

MINUTES OF

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
NEW MEXICO STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

APRIL 24-25, 1970

WHEN CONVENED WITH  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO



## OFFICERS

<p>Moderator Star Rt. B Box 82 BB</p> <p>Assistant Moderator 324 Homesite Ln.</p> <p>Clerk 5033 De Beers</p> <p>Ass't. Clerk 1809 Runyan</p> <p>Parliamentarian 1714 No. Delaware</p> <p>Executive Sec.-Treas. 2209 Mann</p>	<p>Rev. Ray Price Hobbs, N.M.</p> <p>Rev. Bill McClintock Albuquerque, N.M.</p> <p>Rev. Garland Davidson El Paso, Texas</p> <p>Mrs. Jim Pollock Artesia, N.M.</p> <p>Rev. A.F. Pierce Roswell, N.M.</p> <p>Harold Sexton Artesia, N.M.</p>
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## BOARDS

<p>Executive</p> <p>1970-75</p> <p>1970-74</p> <p>1970-73</p> <p>1970-72</p> <p>1970-71</p>	<p>A.F. Pierce</p> <p>Warren Bell</p> <p>Owen Palmer</p> <p>Benny Garner</p> <p>Jim Pollock</p>	<p>Roswell</p> <p>Grants</p> <p>Carlsbad</p> <p>Hobbs</p> <p>Artesia</p>
<p>Church Extension and Mission</p>		
<p>1970-73</p> <p>1970-72</p> <p>1970-71</p>	<p>Ray Price</p> <p>William Baker</p> <p>Robert Ellis</p>	<p>Hobbs</p> <p>El Paso</p> <p>Roswell</p>
<p>Sunday School</p>		
<p>1970-73</p> <p>1970-72</p> <p>1970-71</p>	<p>Bill McClintock</p> <p>Freddy Sparger</p> <p>Benny Garner</p>	<p>Albuquerque</p> <p>Hobbs</p> <p>Hobbs</p>
<p>Church Training Service</p>		
<p>1970-73</p> <p>1970-72</p> <p>1970-71</p>	<p>Robert Ellis</p> <p>Jim Cook</p> <p>Dave Hardaway</p>	<p>Roswell</p> <p>Hobbs</p> <p>Grants</p>

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

W.E.Baker	10349 Whyburn	El Paso, Texas
M.E.Beck	2406 Texas Ave.	Carlsbad, N.M.
Warren J.Bell	733 Clovis	Grants, N.M.
Kenneth Brandon	Box 758	Roswell, N.M.
Garland Davidson	10256 Crenshaw	El Paso, Tex.
Burnett Lunsford	601 E.Skelly	Hobbs, N.M.
B.G.McClintock	324 Homesite LN.	Albuquerque, N.M.
A.F.Pierce	1714 No. Delaware	Roswell, N.M.
Ray Price	Star Rt. B Box 82 BB	Hobbs, N.M.
Earl H.Whitten	4430 2nd NW	Albuquerque, N.M.
W.W.Winters	10613 Edith NE	Albuquerque, N.M.

## ORDAINED DEACONS

Norman Vandivort	First FWB	El Paso
Howard Gilchrest	"	"
Willis R. Shimel	"	"
Owen Palmer	"	Carlsbad
Claud Rice	"	"
Jim Pollock	"	Artesia
Robert Ellis	"	"
Orville Rogalsky	"	Albuquerque
Arthur D. Cook	"	"
T.B. Gartman	Faith FWB	Hobbs
Benny Garner	"	"
Claude Fields	"	El Paso
David Hall	"	"

## DISTRICT CLERKS

North Central Association	Mrs. Ola Winters 10613 Edith NE Albuquerque, N.M.
Land of Enchantment Ass'n.	Katie Pinson 2408 Bonita Carlsbad, N.M.
First New Mexico Ass'n.	Mrs. Arnold Heard 800 No. Burk Hobbs, N.M.

## CHURCHES

First F.W.B.  
400 San Jose Dr.  
Grants, N.M. 87020

First F.W.B.  
6601 Leta Rd. N.E.  
Albuquerque, N.M. 87113

First F.W.B.  
1106 West Lea  
Carlsbad, N.M. 88220

First F.W.B.  
319 Sycamore St.  
Roswell, N.M. 88201

First F.W.B.  
5505 Threadgill  
El Paso, Tex. 79924

First F.W.B.  
601 E. Skelly  
Hobbs, N.M. 88240

Faith Fellowship F.W.B.  
10369 Preston St.  
El Paso, Tex. 79924

Faith Chapel F.W.B.  
Carlsbad Highway  
Hobbs, N.M. 88240

Faith Memorial Chapel F.W.B.  
403 No. 8th St.  
Carlsbad, N.M. 88220

The New Mexico State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened for their second annual session with the First Free Will Baptist Church at 6601 Leta Rd. Albuquerque, N.M. April 24-25, 1970.

Session began with congregational singing led by Brother Benny Garner with Sister Garner at the piano.

Songs: That Glad Reunion Day

Prayer by Bro. A.F. Pierce

Songs: Praise Him; Praise Him

I Want To Be A Worker

Devotion by Bro. Muril Wilson; I Peter 4:9-10

Business session called to order:

District letters read. Delegates seated, right hand

of fellowship while congregation sang "Amazing Grace"

Prayer by Rev. Bill McClintock.

Rev. Ray Price selected as assistant Moderator.

Moderator message by Rev. Muril Wilson.

Appointing of temporary committees.

Resolution: Bill McClintock, Robert Ellis and Benny Garner.

Auditing: Garland Davidson, Burnett Lunsford and Ray Price.

By-Laws and Constitution read. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. Adjourned business session until 1 PM.

Eleven o'clock worship service.

Congregation singing. Songs: "Deeper, Deeper", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Prayer led by Rev. Garland Davidson. Special singing by Bro. and Sis. Benny Garner.

Message by Rev. Burnett Lunsford.. "Presenting Ourselves" Romans 12:1

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Bill McClintock.

Afternoon session: Meeting opened with song "I Am Going That Way". Prayer by Rev. Garland Davidson. Songs: "My Redeemer " and "He's My King".

Devotion: Rev. Ray Price...Isaiah 6:1-8, "Go". Prayer by Bro.Price. Church Extension & Mission Board report given by Robert Ellis on work in Roswell.

Afternoon message brought by Rev. Bob Shockey. Scripture: II Tim. 1:13,2:2&15,4:2&3.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Evening service: Songs: "Jesus Saves" and "Joy Unspeakable". Prayer by Sis. Eunice Lunsford. Special song: Karen Code and Betty Hall-Faith Chapel, El Paso. Congregation: "Old Camp Meeting Days" and "Victory in Jesus". Special song: Irene Ellis, Katy Pollock, Burnett Lunsford and Benny Garner-"You Can't Hide From the Eyes of the Lord". Song: "The Saviour is Waiting" by Burnett and Eunice Lunsford.

Rev. William Baker brought the evening message from Matthew 25:14-29.."Gain or Loss".

Rev. Shockey commented..seven rededications.

Saturday April 25

Morning session: Songs: "When We All Get To Heaven", Redeemed" and "Amazing Grace".

Rev. Pierce brought the devotion from Matt. 23:23. Prayer by Bro. Pierce.

Business session: Election of board members:  
Executive board: Benny Garner-2 yr.  
Ray Price-5 yr.  
Church Extension board: Ray Price-3 yr.  
William Baker-2 yr.  
Sunday School board: Bill McClintock-3 yr.  
C.T.S. board: Robert Ellis-3 yr.

Resolution committee: Report read and adopted  
Auditing committee: Report read and adopted.  
Co-ordinating committee: Report read-adopted.  
MSC to give standing vote of thanks to the  
Executive Secretary for his work.  
Motion made by Bro. Ellis that association set  
up youth camp; elect officers and teachers.  
MSC to elect Bro. Muril Wilson camp director and  
pay his expenses from Oklahoma.  
MSC for director to choose his assistant from  
men at the camp.  
MSC for director and CTS board to meet, con-  
tact and appoint teachers, also staff members.  
MSC to amend previous motion; each church and  
teacher be provided with a set of rules for camp.  
MSC that CTS board chairman order literature  
at least, 3 months in advance next year, and  
that a more feasible time be selected, if  
available and deposit be given to hold camp.

#### Election of officers:

Moderator: Rev. Ray Price  
Ass't. Moderator: Rev. Bill McClintock  
Clerk: Rev. Garland Davidson  
Ass't. Clerk: Sis. Katy Pollock  
Parliamentarian: Rev. A.F. Pierce

Roswell will be host to the state meeting  
in 1971.

The clerk elect requests the name and addresses  
of all members, pastors and deacons of each  
individual church.



Congregation stood in silent prayer in memory of deceased...Rev. Lunsford closed prayer.

Dismissed for morning worship.

Worship hour: Congregational singing: "Make Me A Blessing" and Showers of Blessings". Prayer led by Rev. Baker. Congregation sang, "Jesus, I'm Coming Some Day." Special Music: Sis. Irene sang "Ten Thousand Angels". Bro. Benny Garner sang "Follow Me Message by Bro. Price.." "Giving"..I Cor. 10:26. Dismissed in prayer and blessing for noon meal by Rev. Warren Bell. Recessed until one o'clock.

Afternoon session: Congregation singing "AT the Cross". Prayer led by Rev. Lunsford of Hobbs. Song: "Sunshine in the Soul". Devotion by Rev. G. Davidson using scripture, Rev. 7:14.

A mission offering of \$27.61 was received. Election of delegates to the National Association of FWB to be held in Fresno, Calif. were as follows: Sisters: Gypsy Bell, Buelah Lyles, Eunice Lunsford, Kay Garner and Bro. Benny Garner. Bro. Burnett Lunsford elected to be recommended for membership on the General Board. MSC that the State Association give each delegate an equal amount up to \$100.00 for expenses and request aid from the district associations to help pay these expenses, to be sent to the State Office by July 1970. MSC to give Roswell church \$125.00 from the Mission Fund.

Minutes of this meeting read and accepted as read: Mission Offering to be sent to National Home Missions Offering received for Rev. Wilson and hand shake.

## Reports of boards and committees:

We, the auditing committee have examined the treasurer's books and found them in order.

Rev. Ray Price

Rev. Garland Davidson

Rev. Burnett Lunsford

We, the Co-Ordinating Board have examined the following ministers and found them to be sound in doctrine and recommend that they be issued cards as ministers in the State Association. Rev. Burnett Lunsford, Rev. Ray Price, and Rev. Wm. Baker.

Rev. Bill McClintock

Bro. Harold Sexton

Bro. J.N. Pollock Sr.

Bro. Robert Ellis

We, the Resolution Committee recommend that Article III, Section II be amended by adding "or their alternate".

REPORT OF THE STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
May 16, 1970..at the Faith Chapel FWB Church  
in Hobbs. Devotion by Sis. Kay Garner. Scripture:  
Matt. 28:19-20, Isaiah 6:8 and II Cor. 9:7b. Her  
topic was "Go, Send and Give." Closed with Matt.  
10:28. MSC to accept reading of the minutes. App-  
ointed committees: Registration, resolution,  
appreciation and nominating. MSC that we get a  
clothes dryer for the Abijan House in Africa  
instead of hot water heater. MSC that we accept  
the treasurer's report as read. Rev. Howard Gage  
missionary appointee to Africa, gave a talk on  
the work of our missionaries in Africa. Dismissed  
for lunch; prayer by Sis. Lorene Fowler.  
Afternoon session: Sis. Gage gave the devotion.  
MSC to accept the resolution, registration and app-  
reciation committees reports. Nominating committee  
report accepted as information.

Delegates to the National Convention are:  
Sisters Kay Garner, Eunice Lunsford and Oneta  
Brandon. Next State meeting will be in Roswell  
in 1971.

Officers elected are as follows:

President.....Doris Heard  
800 N.Burk...Hobbs, N.M.  
Vice Pres.....Betty Baker  
10349 Whyburn..El Paso, Tex.  
Recording Sec....Lorene Fowler  
E.Star Rt. Bx.79A Lovington, N.M.  
Ass't. Rec.Sec....Louise Hall  
10225 Rule.....El Paso, Tex.  
Treasurer.....Stella Cook  
910 Llano.....Hobbs, N.M.  
Field Worker....Sue Davidson  
5033 De Beers...El Paso, Tex.  
Missions Chairman....Kay Garner  
1012 W. Berry Dr....Hobbs, N.M.  
Study Course Chairman...Oneta Brandon  
Box 758.....Roswell, N.M.  
Stewardship-Prayer....Pearl Brown  
10344 Hugg St.....El Paso, Tex.  
Personal Service Ch.....Jean Henderson  
Box. 2188.....Hobbs, N.M.  
Project Ch.....Thelma Shimel  
5624 Hemingway....El Paso, Tex.  
Historical Ch.....Wanda Baker  
804 Hervey....Roswell, N.M.

CONSTITUTION OF STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Preamble: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and the realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and co-ordination with us do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denomination government.

ARTICLE I

Name: This organization shall be known as the New Mexico State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

Purpose: The purpose of this association shall be to enlist the cooperation of all Free Will Baptists in New Mexico in sending the gospel of Jesus Christ to all quarters both near and far, in winning the lost through the preaching of the gospel, and in teaching and training those who are saved to be holier and more efficient members of the body of Christ, thus advancing the interests of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE III

Representation: Section I. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers and deacons with membership in some local church which is a member of a district association. Section II. Each district shall be entitled to two delegates from each church or a number equal to two delegates from each church.

## ARTICLE IV

Finance: Each church shall send a representation fee of ten dollars.

## ARTICLE V

Officers: The officers of the State Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Parliamentary and an Executive Secretary, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session, except the Executive Secretary, who shall be elected every two years.

Section 2: Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the moderator, unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

## ARTICLE VI

Discipline: This State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or practices that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization, furthermore if there be any question of discipline, doctrine or practices on the part of a subordinate association, delegates of that association shall not be seated until these questions have been settled to the satisfaction of the Credential Committee.

Section 2: Decisions of the Credential Committee may be appealed. (1) All appeals coming before the State Association when sitting in a committee as a whole. (2) by special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

## ARTICLE VII

**Boards:** All standing boards shall be composed of three elected members who shall serve terms of 3, 2, and 1 years, and any exofficio members provided for elsewhere. Ex-Officio members shall not have a vote. The co-ordinate board shall be composed of one member from each subordinate association, chairman of each standing board and the state officers. The standing boards shall include the Executive, Church Extension & Mission, Sunday School and Church Training boards and any other board the Association deems necessary. Each board shall elect a chairman and clerk-treasurer to act for one year and to be elected at the close of each annual state association. The Co-Ordinating Board shall be composed of the executive secretary and the chairmen from each standing board.

## AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VII

Executive Board members shall be five elected members who shall serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 years.

## ARTICLE VIII

**Duties and Rules of standing boards:** The Executive board is elected at the discretion of the State Association of Free Will Baptists and shall act in behalf of the association when not in session, and shall have power and authority to elect such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the state association. To this Executive Board is further delegated power to collect funds and report and superintend such work for the field as may seem best and the means on hand may warrant.

## ARTICLE VIII (continued)

This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the regular meeting of the association and shall further receive and convey any property entrusted to said association. They shall not have the power to purchase or sell any real estate property without the voice of the association.

The chairman and the secretary of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds, bonds, and notes, etc., and other papers by which the State Association is to become legally responsible.

The board shall have power to call the association in conference by notifying each Subordinating Association at least ten (10) days prior to conference.

(2) CO-ORDINATING BOARD: It shall be the duty of this board to meet with the Executive Board just prior to the State Association to hear reports of the standing boards and to make recommendation to the State Association. They shall also serve as Credential Committee.

(3) CHURCH EXTENSION AND MISSION BOARD: It shall be the duty of this board to work to promote an active missionary program in and for the State of New Mexico.

(4) CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE BOARD: It shall be the duty of this board to plan and assist in every way possible the C.T.S. work throughout the state. It will also be their responsibility to promote an active C.T.S. work in each Subordinate Association and to encourage C.T.S. institutes. It shall also be the duty of this board to plan and direct a State Youth Camp or Camps.

(5) SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD: Their duties shall include the planning and operation of the State Sunday School Conventions, Institutes, and the encouragement of the organization of district Sunday School Conventions. They may carry through plans they think wise to actively promote Sunday

## Sunday School Board duties: (continued)

School work in the State, and the publishing of literature deemed advisable by the State Association of Free Will Baptists.

(6) FILLING OF VACANCIES: All boards shall have power to fill vacancies that may arise between sessions of the association. Such appointment valid only until next session of association.

## ARTICLE IX

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

## ARTICLE X

Elected delegates to State Association shall be retained as standing delegates for special called meetings.

## BY LAWS OF STATE ASSOCIATION

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator, or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present the senior minister in years shall act as Moderator. Five or more Representatives from two or more quarterly meetings constitute a quorum for the State Association.



2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the association.
3. It shall be the duty of every District belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association reporting in the same; spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any district belonging to this association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.
4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
5. By a two-thirds vote of members present, a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.
6. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.
8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.
9. It shall be the duty of all the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.
10. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
11. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

12. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator", but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

13. No members of this association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

14. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or called session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

### RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

3. No motion may be discussed until made and seconded.

4. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" if negative, the question shall not be discussed.

5. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

8. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH OF STATE ASSOCIATION

1. THE BIBLE- The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration

of God, and are our infallible rules 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 the 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 is our ever-present Saviour and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT- The Scriptures assigns to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of all men.

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 of Grace, not otherwise provided for as 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 inherited 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 the hearty renunciations

of it. 2. ~~Faith~~ or the unreserved commitment of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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 all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF WILL- The Human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, 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. BACKSLIDING AND APOSTASY- A person who has been regenerate or born again and is living in unconfessed, unforgiven sin, is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and therefore is a backslider in a lost condition who must repent and be restored to the right relationship with God or be eternally lost. We recognize that a regenerate person can fall into sin, be in a lost condition and still not be an Apostate. This person, through repentance, can be reconciled to God.

14. 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, of universal

obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

15. 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." . . . .

I Cor. 16:2

16. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH- The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from the secular employment and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

17. 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 that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation: then the wicked shall "Go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

