

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

**FIRST ARIZONA
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1990-91

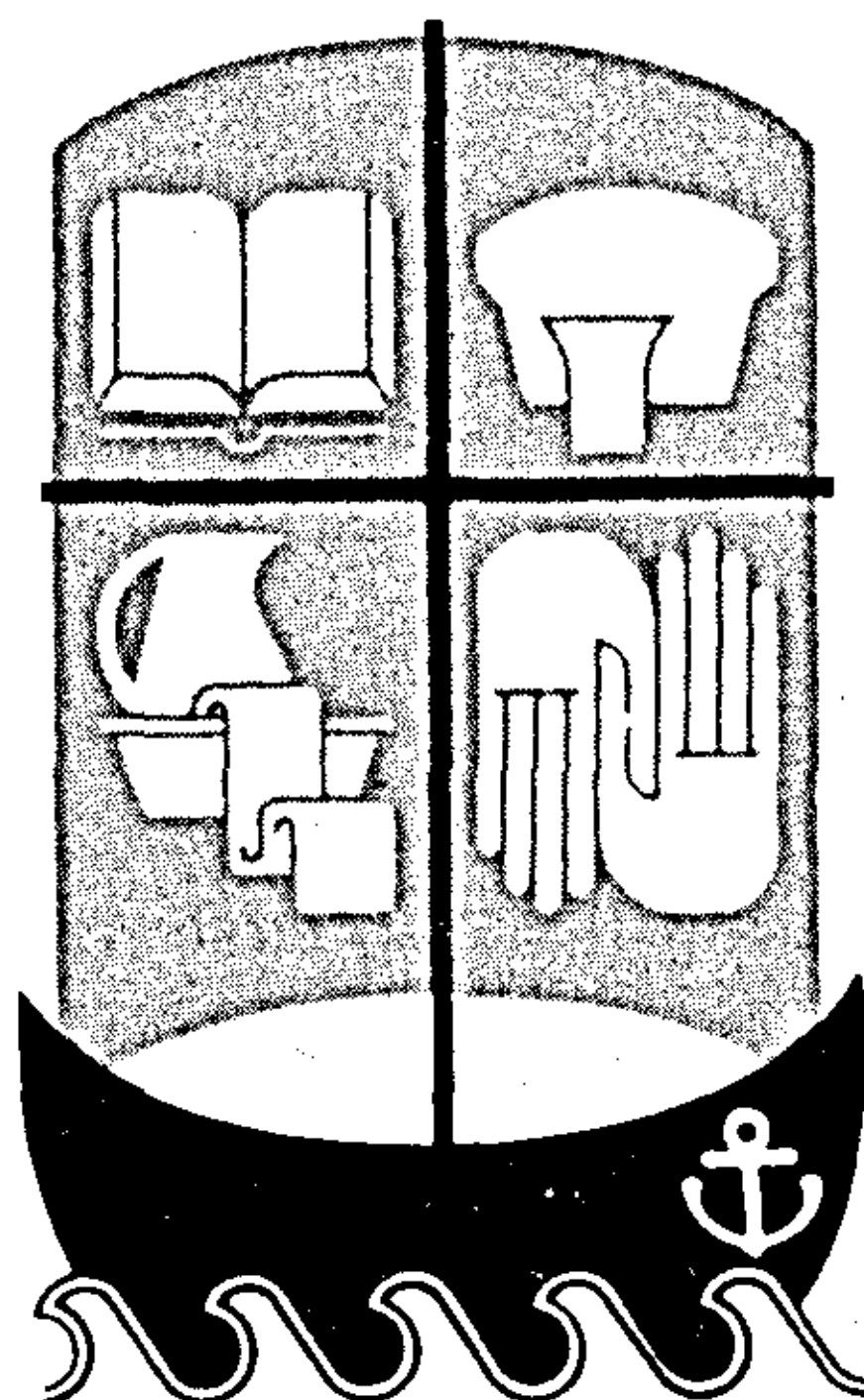


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1991-92 OFFICERS AND BOARDS

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Assistant Moderator Rev. David Taylor
Clerk Pat Atchley
Assistant Clerk Dixie Guild
Treasurer Mel Strahl
Assistant Treasurer Ralph Addington
Statutory Agent Gordon Parker
Members at Large Walt Spears & Rev. Harold Sanders

Examining Board

5 yr. - Rev. David Taylor, Chairman
4 yr. - Rev. Howard Gwartney
3 yr. - Rev. Jim Taylor
2 yr. - Rev. Mark Vandivort
1 yr. - Rev. Harold Sanders

Mission Board

5 yr. - Nolen Atchley, Chairman
4 yr. - Don Winemiller
3 yr. - Wayne Teverbaugh
2 yr. - Elmer Brooks
1 yr. - Chuck Kennedy

CTS Board

3 yr. - Glenn Guild
3 yr. - Mel Strahl
2 yr. - Joe Bilbrey
1 yr. - Don Davis

Trustees

3 yr. - Ralph Addington
2 yr. - Neal Picquette
1 yr. - Gordon Parker

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, 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 discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overturned 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. Business may be presented to the Association body with the church letter. Business may be presented at the Association meeting if done so in writing, signed, and presented to the Clerk or Business Committee.

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 District 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 District 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 voting members of this Association shall consist of the pastor who is an ordained minister and three deacons from each church who have been sanctioned and credentials ratified by this Association, their wives, church clerks, all officers, and the chairman of each standing board of this Association, and three elected delegates from each of the several churches of which it is composed. Mission churches upon acceptance may be represented by delegates as follows: the pastor, his wife, the clerk, the

treasurer, and one member at large.

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. Mission churches who have affiliated themselves with this Association, may upon request, following the same channels and guidelines as organized churches, be accepted into this District Association.

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.

Section 5. Delegates from the churches to this Association will be 18 (eighteen) years of age and above.

ARTICLE IV. Officers and Boards

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, 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: the General Board, composed of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Chairman of the Examining Board, Chairman of the Mission Board, Chairman of the CTS Board, and two (2) members at large elected annually; 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 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 the 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 second Saturday of June, September, December, and the Annual Meeting to be held the second Saturday of March 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 Ordination*

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 District Association of Free Will Baptists.

C. The local church will make recommendation to the First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists (hereinafter referred to as the District Association) to the effect that subject candidate be examined by the District 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 District 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 District Association that candidates 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.

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 District 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 District 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 in or out of the Free Will Baptist denomination appear before the District Association Examining Board for interview and ratification of his credentials. The Examining Board shall obtain a recommendation for the candidate signed by a majority of the Executive Board of the Quarterly Meeting where the candidate was last a member prior to 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 District 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.

Section 3. Communication. Any minister, licensed or ordained, who fails to communicate with the District Association for a period of 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. Deacons*

Section 1. No candidate will be considered as a standing delegate in this District 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 District 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. District 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 District Association by the General 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.

Section 4. A delegate fee of \$10.00 (ten dollars) per church and representation fees of \$2.00 (two dollars) per member will be paid quarterly.

ARTICLE VI. District Clerk

Section 1. The Clerk shall have the minutes of the three quarterly meetings and the annual meeting printed and distribute the same to all churches within the Association. The minutes to be distributed preferably at the quarterly meeting following the annual meeting.

Section 2. The District Clerk will be paid \$15.00 per year for services rendered.

ARTICLE VII. Committees

Section 1. The District General Board will act as the Program Committee in advance of each meeting of the Association, and as the Nominating Committee for 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. District Mission Board. The District 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 December meeting to audit the Treasurer's books for the annual reports.

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

ARTICLE VIII. Delegate to National Association.

Three official delegates 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 regulations 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 District Association of Free Will Baptists henceforth properly amended or revised.

*March 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.

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June 7, 1980 - Executive Board recommends mileage be paid as set by I.R.S. for executive board meetings. (This being \$.10 per mile at present.) MSC

December 8, 1990 - Free Will Baptist Mission churches lettering into this Association will be allowed to request ministerial licensing and/or ordination for a candidate belonging to that mission; and that his membership in that local mission suffice for his requirement to belong to a local church within the Association. MSC.

FIRST ARIZONA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
of FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

CONSTITUTION

NAME: The Free Will Baptist Mission Board of Arizona.

PURPOSE: Specifically and Primarily:

1. To further the cause of Jesus Christ in the State of Arizona by the establishment of Missions and church extension labors for the teaching of the Holy Bible.
2. To establish the aforementioned missions and church extension labors in the State of Arizona, and in connection therewith, to make suitable and customary provisions for public worship, and to such end, to purchase, acquire, hold, manage, encumber and convey such real and personal property as the purposes may require.
3. To erect buildings and structures for public worship, religious training and education, storage of church properties, housing of church servants, and to do any and all other such things as are necessary and proper for carrying out said purposes in accordance with the Arizona State Laws, and in conformity with the doctrine, discipline, and approved methods of worship and government of the Free Will Baptist in the State of Arizona.
4. With the approval of the District Association, or the Executive Board when the District is not in session, to borrow money and to give and receive evidences of such transactions, and to enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every kind to accomplish the purpose for which this board was created.

BY-LAWS: Whereas the need for new mission works in Arizona is evident, and much help for the established works, will be needed, We, the District Mission Board recommend the following by-laws to help direct and channel a Biblical course for said board.

1. This Board shall consist of (5) five members, serving from 1-5 years, with one member going off the Board each year. They will serve at the discretion of the District Association. A member may succeed himself.
2. This Board shall organize itself with a Chairman,

Secretary/Treasurer, and shall meet immediately after the Annual District Meeting for said purpose.

3. This Board shall have the right to examine any new missionary, wishing to work in this District, as to character, qualifications, doctrine, and purpose.

4. If and when a new missionary pastor is appointed to a work, this Board shall establish a contract agreement with an application, stating salary, vacations, revival time, and job description.

5. This Board shall supervise and evaluate any new mission's work on a quarterly basis.

6. In the event a mission's works finds itself without a pastor/worker, this Board will seek to provide suitable workers until such time permanent ones can be secured.

7. That all mission works be in harmony with the District Association and shall give a report of its progress at each quarterly meeting.

8. If a mission's pastor wishes to become a member of the Association, by joining an existing local church, he and his work, must report by letter, at each Quarterly Meeting.

9. This Mission board recommends that the National Home Mission Board be encouraged to work with the First Arizona District Mission Board in establishing any new works, or helping existing ones.

10. This Constitution or By-Laws can be amended or changed by a two-thirds's majority vote of the First Arizona District Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. GOD. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one

God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. CHRIST. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. We believe that the Holy Spirit enters the heart of the believer at the time of conversion, and that speaking in tongues (languages) is neither an evidence of being infilled with the Holy Spirit nor does it bring about sanctification. We teach and preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit and heed scriptural admonition; "Be filled with the Holy Spirit." We thank God for our great Comforter, Guide and Empower, the Precious Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. (John 3:5-8; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Corinthians 14:22)

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are:

1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.

2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God.

3) Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.

9. ELECTION. God determines from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the Truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. TITHING. God commands tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (1 Corinthians 16:2a).

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

MINUTES

FIRST ARIZONA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

June 9, 1990 - March 9, 1991

First Quarterly Conference - June 9, 1990

Convening at First Free Will Baptist Church, Tucson, AZ

Morning Session

Opening Prayer - Rev. David Taylor.

Congregational Singing.

Call to Order - Rev. C.A. Newman, Moderator.

Reading of Letters:

East Valley FWB Church, Mesa*

Cathedral of the Cross FWB Church, Chandler*

West Valley FWB Church, Glendale*

Sunset FWB Church, Flagstaff*

Heritage FWB Church, Gilbert*

Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

*Mission churches

MSC to accept letters and refer business to proper board.

Delegates seated.

Welcome - Rev. David Taylor, host pastor.

Responses:

Rev. Howard Gwartney, East Valley

Rev. Paul Thompson, Heritage

Rev. Mark Vandivort, Sunset

Rev. C.A. Newman, Community Fellowship

Brother Jim Taylor, West Valley

Prayer Requests:

1. A young family in Flagstaff with a Catholic background.

2. The fundamental pastors in Flagstaff who meet for prayer in the park. (Satanists also meet to pray for the failure of Evangelical fundamental churches.)

3. Healing for Louise Vandivort's eyes.

4. Health of the Herndons.

5. A church building for West Valley.

Welcome of visitors.

Minutes read. Stand approved as read. Camp Director reminds us that he needs to be given information about other campsites in order to be able to search out a different location, if a better one is to be found.

Treasurer's Report - MSC to receive.

Business Committee appointed - Nolen Atchley (chairman), Wayne Teverbaugh, Don Winemiller.

Adjourn for worship - MSC.

Worship Hour

Congregational Singing.

Offering - Piano/Organ Duet, Debe Taylor and Patsy Gwartney.

Prayer - Rev. Howard Gwartney.

Congregational Singing.

Special Music - Mixed Trio, Tucson FWB Church, Walt Spears, David and Debe Taylor.

Message - Brother Jim Taylor, "The Foundation Stands Sure,"
II Timothy 2:19; 3:7; 4:1-5.

Prayer.

Lunch provided by host church.

Afternoon Session

Opened in Prayer - Don Davis.

Congregational Singing. Devotional - Rev. David Taylor, "Power in the Blood," Matthew 9:10-12.

Testimonies and songs of praise.

Call to Order - Rev. C.A. Newman, Moderator. Announcement from Treasurer: Monies for State and National dues and delegate fees needs to be turned in. State dues - \$20.00 per church, \$2.00 per delegate. National delegate fee, \$10.00 per delegate. These funds are to be channeled through our District Treasury.

Old Business:

1. Motion to remove from table item regarding meals at conference. SC. Motion reads, "Let each church handle arrangements for noon meal by their own preference, notifying all concerned in advance of their hosting the SC."

Business Committee Report - MSC to receive, act on item by item.

1. Recommend that our next conference be held at the Cathedral of the Cross FWB Church, according to their request. MSC.

2. We encourage each membership to make themselves available and help support the National Convention, July 15-19, 1990, in Phoenix. Pray for its success. Anyone intending to work in Registration must be at the orientation meeting at the Civic Plaza--Phoenix rooms 11,12, at 1:30 pm on Sunday, July 15, 1990.

Those who plan to work as Ushers must meet for orientation in the Civic Plaza--Phoenix rooms 13-15 at 5:00 pm, Sunday, July 15, 1990. Information received.

3. Thanks to host church for the delicious meal and gracious hospitality today. MSC. Standing vote of thanks given.

General Board Report:

1. We recommend that a motion received from Rev. Larry Reynolds in regards to a statement concerning the Holy Spirit and His work be included in the Constitution and By-Laws when we update them. The statement is to read as follows: "We believe that the Holy Spirit enters the heart of the believer at the time of conversion, and that speaking in tongues (languages) is neither an evidence of being infilled with the Holy Spirit nor does it bring about sanctification. We teach and preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit and heed scriptural admonition, 'Be filled with the Holy Spirit.' We thank God for our great Comforter, Guide, and Empowerer, the Precious Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. (John 3:5-8; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 5:18; I Corinthians 14:22)" MSC to accept and table this item until the next meeting.

Information about camp - Camp applications are available. Camp is August 6-11, 1990, for ages 9-18 years. Please get your applications in -- NOW IS THE TIME! Additional insurance is needed in order to have horse back riding. MSC to purchase needed insurance.

Mission Board Report:

1. Regretfully report that Redemption FWB Mission (Casa Grande, Rev. Derrell Goodman) has closed due to differences in belief in regards to the work of the Holy Spirit and the Charismatic practices.

Examining Board Report:

1. Brother Walt Spears has been examined by this board and has been accepted as a standing delegate in the First Arizona Association.

2. Letter read by Moderator C.A. Newman from Rev. Paul Thompson's attorney.

MSC to authorize Rev. C.A. Newman to seek legal counsel in this matter on the behalf of this Association and himself as Moderator, if it becomes necessary.

Motion to adjourn in an altar of prayer. SC.

Next meeting will be at the Cathedral of the Cross FWB Mission Church in Chandler, September 8, 1990 at 10:00 am.

Closed in prayer at the altar.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Atchley, Clerk

Second Quarterly Conference - September 8, 1990.

Convening at Cathedral of the Cross FWB Church, Chandler, AZ

Morning Session

Meeting called to order by Rev. C.A. Newman, Moderator.
Congregational Singing.

Devotional -Rev. Larry Reynolds, John 1:12.

Prayer Requests:

1. Cathedral of the Cross - unspoken.
2. A family that West Valley Mission is helping.
3. The mid-east crisis.

Opening prayer.

Reading of letters:

Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

West Valley FWB Church, Avondale*

Cathedral of the Cross FWB Church, Chandler*

East Valley FWB Church, Mesa* (letter to be sent)

*Mission churches

MSC to receive letters and refer business to proper board.
Delegates seated. Welcome - Rev. Larry Reynolds, host pastor.

Responses: Rev. David Taylor, Tucson Rev. C.A. Newman,
Community Fellowship Rev. Howard Gwartney, East Valley
Brother Jim Taylor, West Valley

Minutes read. Report of correction from Nolen Atchley, Mission Board Chairman: Redemption FWB Mission has not closed but has changed meeting places due to lack of funds. This information was obtained through phone conversation with Sister Goodman by Clerk (Pat Atchley). This same information shared by phone with Rev. David Taylor (Pastor, First Tucson) on two separate occasions by Rev. Derrall Goodman, Pastor of Redemption FWB Mission church.

MSC to accept correctional information along with minutes.

Treasurer's Report - MSC to accept.

Business Committee Appointed: Nolen Atchley (chairman), Ralph Addington, Jim Taylor.

Camp Report - Glenn Guild, Director.

Total of 56 people went to camp (11 counselors, 45 campers and pre-campers). Camp evangelist was Rev. Larry Reynolds. Evidence of lasting results seen among teens in Tucson. Camp is a great mission work. We challenge all churches to support one camp that the young peoples' relation will cement and all our

churches will become better cemented through this.

Brother Glenn submits his resignation as Camp Director, pledging his continued support for camp. MSC to accept with a standing vote of thanks.

Rev. George Harvey, fifth missionary to the Phoenix area reports that he and his family hope to move into their home Tuesday. They look forward to visiting each church soon. MSC to receive this information.

Adjourn for worship.

Worship Hour

Congregational Singing.

Prayer - Rev. George Harvey.

Offering Prayer - Don Winemiller.

Special Music: Tiffany Reynolds; Pauline Fernandes; Kirk and Amanda Meadows.

Message - Brother Matthew Hinkle, "Revival God's Way," Joel 2:12-17.

Prayer.

Lunch provided by host church.

Afternoon Session

Meeting called to order by Rev. C.A. Newman, Moderator. Congregational singing. Prayer - Rev. David Taylor. Information - General Board did not meet prior to this conference due to the Moderator being on vacation.

Business Committee Report: MSC to receive and act on item by item.

1. Recommend a standing vote of thanks to host church for great hospitality, fellowship and meal. MSC

2. Recommend that today's offering be given to Cathedral of the Cross FWB Mission to help defray the expenses. MSC.

3. Recommend that minimum age of delegates to this District Association be established. MSC to table and refer to the General Board to report back at next conference.

4. Recommend that means of bringing business to the floor at District Association business be clarified. MSC to table for discussion at General Board meeting and brought back to Association in December.

5. We encourage all members to observe a time for Pastor Appreciation and demonstrate appreciation for their pastor. MSC.

6. Recommend that all Act Rally functions be sanctioned by the District Association. MSC that the CTS Board oversee and coordinate for the District Association.

Information: CTS Board will report to churches, keeping them informed in regard to each Act Rally.

Old Business:

1. MSC to remove from table item regarding the Holy Spirit proposed to be incorporated into the Constitution and By-Laws that govern this district.

Original motion by Rev. Larry Reynolds: "We believe that the Holy Spirit enters the heart of the believer at the time of conversion, and that speaking in tongues (languages) is neither an evidence of being infilled with the Holy Spirit nor does it bring about sanctification. We teach and preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit and heed scriptural admonition, 'Be filled with the holy Spirit.' We thank God for our great Comforter, Guide, and Empowerer, the Precious Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity. (John 3:5-8; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 5:18, I Corinthians 14:22)" MSC to accept and incorporate into the Articles of Faith.

New Business:

1. A number of former members of the Surprise FWB Church have requested membership with this Association. Since we cannot accept individuals with no membership in a church affiliated with this conference, we propose to contact these individuals encouraging them to become active members of a church or mission holding membership with us. Brother Jim Taylor requested and received a list of these folks that he may try to contact them.

MSC that the General Board seek, in writing, the complaint against the brother Pastor, and arrange a meeting with him and those involved.

2. MSC to accept the recommendation from First FWB Church, Tucson, to reinstate the practice of printing the Constitution and By-Laws along with a copy of the Minutes annually; to be given each member church of this Association.

Examining Board Report:

1. Having many mission churches in our District, we find the need to establish a standard for licensing candidates to preach, from these mission churches.

MSC to refer to the General Board for their consideration and discern how licensing of said candidates should be handled.

2. MSC to have Clerk contact Rev. Paul Thompson regarding his intent with this Association and request a reply in time for the General Board meeting in November.

Item of concern expressed by Rev. David Taylor in not having the General Board meeting before this District meeting thereby not being afforded this avenue of presenting business to the body. Noted as information.

Matthew Hinkle proposed a standing vote of thanks to Brother Glenn Guild, Rev. Larry Reynolds, and all the camp workers and counselors. MSC. Standing vote given.

Next meeting at Community Fellowship FWB Church, December 8, 1990 at 10:00 am.

MSC to adjourn.

Closing prayer - Mark Meadows.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Atchley, Clerk

Third Quarterly Conference - December 8, 1990.

Convening at Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix, AZ

Morning Session

Opening Prayer - Nolen Atchley.

Congregational Singing: Led by Walt Spears

"Standing On The Promises"

"Come And Dine" Piano, Diane Winemiller.

Call to Order - Rev. C.A. Newman, Moderator.

Reading of Rules of Order - Moderator.

Reading of Letters:

Cathedral of the Cross FWB Church, Chandler*

East Valley FWB Church, Mesa*

West Valley FWB Church, Avondale*

Sunset FWB Church, Flagstaff*

Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

*Mission churches

MSC to accept letters and refer business to proper board.

Delegates seated.

Welcome - Rev. C.A. Newman, host pastor.

Responses:

Rev. David Taylor, Tucson

Rev. Howard Gwartney, East Valley

Brother Jim Taylor, West Valley

Rev. Larry Reynolds, Cathedral of the Cross

Rev. George Harvey, North Valley

Minutes read. MSC to receive.

Prayer requests:

1. Rev. Mark Vandivort, Flagstaff, requests prayer for Rev. Derall Finkhouser whose fruitful ministry is in jeopardy because of job loss threat.

Treasurer's Report - MSC to receive.

Information shared by Rev. David Taylor regarding money for missionaries that is turned in to the District needs to be forwarded to the National Missions Offices in Nashville.

Business Committee appointed - Don Winemiller, Jim Taylor, Wayne Teverbaugh.

Obituary Committee appointed - Jo Ingram, Debe Taylor, Diane Winemiller.

Adjourn for worship - MSC.

Worship Hour

Congregational Singing: Led by Brother Walt Spears
"He Keeps Me Singing"
Christmas Carols
Piano, Debe Taylor

Prayer Requests:

1. Brother and Sister Spear (Community Fellowship) need a reliable vehicle (a fund has been established by their church and pastor).

2. Praise God, Don Ingram has a job.

3. Unspoken requests.

Prayer led by Rev. David Taylor.

Offering Prayer - Elmer Brooks.

Special Music - Hank Murray, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Message - Rev. George Harvey (Home Missionary to Phoenix, North Valley FWB Mission Church), "Using Our Space In Time," Ecclesiastes 3:1-11.

Prayer - Rev. Harold Sanders.

Lunch provided by host church.

Afternoon Session

Call to Order - Rev. Larry Reynolds, Assistant Moderator.

Congregational Singing: Led by Walt Spears

"What A Day That Will Be"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Piano, Diane Winemiller

Prayer - Rev. Howard Gwartney.

Business Committee Report - MSC to receive, act on item by item.

1. Today's offering and remainder from General Fund to equal \$300.00 go to the Spear Van Fund (offering was \$90.00). MSC.

2. Loan from Mission Treasury up to \$10,000.00 (ten thousand bedollars) to the Spear Van Fund, to paid back by funds as they come in from churches and individuals. MSC.

3. All churches support the Spear Van Fund. MSC.

4. We give the host church a standing vote of thanks for the good meal and fellowship. MSC. Standing vote given.

General Board Report - MSC to receive and act on item by item.

1. The minimum age of delegates to the First Arizona District Association be 18 years of age. MSC to table.

2. The proper channels for presenting business to the floor remain unchanged.

A. Present business to the General board after having discussed it in home church.

B. Present business in writing with your church letter after having discussed it in home church.

All business is then referred to proper board and returned to the floor as deemed by that board (Rules of Order #11). MSC to table.

3. Recommend we send a letter of good standing for Rev. Alvis Paul, to the Poteau River Valley Association of Oklahoma. MSC.

4. Recommend we elect a member to the CTS (Camp) Board to replace Brother Tim Thompson, and a new Camp Director from the floor. MSC.

Joe Bilbrey, 2 year CTS Board member, acclamation. Don Davis, Camp Director, acclamation.

5. Recommend that Free Will Baptist Mission Churches lettering into this Association be allowed to request ministerial

licensing and, or ordination for a candidate who belongs to that mission; and that his local membership in that mission suffice for his requirement to belong to a local church within the Association. MSC.

6. Recommend that all references to the State Association in our present Constitution and By-Laws be changed to read: The First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists; in accordance with our proper title. MSC.

7. Recommend that a letter from our District be sent to Central District Association of Free Will Baptists requesting them to contact Rev. Ron Stoneburner about his credentials and investigate the disposition of the Surprise Free Will Baptist Church, its records and property. MSC.

New Business:

1. Request made to have a (3) three member Examining Board in lieu of the now (5) five member board. MSC to table and refer to General Board.

2. Letter from Rev. Paul Thompson and Heritage Free Will Baptist Church read and received as information (withdrawing from this Association).

3. Letter of good standing for Rev. Paul Thompson read from his Ohio Association.

Information received - Rev. C.A. Newman will be resigning to retire to an Evangelism Ministry following Easter.

MSC that we commend Rev. C.A. Newman for his standing of Christian character as our Moderator. MSC.

Next meeting will be at First FWB Church, Tucson on March 9, 1991 at 10:00 am.

MSC to adjourn.

Closing Prayer - Nolen Atchley.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Atchley, Clerk

Annual Quarterly Conference - March 9, 1991

Convening at First Free Will Baptist Church, Tucson, AZ

Morning Session

Congregational Singing - "Standing On The Promises," led by Walt Spears, pianist Debe Taylor.

Devotion and prayer - Nolen Atchley, Philippians 2:1,2.

Call to Order - Rev. Larry Reynolds, Assistant Moderator.

Reading of Rules of Order.

MSC to enter Standing Delegates into Conference.

Reading of Letters:

Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix

Sunset FWB Church, Flagstaff*

Cathedral of the Cross FWB Church, Chandler*

East Valley FWB Church, Mesa*

First FWB Church, Tucson

West Valley FWB Church, Avondale*

*Mission churches

MSC to accept letters and refer business to proper board.

Delegates seated, MSC.

Welcome - Rev. David Taylor, host pastor.

Responses:

Rev. C.A. Newman, Community Fellowship

Rev. Harold Sanders, Community Fellowship

Rev. Howard Gwartney, East Valley

Rev. George Harvey, North Valley

Rev. Mark Vandivort, Sunset

Brother Jim Taylor, West Valley

Altar of prayer for mission churches and pastors as well as congregations to band together for the work God has for us here in Arizona.

Minutes Read. Accepted as read.

Business Committee appointed - Mark Vandivort (chairman), Don Winemiller, Ralph Addington.

Audit Committee appointed - Walt Spears (chairman), Jim Taylor, Bob Stooksbury.

Treasurer's Report distributed (quarterly and yearly). MSC to table until afternoon session due to the report's length and to have the report of the Audit Committee.

Adjourn for worship.

Worship Hour

Congregational singing - "Heavenly Sunlight," led by Walt Spears, pianist Debe Taylor, organist Patsy Gwartney.

Prayer - Rev. George Harvey.

Offering Prayer - Brother Jim Taylor; piano/organ duet by Debe Taylor and Patsy Gwartney.

Congregational Singing - "He Keeps Me Singing."

Special Music - Men's Quartet, Tucson FWB Church, Walt Spears, David Taylor, Nolen Atchley, Don Davis: "Camping In Canaan" and "We Will Understand It Better By And By." Solo, Debe Taylor, "Welcome To Heaven."

Message - Rev. C.A. Newman, "What Makes A Great Church," Matthew 16:18.

Adjourn for lunch. Prayer with blessing on the meal, Rev. David Taylor.

Afternoon Session (1:15 pm)

Congregational Singing - "Power In The Blood."

Devotion and Prayer - Brother Jim Taylor, Psalm 34:1-8.

General Board Report. MSC to receive, act on item by item.

1. Remove from table item concerning minimum age for delegates. MSC. Motion that delegates be no less than 18 (eighteen) years. SC.

2. Remove from table item regarding the number of members for the Examining Board. MSC. Motion to have this board remain at 5 (five) members. SC.

3. Recommend that an addendum be made to Rules of Order #11 as follows: Business may be presented to the Conference from the floor in writing (with signature of author), and given to the Clerk or the Business Committee. Motion to concur. SC.

4. Recommend that revision and update to the Constitution and By-Laws be made by the Clerk according to her findings in the records. Accepted as information.

5. We authorize the Chairman of the CTS Board to nominate two members to the CTS Board. MSC.

6. We recommend the Brother Jim Taylor be ordained to preach the gospel in his church in April, according to his wishes. MSC.

Ministers and Deacons cards were distributed by Moderator, Rev. C.A. Newman.

Obituary Committee Report read by Clerk. A moment of silence observed in memory of those gone and silent prayer offered for loved ones who remain. The report was submitted as follows:

The following individuals passed from this life during the year 1990:

Verta Mendonball, Community Fellowship FWB Church

Robert Allen, First FWB Church, Tucson

Billy Reed, Cathedral of the Cross FWB Church, Chandler.

Obituary Committee: Debe Taylor (chairman), Jo Ingram, Diane Winemiller.

Motion to remove from table Treasurer's Report. SC. Walt Spears, Audit Committee Chairman, reports that all appears in order. In the future we should remember to appoint this committee in December in order to give sufficient time to this important job. MSC to accept Treasurer's Report.

Business Committee Report - MSC to receive, act on item by item.

1. Be it resolved that this body express our love and appreciation to our Moderator and wife, Pastor and Mrs. C.A. Newman, for 10 years faithful service in the Arizona pastorate, and 4 years as Moderator of the First Arizona District Association (34 years as a Free Will Baptist preacher). This appreciation is to be expressed with prayer and the right hand of fellowship at the close of this

service, and later in the form of a certificate. MSC.

2. Recommend a standing vote of thanks to the host church for the wonderful meal and hosting the Annual meeting today. MSC. SVT given.

3. Recommend a vote of appreciation for Clerk, Pat Atchley, and Treasurer, Mel Strahl for their faithful work. MSC SVT given.

4. Recommend that we have a prayer service prior to the Association Conference opening. Time for prayer service to be left up to the Moderator. MSC to set time at 9:30 am.

5. Recommend that each church have special prayer for our new Governor Fife Symington as he begins his administration. MSC.

Annual Youth Camp Report presented by Don Davis, Camp Director. Accepted as information.

Nominations from the General Board read. No nominations given from the floor. MSC to elect by acclamation.

Officers elected for 1991-92:

Moderator Rev. Larry Reynolds*
Assistant Moderator ... Rev. David Taylor*
Clerk Pat Atchley*
Assistant Clerk Dixie Guild*
Treasurer Mel Strahl*
Assistant Treasurer ... Ralph Addington*

Examining Board:

Rev. David Taylor, 5 year* (chairman)
Rev. Howard Gwartney, 4 year
Rev. Jim Taylor, 3 year*
Rev. Mark Vandivort, 2 year*
Rev. Harold Sanders, 1 year

Mission Board:

Nolen Atchley, 5 year* (chairman)
Don Winemiller, 4 year*
Wayne Teverbaugh, 3 year
Elmer Books, 2 year
Chuck Kennedy, 1 year*

CTS Board:

Glenn Guild, 3 year* (chairman)
Mel Strahl, 3 year*
Joe Bilbry, 2 year
Don Davis, 1 year (camp director)

Trustees:

Ralph Addington, 3 year*
Neal Piquette, 2 year
Gordon Parker, 1 year

Statutory Agent..... Gordon Parker*

Members-at-large:

Rev. Harold Sanders, 2 year*
Walt Spears, 1 year

*Elected at this meeting.

Spear Van Fund Report: Rev. C.A. Newman.

Numerous mailings have been made to state associations and

preachers sharing the need. As of now there has been approximately \$2000.00 turned in to help. Received this as information.

MSC to authorize the Clerk to send letter in good standing to next association that C.A. Newman joins upon receipt of request from such association.

Don Davis elected as First Arizona District's delegate to the State Association.

Information: Arizona State Association will meet at the First Free Will Baptist church, Phoenix, located at 7516 North Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix, Saturday, May 4, 1991, 9:30 am.

Each church may have a delegate (fees are \$20.00 per church, and \$2.00 per delegate). Fees are to be paid to the district and the district will forward them to the state. Please notify the clerk of your choice of delegate that this information can be included for proper notation on the district report to the state.

MSC to adjourn.

Closing prayer, Ralph Addington.

Piano and vocal special rendered by the Ward's, Peoria, Arizona (recently moved from Ohio), while right hand of love and fellowship was extended to Rev. Newman by the membership of the district association present. So ended a beautiful day of Christian love and fellowship.

Next meeting will be at the West Valley Free Will Baptist Church, 702 E. Main, Avondale, AZ, Saturday, June 8, 1991 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Atchley, Clerk

March 1, 1990 to February 28, 1991

Balance on Deposit March 1, 1990	\$ 1,142.64
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Income

District Dues	1,460.00
Conference Offerings	250.76
National Association Delegate Fee	10.00
State Dues and Delegate Fees	62.00
National Home Missions (Gwartney)	60.00
Interest from Checking	58.79

Total	\$ 1,901.55
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Expenditures

Telephone Expenses	198.73
Board Meeting Expenses	128.55
Office Supplies	24.71
State Delegate Fees	256.00
Camp Expenses	485.68
Printing	\$ 28.09
Insurance	\$285.00
Miscellaneous	\$172.59
Pat Atchley (Clerical Honorarium - 2 years)	30.00
National Home Missions (Gwartney)	60.00
Cathedral of the Cross (Associational Gift)	64.00
Speer Van Fund (\$ 90 - Conference Offering; \$210 - General Fund)	300.00
Check and Service Charges	96.66

Total	\$ 1,644.33
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Balance on Deposit February 28, 1991	\$ 1,399.86
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DISTRICT MISSIONS MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT FINANCIAL REPORT

March 1, 1990 to February 28, 1991

Balance on Deposit March 1, 1990	\$ 23,974.8
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Income

National Home Missions		391.1
Gwartney	\$ 70.00	
Harvey	\$ 150.05	
Harvey Land Fund	\$ 171.10	
Money Market Interest		941.2

Total	\$ 1,332.3
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Expenditures

National Home Missions (State Land Fund)	5,000.0
National Home Missions	391.1
Gwartney	\$ 70.00
Harvey	\$ 150.05
Harvey Land Fund	\$ 171.10
Bell Road Dodge (Speer Van Loan)	8,750.0

Total	\$ 14,141.1
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Balance on Deposit February 28, 1991	\$ 11,166.1
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