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of  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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***to convene with***

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Surprise, Arizona**

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Phoenix, Arizona

Clerk: Eula Montoya  
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Phoenix, Arizona

Northside Free Will Baptist Church  
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Phoenix, Arizona

Pastor: Rev. Orbin Doss  
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Phoenix, Arizona *85008*

Clerk: Lorene Devore  
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Phoenix, Arizona

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church  
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Phoenix, Arizona *85021*

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*Jack Burns*  
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Clerk: Mrs. Mary Lee  
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Phoenix, Arizona

Surprise, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist Church  
Surprise, Arizona

Pastor: Rev. Howard Otto  
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Tucson, Arizona

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## OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator.....Rev. Malcolm C. Fry  
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Howard Otto  
Clerk.....Lou Ella Spears  
Assistant Clerk.....Johnny Jenkins  
Treasurer.....B. A. Jenkins  
Assistant Treasurer.....Rev. Walker Hayes  
Parliamentarian.....Rev. Howard Otto  
Pianist.....Lorene Devore  
Song Director.....Paul Norman

### Executive Board:

1. Rev. Robert Carlson
2. Rev. William Tharpe
3. B. A. Jenkins
4. Rev. Malcolm C. Fry
5. Rev. Howard Otto

### Examining Board:

1. Rev. William Tharpe
2. B. A. Jenkins
3. Rev. Howard Otto
4. Rev. Robert Carlson
5. Rev. Malcolm C. Fry

### Trustees:

Charles W. Spears  
B. A. Jenkins  
W. L. Utz

### CTS Board:

1. Rev. Malcolm C. Fry
2. Rev. Howard Otto
3. Rev. Orbin Doss

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order by Moderator
2. Reading Rules of Order
3. Letters called for, read, and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates
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6. Appointment of Committees
7. Moderator's Remarks
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## 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.

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I - Name

This Association shall be called the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists.

### ARTICLE II - Purpose

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various churches composing the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various churches in the Association, or that hereafter may be represented therein.

### ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1: The Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined churches conveniently located as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Section 2. The conference of this Association shall consist of ordained ministers and deacons who have been sanctioned, and credentials ratified, by this Association; and their wives, all of whom are regular members of churches in this conference; and church clerks and three elected delegates from the several churches of which it is composed.

Section 3. Any regular organized Free Will Baptist Church maintaining Gospel order agreeing with the denomination in Doctrine and Practices, and in favor of the benevolent enterprises as Sunday school, Missions, and Education may be received into this Association by submitting a petitionary letter to the Executive Board for processing through the Examining Board which in turn would make appropriate recommendation to the Conference for vote.

### ARTICLE IV - Officers and Boards

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a standing Clerk, Treasurer, Moderator, Parliamentarian, Song Director and Pianist, who shall be chosen at every Annual session of the Association with Assistants as may be found necessary.

Section 2. There are three boards of this association: an Executive Board of not less than five (5) members so

constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years; an Examining Board of not less than five (5) members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years; and a Church Training Service Board of not less than three (3) members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually.

Section 3. Three (3) Trustees shall be elected and serve for the duration established by this Association.

Section 4. Any officer or Board member who misses two consecutive quarterly meetings without being providentially hindered, will be replaced.

#### ARTICLE V - Authority

This Association shall have power to discipline the churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful but, in no case to reverse their decisions nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

#### ARTICLE VI - Meetings

Section 1. The Quarterly meetings of this Association will be held in consecutive order by churches and the Annual meeting will rotate between one of the churches in Phoenix and the First Church in Tucson, at which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates and report their standing and statistics at which time the Association shall act upon questions and topics as may be referred to by its respective churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution nor to the practices of the denomination.

Section 2. This Association shall meet quarterly as follows: the Saturday before the second Sunday in September, December, and March, and the Annual Meeting to be held the Saturday before the second Sunday in June of each year.

#### ARTICLE VII - Amendments

This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular conference, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the last conference.



## BY-LAWS

### CANDIDATES FOR LICENSE AND/OR ORDINATION

#### Section 1. - First Year License.

A. A person desiring to be licensed shall make his intentions known to the local pastor. The local pastor, in turn, will give to the candidate the Questionnaire prepared by the Examining Board of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists.

B. The local church will make recommendation to the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists (hereinafter referred to as State Association) to the effect that subject candidate to be examined by the State Association Examining Board, and they in turn to make appropriate recommendation to the body.

C. The candidate will appear before the Examining Board of the State Association with Bible and completed Questionnaire. The candidate will be questioned about his conversion and call to the ministry and other related matters deemed necessary by the Examining Board.

D. The Examining Board will make appropriate recommendation to the body of the State Association concerning first year licensing of the candidate.

E. If the Examining Board recommends approval, and the body agrees, the candidate will be issued his first year license duly signed.

#### Section 2. - Second Year License

A. Each first year licensee must appear before the Examining Board of the State Association for ratification of his credentials and examination at the completion of one year possession of said credentials. Otherwise, the credentials shall be turned back in to the State Association Examining Board. If the credentials are not turned back properly, and if first year licensee fails to appear before the Examining Board, his credentials shall automatically be revoked and declared null and void (unless candidate was providentially hindered and notified the Examining Board accordingly).

B. It is incumbent upon the local church to recommend to the State Association that candidate for second year license be examined by the Examining Board for proper action.

C. The candidate will be questioned by the Examining Board about such things as soul-winning results, individual Bible study, preaching opportunities and results, and any other matters which may seem pertinent.

D. The Examining Board shall make a list of suggested study books for the candidate. The candidate may obtain this list upon his first year examination if he so desires, and thus start his preparation early.

E. The Examining Board of the State Association will make appropriate recommendation to the body concerning second year licensing of subject candidate.

F. If the Examining Board recommends approval, and the body agrees, the candidate will have the second year validation duly entered on his credentials.

### Section 3. - Third Year License and/or Ordination

A. Items A. and B. under Section 2 will be followed in same manner for any possessor of two-year approved credentials.

B. The candidate will be interviewed by the Examining Board. It shall be ascertained whether candidate desires third year license or ordination. (A license may be approved for more than three years at which time the possessor of credentials should seriously reconsider his call to the ministry). The candidate will be given an oral or written examination with questions drawn from the books previously suggested and the Free Will Baptist Treatise. The candidate may be asked to prepare a sermon outline from a text selected by the Examining Board.

C. The Examining Board will make appropriate recommendation to the body of the State Association. If candidate is passed upon for ordination, he may be ordained during the Associational meeting or at his own local church.

D. This By-Law is to be used as a flexible guide and each case considered on its merit.

### OUT-OF-STATE LICENSED AND/OR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Section 4. The local church concerned will see to it that any newly acquired licensed or ordained minister from out of the state of Arizona appear before the State Association Examining Board for interview and ratification of his credentials.

### ALL MINISTERS

### Section 5. - Minister's Report Form

All ordained ministers, and licensed ministers who have conducted ten or more services, shall submit an Annual Minister's Report (copies of form available from State Clerk) yearly.

#### Section 6. - Minister's Card

All ordained ministers, and approved licensed ministers, will be issued a Minister's Card for the new associational year at the annual associational meeting upon receipt of Annual Minister's Report form.

#### Section 7. - Communication

Any minister, licensed or ordained, who fails to communicate with the State Association for a period of more than one year shall be contacted, if possible, and be asked to return his credentials unless justifiable reasons are given and accepted by the Examining Board.

### DEACONS

Section 8. - Individual churches should present candidates for deacons to the State Examining Board prior to ordination.

Section 9. - Each individual church will select a deacon, preferably the chairman of the Deacon Board if such be the case, to be the recipient of an Identification Card to be issued annually in conjunction with the Minister's Cards. Subject cards will identify the particular deacon as an official church representative for agencies which will ordinarily permit only pastors to visit and/or counsel; but only in the event the local pastor is not available.

### STATE TREASURER

Section 10. - The annual treasurer's report will be placed in the printed minutes each year.

Section 11. - The allocation of money through the Co-operative plan of support will be as follows: 20% State; 80% to National - 25% each to Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Bible College, 20% to CTS, and 5% to REAP.

Section 12. - The offering taken during the morning session of each conference will be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions, with exceptions allowable at the discretion of the association.

### STATE CLERK

Section 13. - The Clerk shall have the minutes of the three quarterly meetings and the annual meeting printed and

distribute same to all churches within the Association. The minutes to be distributed preferably at the quarterly meeting following the annual meeting.

Section 14. - The State Clerk will be paid \$15.00 per year for services rendered.

#### COMMITTEES

Section 15. - The State Executive Board will act as the Program Committee in advance of each meeting of the Association.

Section 16. - An Auditing Committee will be appointed at the March meeting to audit the Treasurer's books for the annual report.

Section 17. - An Obituary Committee will be appointed at the March meeting. Subject committee shall prepare an appropriate memorial service for the Annual Associational meeting.

#### DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Section 18. - An official delegate to the National Association will be elected annually by this body. The elected representative, whether pastor or layman, must meet the qualification of possessing a knowledge of this Association's position and feelings.

Section 19. - The State Executive Board will ascertain the amount they feel the Association should authorize for the delegate's expenses and make appropriate recommendation to the State Association Annual Meeting for consideration.

Section 20. - The elected official delegate to the National Association will submit an itemized statement of such expenses at the next associational meeting together with a report of the National Association.

#### PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 21. - The book, Essentials of Parliamentary Procedure, will be used as the guide in governing parliamentary procedure in our Conferences. Subject book is compatible with Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 22. - This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws not inconsistent with this constitution and by-laws which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

#### AMENDMENTS

Section 23. - These by-laws may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular conference, notice of such intended alteration or amendment having been given in writing and recorded at the last conference.

Section 24. - This Constitution and these By-laws are the official guide for all the work of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists henceforth until properly amended or revised.

## 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, 2:22, 7:38; Acts 1:16, 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. I John 5:7; Genesis 1 & 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, 3:14-19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 5:12-15; I Cor. 15:21, 22; Gal. 3:22; I John 1:12.
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. Matt. 18:2, 3; Luke 18:15, 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: First. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty renunciation of it. Second. Faith or the unpreserved committal of one's self to God through faith in Christ with a purpose to love and obey Him in all things. Luke 14:25-27, 24:45-47; John 3:16; Acts 10:43, 15:8, 9, 16:31; Rom. 5:1, 2, 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, 1:16, 17; Acts 18:27, 28, 20:28, 22:12, 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 or local Assembly. 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, 28:18-20; Acts 8:1, 13:1-3, 14:23; Rom. 16:1-5; I Cor. 11:12, 23-48, 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; Acts 2:41, 8:12, 35-38, 9:18, 10:47, 48, 16:33; I Cor. 11:23-26; I Tim. 5:9, 16.

11. Baptism. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism. Matt. 3:5, 6, 13-17; Mark 1:5-11; John 3:22, 23; Acts 8:36-38; Rom. 6:3, 4.

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

13. The Lord's Day. 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 a 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, 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, 24:12, 13, 48-51, 25:14-30; Mark 13:13; Luke 12:45, 46; John 15:1-6; Rom. 11:21; I Cor. 10:11, 12, 15:12; I Thes. 3:4, 5; Heb. 6:4-6, 10:24-30, 3:1-6; II Peter 1:9-11, 2:12-16, 2:20-22; Rev. 2:10, 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

damnation. John 5:28, 29; Acts 4:1, 2, 17:18, 23:6, 24:14, 16, 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, 12:14; Matt. 12:36, 37, 13:37-43, 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; John 5:28, 29; Acts 10:42, 17:30, 31; Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27, 28; Rev. 20:2-15, 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 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 Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the Salvation of the world. Any may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

September 13, 1969

The First Quarterly Conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Moderator Fry.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the program as a flexible guide.

The Moderator read the Rules of Order.

A cordial welcome was extended by the Host Pastor.

Responses were rendered by all churches represented.

Letters were read from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise; First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix; and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to the delegates by Rev. Hayes and Rev. Fry.

The minutes of the Annual meeting were read. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as read.

Rev. Fry gave the Youth Camp Report. There were 24 Staff Workers, 5 Pre-campers, and 113 Campers. The dates for the 1970 Camp are August 16 thru August 23.

The Committees were appointed.

Rev. Fry gave a report on the National Association. Four members from the General Board were selected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Normally, when we go to the National Association we must find a church to attend on Sunday night. However the CTS had arranged for church services to be held in the Headquarters Hotel. A huge room had been reserved and yet there were people standing all around. The message was brought by a young man, Johnathan Thigpen.

Bill Spears gave a report on the work of the Hillmont Engineers this year. The Engineers worked on improving the facilities, as well as assisting at the National Association in the setting up of booths, displays, etc. But, more important than this is the spiritual growth seen in the lives of the boys who were privileged to be a part of the Hillmont Engineers.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to receive these reports as information.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Clerk was instructed to have the break-down of the Co-Op giving in the next issue of the minutes. The Treasurer is to clarify the Co-Op giving portion of the report at the next Conference.

The Finance Committee gave the following report:  
Tentative budget for giving for this year.

|                  |          | Phoenix  | Tucson   |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| REAP             | \$100.00 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 40.00 |
| Foreign Missions | 3250.00  | 2400.00  | 850.00   |
| Home Missions    | 1000.00  | 700.00   | 300.00   |
| Bible College    | 750.00   | 500.00   | 250.00   |

A motion was made to receive the report as information. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### Resolutions Committee Report

1. That a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church for their hospitality and food.

2. Recommend that the Youth Camp Director ensure that a registrar is at camp grounds early enough to register first arrivals.

3. Recommend that the State Executive Board investigate the possibility of issuing identifying cards to Deacons who are selected by member churches to act in cases where the Pastor is not available. These cards are to identify the Deacons as official church representatives for agencies which will ordinarily permit only pastors to visit or counsel.

4. Recommend that camp fee be raised from \$12.00 to \$15.00 to meet the rising costs.

A motion was made to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Motions were duly made, seconded and passed to concur in recommendations 1, 2, and 4.

A motion was made to adopt resolution #3 and refer to the Executive Board for action. Motion was seconded and passed.

The CTS Board reported that Rev. Fry had been appointed as Camp Director and Rev. Tharp as Assistant Director for 1970.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.

#### Examining Board Report

We have examined Bro. Orbin Doss and Brother Forest Downs and recommend that their credentials be ratified and they be received in full fellowship in the Association.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report and concur in the recommendation.

The Tucson Sunday School Superintendent challenged the Superintendents of the other Sunday Schools to enter the competition in the National Fall Enlargement Campaign, but also issued a challenge to compete with the Tucson Sunday School in this campaign.

Verbal bouquets were given to the Camp Staff for the excellent job accomplished at camp this year.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

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December 13, 1969

The Second Quarterly Conference of The First Arizona Association was called to order by Rev. Fry.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the program as a flexible guide.

The Churches represented by letter were: First Free Will Baptist Church, Surprise; Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, First Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix; and First Free Will Baptist Church, Tucson.

A motion was made to receive the letters and seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rev. Otto and Rev. Fry extended the Right Hand of Fellowship to the delegates.

A Christian welcome was extended by the host pastor, Rev. Tharp.

Responses were given by Rev. Doss, Northside Church of Phoenix; Rev. Carlson, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church; Rev. Otto, First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise; and Rev. Fry, First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson.

The Committees were appointed.

The Moderator shared some of the National Moderator's remarks with us using Hebrews 11:23-27. Dr. Picrilli challenged the Executive Committee and Rev. Fry Challenged the Association. May we have clear-single vision far-sightedness.

The Youth Camp Director reminded the Association of the dates for Youth Camp - August 16 through August 22, 1970.

The minutes of the First Quarterly Conference were read. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as read.

Robert Dreher took the young people for a seminar.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the report as read.

#### Resolution Committee Report

1. That we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their warm hospitality and good food.

2. Resolve that we rescind a former resolution voted on and passed that only ministers be eligible to the National Association.

A motion was made to accept the report and act on it item by item. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept item #1 and concur in the recommendation.

A motion was made to delete the word "Pastor" and substitute "a member in good standing" in the resolution mentioned in item #2. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### The Examining Board Report

We recommend that Bro. Fairchild's good standing card be accepted by the Association thus annulling his fellowship with us. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept and concur in the recommendation.

#### Executive Committee Report

1. Bro. Carlson replace Bro. Fairchild on the Executive Board.

2. The Conference will pay one half of the Pastor's Insurance premium, not to exceed \$20.00.

3. That the Elder Deacon of each church have a card to allow him to take the place of the Pastor in visiting the prison, hospitals, etc.

A motion was made to receive the report and act on it item by item. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to concur in recommendation #1. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to adopt recommendation #2 and add to the minutes that the Association will pay one-half of the premium of the Pastors' insurance not to exceed \$20.00 per month. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to issue an identification card to a Deacon chosen by each church to represent the Pastor in his absence. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Finance Committee gave the following report.  
Given by the churches during the past quarter to Home Missions \$97.75, Foreign Missions 164.26, and to the Co-Op \$818.68.

A motion was made to accept the report as information. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

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March 7, 1970

The Third Quarterly Conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Moderator.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

The letters were read from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson; First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise;



the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, North Side Free Will Baptist Church and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Rev. Otto and Rev. Fry extended the Right Hand of Fellowship to the delegates.

Bro. Gage and Bro. Sam Wilkinson were recognized as visitors and a cordial welcome was extended to all by the host pastor.

Responses were rendered by all churches represented.

The minutes of the Second Quarterly Conference were read. A motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the minutes as read.

The Constitution and proposed By-Laws were distributed.

The Treasurer's report was read. Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the report as read.

The Committees were appointed.

The Camp Director gave his report requesting prayer for youth camp and encouraging us to volunteer as counsellors, teachers, and staff.

#### Resolutions Committee Report

1. That we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality.

2. That we go on record as a State Association opposing the use of tax money for the support of parochial or private schools under Senate Bill 45.

3. We as a State Association participate in the program known as Dollars From the Scholars for the support of our Free Will Baptist Bible College.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report and act on it item by item.



1. A motion was made, seconded and passed to concur in the resolution.

2. A motion was made and seconded to concur in the resolution. After much discussion, the motion was passed and the Clerk instructed to write a letter to the Legislative Committee.

3. A motion was made, seconded and after much discussion as to the name of the program; i.e., Dollars From the Scholars, Dollars For the Scholars, etc., was passed. (Clerk's note: The program is DOLLARS FROM THE SCHOLARS and is for the scholars from the various Sunday Schools to provide dollars for the Bible College Expansion program.)

A motion was made to accept the proposed Constitution and By-Laws. A motion was made to table until the annual meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

Those appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee were Rev. Carlson, Chairman, Rev. Walker Hayes, Bro. Brohard, and Sister Rogers.

The Obituary Committee appointed to act at the annual meeting was Sister Galyan, Chairman, Geraldine Hanniford and Connie Clayton.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

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June 13, 1970

The Annual Meeting of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Rev. Fry.

Rev. Walker Hayes chose Matthew 12 from which to take our devotional thought.

Messages of Greetings were read from the Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions and the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Quarterly letters and reports were read from all of the churches which make up the State Association. A motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the letters as corrected.

Rev. Wade Jernigan was recognized as a visitor and invited to sit in council with us.

A cordial welcome was extended by the host pastor with all of the churches represented responding.

The Annual reports and letters were read from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, North Side Free Will Baptist Church, and First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix. A motion was made to receive the letters, seat the delegates and refer the recommendations to the appropriate committee.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to the delegates by Rev. Fry and Rev. Otto.

The Resolutions Committee was appointed.

The minutes of the Third Quarterly Conference were read and approved as read.

The Quarterly Treasurer's report was given. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report as given.

The Annual Treasurer's report was read. A motion was made to table action until the afternoon session. The motion was seconded and passed.

The following report was given by the Audit Committee:

We have examined the books of the Treasurer and found them to be true and accurate.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report of the Auxit Committee.

The Youth Camp Director reported that camp applications are now available.

The Executive Board Report was given: 1. We, having examined the revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Arizona State Free Will Baptist Church Training Service (a duly organized auxiliary to the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists), do hereby recommend its ratification by this body. 2. We recommend that the expenses for the delegate, chosen by this body, to the National Association of Free Will Baptists convening in Fresno, California, July 13-16 be paid by our Treasurer, not to exceed the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report and act on it item by item.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to concur in recommendation #1.

A motion was made to concur in recommendation #2. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to remove the Treasurer's report from the table for action.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bro. Jernigan spoke on the California Christian College; it's teaching staff, curriculum, and its growth. He recommended it to our young people ready to enter college.

The Examining Board report was given. We the Examining Board having examined Bro. Boyer Davis, recommend that the local church take whatever further action they desire to activate him as a deacon.

We, the Examining Board, have examined the following Annual Minister's Reports and recommend they be granted a minister's card for the new Associational year:

Malcolm C. Fry, William Tharp, Walker L. Hayes, Orbin Doss, Robert Carlson, and Howard H. Otto.

Subsequently, motions were made, seconded and passed to concur in each of the recommendations.

The following report was given by the Resolutions Committee.

1. The Federal Communications Commission has granted "Public Accommodations Time" on the radio stations. We recommend that the Arizona Free Will Baptists investigate to see if we can get some spot announcements urging people to attend church.
2. We recommend that the Arizona Baptists consider having an adult camp and that it be discussed at a later time.
3. We recommend that every member of the Arizona Free Will Baptists get involved. When a politician, judge, school teacher, the news media, etc., makes a stand for God and Country, let them know you appreciate their stand; or conversely, if they take a stand against God and Country, also let them know your feelings.
4. We recommend that R. L. Dreher be elected as our delegate to the National Association.
5. We recommend that the offering received this morning be given to the California Christian College and that we receive another offering before dismissal.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report and act on it item by item.

1. A motion was made to concur in the recommendation. The motion was seconded. After some discussion a motion was made to amend to read "that the Executive Board pursue this investigation and take appropriate action." The amendment was seconded and passed. The motion as amended was then passed.

2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this item as information.

3. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept and concur in this recommendation.

4. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept and concur in this recommendation.

5. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept and concur in this recommendation.

A motion was made that the Executive Board examine the status of widows of ministers and deacons who are members of our Association; i.e., whether or not they continue to be standing delegates in the Association.

A slate of officers was given by the Nominating Committee. A motion was made that this slate be placed in nomination. The motion was seconded and carried. There were no nominations for any office from the floor. A motion was made that the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality, food, and fellowship. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made that we give \$100.00 from our State Treasury to Bro. Jernigan for the California Christian College. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

# TREASURER'S REPORT

June 1, 1960 - May 31, 1970

Balance on Hand June 1, 1969 \$1,445.69

## Receipts:

Delegates Fees \$200.00

### Co-Op.

|                    |               |         |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1st Church-Phoenix | \$ 23.00      |         |
| 1st Church-Tucson  | 2178.79       |         |
| Northside          | 741.95        |         |
| Surprise           | <u>121.50</u> | 3065.25 |

### Foreign Missions

|                       |              |        |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------|
| 1st Church-Phoenix    | \$ 27.50     |        |
| Northside             | 185.45       |        |
| Surprise              | 110.00       |        |
| Youth Camp            | 37.75        |        |
| State Assoc. Offering | <u>55.51</u> | 416.21 |

### Home Missions

|                       |               |        |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------|
| State Assoc. Offering | 55.52         |        |
| Northside             | <u>112.00</u> | 167.52 |

### Dollars From Scholars

|                    |  |       |
|--------------------|--|-------|
| 1st Church-Phoenix |  | 10.00 |
|--------------------|--|-------|

### Pastor Insurance

|                    |  |       |
|--------------------|--|-------|
| 1st Church-Phoenix |  | 34.80 |
|--------------------|--|-------|

### Youth Camp Registration

1332.00

### College Expansion

|           |               |               |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Trinity   | 23.31         |               |
| Northside | <u>116.00</u> | <u>139.31</u> |

### Total Received

\$5,365.08  
\$6,810.77

## TREASURER'S REPORT (Cont.)

### Disbursements:

|                                |              |                   |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Co-Operative Giving            | \$2,352.54   |                   |
| College Expansion Program      | 116.00       |                   |
| 1st Church-Tucson Phone, Misc. | 32.26        |                   |
| Printing of Minutes            | 71.24        |                   |
| Pastors Insurance              | 955.45       |                   |
| National Dues & Expenses       | 333.48       |                   |
| Executive Committee            |              |                   |
| Travel and Meals               | 58.42        |                   |
| Youth Camp Expenses            | 1,421.33     |                   |
| Foreign Missions               |              |                   |
| Dave Franks                    | \$37.75      |                   |
| Don Robirds                    | 213.65       |                   |
| Bro. Gage                      | 38.50        |                   |
| Sam Wilkinson                  | 38.50        |                   |
| General A/C                    | 55.51        |                   |
| Dollars From                   |              |                   |
| Scholars                       | 10.00        |                   |
| Call-a-thon                    | <u>32.30</u> | 426.21            |
| Home Missions - General A/C    | 167.52       |                   |
| Returned Check - Camp Regis.   | <u>12.00</u> |                   |
| Total Disbursements            |              | <u>\$5,946.45</u> |
| Balance on Hand May 31, 1970   |              | \$ 864.32         |