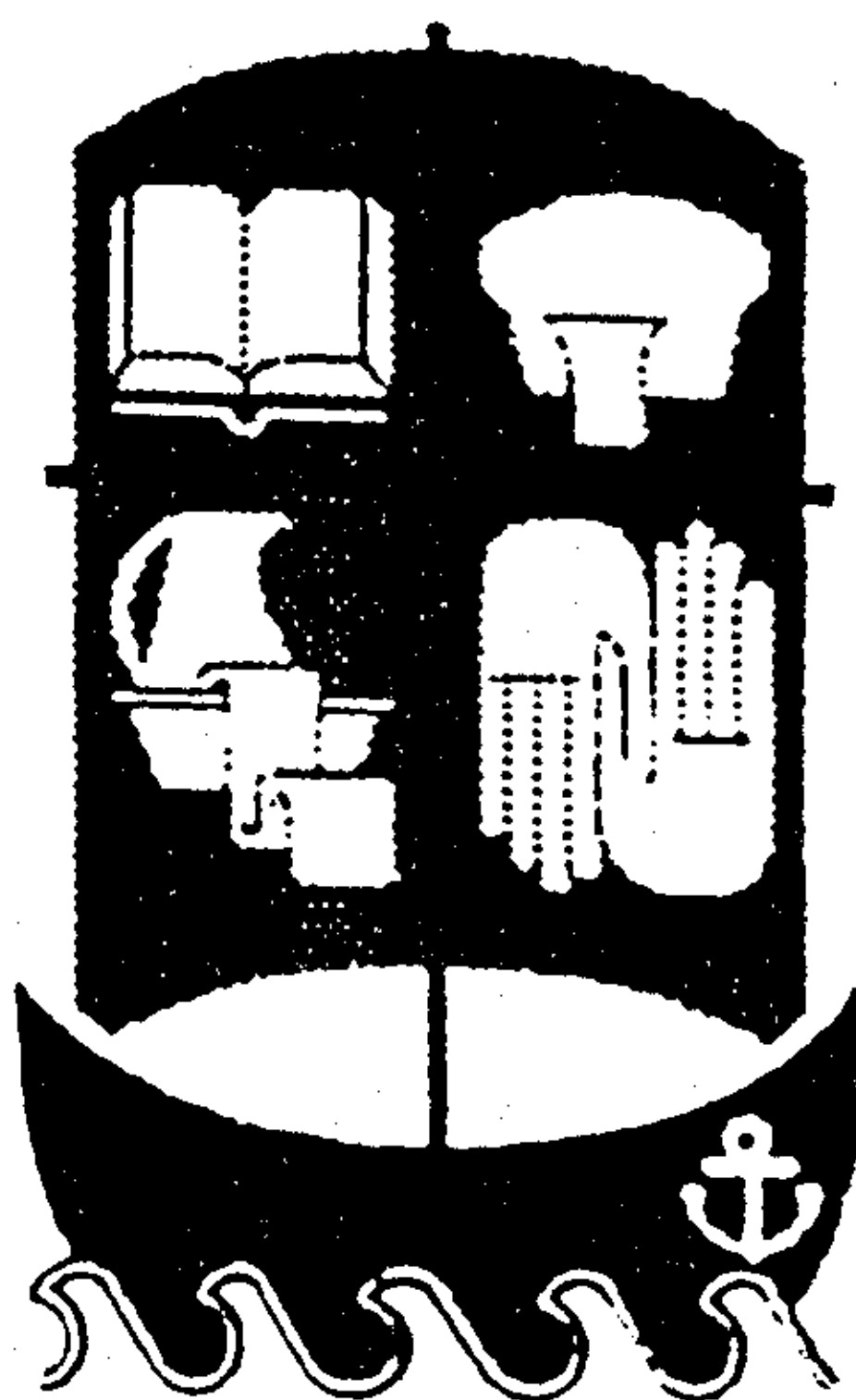


**FIRST ARIZONA  
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
FIFTY - THIRD ANNUAL MINUTES  
2004 - 2005**



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5 yr - Dr. Charles Marshall, Chairman  
4 yr - Rev. Jerry Rayburn  
3 yr - Rev. Harmon Herndon  
2 yr - C . Walter Spears, Jr.  
1 yr - Charles W. Spears, Sr.

## **MISSION BOARD**

Temporarily suspended until there is need for this board; and willing and able men are available to fill the positions.

## **CTS BOARD**

3 yr - Don Davis, Chairman  
2 yr - Linda Harvey  
2 yr - Mike Larson  
1 yr - Brenda Rayburn

## **TRUSTEE BOARD**

3 yr - Glenn Guild, Chairman  
2 yr - John Julian  
1 yr - Greg Harvey

## **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. Reading of church letters.
4. Seating of delegates.
5. Invite visiting brethren to sit in council.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Minutes.
8. Treasurer's reports.
9. Morning Worship service and sermon.
10. Committee reports.
11. Old Business.
12. New Business.
13. Adjourn.
14. Lunch.

## **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 be 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 it's 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 one 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 up to 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 a 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 eighteen (18) 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 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, IV, and V.



This board shall have 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 the 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 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 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 encumber 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. It shall be the duty of the churches of which this Association is composed to represent themselves by letter, delegates, representation fees 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 the practices of the denomination.

**Section 2.** Any church failing to represent themselves by letter, delegates and representation fees at any quarterly association meetings shall have its voting

privileges suspended until such time as the Pastor of the church/church leadership can give cause of such failure to the Examining Board. Any church failing to represent themselves for two consecutive quarterly meetings shall be contacted, if possible, to determine the reason for non-participation. The Examining Board will make appropriate recommendations to the Association, upon receipt of proper correspondence from the Pastor or church leadership.

**Section 3.** 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 conference, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the last conference.

**ADOPTED AS REVISED MARCH 14, 1992**

**Amended March 9, 2002**

**ARTICLE V. Authority**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I. Churches**

**Section 1. Church Duties.** As a member of the association, it is the duty of each church to support and participate in the activities and meetings of the association.

**Section 2. Churches in good standing.** Any church not representing themselves by letter, delegates, and representation fee for one quarterly meeting shall be placed in a non-voting status for the next quarterly meeting, until such a time as the pastor/church leadership can give cause of such failure to the Examining Board. Any church not representing themselves for two consecutive quarterly meetings shall be contacted, if possible, to determine the reason for non-participation. The Examining Board will report their recommendations to the association for action.

### **ARTICLE II. 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 the 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 the candidate for the 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 possessor of two-year approved credentials.

B. The candidate will be interviewed by the Examining Board. It shall be ascertained whether the 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 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 the 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 own merit.

### **ARTICLE III. Out-Of-State Licensed and/or Ordained Ministers**

**Section 1.** The local church concerned will see to it that any newly 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 the majority of the Executive Board of the Quarterly Meeting where the candidate was last a member prior to ratification of his credentials.

### **ARTICLE IV. 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 two consecutive quarterly meetings shall be contacted, if possible, and 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 two consecutive quarterly meetings, showing no interest in the association or 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 this association.

## **ARTICLE V. 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 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 VI. 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 \$4.00 (four dollars) per member will be paid quarterly. One dollar of each \$4.00 (four dollars) will go to the youth camp fund to help offset the camp expense.

## **ARTICLE VII. District Clerk**

**Section 1.** The Clerk shall have the minutes of the three quarterly meetings and the annual meeting printed. The minutes are to be distributed preferably at the quarterly meeting following the annual meeting.

**Section 2.** The District Clerk will be paid \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) per quarter for services rendered.

## **ARTICLE VIII. Committees**

**Section 1. The District General Board.** 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. Auditing Committee.** The Auditing Committee will be appointed at the December meeting to audit the Treasurer's books for the annual reports.

**Section 4. Obituary Committee.** 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. Church Training Service Board.** 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 IX. National Association**

### **Representative**

#### **Section 1. Arizona General Board Member.**

Every third year beginning 2001, 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 (6 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. District Delegates.** Three official delegates to the National Association will be elected annually by this body. The elected representatives must meet the qualification of possessing a knowledge of this Association's position and feelings.

## **ARTICLE X. Parliamentary Procedure**

**Section 1.** The book, Essentials of Parliamentary Procedure, will be used as the guide to 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 XI. 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**  
**Amended March 9, 2002**

## **PERMANENT RESOLUTIONS:**

**\*\*March 11, 1972** - The Examining Board voted not to pass on anyone for ordination or as a standing delegate who uses tobacco; the Board also recommends that this be printed in the annual minutes. MSC

**June 7, 1980** -The General Board recommends mileage be paid as set by IRS for executive board meetings. MSC

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

**June 8, 1991** - We comply with the request of the CTS (camp) Board to pay the Evangelist, from the General Fund, an honorarium of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) for an out of state speaker, and \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) for a speaker from within the state. MSC

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

**September 14, 1991** - The Pianist and the 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

**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

**September 9, 2000** - The CTS Board shall make known to each church in the First Arizona District association, in writing no later than January 31st, the confirmed camp location, dates, director, total cost for workers, campers, and pre-campers, providing registration forms and necessary health forms. MSC

(revision of permanent resolution dated June 8, 1996)

# **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 churches extension labors for the teaching of the Holy Bible.
2. To establish the aforementioned mission and church extention 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 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 Baptists in the state of Arizona.

4. With the approval of the District Association, or 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 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 one to five 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 pastor 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 churches' pastor wishes to become a member of the Association by joining an existing church, he and his work must report, by letter, at each quarterly meeting.
9. This Mission Board recommends that the National Home Missions 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 Savior and Lord.

**4. THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all of 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 in-filled 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; I 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 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 a hearty renunciation of it.

2) Faith or unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In 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 the 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 has prospered him". ( I Corinthians 16:2a)

**15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day out of 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 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005

**First Quarterly Conference**, June 12, 2004  
Convening at West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye, AZ.

Congregational Singing

Prayer and Praise Reports

Prayer: Rev. Eddie Young

Welcome: Rev. Harmon Herndon, Host Pastor

Call to Order:

Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Letters Read:

West Valley FWB Church,\* Buckeye

North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix

Pinnacle Peak Community FWB Church, Peoria

Desert Springs FWB Church\*, Sierra Vista

First FWB Church, Tucson

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Recognition of visiting brethren:

Rev. Paul Hammons, Missionary to Flagstaff, brought greetings and a progress report, requesting prayer for financial support and God's guidance for the ministry of his calling to Flagstaff.

Recitations: Franny Feaval of North Valley, in preparation for the National Bible Memorization Competition.

Minutes of March 13, 2004 distributed

Treasurers Report: MSC

General Board Report:

MSC to accept report and act on recommendation.  
MSC that financial assistance for General Board member to the National be \$600.00 this year.

**New Business:**

MSC to pay Registration fees of \$100.00 (total) for our District representatives to the National Bible Memorization Competition.

Examining Board Report:

Information: A letter, petitioning membership received from Rev. Paul Hammons.

MSC, that upon the approval of the Examining Board, membership be granted to Flagstaff mission pastor Rev. Paul Hammons.

**Worship Service**

Special Music: "How Great Thou Art", Jodi Larson

Message: Dr. Charles Marshall, "Conquering Our Insecurities" Numbers 13:30-14:6

Prayer of dismissal and blessing on lunch

General Board Report: MSC to accept and act on recommendation.

We Recommend that the financial assistance for the General Board Member to the National be \$600.00 this year. MSC

CTS Report: none

**Unfinished Business:**

1. MSC that today's offering of \$38.01 be given to Flagstaff Mission Church.

MSC to Adjourn.

Closing Prayer: Greg Harvey

**Second Quarterly Conference**, September 11, 2004  
Convening at First FWB Church, Tucson, AZ.

Congregational Singing

Prayer and Praise Reports

Prayer: Bro. Greg Harvey

Welcome: Rev. Eddie Young, Host Pastor

Call to Order: Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Minutes of June 12, 2004 distributed

Treasurers Report: MSC

General Board Report: MSC to accept report and act on recommendation.

Letters Read:

Pinnacle Peak Community FWB Church, Peoria

North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix

Desert Springs FWB Church\*, Sierra Vista

West Valley FWB Church,\* Buckeye

First FWB Church, Tucson

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

We Recommend that the financial assistance for the Leadership Conference be \$500.00 this year. MSC

Dr. Charles Marshall, National General Board Report:  
Passed a motion to combine National magazines and make it available at no cost to those who wish to receive it beginning 2005.

Examining Board Report: Information received

Camp Report: Given By Don Davis, Camp Director

On July 5-10, 2004 in Prescott, AZ. A total of 75 campers and staff, representing six churches, (20 adult workers from five churches) met.

Bro. Paul Hammons shared "Mission Moments" each evening before cabin call.

A praise band from Heritage FWB Church led the worship music and Greg Harvey was "Evangelist".

The offering of \$387.00 was given to the Hammons mission account.

Outstanding campers of the year were:

Kelsey Harvey, North Valley  
Asa Rayburn, Desert Springs.

Prayer: Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

### **Worship Service**

Special Music: First Church of Tucson Choir, lead by  
Rev. Eddie Young, "He's My King"

Message: Rev. Jerry Rayburn  
Proverbs 4:23, "Living For Christ"

### **Unfinished Business:**

MSC that today's offering of \$60.00 be given to  
Desert Springs Building Program.

MSC to Adjourn.

Closing Prayer: Bro. Don Davis

**Third Quarterly Conference**, December 11, 2004  
Convening at Desert Springs FWB Church\*  
Sierra Vista, AZ.

Congregational Singing

Welcome: Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Prayer and Praise Reports

Prayer: Bro. Paul Leyvis

Welcome: Host Pastor, Rev. Jerry Rayburn

Call to Order: Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Letters Read:

Desert Springs FWB Church\*, Sierra Vista

Pinnacle Peak Community FWB Church, Peoria

West Valley FWB Church,\* Buckeye

First FWB Church, Tucson

North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Recognition of visitor: Bro. Paul Leyvis

Minutes of September 11, 2004 distributed

Treasurers Report: MSC

Letter from Desert springs read. Information received

Committees Appointed:

Audit: Greg Harvey, Samuel Mancillas

Glenn Guild, Chairman

Obituary: Jodi Larson, Brenda Rayburn

Linda Harvey, Chairperson

No Examining Board Report

No CTS Report

**New Business:**

MSC that we comply with the request from Desert Springs FWB Church\*, for a donation of \$5000.00 to assist with sewer line construction costs. (from the Missions Account)

**Leadership Conference Report:**

Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

**Worship Service**

Special Music: "One King, The Hope Of The World"

Message: Rev. Harmon Herndon "God Give Us Men"  
Neemiah 6:10b+c 11-15

MSC to Adjourn.

Closing Prayer: Bro. Jim Taylor

**Annual Conference, March 12, 2005**

Convening at First FWB Church, Tucson, Arizona

Congregational Singing

Praise and Prayer reports

Prayer: Rev. Keith Burden

Welcome, Host Church: Bro. C. Walt Spears, Deacon

Call to Order: Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.



Letters read:

Pinnacle Peak Community Church, Phoenix  
West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye  
Mountain View Family FWB Church\*, Queen Creek  
First FWB Church, Tucson  
North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix  
Desert Springs FWB Church\*, Sierra Vista  
MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Visiting brethren recognized:

**From The National Offices:** Antioch, Tennessee  
Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary  
Rev. Ray Lewis, Board of Retirement (July 2005)  
Dr. Bill Evans, The FWB Foundation

**FWB College:** Nashville, Tennessee  
Rev. David Willford

Printed Minutes of December 11, 2004

Treasurer's Reports Accepted

The FWB Foundation Report: Dr. Bill Evans

Obituary Committee Report

North Valley FWB Church, Deceased:

Marjorie Driver

Bud Smith

First FWB Church, Deceased:

Ward Tombaugh

Others who faithfully attended our churches but never

joined also have deceased this year. We're grateful for dedicated people who have gone before us and been great witnesses for Christ.

Chair Person, Linda Harvey

Brenda Rayburn, Jodi Larson

A moment of silence in memory of these followed by prayer for family and friends, by Rev. Harmon Herndon.

#### General Board Report:

##### Recommendations:

1. That Co-op giving remain at 10% of undesignated dues and fees. MSC

2. That Dr. Charles Marshall be recommended to represent Arizona on the National General Board for the next three years (2005-2007)

#### Reports received from:

Rev. Ray Lewis, Board of Retirement.

Rev. David Williford, FWB Bible College

Rev. Keith Burden, with greetings from the National Office.

The National Conference meets in Louisville, Kentucky July 17-20, 2005. Theme: "Pleasing God"

#### Worship Service

Message: Rev. Keith Burden, "Case Study In The Dangers Of Leadership" Exodus 7:1-7

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer: Rev. George Harvey

Choir: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Message: Rev. David Williford

"The Sovereignty Of God", I Corinthians 12:7-11

Recitation by Jessica Powell, North Valley FWB

Church: a monologue in preparation for competition at the National

Examining Board Report:

The Examining Board welcomes West Valley FWB Church as an organized church with full privileges and responsibilities that come with membership in the district association. into full fellowship with First Arizona District Association.

Bro. Jack Brown has been selected by West Valley Free Will Baptist Church to be their pastor. They have requested that he be examined by the association to be accepted into fellowship with the association. The examining Board will meet with him for examination at a future date.

The Examining Board has received annual minister reports and recommends the following ordained ministers receive cards of good standing from the association: Rev. George Harvey, Jr.; Rev. Harmon Herndon; Dr. Charles Marshall; Rev. Jerry Rayburn; Rev. Eddie Young; Rev. Joey Bilbrey, III and Rev. Rick Morris.

To summarize some of the statistics from their reports our ministers have preached over 541 sermons,

witnessed 56 conversions, baptized 45 and conducted one revival.

Very Respectfully, C. Walt Spears

Examining Board Clerk

Information received

#### CTS/Camp Report:

The CTS Board voted to have this year's camp at "Camp Anytown" in Prescott. The Director is Bro. Greg Harvey. Cost is \$160.00. We are still in need of, and are looking for a camp evangelist.

In Jesus Name, Don Davis, Chairman

Information received

#### Audit Committee Report:

The audit Committee has examined the First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists books and find them to be in good order with no corrections from the committee.

Greg Harvey, Samuel Mancillas

Glenn Guild, Chairman

#### New Business

1. MSC that financial assistance for National General Board member be \$600.00

2. MSC that we recommend Jessica Powell to represent our district at the National Youth Conference and pay her registration fee.

3. MSC That today's offering be given to Pinnacle Peak Community FWB Church for their chair fund.

Nominating Report: MSC that nominations cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation up to Moderator.  
MSC to re-elect Rev. George Harvey, Jr., Moderator.

MSC to elect Glenn Guild Statutory Agent.

Members-at -Large: Rev. Jerry Rayburn and Jodi Larson elected.

MSC that Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. be authorized to appoint three delegates to the National.

Total attendance: 43 members with Four visitors = 47

MSC to Adjourn  
Closing prayer: Bro. Paul Leyvis

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Atchley, Clerk

**TREASURY REPORT**  
**February 24, 2004 - February 23, 2005**

**Annual**

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b> | <b>\$ 3,221.39</b> |
| Receipts Received        | 44,002.39          |
| Expenditures             | <u>45,275.66</u>   |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>    | <b>\$ 1,948.12</b> |

**Receipts**

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| AZ District Missions                 | \$13,684.02         |
| Camp                                 | 11,078.00           |
| Education (FWBBC, Hillsdale)         | 280.00              |
| Family/Children Ministries           | 139.61              |
| FWB Foreign Missions                 | 2,733.35            |
| FWB Home Missions                    | 12,880.41           |
| General Fund (Dues Nat'l fees, gifts | 2,947.00            |
| Master's Men                         | 160.00              |
| Rest of Family                       | <u>100.00</u>       |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                | <b>\$ 44,002.39</b> |

**Expenditures**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| AZ District Missions                       | 13,684.02 |
| Camp                                       | 12,725.21 |
| Education (CA Christian, FWBBC, Hillsdale) | 280.00    |
| Family/Children Ministries                 | 139.61    |

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|--|--------------------|
| FWB Foreign Missions   | 2,733.35           |
| FWB Home Missions  | 12,880.41          |
| General Fund   | 2,573.06           |
| (Nat'l Bd. Travel, Leadership Conf., Coop, copies,<br>Nat'l fees, minutes, etc.) |                    |
| Master's Men   | 160.00             |
| Rest of Family   | <u>100.00</u>      |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>  | <b>\$45,275.00</b> |

**District Missions Account**  
**Free Will Baptist Foundation**  
**Treasurey Report**  
**February 24, 2004 - February 23, 2005**

**Annual**

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b>             | <b>\$12,749.22</b> |
| Receipts Received:                   |                    |
| Interest                             | 470.20             |
| Designated                           | 256.09             |
| Expenditures (Rayburn Building Fund) | <u>4,926.22</u>    |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>                | <b>\$ 9,102.13</b> |



# 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 and remarks:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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