

1970-71 MINUTES

*FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS*

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

to convene with

*FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Tucson, Arizona*

June 11, 1972

FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Phoenix, Arizona

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Phoenix, Arizona

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Clerk: Lorene Devore
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Phoenix, Arizona

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Pastor: Rev. Robert Carlson
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Surprise, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist Church
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Tucson, Arizona

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OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator.....Rev. William Tharpe

Assistant Moderator.....B. A. Jenkins

Clerk.....Lou Ella Spears

Assistant Clerk.....Joyce Hayes

Treasurer.....Johnny Jenkins

Assistant Treasurer.....Rev. Walker Hayes

Parliamentarian.....Rev. Howard Otto

Pianist.....Lorene Devore

Song Director.....Paul Norman

Executive Board:

- 1. Rev. William Tharpe
- 2. B. A. Jenkins
- 3. Charles W. Spears
- 4. Rev. Howard Otto
- 5. Rev. Orlin Doss

Examining Board:

- 1. B. A. Jenkins
- 2. Rev. Howard Otto
- 3. Rev. John A. Edwards
- 4. Rev. Orbin Doss
- 5. Rev. William Tharpe

Trustees:

- Charles W. Spears
- B. A. Jenkins
- H. P. Barnes

CTS Board:

- 1. Rev. Howard Otto
- 2. Robert L. Dreher
- 3. Rev. William Tharpe

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
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council
6. Appointment of Committees
7. Moderator's Remarks
8. Introductory Sermon
9. Unfinished business
10. Reports of Committees
11. New business
12. Concluding Sermon

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.

Section 4. Any widow, who herself is a member in good standing of a church within our association, and whose husband was an ordained minister or deacon in good standing with our association, will remain as a standing delegate for the duration of such abiding circumstances.

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

ARTICLE I. 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 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.

ARTICLE II. Out-of-State Licensed and/or Ordained Ministers

Section 1. 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.

ARTICLE III. All Ministers

Section 1. 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 2. 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 3. 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.

ARTICLE IV. Deacons

Section 1. Individual churches should present candidates for deacons to the State Examining Board prior to ordination.

Section 2. 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.

ARTICLE V. State Treasurer

Section 1. The annual treasurer's report will be placed in the printed minutes each year.

Section 2. The allocation of money through the Co-operative plan of support will be as follows: 20% State; 80% to National - 25% each to Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Bible College, and California Christian College.

Section 3. 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.

ARTICLE VI. State Clerk

Section 1. 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 2. The State Clerk will be paid \$15.00 per year for services rendered.

ARTICLE VII. Committees

Section 1. The State Executive Board will act as the Program Committee in advance of each meeting of the Association.

Section 2. The Auditing Committee will be appointed at the March meeting to audit the Treasurer's books for the annual report.

Section 3. An Obituary Committee will be appointed at the March meeting. Subject committee shall prepare an appropriate memorial service for the Annual Associational meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. Delegate to National Association

Section 1. 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 2. 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 3. 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.

ARTICLE IX. Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. 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 2. 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.

ARTICLE X. Amendments

Section 1. 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 2. This Constitution and these By-Laws are the official guide for all the work of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptist 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, 8:35, 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, 3:4-19; 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 18:16,17.
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: First. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty renunciation of it. Second. Faith or the unreserved 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 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; Romans 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; Romans 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 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 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 denomiain 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.

September 12, 1970

FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Bro. Bud Jenkins gave us our devotional thought for today and led our minds in prayer.

Moderator, Rev. M.C. Fry, called our Conference to order.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

The standing delegates were recognized.

A motion was made that we adopt the program as a flexible guide. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

A motion was made to receive the letters, seat the delegates, and refer items to appropriate committees. The motion was seconded and passed.

A challenge was given to the delegates by the Moderator.

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

The visitors were recognized and welcomed.

A welcome was extended by host pastor, Rev. Carlson. Each church represented at the conference gave a response.

The Resolutions Committee was appointed.

The minutes of the Annual Session were read. A motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the minutes as read.

Bro. Bob Dreher gave the following report of the National Association.

ARIZONA DELEGATE REPORT

This report is a summary of the 34th annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists conducted at Fresno, California, July 13th thru 16th, 1970.

The convention theme was "Thy word is truth" from John 17:17. This theme was supported by the following four messages during the convention:

SPEAKER	POSITION	TOPIC
Henry Litteral	Pastor of Columbus North Free Will Baptist Church (Ohio)	The Provision of Truth
Dr. J.D. O'Donnell	President, Oklahoma Bible College; Assistant Moderator of National Association	The Power of Truth
Archie Mayhew	Missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa	The Proclamation of Truth
J. E. Blanton	Pastor of a new church in Atlanta, Georgia	The Pathway of Truth

The Women's Auxiliary program provided additional inspiration through a message entitled "Our Vocation-the Work of the Ministry" by Dan Merkh, missionary to France and through a fellowship dinner with Vonette Bright as the featured speaker supporting the theme "Communicating the Word".

The youth were very much a part of the convention. The youth were featured in the pre-convention Sunday evening service with Evangelist Rev. Ken Riggs bringing the message. Missionary to Brazil, Sam Wilkinson brought an excellent challenge with the theme "Over the Border for Christ" at the annual Youth Banquet. At the conclusion of the quiz competitions Rev. Eugene Waddell, in preparation for the youth "Project Life" outreach, delivered a motivating

message. The competition was very keen and close. Several of the top awards were taken by youth from churches in Oklahoma.

As one should expect, there were challenging programs provided for the Laymen. The Masters Men department secured Mal King, a Christian District Attorney as the featured speaker for a laymen's luncheon. Following the luncheon at the California Christian College, four layman workshops were conducted. A Sunday School Seminar was provided for pastors and laymen. The Seminar was conducted by Elmer Towns who is a Baptist preacher, seminary teacher, author, and recognized authority on Sunday Schools. We considered the 10 largest Sunday Schools in the Nation, their programs and what made them large. These Sunday Schools are large primarily because they present the gospel and have a strong emphasis on soul winning. Most of the new converts are won to Christ by the church members between Sundays. Everyone of the ten largest Sunday Schools have organized visitation and follow-up programs.

Perhaps when you think of a National Association Convention, you think of many business meetings. Business meetings are essential to check our progress and the course and means of obtaining our goals in the years to come. In addition to the many separate board and committee meetings, over eleven hours were spent in three general business sessions at which I was a voting delegate.

The July issue of CONTACT in a feature article entitled "Convention Preview", contained the following statement, "Some philosophical overtones about world evangelism today are expected to permeate the convention mood". Many of you may have read in the convention issue of CONTACT that the General Board withdrew their invitation to W.S. (Stan) Mooneyham to speak at the convention. There was much opposition against Mooneyham due to his affiliation with those who are identified with the new or neo-evangelicalism. Apparently there was much pressure applied to our pastors against Mooneyham by men outside of our denomination. I mention this fact in my report because about 75 percent of the time spent in the general business sessions was related to this issue. The 'Mooneyham issue' was serious in that it was a potentially divisive issue. In the opening session before the delegates were seated,

the motion to seat the delegates was amended to prevent the seating of the North Carolina delegates. After some debate, a supplementary motion was made to seat the North Carolina delegates now, but not in 1971. After considerable additional debate, an amended motion was made to send a committee to work with the North Carolina State Association. After more debate all delegates were seated. A motion was made that W.S. Mooneyham be keynote speaker at the 1971 convention. After considerable debate, this motion was tabled.

In the second business session, department reports were received. An attempt was made to involve our Bible College at Nashville in a racial issue. A motion was made that the National Association go on record allowing open admission to negroes. Bible College President Johnson stated no negroes had applied for admission and although there were set spiritual and academic standards that everyone must meet, negroes were not specifically excluded. This motion was tabled. The general board report was heavily debated. Since the general board is responsible for selecting speakers, they included their reasons for the selection and withdrawal of the invitation to Mooneyham. The general board report also specifically rebuked certain individuals (John Rice, Jack Hyles, and Bob Jones, Jr.) for their actions concerning Mooneyham. The following three motions were made before the General Board report was received:

a. Motion to express Christian love to the men mentioned in General Board report.

b. Motion not to condemn Free Will Baptists associated with Bob Jones University. Voted down.

c. Motion to delete the General Board report from the National Association Convention minutes. Voted down.

In the third business session, the association by-laws dealing with the election of General Board members and officers were amended to require the nominating committee to submit names of at least two persons in nomination for each position. A motion was made to prevent any person from speaking or presiding at the National Convention.

more than once until every person had a chance to do so.
This motion was defeated.

The motion that Stan Mooneyham be keynote speaker at the 1971 convention was removed from the table. In an attempt to preserve unity and promote harmony, the man who made the original motion that Mooneyham be keynote speaker moved to withdraw his motion. Not enough votes were received to withdraw the motion. Stan Mooneyham addressed the convention and gave his statement of faith but did not withdraw his name for consideration. After considerable debate, the motion that Mooneyham be keynote speaker was again tabled.

By God's power and men yielding to the Holy Spirit, unity of the denomination was preserved.

The convention site selected for 1973 was Macon, Georgia. The 1971 convention will be in Nashville, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Dreher

Afternoon Session:

II Timothy 3:14-17 was used as our devotional thought.

The Treasurers Report was given. Motion was made to receive the report as given. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Examining Board reported: "We the Examining Board having examined Bro. Ken Eilts have agreed to recommend him for License of one year, with the stipulation that he study Books and Literature that will be recommended through and from the Examining Board."

Jerry Barron, Missionary to Mexico was introduced and gave a short talk on the work he will be doing in Mexico.

The Youth Camp Director gave his report. Our Campers this year received the award as the Year's best campers. We are pleased with the Christian Spirit that prevailed in the camp. We are looking into camp sites for next year.

The CTS Board gave the following report: The CTS Board met and elected Malcolm Fry as our Youth Camp Director for another year. A motion was made that we receive the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Resolutions Committee gave the following report:

- I. Standing vote of thanks to Trinity as Host Church for good meal.
- II. Unite in prayer that the Lord would send full time pastors to the first church of Phoenix and Trinity. We thank God for the way He has supplied and met needs in the past.
- III. Take a stand against pornography distribution by writing letters to editor of newspapers and Judges to make our voices heard.
- IV. Encourage every eligible member to vote in forthcoming

state and local elections.

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

Subsequently, motions were made to concur in each item recommended. The motions were seconded and passed.

New Business

The Tucson Free Will Baptist Church Sunday School Sup't. challenged the other Superintendents to an attendance contest for a Fall campaign. The base on which to figure the increase would be the average submitted in the letters. The contest would run through the 4 weeks in October.

The Moderator gave his remarks at the close of the session. He expressed concern for the Church at large. Society thinks of the church as just another big enterprise or big business. Some have said you can't find God in the Church any more. He challenged us to continue to hold up the banner of Christ and expressed concern that our Churches remain true to the cause for which they were founded.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears

December 12, 1970

SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

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

Rev. W.A. Finney brought our devotional thought from Psalm 15:1-3 and led our minds in Prayer.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Letters from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson, 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.

Motion was made to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Bro. Jernigan and the girls from California Christian College were recognized as visitors and a welcome was extended to them and to the Conference by Rev. Doss, Host Pastor.

Responses were rendered by each church represented.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed that we adopt the program as a flexible guide.

The Resolutions committee was appointed.

The Moderator chose Hebrews 5:11 from which to take his remarks. Can we afford to be slipshod in our Christian Service? Will any type of service do? Let's raise our teaching and preaching standards. Why is there a communication gap? The world is money plagued, sales resistant, and accustomed to top notch performance. I feel we need to raise our standards and give a top notch performance. With study and prayer, if we are yielded and prepared, we can bridge the communication gap. Begin where they are. Plan your work and work your plan.

The minutes of the last conference were read. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as read.

The Executive Board report was given. It is recommended that:

1. Today's offering be designated for California Christian College.
2. Recommend that the following position relative to the status of widows be accepted and included in our Constitution as Section 4, Article III.

"Any widow, who herself is a member in good standing of a church within our association, and who's husband was an ordained minister or deacon in good standing with our association, will remain as a standing delegate for the duration of such abiding circumstances."

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

Motion was made to concur in recommendation #1.

Motion was made to table the proposed Constitutional change. Motion was seconded and passed.

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

The report of the Examining Board was read.

1. We recommend that the credentials of Rev. Onis Deskins be ratified and that he be issued a minister's card in good standing, and accepted into this Association contingent upon his uniting with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix.
2. We recommend that Kenneth Jack Burns, fill out an application and return it to this Board, and that he be granted a license for the period of one year, to preach the Gospel.

Motioned, Seconded, and Passed to accept and act item by item. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to concur in Recommendation #1 and #2, respectively.

Resolution Committee Report was given.

1. Standing vote of thanks for the host church.

2. We recommend that the Church Clerk write letters to the secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force not to allow 3.2 Beer in the Barricks, snack bars, and in Mess Halls. All church members should write an individual letter to this effect.
3. We recommend that a change in the Cooperative Plan of the Constitution, page 8, Section II in a breakdown in 80%.
4. That the host church furnish a nursery for five (5) and under children.

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

Motioned, seconded, and passed to concur in #1.

Motioned, seconded, and passed to concur in #2.

Motioned, seconded, and passed to table By-Laws change.

Motioned, seconded, and passed to concur in #4.

Report of CTS Board:

We recommend the following:

1. That we change the location of our Youth Camp to the Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp.
2. That we pay \$20.00 per person.
3. That we hold the number attending to 120, which will give 100 pupils and 20 staff members.

Motion to accept the report and act on it item by item. Subsequently, motion was made, seconded, and passed to concur in each recommendation.

Motion to give \$100 to California Christian College. Motion was seconded and passed.

Bro. Jernigan asked for special prayer for pastors for some of the churches in California.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears

THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

March 13, 1971

Our Devotional thought was taken from Psalm 85, after which we went to the Lord in prayer.

A letter was read from Bro. Homer Willis, General Director of the Home Mission Board.

The Moderator called the Third Quarterly Conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists into session.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

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

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the letters, seat the delegates and refer the recommendations to appropriate committee.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to the delegates by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Visiting Brethren Tom Willey and Wesley Calvery were recognized and invited to fellowship with us.

Welcome was extended by the host pastor, Rev. Fry.

Responses were rendered by all churches represented.

Bro. Jack Burns sent regrets that he could not attend the session.

Committees were appointed.

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

A motion was made that we adopt the program as a flexible guide. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

A motion was made to remove from the table the motion concerning the Constitution change. The motion was seconded and passed. After discussion, it was voted to change the Constitution by adding Section 4 to Article III, "Any widow, who herself is a member in good standing of a church in our Association, and whose husband was an ordained minister or deacon in good standing with our Association will remain as a standing delegate for the duration of such abiding circumstances."

A motion was made to remove from the table for action the motion to revise our By-Laws. The motion was seconded and passed. After some discussion, it was voted to revise Section II of our By-Laws to read: "The allocation of money through the Cooperative Plan of support will be as follows: 20% State; 80% to National - 25% each to Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Bible College, and California Christian College."

Report of the Examining Board was as follows: We have found the credentials of Harmon Herndon to be in order and we recommend he be received into the Association in full fellowship.

The following report was given by the Resolutions Committee. Every Association meeting is an opportunity for Satan to come in and divide. Humility is the ground work of faith. We must remember that we are to be submissive for God's glory and not our own.

1. Resolve that Article IV, Section 2, page 5, line 3, after "five members" add "who are ordained ministers and is".
2. Resolve that the list of nominees for the Examining Board include at least two ministers who are not on the Executive Board.
3. Resolve that each teacher and officer prayerfully consider attending the LASSO Convention.
4. Recommend that the State Association consider affiliation with NAE.
5. Resolve that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church.
6. Resolve to continue in prayerful support of our missionaries.

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

Item No. 1. Motion was made to table the proposed change to the Constitution. The motion was seconded and passed.

Item No. 2. A motion was made to adopt the resolution and amend to read: "that the list of nominees for the Examining Board include at least two men who are not on the Executive Board." The motion was seconded and passed. The resolution was then passed as amended.

Item No. 3. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to concur in the resolution.

Item No. 4. A motion was made that the Executive Board investigate the possibility of our becoming affiliated with NAE. The motion was seconded and passed.

Item No. 5. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to concur in the resolution.

Item No. 6. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to concur in the resolution.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

June 12, 1971

Rev. Doss read Psalm 85 as our devotional thought and led our minds in prayer.

Moderator, Rev. Fry called the Annual Session of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists into session.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

The Quarterly letters were read from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Northside Free Will Baptist Church, First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise, and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson.

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

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

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

Visitors were welcomed and invited to fellowship with us.

A welcome was extended to the delegates and visitors by the host pastor, Rev. Otto. Responses were rendered by all churches represented.

Bro. Jess Dunn, missionary to Boise, Idaho, read a letter from Bro. Roy Thomas sending regrets that he could not be with us, but giving us news of our Home Missions work and the new missionaries appointed to the work.

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

Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the report.

The Obituary Committee presented a fitting tribute in memory of those of our members who have gone on to be with the Lord. John 14: 1-4 was read and a trio sang "When I've Gone the Last Mile of The Way".

R.L. Dreher gave a report on the Youth Camp. Youth Camp will be a Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp in August this year. We need workers, teachers, and counsellors.

CTS Board reported that R.L. Dreher has been appointed as Camp Director to replace Rev. M.C. Fry.

A motion was made to bring from the table the proposed Constitutional Change. The motion was seconded. The vote was a tie, therefore the Moderator ruled not to bring from the table.

Examining Board Report:

We the Examining Board, having examined the Ministers Annual Reports and their cards, recommend that the new Minister's card be issued to the following:

Rev. Harman Herndon

Rev. William L. Tharp

Rev. Walker L. Hayes

Rev. Malcolm C. Fry

Rev. Orbin Doss

Rev. Howard Otto

A motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the report and issue the cards.

Resolutions Committee Report:

1. We resolve to change State Treasurers Report to read as follows: Section 11- the allocation of money through the Cooperative plan of support will be as follows: 20% State;

80% to National to be distributed as follows: 20% Each to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Bible College, and CTS; 15% Executive Office and 5% REAP.

2. We resolve to place offering of today in Bro. Dunn's account for use of starting new mission in Boise, Idaho.

3. We, the Resolution Committee want to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the host church for the wonderful hospitality under adverse conditions.

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

Motion was made, seconded and passed to table Resolution No. 1 as it involves a change to the By-Laws.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to concur in Resolution #2 and also in Resolution #3.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, MEETING AT CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA, MAY 17, 1971

TO: First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists meeting with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise, June 12, 1971

1. Your Executive Board, acting as a Nominating Committee for the Association, places the following names in nominations for the various positions and length of terms designated.

a. CTS Board:

3 year term- Rev. William Tharp

2 year term- Mr. Robert L. Dreher (to replace Rev. Orbin Doss, contingent upon acceptance of Rev. Doss' resignation)

b. Examining Board:

3 year term- Rev. Harman Herndon replacing Rev. Robert Carlson who has left the state.

4 year term- Rev. Orbin Doss replacing Rev. Malcolm C. Fry who is leaving the state.

5 year term- Rev. William Tharp (Bro. Tharp's term expired this year and is simply replacing himself)

c. Executive Board:

3 year term- Mr. Charles W. Spears Sr. to replace
Rev. Malcolm C. Fry.

5 year term- Rev. Orbin Doss

2. Your Executive Board, acting as a Nominating Committee, places the following names in nominations for general offices as cited:

Moderator 1	Rev. William Tharp
Assistant Moderator	Mr. B.A. Jenkins
Clerk	(Mrs.) Lou Ella Spears
Assistant Clerk 1	(Mrs.) Joyce Hayes
Treasurer	(Mrs.) Johnny Jenkins
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. Walker Hayes
Parliamentarian	Rev. Howard Otto
Pianist	(Mrs.) Lorene Devore
Song Director	Paul Norman

3. Your Executive Board, acting as a Nominating Committee, places the following name in nomination as General Board Member to the National Association of Free Will Baptists from the state of Arizona for the two year term: B.A. Jenkins

4. Your Executive Board, acting as a Nominating Committee, places the following name in nomination as delegate to the National Association meeting in Nashville, Tennessee July 11-15, 1971: Mr. B.A. Jenkins. We further recommend that the expenses for the delegate be paid by our Treasurer, not to exceed the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400.00). Reference: Section 18, 19, 20 of By-Laws (page 9 of last year's minutes.)

A motion was made to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and place the names in nomination. Motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Joyce Hayes was nominated for office of Assistant Clerk as Mrs. Lorene Devore declined the nomination. There were no further nominations. A motion was made that nominations cease and we elect the slate of officers by acclamation. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we elect B.A. Jenkins for the two year term as General Board Member to the National Association of Free Will Baptists from the State of Arizona by

acclamation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that we elect B.A. Jenkins as our delegate to the National Association meeting in Nashville and concur in recommendation No.4 of the Executive Board's report.

Bro. Fry read his letter of resignation from all offices or positions which he holds in the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists as he is leaving the state of Arizona.

Motion was made to give Bro. Fry a standing vote of thanks in recognition of the contribution he has made to our State Association.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Rev. Orbin Doss submitted his resignation from the CTS Board. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept his resignation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears

Auditor's Statement

I have examined the books of the State Treasurer of this Association for the period June 1, thru May 31, 1971.

In my opinion, these books present fairly the financial position of the Arizona State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Walker L. Hayes

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

The Treasurers Report was given.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 1, 1970 thru May 31, 1971

First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptist

Balance on hand 6/1/70

Delegate's fee

Youth Camp Registration

	North Side	Trinity 1st Phx.	Surprise Qtr. Conf.	Tucson	
Co-op	1186.51	90.50	105.00	153.55	1799.28
Fgn. Miss.	633.24	261.16	110.00	156.70	1161.10
		120.00 (Carlson)			120.00
Home Miss.	182.52	20.00 (Carlson)		46.83	249.35
Pastor Ins.	302.76				532.20
Scholars		16.00	35.00		51.00
B.C. Expl.	29.00				29.00
Yth. Camp		55.00			55.00
C.C.C.		103.00		47.30	150.30
Total	2334.03	525.66 (140.00)	105.00	298.55	250.83
				2331.48	\$7790.55

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Direct Giving	144.38	80.00	100.00	2114.35 (2438.73)
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DISBURSEMENTS

State Clerk	15.00
Calif. Christian College	474.78
Pastors Insurance (Time & Assoc. of Ariz.)	953.75
Nat'l Dues & Delegate Expense	192.50
Exec. Board Travel & Meals	61.74
Co-operative Plan of Support	2733.43
Home Missions	218.12
Foreign Missions	1301.60
Tucson Church (phone-mileage-etc.)	40.61
Corporation Commission	30.00
Postage	6.00
Creative Printers	116.76
Youth Camp	1331.04
Total Disbursements	7475.33

Total available cash	\$8654.87
Total Disbursements	7475.33
	1179.54
Bank Error	10.00
On Hand 6/1/71	\$1189.54