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NEW MEXICO STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

April 15-16, 1977

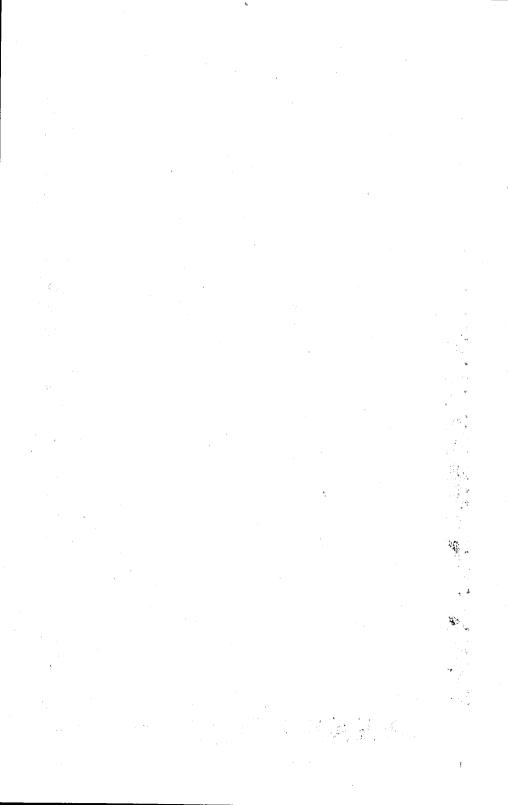
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Moderator:

Asst. Moderator:

Clerk:

Asst. Clerk:

Executive Secretary:

Treasurer:

Asst. Treasurer:

Parliamentarian:

OFFICERS 1977-1978:

	Rev. Karel Smith	505	294-6687
	2225 Elizabeth, N.E.		
	Albuquerque, N.M. 87113		
	Rev. Roger McCellan	505	397-2274
	601 East Skelly		
11	Hobbs, New Mexico 88240		
	Katie Pinson	505	885-5794
	2408 Bonita Street		
	Carlsbad, N.M. 88220		
	Gwen Dismuke	505	392-6464
	Star Rt. B, Box 2750		
3	Hobbs, New Mexico 88240		
	Rev. John Jeffrey, Sr.	505	887-6929
	706 North Mesa		
	Carlsbad, N.M. 88220		
	Benny Garner	505	392-5883
	Star Rt. B, Box 2040		
	Hobbs, New Mexico 88240		
	Maurice Easter	915	755-3997
	9876 Vandenburg		
	El Paso, Texas 79924		· · · · · · · · · · ·
1.5	Rev. Henry J. Murray	505	885-8562
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

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Rev. Walter Parry				 	1 ye

CHURCH EXTENSION & MISSIONS BOARD:

Rev. Bob Rudolph	 	- 169 • • • • • • • •	 3 years
Rev. Karel Smith	 		 2 years
Bro. Buck Gilcrease	 		 1 year

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS BOARD:

Bro. Owen Palmer	3 years
Rev. Vince Williams	2 years
Bro. Benny Garner	1 year

DIRECTORY 1977-1978:

6601 Leta Road

403 North 8th St.

Lea & Walnut

First FWB Church First FWB Church Faith Memorial Chapel FWB Faith Fellowship FWB First FWB Church First FWB Church First FWB Church First FWB Church

10369 Preston 5506 Treadgill 601 East Skelly Star Rt. B, Box 82 BB Campbell & Walnut 2529 West Alameda

MISSION CHURCH:

2528 Utah Street, NE

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

10349 Whyburn El Paso, TX 79924 9536 Japonica El Paso, TX 79924 3300 West Marland Hobbs, NM 88240 Albuquerque, NM 87110

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Albuquerque, NM 87113

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Rev. W. E. Baker

Shiloh FWB Church

Rev. Claude Fields Rev. T. B. Gartman Rev. Clement Heath Rev. C. B. Hinton Rev. John E. Jeffrey, Sr. Rev. Roger McCellan Rev. Henry Murray Rev. Walter Parry Rev. A. F. Pierce Rev. Bob Rudolph Rev. Karel Smith Rev. Billy Stone Rev. W. W. Winters

LICENSED MINISTER:

Maurice Easter

Harry Gibb

David Hall

Arnold Heard

Owen Palmer

"Bud" Sadler

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David Sumpter

Howard Walker

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> 5624 Hemingway El Paso, Texas 79924 615 East Skelly Hobbs, NM 88240 405 South Avenue "C" Kermit, Texas 79745 1501 Oakdale El Paso, Texas 79924 Carlsbad, NM 88220

REGISTRATION:

915 755-3997

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Ordained Ministers Licensed Minister Ordained Deacons Foreign Missionary Delegates Guest & Visitors Lay Members TOTAL ATTENDANCE 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 separately.

6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded. Approximately and the second statement of the second s

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, MODERATORS & CLERKS:

First New Mexico District Association of Free Will Baptists

Moderator:

Clerk:

Rev. Walter Parry 2529 West Alameda Roswell, NM 88201 Sue Rudolph 308 East Palace Hobbs, NM 88240 AC 505 622-7494

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AC 505 393-6040

Land of Enchantment District Association of Free Will Baptists

Moderator:

Clerk:

Rev. T. B. Gartman 3300 West Marland Hobbs, NM 88240 Louise Hall 10225 Rule Drive El Paso, Texas 79924

AC 915 755-7892

AC 505 393-7868

NEW MEXICO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ANNUAL REPORT

CHURCHES REPORTING:

Albuquerque, New Mexico First FWB Church	6601 Leta Rd.
Carlsbad, New Mexico First FWB Church	
Carlsbad, New Mexico Faith Memorial Chapel FWB Church .	
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	. 3300 W. Marland
Roswell, New Mexico First FWB Church	.2529 W. Alameda

STATISTICS:

Churches Reporting	7
Total Membership	
Resident Members	253
Non-resident Members	66
Members Lost	
Members Added	84
Baptisms	49
Lost to Non-FWB Churches	2

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Number of Sunday Schools	7
Total Enrolled	.327
Average Attendance	
Number of Classes	36
Number of Departments	

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Total Enrolled							•	.75
Average Attendance								
Number of Groups			•	•	•	•		5

BUILDING INFORMATION:

Church	Parsonages .	 \$	97,000.00	
Church	Property	 	360,196.00	
Church	Indebtedness	 	.20,650.00	ć

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Total Income	.\$51,700.00
Amount Borrowed	5,800.00
Pastor's Salaries	6,152.60
Staff Salaries	
Remodeling, etc	12,799.00
Debt Retirement	8,188.00
Local Expenditures	57,398.00

WORLD MISSIONS:

Co-Op Plan	\$3,744.00
Foreign Missions	389.00
Church Extension	652.00
Layman's Board	15.00
Total Expenditures	

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

Total Enrolled	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	.51	
Average Attendance	•	•			•	•						.45	
No. of Auxiliaries									•			5	

MASTER'S MEN:

Total Enrolled	•			•				.10	
Average Attendance									
Number of Groups .			•					2	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE ASSOCIATION OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

April 15-16, 1977

The Ninth (9th) Annual Meeting of the New Mexico State Association of Free Will Baptists was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 6610 Leta Road, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico with Rev. W. W. Winters as host pastor.

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Rev. Henry Murray, moderator of the New Mexico State Association of Free Will Baptists, presided over the session.

The Theme of the Third Century session was, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31b)

The Convention Assembly was opened with Bro. Buck Gilcrease offering the invocation prayer.

Bro. Benny Garner led the congregation in the singing of "Jesus Hold My Hand" and "I'll Meet You in the Morning."

A special in song was rendered by Rev. John Jeffrey, Bro. Owen Palmer, Bro. Paul Garner and Diane McClellan entitled, "We'll Live in Eternity."

Katie Pinson, State Clerk called the Ninth Annual session to order and introduced the moderator, Rev. Henry Murray.

Rev. Murray recognized the visiting brethren.

Rev. Karel Smith introduced two (2) members of the Shiloh Mission Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico. They were Bro. Jack Graves and his wife, Joyce Groves.

Bro. Buck Gilcrease introduced two (2) new members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico. They were Louise Bell and Ella Bell.

Rev. W. W. Winters, host pastor, gave the welcome address.

Following the welcome, Rev. Winters brought the attention of the assembly to our state theme, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31b). He brought the opening message from 1 Corinthians, chapter 13, and 1 Corinthians, chapter 2, verse 13-stressing the condition of the Corinthian Church.

Letters were read from the First New Mexico District Association with five (5) churches reporting, and from the Land of Enchantment District Association with three (3) churches reporting.

Katie Pinson, State Clerk, gave the roll call of delegates. They were as follows:

Ola Mae Winters	Marjorie Rogolsky
Mable Palmer	Mable Jeffrey
Gwen Dismuke	Diane McClellan
Sue Rudolph	Louise Bell
Lonnie Rogers	Katie Pinson
Darlene Easter	Arlene Hinton
Patricia Murray	Kay Garner
Bessie Bartman	Emma Creach

The letters were received and delegates seated.

The Clerk read the Rules of Order and the Bylaws.

The Clerk read a letter from Irene Wood stating the condition of the Artesia Church. The letter will be placed in the state's files.

On motion of Katie Pinson, the Association voted to send a letter to Irene Wood thanking her for notifying the State Convention of their condition and assuring her that our prayers would be offered in behalf of the Artesia church.

On motion of Rev. W. W. Winters, the moderator and assistant moderator were empowered to appoint the committees as follows:

Auditing: Gwen Dismuke, Arlene Hinton, and Kay Garner

Nominating: Karel Smith, Benny Garner, Owen Palmer, Bob Rudolph, and Maurice Easter

Obituary: Patricia Murray, Mable Palmer and Darlene Easter Resolutions: Rev. T. B. Gartman, Rev. W. W. Winters and Emma Creach.

Five (5) Minute Recess

Services opened with "He Keeps Me Singing" being sung by the congregation.

Arlene Hinton, Stevie Hinton, and Rev. T. B. Gartman were recognized by the congregation singing "Happy Birthday." Diane McClellan sang a solo entitled "Just Help Me."

Bro. Maurice Easter brought the afternoon devotional from Mark 12:26. Rev. John Jeffrey sang a solo, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Bro. Benny Garner gave a report of the foreign missions departmental activities.

On motion of Rev. T. B. Gartman, the assembly dismissed until 7:00 p.m.

Friday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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The Singing Breshears of Phoenix, Arizona, presented a gospel concert prior to the preaching hour.

Rev. T. B. Gartman was the keynote speaker, due to the sudden illness of Dr. J. D. O'Donnell of Nashville, Tennessee. His scripture text was taken from Romans 15:25.

Services were dismissed with an altar of prayer.

Saturday Morning 9:00 a.m.

The Convention opened with the singing of "Showers of Blessings." Prayer was offered by Bro. Lonnie Rogers.

Special singing by Ola Mae Winters and Ella Bell was "What a Day That Will Be."

Devotional followed by Rev. John Jeffrey taken from Ephesians 4:1-7. The Breshear Family sang, "I'll Take Jesus."

Bro. Lonnie Rogers replaced Kay Garner on the Auditing Committee:

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Rev. T. B. Gartman gave the Executive Report, which follows:

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EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The executive board was called into session at the request of Moderator by means of telephone to give the Treasurer permission to finance the Moderator's trip to Nashville for a Seminar for Promotional Workers. (Carried.)

The Executive Board was called into session at the request of the

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T. B. Gartman, Chairman

W. W. Winters, Member

Rev. Rodger McClellan, Member

Rev. T. B. Gartman moved that the Executive Board's report be received. The motion carried.

Bro. Buck Gilcrease gave an oral report on Church Extension.

Rev. Bob Rudolph gave an oral report on Sunday School and Church Training Service.

Bro. Benny Garner, State Treasurer, reported that the State Association had \$3,105.61 on hand in all departments. This was given for information.

Bro. Benny Garner gave the Treasurer's Report, which was filed for audit.

Rev. Karel Smith gave the Home Missions Report for information.

Rev. T. B. Gartman gave a report of the General Board for information.

Katie Pinson, clerk, read greetings and distributed newsletters from Rev. Rufus Coffey, National Executive Secretary, H. D. Harrison, Director of Sales and Promotions of the Sunday School Department, Malcolm C. Fry, General Director of Church Training Service, Eugene Workman, Executive Assistant of CONTACT magazine, Henry Van Kluyve, Director of Deputation of the Foreign Missions Department and Rev. Roy Thomas, Associate Director of the National Home Missions Department.

On Motion of Rev. John Jeffrey, the Association voted to elect an Editor for the state paper from the floor.

On Motion of Benny Garner, seconded by Rev. Bob Rudolph, Rev. Karel Smith was elected Editor of the state paper.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

On Motion of Rev. Karel Smith, seconded by Rev. John Jeffrey, the association voted to elect a state treasurer and accept the following recommendation of Karel Smith.

At this time the Executive Secretary of the New Mexico State Association also serves as the State Treasurer. We feel it would be wise to elect a State Treasurer separate from the office of the Executive Secretary. This would create a new office, "State Treasurer," resulting in one person to one office.

The following recommendation is submitted to the State Association of New Mexico meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 6601 Leta Road, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114, April 15, 1977, according to By Law number (14) Fourteen of the State Association, to be acted upon April 16, 1977.

1. A State Treasurer be elected separate from the office of Executive Secretary.

2. The State Treasurer's term of office to coincide with the office of Moderator and Executive Secretary.

3. That an Assistant Treasurer be elected and the term of office coincide with the term of office of Moderator and Treasurer.

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On Motion of Rev. John Jeffrey, seconded by Rev. Bob Rudolph, the Association voted to adopt the following recommended constitutional changes:

RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

In order to comply with the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the following recommendation is presented to this body for adoption.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS: ends in

Add SECTION III. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and an Executive Board of five members shall constitute the Association out of session.

ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES AND RULES OF STANDING BOARDS:

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Place a period at the end of the following sentence: The Executive Board is elected at the discretion of the State Association of Free Will Baptists. Delete the word, "AND," and insert, "The Moderator, Assistant Moderator. Clerk. Treasurer, and the elected Executive Board 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. Delete the word, "THIS," in the following two sentences, and replace with the word, "THE." In the third paragraph, delete the words, "The Board," and insert "The

Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Executive Board shall have power to call the Association in conference by notifying each subordinating Association at least ten (10) days prior to conference."

Motion carried.

On Motion of Bro. Lonnie Rogers, seconded by Rev. Bob Rudolph, the association voted to take \$700.00 from the State Mission Fund and designate it for the Karel Smith Building Fund.

On Motion of Rev. John Jeffrey, seconded by Rev. Bob Rudolph, the Association voted to designate \$30.00 a month to the Karel Smith Account for the Mission Fund.

The Committee on Resolutions reported through Rev. T. B. Gartman, Chairman, a series of Resolutions, which after discussion and amendment were adopted as follows: and the same of the same

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BE IT RESOLVED, that we invite our National Executive Secretary, Rev. Rufus Coffey, to be our keynote speaker at the 1978 New Mexico State . Convention;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we have our annual minutes printed by the Sunday School Department of the National Association in Nashville, Tennessee;

BE IT RESOLVED, that some provision be made to take care of the State

Clerk's stationery, postage, and necessary phone calls for obtaining the information and correspondence necessary for her job;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Co-Ordinating Board be the Pulpit and Program Committee.

Upon motion of Rev. John Jeffrey, the session recessed until 11:00 a.m. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bob Rudolph.

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The Worship Hour opened with the Breshear Family of Phoenix, Arizona, singing, "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian," "Hand In Hand With Jesus," "I Believe Jesus Saves" and "Behold the Lamb." The little daughter sang, "Puddles and Sunset."

Rev. Roger McClellan, brought the message from 2 Corinthians 7:6-"Nevertheless God has comforted those that are cast down." His text, "Do all" taken from the theme. He stressed how Rev. Lonnie Palmer pastors five (5) churches in Ivory Coast, Africa, Some have a membership of 100 and some have 20 members.

The Breshear family sang, "That's What I see When I Look at the Cross." Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Karel Smith for the lunch hour.

Saturday Afternoon 1:30 p.m.

Services opened with special singing by Bob & Sue Rudolph, "I'm a Child of the King." Benny and Kay Garner sang, "Walk With Me" Emma Creach sang, "One Day at a Time" followed by Arlene Hinton singing, "The Family of God." Rev. Karel Smith, National Home Missionary, brought the devotional from

Romans 15:25.

Business session resumed.

on motion of Rev. John Jeffrey the Association voted to take care of the Clerk's bill by receipt.

On motion of Benny Garner the Association voted to take care of Treasurer's stationery and postage.

On motion of Katie Pinson, the Association voted to have letterheads and envelopes printed.

On motion of Rev. W. W. Winter, Bro. Benny Garner was authorized to have State stationery printed.

The Obituary Committee Report was given by Pat Murray:

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The deceased were: Same and a second

Bro. Paul Garman and Bro. George Britt of First FWB Church of WI Paso, Texas.

Rev. M. E. Beck, Faith Memorial Chapel FWB Church of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Pat Murray, Chairman (1997) Mable Palmer, Member (1997) Darlene Easter, Member and her file for

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On motion of Bro. Buck Gilcrease, the report was received and the congregation stood in prayer led by Rev. W. W. Winters in memory of the deceased.

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Arlene Hinton gave the Auditing Committee Report. The Committee had examined the State Treasurer's books and found them to be in order. Arlene Hinton, Chairman

Gwen Dismuke, Member

Bro. Benny Garner gave the Treasurer's Report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Income		\$4,866.37
Home Missions		
Foreign Missions		532.87
Hillsdale Bible College		146.41
Free Will Baptist College		146.41
Co-op Plan		292.77
Harley Bennett	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Karel Smith Account		
Nat'l Expense		1.065.00
Sent Moderator to Seminar	· · · · · · · · · · ·	
Balance in General Fund		1,643.43
State Missions Fund		1,462.66
Balance to Carry		
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On motion of Rev. W. W. Winters, seconded by Rev. Bob Rudolph the report was received.

Katle Pinson gave the Woman's Auxiliary State Convention Report as follows:

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY STATE CONVENTION REPORT

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Annual Convention Highlights:

Theme: "His Name Among All Nations." Rev. Lonnie Palmer, missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa was the keynote speaker. Rev. Palmer presented greetings directly from Koulango Christians, one of the largest tribes in Northeast Africa, in their native tongue. This was interpreted and read to the assembly by Katie Pinson, State Clerk, under Rev. Palmer's translation and directions previously written out.

Convention Reports: 51 active members from five (5) auxiliaries. The 1976 State Project of cassette tapes for foreign missions was met. The women raised \$300.00 which will be sent to Cassette Ministries, for foreign missions.

The women also raised \$143.00 prior to Convention and an offering of \$66.00 was taken at Convention for a total love offering presented to Rev.

Lonnie Palmer in the amount of \$209.00 to help defray his expenses to convention.

The 1977-78 State Project has been designated to Karel Smith, home missionary to Albuquerque, New Mexico. The women are raising \$500.00 among the five (5) auxiliaries.

The First Annual Prayer Retreat will be June 18, 1977 at the Mother Church, which is the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hobbs, New Mexico.

The 1977-78 Convention speaker will be Mrs. Cleo Pursell, the Executive Secretary for W.N.A.C. for the past 14 years. Plans are made to raise \$300.00 for her trip expenses to Carlsbad.
The following officers were elected:
President
Vice-President
Emma Creach

Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Treasurer Field Worker

Nola Faye Moses Arlene Hinton Wanda Gibb Karen Parrey

Katic T. Katie Pinson, President

On motion of Buck Gilcrease, the report was received.

On motion of Sue Rudolph the Association voted that if the State supported any delegate to National Association, that the money be equally d among them. Motion carried. On motion of Rev. John Jeffrey, seconded by Rev. Roger McClellan, the divided among them. Motion carried.

Association voted to contribute no money to delegates for National Association. n onten i spake i sensa antila i selfa di queres ser

ELECTION OF STATE DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Lonie Rogers, Mara Rogers, Diane McClellan, Katie Pinson, Ella Bell, and Alternate-Louise Bell.

The Nominating Committee Report was given as follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

1977-78 Election of Officers

Moderator Executive Secretary Treasurer Assistant Treasurer Parliamentarian

Rev. Karel Smith Assistant Moderator Clerk • Assistant Clerk Gwen Dismuke Gwen Dismuke The state of the test of the Rev. John Jeffrey Benny Garner, **Maurice Easter** Rev. Henry Murray

Election of Board Members

Executive Board: Rev. Henry Murray

5 year term

Church Extension and Missions: 3 vear term Rev. Bob Rudolph 2 year term Maurice Easter A Constant Sector Sunday School and Church Training Service Board: Owen Palmer 3 year term 2 vear term Vince Williams 1 year term Benny Garner

On motion of Benny Garner, seconded by Rev. Bob Rudolph, the third week in June, 1978, is designated for a State Youth Camp.

On motion of Rev. John Jeffrey, the Rules Order was suspended and the Association voted on the issue of one-year man Benny Garner being Youth Camp Director for 1978.

Annual State Convention Site:

Faith Memorial Chapel FWB Church

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April 14-15, 1978.

Offering for Missions was taken in the amount of \$29.62 and designated for Karel Smith.

Offering taken for the Breshear family in the amount of \$20.25.

Rev. Roger McClellan recommended that each pastor promote Rev. Lonnie Palmer, Missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa, in their churches through faith pledges.

Katie Pinson, State Clerk read the Minutes and upon motion of Sue Rudolph, the Minutes were approved with corrections.

The assembly was dismissed in prayer by Owen Palmer.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Pinson

State Clerk

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 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 coordination 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 co-operation of all Free Will Baptists 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, Clerk, Asst. Clerk, Parliamentarian, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Asst. Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session, except the Executive Secretary, the Moderator, the Treasurer, and the Asst. Treasurer.

SECTION II. 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.

SECTION III. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and an Executive Board of five members shall constitute the Association out of session.

ARTICLE VI

DISCIPLINE

The State Association shall have the right to settle, in accordance with the Free Will Baptist Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, any question of discipline, doctrine, or practices that may properly come before it from any bodies composing said organization, furthermore if there by 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. He was a subject of a second sec

ARTICLE VII ALC: NO SALES

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-offico 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 Service and any other board the Association deems necessary. The chairman position of each standing board, except the Co-ordinating Board, shall be filled by the one-year man on that board. The clerk-treasurer position shall be filled by the two-year man on that board.

(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 Baptists. The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and the elected Executive Board 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. The 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. The 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 Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Executive 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 recommendations to the State Association. They shall also serve as the Credentials Committee. The chairman position of the Co-Ordinating Board shall be filled by the Executive Secretary. (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 of New Mexico. 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 Baptists.

(6) FILLING OF VACANCIES: The Executive Board shall have powers to fill vacancies that may arise on any of the standing boards between sessions of the State Association. Such appointments are valid only until the next regularly 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 delgates to State Association shall be retained as standing delegates for special called meetings.

BYLAWS 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. 1.1

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 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 appelation "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 Bylaws 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 Savior 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 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 offering in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Corinthians 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, JUDGMENT 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." anne an an anna an taoinn a an an taoinn ann an taoinn an taoinn an ann an taoinn an taoinn an ann an taoinn a Taoinn an ann an taoinn an taoinn ann an taoinn ann an taoinn an taoinn an taoinn an taoinn an taoinn an taoinn Taoinn an t and the second n en de la companya A companya de la comp के सेने सेनेही स्वरूपिय के प्रति के तरक स्वरूपिय के प्रति के स्वरूपिय सेने के सिर्फ के सिर्फ के सिर्फ के सिर्फ महिला स्वरूपिय के सबस्य सेनेही के सिर्फ के सिर्फ के सिर्फ के प्रति के कि सामय सिर्फ के सिर्फ के सिर्फ के सिर्फ विद्यूत के सम्मेनिय सेनेही के सेने के प्रति के प्रति के विद्यूति के सामय के सिर्फ स्वरूपिय के सिर्फ के सिर्फ की 1. Contrastantes a la contrasta de las encontrastas de las contrastas de las contrastas de las contrastas de la

