

June 8, 1985

Minutes of the first quarterly conference of The First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists convening with Heritage Temple Free Will Baptist Church, Gilbert, Arizona.

Congregation Singing

Devotion and Prayer by Bro. Gene Bryant

Conference called to order by our moderator, Bro. Joe Grimmett.

Rules of Order read.

Letters were read and approved as read.

Churches reporting

1. First Church- Phoenix, Arizona
2. First Church- Tucson, Arizona
3. First Church- Surprise, Arizona
4. First Church- Blythe, California

Delegates seated

Vistors welcomed

Host Pastor extended a welcome to all- Pastor gave their responses.

Treasurer's report given and accepted as read.

Resolution Committee appointed

Bro. Elwin Clifford

Bro. Rodgers

Bro. Jack Corn

Minutes were read and accepted as read.

Message - By Bro. Tim Thompson

Adjourned for Lunch

AFTER NOON SESSION

Singing and Prayer

Executive Board Report

No report today

Bro. Bob Dreher reports on youth camp

Letter read from Surprise Church, See Resolution Committee Report.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolution (letter) from Surprise Church.

" Due to the long distances to and from the Association meetings, Do recommend, one message instead of two, thus allowing a shorter session in the afternoon."

Motion to table to next meeting. MSC

Resolved that we give the Host Church a standing vote of thanks. MSC

Resolved to thank Bro. Thompson for his fine work and commitment in this area.

EXAMINING BOARD REPORT

We recommend Bro. Bill Thorpe to the fellowship of our Association. MSC

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

1. Bro. Harold Sanders resigned as a mission board member.
2. Bro. Elwin Clifton recommended to replace Bro. Sanders on the Mission Board. MSC
3. Bro. Lloyd Moran resigned the Northside Church.

Bro. Bill Thorpe Bought the evening message.

Adjourned

September 7, 1985.

Minutes of the second quarterly conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists convening with Surprise Free Will Baptist Church, Surprise, Ariz.

Congregation Singing.

Devotion and Prayer by Harmon Herndon .

Conference called to order by our Moderator, Bro. Joe Grimmett.

Rules of Order read by Harmon Herndon .

Letters were read and approved as read.

Churches reporting were

1. First Church- Phoenix.
2. First Church- Tucson.
3. First Church- Surprise.
4. First Church- Blythe, Ca.
5. Sunset Church- Flagstaff.

Delegates seated.

Vistors welcomed.

Host pastor extended a welcome to all- Pastors gave their responses.

Resolution committee appointed

1. Bro. Rodgers
2. Bro. Nolen Atchley
3. Bro. John Griffeth

Treasurer's report given by Bro. L. Smith. MSC

Minutes were read and accepted as read.

Bro. Charles Marshall gave a report on the National meeting.

Message by Bro. Paul Thompson.

Adjorned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer

MISSION BOARD REPORT

Globe property has been put up for sale for \$60,000.00.

Northside property has no insurance and a binder has been put on. Approx. 2,000.00 will be needed by Dec. to meet the needs of the mission work. There are approx. 700.00 street assessment due for Northside to complete money owe to City of Phoenix.

Coolidge property report

Motion to sign over property to the Coolidge church as soon as last payment is made. Bro. Joe given power to sign. MSC

The address of the Mission Board will be:
First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists
Mission Board

P.O. Box 30546, Tucson, Arizona 85751

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. To give the host church a vote of thanks for the good meal. MSC
2. That today's offering go to our Arizona Home Mission work to help pay for expenses on the Northside Property. MSC
3. That all our people be much in prayer for our work in Arizona. MSC

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to remove the following item from the table, S C
"Due to the long distances to and from the Association meeting, Do recommend, one message instead of two, thus allowing a shorter session in the afternoon."
Several Discussions followed and vote taken. MSC.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

Surprise Church had charge of the evening.
Bro. Mark Vandivort bought the evening.

ADJORNED

MINUTES OF MEETING

First Arizona Association (Quartely Meeting)
Blyth, California
December 7, 1985

The First Arizona Association, Quartely Meeting convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Blythe, California, December 7, 1985.

The meeting was called to order by moderator, Rev. Joe Grimmett. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer. Rev. Bill Tharp shared a devotion. In the absence of the clerk the moderator appointed Rev. Mark Vandivort as Clerk Pro-tem.

Rev. Bill Tharp extended a welcome to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Blythe. Responses were given by Rev. Elwin Clifton, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tucson; Rev. Clarence Newman, Northside Free Will Baptist Mission of Phoenix; and Rev. Mark Vandivort, Flagstaff Free Will Baptist Mission.

Letters were received from:

1. Surprise Free Will Baptist Church.
Delegates: Richard Spear
Margaret Spear
Dallas Clark
2. First Free Will Baptist, Tucson
Delegates: Mrs. Peg Clifton
3. Sunset Free Will Baptist Mission
4. First Free Will Baptist Church, Blyth

The delegates were seated.

MSC to approve minutes of last Quartely Meeting which convened with the Surprise Free Will Baptist Church.

MSC to authorize the moderator to appoint the Resolutions Committee. The moderator appointed, Rev. Griffith, Mr. Addington, and Mr. Rodgers. Rev. Griffith was designated as Chairman.

MSC to approve of the treasurers report.

The worship service included congregational singing, prayer, special music, and preaching by Rev. Clarence Newman. An offering was received totaling \$51.52. Rev. Newman gave a soul stirring report of his call to Arizona and the progress of the reopening of the Northside Mission.

After lunch the business session reconvened with congregational singing and prayer.

MS C To receive the Executive Committee report which included the resignation of Rev. Rev. Charles Marshall and Mr. Gene Bryant from all offices held with the First Arizona Association.

MSC to receive Rev. Charles Marshall's resignation from all offices held.

MSC to receive Mr. Gene Bryant's resignation from all offices held.

MSC for a rising vote of thanks for the contribution of Rev. Charles Marshall and Mr. Gene Bryant to the First Arizona Association.

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MSC to authorise the moderator to suggest names to fill the vacancies. The following names and positions were read:

Home Mission Board, Rev. Bill Tharp

General Board Member, National Association, Rev. Mark Vandivort

Executive Board, Rev. Elwin Cliftin

Examining Board, Rev. John Griffin (pending official church membership).

Trustee Board, Mr. Ralph Addington

Each position and name was reread and the floor opened for further nominations. Each office was elected as listed above.

A letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona, dated December 5, 1985 and signed by Jean Hammack, Church Clerk, was read as follows:

TO THE ARIZONA STATE ASSOCIATION

We the First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Ariz., wish to request that you accept our resignation, as a church, from the Arizona Conference. We feel that because of our differences of philosophies, form of worship, and viewing the Scriptures, our withdrawing will be the best for all involved. Our prayers are with you, and trust that someday we will be able to work together again.

In Him,

Jean Hammack, Church Clerk

MSC to table the letter from the First Free Will Church of Phoenix.

MSC to approve the moderator appointing a committee to seek reconciliation with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix.

The moderator called for standing prayer.

The committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. Mark Vandivort

Rev. Bill Tharp

Mr. Don Ingram

Rev. C.A. Newman

Rev. Elwin Cliftin

MSC to elect Rev. Mark Vandivort as chairman.

MSC to receive the following resolutions committee report:

1. Be it resolved that we have a standing vote of thanks to the Blythe Church for their gracious hospitality.
2. Be it resolved that the Home Mission Board check in Prescott, Arizona for the prospects of starting a Free Will Baptist Mission.

Both of the above resolutions were approved.

12/7/85 Minutes of First Arizona Association continued.

MSC to receive the Home Mission Board report.

The moderator reported that the property in Coledge has been deeded to the House of Prayer Church. The deed states that the property will revert back to the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptist should the church discontinue.

The meeting adjourned with a song and prayer.

Respectly submitted by


J. Mark Vandivort, Clerk pro-tem

March 8, 1986

Minutes of the yearly conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists convening with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona.

Congregational singing and prayer.

Dovotion and prayer by Bro. Melvin Worthington.
Conference called to order by Moderator Joe Grimmett.
Rules of order read by the clerk.

Host Pastor gave the welcome, Pastors gave their responses.

Vistors welcomed

Letters read and accepted as read.

Delegated seated.

Parcel report from the Home mission Board, acting on a request from the Community Christian Church to become a full static Church. MSC

Parcel report from the Examining Board-

Recommended Bro. C. Newman to become a member of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists. MSC

Letter read from Cummunity Christian Church. MSC

Minutes read and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report given. MSC

Resolution Committee appointed.

Obituary Committee appointed.

Sis. Rodgers

Sis. Vandivort

Sis. Sanders

MORNING WORSHIP

Rev. Howard Gortney brought the morning message.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sis Rodgers gave the report using I Cor. 15:17 and Isa. 3:8.

Youth camp report given for information.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Letter from Blythe Church read, requesting they withdraw from the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists to join the West Coast Association of Free Will Baptists.

MSC to accept letter and to get information as to why they are withdrawing.

The following is the Nomination Committee report for recommendation for new officers for the new year.

Moderator	Bro. Joe Grimmett
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Clarence Newman
Clerk	Bro. Harmon Herndon
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Dixie Guild
Treasurer	Bro. Leonard Smith
Assistant Treasurer	Bro. Ralph Addington
Statutory Agent	Bro. Bob Dreher
Parliamentarian	Bro. Elwin Clifton
General Board Member	Bro. Mark Vandivort
Executive Board Member (5 Yr)	Bro. Bob Dreher
Home Missions Board (2)	
	(2 Yr) Don Ingram
	(5 Yr) Nolen Atchley
TRUSTEE	(3Yr) Bro. Leonard Smith
CTS Board (2)	(1Yr) Bro. Mark Vandivort
	(3Yr) Bro. Glenn Guild
Examining Board (2)	(1Yr) Mark Vandivort
	(5Yr) Clarence Newman

MSC To accept

Resolution Committee Report Given and accepted.

Adjourned