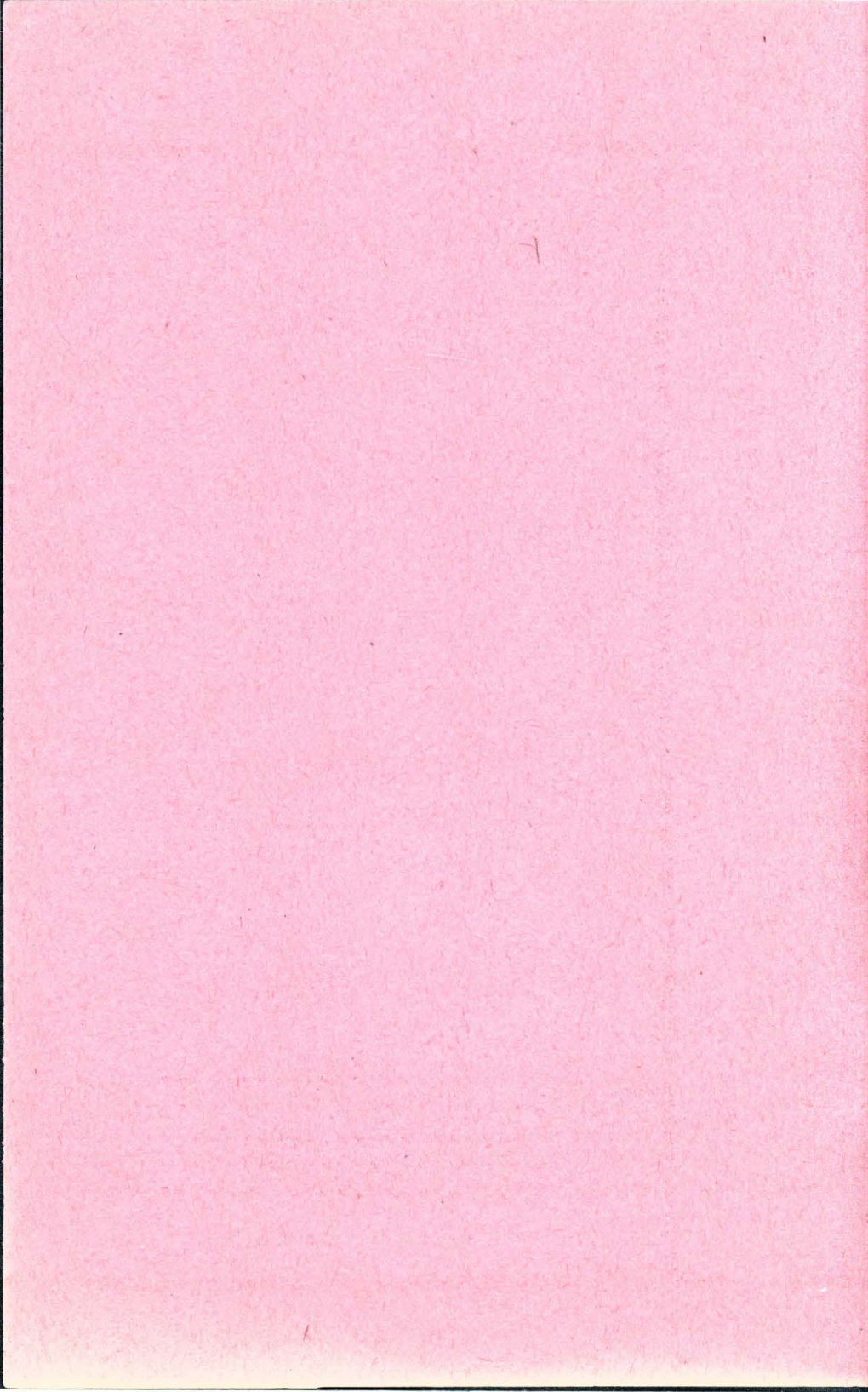


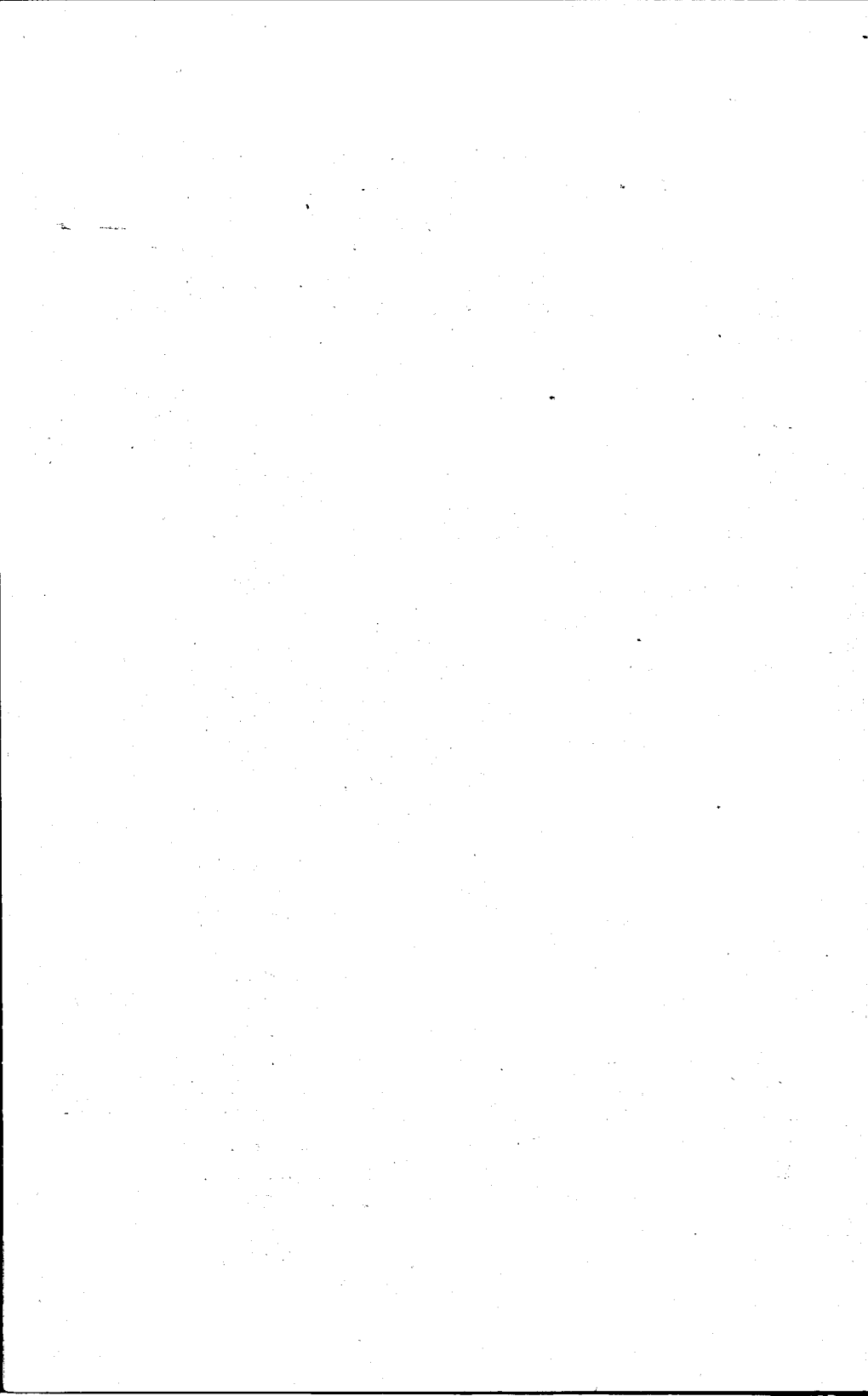
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M I N U T E S  
of the  
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
FIRST NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION  
of  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
in  
NEW MEXICO  
Convened in  
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO  
May 1-2, 1958

At the  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
902 West Adams

Moderator.....Rev. Delbert Davis  
Asst. Moderator....Rev. L. C. Pinson  
Clerk.....Robbecca Robinson  
Asst. Clerk.....Katie Pinson  
Treasurer.....Bro. Owen Palmer









## 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 Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves for church conferences; public worship; and 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.

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We will everywhere hold Christian principles 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.

Bred and raised in the Christian faith

we have been nurtured in the Christian faith and have been taught to love God and our fellow men as ourselves. We have been taught to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and to love our fellow men as ourselves. We have been taught to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and to love our fellow men as ourselves.

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PROCEEDINGS  
Artesia, New Mexico  
May 1-2, 1958

Thursday Evening

The meeting was opened with congregational singing, "Just Over In The Glory Land", led by Rev. L. C. Pinson. Prayer was offered by Rev. Nolan Robinson. Other songs were, "Where The Soul Of Man Never Dies," "Where We Never Grow Old," and "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone."

Devotional services were led by Rev. Edd Abbott of Amarillo, Texas.

Special singing by Brother and Sister Pinson, "I'm Too Far Out On My Journey" followed by the congregation singing, "Bringing In The Sheaves" and gathering for an altar of prayer.

Rev. A. F. Pierce brought the Introductory message using scriptures from 1 Cor. 1-18 and Matt. 28:18.

Invitation was given as the congregation sang, "Just As I Am."

Placing of delegates by Sister Wood.

Benidiction was given by Brother Owen Palmer with group to meet at 9:00 a.m.

Friday Morning

The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Delbert Davis.

Rev. L. C. Pinson led the opening song, "I'll Be Satisfied."

Invocation prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Winters followed by the singing of, "Standing On The Promises."

The moderator read John 17: 1-21 for his scripture reading.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Edd Abbott followed by the singing of, "I Just Steal Away and Pray."

The By-Laws were read by the moderator, followed by the recognizing of visiting brethren. Rev. Edd Abbott was recognized and invited to sit with us in our deliberations.

Motion carried that we accept all letters collectively except the petitionary ones.

Church letters read were, Albuquerque, Carlsbad and Kermit. They were accepted as read.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint the Pulpit Committee.

Pulpit Committee: Sister L. C. Pinson, Sister Irene Wood and Sister Esta Pierce.

The clerk read the Artesia and El Paso church letters.

Motion carried that they be accepted and seat the delegates.

The delegates were seated by a handshake of fellowship as the congregation sang, "I'm Going That Way."

Resolution Committee: Rev. Nolan Robinson, Rev. W. A. Thompson and Rev. W. W. Winters.

Obituary Committee: Sister Girdie Parker, Sis. Adda Pierson and Sister Vandivort.

Sunday School Committee: Sister Ola Mae Winters, Sister Pierce and Sister Palmer.

Report of the Pulpit Committee was given: Morning speakers were Rev. Edd Abbott and Rev. W. W. Winters.

Dismissed for a 15 minute recess.



Meeting opened with congregation singing, "Some Day", "Lord Build Me A Cabin in Glory Land" and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

A prayer request was made for Sister Bolin's son who is to be operated on.

Other songs were, "When I See The Blood" and "Bringing In The Sheaves" all led by Rev. Nolan Robinson.

Message by Rev. Edd Abbott: Scripture Text from Ezk. 18:20, Col. 3:25, James 5:19.

Message by Rev. T. W. Winters: Scripture Text 1 Cor. 13:1-13.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. A. F. Pierce.

#### Thursday Afternoon

Meeting opened with congregation singing, "Farther Along" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There" led by Brother Vandivort.

Moderator's scripture reading was from John 14:1-4.

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

Report of Pulpit Committee: Rev. Nolan Robinson was named afternoon speaker and Rev. L. C. Pinson evening speaker.

Mrs. L. C. Pinson, Chm.

Report of Resolution Committee: Resolution No. 1 read and accepted, resolution No. 2 read and accepted. (no record of resolutions).

Report of Obituary Committee: Report given and accepted. (no record of report).

Election of Board Members followed.

Executive Board:

Two members were elected to the executive board. They were Rev. Nolan Robinson for three years, Rev. Delbert Davis one year.

Credentials Board: One new member was elected for the three year term, Rev. W. W. Winters.

Board of Trustees: Two new members were elected to this board. They were Brother Jack Williams for three years and Rev. A. F. Pierce for two years.

Superannuation Board: One new member was elected, Sister Ola Mae Winters for three years.

Christian Education Board: Sister Irene Wood was elected for three years.

Missions Board: Motion carried that the moderator appoint three members. They were Brother Norman Vandivort three years, Sister Bonnie Rutherford two years and Brother Charles Blankinship one year.

Auditing Committee Report: We your auditing committee have checked the books and found them okay. Sis. Winters, Chm.

Sunday School Committee Report: We your S. S. Committee report that the First New Mexico Ass'n. has an enrollment of 249 with 24 teachers and 12 officers. We take this opportunity to urge each teacher and officer to put forth more time in visiting and praying that we will have 350 enrollment this coming year. Sister Winters, Chm.  
Treasurers report was given and accepted.

Motion carried that we retain the Auditing Committee. Ola Mae Winters, Mable Palmer and Esta Pierce.

Motion carried that we retain the Youth Camp Committee. Katie Pinson, Irene Wood and Esta Pierce.

Motion carried that we dismiss the temporary committees;

Motion carried that the Ministers' Report be accepted as read.

Dismissed the business session for the worship hour.

#### WORSHIP HOUR

Worship opened with congregation singing, "I'll Live On." Message by Rev. Nolan Robinson. Scripture reading, Luke 16:23.

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Albuquerque, New Mexico was the place set for the next meeting of the Association.

Delegates elected to National Association: Brother and Sister L. C. Pinson and Rev. Delbert Davis.

#### ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Delbert Davis
Asst. Moderator	Rev. L. C. Pinson
Clerk	Rebecca Robinson
Asst. Clerk	Katie Pinson
Treasurer	Bro. Owen Palmer

Rev. Nolan Robinson was named as speaker for the next meeting of the Association.

Motion carried that the speaker bring the introductory message on doctrinal points.

Motion carried that the Christian Education Board be empowered to secure materials for the Youth Encampment.

Motion carried that Sister Pierce be in-charge of the Youth Camp kitchen.

Motion carried that Sister Pierce be im-powered to appoint someone to purchase the groceries for the Encampment.

Offering was taken for National Home Missions in the amount of \$7.00.

Minutes were read and approved.

A vote of thanks was given the Host Church by a song and hand-shake of the congregation.

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. L. C. Pinson.

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## RESOLUTIONS

August 1-2, 1957

Albuquerque, N. Mex.

We, the Resolution Committee recommend that we write the Hobbs Church and invite them to the Youth Encampment.

Be it further resolved that the following procedure in receiving of reports be adopted. That each Board have a chairman and that each chairman come to the chancel read his report and make motion to adopt.

Amendment to the Constitution

Article 3- Section 2.

Be it further resolved that any church of the First New Mexico Ass'n., which continues to be delinquent for one year, shall sever its relationship with said Association.

Be it resolved that an offering be taken at each quarterly meeting, alternating between National Home and Foreign Missions.

Be it resolved that the churches in the First New Mexico Ass'n. submit a monthly report to Sister Pinson for our paper, "The Voice" and that the 20th of each month be the deadline.

Resolution Committee: Rev. L. C. Pinson, Rev. A. F. Pierce and Rev. W. W. Winters.

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November 7-8, 1957

El Paso, Texas

We the resolution committee do underwrite the obtaining of a loan for the Carlsbad Church from the Mission Loan Fund of the First New Mexico Ass'n., in the amount of \$250.00 to be paid with in six months at 3% interest.

We recommend that all standing boards make annual report to Ass'n., and that their reports be entered in the annual minutes.

Resolution Committee: Rev. V. A. Thompson, Rev. A. F. Pierce and Rev. Nolan Robinson.

Be it resolved that we take 15% of the Education Fund and add it to the Building Fund. (this resolution should be listed with thoes at top of page.)

## RESOLUTIONS

Cont.

February 6-7, 1958

Kermit, Texas

We the resolution committee recommend to the Ass'n., to set aside a portion of the general fund to be given to Brother Pinson and family in this time of need in the amount of \$135.00.

Be it resolved that this Ass'n., recognize Rev. Delbert Davis as our first missionary with full power to investigate the possibilities of the work in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and upon his ability and judgement support him as far as our missionary fund will allow, or untill the work becomes self-supporting unless he advises or deems the possibilities unwise.

Resolution Committee: Rev. A. F. Pierce, Rev. V. A. Thompson and Bro. Owen Palmer.

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### CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES

First Free Will Baptist Church, 902 West  
dams Street, Artesia, New Mexico

First Free Will Baptist Church, 6553 Edith  
N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico

First Free Will Baptist Church, 209 North  
Main Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico

First Free Will Baptist Church, 2400 Fed-  
real Street, El Paso, Texas

First Free Will Baptist Church, 1019 West  
Campbell Street, Kermit, Texas.



# MINISTERS ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTER	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Exhortations	S. S. Lecture	Members Recd.,	Conversions	Baptized	Marriages	Funerals	Revivals	Money Recd.,	Miles Traveled
Delbert Davis	1	82	5	2	5	5	0	0	0	2	200.00	
W. P. Mc Donald	0	10	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1,056
A. F. Pierce	1	20	3	0	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	2,000
L. C. Pinson	1	100	6	0	21	21	6	1	1	2	1,400.90	1,000
Holan Robinson	1	148	6	2	14	14	7	5	1	0	864.54	
V. A. Thompson	1	104	8	0	5	6	5	0	0	2	45.00	800
W. W. Winters	1	80	0	0	6	5	2	0	0	1	127.50	1,000
E. H. Whitten	0	40	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0		700

CHURCHES

	Artesia	Albuq.	Carlsbad	El Paso	Kernit
State of Religion	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Members Recieved	4	6	21	12	
Baptized	6	2	2	0	
Dismissed	0	2	0	2	
Died	0	2	0	1	
Total Membership	28	19	60		58
Resident	28	17	41		44
Non-Resident	7	2	19		14
Prayer Meeting	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Good
Sunday S. Enrollment	37	48	55	35	65
Average No. Pupils	4	5	5	5	
No. Teachers	2	2	3	2	
No Officers		4	18		16
Woman's Auxiliary					
League			6		
GTA., YPA., BA.					

# FINANCIAL REPORT BY CHURCHES

CHURCHES	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Gross Income	Cooperative Plan	Building & Repairs	Education	Miscellaneous
Artesia	71.00	93.81	737.84	86.25	600.00	36.41	18.75
Albuq.	127.50		1,596.73	61.49	1800.32	92.08	41.20
Carlsbad	1,350.90	125.00	2,897.26	263.94	538.38	210.31	704.29
El Paso	300.00				780.00		21.00
Kermit			2,352.40	114.89			

Value Church Property: Artesia, \$3,500.00; Albuquerque, \$4,000.00  
 Calrsbad, 2,700.00; Kermit, \$10,000.00. Totals: \$20,200.00

## BOARD MEMBERS

May '58-'59

### EXECUTIVE

Rev. Nolan Robinson	3 years
Rev. A. F. Pierce	2 years
Rev. Delbert Davis	1 year

### CREDENTIALS

Rev. W. W. Winters	3 years
Rev. V. A. Thompson	2 years
Rev. L. C. Pinson	1 year

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bro. Jack Williams	3 years
Rev. A. F. Pierce	2 years
Rev. V. A. Thompson	1 year

### SUPERANNUATION

Sis. Ola Mae Winters	3 years
Bro. Owen Palmer	2 years
Sis. Irene Wood	1 year

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sis. Irene Wood	3 years
Sis. Patsy Christian	2 years
Sis. Katie Pinson	1 year

### MISSIONS

Bro. Norman Vandivort	3 years
Sis. B. Rutherford	2 years
Bro. C. Blankinship	1 year

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE: Sis. Katie Pinson,  
Sis. Esta Pierce, Sis. Irene Wood

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Sis. Mable Palmer,  
Sis. Ola Mae Winters, Sis. Esta Pierce

ASS'N. OFFICERS 1958-1959

Rev. Delbert Davis	Moderator
Rev. L. C. Pinson	Asst. Moderator
Mrs. Nolan Robinson	Clerk
Mrs. L. C. Pinson	Asst. Clerk
Bro. Owen Palmer	Treasurer

FIRST NEW MEXICO ASS'N. BUDGET

a. Christian Education	25%
b. Loan Fund	50% @ 3%
c. Mission Fund	10%
d. Superannuation	05%
e. General Fund	10%

MINISTERS' DIRECTORY

Rev. Delbert Davis, Box 302, La Mesa, New Mexico

Rev. W. P. McDonald, 406 West Casino, Hobbs, New Mexico

Rev. A. F. Pierce, Box 3551 Station A., El Paso, Texas

Rev. L. C. Pinson, 2408 Bonita Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico

Rev. Nolan Robinson, 1015 West Campbell, Kermit, Texas

Rev. V. A. Thompson, 1718 North Pine St., Artesia, New Mexico

Rev. W. W. Winters, 6553 Edith N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico

Rev. E. H. Whitten, 4430 Second Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Rev. J. R. Wooten, 807 Ave. F, Levelland, Texas

Rev. W. N. Casey, 305 South 4th. Street, Lamesa, Texas

### ORDAINED DEACONS

Brother Owen Palmer, 308 K. Street,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Brother Claude Rice, 407 Soper St.,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Brother Howard C. Gilchrest, 326  
Buena Vista Dr., El Paso, Texas  
(no names of Kermit deacons)

### DEACONS ON TRIAL

Brother Jack Williams, 1308 Normandy,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Brother Eugene Smith, 902 West Mermod,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Brother Orval Mc Donald, West Iowa St.,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Brother Norman Vandivort, 7808 Mustang  
Dr., El Paso, Texas

S/3 Class Eugene Smith, Ft. Bliss, Tex.

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### WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

to the

First New Mexico Ass'n.

The second annual convention of the  
Woman's District Convention Met in Art-  
esia, New Mexico May 1st. at 10: a.m.,  
with the president Katie Pinson presid-  
ing over the Executive Committee meeting.

A theme was chosen for the August meet-  
ing, "Remember Thy Creator" Ecl. 12:1.  
Speakers named were Bonnie Rutherford and  
Virginia Fielding. They were given the  
authority to choose their own alternate.

The executive committee meeting closed  
with prayer by Bonnie Rutherford.



President Katie Pinson, called the morn-  
session to order.

The meeting was opened with congregation  
singing, "Just Over In The Glory Land" led  
by Birdie Pinaon.

Invocation prayer was offered by Rev.  
Delbert Davis.

Devotional reading was given by Reba  
Chafin from Matt. 5: 1-18.

Welcome Address given by Irene Wood.

Response was given by Mable Palmer.

Singing by congregation, "Where The  
Soul Of Man Never Dies."

Convention message by Rev. V. A. Thom-  
pson, scripture reading from Acts 20:28.

Appointment of committees by president.

Resolution Committee: Rebbecca Robin-  
son, Barbara Stone and Girtie Parker.

Auditing Committee: Bonnie Rutherford,  
Irene Wood and Lora Allen.

Appreciation Committee: Mary Sutter-  
field, Arlene Aprarks and Louise Costello.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. A. F. Pierce.

#### Thursday Afternoon

The session opened with congregation  
singing, "Blessed Assurance" with prayer  
offered by Mable Palmer.

The first item of business was reading  
of the auxiliary reports.

Motion carried that we receive the re-  
ports collectively.

Letters were read from Albuquerque,  
Artesia and Kermit.

Committee reports were given by Chair-  
man.

Motion carried that committee reports be recieved.

Resolution Committee Report: Be it resolved that each auxiliary purchase a game for the Youth Encampment.

Recess for 15 minutes.

The host auxiliary presented a play-lett entitled, "The Church Marches On."

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. F. Pierce followed by the congregation singing, "Kneel At The Cross."

Judges were appointed to judge the Standard of Achievement Charts on Attractiveness. Rev. A. F. Pierce, Rev. V. A. Thompson and Brother Allen.

President read duties of officers.

#### CONVENTION OFFICERS

President	Katie Pinson
Vice President	Rebecca Robinson
Recording Sec't.	Barbara Stone
Asst. Rec'd. "	Adda Pierson
Corresponging "	Mable Palmer
Treasurer	Birdie Pinson
Field Sec't.	Reba Chafin
Study Course Chm.	Bonnie Rutherford
Personal Serv. "	Arlene Sparks
Youth Aux. Chm.	Mary George
Stewardship-P. "	Lora Allen

Installation of officers by Rev. Delbert Davis. Scriptures from Titus 2: 1-8.

Presentation of Certificated of Awards

for auxiliary achievements by president.

A-1 Auxiliary to Carlsbad, New Mexico

B-1 Auxiliary Albuquerque, New Mexico

C-1 Auxiliary Artesia, New Mexico

Report of Judges: Albuquerque was named as the auxiliary with the most attractively decorated Achievement Chart.

Treasurers report was given and adopted.

An offering was taken in the amount of \$6.20.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bonnie Rutherford.

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### BY-LAWS

1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence the oldest minister present shall call the ass'n., 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. Cont.,

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 be taken on separate parts.

7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded unless it is on a motion 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

### Purpose

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 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 treasure, and any church which shall be delin-

quent three months in paying its tithes shall not be considered in good fellowship, nor have voting rights in this association untill its arrears are made up. Be it further resolved that any church of the First New Mexico Association which continues to be delinquent for one year, shall sever its relationship with said Association.

Section 3: All duly constituted churches may be received into this association by their messengers presenting petitionary letters 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 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.



The 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

### Board Members

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.

- a. The Executive Board
- b. The Credentials Board
- c. The Board of Trustees
- d. The Superannuation Board
- e. The Christian Education 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 Credentials Board shall examine candidates for licencing 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 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 juris-

overdiction of this association he may be re-  
placed 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.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible: The scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are 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 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 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 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. 16:2a).

15. The Christian Sabbath: The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment 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 at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they 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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