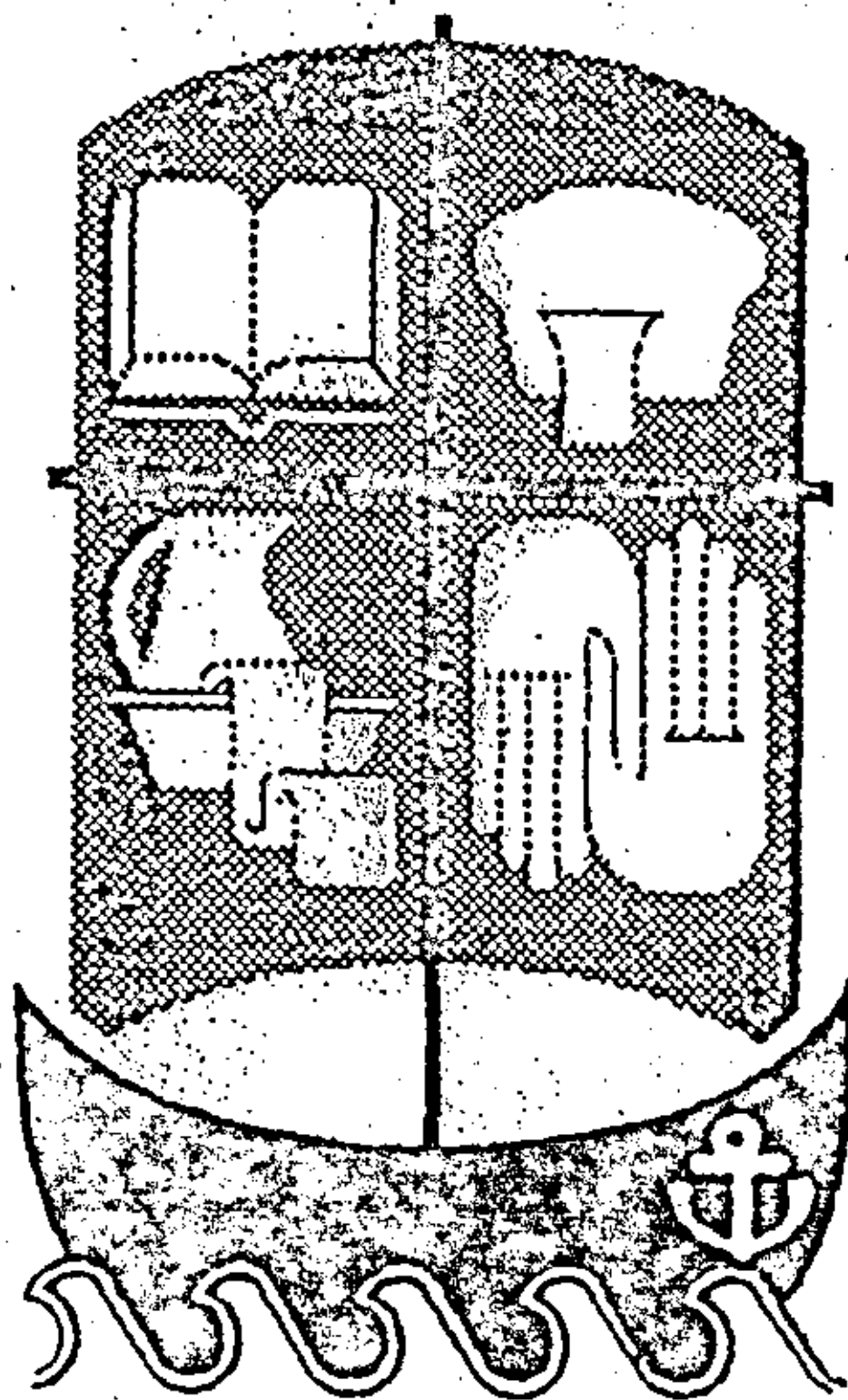


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5 yr - Rev. Jack Brown
4 yr - Rev. Eddie Young
3 yr - Dr. Charles Marshall, Chairman
2 yr - Rev. Jerry Rayburn
1 yr - Rev. Harmon Herndon

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

TRUSTEE BOARD

3 yr - Paul Leyvas
2 yr - Glenn Guild, Chairman
1 yr - Mike Larson

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 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

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 them-selves 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. In addition 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. Each member church shall pay a representation fee of \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars) per quarter, to The First Arizona District Association, due at each quarterly

meeting of the Association. In addition, each church shall be responsible for submitting the annual National registration fee as set forth by The National Association of Free Will Baptists.

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 Association 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

Amended March 10, 2007

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 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 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 proved 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, inherits a fallen nature of such tendencies that, all who come to years of accountability, sin and in addition 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 10, 2006 - March 10, 2007

First Quarterly Conference, June 10, 2006

Convening at First FWB Church, Tucson, Arizona

Praise and Prayer reports

Prayer: Rev. Tom Hughes, Prescott

Welcome, Host Church: Rev. Eddie Young

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

Letters read:

North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix

Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista

Pinnacle Peak Community Church, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Welcome Visiting Brethren:

Rev. Mark Shores, his wife, Christy and son John

Albuquerque, New Mexico Mission

Rev. Tom Hughes and wife, Nancy

Martha and Chuck Cushman

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Treasurer's Reports given MSC to accept.

General Board Report: Read and received
Recommendations:

1. That our financial assistance for General Board Member to the National be \$600.00. MSC
2. That Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. be authorized to appoint three delegates to the National Association MSC

The letter to the National home Missions Board, requesting that a meeting be arranged with said board at the National Conference, was read:

MSC to send the letter as read to the National Home Missions Board.

CTS/CAMP Board Report: none

Prayer: Bro. Glenn Guild

WORSHIP SERVICE

Special Music: "An Empty Mansion", Men's Trio

Message: Rev. Mark Shores "God Is The Judge"

Unfinished Business:

Motion to designate today's offering of \$109.88 to assist Pinnacle Peak with completion of building. SC

MSC to Adjourn

Closing Prayer with blessing on the lunch:

Rev. Jack Brown

Second Quarterly Conference, September 9, 2006

Convening at Desert Springs FWB Church, Sierra Vista

Praise and Prayer reports

Prayer: Rev. Harmon Herndon

Welcome, Host Church: Rev. Jerry Rayburn

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

Letters read:

North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista

Pinnacle Peak Community Church, Phoenix

West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Visitors recognized:

Rev. & Mrs. Chris Fannin, Missionaries elect to
Prescott, Arizona

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Treasurer's Report: MSC to Accept

Recommendations:

1. That financial assistance for Leadership Conference be \$500.00. MSC

National General Board Report: Dr. Charles Marshall
Information accepted

Examining Board Report : None

CTS Board Report: None

WORSHIP SERVICE

Special Music:

Desert Springs Choir, "Holy Is Your Name"
Serina Lindeman & Brenda Rayburn,
"You Never Walk Alone"

Message: Rev. Chris Fannin
Acts 4:1 & 1:8 "The Enemies Of Evangelism"

Unfinished Business:

Report on Pastors meeting with National Home Missions Board by Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.
Information received

MSC to give today's offering of \$75.00 to the Fannin mission account.

MSC that an additional \$200.00 from our District Mission Account be given to the Fannin mission account.

MSC to Adjourn

Closing Prayer with blessing on the lunch: Glenn Guild

Third Quarterly Conference, December 9, 2006

Convening at West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye

Praise and Prayer reports: Prayer: Rev. Jack Brown

Welcome, Host Church: Rev. Jack Brown

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

Letters read:

West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye

North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix

Pinnacle Peak Community Church, Phoenix

Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista

First FWB Church, Tucson

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Visitors recognized:

Rev. Mike Cash, Pastor of East Valley FWB Church

Rev. Tom Hughes

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Treasurer's Report: MSC to Accept

Committees Appointed:

Audit : Samuel Mancillas, Chairman

with Mike Larson and Don Davis

Obituary: Ellen Marshall, Chairperson
with Linda Harvey and Brenda Rayburn

General Board Report: MSA

Examining Board Report:

1. A letter of good standing has been received from The South Carolina Conference for Rev. Chris Fannin. We recommend that he be accepted into this Arizona District Association.
2. This board will meet with Bro. Don Davis to examine him for ratification of credentials as a Deacon in this Arizona District Association.

MSC to accept report, recommendation and Information.

CTS Board Report: none

Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. reported on meeting with Rev. Keith Burden. Information received

Leadership Conference Report by Rev George Harvey, Jr.: Information received

New Business:

Proposed amendment, to the By Laws read. MSC to receive and table until next quarterly.

Power Point Presentation by Dr. Charles Marshall:
Calvinism V Arminianism

WORSHIP SERVICE

Special Music:

"I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day", Jodi Larson

Message: Rev. Mike Cash

Psalm 126 "A Prayer for Revival"

Unfinished Business:

MSC to give today's offering of \$82.11 to the Fannin mission account.

MSC that an additional \$200.00 from the District Mission Account be given to the Fannin account.

MSC to Adjourn

Closing Prayer with blessing on the lunch:

Rev. Tom Hughes

Annual Conference,

March 10, 2007

Convening at First Free Will Baptist Church, Tucson

Praise and Prayer reports

Prayer: Rev. Howard Gwartney

Welcome, Host Church: Rev. Eddie Young

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

Letters read:

Pinnacle Peak Community Church, Phoenix

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

Visitors recognized from:

The National Offices: Antioch, Tennessee
Rev. Ron Hunter, Randall House
Dr. Bill Evans, Free Will Baptist Foundation
Rev. Keith Burden, National Executive Secretary
Rev. Ray Lewis, Board of Retirement
FWB Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee
Rev. David Williford
Spanish minister using the chapel at Tucson Church,
Pastor Amando Moreno
East Valley FWB Church in Mesa
Rev. Mike Cash & his brother, Billy

New Missionaries:

To Florence, Arizona
Rev. Howard Gwartney, his wife, Patsy and his
mother-in law, Pat Thomas
To Prescott, Arizona
Rev Chris Fannin and his wife Carla
Helpers Kevin & Jana Shope and son
Former Missionary to Brazil, residing in Prescott
Rev. Tom Hughes

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Treasurer's Report: MSC to Accept

Audit Committee Report read by the clerk

March 10, 2007

To: The First Arizona Dist. Assoc. of Free Will Baptists

From: Audit Committee

Re: Review of Annual Treasurer's Report Members of the Audit Committee received and reviewed various accounting reports provided by Association Treasurer, Dale Young. We find them thorough, accurate and in good order.

We thank Sis. Dale Young for her hard work and service to our association.

Sincerely,

Samuel Mancillas , Chairman

Donald L. Davis

Mike Larson

Obituary Committee Report read by clerk

North Valley FWB Church: Dwight Farley

Chair Person, Ellen Marshall

Linda Harvey

Brenda Rayburn

Prayer of thanks for the life of the deceased and comfort for the family. By Rev. Chris Fannin

General Board Report:

M.S.C. to receive report and act on Recommendations in

Afternoon Business

Examining Board Report:

Today The Examining Board met with Bro. Howard

board recommends that we accept Rev. Howard Gwartney into our Association. M.S.C

Six ordained ministers reported:

A total of 445 sermons preached, 25 conversions witnessed, 16 baptized, 32 members received, 32 funerals conducted, 4 weddings conducted, 2 revivals conducted and 22 Association Meetings attended.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev Eddie Young, Examining Board Secretary

CTS Board Report: none

Mission Reports: Rev. Howard Gwartney, Florence
Rev. Chris Fannin, Prescott

WORSHIP SERVICE

Special Music: "There's A Miracle In The Making",
Rev. Eddie Young

Message: Rev. Keith Burden, "Be Of The Same Mind In Christ" Philippians 4:10-19

Closing Prayer: Rev. David Williford

Afternoon Session:

Message: Rev. Bill Evans, "Principles For Penetrating Our World", Luke 24:7

Unfinished Business:

The clerk read a letter from Desert Springs FWB Church requesting membership recognition, in the First Arizona district Association, as an organized church.

MSC to comply

Information shared by:

Rev. Keith Burden,

Executive Secretary of The National Association

Rev. Ray Lewis,

General Director of The Board of Retirement

Old Business:

Recommendations from the General Board Report:

1. That the item regarding proposal to amend By Laws, Article VI. Section 4. be removed from the table and try.

MSC to remove from table and accept.

Amended it reads as follows:

Article VI. Section 4. Each Member Church shall pay a representation fee of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per quarter, to the First Arizona District Association, due at each quarterly meeting of The Association. In addition, each church shall be responsible for submitting the Annual National registration fee, as set forth by The National Association of Free will Baptists.

2. That the pastors of the First Arizona District Association meet with the pastors of Yuma, Flagstaff and Queen Creek to explore possibilities of establishing a State Association. MSC

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

Delegates to National Association:

Linda Harvey, Brenda Rayburn and Carla Fannin

Information shared by:

Rev. Bill Evans,

Director of Free Will Baptist Foundation

Rev. Ron Hunter,

General Director of Randall House Publications

Rev. David Williford, Vice President

of Institutional Advancement, FWBB College

Nomination Committee Report:

MSC receive and elect nominees as listed

Members-At-Large elected: Rev. Jerry Rayburn

Rev. Howard Gwartney

Statutory Agent: Glenn Guild elected

Credentials Committee: March 10, 2007

We recommend the following ordained ministers receive Minister Cards indicating that they are in good standing with the association:

Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Rev. Harmon Herndon

Rev. Charles Marshall

Rev. Jerry Rayburn

Rev. Eddie Young

Rev. Jack Brown

Rev. Chris Fannin

Rev. Howard Gwartney

MSC that the offering today (\$132.00) be divided between
Florence and Prescott Missions

MSC to Adjourn

Closing prayer: Rev. Ray Lewis

Respectfully,

Pat Atchley, Clerk

ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT

February 17, 2006-February 10, 2007

Beginning Balance	\$3,484.07
Receipts Received	22,942.67
Expenditures	24,145.04
Ending Balance	\$2,281.70

Receipts

AZ District Missions	775.51
Camp	9,773.65
Education (Hillsdale, CCC)	360.00
FWB International Missions	3,006.48
FWB Home Missions	6,185.03
General Fund (Dues, Nat'l fees, gifts)	2,742.00
WNAC	100.00

Total Receipts	\$22,942.67
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Expenditures

AZ District Missions	775.51
Camp*	10,794.79
Education (Hillsdale, CCC)	360.00
FWB International Missions	3,006.48
FWB Home Missions	6,614.68
General Fund	2,493.58
(Nat'l Board Travel, Leadership Conf., Coop, copies, Nat'l fees, minutes, etc.)	
WNAC	100.00

Total Expenditures	\$24,145.04
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*** Please note we also spent 1,443.89 we carried over from the previous year's camp.**

AZ DISTRICT MISSIONS ACCOUNT
Free Will Baptist Foundation
TREASURY REPORT
February 17, 2006-February 10, 2007

Beginning Balance	\$8,316.72
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Receipts:

Interest	410.62
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Designated	308.52
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Expenditures (Fannin)	200.00
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Ending Balance	\$8,835.86
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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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