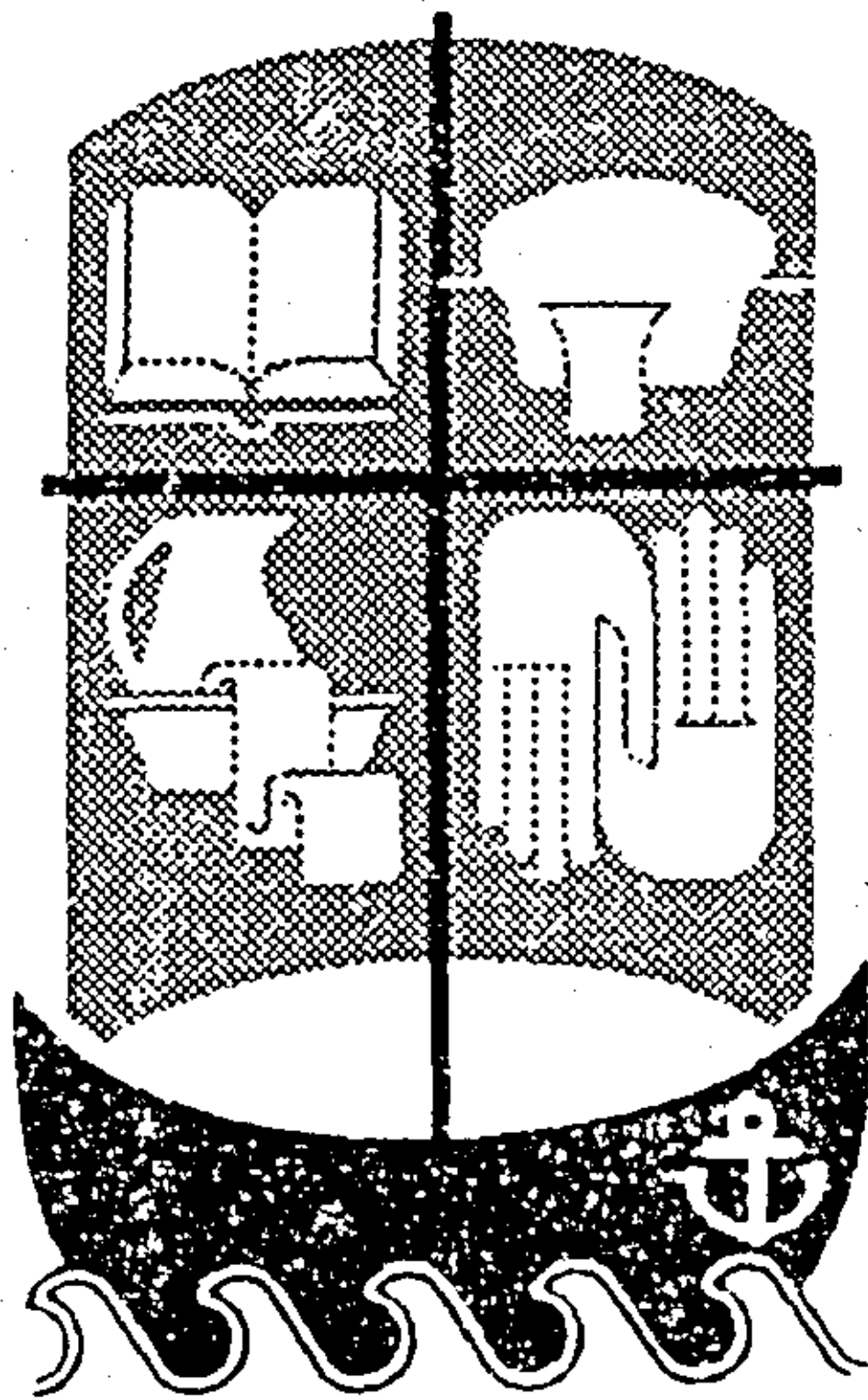


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of  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1996-97



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# LIST OF CHURCHES

## Community Fellowship FWB Church

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Phoenix, Arizona 85008  
(602) 455-4110  
Reverend Harmon Herndon, Pastor

Bernell Teverbaugh, Clerk  
2406 W. McLellan Blvd  
Phoenix, Arizona 85015 (602) 242-3405

## Desert Springs FWB Church\*

315 N. Barstow  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635  
Mailing Address: C/O Jerry Rayburn  
(520) 378-1522  
Jerry Rayburn, Pastor

Brenda Rayburn, Clerk  
3316 Flat Rock Court  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635 (520) 378-1522

## East Valley FWB Church\*

2160 N. Power Road  
Mesa, Arizona 85215  
Reverend Howard Gwartney, Pastor

## First FWB Church

2565 E. 18th Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85716  
(520) 326-3939  
Reverend David Taylor, Pastor

Dixie Guild, Clerk  
4141 W. Irvington  
Tucson, Arizona 85746 (520) 578-0774

Grace FWB Church\*

P.O. Box 2199  
Chandler, Arizona 85244-2199  
(602) 899-4132  
Reverend Joseph Bilbrey, III, Pastor

Carol Anne Bilbrey, Clerk  
598 E. Detroit  
Chandler, Arizona 85225 (602) 814-8520

North Valley FWB Church\*

14848 N. Cave Creek Road, Suite #15  
Phoenix, Arizona 85032  
(602) 992-4342  
Reverend George Harvey, Jr., Pastor

Linda Harvey, Clerk  
19225 N. 30th Place  
Phoenix, Arizona 85024 (602) 569-6874

Sunset FWB Church\*

2918 N. Aris  
Flagstaff, Arizona 86004  
(520) 526-3817  
Reverend J. Mark Vandivort, Pastor

Nancy Coleman, Clerk  
3401 W. Mountain  
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001 (520) 774-8065

Trinity FWB Church

1302 W. Cheryl Drive  
Phoenix, Arizona 85021  
(602) 944-2107  
Reverend Silven Fairchild, Pastor

Joyce Norman, Clerk  
14009 N. 48th Avenue  
Glendale, Arizona 85306 (602) 978-5879

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North Valley FWB Church\*  
18220 N. 20th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85022  
(602) 992-4342  
Rev. George Harvey, Jr., Pastor

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Desert Springs FWB Church\*  
(church location changed)  
Rev. Jerry Rayburn, Pastor  
Mailing Address: c/o Jerry Rayburn,  
3316 Flat Rock Court  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635  
(520) 378-1522

Laurel Walker, Clerk  
201 N. Garden Avenue  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635  
(520) 515-0863

Note:

Grace FWB Church\*  
Rev. Joseph Bilbrey, III has resigned.

Sunset FWB Church\*  
Rev. J. Mark Vandivort is retiring

West Valley FWB Church\*  
19956 W. McDowell  
Buckeye, Arizona 85326  
Mailing Address: C/O Rev. Jim Taylor  
19611 W. Medlock  
Litchfield, Arizona 85340  
(602) 853-9229  
Reverend Jim Taylor, Pastor

\* Mission churches

# MINISTERS' ROLL

## Ordained:

Joseph Bilbrey, III  
598 E. Detroit Street  
Chandler, Arizona 85225  
(602) 814-8520

George Harvey, Jr.  
19225 N. 30th Place  
Phoenix, Arizona 85024  
(602) 569-6874

Howard Gwartney  
6923 E. Gary Circle  
Mesa, Arizona 85207  
(602) 981-9820

Harmon Herndon  
3009 E. Virginia  
Phoenix, Arizona 85008  
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David Taylor  
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Tucson, Arizona 85716  
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Jerry Rayburn  
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Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635  
(520) 378-1522

Jim Taylor  
19611 W. Medlock  
Litchfield, Arizona 85340  
(602) 853-9229

Mark Vandivort  
3365 N. Loma Vista  
Flagstaff, Arizona 86004  
(520) 526-3817



## 1997-98 OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator                      Reverend George Harvey, Jr.  
19225 N. 30th Place  
Phoenix, AZ 85024  
(602) 569-6874

Asst Moderator                Reverend Jim B. Taylor  
19611 W. Medlock  
Litchfield, AZ 85340  
(602) 853-9229

Clerk                            Pat Atchley  
2601 E. Winchester Vista  
Tucson, AZ 85713  
(520) 326-1949

Asst Clerk                     Dixie Guild  
4141 W. Irvington Road  
Tucson, AZ 85746  
(520) 578-0774

Treasurer                     Mel Strahl  
1818 E. Portland  
Phoenix, AZ 85006  
(602) 258-1625

Asst Treasurer                Ralph Addington  
6630 N. 7th Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85013  
(602) 246-7054

Statutory Agent               Glenn Guild  
4141 W. Irvington Road  
Tucson, AZ 85746  
(520) 578-0774



## Members-at-Large

Charles Spears, Sr.  
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Tucson, AZ 85711  
(520) 327-4171

Silven Fairchild  
1302 W. Cheryl Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85021  
(602) 943-9067

## Examining Board

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

## Mission Board

MSC that the duties of the Mission Board be suspended until such time as the need arises for the reinstatement of the board; and in the interim, that the duties of this board be carried out by the General Board.

## CTS Board

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

## Trustees

- 3 yr. - Robert Hood, Chrmn
- 2 yr. - Glenn Guild
- 1 yr. - Wayne Teverbaugh

## 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

June 8, 1996 - Revision of permanent resolution dated June 13, 1992. (p.19)  
The CTS Board shall announce, no later than the December district quarterly meeting, the tentative location and dates for the next year's camp, the director and the estimated cost. The CTS Board shall make known, by mail, no later than January 31st, the campers and pre-campers, have camper and worker registration forms along with health forms available. MSC

June 8, 1996 - Whereas, church letters and dues are essential to the operation of the association, be it resolved that the clerk contact any church that has not sent church letters and past dues prior to the next meeting. Let it also be resolved that any church which has not caught up past letters and dues, not be seated until such a time as they are brought to current status. MSC (The clerk will send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to encourage more expedient response. For your convenience you may fax your letter to Walt Spears, FAX (520) 790-0287.)

June 8, 1996 - MSC that The First Arizona District Association pay the camp director's way each year beginning with 1996.

June 8, 1996 - MSC that the District Association pay an honorarium of \$100.00 to the outside speaker at the annual conference.

September 14, 1996 - MSC that we assist the official representative to the Leadership Conference financially, designating the amount annually.

September 14, 1996 - MSC that we rotate the district meetings from church to church. The clerk will contact churches as to their availability.

December 14, 1996 - MSC that in the light of the Roman Catholic Pope, John Paul, II saying: "Fresh knowledge leads to recognition of the theory of evolution as more than just a hypothesis." (The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Arizona, 10-25-96, p.1) be it resolved that our churches clearly teach Jesus Christ as our creator through whom, in unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit, "All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). Also compare Colossians 1:15-19, Ephesians 3:9 and Hebrews 1:10-12.

# 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."

June 8, 1996 - March 8, 1997

FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE June 8, 1996

Convening at Desert Springs FWB Church\*,  
Sierra Vista, Arizona

Opening with congregational singing "Redeemed" led by Jerry Rayburn with Brenda Rayburn at the keyboard; followed by prayer requests and praise reports. Don Davis led in prayer.

Again , the congregation was led in song "Nothing But The Blood".

Prayer was led By Rev. David Taylor.

The Morning Devotion, by Walt Spears challenged our hearts as he spoke of "Preserving Excellence By The Grace Of God"; taking his text from Philippians 2:13.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Jim Taylor called the conference to order reading the Rules Of Order.

Letters from the following churches were read:

Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix

Desert Springs FWB Church\*, Sierra Vista

First FWB Church, Tucson

Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix

West Valley FWB Church\*, Buckeye

East Valley FWB Church\*, Mesa

Grace FWB Church\*, Chandler

North Valley FWB Church\*, Phoenix

Delegates seated.

Host pastor, Jerry Rayburn welcomed all warmly.

The Business Committee was appointed as follows:



Glenn Guild, Chmn., with Mike Larson and Marlene Sherman.

The minutes of March 9, 1996 were read and approved.

Treasurers Reports distributed and after reviewing them, a Motion was made to accept S.C.

### Worship Service

Congregational song "Where We'll Never Grow Old".

Chuck Cushman led in opening prayer.

An offering was received, following prayer by Jerry Rayburn, while congregation sang "Footsteps Of Jesus"

Jenny Rayburn sang the special "Not Too Far From Here"

The Desert Springs Quintet, Cindy Wright, Heather and Douglas Price, along with Brenda and Jerry Rayburn raised their voices in praise singing, "We Will Glorify The King Of Kings"!

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Jim Taylor brought a heartfelt message titled "Persuing Excellence In Love" using as his text Philippians 1:8-11. Closing with prayer he requested God's wisdom and love to abound in us.

Paul Norman led in closing prayer with the blessing on the lunch.

### Afternoon Session

The business opened with the congregation singing "Near The Cross".

Mel Strahl led in prayer.

Using scripture from Philippians 1, Craig Nottingham enlarged on "Persuing Excellence By The Spirit, For The High Calling of God In Christ Jesus".

The Business Committee Report was given by Chairman, Glenn Guild.

We Recommend that:

1. Today's Offering of \$45.15 be given to the host church.
2. A standing vote of thanks be given to the host church for the great hospitality and delicious meal.

MSC #'s 1 & 2

3. Recommend a revision of permanent resolution dated June 13, 1992 (page 19) as requested by the CTS Board, worded as follows: The CTS Board shall announce, no later than the December District Quarterly meeting, the tentative location and dates for the next year's camp, the director and the estimated cost. The CTS Board shall make known, by mail, no later than January 31st, the confirmed camp location, dates, total cost for workers, campers and pre-campers, have camper and worker registration forms along with health forms available. MSC

General Board report was read with a recommendation that the district pay an honorarium of \$100.00 to our "outside speaker" at the Annual Conference .

The Examining Board Report was given by Rev. David Taylor with a recommendation from the board that: Whereas, church letters and dues are essential to the proper operation of the association, be it resolved that the clerk is to contact any church that has not sent church letters and past dues prior to the next meeting. Let it also be resolved that any church which has not caught up past letters and dues, not be seated until such time as they are brought to current status. MSC (The clerk will send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to encourage more expedient response. Walt Spears has also offered his FAX #7900287 for the convenience of our member churches if needed.)

CTS Board Report: The camp theme this year will be "Playing By The Rules". Thanks to those who have donated finances and materials for the camp. Some donations are yet needed.

We recommend that the First Arizona District Association pay the camp director's way. Amended by adding "each year, beginning with 1996." MSC original and amendment.

If anyone has ideas for a new camp location please present it to the CTS Board. They will be looking right after camp.

Motion that the moderator appoint three delegates to the National Association as they arrive. SC

Today's attendance was 33.

MSC to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Rev. Jim Taylor.

SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE September 14, 1996

Convening at West Valley FWB Church\*,  
Buckeye, Arizona.

Rev. George Harvey, Jr. lead the prayer and praise service then asked the men to gather at the altar and Rev. Jim Taylor to lead in prayer.

Host pastor, Rev. Jim Taylor welcomed all warmly.

The congregational song "When We All Get To Heaven" was led by Craig Nottingham and accompanied by Rebecca Taylor.

Opening prayer was led by Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Robert Hood shared the morning devotion taking his text from the gospels of Matthew and John; titled "Pressing On With The Gospel; Abiding In Him".

Rev. George Harvey, Jr. called the association to order and dispensed with the reading of the rules of order; they being listed on the back of the bulletin.

Church Letters were read from:

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

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates.

The Business Committee was appointed as follows:  
Glenn Guild, Chmn., with Mike Larson and Robert Hood.

The minutes of June 8, 1996 were read and approved.

Treasurers Report given by Mel Strahl. MSC to accept.

### Worship Service

With the congregation singing "Count Your Blessings" and prayer worded by Rev. David Taylor the service began.

Another congregational song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" was sung.

After prayer led by Silven Fairchild the offering was received while Rebecca Taylor played a piano solo.

The Men's Trio of West Valley Church, Craig Nottingham, Mike Larson and John Belyw sang "Standing On The Solid Rock".

Continuing the theme, Rev. Silven Fairchild challenged our hearts to greater service to The Lord; taking his text from Philippians 3:13.

Closing prayer was offered by Joe Bilbrey as we dismissed for lunch.



## Afternoon Session

Opening with the congregation singing "Near To The Heart Of God".

Prayer was led by Nolen Atchley.

Jody Larson sang the special "It Is Well With My Soul".

Devotion was shared from Luke 10:30 by George Stevens.

The Business Committee Report was given by Chairman, Glenn Guild. MSC to accept and act on item by item.

We Recommend that:

1. We assist the official representative to the Leadership Conference financially on an annual basis. MSC to accept making this a Permanent Resolution, designating the amount annually. MSC that Moderator, George Harvey, Jr. be our official representative for the year 1996 and that assistance be up to \$500.00 this year.
2. That the offering today (\$47.00) go to the host church. MSC.
3. A standing vote of thanks be given to the host church for the great hospitality and delicious meal. Concur with SVT

General Board report was read by clerk.

Rev. David Taylor reported on the prospect of having the National Association in Phoenix the year 2010. (The National will try to work out the details.) Information accepted.

Examining Board Report: request has been made that Jerry Rayburn be examined for ordination. Recommendation will be made at the third quarterly conference.

Rev. Mark Vandivort's resignation from the Examining Board was accepted and recommendation made that the General Board nominate a replacement and

return the nominees name at the December conference.  
MSC

Mission Board report given. Information received.

CTS Board Report given. Information accepted and recommendations acted on item by item.

1. Recommend Mike Larson as nominee to replace Craig Nottingham for the remaining year. Elected by acclimation.

2. Request permission of the conference to allow CTS Board to look for property to purchase for a district owned campground; checking on insurance, taxes, etc. MSC (report findings to conference.)

MSC that we rotate the district meetings from church to church. Clerk will contact churches as to their availability.

MSC to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Hercel Spears.

### THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE December 14, 1996

Convening at East Valley FWB Church\*,  
Mesa, Arizona.

With Patsy Gwartney, pianist and Carlos Benjamin as song leader, the opening song was "When We All Get To Heaven".

Prayer and praise reports were given before Rev. Jim Taylor led in prayer.

Host pastor, Rev. Howard Gwartney welcomed one and all.

The congregation sang again "Victory In Jesus".

Opening prayer was led by moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Chuck Cushman shared the morning devotion taking his text from the gospels with the title "Sharing Some New Views About The Christmas Story".

Rev. George Harvey, Jr. called the association to order and dispensed from reading the rules of order; they being listed on the back of the bulletin.

Church Letters were read from:

West Valley FWB Church\*; Buckeye  
Desert Springs FWB Church\*, Sierra Vista  
North Valley FWB Church\*, Phoenix  
Sunset FWB Church\*, Flagstaff  
East Valley FWB Church\*, Mesa  
Grace FWB Church\*, Chandler  
Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix  
First FWB Church, Tucson  
Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix

Nolen Atchley was added to delegates for 1st FWB Church of Tucson. MSC to accept letters and seat delegates.

The Business Committee was appointed as follows: Ralph Addington, Chairman; with Maynard Pyles and Mike Larson.

Audit Committee appointees are: Nolen Atchley, Harmon Herndon and Paul Norman, Chairman.

Appointed to the Obituary Committee: Brenda Rayburn, Chairperson; with Pat Atchley and Joyce Norman.

The minutes of September 14, 1996 were read and approved.

### Worship Service

Hercel Spears led the congregation singing "Joy To The World" as the Worship Service began; then The East Valley Choir sang a medley about Jesus, led by Patsy Gwartney.

Rev. Harmon Herndon led in prayer.



Bro. Joe Smith sang "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" ending with the chorus of "How Great Thou Art".

The congregational song "Silent Night" was sung.

After prayer was led by Rev. David Taylor the offering was received while a piano and organ duet (traditional) "Away In A Manger" was played.

The Southeastern FWB Bible College Adoration Trio sang "I'm Givin' Him Praise". Misty Hamm, part of the trio, sang "His Strength Is Perfect". Again the Adoration Trio sang: "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be", "What A Day That Will Be", and "Behold the King of Kings".

Before Evangelist Jack Lassiter preached he shared information about the college.

His message from Leviticus 6:8-13 titled "Yesterday's Fire"! challenged us to "fan the flames and stir up the gift that is in you"; as quoted from the Bible in the message.

Following an altar call; Host pastor Howard Gwartney gave instructions for lunch.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Mark Vandivort.

### Afternoon Session

Opening with the congregational song "Away In A Manger" (non-traditional) led By Walt Spears. Then Prayer was offered by Rev. David Taylor.

For the devotional Paul Norman chose as his text Luke 2:11 and enlarged on "The Triumphant Entry Of The Christ Of Christmas".

The Business Committee Report was given by Chairman, Ralph Addington. MSC to accept and act on item by item.

We Recommend that:

1. In the light of the Roman Catholic Pope,

John Paul, II saying: "Fresh knowledge leads to recognition of the theory of evolution as more than just a hypothesis". (The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Arizona 10-25-96, p.1) be it resolved that our churches clearly teach Jesus Christ as our Creator through whom, in unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit, "All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). Also compare Colossians 1:15-19, Ephesians 3:9 and Hebrews 1:10-12.

Furthermore, the Apostle Paul clearly substantiates the Genesis account of creation by stating that Adam was created before Eve (I Corinthians 11:8). According to the Apostle Paul, Adam and Eve could not possibly have evolved from a lower form of life. MSC

2. That a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church for the great hospitality and delicious meal. Concur with SVT

Treasurers Report given by Mel Strahl. MSC to accept.

General Board report was read by clerk.

We Recommend:

1. That Jerry Rayburn be ordained with the blessing of this association. (testimony given by request) MSC
2. That we delay replacement of Bro. Mark Vandivort on the Examining Board until the annual meeting. MSC
3. Craig Nottionham's place on the General Board, vacated by his moving out of state, not be filled until the annual meeting. (Member-at Large) MSC

The clerk read the Examining Board Report. Accept Information. MSC

CTS Board Report given: Camp will be at Camp Anytown on June 23-28 1997 with David Taylor as director. Consideration of a change in camp location to Hauchucca Oaks in 1998. (It has better accomodtions and is located near Sierra Vista.)

there would be a minimal increase in charge.  
Information accepted.

Attendance today 53 (5 visitors)

MSC to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Rev. Howard Gwartney.

**ANNUAL QUARTERLY CONFERENCE** March 8, 1997

Convening at First FWB Church, Tucson, Az.

Opening the conference we were led in singing "When We All Get To Heaven" by song-leader Walt Spears with Debe Taylor as the pianist.

Nolen Atchley led in prayer.

A solo "He Came To Me" was sung by Cindy Spears.

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  
East Valley FWB Church\*, Mesa  
Community Fellowship FWB Church, Phoenix  
North Valley FWB Church\*, Phoenix  
Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix  
First FWB Church, Tucson  
Grace FWB Church\*, Chandler

MSC to accept replacing delegate Lilyan Fairchild with Bro. Clayton Roark for Trinity.

Rev. David Taylor, Host Pastor, welcomed everyone.

Our visitors are Executive Secretary of The National Association, Dr. Melvin Worthington and his wife Anne from Antioch, Tnn., also Rev. Forrest Dyre from Ohio.

The Business Committee was appointed as follows:

Glenn Guild (chrnmn.), with Robert Hood and Rev. Silven Fairchild.

The minutes of December 14, 1996 were read and approved.

Treasurer Mel Strahl distributed all reports and made a motion that these reports be accepted as presented. SC.

Printed reports from the orphanage were distributed for information.

A letter from David Crowe of the National Home Missions was presented. Correction to the Az. District Association giving was mentioned.

Dr. Melvin Worthington gave a verbal resume of The National Denominational Report; promising to send printed copies of it to be distributed to the pastors and churches.

Informational handouts regarding the national home offices were made available to anyone interested.

Prayer by Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

### Worship Service

Beginning with the congregational song "He Keeps Me Singing"; and prayer by Rev. Joseph Bilbrey, III, the service opened. Another congregational number "Joy Unspeakable" followed.

Charles W. Spears, Sr. lead in the offertory prayer and Debe Taylor played a piano solo "How Great Thou Art" as the offering was received.

The Mixed Trio: Debe and David Taylor with Walt Spears presented the musical special.

While Dr. Melvin Worthington shared with the men the challenging message "God's Ambassadors" taking his text from II Corinthians 5:20;



Anne Worthington challenged the ladies with "Six cures For Heart Trouble" using as her text John chapter 14.

Dismissal prayer and blessings on the meal.

### Afternoon Session

Opening with the congregation singing "The Lord's Been So Good To Me" and prayer by Rev. Forrest Dyre

Don Davis shared the solo "Singing I Go" before Rev. Harmon Herndon brought the afternoon devotion titled " I Am Not My Own" using the text I Corinthians 9:16.

The Business Committee Report was given by Chairman, Glenn Guild. MSC to receive and act on item by item.

1. Recommend that today's offering of \$74.00 be given to the camp fund. MSC.
2. Recommend a standing vote of thanks to the host church for the delicious meal and good hospitality. SVT.

The Audit Committee reports that having reviewed the treasurer's reports and finding everything in order; they commend Bro. Mel for the fine job.

Signed By:

Harmon Herndon

Nolen Atchley

with verbal ok from Paul Norman, Chairman

Obituary Committee reports four deaths in the district this past year.

From East Valley FWB Church\*, Bro. A. C. Kennedy.

From First FWB Church, Tucson; Bro. Fred Wilson, Sis. Ruby Crosby, and Sis, Mary Allen.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Rayburn, Chairperson

The congregation stood in a moment of silent remembrance. Bro. Ralph Addington led in prayer for surviving family and friends.

General Board report received to vote on each item.  
Recommendations:



1. That Co-Op giving for the year 1997-98 remain at 10% of the church dues and fees collected quarterly. MSC
2. We nominate Rev. David Taylor as our representative to the National General Board for the years 1998-1999. MSC
3. That we allocate \$250.00 to assist our 1997 representative, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. to the National General Board. MSC
4. Motion that the duties of the Mission Board be suspended until such time as the need arises for the re-instatement of the board; and in the interm, that the duties of this board be carried out by the General Board. MSC

Examining board report read as follows:

From: First Arizona District Assn Examining Board

Re: Examining Board report, 12/14/96 - 2/21/97

Brethren,

The examining board has not met this past quarter as no request has been made to them for consideration. The following is a summary of this board's activities for the past quarter.

On saturday, December 21, 1996, at the Desert Springs FWB Church (Sierra Vista), board members Jim Taylor and David Taylor, along with George Harvey and Silven Fairchild, took part in the ordination service of Jerry Rayburn as a minister of the gospel.

Yearly minister report forms were mailed by the board chairman to all district pastors on February 3, 1997. These are due back at the annual district meeting, March 8, 1997.

Minister and deacon cards of good standing will be issued at the conclusion of the annual meeting: minister's cards upon receipt of a completed minister's report form; deacon's cards upon inclusion of the deacon's name on the church letter as in good standing with the church.

As of this report there are nine (9) ordained ministers in the association, and six (6) deacons who have standing votes in the association. Our

association consists of three (3) organized churches (Community Fellowship, Phoenix; First, Tucson: Trinity, Phoenix), and six Mission Churches (Desert Springs, Sierra Vista; East Valley, Mesa; Grace, Chandler; North Valley, Phoenix; Sunset, Flagstaff; West Valley, Buckeye).

Also of note, Rev. Joey Bilbrey has resigned as pastor at Grace FWB Church, Chandler.

David Taylor, Chairman

Walt Spears, Secretary

Harmon Herndon

Jim Taylor

Verbal report given by Chairman, David Taylor: Minister reports received from Joey Bilbrey, Harmon Herndon, Howard Gwartney, Jerry Rayburn, George Harvey, and David Taylor.

CTS Report: Camp Director, Rev. David Taylor reports location to be Anytown Camp, Prescott, Arizona. Camp Date: June 23-28, 1997.

Camp forms for adult workers and campers were mailed to the churches January 29, 1997. Camp will cost \$115.00 for campers (\$65.00 pre-campers) and \$100.00 for adult workers who pre-register by May 14, 1997.

The price will increase \$10.00 for all who register after May 14.

We will operate our own snack shack again this year. It has paid for itself each year, plus return profit. We will ask each church again this year for a donation to help stabilize our camp finances--\$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, etc. Hopefully, this will be the last appeal for a few years.

Literature will be "Promise Builders for Jesus" from Standard publishing.

There will be a camp workers' meeting in mid-April. We are awaiting a response from a prospective camp evangelist.

Information received.

The Arizona Women Active for Christ report was given by Linda Harvey, Co-ordinator.

The First Arizona District Women Active for

Christ met February 15, at the North Valley FWB Church for the yearly business meeting. Present were a total of 23 with five churches represented. "Thy Word" was the theme with scripture verse being II Timothy 3:16; the theme song "The B-I-B-L-E". North Valley gave the special music and Carol Anne Bilbrey of Grace church was the speaker. We voted to have the provision closet as our project this year.

Our retreat this year will be at Glorietta, New Mexico with the National. We encourage all the ladies to attend if at all possible. The cost is a little over \$100.00 per person for two nights and 5 meals. The dates are October 10-12, 1997.

Dixie Guild and Linda Harvey have been asked to be prayer group leaders at the retreat.

The next business meeting will be on the third saturday in February 1998.

Signed:

Linda Harvey, Co-ordinator

Carol Anne Bilbrey, Assistant Co-ordinator

Dixie Guild, Secretary

Debe Taylor, Treasurer

Rev. David Taylor challenged us to focus on a special offering for the "Laura Belle Barnard" foreign missions offering encouraging the Arizona District goal to be \$725.00.

Nominating committee report given and officers were elected for the year 1997-98.

Resignation of Jack Corn due to severe health problems was conveyed by pastor David Taylor.

This body respectfully and regretfully accepted his resignation, electing Glenn Guild to serve his unexpired term of 2 years on the trustee board.

The attendance today was 51.

MSC to Adjourn.

Prayer by Robert Hood.

Respectfully, Pat Atchley, Clerk

2/19/97

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

**TREASURY REPORT  
MARCH 1ST, 1996 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH, 1997**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 2,402.03
RECEIPTS RECEIVED	14,770.52
EXPENDITURES	<u>14,395.98</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 2,776.57

**RECEIPTS RECEIVED**

DISTRICT DUES	\$ 3,520.00
CONFERENCE OFFERINGS	233.15
YOUTH CAMP	6,759.75
MEN'S RETREAT	1,167.00
NATIONAL DUES	175.00
NATIONAL ( CO-OP PLAN OF SUPPORT, 3RD & 4TH QUARTERS )	100.00
HOME MISSIONS	1,877.11
FOREIGN MISSIONS	725.00
NORTH VALLEY ( NATIONAL MASTER'S MEN )	50.25
1ST CHURCH ( REST OF THE FAMILY OFFERING )	<u>163.26</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,770.52</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

BOARD MEETINGS ( BOARD MEETING MEALS )	\$ 221.00
TRAVEL EXPENSES	438.65
OFFICE SUPPLIES ( PRINTING, STAMPS, SUPPLIES, CHECKS, ETC. )	144.76
YOUTH CAMP ( DEP., TRAIN, INSUR., SUPPLIES, SPEAKER, CTS, ETC. )	8,157.00
CLERICAL HONORARIUM	45.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( 10% OF DUES TO THE CO-OP PLAN & NORTH VALLEY )	446.30
DESIGNATED CONFERENCE OFFERINGS	92.15
CORPORATION COMMISSION ( FILING FEES )	10.00
MEN'S RETREAT ( PRINTING, AWARDS, RETREAT, DEPOSITS, ETC. )	1,048.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( NATIONAL DELEGATE DUES )	225.00
GEORGE HARVEY ( EXPENSES TO NATIONAL AS GEN. BOARD MEMBER & LEADERSHIP CON. )	700.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS )	2,075.30
ARIZONA DISTRICT HOME MISSIONS ( TRANSFERRED TO MISSION ACCOUNT )	276.81
DOUG KING ( MARK RIGGS AND LONNIE SPARKS FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNTS )	200.00
SOUTHEASTERN FWB BIBLE COLLEGE ( WEST VALLEY DESIGNATION )	100.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( MASTER'S MEN ) SEE 3RD QUARTER REPORT	50.25
BANK OF AMERICA ( RETURNED DEPOSIT ITEM-SEE 3RD QUARTER REPORT )	2.50
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( REST OF THE FAMILY OFFERING(SEE 4TH QUARTER REPORT) )	<u>163.26</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,395.98</b>

**CREDITS**

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BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ +761.93
CREDITS RECEIVED-DISTRICT MEMBERS BY QUARTER ( 220, 222, 220 )	879.00
YOUTH CAMP MONEY RECEIVED	6,759.75
CREDITS USED ( INSURANCE, CAMP FEES, DEPOSIT TROPHIES, ETC. )	<u>- 7,866.82</u>
<b>ENDING CREDITS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ + 533.86</b>



2/19/97

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

TREASURY REPORT  
MARCH 1ST, 1996 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH, 1997

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 14,719.89
RECEIPTS RECEIVED	6,625.96
EXPENDITURES	<u>5,812.27</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 15,533.58

RECEIPTS RECEIVED

INTEREST	\$ 424.36
SERVICE CHARGE CREDIT ( SEE 1ST QUARTER )	50.00
HOME MISSIONS ( TOGETHER WAY, BIBLE COLLEGE )	1,549.05
FOREIGN MISSIONS	1,782.90
MEXICO MISSIONS ( PASTORS, BIBLE INSTITUTE )	659.39
DESERT SPRINGS ( LOAN PAYMENTS & BALANCE \$ 250.00 )	950.00
LAURA BELLE BARNARD OFFERINGS	590.21
REST OF THE FAMILY OFFERING	143.24
SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE	150.00
CAMP ( SEE 2ND QUARTER REPORT )	100.00
ARIZONA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION ( TRANSFERRED TO HOME MISSIONS )	226.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,625.96</b>

EXPENDITURES

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( HOME MISSIONS )	\$ 1,176.53
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( MEXICO MISSIONS )	659.39
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( FOREIGN MISSIONS )	1,382.90
DESERT SPRINGS ( LOAN TO HELP START THEIR NEW WORKS 1ST QUARTER )	1,200.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( LAURA BELLE BARNARD OFFERINGS )	590.21
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ( REST OF THE FAMILY OFFERING )	143.24
DOUG KING ( FOR. MISSION ACCOUNTS FOR LONNIE SPARKS & MARK RIGGS )	400.00
CAMP ( TRANSFERRED TO DISTRICT ACCOUNT - SEE 2ND QUARTER REPORT )	100.00
SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE	150.00
SERVICE CHARGE ( 2ND QUARTER EXCESSIVE TRANSACTION FEE )	<u>10.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,812.27</b>



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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