Be it resolved that we elect an advertising committee.

Signed: Chester Warren
Melvin Burns
Wayne Wegman

Superannuation Board

Be it resolved that we have note from Association, as expression of interest, to write National Superannuation Board Secretary for complete information and make report to next association.--Not signed--

CLERK - TREASURER'S REPORT	Feb. 28, 1957	
Balance on Hand (Gen. Fund) Oct. 25		\$114.22
Offering - Dec. 8, 1956		19.23
Checks - Dec. 8, 1956		20.00
Northside Free Will (Phoenix)	10.00	
Free Will (Tucson)	10.00	

Balance on Hand (Gen. Fund) Dec. 8		\$153.45
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INCOME FROM TONTO STREET RENTAL - Phoenix		
Dec. 17, 1956 to Feb. 25, 1957		\$100.00

Total on Hand (Mar. 1., 1957)		\$253.45
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Clerk-Treasurer-Willimina Lindsey

PROCEEDINGS OF SESSION CONVENED AT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
TUCSON, ARIZONA March 9, 1957

MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order.

Song Service led by Brother Stepp

Throw Out the Life Line

We will Work Till Jesus Comes

Devotional: Brother Finney

Prayer

Letters from Northside Free Will Baptist Church and the Tucson

Free Will Baptist Church: Read and Accepted.

Visiting Brothers and Sisters Recognized.

Officers elected: Moderator--Brother Finney

Assistant Moderator--Brother Edwards

Temporary Committees Appointed

Pulpit Committee

Resolution Committee

Finance Committee

Temperance Committee (Petained)

Superannuation Board (Standing Committee)

MORNING MESSAGE--Brother Elliston

Brother Lairsey

AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer : Brother Gleason

Message: Brother Finney--St. John, Chapter 7-"Never a
Man Snake as This Man--Truth Shall Make you Free."

Message: Brother Stepp--Hebrews 7:8 "Of What are You
Witnessing?"

Vocal Duet: "Nailed To The Cross"--Brother and Sister
Gleason (Missionaries to Yaqui Indians - Tucson)

Devotional - Brother Gleason-- Romans 1: 16 "Not Ashamed
of the Gospel of Christ."

Devotional: Sister Moore (Phoenix) "Samaria - U. S. A."
II Chronicles, Chapter 7:8.

Devotional - Brother Decker (Belgium) "Faith Cometh by Hearing"

Message: Brother Priest-"The Uttermost Parts"-Matt. 29: 14-20; Mark 16:15,16; Luke 24: 46-47; Acts 1:8.

BUSINESS SESSION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions Committee--Be It resolved that we elect a committee to investigate a Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, Arizona

Sister V. Witt
Sister Rosemary Priest
Sister Frances Stepp

TEMPERANCE AND LITERATURE

We, the Temperance and Publications Committee, recommend the use of all Free Will Baptist books approved by the Association--also papers published by Free-Will Baptist, Books on Stewardship and Missions as approved by National Women's Auxiliary. Recommend Bible Study Classes in League and week-day classes. We recommend absolute abstinence from liquors, and habits that are for self-gratification.

Brother Priest,
Sister Moore
Sister Periman

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Information concerning a workable program would probably be ready for next association meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Did not turn in a report--but said they would leave information go until next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Semi-Annual Meeting was discussed. Brother Elliston made the motion that this be tabled until the June meeting; since the next meeting was to an Annual meeting. Motion passed.

Appointment of Brother Finney, Brother Stepp, and Brother Priest to investigate church in Florence.

Constitution Revision Committee was discussed-but no motion made concerning it.

Offering \$14.00

No. present - 38 registered - 9 denominations represented.

Standing vote of thanks to the Tucson Church for their delectable dinner which they served.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand-General Fund (Dec. 8, 1956)	\$153.45
Tonto Rental Fund (Dec. 17-Feb. 25, 1957)	100.00
TOTAL ON HAND MARCH 1, 1957	\$253.45

INCOME - Gen. Fund-March 9

Northside Free Will Church	\$10.00	
Tucson Free Will Church	10.00	
Offering	14.00-----	34.00
Income-Tonto Rental March 1, 1957 to July 1, 1957		170.00
TOTAL ON HAND May 31, 1957		457.45

BREAKDOWN OF ABOVE FUNDS

Total-General Fund
March 9, 1957

\$153.45
34.00
\$187.45

Total - Tonto Fund

Dec. 27, 1956 to

Feb. 25, 1957

\$100.00

Mar. 1, 1957 to

July 1, 1957

170.00
\$270.00

\$270.00 plus \$187.45 equals \$457.45 or amount as stated on hand May 31, 1957. Above funds on deposit-Valley National Bank under First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists.
W. Lindsey

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CONFERENCE DATE

June 29, 1957 (Last Sat. in June) 10:00 A.M.

Where - Northside Free Will Baptist Church
30th Street and East Virginia
Phoenix, Arizona

PROCEEDINGS OF SESSION CONVENED AT NORTHSIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, PHOENIX, ARIZONA JUNE 29, 1957

MORNING SESSION -Brother Finney, Moderator

Meeting called to order.

Song Service led by Bro. Ross.

REVIVE US AGAIN

Pianist Sister Brown

Prayer by Bro. Renfro

Letters from North Side Free Will Baptist Church and the Tucson Free Will Baptist Church: Read and Accepted.

Song--No. 101

DELEGATES SEATED: Right Hand of Fellowship extended

RULES OF ORDER read by Clerk.

Devotional by Bro. Lynn Wood. Joshua, 14.

Appointment of Committees: By Moderator.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE:

Bro. Wood

Bro. Hickman

Bro. Renfro

We, the Publishing Committee, recommend that the churches have the F. W. Baptist Tracts--entitled: "Who Are These Free Will Baptist", and each member subscribe for the Free Will Baptist paper, The Contact, and the F. W. Baptist Press.

Motion to accept, carried.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

Sister Hickman

Sister Warren

Bro. Wagman

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

Sister Hickman

Sister Warren

Bro. Wegman

We recommend that the church clerks be recognized as standing delegates when the Association is in Conference. We recommend this Association meet for two conferences annually until business requires more meetings. Also, that a committee be appointed to secure a meeting place in Casa Grande for further meetings. We recommend that each member present today urge other members to attend our next meeting.

Motion to accept, carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FOR MORNING SERMON, MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED.

Song---I Need Thee Every Hour

SERMON: by Bro. Williams. St. John 15:1 "I Am the True Vine.

Adjourn for Lunch--

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Congregational song by Bro. Finney. Sister Lindsey, Pianist,

SPECIAL QUARTET--TAKE My Hand Precious Lord

DUET--A Mansion Over the Hilltop--You Hold The Key To The Kingdom

Devotional; Brother Renfro--II Timothy "I Charge Thee Therefore

Prayer: Bro. Renfro

Letter from West Side F. W. Baptist Church read--Request to be admitted in the Association. Motion to accept letter as read. Motion Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Moderator-----Bro. Finney

Assistant Moderator--Bro. Wood

Clerk-----Bro. Renfro.

Assistant Clerk--Sister Hickman

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Bro. Wood took Bro. Stepp's Place

Bro. Wegman took Bro. Burn's Place

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion carried for next meeting place in Casa Grande.

Appointed to rent building for next meeting--Bro. Wegman and Bro. Renfro.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

Rev. Elvis Priest-----1 year

Rev. James Renfro-----2 year

Rev. Arthur Finney-----3 year

Rev. Lynn Wood-----4 year

Rev. Wayne Wegman-----5 year

To put constitution in minutes tabled.

Offering--\$16.01

Next Meeting--September 14, 1957, in Casa Grande

Motion to adjourn, Carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Brother Williams come before the Executive Board for examination. Granted a One-Year license to preach. He is a member of the North Side Free Will Baptist Church in Phoenix.

The State of Arizona Minister & Deacon's --Fund	
Amount in Treasury when, I, J. C. Renfro was elected	\$7.14
Membership cards-----	2.00
	<u>\$9.14</u>
Paid for Minister & Deacon's License -----	2.00
Balance	\$7.14
June 29, 1957, Membership Cards-----	89.00
Total	<u>\$16.14</u>

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Amount in General Fund when, I, J. C. Renfro was elected----	General Fund, June 29, 1957-----	\$457.45
Income General Fund, June 29		
Phoenix North Side F. W. B.-----		10.00
Tucson F. W. B.-----		10.00
Phoenix West Side F. W. B.-----		10.00
Offering-----		16.01
		<u>\$46.01</u>
Total-Tonto Fund July 29, 1957-----		\$270.00
Aug. 3, 1957-Rent-----		40.00
Total Tonto Fund Aug. 3		<u>\$310.00</u>
Minister And Deacons Fund		16.14
Total General Fund-----		<u>\$559.60</u>

Clerk-----J. C. Renfro

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Special meeting called of the Executive Board August 3, 1957 at North Side Free Will Baptist Church. In regard to the Tonto Church Building to discuss further renting or letting Bro. Wayne Wagman and his church have the building for church.

Motion---Bro. Wood, Seconded by Bro. Priest

to rent the Tonto Church Building and let Bro. Wayne Wagman have the rent money to apply on a lot if they buy. But if they do not buy, the money goes into the General Fund of the Association.

Present at Meeting:

Bro. W. A. Finney
 Bro. Lynn Wood
 Bro. Elvis Priest
 Bro. Wayne Wagman
 Bro. J. C. Renfro