

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
NEW MEXICO STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

APRIL 18-19, 1975

WHEN CONVENED WITH  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
2529 WEST ALAMEDA ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

## 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 question or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken seperately.
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 divided by a majority vote of all members present.

## DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS & CLERKS

First New Mexico District Association of Free Will Baptists Clerk...Doris Heard, 800 North Burke, Hobbs, NM 88240  
Phone # 505-393-2461

Land of Enchantment District Association of Free Will Baptist Clerk... Louise Hall, 10225 Rule Dr., El Paso, Texas 79924  
Phone # 915-755-7892

# DIRECTORY

1975-76

## CHURCHES

First FWB Church	6601 Leta Road	Albuquerque, NM 87100
First FWB Church	405 South 8th	Artesia, NM 88210
First FWB Church	Lea & Walnut	Carlsbad, NM 88220
Faith Memorial Chapel FWB	403 North 8th	Carlsbad, NM 88220
Faith Fellowship FWB	10369 Preston	El Paso, Tex 79924
First FWB Church	5506 Treadgill	El Paso, Tex 79924
First FWB Church	601 E Skelly	Hobbs, NM 88240
Faith Chapel FWB	Star Rt B Box 82 BB	Hobbs, NM 88240
First FWB Church	2529 W Alameda	Roswell, NM 88201

## MISSION

Mt. Calvary FWB	805 Prairieview Dr.	Clovis, NM 88101
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## MINISTERS

Rev. Henry Murray	1113 W Green	885-8562
	Carlsbad, NM 88220	
Rev. T. B. Gartman	Star Rt B Box 82 BB	393-7868
	Hobbs, NM 88240	
Rev. Melvin Tyson	601 East Skelly	397-2274
	Hobbs, NM 88240	
Rev. Bob Rudolph	921 S McKinley	393-6789
	Hobbs, NM 88240	
Rev. Walter Parry	2529 W Alameda	622-7494
	Roswell, NM 88201	
Rev. W. W. Winters	10613 Edith NE	898-3390
	Albuq., NM 87114	
Rev. Claude Fields	9536 Japonica St	755-6923
	El Paso, Tex 79924	
Rev. W. E. Baker	10349 Whyburn	821-2978
	El Paso, Tex 79924	
Rev. C. B. Hinton	9864 Vandeburg	751-0694
	El Paso, Tex 79924	
Rev. Edd Green	805 Prairieview Dr	763-6241
	Clovis, NM 88101	
Rev. M. E. Beck	2406 West Texas	885-5403
	Carlsbad, NM 88220	
Rev. A. F. Pierce	1714 N Delaware	622-8497
	Roswell, NM 88201	
Rev. Blaine Bishop	California	

## ORDAINED DEACONS

Bro. David Hall	10225 Rule St El Paso, Tex 79924	755-7892
Bro Paul Gorman	9201 Mt Olympus El Paso, Tex 79924	755-8319
Bro. Orthur Short	615 East Skelly Hobbs, NM 88240	397-1612
Bro. Arnold Heard	800 North Burke Hobbs, NM 88240	393-6450
Bro. Harry Gibbs	2314 Charlcia Hobbs, NM 88240	397-2274
Bro. Orville Rogalsky	6625 Leta Rd NE Albuq. NM 87113	344-3773
Bro. Claude Rice	1205 W Edwards Carlsbad, NM 88220	885-4090
Bro. Owen Palmer	308 K Street Carlsbad, NM 88220	885-5221
Bro. Kenneth Hughes	1113 West Green Carlsbad, NM 88220	885-8562
Howard C. Gilchrest	3409 Dundee El Paso, Tex 79924	598-2751
Willis R. Shimel	5624 Hemingway El Paso, Tex 79924	821-1172
Norman Vandivort	1501 Oakdale El Paso, Tex 79924	772-0329
Benny Garner	Star Rt. B Box 2040 Hobbs, NM 88240	392-5883

## REGISTRATION

Ordained Ministers .....	13
Ordained Deacons .....	4
Delegates .....	13
Lay Members .....	27
Total Registration .....	57

### *OFFICERS FOR 1975-1976*

Moderator	Rev. Henry Murray 1113 West Green St. Carlsbad, NM 88220	885-8562
Asst. Moderator	Rev. T. B. Gartman Star Rt. B. Box 82 BB Hobbs, NM 88240	393-7868
Clerk	Katie Pinson 2408 Bonita Carlsbad, NM 88220	885-5794
Asst. Clerk	Doris Heard 800 North Burke Hobbs, NM 88240	393-2461
Executive Secretary	Benny Garner Star Rt. B Box 2040 Hobbs, NM 88240	392-5883
Parliamentarian	Rev. Walter W. Parry 2529 West Alameda Roswell, NM 88221	622-7494

### *EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS*

Rev. Claude Fields.....	5 year
Rev. Edd Green .....	4 year
Rev. Walter W. Parry .....	3 year
Rev. T. B. Gartman .....	2 year
Bro. Norman Vandivort.....	1 year

### *CHURCH EXTENSION & MISSION BOARD*

Rev. Melvin Tyson.....	3 year
Bro. Claude Rice .....	2 year
Rev. T. B. Gartman .....	1 year

### *SUNDAY SCHOOL & C. T. S. BOARD*

Bro. Benny Garner.....	3 year
Rev. Bob Rudolph .....	2 year
Rev. Melvin Tyson.....	1 year

## MINUTES

### WOMANS AUXILIARY STATE CONVENTION OF NEW MEXICO

April 18, 1975

The Womans State Auxiliary Convention met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Roswell, New Mexico Friday at 9:30 A. M. The president Doris Heard called the meeting to order. Two songs were sang, "Send The Light" and "Foot Prints of Jesus". Welcome address was given by Sister Hickey. Devotion was brought by Sis. Pat Murray, taken from Matt. 5:38-48. Stressing that we must have love for one another, have a forgiving spirit and even love our enemies.

Letters were read from the First New Mexico District Womans Auxiliary and from the Land of Enchantment District Womans Auxiliary conventions.

Motion was made and carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Motion was made and carried that we send 50% of our Co-Labor offering to the National Womans Auxiliary Convention and retain 50% in the State Treasury.

Motion made and carried that we send Katie Pinson, Bessie Gartman, Betty Tyson, Sue Rudolph and Bernice Lovejoy to the National Womans Auxiliary Conventon in Dayton, Ohio.

Motion made and carried that the State Secretary obtain sample letters from the Medical Assistance Program (MAP) in Wheaton, Ill. These are to be sent to the District Womans Auxiliary Presidents and they in turn will distribute them to all women in each local Auxiliary. Each woman is to complete a letter and send to her Congressman.

Motion made and carried that \$50.00 of the money in the treasury at the present time be sent to the National Association of Free Will Baptist toward helping to clear the indebtedness on the National offices. Also that \$30.00 be set aside and make available to help with Womans Auxiliary delegates going to the National Association to be divided equally among those going.

Motion made and carried that we take the mexican students at the Rio Grande Bible Institute as our State Project for the year.

Motion made and carried that we accept the nominating Committees report.

The following officers were elected.

President: Doris Heard

Vice President: Katie Pinson

Recording Secretary: Bessie Gartman

Treasurer: Fannie Gipson

Field Worker: Kay Garner

Motion made and carried that our morning offering be given to the Edd Green account.

Motion made and carried that the president appoint a nominating committee for the coming year.

Committee Appointed:

Kay Garner, Wanda Gibb and Bessie Gartman.

Dismissed in prayer by Kay Garner.

Bessie Gartman was appointed to be secretary for the session due to the absence of Gwen Dismuke.

Humbly Submitted,

Bessie Gartman, Secretary

PROCEEDINGS  
THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
of the  
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April 18-19, 1975

The seventh annual meeting of the New Mexico State Association of Free Will Baptist was held in Roswell, New Mexico at the First Free Will Baptist Church 2529 West Alameda Street, Roswell, New Mexico with Rev. Walter W. Parry as host pastor.

Rev. Henry Murray of Carlsbad, New Mexico presided over the session appointing Katie Pinson as clerk-pro-tem.

Rev. T. B. Gartman assistant moderator called the session to order. Followed by Rev. Melvin Tyson of Hobbs, New Mexico offering the invocation prayer.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight" and "At Calvary" led by Brother Benny Garner with Kay Garner at the piano.

Special singing was rendered by Brother Kenneth Hughes and wife Vada, "There is a River," Rev. Henry Murray sang, "He Did it all For Me" with Benny Garner and Kay singing, "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me". The congregation sang, "Jesus Will Walk With Me".

Rev. Jonathan Thigpen from Nashville, Tennessee offered prayer.

Rev. Henry Murray moderator was the afternoon messenger. Using as his scripture text 11 Chronicles 29:3 stressing, "Hear Ye the Lord".

The moderator called for the reading of the letters and the seating of the delegates. Letters were read and on motion of Rev. T. B. Gartman second by Rev. Claude Fields the letters were received and the delegates present seated.



*DELEGATES SEATED:*

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO	Irene Wood, Wilma King
CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO	Pat Murray, Vada Hughes
CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO	Katie Pinson, Florence Thompson
EL PASO, TEXAS	Lola Fields
HOBBS, NEW MEXICO	Kay Garner, Bessie Gartman
HOBBS, NEW MEXICO	Betty Tyson, Doris Heard
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO	Bernice Lovejoy, Linda Lovejoy

Rev. Henry Murray gave the charge to the delegates as they were seated. Brother Benny Garner offered prayer.

Welcome address was given by the host pastor Rev. Walter W. Parry.

*APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES:*

On motion of Rev. Walter Parry the moderator and assistant moderator appointed the committees.

*AUDITING COMMITTEE:*

Rev. Walter Parry, Roswell, New Mexico  
Brother Kenneth Hughes, Carlsbad, New Mexico  
Rev. Claude Fields, El Paso, Texas

*RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:*

Rev. Melvin Tyson, Hobbs, New Mexico  
Irene Wood, Artesia, New Mexico  
Benny Garner, Hobbs, New Mexico

*OBITURARY COMMITTEE:*

Vada Hughes, Carlsbad, New Mexico  
Doris Heard, Hobbs, New Mexico  
Sylvia Stone, Artesia, New Mexico

Recess until 3:00 P. M. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Robert Shockey.

3:P.M.

Piano prelude, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" by Kay Garner. The session was called back to order by Rev. Henry Murray. Prayer was offered by Brother Kenneth Hughes.

Brother Benny Garner led the congregation in the singing of, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" and "He Keeps Me Singing".

Prayer was offered by Rev. Blaine Bishop.

Rev. T. B. Gartman gave the afternoon devotional reading Luke 2:13 and stressing "Hear Ye The Lord Concerning Greatness".

The Clerk read the resignation of Don Johnson as State Clerk.

The Clerk read the 1974 minutes of the sixth annual session as a point of information.

The Asst., Moderator Rev. T. B. Gartman read the Rules of Order.

The congregation sang, "Who Is On The Lord's Side".

Rev. Henry Murray introduced Rev. Robert Shockey and Rev. Jonathan N. Thigpen from the National Association Headquarters.

Rev. Jonathan Thigpen was the first speaker using as his text 11 Tim. 2:2, The CTS theme stressing four generations of training. Also briefing the congregation the brochure, "The Growing Church", and the Teen Action magazine. His comments were inspiring and fantastic concerning the National Youth Conference to be held in Dayton, Ohio in July.

Rev. Robert Shockey our National Home Missions' Director was the second speaker, quoting 11 Tim. 2: 2: and 1:13. He stressed, "Faithfulness" and to "Preach the Word". He preached an inspiring message.

Services dismissed for lunch.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P.M.

The services opened with the congregation singing, "Amazing Grace".

Rev. Robert Shockey was the afternoon speaker. His scripture reading was from Luke 14:25-34 stressing, "Difficulty of Discipleship". #1, Learners, #2, Builders, #3, Soldiers, #4, Witnesses.

Rev. Shockey's message was inspiring and soul stirring. He closed with the offering of prayer.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bill Stone until 7:30 P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING  
7:30 P.M.

Piano prelude by Kay Garner, "What A Friend".

Rev. Henry Murray called the meeting to order. Rev. Walter Parry offered prayer, also requesting prayer for Brother Kenneth Hughes small son who was ill.

Services opened with the singing of, "To God Be The Glory", "I Will Sing The Wonderous Story" and "Hallelujah". Followed by Brother Owen Palmer offering prayer.

Special singing consist of "I'M The Least In The Kingdom of The Lord" by Brother Benny Garner. Rev. Henry Murray sang, "Unseen Hand", and "Someone To Meet Me", Brother Benny Garner sang, "He's A Personal Saviour To Me".

Rev. Robert Shockey was the speaker of the evening using as his scripture text Rev. 3:14-22 concerning the church of the Laodiceans. His subject was the church involved in evangelism. Rev. Shockey preached a wonderful message. The invitation was given as Kay Garner played, "Just As I Am". The altar was filled with christians praying for more power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord blessed every heart. Praise Ye The Lord! Rev. Blaine Bishop prayer the benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING  
9: A.M.

Piano Prelude by Kay Garner, "In The Sweet By And By".

Rev. Henry Murray moderator called the session to order.

Rev. Blaine Bishop prayed the invocation prayer.

Congregation singing was led by Brother Benny Garner. Songs were, "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus" and "Ring The Bells Of Heaven".

Special Singing: Brother Kenneth Hughes and Vada sang, "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You" with Kay and Benny Garner singing, "Jesus Will Outshine Them All".

Devotional was led by Rev. C. B. Hinton exhorting the christians to get involved in the work of the Lord.

## *REPORT OF BOARDS:*

**CHURCH EXTENSION:** Rev. T. B. Gartman gave an oral report for the church extension board.

**MISSIONS:** Rev. Edd Green gave an oral report for information on the work in Clovis, New Mexico. He has 11 members.

Rev. Robert Shockey spoke on the New Mexico Missions work. He read 11 Cor. 5-9 and 14-17. He commended the Artesia work and the faithfulness of the women.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** No Report

The moderator reported for information that Brother Benny Garner and Rev. T. B. Gartman had done some extension work in the state.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Brother Benny Garner gave an oral report as executive secretary.

## *OLD BUSINESS:*

It was announced that the Retreat died due to dry weather.

## *NEW BUSINESS:*

**YOUTH CAMP:** On motion of Rev. Walter Parry, second by Rev. T. B. Gartman the Association voted to have a state youth camp with recommendations as follows....That the camp be held between July 21 and August 15. One week, Monday-Saturday at 100F Youth Camp with Director to be one year man on CTS Board. Fee to be \$5.00, State Mission Fund to provide expenses. Suggestions to churches as follows: Possible donation of \$25.00 worth of groceries from each church, hopefully this be after the CTS Board has chosen someone to make a menu and this divided among the churches. CTS Board to choose Evangelist and set payment above expenses.

On motion of Rev. Walter Parry the conference recessed for 15 minutes. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. W. Winters.

## **WORSHIP**

**11:00**

Services called back to order by Rev. Henry Murray. Prayer was offered by Sylvia Stone of Artesia.

Congregational singing, "Jesus Is All The World To Me" led by Brother Benny Garner.

Special singing by Kay Garner and Katie Pinson, "How Long Has It Been", Rev. Bob Rudolph sang, "How Great Thou Art" Rev. Henry Murray sang, "Because He Lives" and Sylvia Stone and Children sang, "I Traded My Sins For Salvation".

Rev. Robert Shockey brought the morning message. His scripture reading was from 1 Cor. 1: 17-31 stressing evangelism and the building of His Church. It's Mission, Men and Method. God uses the Word, Holy Spirit and Men. He preached an inspiring message. He closed with offering prayer for this people and this association.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Buck Gillcrest until 1:00 P.M.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P.M.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings". Kay and Benny Garner sang, "There Is Power In The Blood". Sylvia Stone and children sang, "It's A Good Life Living For The Lord", Rev. Henry Murray sang, "Empty Hands", Arlene Hinton and Kay Garner sang, "Amazing Grace".

Rev. Melvin Tyson of Hobbs, New Mexico was the afternoon speaker reading Gen. 13: 14-17 stressing that we should be up and about the Masters' business and that we should be a fruit bearing christian.

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Credentials Committee report was given and on motion of Rev. Melvin Tyson the report was recieved.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

The committee on resolutions reported a series of resolutions and on motion of Doris Heard the reports were received and the committee dismissed.

On motion of Rev. W. W. Winters, second by Rev. Henry Murray motion carried that each resolution be voted on one at a time.

#### Resolution #I. Terms of Moderator. (Two Years)

On motion of Brother Benny Garner second by Rv. Claude Fields the term of the moderator was extended to a two year term to coincide with the term of the Executive Secretary.

#### Resolution #11. Printing of Minutes.

On motion of Rev. Henry Murray second by Rev. Walter Parry the Annual minutes be printed and sent out to the churches in 90 days. Giving the clerk 30 days to get copy to the Moderator and Executive Secretary for printing.

Resolution #III. Expense of State Officers.

On motion of Rev. Melvin Tyson second by Rev. Henry Murray the Association voted that the expense of all state officers to and from and while at the State Meeting be paid by the State Association.

Resolution #IV. Concerning Ministers.

On motion of Rev. Claude Fields second by Rev. Henry Murray all ministers are to turn in old ministers cards at start of session to the Executive Secretary. It is recommended that they state on the back of card number of services held, revivals held, funerals preached, weddings performed and miles traveled.

Resolution # V. Member of Genral Board.

On motion of Rev. Henry Murray second by Rev. Melvin Tyson the Association voted that whereas the New Mexico State Association. Be it resolved that the State Association send this member to the National.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Brother Benny Garner gave the treasurers' report and on motion of Rev. Henry Murray second by Rev. Claude Fields the report was recieved.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Auditing Committee on 4-18-75 found the financial records of the New Mexico State Association to be sound and in order.

Committee Members: Rev. Walter Parry  
Rev. Claude Fields  
Bro. Kenneth Hughes

OBITURARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Obituary Committee reported the following deaths. Nettie Thomas, Faith Memorial Chapel, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Mrs. Myrtle Pinson of Wichita Falls, Texas mother-in-law of Katie Pinson. First Free Will Baptist Church of Hobbs, New Mexico Brother Ezra Smith. Faith Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of El Paso, Texas Sister Pearl Brown and Rev. Bill Bakers father and mother. Birdie Pinson mother of Katie Pollock September 4, 1974 of Artesia, New Mexico and Rev. Carl Thompson March 2, 1975 Clovis, New Mexico.

The congregation stood in silent prayer in memory of those deceased.

Committee Members: Vada Hughes  
Sylvia Stone  
Doris Heard

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1975-76

Moderator .....	Rev. Henry Murray
Asst., Moderator .....	Rev. T. B. Gartman
Clerk .....	Katie Pinson
Asst., Clerk .....	Doris Heard
Executive Sect-Treas .....	Benny Garner
Parliamentarian .....	Rev. Walter Parry

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Claude Fields .....	5 Year
Rev. Edd Green .....	4 Year
Rev. Walter W. Parry .....	3 Year
Rev. T. B. Gartman .....	2 Year
Bro. Norman Vandivort .....	1 Year

## CHURCH EXTENSION & MISSION BOARD

Rev. Melvin Tyson .....	3 Year
Bro. Claude Rice .....	2 Year
Rev. T. B. Gartman .....	1 Year

## SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS BOARD

Bro. Benny Garner .....	3 Year
Rev. Bob Rudolph .....	2 Year
Rev. Melvin Tyson .....	1 Year

## SEMINAR & TRAINING SESSION:

On motion of Rev. T. B. Gartman second by Rev. Bob Rudolph the Association voted to invite Rev. Robert Shockey and his Associates of the National Home Mission Board to hold a Seminar and Training Session beginning Wednesday night prior to the next annual session.

## GIFT TO NEW MEXICO MISSIONS:

On motion of Brother Benny Garner second by Rev. Walter Parry the association voted to take \$150.00 out of the General Fund and send by Rev. Shockey for the New Mexico Home Missions.

#### DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:

Katie Pinson, Betty Tyson, Bessie Gartmen, Pat Murray and Bernice Lovejoy.....Alternates: Sue Rudolph, Linda Lovejoy, Kay Garner and Vada Hughes.

On motion of Rev. Walter Parry the above named delegates and alternates were elected.

A standing vote of thanks was given the host church for their hospitality.

#### OFFERING FOR MISSIONS:

An offering was taken for missions in the amount of \$31.80.

On motion of Rev. Buck Gilcrease the offering is to be divided between our two New Mexico Missions, Rev. Edd Green and Karel Smith.

#### ANNUAL SESSION 1976:

The next Annual Session will be held April 14-17, 1976 at Faith Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church 10369 Preston in El Paso, Texas.

On motion of Rev. Bob Rudolph second by Rev. Walter Parry the State Association will pay for the Fellowship Breakfast of the State Association.

#### READING OF MINUTES:

Katie Pinson clerk Pro-tem read the minutes and on motion of Rev. Bob Rudolph were accepted as read.

On motion of Doris Heard the conference adjourned.

Humbly submitted,

Katie Pinson, clerk



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ANNUAL REPORT

CHURCHES REPORTING

Albuquerque, New Mexico First FWB Church, 6601 Leta Rd.  
 Artesia, New Mexico First FWB Church, 405 S. 8th Street  
 Carlsbad, New Mexico First FWB Church, West Lea Street  
 Carlsbad, New Mexico Faith Memorial Chapel FWB Church 403 N. 8th  
 El Paso, Texas Faith Fellowship FWB Church 10369 Preston  
 Hobbs, New Mexico First FWB Church 601 E. Skelly  
 Hobbs, New Mexico Faith Chapel FWB Church Carlsbad Hwy.  
 Roswell, New Mexico First FWB Church 2529 West Alameda St.

STATISTICS

Churches Reporting ..... 8  
 Total Membership ..... 483  
 Resident Members ..... 268  
 Non-resident ..... 215  
 Members lost ..... 116  
 Members added ..... 73  
 Baptism ..... 20  
 Lost to non FWB churches .... 11

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Total enrolled ..... 198  
 Average attendance ..... 121  
 Number of classes ..... 35  
 Number of departments ..... 11

C. T. S.

Total enrolled ..... 29  
 Average attendance ..... 25  
 Number of Groups ..... 5

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total income ..... 40,149.62  
 Amount borrowed ..... 2,000.00  
 Pastor's salaries ..... 10,119.80  
 Staff salaries ..... 15.00  
 Remodling etc. .... 7,588.34  
 Debt retirement ..... 2,930.00  
 Local expenditures ..... 11,079.56

WORLD MISSIONS

Co-op plan ..... 2,894.72  
 Foreign Missions ..... 49.00  
 Church extension ..... 718.22  
 Total expenditures ..... 3,661.94

WOMANS AUXILIARY

Total enrolled ..... 35  
 Average attendance .... 28  
 No. of Auxiliares ..... 5

BUILDING INFORMATION

Church Parsonages .... 25,000.00  
 Church Property ..... 238,000.00  
 Church Indebtedness ... 11,726.78

CONSTITUTION OF STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

PREAMBLE

From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and 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 Baptist.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to enlist the co-operation of all Free Will Baptist in New Mexico in sending the gospel of Jesus 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 holier and more efficient members of the body of Christ, thus advancing the interest 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, or their alternates.

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, Asst., Moderator, Cler, Asst. Clerk, Parliamentarian and an Executive Secretary, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session, except the Executive Secretary, who shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

Section II. Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the moderator, unless other-wise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

## ARTICLE VI

### DISCIPLINE

The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or practices that may properly come before it from any bodies composing said organization, furthermore if there be a 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 II. 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 ex-officio members provided 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 and Missions, 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 chairman from each standing board.

## ARTICLE VII

### (AMENDMENT)

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 Baptist 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. 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.

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 the confer to the 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 recommendations to the State Association. They shall also serve as the Credentials 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 to actively promote Sunday School work in the State, and the publishing of literature deemed advisable by the State Association of Free Will Baptist.

(6) FILLING OF VACANCIES: All Boards shall have powers to fill vacancies that may arise between sessions of the Association. Such appointment valid only 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 purposed 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 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 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 by 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 two-thirds vote of the members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

## 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 of 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 become 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 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 reconciles 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 offering 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.
16. 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.
17. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION-The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They 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."







