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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. C. B. Hinton	5 years
Rev. Henry Murray	4 years
Rev. Roger McCellan	3 years
Rev. Claude Fields	2 years
Rev. W. W. Winters	1 year

CHURCH EXTENSION & MISSIONS BOARD

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS BOARDS

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

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Karel Smith 1979-1980

STATE SENATOR, MASTER'S MEN

Lloyd Brister 1978-1979

ANNUAL CONVENTION SITE

First FWB Church, 601 E. Skelly, Hobbs, N.M.

DIRECTORY 1978-1979

Churches

First FWB Church	6601 Leta Road	Albuquerque, NM 87100
First FWB Church	Lea & Walnut	Carlsbad, NM 88220
Faith Memorial Chapel FWB	403 North 8th St.	Carlsbad, NM 88220
Grace FWB Church	10369 Preston	El Paso, Texas 79924
First FWB Church	5506 Treadgill	El Paso, Texas 79924
First FWB Church	601 East Skelly	Hobbs, NM 88240
Faith Chapel FWB	3300 W. Marland	Hobbs, NM 88240
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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 shall 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 be discussed.
5. If any question 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 divided by a majority vote of all members present.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, MODERATORS & CLERKS

First New Mexico District Association of Free Will Baptists

Moderator:	Rev. W. W. Winters 10613 Edith NE Albuquerque, NM 87114	505-898-3390
Clerk:	Wanda Gibb Star Rt. H, Box 1341 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240	505-392-6203

Land of Enchantment District Association of Free Will Baptists

Moderator:	Alton Hickey 3300 West Marland Hobbs, New Mexico	505-393-7868
Clerk:	Sue Rudolph 318 Holland Carlsbad, NM 88220	505-885-9229

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	West Lea St.
Carlsbad, New Mexico Faith Memorial Chapel FWB Church	403 N. 8th St.
El Paso, Texas Grace FWB Church	10369 Preston
El Paso, Texas First FWB Church	5506 Treadgill
Hobbs, New Mexico First FWB Church	601 E. Skelly
Hobbs, New Mexico Faith Chapel FWB Church	3300 W. Marland St.

NEW MEXICO STATE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

STATISTICS:

Churches Reporting	7
Total Membership	322
Resident Members	248
Non-resident Members	74
Members Lost	26
Members Added	62
Baptisms	34
Lost to Non-FWB Churches	4

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income	\$47,999.95
Amount Borrowed	—0—
Pastor's Salaries	13,895.47
Staff Salaries	1,344.83
Remodeling, etc.	6,141.92
Debt Retirement	9,203.00
Local Expenditures	41,615.93

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Number of Sunday Schools	7
Total Enrolled	288
Average Attendance	178
Number of Classes	29
Number of Departments	23

WORLD MISSIONS

Cooperative Plan	\$4,214.75
Foreign Missions	498.70
Church Extension	995.96
Layman's Board	—0—
Total Expenditures	\$5,709.41

CTS

Total Enrolled	94
Average Attendance	178
Number of Groups	3

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Total Membership	63
Average Attendance	54
No. of Auxiliaries	6

BUILDING INFORMATION

Church Parsonages	\$18,000.00
Church Property	310,196.00
Church Indebtedness	29,200.00

MASTER'S MEN

Total Membership	7
Average Attendance	7
Number of Groups	1

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
NEW MEXICO STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

APRIL 14-15, 1978

The tenth (10) annual meeting of the New Mexico State Association of Free Will Baptists was held in Carlsbad, New Mexico at Faith Memorial Chapel Church, 403 North Eight Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico on April 14-15, 1978 with Rev. Bob Rudolph as host pastor.

Rev. Karel Smith, moderator of the New Mexico State Association of Free Will Baptist, presided over the session.

The theme of the tenth annual session was, "Building upon your most holy faith" (Jude 3:20).

The convention assembly was opened with Katie Pinson, State Clerk, called the session into conference and introduced the moderator, Rev. Karel Smith.

Rev. Karel Smith recognized the visiting brethren. They were Rev. Rufus Coffey, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists; Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Editor and Editorial Manager of Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature from Nashville, Tennessee; Kenneth Lane a layman representing Master's Men; and Cleo Purcell, Executive Secretary of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee.

The welcome address was given by Rev. Bob Rudolph, host pastor.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell brought the afternoon message from Psalms 1. He brought a fantastic message and concluded it with prayer.

District letters were read from the First New Mexico District Association and from the Land of Enchantment District Association of Free Will Baptists. Four churches reported through the First New Mexico District and three churches reported through the Land of Enchantment District.

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

Mable Jeffrey
Ernie Stillman
Ella Bell
Mable Palmer
Diane Solley
Wanda Gibb
Patsy Walker
Fannie Gipson
Ola Mae Winters

Eugene Smith
Florence Thompson
Arlene Hinton
Ralph Wheaton
Mary Sherand
Kitty Brister
Loyd Brister
Sylvia Wheaton
Margaret Rogolsky

On motion of Rev. W. W. Winters the letters were recieved and the delegates seated.

On motion of Rev. W. W. Winters the moderator, Rev. Karel Smith and Benny Garner were empowered to appoint the following committees:

<i>Auditing:</i>	Eugene Smith, Diane Solley and Mary Sharand
<i>Obituary:</i>	Fannie Gipson, Ralph Wheaton, and Bessie Gartman
<i>Nominating:</i>	Rev. John Jeffrey, Arelen Hinton, Loyd Brister, Rev. W. W. Winters, and Howard Walker
<i>Resolution:</i>	Harold Pilant, Rev. Bob Rudolph, and Rev. Alton Hickey

----- Recess Five (5) Minutes -----

Services opened with the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" and "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Benny Garner with Kitty Brister at the piano.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Alton Hickey.

Special music was rendered by Ola Mae Winters, "What A Day That Will Be" followed by Arlene Hinton singing, "He Leadeth Me" and Loyd and Kitty Brister concluded the special singing with "He Touched Me."

Rev. Rufus Coffey gave an up to the minute report on Rev. Robert Shockey, National Home Missions director of the National Association of Free Will Baptists who had just undergone surgery in Nashville, Tennessee.

Kenneth Lane a layman from the state of Oklahoma and his little friend Freddie gave a wonderful talk promoting Master's Men.

The congregation was dismissed with the singing of "Have Thine Own Way Lord," until 7:30 p.m.

Friday Evening, 7:30 p.m.

Services opened with the singing of "His Way With Thee" and "Send A Great Revival" led by Benny Garner.

Rev. Karel Smith called for prayer request, these were taken to the Lord by Rev. T. B. Gartman.

Congregation singing continued with "Higher Ground." Special singing by Rev. John Jeffrey and Nola Faye Moses, "Some One To Care" followed by Ola Mae Winters singing "Ready." Arlene Hinton sang "After Calvary" followed by Kitty and Loyd Brister singing "Something Beautiful." Ella Bell sang "Amazing Grace" in her native Indian tongue. Katie Pinson and Eugene Smith sang "Neither Do I Condemn Thee." Rev. W. W. Winters and Buck Gilcrease sang "Saved By The Blood" and Benny and Kay Garner concluded the special singing with "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me," and "I'm The Least In The Kingdom."

Rev. Rufus Coffey was the keynote speaker, addressing the convention on the convention theme, "Building Upon Your Most Holy Faith," and stressed the contending for the faith. He brought a stirring message.

Song of invitation "Is Your All On The Altar."

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Alton Hickey.

Saturday Morning, April 15, 1978

The convention was called to order by the singing of "I Want To Be A Worker For the Lord."

Prayer was offered by Kenneth Lane from Norman, Oklahoma.

The morning devotional was given by Rev. Vince Williams of El Paso, Texas.

The moderator's scripture reading was taken from Galatians 6.

The moderator recognized Rev. Roger McCellan of Hobbs, New Mexico and Maurice Easter of El Paso, Texas.

The moderator recognized our National representatives and they were given an opportunity to speak.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Editor and Editorial Manager of our Sunday school literature brought greeting from the National Sunday School Department and gave a brief report on its functions. He received a standing ovation.

Cleo Purcell, Executive Secretary of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention brought greeting from WNAC and gave a brief report of some of the functions of her office and its work.

Rev. Rufus Coffey, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists brought greeting from the National Office and informed the assembly on its functions. He encouraged everyone to attend the National Convention beginning July 16, 1978 in Kansas City, Missouri and to read the June issue of *Contact* for the convention information.

Kenneth Lane, a layman from Norman, Oklahoma brought greeting from Master's Men briefing the convention on some of its functions and suggesting that we elect a State Senator from the State of New Mexico to represent and promote Master's Men.

The moderator called for reports of standing boards. They were as follows:

STANDING BOARDS

Executive Board Report

The Executive Board was called to order concerning a men's retreat. The board agreed for the retreat to be financed by the New Mexico State Association of Free Will Baptists. The retreat cost approximately \$77.00.

Rev. Roger McClellan, Chairman

Rev. W. W. Winters, member

Motion carried to receive the Executive Board report.

Church Extension Report

Bro. Buck Gilcrease gave a report from page ten (10) of the State minutes, reminding us that the State Association voted to take \$700.00 from the State Mission Fund and place in the Karel Smith building fund, also that the association had voted to designate \$30.00 a month to the Karel Smith account for missions.

Bro. Buck Gilcrease, Chairman

Motion carried to receive the Church Extension Board report.

The moderator read a letter of greetings from Henry Van Kluyve, National Director of Deputation for the National Foreign Missions Department.

He stated that our gifts to Foreign Missions for the past four years reflect the following:

1974	\$210.23	1975	\$ 537.70
1976	\$915.23	1977	\$1,768.26

He stated that we exceeded our quota of \$1,500.00 by \$268.26 in 1977 and commends New Mexico for a job well done. Our designated quota for 1978 is \$2,500.00. The National Foreign Missions budget is \$1,685,600.00.

Letters of greetings from the National Home Missions Department and from the Church Training Service were distributed.

Report of Co-ordinating Board

We, the Co-ordinating Board submit the following report:

Brother Owen Palmer of the First New Mexico District Association of Free Will Baptists and Rev. Henry Murray of the Land of Enchantment District Association of Free Will Baptists met and completed the program for the 1978 session of the New Mexico State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. John Jeffrey, Sr. Chairman

Motion carried to receive the Co-ordinating Board report.

Auditing Committee Report

We, the Auditing committee, have examined the treasurer's books and found them to be correct and in order.

Eugene Smith, Chairman

Diane Solley, member

Mary Scharand, member

Obituary Committee Report

We, the Obituary Committee, report the passing of our beloved, Sister Mattie Barnes, and Sister Nettie Murray of Faith Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Hobbs, New Mexico. Brother Croft of Grace Free Will Baptist Church of El Paso, Texas. Sister Martha Hathorne of First Free Will Baptist Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Brother Willis Shimmel III of First Free Will Baptist Church of El Paso, Texas.

Fannie Gipson, Chairman

Bro. Ralph Wheaton, Jr., member

Bessie Gartman, member

Motion carried to receive the report and dismiss the committee as the congregation stood in silent prayer for those departed.

Resolutions Committee Report

Whereas the *Contact* Magazine is our National Publication which seeks to keep us informed of the National News, promotes every phase of our National work and provides inspirational articles to help us grow spiritually,

Be it resolved, that we encourage our churches to adopt the "Church Family Plan" or the pastors encourage as many members as possible to subscribe to the Free Will Baptists magazine on an individual basis.

Be it resolved that we, the Resolutions Committee, whole heartily encourage our people to read, accept, and live by Matthew 16:17-19.

Rev. Alton Hickey, Chairman

Rev. Bob Rudolph, member

Bro. Harold Pilant, member

Motion carried to receive the Resolutions Committee report and adopt the resolutions.

A letter of recommendation was read from Rev. T. B. Gartman as follows:

I recommend Rev. Alton Hickey to serve as a proxy in my absence on the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in July of 1978. Also, I recommend Rev. Alton Hickey be nominated by the state as a member of the General Board 1979-1980.

Submitted by

Rev. T. B. Gartman

Motion carried to receive the letter of recommendation and to send Rev. Alton Hickey as proxy to serve on the General Board for 1978.

Nominating Committee Report

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following people for the following offices:

Executive Board, Rev. C. B. Hinton; Church Extension & Missions, Bro. Buck Gilcrease; Sunday School and CTS Board, Bro. Benny Garner; General Board member, Rev. Alton Hickey; Senator for Master's Men, Bro. Lloyd Brister.

Rev. John Jeffrey, Sr., Chairman

Arlene Hinton, member

Bro. Lloyd Brister, member

Rev. W. W. Winters, member

Bro. Howard Walker, member

On motion of Brother Benny Garner, second by Rev. W. W. Winters, the convention voted that the state set aside a fund especially for the Youth Camp.

On motion of Rev. Alton Hickey, second by Rev. T. B. Gartman, the convention voted that the CTS Board will give approval for any money taken from the youth camp fund.

On motion of Brother Benny Garner, second by Rev. John Jeffrey, the convention voted that the CTS Board will be allowed to use funds from the general fund to off set youth camp expense 1978.

The convention recessed for five minutes.

Services resumed with the singing of "Praise Him, Praise Him" led by Brother Benny Garner.

Rev. Rufus Coffey brought the morning message from the Book of Jude, "Building Upon Your Most Holy Faith" our convention theme.

Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 p.m.

Services resumed with the congregation singing "Jesus Included Me," and "Joy Unspeakable."

Special singing included "Stepping on the Clouds" and "Jesus Love Me" by the Benny Garner family. "Face to Face" by Ola Mae Winters, and "Follow Me" by Rev. John Jeffrey Sr.

Brother Benny Garner gave a short devotional followed by the Youth Camp report. (Every church is to receive a copy of the Youth camp rules).

Delegates elected to National Convention

Mable Jeffrey, Katie Pinson, Flois Hickey, Ella Bell & Gladys Smith.

On motion of Brother Benny Garner, the moderator was empowered to appoint alternates for the delegates if needed.

OFFICERS ELECTED 1978

Assistant Moderator	Rev. Alton Hickey
Clerk	Katie Pinson
Assistant Clerk	Sue Rudolph
Parliamentarian	Eugene Smith

BOARD MEMBERS

Executive Board Rev. C. B. Hinton, 5 year
Church Extension & Missions Buck Gilcrease, 3 year
Sunday School & CTS Board Benny Garner, 3 year
General Board National Assn. Rev. Karel Smith, 1979-1980
State Senator, Master's Men Lloyd Brister

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First Free Will Baptist Church, 601 East Skelly, Hobbs, New Mexico.

On motion of Brother Harry Gibb, second by Rev. T. B. Gartman, the convention voted to assist in the expenses of the General Board member and the moderator to the National Association Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

On motion of Rev. Bob Rudolph, the convention voted to give each member \$250.00 to assist them in their expenses to National Convention.

On motion of Rev. Bob Rudolph the convention voted to give Katie Pinson \$100.00 to defray clerk expenses, etc.

On motion of Rev. Bob Rudolph the offering of \$52.43 which included \$27.43 cash and \$25.00 in pledges be given to Rev. Karel Smith our Home Missionary.

The State treasurer's report was given by Brother Benny Garner, (No copy was received by state clerk for information).

On motion of Rev. John Jeffrey, Sr., the association voted to take care of the travel expenses of Rev. Rufus Coffey to and from Nashville, Tennessee and three (3) nights lodging at Motel Stephens.

On motion of Brother Benny Garner, the convention voted for the Sunday School Department of the National Association to print our annual minutes.

On motion of Rev. John Jeffrey, Sr. the convention voted to accept the small size copy.

On motion of Brother Benny Garner, the convention voted to print the annual minutes only, omitting the constitution and by-laws when no changes have been made.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Katie Pinson, state president gave the highlights of the auxiliary convention for information.

The convention speaker was Cleo Purcell, Executive Secretary of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.

The 1978 theme, "Ye are a chosen People" was selected from John 15:16a for the ninth (9) annual session.

The Executive Committee and all standing committees met at Motel Stevens in Carlsbad for the executive breakfast.

Six (6) auxiliaries reported, having a record attendance of fifty-four (54).

The state project for 1977 was successfully completed and the new state project for 1978 is a stensil maker for WNAC office. It is suggested that each auxiliary raise \$75.00 toward this project.

An offering was taken in the amount of \$36.00 which will be used to help defray the guest speakers expenses. The convention is prepared to take care of the travel and motel expense of the guest speaker.

Suggested theme for 1979 is "Occupy 'Till I Come" Luke 19:13a with Pat Thomas, secretary of the National Home Missions Department and wife of the National Home Missions Director, Nashville, Tennessee as speaker.

The minutes were read and approved.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Benny Garner.

Humbly submitted
Katie Pinson, Clerk

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