

September 10, 1977

MINUTES OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF THE ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS WHEN CONVENED WITH THE TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, ARIZ.

Walt Spears led the congregation in singing "Heavenly Sunlight", accompanied by Lorene Devore on the piano.

Rev. Bennie Burrow led our minds in prayer.

Rev. Mark Vandivort directed our minds to Zachari 8:9, 12 as testimony. "The Lord placed us in Flagstaff. Pray that our hands will be strong. Pray that we will hear the words of the Lord. Pray that we will lay the foundation stones and that He will help us as we feel the right foundation stones need to be laid before our first Church services. The Lord has been opening doors this last week and we praise Him for it. Pray that our seed shall be prosperous. I believe when the Lord comes He will find some faithful people".

Rev. Nathan Ruble, Moderator, called the association to order.

The program was read and a motion was made to adopt as a flexible guide. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Rules of Order were read by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bill Tharp.

Letters from the following churches were read:

First Free Will Baptist Church	Tucson, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Surprise, Arizona
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
Northside Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Blythe, Calif.

MSC to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Rev. Pettyjohn, host pastor, gave a welcome to all present.

Responses were given from each church: Rev. Rogers, Tucson; Harold Sanders, First Church of Phoenix; Bud Jenkins, Northside; Harmon Herndon, Blythe; Rev. Tharp, First of Surprise; and Rev. Vandivort, Flagstaff.

The Resolutions committee was appointed: Bennie Burrow, Larry Swedberg, Bro. Warren, Bro. Woods and Mark Dettering.

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

The Treasurer's Report was given. MSC to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Announcements - Woman's Auxiliary Retreat; encourage the churches to give \$100.00 to have an Evangelism Conference in January; Bible Conference in Phoenix with Dr. Forlines October 14, 15.

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MORSHIP WORSHIP SERVICE

Walt Spears led congregational singing with Lorene Devore accompanying on the piano.
Rev. Harmon Herndon led in prayer.

Gail Bradshaw rendered the special music.

Rev. Pettyjohn brought a message from Job 19 "Triumph Over Suffering."

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing led by Walt Spears

Bro. Devore led in prayer.

Three young people gave their testimonies from camp.

Executive Board Report:

1. Recommend that the Globe Church Property be sold and money kept for a new work in Arizona. That the furniture and fixtures be retained in Arizona State Association for use in missions or whatever use the State Assoc. might have for it.
2. Recommend that the host church have responsibility for planning afternoon worship service.
3. Recommend (Bud Jenkins) General Board Member be reimbursed for expenses to the National Association \$374.19.
4. Recommend Committee be reimbursed for mileage to take care of expenses in taking care of the Globe property.
5. Recommend when Globe Property is sold that the State Association be reimbursed for all expenses and note be paid off out of funds received from the sale of the property.

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

Motion made, seconded to concur in recommendation #1-5.

Motion to amend "that if there is a man who is concretely committed to Globe work that we instruct the committee to hold the sale of the property until the next quarterly meeting".

Amended was seconded and carried. The motion as amended carried.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to concur in recommendations #2,3, and 4 respectively.

Prayer requested given.

Bro. Vandivort shared a testimony regarding his going to the Globe church and kneeling in prayer in the church, and that perhaps there is a man the Lord would have come to minister there.

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The Resolutions Committee Report was given:

1. That we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church.
2. That the offering taken up today be placed in the General fund.

MSC to concur in the recommendations.

The Mission Board Report:

We recommend to the Association that we be much in prayer for men to come to our State for new work. If anyone has knowledge of anyone who could come, please get in touch with the Mission Board.

MSC to accept the report.

Bro. Bud Jenkins gave a short report on the National Association.

The Camp report was given out and received as information.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing led by Walt Spears.

Special Music was provided by the Paul Norman family and Bro. Warren.

Rev. Rogers brought a challenging message from John 15:1-3 "Fruit Bearing not Fruit Picking."

The Examining Board Report:

We met with Bro. Pettyjohn and find him to be sound in doctrine and principles of Free Will Baptist. We recommend him to full fellowship of Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists.

MSC to concur in the recommendation.

Last year there was a get together for meal and fellowship of the ordained and their wives. A committee of Gene Rogers, Bud Jenkins and Harold Sanders was appointed to pursue the prospects of having another one this year.

Trinity Church won the attendance banner for this meeting.

October 2 will be the first service for the Flagstaff church. Each church in the State was urged to dismiss one family from there services to attend the mission.

Prayer was requested for Sister Sears who had surgery. Prayer was also requested for Bro. Herndon's mother and for Bro. Bennie work in Indio.

MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears
Clerk

December 10, 1977

MINUTES OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF THE ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS WHEN CONVENED WITH THE SURPRISE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF SURPRISE, ARIZ.

Walt Spears led the congregation in Singing "Praise Him" & "I love to Tell the Story" accompanied by Lorene Devore on the piano.

Rev. Johnie Land led our minds in prayer.

Rev. Nathan Ruble gave a devotion from Psalm 37:1-6 and then led in prayer.

Rev. Ruble, Moderator, called the Association to order.

The program was read, MSC to adopt as a flexible guide.

Letters from the following churches were read:

Northside Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
Surprise Free Will Baptist Church	Surprise, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Flythe, Calif.
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Tucson, Arizona

Correction was made by Bro. Newman in the First Church of Phoenix letter, address: change from 2924 N. Cavalier to 7516 N. Black Canyon.

MSC to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Rev. Mark Vandivort reported from Flagstaff. Their first service was Oct. 1st, they have 4 families working with them as of now, started home bible studies. Pray with them to be faithful and visiting in new homes. They meet for worship in a Christian School.

Rev. Johnie Land reported from The Grace Mission Temple in Paradise Valley, there first Sunday was Nov. 1st and the Lord has been blessing them.

Visitors from Flagstaff were recognized.

Rev. Sanders, host pastor, gave a welcome to all present.

Responses were given from each church: Bro. Orvill, Flagstaff; Rev. Herndon, Blythe; Rev. Newman, First Church Phoenix; Bro. Spears, Tucson; Bro. Jenkins, Northside; Rev. Land, Grace Mission; Rev. Pettyjohn, Trinity.

Rules of Order were read by the Moderator, Rev. Ruble.

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

The Resolutions Committee was appointed: Rev. Pettyjohn, Bro. Magnussen, Bro. Langlois, Bro. Devore and Rev. Vandivort.

The Treasurers Report was given by Johnnie Jenkins, MSC to accept the report.

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Walt Spears led the congregation in singing.

Bro. Dreher led in prayer.

Offering taken with Rev. Vandivort leading in prayer.

Mixed Quartet from Tucson rendered special music.

Rev. Newman brought a message from I Peter 5:1-11 "A Ministers Responsibility".

Dismissed from lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregation singing "Love Lifted Me" led by Walt Spears.

Bro. Thompson led in prayer

Bro. Dreher gave a devotion from Philipians 2:1.

The Resolutions Committee report was given:

1. We recommend that letters of thanks and appreciation be sent to Bro. Gene Rogers and Bro. Bill Tharp for their years of labor and dedicated service in Pastors and in state work.
 2. We recommend that the youth of our association be commended for their interest in and attendance of our Quarterly meetings.
 3. We recommend that our people in general and our young people in particular be warned against the prevalence of religious cults and their teachings and that they be encouraged in sound Christian living and bible study.
 4. We recommend a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church for their generous hospitality during the Quarterly meeting.
 5. We recommend an altar of prayer on behalf of Sister Lou Ella Spears, and a note of appreciation be sent her for her years of state service.
- MSC to accept the report and act on it item by item.

Recommendations #1-5 were seconded and passed.

An altar of prayer for Sister Spears was given, led in prayer by Rev. Pettyjohn.

The Executive Board Report was given:

Nominations to fill the following vacancies:

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| Assistant Moderator | - Mark Vandivort |
| Executive Board - 1 year | - Clarence Newman |
| - 4 year | - Mark Vandivort |
| Eraring Board - 2 year | - Dennis Pettijohn |
| Mission Board - 3 year | - Harold Sanders |

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

MSC to accept each item.

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The Executive Board report was given:

Recommend to sell to highest bidder unattached fixtures from the Globe church: books, (Spurgeons comentaries), encyclopedias, electric water cooler, desk.

MSC to accept recommendation.

Amend to motion March 1st to be cut off date for bids for the fixtures to be send to treasurer. MSC to amend motion.

For information, Mission Board reported to encourage all to attend the Evanglistic Conference, sponsored by the National Home Mission Board. Dates will be announced later.

Bro. Ruble suggested the Evanglistic Conference be on January 19, 20 and 21st.

The attendance banner was awarded to the Surprise Church.

Bro. Newman motioned to send a letter to the Surprise school to thank them for opening up their school for our noon meal, MSC.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE:

Bro. Sanders led in prayer.

Offering taken.

Congregational singing "At Calvary" led by Walt Spears.

Special music by Ladies Trio "Because He Lives" and solo "Shelter in His Arms", and song by the Langlois "Look for me at Jesus Feet".

Prayer by Bro. Spears.

Rev. Sanders brought message from John 2:1-11.

Prayer requests given.

MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Guild
Assistant Clerk

MINUTES - March 11, 1978

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

Walt Spears led the congregation in singing "Sunlight" and "Saved by the Blood", accompanied by Lorene Devore on the piano.

Ass't Moderator, Rev. Vandivort, shared with us their Home Bible Studies in Flagstaff

Bro. Carlson led in prayer.

Eugene Bryant gave a devotion from Psalm 23.

Bro. Vandivort, Ass't Moderator, called the association to order, and read the rules of order.

Letters from the following churches were read:

First Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Surprise, Arizona
San Valley Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
Northside Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Tucson, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Blythe, Calif.

MSC to accept the letters and seat the delegates. "Tis the Old time Religion" was sang as the delegates were seated.

Bro. Vandivort welcomed the visitors.

Rev. Newman, host pastor, gave a welcome to all present.

Responses were given from each church: Bro. DeVore, Northside; Bro. Sanders, Surprise; Bro. O'Donnell, Tucson; Bro. Herndon, Blythe; San Valley responded; and Bro. Warren, Paradise Valley.

Obituary committee was appointed: Bro. Priest, Bro. Magnussen and Sister Herndon.

Resolutions Committee was appointed: Bro. Carlson, Sister Ruble and Bro. Devore.

The minutes of the conference were read. Correction was made by Bro. Vandivort, to read Christianson School instead of a Christian School. MSC to accept the minutes.

The Treasurers Report was given, MSC to accept the report.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:

Walt Spears led congregation in singing "When we all get to Heaven" and "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know".

Prayer requests were given from each church. Silent prayer was made then Bro. Vandivort led in prayer.

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Rev. O'Donnell brought a message from Genesis 14:14-20 "Safety Measures that Will Insure Successful Stewardship".

Offering was taken.

Special music was rendered by the Langlois's "There is a River."

Bro. Priest led in prayer.

Dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Congregation singing "When I See the Blood" led by Walt Spears

Bro. Vandivort gave a testimony, reading from I Corinthians 16:9.

Bro. Kelly led in prayer.

The Executive Board Report was given:

1. Recommend that the annual meeting be changed from June to March and the officers term run concurrently.
2. Recommend State Association underwrite a State newsletter. A name to be chosen by competition, approx. cost - \$200.00 per year.
3. Recommend that the expenses from the Globe church be drawn from the Home Mission fund rather than the general fund.
4. Recommend that the pastors promote our youth camp this year.

For information: Trinity Church is now Son Valley Free Will Baptist Church.

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

#1 - tabled until next meeting.

#2-4 - seconded and passed.

For information: Youth Camp date - August 7-12 at Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp - Cost \$55.00 per camper.

Examining Board Report was given:

We met with Bro. Billy Kelly and find him to be sound in doctrine and principles of Free Will Baptist. We recommend him to Full Fellowship of the Arizona Assoc. of Free Will Baptist.

We met with Bro. Dan O'Donnell and find him to be sound in doctrine and principles of Free Will Baptist. We recommend to Full Fellowship of the Arizona Assoc. of Free Will Baptist.

MSC to accept the recommendations.

The attendance banner was awarded to the Surprise Church.

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The Resolutions Committee Report was given:

- Be it resolved that:
1. The host church receive a standing vote of thanks from the association.
 2. The offering taken today be donated to the youth camp fund.
 3. The count for the attendance banner be taken during the afternoon session of business.
 4. Each church promote inter-church youth recreational activities.
 5. The State Association send a letter of endorsement to Anita Bryant.

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

#1-5 were seconded and passed.

Bro. Kelly and Bro. O'Donnell were given the right hand of fellowship as the congregation sang "Joy Unspeakable".

Sister Vandivort led in prayer.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE:

Congregational singing "That's Him" led by Bro. Langlois.

Special music was rendered by the Langlois' "Look for me at Jesus Feet", and by Sister Chris with a special.

Bro. Newman shared from I John 4:1-4.

MSC that Bro. O'Donnell be the editor of the state newsletter and the name will be "Arizona News" until another name is chosen. MSC to amend motion, names for the paper be sent to the clerk, motion as amended was carried.

MSC that the 10th of each month be the cut off date for the newsletter to be sent to Bro. O'Donnell and the publishing begin in April.

Offering was taken.

MSC to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. DeVore.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Guild

Assistant Clerk

June 10, 1978

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
WHEN CONVENED WITH THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF TUCSON, ARIZONA.

Walt Spears led the congregation in singing "Standing on the Promises" and "There is Power in the Blood".

Bro. O'Donnell gave a devotion from Psalm 23:1.

Bro. O'Donnell led in prayer.

Bro. Ruble, moderator, called the association to order and MSC to accept the program.

Bro. Vandivort read the rules of order.

Letters from the following churches were read:

First Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
Northside Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Blythe, Calif.
Son Valley Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Surprise, Arizona
First Free Will Baptist Church	Tucson, Arizona

MSC to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Addition to Surprise letter, Bert Smith will be an alternate.

Right hand of fellowship was given by Bro. Vandivort to the delegates.

Bro. Vandivort welcomed the visitors. Recognition was given to Dan Parker, J.D. O'Donnell and Dan Cronk.

Rev. O'Donnell, host pastor, gave a welcome to all present.

Responses were given from each church: Bro. Newman, First Phoenix; Bro. Herndon, Blythe; Bro. Sanders, Surprise; Bro. Norman, Son Valley; Bro. Vandivort, Flagstaff; Bro. Land, Paradise Valley; and Bro. Ruble, Northside.

Resolutions Committee was appointed: Bro. Moore, Bro. Devore, Bro. Langlois and Sister Pollard.

The minutes of the last conference were read. For information: camp has been changed to Broken Arrow Baptist Camp. MSC to accept the minutes.

The treasurers report was given, quarterly and yearly reports. MSC to accept reports.

Bro. Dan Parker President of California Christian College, shared with us about the college and their building program.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:

Walt Spears led congregation in singing "When We All Get to Heaven".
Bro. Land led in prayer.

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Special Music was rendered by Bro. Mangussen, "I Cannot Fail the Lord".

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell shared with us about the Sunday School literature and from I Thess. 1:5-8 "Communication of the Word."

Offering was taken.

Bro. Dreher led in prayer.

Dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Bro. Clyde Thacker presented a slide presentation on the Broken Arrow Camp.

Led in prayer by Bro. Newman

Bro. O'Donnell shared the Associational Newsletter news.

Letters from the National Offices were given out.

Annual letters from the following churches were read:

First Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Az.
Northside Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Az.
First Free Will Baptist Church	Blythe, Calif.
Son Valley Free Will Baptist Church	Phoenix, Az.
First Free Will Baptist Church	Surprise, Az.
First Free Will Baptist Church	Tucson, Az.

MSC to accept the annual letters.

The Mission Board Report was given - information only.

The Natl. Home Mission Board has given Bro. Cliff Hollin, of Alabama, a choice of 3 places to pray about starting a new work, one of these places is Scottsdale, Az. We ask you to pray with him for the Lord's will in this choice. We also ask that you continue your support for the Flagstaff church and Bro. Mark. Also, other work in our area and your continued prayerful support. Our new work can continue only by your prayers and support.

The Obituary Committee Report was given:

A standing silent word of prayer was given in memory of the deceased Christian members from the following churches:

Northside - Maude Sumner
Son Valley - John Korfana

The Resolution Committee Report was given:

1. The host church receive a standing vote of thanks.
2. The quarterly conference meetings be rotated evenly between all Assoc. churches.
3. That at least one laymen from each church be appointed to all conference committees.
4. That each church shall be represented on each standing board, board members to be appointed by the church.

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5. No person shall succeed to office on state board more than once. MSC to accept the report and act on it item by item.

#1 - seconded and passed.

#2 - dismissed

#3-5 - tabled until next meeting

MSC to appoint the pastors of our churches to review the constitution and by-laws of the association and bring back recommendations to the association.

The Executive Board Report was given:

1. Budget Breakdown for 1978-79:

National Assoc. of Free Will Baptist	30%
Arizona Work	35%
Youth Camp	15%
Arizona Missions	15%
Calif. Christian College	5%

MSC to accept report. MSC to amend motion to add to budget: Hillsdale College 5% which will be taken from the Arizona Work, Arizona Work will read 30% instead of 35%.

2. Nominations for the following offices

Moderator - Mark Vandivort
Asst. Moderator - Clarence Newman
Clerk - Dixie Guild
Asst. Clerk - Pat Atchley
Treasurer - Johnnie Jenkins
Asst. Treasurer - Clarence Devore
Pianist - Grace Langlois
Song Director - Ray Langlois
Executive Board - 5 year term - Harold Sanders
Examining Board - 5 year term - Dan O'Donnell
Mission Board - 5 year term - Nolen Atchley
C.T.S. Board - 3 year term - Ken Woods

MSC to accept the nominations.

MSC to open bid for furniture at the Globe church, cut off date at the next Assoc.

The Examining Board Report was given:

We met with Johnny Williams and are satisfied with his testimony, the Lord has called him to be a minister of the gospel. We find him to be sound in doctrine and faith of Free Will Baptists denomination. We recommend him to be licensed for one year.

We met with Paul Norman and find him to be sound in doctrine and faith of Free Will Baptist. We recommend him as a standing delegate to the Arizona District Assoc. of Free Will Baptist.

We recommend Bro. Deskin meet with the Examining Board after the meeting today since we feel it will take more time than we have right now.

MSC to accept the recommendations.

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The following recommendation was tabled at our last meeting:
Recommend that the annual meeting be changed from June to March and the officers term run concurrently.
MSC to remove from table and adopt.

MSC that the Moderator and Asst. Moderator be allowed to appoint delegates to the National Assoc.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE:
Walt Spears led congregation singing "To God be the Glory".

Bro. Magnussen led in prayer.

Offering was taken.

Debbie Dreher sang a special.

Bro. Dan Cronk, Prof. of Missions at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, spoke to the congregation.

Bro. Vandivort closed in prayer.

Right hand of fellowship was given to the Ruble's.

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie Guild
Clerk