

December 11, 1976

MINUTES OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF THE FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENED WITH THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX.

Rev. Newman led congregational singing.

Rev. Rogers announced changes in the program. Johnny Land to preach and Darrel
Tharp to give the Devotional Thought.

Darrell used Psalms 1:1 from which to take our devotional thoughts and then
led our minds in prayer.

Moderator Gene Rogers called the ~~Conference~~ Conference into session
emphasizing spiritual unity and spiritual blessings.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the program with the substitutions
which were made.

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

Letters were read from the following churches:

First Free Will Baptist Church of Globe - Globe, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix - Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise, - Surprise, Arizona
Northside Free Will Baptist Church - Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson - Tucson, Arizona
~~First Free Will Baptist Church of Blythe, Blythe, Arizona~~

The pastors were given an opportunity to make substitutions for delegates who
were not present. Darrel Tharp replaced Mrs. Bertha Tharp as a delegate from
the First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the letters and seat the ~~delegates~~
delegates.

Assistant Moderator extended the Right Hand of Fellowship to the delegates.

Rev. Otto led our minds in Prayer.

~~Rev. Otto~~ Visitors were welcomed.

Rev. Newman, host Pastor gave a cordial welcome to all those present.

~~Rev. Newman~~ Rev. Tharp, Bro. Devore, Rev. Burrows and Rev. Rogers all responded to the
welcome.

The Resolutions Committee was appointed. ~~Bennie Burrows, Mark Deterdine,~~
Glenn Guild and Mark Deterdine Wesley Rogers Clarence Devore

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The minutes of the last conference were read and approved as read.

The Treasurers report was given by B. A. Jenkins in the absence of our Treasurer, Mrs. B. A. Jenkins. Motion was made to receive the report. Motion was seconded, and carried.

Conference was adjourned for worship.

Conference reconvened at 1:30 PM with congregational singing.

Bro. Ed Lequire led our minds in prayer.

~~EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT / The Executive~~

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - The Executive Committee met on November 20 and planned the Program.

Mark Vandivort gave a report on the work in ~~Flag~~ Flagstaff.

The Reports were received as information.

EXAMINING BOARD REPORT - The Examining Board met with Mark Vandivort and found him to be sound in the faith, A man of God, a minister of the Gospel. We recommend he be received in full fellowship. He has united with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tucson until he gets a church started in Flagstaff.

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

MISSION BOARD REPORT - The Mission Board met at Casa Grande to discuss about Bro. Vandivort coming to Flagstaff, Arizona as home missionary to this new home mission field. It was stated that he would come through the National Mission Board and that the State would pay only on a voluntary basis.

The following men were ~~elected~~ elected: Chairman - Bro. Clark
Vice-Chairman - Bro. Atchley; Secretary - Harmon Herndon

A motion was made that "We recommend Rev. Mark Vandivort be approved to Flagstaff, ARIZONA as a Missionary under the direction of the National Home Mission Board and upon approval by that board we send \$400.00 to his account from our State Home Missions Board Fund. We further ~~recommend~~ recommend that our churches support Bro. Vandivort in this new work. Motion was seconded and carried.

9-11-76 We, the Arizona Home Mission Board recommend that we send \$125 per month for 3 months to support the Globe Church.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report and concur in the recommendations.

Resolutions Committee Report -

1. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.
2. Be mindful of the new work in Flagstaff and pledge our prayer support as well as any possible physical and monetary support.
3. That each church be more concerned with the needs of our Arizona State Mission works than of other outside causes.

Motion was made, ~~seconded~~ seconded, and carried to accept the report and concur in the recommendations.

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The letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church at Blythe, California was read. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the letter.

The Youth Camp Report was given and received as information.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to give \$200.00 from our general fund to Bro Mark Vandivort as a gift.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

MARCH 12, 1977

MINUTES OF THE THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF THE FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENED WITH THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GLOBE.

Johnie Jenkins led congregational singing.

Bob Dreher led in prayer.

Rev. Bennie Burrows used II Corinthians as the devotional thought and then led
in prayer.

Moderator Gene Rogers called the conference into session.

Motion was made and seconded and carried to adopt the program with the substitution of
Nathan Ruble to preach in the afternoon worship service instead of Tom Brashear.

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

Letters were read from the following churches:

Northside Free Will Baptist Church - Phoenix, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise - Surprise, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist Church of Globe - Globe, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson - Tucson, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix - Phoenix, Arizona

The pastors were given an opportunity to make substitutions for delegates who were
not present.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Assistant Moderator extended right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Bro. Charles Spears read letter from the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church to petition
the Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists for membership. Recommended
church to membership into the full fellowship in the Association. Seconded and
passed unanimously.

Letter was read from the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church - Phoenix, Arizona

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the letter and seat the delegates.

Bro. Tharp extended right hand of fellowship to the Trinity delegates.

March 12, 1977

Alternate change from the Trinity church, delegate Malcom Toms to Larry Thud.

Visitors were welcomed.

Bro. Glenn Hayes from Globe church gave a cordial welcome to all who were present.

Rev. Tharp, Rev. Ruble, Rev. Newman, Rev. Otto and Rev. Rogers all responded to the welcome.

The Resolutions Committee was appointed: Bennie Burrows, Chairman; Larry Swedberg, Nathan Ruble, Bro. Rogers and Gene Bryant.

The Obituary Committee was appointed: Johnnie Jenkins, Chairman; Dixie Guild and Sister Burrows.

The minutes of the last conference were read and approved as read.

The Treasurers report was given by Johnnie Jenkins. Motion was made to receive the report. Motion was seconded and carried.

Rev. Burrows gave a report on the work in Flagstaff in the absence of Mark Vandivort.

Conference adjourned for worship.

Conference reconvened at 1:55 p.m. with congregational singing.

Rev. Herndon led in prayer.

Letter was read from First Free Will Baptist Church of Blythe - Blythe, Calif.

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

Executive Committee Report - The Executive Committee met on February 19 and planned the program. Letter from Globe church was read. Motion was made, seconded and passed. Recommended Nathan Ruble fill the seat vacated by Wilbur Clark on the Mission Board. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report and concur in the recommendation.

Examining Board Report - The Examining Board met with Nathan Ruble and find him to be sound in the doctrine and faith of Free Will Baptist. We recommend him to full fellowship of the Arizona State Association of Free Will Baptist. The examining board met with Chester Warren and find him to be sound in the doctrine and faith of the Free Will Baptist. We recommend him to full fellowship of the Arizona State Association of Free Will Baptist. Recommend we concur in the request of the letter of the Globe Church.

March 12, 1977

Reported on National Hom Mission Evangelism Conference, January 12-17, 1978.

Recommend each church to pay \$100.00, take a Free Will Offering each service to help defray expenses. Motion Was made, seconded and carried to accept the report and concur in the recommendations.

Resolutions Committee Report:

1. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.
2. We recommend todays offerings be given to the host church to be used as church see's the need.
3. We recommend that the churches encourage their congregations to become more involved in childrens activities.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report and concur in the recommendati

The Youth Camp Report was givgn and received as information.

Bro. Rufus Coffey reported from the National Association and received as information.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Guild

June 11, 1977

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS WHEN CONVENED WITH THE NORTHSIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

The annual association of the Arizona State Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 11, 1977 at the Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona and Rev. Gene Rogers, moderator, called it into session at 10 a.m.

The opening song was led by Johnny Jenkins, accompanied by Lorene DeVore, pianist, and Donna Swin, organist.

Devotion from Gal. 6:6-10 and prayer led by Ken Wood.

The quarterly report letters from the churches were read and approved.
(See Reports.)

The annual report letters from churches were read and approved.
(See Reports.)

The delegates were given the right hand of fellowship by Rev. Bill Tharp, assistant moderator.

Mrs. Jenkins led in congregational singing.

Rev. Nathan Rubel, host pastor, gave a welcome, emphasizing encouragement as found in Acts 28.

Pastors from the following churches gave a response: Surprise, Globe, First Church of Phoenix, Blythe and Tucson.

A special welcome was extended to visitors, including Ken Lane of Norman, Oklahoma, representing the Masters Men.

Rev. Bill Tharp, assistant moderator, read the official standing Rules of Order.

Rev. Gene Rogers made the appointment of the Resolution Committee as follows:
Clarence DeVore, Chairman

Leo Smith

Leslie Rogers

Larry Swedberg

Walt Thompson

Mrs. Jenkins gave the quarterly and annual treasurers reports, which were approved.

Dismissed for recess before worship service.

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11 a.m. worship service opened with singing, "Have Faith in God."
Prayer by Rev. Bennie Burrows.

The morning offering was received.

Special music presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Longlois of First Church, Phoenix.

The message was brought by Rev. Bill Tharp, "The Joy of a Christian" from Isa. 9:3.

Closing prayer by Bud Jenkins.

Lunch prepared by the ladies of the host church was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Miss Gail Bradshaw.
Prayer led by Rev. Harmon Herndon.

Ken Lane, National Masters Men representative, spoke in behalf of the National Laymans Board.

Committee reports:

Obituary Committee

Dixie Guild, chairman, reported one death, Willard Willis, from First Church, Phoenix. She Read Psalm 48:14, "For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death." Psalm 115:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Bud Jenkins prayed the memorial prayer.

Resolution Committee

MSC to receive the Resolution Committee report and vote on it item by item.

1. That a standing vote of thanks be given to the Northside host church.
Motion carried.
2. That the offering of the day be given to the Flagstaff mission.
Motion carried.
3. That all churches work together to strengthen through prayer and action both Globe and Flagstaff works.
Motion carried.
4. That the State Association purchase a banner to be presented to the church having the largest attendance by percentage of Sunday School enrollment present at the State Association meeting.
Motion carried as amended.
5. That a standing vote of thanks be given to the officers serving the State Association for the past year.
Motion carried.

Mission Board

It was reported that Rev. Mark Vandivort, Flagstaff Mission, has raised 63% of his support for that work.

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Executive Board

The report of the Executive Board was accepted and voted on item by item.

1. Inasmuch as Glen Hayes is not a member of the Globe Church which disqualifies him as serving on the Missions Board Rev. Bill Tharp was nominated to serve the remainder of his term.

MSC to accept recommendation and elect Rev. Tharp by acclamation.

2. A recommendation was made that a member of the Executive Board with the chairman of the Mission Board go to Globe to transfer the Globe church property to the Arizona State Association.

MSC to transfer Globe property to the Arizona State Association.

3. A recommendation was made that the Board of Trustees be dissolved and that the duties be assumed by the Executive Board.

MSC carried to accept recommendation.

MSC to accept Rev. Clarence Newman's resignation from the Examining Board.

Rev. Nathan Rubel was elected to serve on the Examining Board.

representative for the National Layman's Board

Laymen/~~xxxxxx~~ delegate ~~xxxxxx~~ to the ~~National~~ Association of ~~xxxxxx~~ Will ~~Baptist~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ was referred to the Executive Committee for recommendation.

Meeting places for the coming year were determined as follows:

September, 1977	Trinity Church
December, 1977	Surprise Church
March, 1978	First Church, Phoenix
June, 1978	First Church, Tucson

Bob Dreher gave the Youth Camp report to be held August 15-20 with a cost per camper of \$55.00.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator	Rev. Nathan Ruble
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Bill Tharp
Clerk	Lou Ella Spears
Assistant Clerk	Dixie Guild
Treasurer	Johnny Jenkins
Assistant Treasurer	Clarence DeVore
Pianist	Lorene DeVore
Song Director	Walter Spears

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Executive Board

5 year *Bill Sharp*
4 year
3 year
2 year
1 year

Examining Board

5 year *Mark Vandivort*
4 year
3 year *~~Bill~~ Nathan Ruble*
2 year
1 year

Mission Board

5 year *Nolan Atchley*
4 year
3 year
2 year *Bill Sharp*
1 year

CTS Board

3 year *Ken Wood*
2 year
1 year

Gene Rogers, Moderator, expressed appreciation to all members of the State Association for the corporation he has received during the last three years he has served as state moderator.

Afternoon message brought by Rev. Bennie Burrows using Romans 15:3, "God's Power and Man's Wisdom."

MSC to empower the moderator to appoint delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptists at time of the meeting.

Rev. Nathan Ruble, newly elected moderator, gave a few comments and asked for support of all the people and each church to work together.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gene Rogers.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Rogers, Assistant Clerk