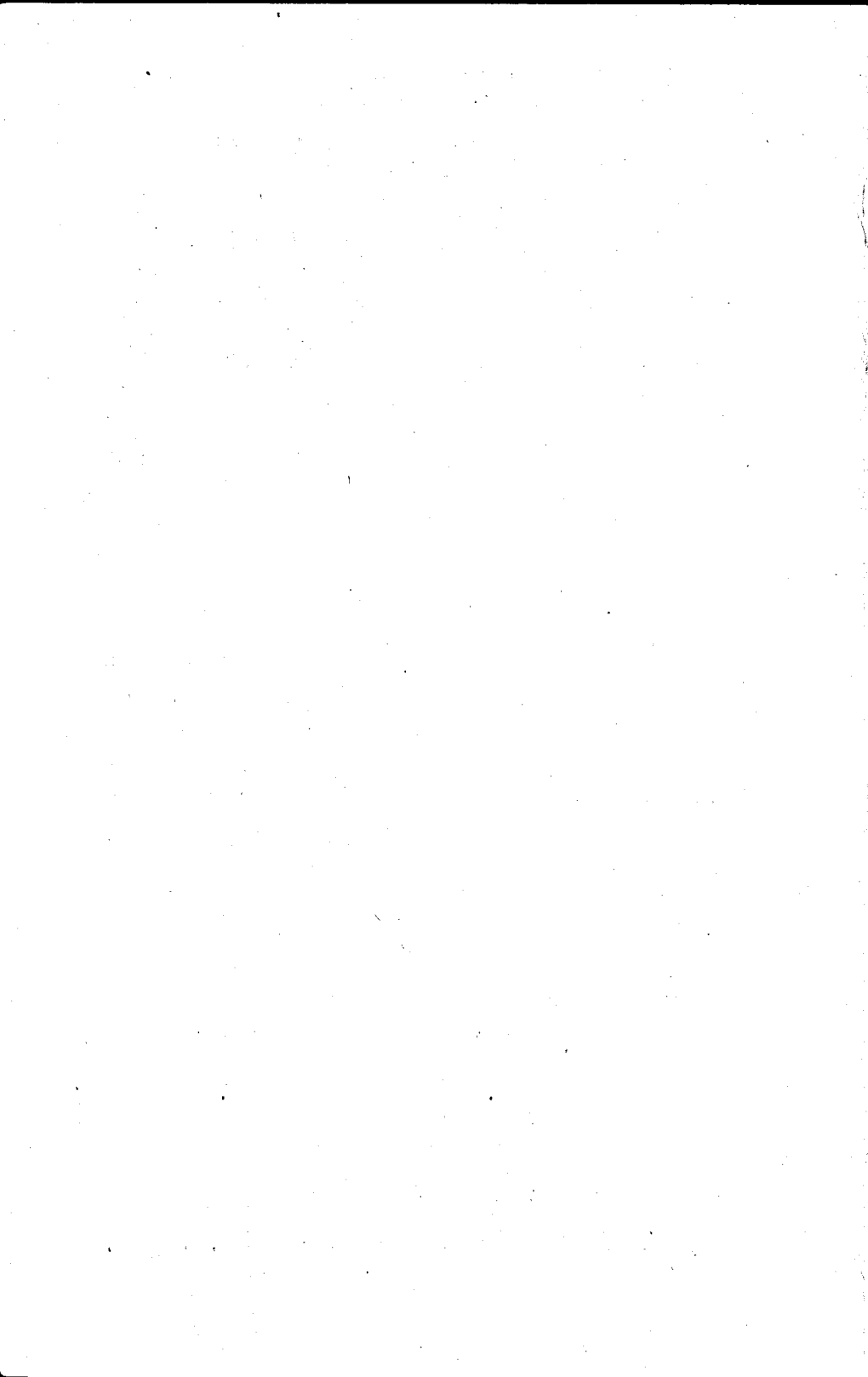


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MINUTES  
OF THE  
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
IN  
NEW MEXICO  
CONVENED IN  
CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO  
MAY 2-3, 1957  
AT THE  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Moderator.....Rev. Delbert Davis  
Asst. Moderator .....Rev. L. C. Pinson  
Clerk.....Mrs. L. C. Pinson  
Asst. Clerk.....Mrs. S. M. Aragon  
Treasurer.....Mrs. W. V. McPhail

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*PROCEEDINGS*  
Carlsbad, New Mexico  
(May 2-3, 1957)

Rev. L. C. Pinson, host pastor, called the congregation to worship at 7:30 p. m. with group singing, "I Am Thine O Lord."

Rev. Delbert Davis led the congregation in a testimony service.

Congregational singing, "I Feel Like Traveling On" was led by Rev. Pinson with Sister Mae Davis, pianist.

Rev. Pinson introduced Rev. A. F. Pierce who brought the introductory message. His topic was "Who Are These Free Will Baptist?" Scripture Matt. 16:13: "Who do men say that I, the son of man, am?"

Invitational hymn, "Oh, Why Not Tonight" was sung, during which Sister Mary George united with the Carlsbad church.

Rev. V. A. Thompson dismissed the worship service in prayer.

Delegates and visitors were assigned their places for the night.

Congregation was dismissed in prayer by Sister Mae Newton.

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*FRIDAY MORNING*

(May 3, 1957; 9:45 a. m.)

Rev. Delbert Davis, moderator, called the session to order.

Congregational singing, "Blessed Assurance" was led by Rev. Pierce, with Sister Mae Davis as pianist.

Prayer was by Rev. Stephenson.

The Moderator read the 23rd. Psalm for his devotional reading.

Prayer was offered by Moderator.

Congregation sang "Love Lifted Me."

The Moderator read the By-Laws.

The Clerk, Sister L. C. Pinson, read the church letters.

Albuquerque, Artesia, Carlsbad, and El Paso churches reported.  
(No report from Hobbs church.)

Motion was carried that the letters be accepted collectively.

Delegates were seated while congregation sang, "Some Day" led by Rev. Pinson with Sister Davis as pianist.

Motion was carried that the moderator be empowered to appoint committees.

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*DIVINE COMMITTEE*

Sisters Mable Palmer, Betty Weston and Girtie Parker.

Motion was carried that all officers be elected at the close of the Annual Session.

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*BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED*

Executive Board: Rev. A. F. Pierce, three years.

Credential Board: Rev. V. A. Thompson, three years.

Board of Trustees: Rev. Joe Aragon, three years.

Superannuation Board: Brother Owen Palmer, three years.

Christian Education Board: Pasty Christian, three years.

Missions Board: Polly Aragon, three years.

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Committees Appointed:

*RESOLUTION*

Rev. A. F. Pierce, Rev. V. A. Thompson, and Brother Owen Palmer.

*OBITUARY*

Sisters Birdie Pinson, Mable Palmer, and Mae Davis.

*SUNDAY SCHOOL*

Sisters A. F. Pierce, Susie Bell, and Betty Weston.

*AUDITING COMMITTEE*

Sisters Ola Mae Winters, Mable Palmer, and A. F. Pierce. (Sister Pierce was elected for one year.)

The Moderator called a ten minute recess.

Motion carried that we adjourn conference for the worship until 1:30 p. m.

## WORSHIP HOUR

The worship hour opened with congregational singing, "Come Unto Me" led by Rev. L. C. Pinson.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. F. Pierce.

Congregation sang "'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" and "Kneel At The Cross."

Rev. Delbert Davis was the guest speaker for the morning, using as his scripture reading, Job 14:1-6.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Davis.

Rev. Luther Lively, a visiting minister, brought the second message using as his thought Romans 17:

Congregation dismissed for lunch and fellowship.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing, "Jesus Hold My Hand" led by Rev. L. C. Pinson with Margaret Palmer as pianist.

Prayer was offered by Rev. V. A. Thompson.

The Moderator read from Matthew 20:17.

Rev. Delbert Davis read a letter from our National Home Missions' Promotional Secretary, Rev. Homer Willis.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Sunday School Committee: average pupils 125, teachers 19, and officers 9—Mrs. A. F. Pierce, Chairman.

Motion was carried that the report be accepted and the committee be dismissed.

Report of Pulpit Committee:

Rev. V. A. Thompson followed by Rev. A. F. Pierce. Sister Girdie Parker, Chairman.

Motion was carried to receive the report and dismiss the committee.

Congregational singing, "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone" led by Rev. Luther Lively, followed.

Obituary committee report:

No deaths in the churches this past year.—Mable Palmer, chairman.

Motion was carried to accept the report and dismiss the committee.

Auditing Committee report:

This is to certify that we, your committee, known as the auditing committee, have audited the First New Mexico Association treasurer's book, and have found it correct and in order.—Polly Aragon, chairman.

Motion was carried that the report be accepted.

Sister W. V. McPhail gave the treasurer's report.

Motion was carried that it be accepted as read.

Rev. Delbert Davis read a letter from the Hobbs Church stating that on February 7, 1957, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hobbs, New Mexico, voted in regular conference not to send any more money to the First New Mexico Association, but to send their money direct to the National Association.

The First Free Will Baptist Church is requesting that the First New Mexico Association refund our church our *share* of the said money now in the treasury. Signed—Pastor, Rev. W. V. McPhail.

Motion was carried that the money not be refunded.

The Moderator requested that the clerk notify the Hobbs Church of the Association's decision.

## ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

(1957-58)

Moderator, Rev. Delbert Davis; Asst. Moderator, Rev. L. C. Pinson; Clerk, Sister Polly Aragon; Asst. Clerk, Sister L. C. Pinson; Treasurer, Bro. Owen Palmer.

The Moderator called a ten minute recess.

## **"AFTERNOON WORSHIP HOUR"**

The worship hour was opened with congregational singing, "There Is Power In The Blood" led by Sister Winters.

Special singing, "They've Made A New Bible" by Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Pinson, followed.

Rev. V. A. Thompson was the first speaker for the afternoon worship followed by Rev. A. F. Pierce whose text was Luke 2:7—"Christ Crowded Out."

Resolution report:

We, the resolution committee, offer this resolution: That we, the Free Will Baptist will go along with Paul and we will not neglect congregating ourselves together.—Rev. A. F. Pierce, chairman.

Motion was carried to adopt the report and dismiss the committee.

### **DELEGATES ELECTED TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, JULY 16-18, 1957.**

Sister L. C. Pinson and Sister A. F. Pierce.

The Association voted to pay \$50.00 toward the expenses of the trip for the delegates to the National Association.

Motion was carried that the Moderator be empowered to appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of a Youth Camp.

## **"YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE"**

Youth Camp Committee Members were appointed. They are Sister Irene Wood, Sister Polly Aragon and Sister L. C. Pinson.

Motion was carried that we the Association stand behind the committee on attaining a place for a Youth Camp, and that they be empowered to use their own judgment toward the renting of a camp.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion carried that we adjourn until we meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 1, 1957.

The congregation joined in singing, "Glory To His Name."

An offering was taken for National Home Missions in the amount of \$9.23.

Congregation dismissed in prayer by Rev. L. C. Pinson.

## **"FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE"**

The worship was opened with the congregation singing, "I Need Thee Every Hour" led by Rev. Luther Lively. His daughter was at the piano.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Claude Rice with Rev. Lively leading a song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Other Congregational songs were, "The Glory Land Way" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" led by Rev. L. C. Pinson with the congregation shaking hands on the last hymn.

Rev. V. A. Thompson led the congregation in a testimony service. His scripture was from Acts 6:1-6.

Special singing by Rev. and Mrs. Luther Lively was "The Blood That Stained The Old Rugged Cross."

Rev. L. C. Pinson preached the ordination message from Acts 6:1-6 and gave the charge to Brother Owen Palmer from I Timothy.

Ordaining council was Rev. V. A. Thompson, Rev. R. G. Stephenson, and Rev. L. C. Pinson.

Invitation hymn was led by Rev. Luther Lively, "What Can Wash Away My Sins."

Rev. W. W. Winters of Albuquerque was named speaker to bring the Introductory message when the Association convenes in Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 1-2, 1957.

Sister L. C. Pinson, Clerk.

Rev. Delbert Davis, Moderator.

## STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT BY CHURCHES

CHURCHES	State of Religion	Members Received	Baptized	Died	Dismissed	Total Membership	Prayer Service	Condition of S. S.	Avg. No. Pupils	No. Teachers	No. Officers	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Gross Income	Cooperative Plan	Building, Repairs	Education	Publication
Artesia	Good	15	4	0	3	28	Good	Good	54	6	2	15.00	159.90	1,204.80	132.51	600.00	58.87	11.00
Albuquerque	Good	9	1	0	3	15	Good	Fair	12	4	2	130.00	37.54	871.78	75.74	156.47	37.49	
Carlsbad	Good	16	0	0	3	39	None	Good	31	5	3	1,100.00	83.50	1,930.91	207.91	829.00	88.27	
El Paso	Good	14	1	0	3	39	Good	Good	28	5	2	190.00	52.00	1,190.00	117.25	489.34	28.99	
Hobbs	NO ANNUAL REPORT																	

### PASTORS

Rev. V. A. Thompson, 802 W. Hank St., Artesia, N. M.  
 Rev. W. W. Winters, Rt. 4, Box 200, Albuquerque, N. M.  
 Rev. L. C. Pinson, 503 N. 2nd St., Carlsbad, N. M.  
 Rev. Delbert Davis, Box 302, La Mesa, N. M.  
 Rev. W. V. McPhail, 601 E. Skelly, Hobbs, N. M.

### CLERKS

Sister Addie Pierson, 1904 Oak St., Artesia, N. M.  
 Sister Ola Mae Winters, Rt. 4, Box 200, Albuquerque, N. M.  
 Sister Grayson Bell, 3410 Old Cavern Road, Carlsbad, N. M.  
 Sister Mae Davis, Box 302, La Mesa, N. M.  
 Sister T. B. Gartman, Box 75, Oil Center, N. M.

### DELEGATES

Artesia: Girtie Parker, Birdie Pinson, Carl Christian, Nathan Christian.  
 Albuquerque: Ola Mae Winters.  
 Carlsbad: Margaret Palmer, Nola F. Collier, Mable Palmer, Nina Williams. Alternates: Jack Williams, Nora Newton.  
 El Paso: Lonnie Weston, Betty Weston, Truda Wooten.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. S. M. Aragon, 907 West Chism, Artesia, N. M.  
Rev. Delbert Davis, Box 302, La Mesa, N. M.  
Rev. W. P. McDonald, Gen. Del., Alamogordo, N. M.  
Rev. W. F. McPhail, 601 E. Skelly, Hobbs, N. M.  
Rev. A. F. Pierce, Box 3551 St. A., El Paso, Texas.  
Rev. Stacy, El Paso, Texas.  
Rev. V. A. Thompson, 802 Hank St., Artesia, N. M.  
Rev. Roy L. Thomas, 2105 Magnolia Rd., Nashville, Tenn.  
Rev. Earl H. Whitten, 4403 N. W. 2nd St., Albuquerque, N. M.  
Rev. W. W. Winters, Rt. 4, Box 200, Albuquerque, N. M.  
Rev. J. R. Wooten, 2400 Federal, El Paso, Texas.

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. David Joshlin, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

## ORDAINED DEACONS

Bro. Owen Palmer, 308 K. Street, Carlsbad, N. M.  
Bro. Claude Rice, 407 Soper St., Carlsbad, N. M.

## BOARD MEMBERS

### Executive Board

Rev. A. F. Pierce, three years; Rev. W. V. McPhail, two years;  
Rev. Delbert Davis, one year.

### Credential Board

Rev. V. A. Thompson, three years, Rev. L. C. Pinson, two years;  
Rev. Delbert Davis, one year.

### Board of Trustees

Rev. S. M. Aragon, three years; Rev. V. A. Thompson, two years;  
Rev. W. W. Winters, one year.

### Superannuation Board

Bro. Owen Palmer, three years; Sister Irene Wood, two years;  
Sister Ola Mae Winters, one year.

### Christian Education

Sister Patsy Christian, three years; Sister L. C. Pinson, two years;  
Sister Opal McPhail, one year.

### Missions Board

Sister Polly Aragon, three years; Rev. W. V. McPhail, two years;  
Rev. Delbert Davis, one year.

## COMMITTEES

### Auditing Committee

Sister Ola Mae Winters, Sister Mable Palmer, and Sister A. F. Pierce.

### Youth Camp Committee

Sister L. C. Pinson, Sister Irene Wood, and Sister A. F. Pierce.

## "WOMEN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION"

Theme: "The Training Of Our Youth"—Proverbs 22:6.

The convention opened with singing, "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes," "I'll Fly Away" and "Standing On The Promises" with Polly Aragon as song director and Margaret Palmer as pianist.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Delbert Davis.

Devotional was given by Ola Mae Winters.

Welcome address was given by Susie Bell.

Response was given by Birdie Pinson.

Special speakers were Irene Wood who spoke on "The Training Of Our Youth" and Katie Pinson who spoke on "Children Are A Heritage Of The Lord."

Rev. V. A. Thompson brought the convention message from Proverbs 22:6.

Dismissed for lunch with the singing of "Amazing Grace."

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened with singing, "Come Unto Me" and "I Am Thine O Lord" with Katie Pinson as song director and Margaret Palmer as pianist.

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. G. Stephenson.

A Testimony service was led by Rev. A. F. Pierce.

A playlet, "The Challenge Of The Cross" was presented by the Carlsbad Auxiliary.

Reading of Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Auxiliary letters from Albuquerque, Artesia and Carlsbad were read and motion was carried to accept them collectively.

Motion was carried that we do something for our home mission board as our project for this year.

A duet was given by Polly Aragon and Mae Davis, followed by the election of convention officers.

## CONVENTION OFFICERS

May, 1957-58

President, Katie Pinson; Vice President, Nola Faye Collier; Recording Secretary, Ola Mae Winters; Ass't Recording Secretary, Addie Pierson; Corresponing Secretary, Bonnie Rutherford; Treasurer, Margaret Palmer; Field Secretary, Mable Palmer; Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Susie Bell; Study Course Chairman, Irene Wood; Stewardship Chairman, Polly Aragon; and Personal Service Chairman, Florence Thompson.

An installation of officers was conducted by Rev. Delbert Davis as Moderator, from the second chapter of Titus.

Prizes were awarded by Rev. Delbert Davis to the Carlsbad Auxiliary for having the most attractively decorated "Standard of Achievement Chart" and being an A-1 Auxiliary.

Motion was carried that we obtain certificates for awards.

The treasury report was given by Ola Mae Winters.

Mae Newton was elected delegate to the Association.

Mable Palmer and Bonnie Rutherford were named as special speakers for the next meeting of the convention.

The convention was dismissed in prayer by Girtie Parker.

Addie Pierson, Asst. Recording Secretary.

## 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 from 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 infalliable 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 unreserved 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. Perseverance: All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere 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, Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23) and of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing: God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament. 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, Judgment 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."

## 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 over-ruled 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

Section 1: 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 arrears 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 association 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 sitting of the association for approval or rebuke.

Section 3: The Credential Board shall examine candidates for 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 questions 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.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Meetings

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 or 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 moves 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.

