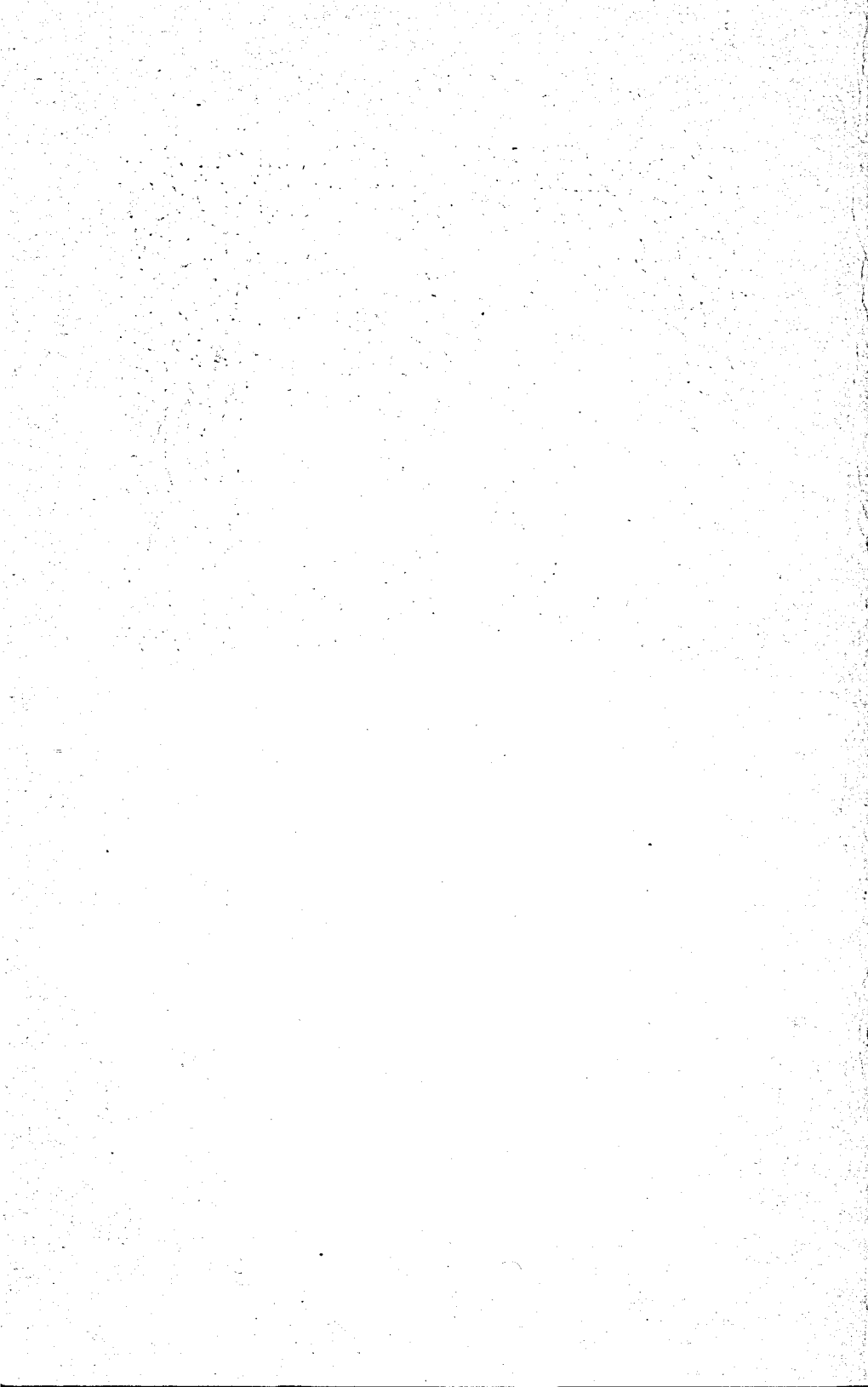




MINUTES
of the
FOUNDING AND ORGANIZING
of the
FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
in
NEW MEXICO
CONVENED AND ORGANIZED
in
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO
May 5, 1956
at the
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
902 West Adams

Moderator ----- Rev. W. V. McPhail
Asst. Moderator ----- Rev. L. C. Pinson
Clerk ----- Mrs. L. C. Pinson
Asst. Clerk ----- Mrs. Roy L. Thomas
Promotional Sec.-Treas. ----- Rev. J. B. Elliston





ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS



Left to right: Rev. W. V. McPhail, Moderator; Rev. John B. Ellison, Promotional Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. L. C. Pinson, Assistant Moderator; Mrs. R. L. Thomas, Assistant Clerk; Mrs. L. C. Pinson, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, May 5, 1956

The meeting was opened with congregational singing, "Victory In Jesus" and "I Would Not Be Denied", led by Rev. Roy L. Thomas with Mrs. Roy L. Thomas, pianist.

Ministers, deacons, and laymen gathered at the altar for prayer with Rev. Delbert Davis offering the invocation prayer and Rev. W. W. Winters the closing prayer.

Rev. M. V. McPhail was appointed temporary moderator and was given the power to appoint a clerk pro-tem. Mrs. L. C. Pinson was appointed.

The moderator called for the representatives of each church to speak in behalf of their church to unite with this Association.

Brother Bob Harless spoke in behalf of the Hobbs, New Mexico Church.

Rev. L. C. Pinson spoke in behalf of the Carlsbad, New Mexico Church.

Rev. Roy L. Thomas spoke in behalf of the Artesia, New Mexico Church.

Rev. W. W. Winters spoke in behalf of the Albuquerque, New Mexico Church.

The moderator gave members of the various churches the opportunity to protest their uniting with this Association if they had reason.

Motion carried that churches sending letters be read.

Artesia, New Mexico and Carlsbad, New Mexico church letters were read.

Motion carried that the ordained ministers, their wives, ordained deacons and their wives gather at the altar for a prayer of consecration and after the prayer organize into an Association.

The clerk read the Constitution and By-Laws and that we may amend any part of them after they are accepted.

All ordained ministers, ordained deacons, delegates, clerks, and treasurers gathered at the altar for prayer of consecration and gave each other the right hand of christian fellowship while the congregation sang, "I Feel Like Traveling On".

The moderator called for the electing of the Associational officers. They are as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. W. V. McPhail	-----	601 East Skelly, Hobbs, N. M.
Asst. Moderator, Rev. L. C. Pinson,	---	2202 Georgia, Carlsbad, N. M.
Clerk, Mrs. L. C. Pinson	-----	2202 Georgia, Carlsbad, N. M.
Asst. Clerk, Mrs. Roy L. Thomas	--	902 West Adams, Artesia, N. M.
Promotional Sec. & Treas., Rev. J. B. Elliston	----	Albuquerque, N. M.

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Motion carried that the moderator, assistant moderator and clerk appoint the Divine Committee.

DIVINE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Bob Harless, Mrs. W. W. Winters, and Mrs. J. B. Elliston

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The moderator called for petitionary letters.

Rev. A. F. Pierce of El Paso, Texas, spoke in behalf of the desire of the El Paso church to unite with the Association. He further stated that their ordained authorities would act in behalf of their membership in this Association. (These authorities adjourned for a short council meeting.)

The Divine Committee gave the following report for the morning preaching report.

Rev. Wayne Wegman and Rev. J. B. Elliston would each bring a twenty minute message.

Rev. Delbert Davis of El Paso, Texas stated that their ordained ministers were all agreed on uniting with this Association.

The ministers of El Paso accepted the Constitution and By-Laws.

Motion carried that the El Paso church be accepted into this Association.

Motion carried that we adjourn business until 1:30 p. m.

WORSHIP HOUR

The worship hour opened with congregational singing, "Love Lifted Me", led by Rev. Roy L. Thomas with Mrs. Roy L. Thomas, pianist. Rev. Wayne Wegman brought a soul stirring message taking his text from Psalms 1:3 continuing with Psalms 5:3; 34:5 and concluding with Isaiah 45:22.

Rev. J. B. Elliston brought a very inspiring message very appropriate for the occasion using Psalms 40 for the topic of his text, "May the Lord establish our goings".

The worship was closed in prayer with Rev. M. T. Holley of New Deal, Texas offering the benediction.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association convened back at 1:55 (they were behind schedule due to the women organizing "The Woman's District Auxiliary Convention" while they were out of session.)

Rev. L. C. Pinson, assistant moderator called the meeting to order.

Motion carried that this meeting of May 5, 1956 be our Annual Meeting and that the first week in May be our regular Annual Meeting date.

The assistant moderator called for the electing of the Standing Board Members.

Motion carried that we elect our Board Members in staggered terms of one, two, and three year terms and that the one year member be replaced at the next Annual Meeting.

The Standing Board Members were elected as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. W. V. McPhail, three years; Rev. J. B. Elliston, two years; Rev. Delbert Davis, one year.

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Rev. L. C. Pinson, three years; Rev. J. B. Elliston, two years; Rev. A. F. Pierce, one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Wayne Wegman, three year; Rev. W. W. Winters, two years; Rev. S. M. Aragon, one year.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. J. B. Elliston, three years; Mrs. W. W. Winters, two years; Rev. A. F. Pierce, one year.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Mrs. L. C. Pinson, three years; Mrs. W. V. McPhail, two years; Mrs. J. B. Elliston, one year.

MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. W. V. McPhail, three years; Rev. Delbert Davis, two years; Rev. Roy L. Thomas, one year.

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Motion carried that we declare a recess and that the newly elected Boards meet and elect a chairman of each Board and that the chairmen set up a tentative budget to be presented at this meeting.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING BOARDS

Executive Board, Rev. Delbert Davis, El Paso, Texas.

Credential Board, Rev. L. C. Pinson, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Board of Trustees, Rev. S. M. Aragon, Hobbs, New Mexico.

Superannuation Board, Rev. J. B. Elliston, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Christian Education Board, Mrs. J. B. Elliston, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Missions Board, Rev. Roy L. Thomas, Artesia, New Mexico.

Chairmen of the Standing Boards presented the following budget to the Association for their approval or rejection.

THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF THE FIRST
NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

In Cooperation with the National Plan of Support:

- a. 60% First New Mexico Association
- b. 40% National Cooperative Fund

Allocation of the designated percent set forth for the First New Mexico Association:

- a. 25% Christian Education
- b. 25% Loan Fund (@ 3% interest)
- c. 10% Missions Board
- d. 5% Superannuation Board
- e. 35% General Fund

Motion carried that the Tentative Budget be accepted.

Motion carried that all Standing Boards in their travel be re-embursed by the Association 5c per mile traveled round trip.

The assistant moderator called for the setting of a place for the next Quarterly Meeting.

Hobbs, New Mexico, and Carlsbad, New Mexico were the two places asking for the next meeting.

Motion carried that August 2, 1956 at 7.30 p. m. be our next meeting date and time.

Motion carried that we set up our place for the Annual Meeting at the Quarterly Meeting in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Motion carried that we elect a delegate to the National Association and send our report with \$5.00 ten days in advance to Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL

Mrs. J. B. Elliston, delegate; Mrs. L. C. Pinson, alternate.

Motion carried that each church send \$10.00 to the host church ten days before each meeting for care of delegates.

Motion carried that the officers of this Association prepare the forms for the churches to send in their quarterly and annual reports on.

Motion carried that the clerk along with the assistant clerk be empowered to print up the minutes of this meeting.

Motion carried that we retain all Associational Officers for this year.

Motion carried that the clerk notify the Northwest Brazos Association of our organizing.

The assistant Moderator called for the reading of the minutes. They were read by the clerk and motion carried that they be accepted as read.

There were fifty-seven ministers, deacons, delegates and laymen attending the meeting.

The congregation stood in silent prayer in behalf of the A. M. Holmes family who had recently lost a loved one.

The Artesia church expressed their thanks to the Carlsbad church for their help in sharing with them in supplying the food for the Association.

Motion carried that we adjourn conference until our next meeting in August.

Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. J. B. Elliston.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION

(For the church year ending June 30, 1956)

Number of Churches	5
Number of Parsonages	1
Number of Members	147
Number of Sunday Schools	5
Number enrolled in Sunday Schools	264
Number of churches having Leagues	4
Number enrolled in League	102
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries	3
Members enrolled in Auxiliaries	28
Number of Ordained Ministers	10
Number of Licensed Ministers	2
Number of Ordained Deacons	4
Value of Church property	\$22,650.00
Value of Parsonage property	1,250.00
Total money raised for all purposes	10,350.00

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

First Free Will Baptist Church, 902 West Adams, Artesia, N. M.
Rev. Roy L. Thomas, Pastor

First Free Will Baptist Church, 209 North Main, Carlsbad, N. M.
Rev. L. C. Pinson, Pastor

First Free Will Baptist Church, Edith & Osuna, Albuquerque, N. M.
Rev. W. W. Winters, Pastor

First Free Will Baptist Church, 601 East Skelly, Hobbs, N. M.
Rev. W. V. McPhail, Pastor

First Free Will Baptist Church, 2400 Federal, El Paso, Texas
Rev. A. F. Pierce, Pastor

FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONS

Free Will Baptist Mission
1803 Pine Ave., Morningside Addition, Artesia, N. M.
Rev. S. M. Aragon, Minister

Free Will Baptist Mission, Clovis, N. M.
Rev. John B. Elliston, Minister

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. S. M. Aragon, 907 West Chism, Artesia, N. M.
Rev. Delbert Davis, La Mesa, N. M.
Rev. John B. Elliston, 1220 West 12th, Clovis, N. M.
Rev. W. V. McPhail, 601 East Skelly, Hobbs, N. M.
Rev. L. C. Pinson, 2202 Georgia, Carlsbad, N. M.
Rev. A. F. Pierce, Box 3551 Station A., El Paso, Texas
Rev. Junior Proctor, 6619 East King Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Rev. Roy L. Thomas, 902 West Adams, Artesia, N. M.
Rev. Wayne Wegman, 2737 San Diego St., El Paso, Texas
Rev. W. W. Winters, 607 Dallas St., Albuquerque, N. M.

ORDAINED DEACONS

Brother T. B. Gartman, Box 75, Oil Center, N. M.
Brother Bob Harless, 1511 East Dunham, Hobbs, N. M.
Brother Harley Petree, Hobbs, N. M.
Brother A. M. Holmes, Carlsbad, N. M.

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZING
of the
WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION
of the
FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION

May 5, 1956

PROCEEDINGS

(Mrs. L. C. Pinson, Presiding)

The presiding officer called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with congregational singing, "Bringing In the Sheaves", led by Lillie Harless with Pat Thomas, pianist.

Polly Aragon led the invocation prayer.

The presiding officer read the Constitution and By-Laws as set forth in the Woman's Auxiliary Manual.

The presiding officer called for auxiliaries wishing to unite with this District Auxiliary Convention.

Representatives from Artesia, Carlsbad and Hobbs, New Mexico spoke in behalf of their auxiliaries wishing to unite with this Convention.

Motion carried to organize and adopt the Constitution and By-Laws as set forth in the Woman's Auxiliary Manual.

Bessie Gartmen gave a report of the meeting of the women in Carlsbad, New Mexico, March 24, 1956, in regard to suggestions for our District Convention.

SUGGESTIONS:

a. Service:

Executive Meeting — 10:00 a. m.

Preaching — 11:00 a. m.

Afternoon business period

One hour Auxiliary work shop

b. Theme

It was suggested that we adopt a theme for each meeting and one of the auxiliaries to present a skit pertaining to the theme, also that the sermon be pertaining to the theme.

c. Prizes

It was suggested that we award a prize for the most attractive "Standard of Achievement Chart" and also one for the best auxiliary.

d. Auxiliary materials

It was suggested that we have Manuals, Program Year Books, Achievement Charts, and Individual Report Blanks available for Auxiliaries at the District Convention.

e. Names

It was suggested that secretaries use the first and last names in recording minutes.

Motion carried to accept the suggestions.

The presiding officer called for the report of the nominating committee.

Bessie Gartman read the list of suggested officers as set forth by the nominating committee.

The presiding officer asked if there were any other nominations. She stated that additional nominations could be made from the floor.

Motion carried that we accept the officers presented by the nominating committee.

OFFICERS AND ADDRESSES

President	-----	Gladys Elliston
	2120 West 12th, Clovis, N. M.	
Vice President and Field Secretary	-----	Katie Pinson
	2202 Georgie, Carlsbad, N. M.	
Study Course Chairman	-----	Opal McPhail
	601 East Skelly, Hobbs, N. M.	
Youth Auxiliary Chairman	-----	Pat Thomas
	902 West Adams, Artesia, N. M.	
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman	-----	Polly Aragon
	907 West Chism, Artesia, N. M.	
Recording Secretary	-----	Cleta Webb
	Box 1903, Hobbs, N. M.	
Assistant Recording Secretary	-----	Addie Pierson
	Artesia, N. M.	
Treasurer	-----	Ola Mae Winters
	607 North East Dallas, Albuquerque, N. M.	
Corresponding Secretary	-----	Mabel Palmer
	308 K Street, Carlsbad, N. M.	
Personal Service Chairman	-----	Betty Holman
	Box 176, Loving, N. M.	

Rev. W. V. McPhail conducted the Installation Service of the newly elected officers, giving each officer the charge with posters made by Gladys Elliston.

Gladys Elliston gave a brief talk on auxiliary.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

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CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, and form all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship; and the observance of the ordinance of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and its benevolent work.

We agree to accept christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful for one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions and the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible: The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are infallable 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 present Savior and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by manifesting the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are:

1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.

2. Faith or the reserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God.

3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election: God determined from the beginning to save 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 is 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. Preservance: All believers in Christ, who through grace preserve in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances: BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetrated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing: God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him". (1 Cor. 16:2)

15. The Christian Sabbath: The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgement and Final Retribution. The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on 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."

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon
2. House called to order by moderator
3. Letters called for read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates
5. Election of officers
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading Rules of Order or By-Laws
8. Inviting visiting brethren to seat in council
9. Appointment of committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New Business
12. Report of Boards and Committees
13. Miscellaneous business

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BY-LAWS

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 is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to sit as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections 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 on the separate parts.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless it is on a question previously tabled.
8. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special permission 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 overruled by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.
11. At each meeting of the association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises, each day.

CONSTITUTION
of the
FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
PREAMBLE

From experience, we, the members of the churches of God and Christ, commonly known as Free Will Baptist, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a group which desires to support and promote every phase of our State and National Enterprises, do hereby ordain this Constitution for our progress and to perpetuate better Association government.

ARTICLE I
Name

This organization shall be known as the First New Mexico Association of Free Will Baptist of New Mexico.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this Association shall be to bring into a union such churches of New Mexico as desire the enterprises of the State of New Mexico and National Association.

Section 2: It shall not be the purpose of this Association to usurp authority over the churches, but to recommend such measures as would promote the unity of action among the churches, to harmonize the efforts of individual churches among each other in their efforts to accomplish good, and make each other more proficient in their undertakings to advance the cause of Christ.

ARTICLE III
Membership

Section 1: This association shall be composed of churches commonly known as Free Will Baptist, who maintain gospel order, and shall subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws, and Articles of Faith as adopted by this said association..

Section 2: Any church desiring membership in this association shall agree to contribute to the associational and denominational enterprises a minimum of ten percent of its gross income. This amount is to be paid monthly to the associational treasurer, and any church which shall be delinquent three months in paying its tithes shall not be considered in good fellowship, nor have voting rights in the association until its errors are made up.

Section 3: All duly constituted churches may be received into this association by their messengers presenting a petitionary letter from their respective churches, if they shall be found orderly and orthodox. Such reception shall be manifested by the moderator, or his assistant, giving the right hand as a token of fellowship.

ARTICLE IV
Representation

Section 1: Standing delegates to this association shall be all ordained ministers, ministers wives, ordained deacons, church clerks, and church treasurers who are members of churches in good standing in this association.

Section 2: In addition each church shall represent by sending five delegates to each meeting of the association. The church may elect one alternate for each delegate, who will be seated in the absence of the regular delegate.

Section 3: Each church shall send a letter to the associational clerk at least ten days before the time set for the regular meeting of the association. These letters shall set forth the names of the delegates and alternates, and the names of ministers and deacons belonging to the church. These letters shall be written on the forms provided by this association.

ARTICLE V

Officers

The officers of this association shall consist of a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, and a promotional secretary-treasurer. They shall be elected annually at the close of the yearly meeting, and shall act as a program committee to plan the programs of all meetings of the association.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1: The standing boards of this association shall consist of three members each, having staggered terms, so that one member is elected each year at the close of the annual association.

These boards shall be as follows:

- a. The Executive Board
- b. The Credential Board
- c. The Board of Trustees
- d. The Superannuation Board
- e. The Christian Board
- f. The Missions Board

The association shall pay travel expense of members on these boards when engaged on associational business; the amount of reimbursement shall be set by the association.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall act for the association when the association is not in session, and render a report to each licensing or ordination, and shall pass on all ministers and deacons coming into this association. This board shall also review every minister and deacon belonging to this association every three years and report its findings to the association for action.

This association shall adopt a set of rules for this board, and a set of question for examining candidates, and the clerk of the board shall keep a file of all persons examined.

Section 4: The Board of Trustees shall receive and assign all associational property as directed by the association.

Section 5: The Superannuation Board shall plan programs for the aged ministers of this association, and in cooperation with the State and National programs.

Section 6: The Christian Education Board shall oversee the Sunday School, League and other Christian Education programs of the Association, and shall cooperate with the State and National programs.

Section 7: The Missions Board shall be responsible for the extension of the Free Will Baptist work in New Mexico and, in cooperation with the State and National programs, "to the uttermost parts of the earth".

Section 8: Other Boards and Committees may be chosen as needed.

ARTICLE VII

Discipline

Section 1: This association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or practice that may properly come before it from any of the churches; or act upon any appeal that may be made at any of these meetings.

Section 2: All appeals coming before this association may be settled in any of the following ways; (a) By this association when sitting as a committee as a whole; (b) By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

Section 3: No question shall be received by the association from any church unless it has been acted upon in said church, and cannot be settled, in which association shall take up same and act upon it.

Section 1: This body shall meet quarterly, dates and places to be set by the association or its designated representatives.

Section 2: At each meeting of the association the body shall conduct all necessary business, receive reports, pass on credentials of persons who shall come before it, buy or sell property, and in general conduct any business which may come before it.

Section 3: The officers of this association shall be elected annually, but pro-tem officers may be elected at any sitting of the association in the absence of the regular officers. In the event any officer or board member out of the jurisdiction of this association he may be replaced at any sitting of the association for the unexpired term.

Section 4: Questions of deliberations shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, and parliamentarian shall be appointed for each meeting of the association.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this association by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

