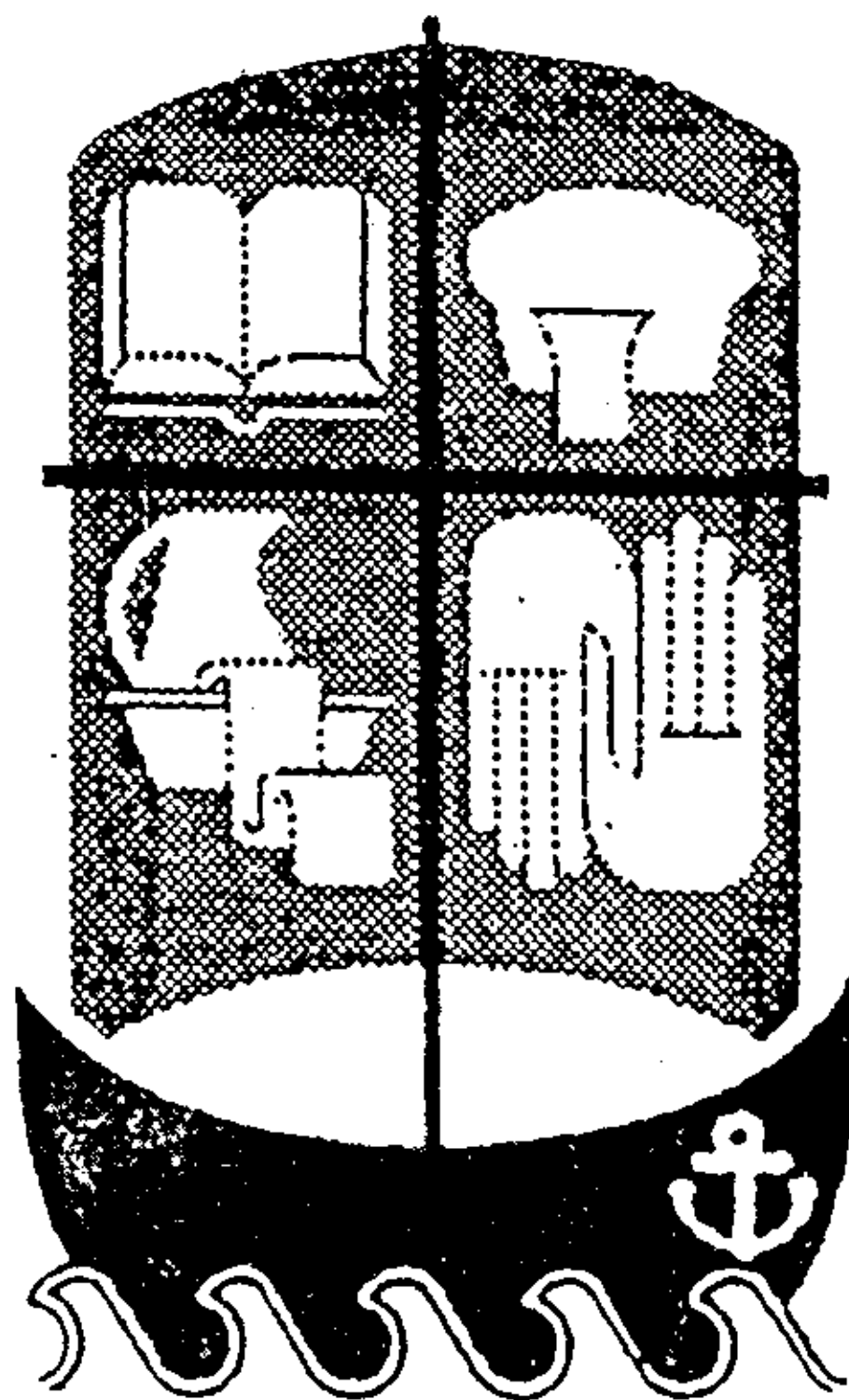


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5 yr - Rev. Howard Gwartney  
4 yr - Dr. Charles Marshall, Chairman  
3 yr - Rev. Jerry Rayburn  
2 yr - Rev. Harmon Herndon  
1 yr - Rev. Tom Hughes

## **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 - Robert Ketchum
- 3 yr - Don Davis
- 3 yr - Greg Harvey, Chairman/Camp Director
- 3 yr - Linda Harvey
- 1 yr - Rev. Howard Gwartney

## **Trustee Board**

- 3 yr - Mike Larson
- 2 yr - Bruce Ellefritz
- 1 yr - Rev. Howard Gwartney, 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 a 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.

# **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 bi-annual 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 bi-annual 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 Bi-annual 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 bi-annual association meetings shall have it's 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 bi-annual 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 bi-annually as follows: The Second Saturday of September (with option to hold both morning and afternoon sessions if necessary) and the Annual Meeting to be held the Second Saturday of March each year, having both morning and afternoon sessions.

## **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 September 13, 2008 (Article VI. Meetings.**

**Sections 1 & 3 modifying all necessary text to align with bi-annual meetings)**

## **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 bi-annual meeting shall be placed in a non-voting status for the next Bi-annual 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 bi-annual 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. (forms available from the Examining Board clerk.)

**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 bi-annual 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 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 \$150.00 (one hundred-fifty) bi-annually, to The First Arizona district Association, due at each bi-annual 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 September meeting and the annual meeting printed. The minutes are to be distributed preferably at the semi-annual meeting.

**Section 2.** The District Clerk will be paid \$30.00 (thirty dollars) bi-annually 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 September meeting to audit the Treasurer's books for the annual reports.

**Section 4. Obituary Committee.** An Obituary Committee will be appointed at the September 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

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 September 13, 2008 modifying all necessary text to align with bi-annual meetings)**

## **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

**March 13, 2010 - (Revised)** The CTS (camp) Board recommends that Camp Evangelists, from in or out of state be paid from the General Fund, \$700.00 (seven hundred dollars) up to \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars) for their services. 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 - (Revised)** 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

**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 bi-annual 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 bi-annual 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 bi-annual 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 of The First Arizona District Association**  
**Semi-Annual Conference: September 11, 2010**  
**Desert Springs FWB Church      Sierra Vista, Arizona**

Welcome: Moderator, Rev. Mike Cash

Singing Led by Rev. Jerry Rayburn: "Above All"

Praises and Prayer needs shared

Prayer: Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Welcome, Host Church: Rev. Jerry Rayburn

Call to Order: Moderator, Rev. Mike Cash

Church Information Spreadsheet &

Minutes of March 13, 2010 distributed

North Valley delegate: Cindy Harvey

MSC to accept information and seat delegates

Treasurer's Report: MSA

Committees Appointed:

Audit: Rev. George Harvey, Jr , Chairman

Rev. Billy Cash & Don Davis

Obituary: Linda Harvey, Chairperson

Ellen Marshall & Brenda Rayburn

General Board Report:

M.S.C. to accept and address recommendations during  
Business.

### Examining Board Report:

Recommends that Bro. Asa Rayburn's License be extended 1 yr MSC

### New Business:

#### General Board recommendations:

1. Camp Board research other possible ways to fund Camp Insurance. MSC
2. Grant a letter of good standing for Rev. Eddie Young. MSC
3. Financial Assistance for Leadership Conference \$500.00. MSC

#### Requests From Churches:

Christ's Church requests that: Bro. Robert Ketchem meet with Examining Board at March 2011 meeting to consider licensure. MSC

#### West Valley Requests that:

1. Bro. Mike Larson meet with the Examining Board to consider licensure. MSC
2. Dr. Charles Marshall be considered to serve in a new position as Promotional Director for our churches and State. MSC to table until Annual Conference.  
MSC to refer item to the General Board to discuss and make recommendation to The Conference.

#### CTS/Camp Board Report: Read by Clerk

62 Campers, 11 Counselors, 9 salvation decisions and many other spiritual decisions. Rev. Billy Cash  
Information Accepted

Old Business: none

## **Worship Service**

Special Music: Krystal Stevenson

Message: Dr. Charles Marshall "Cities of Refuge"  
(A Picture of Christ) Joshua 20:7-9

## **Unfinished Business**

MSC that offering today go to the host church. (\$88.00)

Total Attendance 25

MSC to Adjourn

Closing Prayer: Bro. Don Davis

**Annual Conference, March 12, 2011**  
**First FWB Church - Tucson, Arizona**

Congregational Singing: "Won't It Be Wonderful There"

Welcome: Moderator, Rev. Mike Cash

Praise and Prayer reports

Prayer: Rev. Mike Cash

Welcome, Host Church: Brother Adam Grass

Call to Order: Moderator, Rev. Mike Cash.

Minutes and Reports distributed

MSC to accept & seat delegates

Visitors welcomed from:

The National Offices: Antioch, Tennessee

Rev. Ray & Mrs. Lewis: Board of Retirement &  
Home Missions Board

Rev. David Williford: FWB Bible College

Rev. David Brown: Free Will Baptist Foundation

Rev. Keith Burden: National Executive Secretary

Rev. Tom & Nancy Hughes: International Missions

Each gave greetings and reports;

The National Dues will be raised from \$100.00 to \$150.00  
per Church starting 2012.



The 75<sup>th</sup> National Association will meet in Charlotte, N.C..  
on July 17 -20, 2011.

All request prayer and financial assistance as God leads and  
provides.

Arizona Home Missionaries Reports:

1. Rev. Howard Gwartney: Christ's Church, San Tan Valley
2. Co. Pastors, Jeff Goodman and Josh Bennett, of the  
"Marana Project"

Information received

Treasurer Report: Sis. Ashlee Cash - MSA

Camp Board Report: Greg Harvey

Dates: June 13 - 17

Cost: \$225.00 per person if paid to the treasury by May 13,  
2011; if later \$250.00 per person. Information accepted

General Board Report given. Recommendations accepted.

1. That financial assistance for AZ. Representative to the  
National General Board remain \$600.00 this year. MSA
2. That Co-op giving remain at 10% of undesignated dues  
and fees. MSA

**Worship Service**

Offering: Piano solo by Micha Polston

Special Music: "I Will Not Be A Stranger" Piano and String  
Band accompaniment; Adam Grass, Chris Cole, Nolen and  
Pat Atchley.

Message: Rev. Ray Lewis, "When Storms Come Into Our  
Lives" Matthew 14:22-33

Closing Prayer: Rev. Mike Cash

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

Prayer: Rev. Billy Cash

Message: Rev. Keith Burden; "What Can I do To Help?"  
Leviticus 17:11

## **Unfinished Business:**

Audit Committee Report March 12, 2011  
To The First Arizona District Association of Free will  
Baptists.

Having examined the financial records of the First Arizona  
District Association, for the period of time from March 1,  
2010 Through February 28, 2011, it is the opinion of the  
audit committee that the records appear to be in order.

Respectfully Submitted

George Harvey, JR - Chairman; Don Davis, Billy Cash

Examining Board Report:

Recommend that First year License to preach be granted to  
Bro. Michael Larson. MSC

Ministers: 10 Ordained, 1 Licensed,  
504 Sermons Preached , 41 Conversions,  
30 Baptisms, 21 Members Received,  
15 Funerals Conducted, 5 Weddings Conducted,  
2 Revivals Conducted, 12 Association Meetings Attended.

Dr. Charles Marshall,  
Examining Board Chairman  
Information Received

Obituary Report: Read by Clerk:

We, the Obituary Committee of the First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists recommend that the following names of those who have departed from our midst, be recorded and remembered, and those who labored among us..

From the following Churches:

East Valley: Bob Franks

North Valley: Kenneth Baughman

Joyce Curry

Elaine Farley

Sierra Vista FWB Church:

Amy Cunningham

Signed, Linda Harvey, Chairperson;

Brenda Rayburn & Ellen Marshall

Old Business:

Nomination Committee Report:

MSC to receive report and elect individually;

Re-elected - The Moderator, Assistant Moderator,  
Clerk , Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Newly elected: Assistant Clerk: Robert Ketchum

To: Exam. Bd. 5yr. Howard Gwartney

CTS/Camp Bd. 3 yr. Robert Ketchum

Trustee Bd. 2 yr. Bruce Ellifritz

Members-At-Large:

Bruce Ellefritz and Howard Gwartney

Statutory Agent elected: Howard Gwartney

New Business:

M.S.C donate \$100.00 to Erin Shusta account for  
E-Team to Japan

Information: The following Ministers in good standing were  
issued 2011 -2012 cards:

Ordained: Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Rev. Harmon Herndon

Dr. Charles Marshall

Rev. Jerry Rayburn

Rev. Howard Gwartney

Rev. Tom Hughes

Rev. Mike Cash

Rev. Billy Cash

Rev. Jim Taylor

Licensed: Michael Larson

Deacons: Don Davis, Tucson

Jerry Carter

Thomas Mullins

Neal Piquette

Total attendance: 42

MSC that the offering today to be given to Desert Springs to help toward the building loan.

Delegates to The National Association appointed:

Linda Harvey, Drew Bigley and Nancy Hughes,

MSC to Adjourn

Closing prayer: Brother Adam Grass

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Atchley, Clerk

## First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists Annual Treasury Report

<b>Beginning Balance.....</b>	<b>\$1,876.65</b>
<b>Receipts.....</b>	<b>\$25,881.98</b>
<b>Expenditures.....</b>	<b>(\$26,993.26)</b>
<b>Ending Balance.....</b>	<b>\$765.37</b>

### RECEIPTS

District Dues.....	\$1,950.00
National Dues.....	\$800.00
Conference Offerings.....	\$241.81
From AZ District Missions Account - (for E-team Fannin & Feavel - \$200 each).....	\$400.00
Individual Offering to First AZ Association of FWB...	\$384.00
Designated Giving.....	\$10,087.17
Credit from M&I Bank (service charge reversal).....	\$4.00
Snack Shack Proceeds.....	\$200.00
Offering for Camp Fund(from Christ's Church) ....	<u>\$11,725.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$25,881.98</b>

### EXPENDIATURES

International Missions (see designated giving).....	\$2,218.31
International Missions: E-Team Fannin & Feavel.....	\$400.00
(\$200.00 each from AZ District Missions)	
Home Missions (designated) .....	\$5,668.68
AZ District Missions (designated).....	\$380.18
WNAC 20/20/20 Project (designated).....	\$1,520.00
FWB National Association Dues.....	\$800.00
FWB National Association Co-op.....	\$105.00
FWB National Association Co-op (designated).....	\$300.00
State of Arizona Corporation Commission (ann. Fee).....	\$10.00
George Harvey (National Board).....	\$600.00

George Harvey (Leadership Conference).....	\$500.00
Tucson (copies for the clerk and treasurer).....	\$28.65
Pat Atchley (clerk services).....	\$30.00
Pat Atchley (clerk supplies).....	\$96.99
Desert Springs FWB Church (conference offering).....	\$88.00
Tucson (copies for clerk).....	\$25.40
East Valley (copies for Treasurer).....	\$22.05
M&I Bank (service charge).....	\$4.00
Heritage FWB Church (camp refund for overpayment).....	\$150.00
Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp.....	\$10, 675.00
Church Mutual (camp insurance).....	\$671.00
Christian Powell (camp evangelist).....	\$700.00
Church Mutual (camp insurance).....	\$110.00
Anytown America Inc.....	<u>\$1,890.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$26,993.26</b>

#### **GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance.....	\$1,755.95
Receipts.....	\$13,713.17
Expenditures.....	\$12,797.26
<b>ENDING BALANCE.....</b>	<b>\$2,671.86</b>

#### **CAMP**

Beginning Balance.....	-\$157.71
Receipts.....	\$12,168.81
Expenditures.....	\$14,196.00
<b>ENDING BALANCE.....</b>	<b>\$2,184.90</b>

#### **LIBRARY FUND**

Beginning Balance.....	\$278.41
Receipts.....	\$00.00
Expenditures.....	\$00.00
<b>ENDING BALANCE.....</b>	<b>\$278.41</b>



**ARIZONA DISTRICT MISSIONS ACCOUNT**

**Free Will Baptist Foundation**

Beginning Balance.....\$7,463.13  
Receipts.....\$380.18  
Interest.....\$218.89  
Expenditures.....-\$400.00  
ENDING BALANCE.....\$7,662.20

**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**Annual Minister's Report**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period of Report \_\_\_\_\_

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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