

March 11, 1972

THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE of the Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists

Bro. Brown chose Acts 18:6-11 from which to take our devoitonal thought for today. He then led our minds in prayer.

Conference was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Tharpe.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Letters were read from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise, First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson, Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, and First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates, referring recommendations to the appropriate committees.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

The Moderator extended a welcome to our missionaries, Bro. Palmer and Bro. Pinkerton who are visiting with us.

Resolutions Committee was appointed.

Sister Rogers, Sister Deovre and Sister Spears were appointed on the Obituary Committee to report at the annual meeting.

The minutes of the last conference were read. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve as read.

The host pastor, Rev. Carlson extended a welcome to every one attending. Each church represented gave a response.

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

Bro. Otto and Bro. Brown were appointed on the Auditing Committee.

The Report of the State Mission Board was given as follows:

Bro. Edwards was elected as the Chairman.

Mission Board to discuss at its meeting in Toltec the allocation of our cooperative giving to include the state work, and

That the churches receive offerings for the state work of missions.

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

The Resolution Committee report was given.

1. Recommend that 50% of money designated for home missions out of the coop giving be designated for Arizona home missions.
2. Recommend that offering received today be divided equally between Jerry Pinkerton and Lonnie Palmer accounts.
3. Recommend that all teachers consider attending Larger Arizona Sunday School Organization (LASSO) Convention to be held at Grand Canyon College March 17-18.
4. Recommend that each church in our State Association take a monthly offering for the Arizona Home Missions.

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5. Recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that we accept the report and act on it item by item.

Subsequently motions were made, seconded and carried to concur in each recommendation.

Examining Board Report

We have examined Joseph L. Stone for ordination as a Deacon and have found him sound in the doctrine and concerned about the Church program. We, therefore, recommend him for ordination. Whereas he uses tobacco, but he has promised to stop.

Having examined the ordination papers of Onis Deskins and have found them in order, we therefore recommend he be given full fellowship in the association.

The Board voted not to pass on any one for ordination who uses tobacco; and therefore recommend this be printed in the annual minutes.

Jimmy C. Reid was examined for ordination as a deacon but was not passed on because he uses tobacco and will not agree to stop.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report and act on it item by item.

After much discussion, motions were subsequently made, seconded and carried to concur in each recommendation.

Bro. Brown made a motion that no one who uses tobacco be allowed a vote in the Association. Bro. Spears seconded the motion. A motion was made, seconded and carried to table this motion.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

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June 10, 1972

ANNUAL SESSION OF FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENED
IN TUCSON, ARIZONA

Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Tharpe.

Bro. Spears chose II Timothy 3 from which to take our devotional thought. After reading the scripture, he led our minds in prayer.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

The quarterly letters were read from each church belonging to the Association. The annual letters were read from the churches. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive the letters, seat the delegates and refer the items to the appropriate committees or boards.

The right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator to the delegates.

Bro. Jernigan, Bro. Darwin Kelton, Bro. Tom Hampton, Bro. Kilmer, Brenda Floars, and Cathy Fowler were introduced as visitors and a welcome was extended to them.

Rev. John Edwards, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson extended a welcome to the Association. Responses were rendered by each church represented.

Robert Dreher, Sister Lee, Bro. Scott, Martha Beardon, and Marshall Siegfried were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

The minutes of the last conference were read. A motion was made to receive the report as read. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report as read.

A telegram of greetings from Nashville was read. Also other correspondence sent to the Association was read as information.

The Camp Director gave his report. The cost for each person to go to camp is \$30.00. We are still in need of counsellors and teachers. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report as information.

Examining Board Report: We, the Examining Board, after examining Ronald L. McMillin and after finding him sound in doctrine and faith in the Lord Jesus, and with an eagerness to study and promote the Word of God, request the body to issue him a license to preach. A motion was made, seconded and carried to concur in the recommendation of the Examining Board.

Executive Board Report: The Executive Board, after considering the letter from Trinity concerning examining deacons in regards to the use of tobacco, would like to make the following observations:

1. The Executive Board cannot overrule the Association which has already ruled on the subject.
2. It is not within the power of the Executive to overrule the Examining Board, and more especially so after the Association has voted and in this case, the Association has voted.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report as given.

The Auditors Statement was read as follows: I have examined the books of the State Association for the period of June 1, 1971 thru May 31, 1972. In my opinion, these books present fairly the financial position of the Arizona State Association of Free Will Baptist.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Howard Otto

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

The Obituary committee presented a fitting memorial service in memory of Rev. W. A. Finney, Sister Maude Hayes, and Sister Vola Witt who have gone on to be with the Lord. Bro. Darwin Kelton sang Happy Journey, I'm on My Way, after which scripture was read and we observed a few moments of silent prayer in their honor.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given:

1. That we give all offerings received today to the California Christian College.
2. Encourage the Executive Board to select and schedule speakers at least 3 months in advance of each meeting.
3. Recommend that each church pray for youth camp and encourage their youth to attend.
4. Give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

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

Subsequently, motions were made, seconded and carried to concur in each recommendation.

Reports were read from the Bible College, Church Training Service, Foreign Missions and Home Missions Departments. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the reports as information.

The Executive Board acting as the Nominating Committee presented the following names in nomination: Moderator, Rev. John Edwards; Assistant Moderator, Rev. William Tharpe; Clerk, Lou Ella Spears; Assistant Clerk, Joyce Hayes; Treasurer, Johnny Jenkins; Assistant Treasurer, Clarence Devore; Parliamentarian, Orbin Doss; Executive Board - 5 year term, Rev. William Tharpe; Examining Board - 5 year man, B. A. Jenkins; C.T.S. Board, Rev. Edwards.

Nominations from the floor were: Pianist, Lorene Devore; Song Leader, Paul Norman. A motion was made, seconded and carried that these nominees be elected by acclamation.

The Executive Board makes the following recommendation for the allocation of our income. Arizona State Program 25%; State Mission Board 15%; Foreign Missions 15%; National Home Missions 15%; National College 15%; and California Christian College 15%. A motion was made to receive the report and concur in the recommendation.

Josephine Carmichael was elected to be our delegate to the National Association.

The following ministers reports were received. John Edwards, Robert Carlson, Orbin Doss, Walker Hayes, William Tharpe, Howard Otto. A motion was made that these ministers be given a minister's card. Motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk