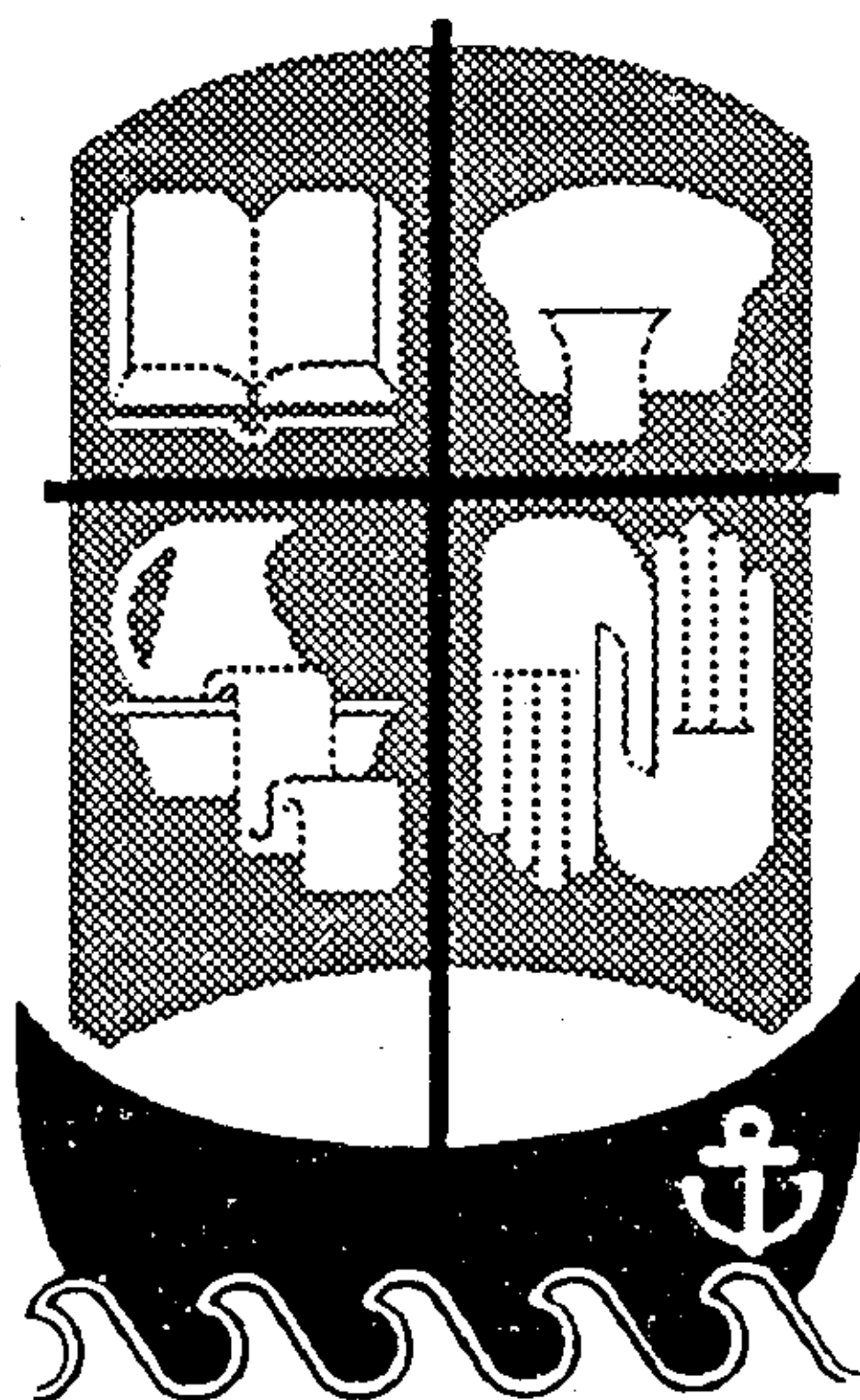


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**FIRST ARIZONA
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of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1995-96



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Church location address:
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Mailing Address:
C/O Jerry Rayburn @ his
home address.

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Under CTS Board
Chairman is:
Chuck Cushmsn

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LIST OF CHURCHES

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Examining Board

- 5 yr. - C. Walt Spears, Jr.
- 4 yr. - Reverend David Taylor, Chrmn
- 3 yr. - Reverend Jim Taylor
- 2 yr. - Reverend Mark Vandivort
- 1 yr. - Reverend Harmon Herndon

Mission Board

- 5 yr. - Jerry Rayburn
- 4 yr. - Atlee Tucker
- 3 yr. - Paul Norman, Chrmn
- 2 yr. - Elmer Brooks
- 1 yr. - Mike Young

CTS Board

- 3 yr. - Don Davis
- 3 yr. - Joe Bilbrey, Chrmn
- 2 yr. - Linda Harvey
- 2 yr. - Chuck Cushman
- 1 yr. - Craig Nottingham
- 1 yr. - Joyce Norman

Trustees

- 3 yr. - Jack Corn, Chrmn
- 2 yr. - Wayne Teverbaugh
- 1 yr. - Robert Hood

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order by Moderator, or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present.
2. The Moderator's remarks.
3. The morning devotion.
4. Reading of the church letters.
5. Seating of the delegates.
6. Invite visiting brethren to sit in council.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Reading of the minutes.
9. Treasurer's reports.
10. Morning worship service and sermon.
11. Lunch break.
12. Afternoon devotion.
13. Committee reports.
14. Old business.
15. New business.
16. Adjourn.

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 sit as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall rise 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 vote.
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 the equivalent 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 General 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, and their Assistants, who shall be chosen at every annual session of the Association.

Section 2. There are four boards of the First Arizona District Association:

A. General Board. This board shall be composed of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Chairmen of the Examining, Mission, and CTS Boards, and two (2) members at large elected annually.

This board will act as the program committee in advance of each quarterly conference; will be the nominating committee for all offices of the Association; and will make recommendations to the Association in matters of business presented to it.

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.

This board shall keep a record of all work done, meetings held, and make full and complete report to all regular meetings of the Association. No meeting will be called without notifying every board member.

This board shall have the authority to elect such officers as necessary to carry out its functions.

B. Examining Board. This board shall be composed of not less than five (5) ordained men so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years. It shall be the duty of this board to meet with all ministers desiring ordination, licensing, and/or membership into this Association, and deacons desiring ratification of credentials

and recognition as standing delegates in this Association (requests having been made by the church of which the candidate is a member).

This board shall examine all candidates by a set of questions approved by the Association, and if the examination proves satisfactory, recommendation(s) will be made to the Association.

This board shall act on all matters of credentials pertaining to individuals or churches as invited by the local church (in writing), and make recommendations to the Association.

This board shall meet with, examine, and make recommendations on all churches requesting membership into the Association.

The procedure followed by this board for ministerial and deacon candidates, examining churches, minister's yearly reporting, yearly ordination cards, and minister's communication, is outlined in the By-laws, Articles I, II, III, and IV.

This board shall have the authority to elect such officers as necessary to carry out its functions.

C. Mission Board. This board shall be composed of not less than five (5) members and so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years.

This 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.

This board shall have the authority to elect such officers as necessary to carry out its functions.

D. Church Training Service Board. This board shall be composed of not less than three (3) members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for three years.

This board shall make recommendations to the Association regarding Youth Camp sites, activities, and the director, and in general promote Christian education, youth rallies, and youth camps in this association when called upon. This board shall have the authority to elect such officers as necessary to carry out its functions.

Section 3. Three (3) Trustees shall be elected and serve for the duration established by this Association.

This board shall consist of three members serving three, two, and one year rotations with the one year man eligible to succeed himself. The Statutory Agent will be elected annually from this board by the body of the First Arizona District Association, and shall chair the board.

This board shall be responsible to oversee any legal action involving the First Arizona District Association. This board shall be responsible for the oversight of the physical properties of any mission church or self-supporting church that closes its doors and reverts to the control of the First Arizona District Association Mission Board. They shall oversee, make arrangements for repair and renovation of buildings, furniture and grounds of said properties.

This board shall communicate by whatever means appropriate to the District Mission Board who will communicate with the district General Board regarding the needs of said properties. The three boards will devise a plan to resolve the problem as to cost, materials, and how the matter is to be accomplished.

The Trustee Board shall not financially incumber the First Arizona District Association without prior approval.

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 MARCH 14, 1992

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.

Section 4. Ministers in good standing. Any minister who absents himself from the meetings of the First Arizona District Association for one year, showing no interest in the association or in its affairs, shall be placed on inactive status, after having been contacted by the District Examining Board concerning his absence.

And as an inactive minister shall not be entitled to :

1. Voting privileges in the association meetings.
2. Minister's card of good standing.
3. A letter of good standing, without the letter stating that said minister is inactive because of nonparticipation in the association.

The minister shall be welcomed back to active status after having met with the Examining Board concerning his desire to be active in the association.

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. All deacons sanctioned and ratified as standing delegates in the District Association, whose names are included on their church's annual letter to the District Association indicating their good standing with the church, and being in good standing with the District Association, will receive a Deacon's Identification Card to be issued annually in conjunction with the Minister's Cards. Subject cards will identify the bearer as an official 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 \$3.00 (three dollars) per member will be paid quarterly. One dollar of each \$3.00 (three dollars) will go to the youth camp fund to help offset the camp expense.

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 quarter 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. National Association Representation

Section 1. Arizona General Board Member. Each odd numbered year the First Arizona District Association shall recommend a General Board Member to the National Association to represent the District.

A. Tenure. First Arizona District Association's National General Board Member shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (4 years), providing there are qualified and willing candidates to serve.

B. Financing. At each annual meeting the District General Board shall present a budget for adoption by the District for the National General Board Member's expenses to the National Association.

Section 2. 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.

ADOPTED AS REVISED MARCH 14, 1992

Permanent Resolutions:

****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.

June 7, 1980 - General Board recommends mileage be paid as set by I.R.S. for executive board meetings. 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.

June 8, 1991 - We comply with the request of the C.T.S. (camp) Board to pay the Camp Evangelist, from the General Fund, an honorarium of \$300.00 for an out-of-state speaker, and \$200.00 for a speaker from within the state. MSC.

September 14, 1991 - The Assistant Moderator shall act as the Parliamentarian for the First Arizona District Association. MSC.

September 14, 1991 - The Pianist and Song Leader for each District Association meeting are to be provided by the host church, with help to be provided from sister churches as needed. MSC.

June 13, 1992 - The CTS Board shall announce, no later than the December District Quarterly meeting, the location for the next year's camp, the director, the cost, and have camper registration forms available. MSC.

September 12, 1992 - Whereas the 1992 National Association of Free Will Baptists voted that each district and state association list the names of ministers ordained, deceased, and whose credentials were ratified, revoked, or reinstated, be it permanently resolved that the examining board notify the annual district association meeting of the names of those ministers ordained, those who have died, those who have met the association's requirements for ratification, and those whose credentials have been revoked or reinstated; and that this information be voted upon and included in the minutes and on the district's letter to the state association. MSC.

December 11, 1993 - The Audit Committee will meet with the treasurer, to audit the association accounts, at the annual General Board meeting each February. 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 mission 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 General 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 work 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 church'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 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 10, 1995 - March 9, 1996

FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE JUNE 10, 1995

Convening at Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix, Arizona

Morning Session

Following requests from churches, prayer was led by Rev. Don Brown.

Welcome was extended by host pastor Rev. Silven Fairchild.

The congregation sang "I'll Fly Away" and "I'll Live On In Glory" led by Paul Norman with Linda Harvey, pianist.

Rev. George Harvey, Jr., led in opening prayer.

The morning devotion was given by Nolen Atchley. Using the text Titus 2:1-12, 15 he spoke on the "Qualities Of A Sound Church".

Moderator Rev. George Harvey, Jr., called the conference to order directing our attention to the Rules Of Order printed on the back of the program.

David Taylor was appointed Assistant Moderator and Linda Harvey, Assistant Clerk for the day.

Letters from the following churches were read and accepted: Delegates seated.

Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix

Sunset FWB Church*, Flagstaff

Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix

West Valley FWB Church*, Buckeye

North Valley FWB Church*, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

Cathedral Of The Cross FWB Church*, Chandler

Our visitors today are Rev. Don Brown from Bethel FWB Church, Little Rock, Arkansas and Jerry Rayburn, who is beginning a work at Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Rev. David Taylor appointed the Business Committee:

Rev. Harmon Herndon, Rev. Joseph Bilbrey, III and Chairman, Walt Spears.

Minutes of the March 11, 1995 were read. MSC to accept with the correction that Rev. George Harvey, Jr. was chairman of the Examining Board. Treasurer, Mel Strahl, distributed printed reports of all accounts; making a motion that they be accepted. SC.

Worship Service

Paul Norman led the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" accompanied by Nona Herndon.

Opening prayer, led by Rev. Harmon Herndon was followed by another congregational hymn; "What A Day That Will Be" Offertory prayer was led by Ralph Addington.

A trio, Lylian Fairchild with Joyce and Paul Norman blessed our hearts singing "Sailing Away On That Old Gospel Ship" before the Normans' sang a duet "I'm So Glad He Found Me". Accompaniment was Nona Herndon at the piano and Paul Norman on the guitar.

Rev. Silven Fairchild, continued the theme "Qualities Of A Sound Church" as he brought the Message from Titus 2:1-15; Centering his remarks on the fact that we must be steadfast in God and the gospel of Christ, living honestly in love toward all in order to rescue souls from hell.

The closing prayer with blessing on the noon meal was offered by Rev. Mark Vandivort.

Afternoon Session

Congregational opening song was "Just Inside The Gate" before Jerry Rayburn offered prayer for the business. Visiting minister, Rev. Don Brown, who came to help build the North Valley Church brought a devotion continuing the theme and using the text I Timothy 4:1-.8. His encouragement and challenge was "Every person in a church has an important and unique role. Be Faithful!"

Walt Spears, Chairman, gave the Business Report as follows: We recommend;

1. That the one year General Board member, (Walt Spears) who was incorrectly removed from his final year, be reinstated. (Member - at - Large)

2. That the National General Board Member office be described and include the means and amount of financial assistance in the By - Laws under Article VIII.

3. That we make the mission work in Sierra Vista, Jerry Rayburn and his people a matter of prayer and that today's offering be given to that mission. Further that our district be challenged to contribute both materially and financially to this work.

4. That the association follow Dr. Worthington's request in emphasizing the importance of reporting accurate figures for membership totals, gains and losses. Further recommend that the clerk verify the membership statistics for each church reporting quarterly. The need for this is illustrated by the figures reported for the last two years which are as follows:

1994 First Arizona District Total Members..205

Total Members Added During the Year.....34

Total Members Lost During the Year.....21

1995 First Arizona District Total Members..190

Using the figures reported, the total for 1995 should have been 218, twenty-eight more than reported.

5. That a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church for the hospitality and good food.

6 That a standing vote of thanks be given for the hospitality given at the State Association by the Community Fellowship FWB Church, since it was overlooked at that time.

7. That we determine the location for the 1996 annual meeting (March 9) so it can be included in the National publications.

MSC to receive this report and act item by item.

1. Bro. Walt Spears made a motion that Rev. Harmon Herndon be allowed to remain Member - at-Large. SC.

2. MSC to refer item to the General Board to word the article and present it to the next quarterly meeting.

3. MSC to change the amount to half of today's offering, (\$31.00). Amend to add \$69.00 from the general fund to make the total of \$100.00. MSC.

4. MSC to recommend that all churches file reports EVERY QUARTER (whether they are able to attend or not) and that the clerk verify the membership statistics for each church reporting quarterly.

5 & 6. MSC to concur with SVT.

7. MSC to accept the invitation of North Valley FWB Church* to host the Annual Conference, March 9, 1996.

General Board report read.

Recommendation that Rev. George Harvey, Jr. represent this association to the National General Board for the years 1996 and 1997. MSC.

The Examining Board Report read.

This board met with Joey Bilbrey and approved his ordination. After taking a phone conference vote by the General board members; the ordination was conducted with the Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr., Rev. Harmon Herndon, Walt Spears and Rev. David Taylor sitting as ordaining council, on Sunday evening April 9, 1995.

The Examining Board also met with Rev. Howard Gwartney, discussing his reinstatement as a member of this association, which ended in the extending the right hand of fellowship to him. Information received.

Mission board chairman, Nolen Atchley, gave report on the progress of the Sierra Vista work, encouraging all of us to educate ourselves regarding ways to assist "Tentmakers" under the National Association.

Information received.

Bro. Jerry Rayburn shared about the work that is being done in Sierra Vista; concluding with the urgent request that we pray for men who will help with this work.

Joe Bilbrey, CTS chairman, reports that there are 29 campers and 26 workers enrolled. "We will be in the red about \$1,860.00 by camp time. There is a desperate need!"

MSC that each pastor promote the need to his congregation and receive a love offering on "Fathers' Day" to help the youth with the expense.

The next quarterly conference will be September 9, 1995 at Trinity FWB Church by special request of its membership.

Attendance Banner awarded to Trinity FWB Church.

Today's attendance was a total of 60. (58 members and 2 visitors)

MSC to Adjourn.

Wayne Teverbaugh offered the closing prayer.

SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE - September 9, 1995

Convening at Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix, Arizona

Morning Session

Prayer requests and praise reports were given before the men gathered at the altar as Rev. Mark Vandivort led in prayer.

Rev. Silven Fairchild, host pastor, extended a warm welcome.

Patty Buckmaster, pianist, and Paul Norman, song leader, led the congregation in singing "Mansion Over The Hilltop".

Moderator ,Rev. George Harvey, Jr., led the opening prayer.

Atlee Tucker gave a devotional "Back To Basics", using Exodus 20: 3-17 as his text.

Calling the association to order, Moderator George Harvey, Jr. dispensed with the reading of the rules of order encouraging us to read them from the back of the program.

Letters from member churches were read as follows:

Sunset FWB Church*, Flagstaff

Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix

North Valley FWB Church*, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix

Cathedral Of The Cross FWB Church*, Chandler

East Valley FWB Church*, Mesa

West Valley FWB Church* will send their letter.

Delegates for West Valley will be Mrs. Parthenia Rogers and Jody Larson. MSC to accept letters and seat delegates.

Rev. Mark Vandivort was appointed as Assistant Moderator for the day.

Business Committee appointees are Rev. Joseph (Joey) Bilbrey, III, chairman, Pam Taylor, Hercel Spears and Jean Stewart.

Minutes of June 10, 1995 were read and accepted.

Treasurer, Mel Strahl, distributed reports for all accounts making a motion that they be accepted. SC.

Worship Service

The congregation sang "I'll Live In Glory". Following prayer led by Charles W. Spears, Sr. Another hymn, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" was sung, Offertory prayer was led by Ralph Addington. The congregation sang "Take My Hand Precious Lord" as the offering was received.

Accompanying herself, Patty Buckmaster rendered the specials "Lay It Down And Leave It" and "Unworthy" before Rev. David Taylor came to share the message. Taking his text from II Timothy 2:14-19 he developed the message "God's Word, Our Foundation". Commenting on the need for strengthening the family altar, Rev. Mark Vandivort asked Paul Norman to close in prayer and ask the blessing on the lunch. Adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Opening singing by the congregation was "I'll Fly Away" and "Amazing Grace".

Mike Young shared the devotional "Diligently Study God's Word" using the text II Timothy 2:15.

Prayer was led by Rev. Harmon Herndon.

The Business Committee report was given, recommending that:

1. Today's offering of \$70.00 be put in the General Fund. MSC.

2. We pursue a more active communication with California Christian College and the New Mexico State Association. (The goal being to give young preachers opportunity to practice their techniques as well as strengthening Free Will Baptists in the western states.) MSC.

3. Special prayer be made for the mens' and womans' retreats and their speakers. Louise Vandivort and Debe Taylor will both be speaking at the ladies National Retreat.

4. A standing vote of thanks to the host church for outstanding hospitality and fine meal. Concured with SVT. The General Board report was given. Accepted information. The Examining Board Report was given by Rev. David Taylor, chairman.

We Recommend that: Whereas, The Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista, has been endorsed and accepted by the National Home Mission Department, that we receive them into the First Arizona District Association as a mission church with all privileges and responsibilities.

Members: Rev. Harmon Herndon

Rev. J. Mark Vandivort

Deacon, Walt Spears

Rev. David Taylor

MSC.

Joe Bilbrey, CTS Board chairman, gave the report thanking the Lord and each church that participated in the special offerings given to help youth camp 1995.

Total attendance was 67.

There was a meeting of pastors and the CTS Board in August (a total of 11) to make future plans for camp. A new questionnaire will be prepared for each worker which will need to be signed by their pastor, attesting them to be faithful with a FWB church. The board voted to have adult campers ages 19 and older or high school graduate if younger. This will not include the workers.

We voted to elect camp director each year and he will choose his own assistant.

1996 camp will be at Camp Anytown unless we find a more suitable location before January. Rev. David Taylor was elected camp director and he will choose the speaker for camp.

He encouraged everyone to make plans now for camp and to help youth raise money to cover their fee.

The Mission Board report was given by Nolen Atchley, followed by a praise report by "Tentmaker", Jerry Rayburn of Sierra Vista - Desert Springs FWB Church*.

Bro. Jerry emphasized the need for prayer warriors (at least 9 more) who will commit themselves to praying for them weekly. "Especially pray for men who will be dedicated to come and help. MSC to receive entire report as information.

The recommendation given in writing for the General Board Member to The National General Board:

Article VIII National Association Representation

Section 1. Arizona General Board Member

Each odd numbered year the Association shall recommend a General Board member to the National Association.

A. Tenure. First Arizona District Association's Board member shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (providing there are qualified and willing candidates to serve.)

B. At each annual meeting the General Board shall present a budget for the National General Board member's expenses.

Section 2. Delegates to The National Association (will remain the same)

Submitted by Rev. David Taylor and Rev. Mark Vandivort.
New Business:

Recommendation to assist official representative from our association with expenses for The Leadership Conference in December 1995. MSC to assist said representative up to \$500.00.

First FWB Church will be hosting the third quarterly conference, December 9, 1995.

Trinity FWB Church was awarded the attendance banner. Total attendance today 51.

MSC to Adjourn.

Closing prayer worded by Hercel Spears.

THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE - December 9, 1995

Convening at First FWB Church, Tucson, Arizona

Morning Session

After prayer requests were shared, Rev. Jim Taylor led in prayer as we gathered at the altar.

Rev. David Taylor, host pastor extended a warm welcome to the conference.

Congregational singing was led by pianist, Debe Taylor and song leader, Walt Spears in the carol "Hark The Herald Angels Sing".

Rev. George Harvey, Jr., Moderator led in opening prayer; then called attention to the printed rules of order in the back of the program.

Mel Strahl shared a devotional from II Timothy 2:15 titled "More Time With God".

Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. called the conference to order.

The letters from the following churches were read:

West Valley FWB Church*, Buckeye

North Valley FWB Church*, Phoenix
Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista
East Valley FWB Church*, Mesa
Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix
Grace FWB Church*, Chandler
Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix
First FWB Church, Tucson

Request made by Don Davis to be seated as delegate for CTS Board Chairman at this meeting. MSC.

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates.

Letter and dues from Sunset FWB Church* will be mailed.

Rev. Jim Taylor, Assistant Moderator appointed the Business Committee: Rev. Harmon Herndon as chairman, with Glenn Guild and Mike Young, members.

Minutes of the September 9, 1995 meeting read and accepted.

Reports from treasurer, Mel Strahl given with comment that West Valley FWB Church* sent second quarter dues. MSC.

Prayer by Don Davis.

Worship Service

Gifts to the Arizona Missionary Wives prepared by the Women's Auxiliary and Actionettes from Tucson FWB Church, were presented by Debe Taylor.

Led by Rev. David Taylor, the choir of First Church Tucson sang "Until Then".

After the congregational song "Away In A Manger", opening prayer was led by Rev. Jim Taylor.

The congregation continued in song with "O Come All Ye Faithful".

Offertory prayer was worded by Rev. Joseph Bilbrey, III. Pianist, Debe Taylor played "Angels We Have Heard On High" as the offering was received.

The Tucson Girls Ensemble, (Amy Taylor; Kim Davis, Cindy Spears, and Heather Dennis) sang "He Never Changes".

Bro. Jerry Rayburn, pastor of the Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista, brought the message: "The Divine Call To Help" using the text Acts 16:9-10. Sharing his heart, he stated that "God ALWAYS gives the best to those who let Him choose for them!"

Closing prayer by Chuck Cushman.

Afternoon Session

Continuing carols the congregation sang "O Little Town Of Bethlehem".

Opening prayer by Nolen Atchley.

The devotional titled "God Leads Us On Purpose" with texts from Acts 16:6-10 and Colossians 4:2-6 was given by Glenn Guild.

The Business Committee recommendations were:

1. That today's offering of \$56.26 be given to the relocation of the Bible Institute in Mexico.

2. That \$500.00 be given to each of our six mission churches from the mission account.

3. That the churches of the association make Sunday, December 10, 1995 a day of prayer for peace in Bosnia. Rev. David Taylor led in prayer for this recommendation.

4. That a standing vote of thanks be given the host church for the good hospitality and noon meal.

MSC to concur on all recommendations.

General Board report read. MSC to accept and consider the recommendation later in the business meeting.

The Examining Board recommends that Bro. Jerry Rayburn be licensed to preach and his credentials be recognized in the First Arizona District Association. MSC.

Old Business:

The promotional study committee report was given by Rev. David Taylor with the cost of a booth at the National corrected to be \$275.00. MSC that the information be sent to each church to study and consider and be prepared to discuss and vote on it at the Annual Conference.

MSC to remove the constitutional change for Article VIII from the table.

Motion to amend to clarify as follows:

Article VIII. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION

Section 1. Arizona General Board Member.

Each odd numbered year the First Arizona District Association shall recommend a General Board Member to the National Association to represent the District.

A. Tenure. First Arizona District Association's National Board Member shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (4 years), providing there are qualified and willing candidates to serve.

B. Financing. At each annual meeting the District General Board shall present a budget for adoption by the District for the National General Board Member's expenses to the National Association.

Section 2. Delegates to National Association
Three official delegates to the National Association will be elected annually by this body. The elected representative must meet the qualifications of possessing knowledge of this Association's position and feelings.

MSA original motion as amended.

New Business:

Audit committee appointed: Rev. Joseph Bilbrey, III, chairman, with Glenn Guild and Robert Hood. Alternate, Chuck Cushman. This committee will meet with the treasurer at the General Board in February to audit the books.

Obituary Committee appointees are Nona Herndon as chairperson, Rev. Mark Vandivort and Atlee Tucker.

Unfinished Business:

Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. presented Jerry Rayburn with his Certificate of License to preach and Licensed Minister's Card from the Association.

Reporting briefly on the Leadership Conference, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. stated that it was a profitable meeting; reaffirming the commitment to stick to God's word!

Printed reports will be sent to each church.

MSC to Adjourn.

Closing prayer was worded by Bro. Jerry Rayburn.

ANNUAL QUARTERLY CONFERENCE - March 9, 1996

Convening at North Valley FWB Church*, Phoenix,

Morning Session

Prayer and Praise reports were accepted before Alton Loveless from Randall House Publications, worded the prayer as we gathered at the altar.

Opening the conference we were led in singing "Victory In Jesus" and "Just Over In Glory Land" by song leader Gail Bradshaw with Debe Taylor at the piano and Linda Harvey at the organ.

Rev. Mark Vandivort led us in opening prayer.

The Morning Devotion, by Joe Bilbrey who used as his text Colossians 4:23, posed the question: "Are We Really Accepting This Challenge?"

Welcome given by Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. as he called the meeting to order and directed our attention to the Rules Of Order printed on the back of the bulletin.

Letters from the following churches were read:

Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista

Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix

East Valley FWB Church*, Mesa

Sunset FWB Church*, Flagstaff

West Valley FWB Church*, Buckeye

Delegate for North Valley - Robert Hood; for First of Tucson, Martha Cushman in place of Glenn Guild, for West Valley, Craig Nottingham, in place of Mike Larson, Delegates seated.

North Valley and Grace Churches will submit their letters today or send them to the clerk with their dues and fees.

Our visitors today are Executive Secretary Dr. Melvin Worthington from Antioch, Tnn., Alton Loveless from Randall House, Nashville, Tnn., and From First FWB Church of Phoenix, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Marshall and Ralph Belz.

The Business Committee was appointed as follows: Jerry Rayburn, Ralph Addington, and Chairman, Rev. Mark Vandivort.

The minutes of December 9, 1995 were read and approved.

Worship Service

"Revive Us Again" and "I Want To Know More About My Lord "began our congregational singing.

Rev. Joseph Bilbrey, III leading in opening prayer.

An offering was received while a piano and organ duet, "The Wonder Of It All", was shared by Debe Taylor and La Donna Harvey.

The North Valley Choir presented the specials; "The Cornerstone", "You Alone" and "I Long To Worship You".

Dr. Melvin Worthington shared a challenging message from Matthew 4:17-22 titled "The Savior's Summons To Service, For Servants".

Rev. David Taylor led in dismissal prayer and the blessing on the lunch.

Afternoon Session

The congregational music "The Lily Of The Valley" and "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Gail Bradshaw with piano accompniment by Debe Taylor.

Rev. George Harvey, Jr. led in prayer.

For the afternoon devotion, Don Davis chose the topic "We Need To Accept The Challenge" using references from I John 2:2, I Corinthians 2:4 and 1:8.

The Business Committee Report was given by chairman, Rev. Mark Vandivort. We Recommend that:

1. Congratulations from the association go to Bro. George Harvey and North Valley Church* with praise to The Lord for a beautiful new building.

2. Each church encourage members to vote in this years' presidential election.

3. Delegates take today's prayer requests back to our home churches and make them a matter of prayer.

4. A standing vote of thanks to the host church for the fine food and hospitality.

MSC to accept and act on all recommendations as stated.

A standing vote of thanks was given to host church.

General Board report read.

We recommend:

1. That Co-Op giving for the year 1996-1997 remain at 10% of the church dues and fees collected quarterly.

2. Acting on a request from the Desert Springs FWB Church* and it's pastor, Jerry Rayburn, The General Board voted unanimously to loan, for rent and utilities needed immediately for their meeting place, \$1200.00 from the Mission Account. Payments of \$50.00 or more will be made monthly; and the total amount will be repaid to the Mission Account within two years with no interest charge. A contract will be drawn up.

3. That the representative to the General Board of The National Association be given \$200.00 to help with the expense of attending on our behalf.

MSC to pass all recommendations and accept information.

Randall House and sunday school material reports given by Alton Loveless.

Examining Board Report:

Annual minister's report forms were made available to ordained and licensed ministers in good standing in the association. Forms should have been received prior to March 1, 1996.

Currently there are eight ordained ministers, one licensed minister, and seven deacons (with standing votes) in the association. Our association consists of three organized churches (Community Fellowship, First Tucson, and Trinity) and six mission churches (Desert Springs, East Valley, Grace, North Valley, Sunset, and West Valley).

Recommendations:

1. At the request of the General Board to determine proper action for delinquent letters and dues, The Examining Board will make recommendations by the next quarterly meeting in June of 1996.

2. We recommend that ministers cards be issued for the five ordained and the one licensed minister who have submitted their annual reports, and the remaining three be issued upon receipt of their annual reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Harmon Herndon

Walt Spears

Rev. Jim B. Taylor

Rev. J. Mark Vandivort

Rev. David Taylor, Chairman

The Audit Committee Report:

The Audit Committee met with Treasurer, Mel Strahl on February 16, 1996 and having received the financial report and finding it accurate; We Thank You, Bro. Mel for another year of service for God.

Joey Bilbrey, Chairman

Glenn Guild

Robert Hood

Obituary Committee Report:

We have lost one member in death this past year; Evelyn Bowen, member of Community Fellowship Church. Atlee Tucker led prayer for the bereaved.

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Rev. Charles Marshall shared a report on the children's Home. Many wonderful things are happening!

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Mission Board Report:

Time covered 1 March 1995 - 29 February 1996.

The highlight of this reporting period has been the addition of another Free Will Baptist Mission in the state. Jerry and Brenda Rayburn started a new work in Sierra Vista, Arizona and this summer past, were declared "Tentmaker Missionaries" to that city. We are most grateful to God for leading in the lives of the Rayburns.

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The work at Sierra Vista has produced fruit, in that some have been saved and others rededicated. The greatest need for this mission is for some men to yoke up with brother Rayburn to help him in this work. A number of folks have pledged support of finances and prayer, while others have aided them by handing out flyers, advertising their church.

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This mission board has not received any request for help within the scope of it's job description. This board would encourage all missions and church leaders to communicate with us as to how we can be of help. We would ask that this board be recognized as a mission board as the new church year begins. We wish to serve you more effectively.

We are hopeful that God will open more doors for home missions in this state. There are yet other towns and cities here that are large enough to support a Free Will Baptist mission.

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We are also grateful to God for the work He has done thru the faithful folks at North Valley Mission. They have done most of the work themselves and they are tired but we know that all of their labors and efforts will seem small when they occupy the facilities, and worship God in that place.

Respectfully,

The Mission Board Members

CTS Report:

Camp Director, Rev. David Taylor has supplied each church with camper and worker forms. The camp Evangelist will be Rev. Joey Bilbrey. There will be a workers meeting Friday March 29, 1996. Churches will be contacted with further information regarding it.

The National Denominational Report highlights were shared by Dr. Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary of the National Association. Some were:

1. The establishment of The International Fellowship of FWB Churches.

2. Some difficult issues appear to be resolved. The National Denominational Report booklet will be sent to the clerk and she will distribute two to each church that we may be fully informed.

New officers who were elected for the year 1996-1997 are Members - at - Large: Rev. Joseph Bilbrey, III and Craig Nottingham.

5 yr Examining Board member: Walt Spears

5 yr Mission Board member: Jerry Rayburn

Two - 3 yr members CTS Board: Don Davis and Joe Bilbrey.

3 yr Trustee Board member who is also Statutory Agent Jack Corn.

The invitation to meet at Desert Springs FWB Church* for the First Quarterly Conference on June 8, 1996 was accepted.

Attendance today was 55 members and 5 visitors totalling 60 with the attendance banner being awarded to Desert Springs FWB Church*.

MSC to Adjourn.

Closing prayer by Rev. David Taylor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Atchley, Clerk

1/27/96

**FIRST ARIZONA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL**

**TREASURY REPORT
MARCH 1ST, 1995 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29TH, 1996**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 1,191.87
RECEIPTS RECEIVED	11,887.50
EXPENDITURES	10,677.34
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 2,402.03

RECEIPTS RECEIVED

DISTRICT DUES	\$ 2,932.00
CONFERENCE OFFERINGS	243.26
STATE DUES AND DELEGATE FEES AND LOVE OFFERINGS	441.61
YOUTH CAMP	6,862.19
MEN'S RETREAT	1,092.50
STATE ASSOCIATION (SEE 3RD QUARTER REPORT)	315.94
TOTAL	\$ 11,887.50

EXPENDITURES

BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD MEETING MEALS)	\$ 382.36
TRAVEL EXPENSES	522.30
OFFICE SUPPLIES (PRINTING, STAMPS, SUPPLIES, CHECKS, ETC.)	338.37
STATE ASSOCIATION (STATE, NATIONAL DUES & LOVE OFFERINGS)	491.61
YOUTH CAMP (DEPOSIT, TRAINING, INSUR., SUPPLIES, SPEAKER, ETC.)	6,956.26
CLERICAL HONORARIUM	60.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (10% OF DUES TO THE CO-OP PLAN)	74.90
DESIGNATED CONFERENCE OFFERINGS	89.00
CORPORATION COMMISSION (FILING FEES)	10.00
MEN'S RETREAT (PRINTING, AWARDS, RETREAT, REFUNDS, ETC.)	1,127.28
JERRY RAYBURN-SIERRA VISTA WORKS (FROM 6/10/95 CONFERENCE)	69.00
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE EXPENSES (GEORGE HARVEY)	500.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (SEE 4TH QUARTER REPORT)	56.26
TOTAL	\$ 10,677.34

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BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 000.00
CREDITS RECEIVED-DISTRICT MEMBERS BY QUARTER (217, 191, 215)	856.00
YOUTH CAMP MONEY RECEIVED	6,862.19
CREDITS USED (INSURANCE, CAMP FEES, DEPOSIT TROPHIES, ETC.)	- 6,956.26
ENDING CREDITS BALANCE \$ +	761.93

**SUBMITTED BY
MEL STRAHL**

1/27/96

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS
DISTRICT MISSIONS MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
ANNUAL**

TREASURY REPORT
MARCH 1ST, 1995 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29TH, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$17,145.91
RECEIPTS RECEIVED	5,457.85
EXPENDITURES	7,883.87
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 14,719.89

RECEIPTS RECEIVED

INTEREST	\$ 508.98
HOME MISSIONS	2,201.21
FOREIGN MISSIONS	2,151.30
MEXICO MISSIONS	275.86
BENJAMIN RANDALL OFFERING	129.00
REST OF THE FAMILY OFFERING	91.50
WEST VALLEY (DISTRICT ASSOCIATION DUES-SEE 3RD QUARTER REPORT)	<u>100.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 5,457.85

EXPENDITURES

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (HOME MISSIONS)	\$ 1,816.85
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (MEXICO MISSIONS)	275.86
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (FOREIGN MISSIONS)	2,301.30
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4.62
BENJAMIN RANDALL OFFERING	129.00
REST OF THE FAMILY OFFERING	91.50
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (TRANSFER TO DISTRICT ACCOUNT-3RD QUARTER)	100.00
SIERRA VISTA WORKS (SEE 3RD QUARTER REPORT)	110.00
SERVICE CHARGES (SEE 4TH QUARTER REPORT)	54.74
HOME MISSIONS (SEE 4TH QUARTER REPORT)	<u>3,000.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 7,883.87

SUBMITTED BY
MEL STRAHL

First Arizona District Association
of
Free Will Baptist

Annual Minister's Report

Date _____ Period of Report _____

Name _____

Address _____

Ordained _____ Licensed _____

Churches Pastored:

1. _____

2. _____

Sermons preached _____

Revivals conducted _____

Conversions witnessed _____

Funerals preached _____

Number baptized _____

Weddings conducted _____

Members received _____

Assoc. mtgs. attended _____

Additions (district, state, national positions; conferences attended; special services, etc.):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Comments or remarks:

Signed _____

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