

**FIRST ARIZONA
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FIFTY - SIXTH ANNUAL MINUTES
2007 - 2008**

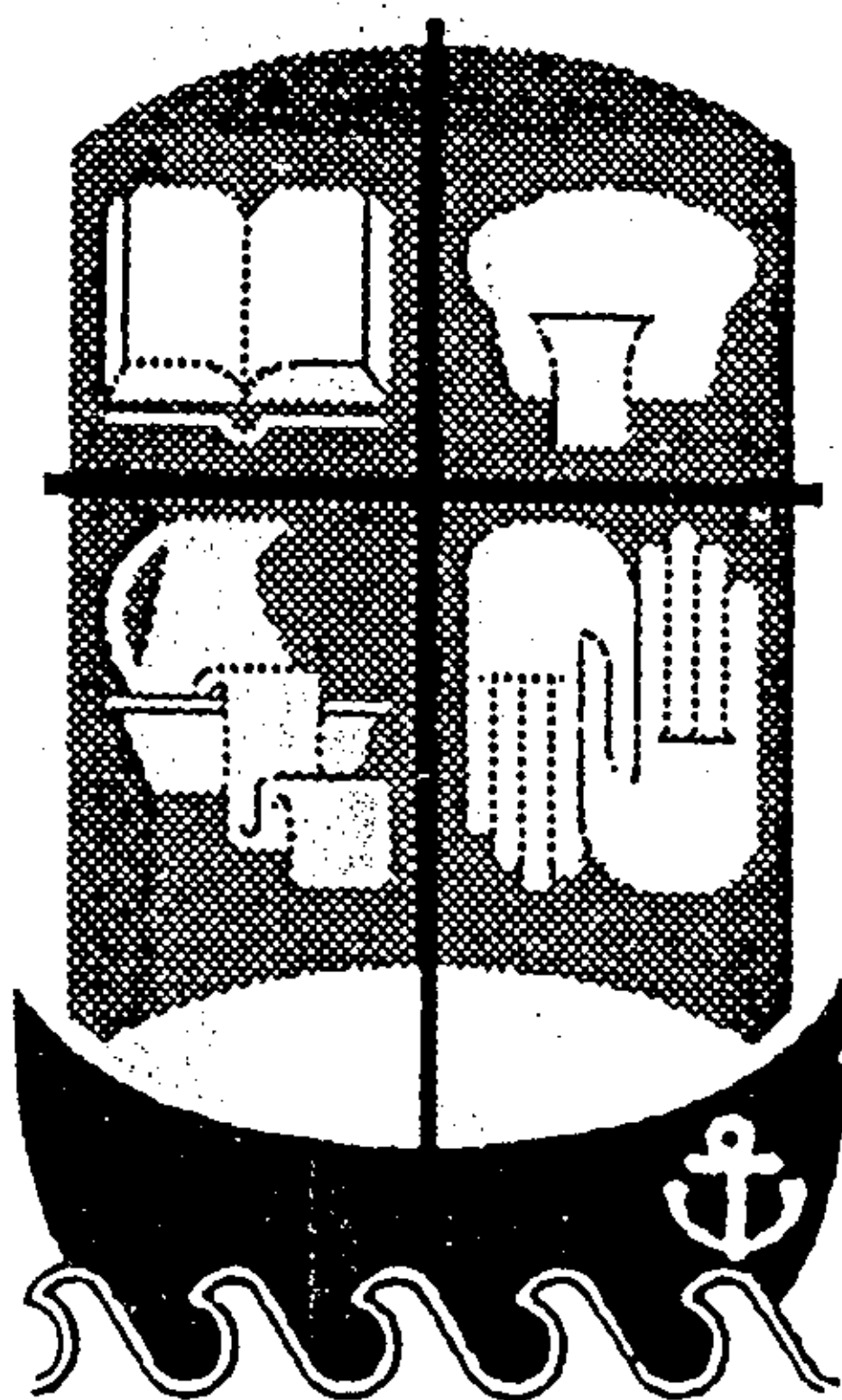


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2008 -2009

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EXAMINING BOARD

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

MISSION BOARD

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

CTS BOARD

3 yr - Linda Harvey
3 yr - Don Davis, Chairman
3 yr - Greg Harvey, Camp Director
3 yr - Carla Fannin
2 yr - Mike Larson
1 yr - Brenda Rayburn

TRUSTEE BOARD

3 yr - Mike Larson
2 yr - Chris Fannin
1 yr - Glenn Guild, Chairman

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 in 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 VI. Meetings,
Sections 1,2 and 3)

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. 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 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 (Article I. Churches -
Article IV. Ministers)**

Amended March 10, 2007 (Article VI. Section 4)

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 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 9, 2007 - March 8, 2008

First Quarterly Conference, June 9, 2007

Convening at Desert Springs FWB Church,
Sierra Vista, Arizona

Praise and Prayer reports
Prayer: Rev. Tom Hughes

Welcome, Host Church: Rev. Jerry Rayburn

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

Letters read:

Pinnacle Peak Community Church, Phoenix
Desert Springs FWB Church, Sierra Vista
Crosspoint FWB Church*, Prescott Valley
West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye
North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix
First FWB Church, Tucson

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Printed Minutes of March 10, 2007 distributed

Treasurer's Reports given MSC to accept.

General Board Report: Read & received

Recommendations:

1. That our financial assistance for General board Member to the National be \$600.00. MSC
2. That we give Crosspoint FWB mission and Christ's Church FWB mission \$1000.00 each from the Mission Account.

CTS/CAMP Board Report:

Eighty attended Camp; many decisions made.

A Youth Rally planned for June 30, 2007 at East Valley FWB Church. Information received.

Examining Board Report: Information received

Bethany Shope presented, a flute Solo: "Shout To The Lord" and signing "Holy Is The Lord"; for representing our district at the National competition;

MSC to endorse her and pay her entry fee of \$50.00.

Rev. George Harvey reported on the work trip to CCC.

Rev. Chris Fannin gave praise report regarding the Crosspoint work.

Rev. Howard Gwartney shared progress report regarding Christ's Church praising God for His provision.

Worship Service

Solo by Lisa Meneghini: "Here Comes Jesus"

Duet by Serina Lindeman-Lum and Asa Rayburn: "You're Worthy of My Praise",

Message: Rev. Jack Brown,
Matthew 9:36-38 "The Harvest"

Unfinished Business:

Motion to designate today's offering of \$135.00 to be divided between the two missionary churches present. (Christ's Church and Crosspoint) SC

MSC to Adjourn

Closing Prayer: Rev. Chris Fannin

Second Quarterly Conference, September 8, 2007
Crosspoint FWB Church* Prescott Valley, Arizona

Praise and Prayer Reports

Prayer: Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Welcome, Host Church: Rev. Chris Fannin

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

Reading of Church Letters:

Christ's Church FWB, Florence*

Desert Springs FWB Church, Sierra Vista

Pinnacle Peak Community Church, Peoria

First FWB church, Tucson

North Valley FWB Church
West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye
Crosspoint FWB Church, Prescott Valley*
MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Printed Minutes of June 9, 2007 distributed

Treasurer's Reports given; MSC to accept

General Board Report: Approved as read Accepting recommendations as stated:

1. That the financial assistance for Leadership Conference be \$500.00
2. That we designate the offering received at the Second Quarterly Conference to help erase the Camp fund deficit.

CTS Board Report: None

Examining Board Report:

Today the Board met with Bro. Tom Hughes to consider ratification of his credentials; and recommends him to the district for acceptance as a minister in good standing.
MSC

National General Board Report: Dr. Charles Marshall
2008 National Association will meet in West Virginia
on July 20 - 23, 2008.

Worship Service

Special Music: "Sanctuary" by Crosspoint Youth Group

Ensemble: "What A Day That Will Be"

Message: Rev. Tom Hughes "Why Be A Missionary?"

Romans 1:18-20

Unfinished Business:

The offering today was \$187.00 to be applied to Camp Account to pay down the deficit. (Several churches donated extra funds to help)

MSC to Adjourn

Closing Prayer: Rev. Harmon Herndon

Third Quarterly Conference, December 8, 2007

North Valley FWB Church - Phoenix, Arizona

Praise and Prayer reports

Prayer: Rev. Rev Chris Fannin

Welcome, Host Church: Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

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

Letters read:

Christ's Church FWB*, Florence

First FWB Church, Tucson

Pinnacle Peak Community Church, Peoria
Desert Springs FWB Church, Sierra Vista
Crosspoint FWB Church*, Prescott Valley
West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye
North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix

Other delegates appointed:

Nolen Atchley, First of Tucson
and Nancy Hughes, Cross point - Prescott
MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Printed Minutes of September 8, 2007 distributed

Treasurer's Reports given MSC to accept.

Committees Appointed:

Audit: Samuel Mancillas - Chairman with members
Glenn Guild and Mike Larson

Obituary: Nancy Hughes - Chairperson with members
Ellen Marshall and Brenda Rayburn

General Board Report: Read and accepted

Examining Board Report: None

CTS/Camp Board Report: By Don Davis, Chairman

Location: Camp Anytown: Prescott - May 26 - 30, 2008.

Director: Greg Harvey

Information accepted.

New Business:

MSC to apply today's offering to help erase the Camp Fund deficit.

Leadership Conference Report: George Harvey, Jr.
Information accepted

Worship Service

Special Music: "Near The Cross" by Charlotte Nelson
Message: Rev. Jerry Rayburn "The Spirit Of Christmas"
Luke 2:8-14

MSC to Adjourn

Closing Prayer: Rev. Harmon Herndon

Annual Conference, March 8, 2008

Pinnacle Peak Community Church: Peoria, Arizona

Praise and Prayer reports
Prayer: Rev. David Brown

Welcome, Host Church: Dr. Charles Marshall
Call to Order: Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Letters read:
Christ's Church FWB, Florence*
Desert Springs FWB Church, Sierra Vista

Pinnacle Peak Community Church, Peoria
North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix
First FWB Church, Tucson
West Valley FWB Church, Buckeye
Crosspoint FWB Church, Prescott Valley*
MSC to accept letters and seat delegates

Visitors recognized from:

The National Offices: Antioch, Tennessee
Rev David Brown, Free Will Baptist Foundation
Rev. Keith Burden, National Executive Secretary
Rev. Ray Lewis, Board of Retirement
East Valley FWB Church,
Rev. Mike Cash
Free Will Baptist Home For Children, Turbeville, South
Carolina, Rev. Ray & Paula Roach, Executive Directors

Printed Minutes of December 8, 2007 distributed
Treasurer's Report: MSA

Audit Committee Report

March 8, 2008

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
Glen Guild and Mike Larson

Obituary Committee Report

West Valley FWB Church: Ann McCracken

North Valley FWB Church: Betsy Sandy

Chair Person, Ellen Marshall

Linda Harvey and Brenda Rayburn

A moment of silence for reflection followed by a prayer of thanks for the lives of those gone on and comfort for those who remain by Rev. Harmon Herndon

General Board Report:

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

Examining Board Report:

The Examining Board met with Bro. Robert (Bert) Herzog to consider ratifying his credentials. Upon satisfying this board it is recommended to the body that we accept Pastor Herzog into our Association following the receipt of a letter in good standing from his previous Association.

Eight ordained ministers reported:

609 sermons preached

62 conversions witnessed

16 baptized, 12 members received

12 funerals conducted

4 weddings conducted

5 revivals conducted
27 Association Meetings attended
Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Eddie Young, Examining Board Secretary

CTS / Camp Board Report: Don Davis, Chairman
Camp will be May 26 - 31 at Camp Anytown, Prescott.
Theme: It's Not about Me, John 3:30
Evangelist: Rev. Mike Cash of East valley FWB Church
Price: \$185.00

International Missions Department Report:
Rev. Tom Hughes reports that the goal this year in giving is \$5000.00, budgets run six figures now that there is a greater mission field.

Mission Church Reports:
Rev. Howard Gwartney, Christ's Church, Florence, Az.
Attendance Averages 100 and is multi cultural. A new meeting place needed. Pray for God's leading.
Rev. Chris Fannin is praising God three of their teens are going with E - Teams to France, Mexico and the Virgin Islands this summer; one was chosen for Truth and Peace Conference. The church building and property price is reduced to \$325,000.
Continue to Pray.

Prayer: Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Worship Service

Special Music:

"Heaven's Sounding Sweeter All The Time", Sis. LaDonna
& Bro. Greg Harvey

Message: Rev. Keith Burden, "The Word Of God" Psalm
119:105

Afternoon Session

Message: Rev. Ray Lewis, "Dealing With Temptation",
Genesis 39:5-13

Unfinished Business

Reports from:

Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary of The National
Association

Rev. David Brown, Director of Free Will Baptist
Foundation

New Business: None

Old Business:

Recommendations from the General Board Report:

1. That Co-op giving remain at 10% of undesignated
dues and fees. MSC
2. The offering today (\$90.00) go to the Camp fund to
erase the debit. MSC

Reports:

Rev. Ray Lewis, General Director of The Board of Retirement.

Rev. Roy Roach, Director of S.C. FWB Home For Children.

Franny Feavel, E-Team to St. Croix, Virgin Islands

A Letter from East Valley FWB Church requesting membership in the First Arizona District Association read by the clerk. (Referred to the Examining Board)

Motion that Moderator appoint 3 delegates to the National Association. SC

Nomination Committee Report:

MSC receive and elect nominees as listed.

Members-At-Large elected: Rev. Jerry Rayburn and Rev. Howard Gwartney

Statutory Agent elected: Glenn Guild

MSC to add the Camp Director to the CTS/Camp Board

Ministers in good standing were issued 2008 - 09 cards:

Rev. George Harvey, Jr.,

Rev. Harmon Herndon

Dr. Charles Marshall

Rev. Jerry Rayburn

Rev. Eddie Young

Rev. Chris Fannin

Rev. Howard Gwartney

Rev Tom Hughes

Information:

Total attendance: 59

MSC to Adjourn

Closing prayer: Dr. Charles Marshall

Respectfully, Pat Atchley, Clerk

ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT

February 11, 2007-February 15, 2008

Beginning Balance	\$2,281.70
Receipts Received	43,681.90
Expenditures	43,794.86
Ending Balance	\$2,168.74

Receipts

AZ District Missions	213.36
Camp	13,326.36
Education (Hillsdale, CCC, Southeastern, FWBBC)	2,380.00
FWB International Missions	4,427.84
FWB Home Missions	8,647.34
General Fund (Dues, Nat'l fees, gifts)	3,210.00
WNAC	210.00
Transfer from Missions Acct.....	2,000.00
Conference Offerings for Missions.....	267.00
Donation to CELF.....	90,000.00
Total Receipts	\$43,681.90

Expenditures

AZ District Missions	213.36
Camp	13,407.00
Education (Hillsdale, CCC, Southeastern, FWBBC).....	
.	2,380.00
FWB International Missions	4,427.84
FWB Home Missions	10,914.34
General Fund	3,242.32
(Nat'l Board Travel, Leadership Conf., Coop, copies, Nat'l fees, minutes, etc.)	
WNAC	210.00
CELF.....	9000.00
 Total Expenditures	 \$43,794.84

AZ DISTRICT MISSIONS ACCOUNT

Free Will Baptist Foundation

TREASURY REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$8,835.86
Receipts:	
Interest	386.38
Designated	213.36
Expenditures (Fannin)	2,000.00
 Ending Balance	 \$7,435.60

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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