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of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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to convene with

NORTHSIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Phoenix, Arizona

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CHURCHES BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

Phoenix, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist
2501 Vista
Phoenix, Arizona 85041

Pastor: Rev. C. A. Newman
2924 W. Cavalier
Phoenix, Arizona

Clerk: Bonnie J. Grolbert
2930 W. San Miguel
Phoenix, Arizona

Northside Free Will Baptist Church
3009 E. Virginia
Phoenix, Arizona

Pastor: Rev. Wilburn Clark
3009 E. Virginia
Phoenix, Arizona

Clerk: Lorene Devore
3308 E. Virginia
Phoenix, Arizona

Surprise, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist
15875 Market Street
P. O. Box 1361
Surprise, Arizona 85345

Pastor: Rev. William Tharp
6933 W. Karen Lee Lane
Peoria, Arizona 85345

Clerk: Parthenia Rogers
16015 Market Street
Surprise, Arizona 85345

Globe, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist
P. O. Box 1742
Globe, Arizona 85501

Pastor: Rev. Bennie Burrow
P. O. Box 1742
Globe, Arizona 85501

Clerk: Peggy Hayes
General Delivery
Globe, Arizona 85501

Kirkland, Arizona

Wilhoit Community Church
Wilhoit Star Route
Kirkland, Arizona 86332

Pastor: Rev. Arvel E. Woolery

Clerk: Grace Gilbertson

Tucson, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist
2565 E. 18th Street
P. O. Box 27246
Tucson, Arizona 85726

Pastor: Rev. Gene Rogers
2917 E. Devon
Tucson, Arizona 85716

Clerk: Lou Ella Spears
P. O. Box 26786
Tucson, Arizona 85726

Blythe, California

First Free Will
P. O. Box 673
Blythe, California 92225

Pastor: Rev. Harmon Herndon
321 Alice Lane
P. O. Box 993
Blythe, California

Clerk: Nona Herndon
P. O. Box 993
Blythe, California

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator.....Rev. Gene Rogers
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Bill Tharp
Clerk.....Lou Ella Spears
Assistant Clerk.....Wanda Rogers
Treasurer.....Johnnie Jenkins
Assistant Treasurer.....Clarence Devore
Parliamentarian.....Wilburn Clark
Pianist.....Lorene Devore
Song Director.....Johnnie Jenkins

Executive Board:

1. Rev. William Tharp
2. B. A. Jenkins
3. Charles Spears
4. Howard Otto
5. R. L. Dreher

Examining Board:

1. B. A. Jenkins
2. Howard Otto
3. Gene Rogers
4. Clarence Newman
5. C. W. Spears

Mission Board:

1. Nolen Atchley
2. Walter Brouhard
3. Glenn Hayes
4. Harmon Herndon
5. Wilburn Clark

CTS Board:

1. Bill Tharp
2. Glenn Guild
3. R. L. Dreher

Trustees:

1. Bill Tharp
2. H. P. Barnes
3. Ed Lequire

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 Christian 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 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 four 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; a Mission Board of not less than five (5) members so

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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 for three years.

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.

ADOPTED AS REVISED JUNE 12, 1976

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. Candidates for License and/or Ordination¹

Section 1. First Year License

A. No candidate will be considered for licensing or ordination who, himself and/or his wife has been divorced and remarried, if the previous spouse/s is/are living.

B. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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.

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

F. 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 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.

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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 the 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 upon receipt of Annual Minister's Report form.

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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. Deacons¹

Section 1. No candidate will be considered as a standing delegate in this Association who, himself and/or his wife has been divorced and remarried, if the previous spouse/s is/are living.

Section 2. Individual churches are to present candidates for ordination and/or those previously ordained to the office of a Deacon, to the State Association Examining Board prior to their being seated as a standing delegate in this Association.

Section 3. 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 recommended to the Annual session of the State Association by the Executive Board and approved by majority vote of this Association.

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, and as the Nominating Committee for

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all offices of this Association. This Board shall have the power to act in behalf of, and for, this Association from one regular session to another. It shall not act contrary to the general policy and intent of this Association as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. State Mission Board

The State Mission Board shall labor to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto the uttermost parts of the earth. In accomplishing this they are to endeavor to establish Missions and Churches in communities within the bounds of this Association. They shall also promote the Missionary endeavor of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 3. The Auditing Committee will be appointed at the March meeting to audit the Treasurer's books for the annual reports.

Section 4. An Obituary Committee will be appointed at the March meeting. Subject committee shall prepare an appropriate memorial service for the Annual Associational meeting.

Section 5. The Church Training Service Board shall make recommendations to the body regarding Youth Camp sites and Director, and in general promote Church Training Service work in the State of Arizona.

ARTICLE VIII. Delegate to National Association

An official delegate to the National Association will be elected annually by this body. The elected representative must meet the qualification of possessing a knowledge of this Association's position and feelings.

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 regulation 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 Baptists henceforth until properly amended or revised.

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¹March 11, 1972 - Examining Board Report - The Board voted not to pass on any one for ordination or as a standing delegate who uses tobacco; the Board also recommends this be printed in the annual minutes.

MSC to concur in this recommendation.

ADOPTED AS REVISED JUNE 12, 1976

September 13, 1975

MINUTES of the FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson, Arizona.

DEVOTIONAL - Nolen Atchley

Thoughts were taken from Matthew 8:14-15, then led us to God's throne in prayer.

THE CONFERENCE was called into session by Moderator, Rev. Gene Rogers.

COPIES OF the Program were distributed to all present. MSC to adopt the program and leave the time flexible.

ASSISTANT Moderator, Rev. Tharp, read the Rules of Order.

LETTERS were read from the following churches:

First Free Will Baptist Church	Surprise, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Tucson, Arizona
Northside Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona

MSC to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP was extended to the delegates by Rev. Tharp, Assistant Moderator.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board, having considered the petitionary letter from the Free Will Baptist Church in Blythe, recommends this church be received in full fellowship in the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists.

MSC to concur in the recommendation.

MSC to seat the delegates from Blythe.

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP was extended to them.

VISITORS to our Conference were given a warm welcome. A hearty welcome was also extended to the many young people attending.

COOLIDGE Mission report was given as information. The Lord is blessing and we now have pews in our sanctuary.

WELCOME was given by the host church representative, Glenn Guild.

RESPONSES were given by a representative from each church attending the Conference.

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE was appointed.

Jack Corn
Clarence Devore
Wesley Rogers

Walter Brouhard
John Williams

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting were read and approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT was read and a copy given to each delegate. MSC to accept the Treasurer's Report

ADJOURNED FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

AFTERNOON SESSION

LETTERS from:	First Free Will Baptist Church	Globe, Arizona
	First Free Will Baptist Church	Blythe, Arizona

MSC to receive the letters and seat the delegates from Globe.

EXECUTIVE BOARD has no report other than the program planned for the session today.

EXAMINING BOARD REPORT

We have met with Rev. Wilburn Clark and examined his credentials and have found them to be in order; we also find him to be sound in the faith and doctrine; we therefore recommend that he be received in full fellowship in this Association.

MSC to concur in the recommendation.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT was received as information.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

We recommend the State Association to continue the \$100.00 per month support for the Church in Globe for three months.

We recommend also that the Pastor from the Church in Blythe be put on the State Home Mission Board.

MSC to concur in recommendation #1.

MSC to concur in recommendation #2.

CONVENTION REPORT

Bro. Newman reported that it was a good convention; good fellowship; preaching was superb; seminars outstanding; and no controversy. The Convention will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma next year.

MINUTES - September 13, 1975

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.
2. Be it resolved that we encourage workers in each church to attend LASSO (Larger Arizona Sunday School Organization) Convention in Phoenix, October 10, 11.
3. Be it resolved that since we had a balance of \$2565.95 at the end of May, 1975 and \$3221.31 at the end of this quarter, that we put it in a savings account and collect a little interest.

MSC to accept the report and act on it item by item.

MSC to concur in #1.

MSC to concur in #2.

MOTION to amend #3 "Due to possible problems involving reports to IRS, the Treasurer be requested to check it out and use her discretion about putting it in savings." Motion was seconded and carried.

MOTION as amended was carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

LUNCHEON for Ordained and their wives was discussed and it was decided to have it on October 25 at Sambos in Casa Grande. The cost would be approximately \$4.50 per person.

MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted
Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

December 13, 1975

MINUTES of the Second Quarterly Conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Globe, Arizona.

DEVOTIONAL - Rev. Endicott

Thoughts were taken from Philemon 17, 18. He then led our minds in prayer.

THE FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Gene Rogers.

MSC to adopt the program as a flexible guide.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR, Rev. Tharp read Rules of Order.

LETTERS were read from the following churches.

Northside Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Globe, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Surprise, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Tucson, Arizona

MSC to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP was given by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Tharp.

JOHNNY WILLIAMS, representing the Host Church, extended a warm welcome to all attending the conference.

RESPONSES were given by a member from each church represented.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE was appointed.

MINUTES OF the First Quarterly Conference were read and approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT was read and a copy given to each delegate.
MSC to receive the report.

BUSINESS ADJOURNED for Morning Worship Service.

AFTERNOON SESSION

PRAYER by Glenn Hayes.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

In addition to the Program already acted upon, we recommend the State Association pay the registration fee for the Moderator to attend the National Leadership Program. The cost is \$40.00.
MSC to concur in the recommendation.

MINUTES - December 13, 1975

EXAMINING BOARD REPORT

1. We recommend that Bro. Sanders appear at first regular meeting in the future.

2. Ed Petty came before the Board from Pittsburg Association, to present himself for membership in the Arizona Association. We find him to be sound in doctrine and faith. We recommend him for honorary membership and fellowship in this association.

MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

#1 MSC to concur.

#2 MSC to concur.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

2. Be it resolved that today's offering be divided equally between Arizona Home Missions and California Christian College.

MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

#1 MSC to concur.

#2 MSC to concur.

BUSINESS ADJOURNED for Afternoon Worship.

MSC TO adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

MARCH 13, 1976

MINUTES of the Third Quarterly Conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Northside Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT - Bro. Clark

John 6:30 and John 21:15. Our minds were then led in prayer by Bro. Clark.

THE CONFERENCE was called into session by Moderator, Rev. Gene Rogers.

MSP to adopt the program as a flexible guide.

RULES OF ORDER were read by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Tharp.

LETTERS were read from:

First Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Surprise, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Globe, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Tucson, Arizona
Northside Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona

MSC to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP was extended to the delegates by Rev. Tharp.

OUR MODERATOR led our minds in prayer.

PETITIONARY LETTER from Wilhoit Community Church of Free Will Baptists was read.

MSC to refer the letter to the Examining Board for action and recommendation.

VISITORS in our Conference were given a warm welcome. Bro. Darrel Goodman was visiting from Coolidge.

BRO. DEVORE, representing the host church, extended a warm and hearty welcome to all those in attendance.

EACH CHURCH represented responded to the welcome.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF BLYTHE reported by telephone.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE was appointed.

Bro. Tharp	Bro. Thude
Bro. Atchley	Bro. Smith
Bro. Lequire	

OBITUARY COMMITTEE appointed to report at our Annual Meeting was

Lois Dreher
Mrs. Newman
Johnnie Jenkins

MINUTES - March 13, 1976

THE MINUTES of the Second Quarterly Conference were read and approved as read.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT was read and a copy given to each delegate.
MSC TO accept the Treasurer's Report.

LETTER FROM the First Free Will Baptist Church of Blythe was read.
MSC to receive the letter and seat the delegates.

BUSINESS ADJOURNED for Morning Worship.

AFTERNOON SESSION

BOB DREHER led our minds in prayer.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that today's offering be split between Arizona Home Missions and Youth Camp.
2. Be it resolved that all Christians of this Association be dedicated in prayer for Christian leaders to be elected into high leadership positions of Government this election year.
3. Be it resolved that members of each church give prayerful consideration towards attending the Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts seminar which will be held at the Veterans Colosseum in Phoenix on May 17-22.
4. Be it resolved that no one will serve on any two standing boards at one time.
5. Be it resolved that the local church will have the right to ordain Deacons to serve their congregation, but in order to vote in this Association they will have to come before the Examining Committee for examination.
6. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

- #1 MSC to concur.
- #2 MSC to concur.
- #3 MSC to concur.
- #4 MSC to table until annual meeting.
- #5 MSC to refer to Executive Committee to be incorporated into the proposed Constitutional changes.
- #6 MSC to concur.

MOTION made to change the Constitution to read "The Examining Committee be changed from a 5-member board to a 3-member board and they be ordained ministers."

MOTION SECONDED.

MSC to table above motion.

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YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Dates for Youth Camp - June 28 thru July 3 at a cost of \$35.00 per camper.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws were given.

Article 4, Section 2 of the Constitution

Article 4, Section 2 of the By-Laws

Article 5, Section 2 of the By-Laws

Article 8, Section 1 of the By-Laws

MOTION WAS MADE to adopt the changes and amend the Constitution and By-Laws.
MOTION WAS SECONDED.

MSC to table the proposed changes until the next meeting.

NOTE: The Clerk was instructed to make copies of the complete Constitution and By-Laws incorporating the proposed changes and distribute to the various churches prior to the next conference.

EXAMINING BOARD REPORT

We recommend that Arvel E. Woolery be accepted as a member in good standing in the Association as he promised to abstain from the use of tobacco.

We recommend that Andrew Roberts be received as a standing delegate.

We recommend that Harold Sanders be received in the State Association as a Minister of the Gospel and that he be issued a card indicating this fact.

We cannot recommend Elmer Wickware as a standing delegate at this time due to his use of tobacco.

We recommend Eugene Bryant for ordination by his church or in keeping with his wishes and those of his pastor and church.

We have considered the petitionary letter from the Wilhoit Community Free Will Baptist Church and recommend that they be received into the fellowship of this Association.

MSC TO receive the report and act on it item by item.

SUBSEQUENTLY it was MSC to concur in each recommendation.

AT THE REQUEST of a member of the Wilhoit Community Church a motion was made, seconded and passed to record in the minutes that the Church be accepted in full fellowship; however Bro. Wickware, who is serving the church as a deacon, was not accepted as a standing delegate in the Association due to his use of tobacco.

BUSINESS adjourned for the worship service.

FOLLOWING THE worship service, no further business was presented.

MSC TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

JUNE 12, 1976

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists convened in Tucson, Arizona with the First Free Will Baptist Church.

DEVOTIONAL - Nolen Atchley.

ANNUAL MEETING was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Rogers.

MSC to adopt the program as a flexible guide.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR, Rev. Tharp, read the Rules of Order.

QUARTERLY LETTERS were read from the following churches:

First Free Will Baptist Church	Surprise, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Globe, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Blythe, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Tucson, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
Northside Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
Community Free Will Baptist Church	Kirkland, Arizona

MOTION was made to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

MOTION seconded.

THE PASTORS were given the opportunity to fill vacancies due to the absence of delegates.

MOTION CARRIED.

BRO. HAROLD SANDERS led our minds in prayer.

WELCOME was extended to those visiting us from other Associations or Denominations.

WELCOME was extended from the host church by Bob Dreher.

RESPONSES were given by a representative from each church represented at the conference.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE was appointed.

Bro. Clark	Bro. Sanders
Bro. Herndon	Bro. Hayes
Bro. Tharp	

MINUTES of the Third Quarterly Conference were read and approved as read.

ANNUAL LETTERS were read. MSC to accept the letters.

MINUTES - June 12, 1976

TREASURER'S REPORT was read and a copy given to each delegate in attendance.
MSC to accept the Treasurer's Report.

ADJOURNED FOR WORSHIP.

AFTERNOON SESSION

BRO. B. A. JENKINS led our minds in prayer.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.
2. Be it resolved that the leaders of our churches be more aware of the necessity of proper dress, as becometh Christians, because of their influence on others.
3. Be it resolved that each church be allowed to represent, at any quarterly or association meeting, with no more than eleven standing delegates.
4. Be it resolved that today's offering be split evenly between National Foreign Missions and Arizona Home Missions.
5. Be it resolved that the Executive Board be instructed to investigate the possibilities of publishing an Arizona State paper and report back to the next Quarterly meeting.

MSC TO accept the report and act on it item by item.

- #1 MSC to concur.
- #2 MSC to concur
- #3 MSC to table.
- #4 MSC to concur.
- #5 MSC to concur.

MSC to remove from the table the revised Constitution and By-Laws.
MSC to adopt the revised Constitution and By-Laws.

MSC to remove from the table the motion "No one will serve on 2 standing boards at one time.

MOTION was made and seconded to adopt. MOTION LOST.

MOTION was made to remove from the table to be acted upon today, the proposed Constitutional change "The Examining Committee be changed from a 5-member board to a 3-member board and they be ordained ministers."
MOTION seconded and carried.

MOTION WAS made to adopt. MOTION SECONDED. MOTION LOST.

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EXAMINING BOARD REPORT

1. We have met with Darrel Tharp who will be going into the service and will be working as a Chaplain Assistant as well as work out side of the Camp. We recommend that he be given his second-year license and that he send in an Annual Report at the end of the year.

2. We have met with Elmer Brooks, a Deacon from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix. We recommend Bro. Brooks into fellowship of this Association pending Questionnaire filled out and given to Examining Board.

3. We have met with Bro. Bennie Burrow and find his Ordination papers to be in order. We also found him sound in the doctrine and therefore recommend that he be received in full fellowship in this Association.

MSC to accept the report and act on it item by item.

SUBSEQUENTLY it was MSC to concur in each recommendation.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

The bus will be leaving from Tucson at 1:00 pm on Monday, June 28.
MSC to receive the report as information.

STATE MISSION BOARD - No Report.

OBITUARY REPORT -

Moment of silent prayer was observed in memory of Bro. John Burns from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tucson.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

IN RESPONSE to a request from Bro. Coffey for an Arizona flag for the National Association, we recommend that the State Association purchase a flag to be sent to Bro. Coffey to be used for the National Convention.
MSC to concur in the recommendation.

EXECUTIVE BOARD acting as Nominating Committee gave their report.

OPPORTUNITY was given for nominations to be made from the floor. The following officers were elected.

Moderator	Gene Rogers
Assistant Moderator	Bill Tharp
Clerk	Lou Ella Spears
Assistant Clerk	Wanda Rogers
Treasurer	Johnnie Jenkins
Assistant Treasurer	Clarence Devore
Parliamentarian	Wilburn Clark
Pianist	Lorene Devore
Song Director	Johnnie Jenkins

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Executive Board - 5 Year	Robert Dreher
Examining Board - 5 Year	Charles Spears
Mission Board - 1 Year	Nolen Atchley
2 Year	Walter Brouhard
3 Year	Glenn Hayes
4 Year	Harmon Herndon
5 Year	Wilburn Clark
CTS Board - 3 Year	Robert Dreher
Trustee	Ed Lequire

QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE

September, 1976	First Free Will Baptist Church, Surprise
December, 1976	First Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix
March, 1977	First Free Will Baptist Church, Globe
June, 1977	Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

California Christian College	10%	National Executive Committee	5%
Foreign Missions	10%	Arizona Youth Camp	15%
Home Missions	10%	Arizona Work	15%
Arizona State Missions	15%	Hillsdale Bible College	5%
National Bible College	10%	National CTS	5%

MSC to pay override in youth camp expenses.

MSC that our General Board member be reimbursed for all necessary expenses to and from the National Association and that subject expenses be reviewed by the Executive Board prior to reimbursement.

MSC that we send formal request inviting the National Association to come to Phoenix in 1980.

MSC to empower the Moderator to appoint delegates to the National Association.

ADJOURNED for afternoon worship service.

NO FURTHER business was presented.

MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT 5/31/75 - 5/31/76

Beginning Balance in Association General Fund			\$2,565.95	
Receipts:				
Dues	\$ 230.00			
Co-Op Giving	2,764.44			
Foreign Missions	940.87			
Offerings	72.93			
Operation Partnership	100.00		4,113.24	
			<u>\$6,679.19</u>	
Expenditures:				
National Co-Op		\$1,105.75		
Az. Home Missions		415.66		
Youth Camp		415.66		
Pastor's Insurance		580.00		
Foreign Missions		940.87		
Exec. Board Mileage & Meals		164.85		
Assoc. Clerk		15.00		
Nat'l Assoc. Dues '75 & '76		50.00		
Nat'l Moderator Conference		40.00		
Hillsdale College		111.40		
Calif. Christian College		276.43		
Operation Partnership		100.00	-4,215.62	
BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND				\$2,463.57
Beginning Balance in Home Missions			\$ 750.13	
Receipts:				
Assoc. Offerings	102.12			
Co-Op	415.66			
Church Designated	308.63		826.41	
			<u>\$1,576.41</u>	
Expenditures:				
Globe Free Will Baptist Church		700.00	-700.00	
BALANCE IN HOME MISSIONS				876.54
Beginning Balance in Youth Camp			\$ 606.15	
Receipts:				
Assoc. Offerings	29.95			
Co-Op	415.66			
Registration	1,177.50		1,623.11	
			<u>\$2,229.26</u>	
Expenditures:				
Camp Rental		1,495.00		
Film		131.36		
Projector Rental		10.60		
Misc. Supplies & Awards		41.12	-1,678.08	
BALANCE IN YOUTH CAMP				<u>551.18</u>
TOTALS	\$6,562.76	\$6,593.70		\$3,891.29