

Minutes
Eighth Annual Session

The Liberty Association
of
Free Will Baptists

convened with

East Side Free Will Baptist

1226 Glover Street

Detroit 14, Michigan

May 2 - 3, 1958

MINUTES OF EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTIST

OFFICERS

Rev. C. E. Riggs Moderator
Rev. James D. Addison Assistant Moderator
Sister Beatric Leach Clerk
Sister Ruth Johnson Assistant Clerk
Sister Ruth Johnson Treasurer

**Next Session to convene with the
TEN MILE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Introductory Message by Rev. Calvert Morgan
Alternate — Rev. E. J. Ramey

Missionary Message by Rev. J. T. Holman
Alternate — Rev. Doyle Nash

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INTRODUCTORY SERVICE

On Friday evening, May 2, 1958, the Liberty Association met in its Eighth Annual Session with the East Side Free Will Baptist Church, 1226 Glover Street, Detroit 14, Michigan.

Came together by singing "Are You Washed in the Blood," led by Brother Slagle accompanied at the piano by Sister Langlois. Prayer by Brother Miller. Floor turned over to Brother Moderator.

First item of business. Call for letters from various Churches to which the following responded, and their delegates were seated in conference: First Free Will Baptist of Pontiac, First Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte, Lincoln Park Free Will Baptist Church, East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Free Will Baptist Chapel, Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church, Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church, Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church (see list of delegates). Motion made and sustained that regular delegation be extended a right hand of fellowship by Moderator. Prayer of Consecration at Altar led by Brother Hixon.

Call for Petitionary letters, to which the Fifteen Mile Road Free Will Baptist Church responded. Letter read and delegates given right hand of fellowship by Moderator and seated.

Song director asked to lead in Congregation singing, "I Feel Like Traveling On," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Floor turned over to Brother C. E. Riggs to bring Introductory Message, Scripture read from Genesis 1:27 - 28. A good message was enjoyed by all. Brother Addison asked to take over the floor at request of Brother Riggs, Brother Addison made a short talk. Altar Call given while Congregation stands and sings "Come Unto Me."

Dismissed in prayer by Brother J. T. Holman.

Business session to convene on Saturday Morning at 9:00 A.M.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION - 9:00 a.m.

Services opened with singing "Wonderful Words of Life," led by Brother Slagle, accompanied at the piano by Sister Langlois. Congregation asked to stand for prayer led by Brother Hatfield. Brother Moderator thanked the people for assembling so early. Floor turned over to song director Brother Slagle for songs "Blessed Assurance," and "Take the Name of Jesus with You." Floor turned over to Moderator who asked for testimony from those who wished to testify. A wonderful testimony service was enjoyed by all. Floor turned over to song director "Have Thine Own Way."

Floor turned over to Moderator who asked for roll call of delegates. Roll call given by Assistant Clerk and accepted as read.

Rules of Decorum read by Brother Moderator.

Call for Tardy Letters - None.

Call for Petitionary Letters - None.

First item of business is for the election of Officers, as follows: *Moderator*, Rev. C. E. Riggs; *Assistant Moderator*, Rev. James D. Addison; *Clerk*, Sister Beatrice Leach; *Assistant Clerk*, Sister Ruth Johnson; *Treasurer*, Sister Ruth Johnson.

Obituary Committee appointed by Moderator, Brother Viers, Brother Bill Leach, and Sister Earline Reynolds.

Vacancy on Presbytery Board, Rev. E. J. Ramey elected to serve five (5) years.

Vacancy on Executive Board Rev. James T. Holman elected to serve five (5) years.

Home Mission Board vacancy on same created by Brother Robert Cottingin and Sister Margaret Cottingin since they have left the faith a motion made to replace both. Sister Dorothy Hawkins elected for a seven (7) year term, Brother James Hammonds elected for a one (1) year term. Brother Curtis Leach to serve the rest of Brother John Norris's term which is five (5) years.

Corresponding Letters – None.

Call for reading of minutes of the last setting.

Minutes read by Sister Beatrice Leach, Clerk, and approved as read.

Motion made and carried to take the next quarterly session to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte.

Rev. Addison took the floor to thank East Side Free Will Baptist Church and Brother Morgan for taking the Annual Association meeting as they were in the process of moving their Church to a new location.

In the discussion on Feet Washing and Communion Service several views were given. The next annual Feet Washing and Communion Service is to be at the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church.

The next Annual setting is to be at the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church.

Introductory Service by Rev. Calvert R. Morgan, Alternate – Rev. E. J. Ramey.

Missionary Message by Rev. James T. Holman, Alternate – Rev. Doyle Nash.

Brought to the attention of Moderator to explain that Licentates do have a voice in voting.

Ministers' reports called for are to be turned in to the Clerk.

Recommendations for License and Ordination called for to be read. Presbytery Board asked to retire to examine Brother Billy Lee Brown for license, Brother Edd Cowan, Brother Swanson Deel, Brother Oscar Hammons to be ordained as deacons, Brother Cecil Penley to be ordained to preach.

Recessed for 10 minutes.

Called together by singing "Where He Leads Me" led by Brother Slagle accompanied at piano by Sister Langlois. Congregation singing "Where The Soul Never Dies." Brother and Sister Sutherland asked to sing at this time, which was very much enjoyed. Congregation stands, sings and shakes hands. Floor turned over to Brother Holman who in turn

asked Brother Howell to come forward and bring the Missionary Message. Scripture reading from Malachi 1:11, Matthew 24:14, Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, Acts 16:9. Subject "I WANT TO BE A MISSIONARY." A wonderful and inspiring and spiritual message was enjoyed by all. Heads bowed while Brother Howell leads in Prayer. Floor turned over to Moderator. Dismissed in Prayer by Brother J. T. Smith.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p.m.

Lunch was enjoyed by all at the lunch room provided by the host church. Lunch was prepared by the Ladies of the Host Church East Side Free Will Baptist Church.

Came together by singing "Victory In Jesus," led by Brother Slagle accompanied at piano by Sister Langlois, led in prayer by Brother Langlois.

Presbytery Board recommends Brother Billy Lee Brown for license also Ordination of Brother Edd Cowan, Swanson Deel, Oscar Hammons, for deacons, Brother Cecil Penley for ordination to Preach the Gospel.

Call for Ministers' reports to be read at this time, which the Assistant Clerk read. Clerk made Ministers Cards of Good Standing.

Call for Treasurer's report which was read by Treasurer accepted as read.

Brother Slagle asked to lead Congregation singing "Some Day" while Presbytery Board and candidates for Ordination gather at Altar for Ordination prayer. Charge read by Rev. C. E. Riggs from 3rd Chapter of 1st Timothy. Brother Nash to take first lead Brother Hatfield to take Second lead and Brother Addison to conclude prayer. Song by congregation and old fashion handshake by all. The spirit of the Lord was with us.

Offering for Orphanage received \$61.54.

Standing vote of thanks to the host church for lunch and entertainment.

Motion made for Moderator and Clerk to be given authority to have minutes printed.

Message bearer for Communion and Feet Washing Service which is to be held at Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church Brother Arnold Mollett elected to bring message. Brother Morgan Alternate.

Minutes read and approved as read.

Motion made to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by: Brother Arnold Mollett.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church: Brother George Robbins, Sister Ellen Furgeson, Sister Ida Caudill, Sister Verna Johnson, Brother Jim Rowe.

Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church: Brother Bob Leslie, Sister Mollett. Alternates: Sister Louise Hinkle, Sister Geneva Perry.

Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church: Brother Marion Porter, Brother Cullie Webb, Brother Thomas Tucker, Brother Wesley Shelton, Brother Homer Selbee. Alternates: Brother Tommie Tucker, Brother Walker Tucker, Sister Janet Selbee.

Free Will Baptist Chapel: Brother Avon Rose, Brother Alex Viers, Brother Stacy Fleming. Alternates: Brother Ramond Ramsey, Sister Hammonds, Sister Lois B. Dickenson.

Lincoln Park Free Will Baptist Church: Brother Robert Shelton, Brother Sam Belcher, Brother Roy Ogle. Alternates: Sister Mammie Belcher.

East Side Free Will Baptist Church: Brother Bill Leach, Brother Judd Whitfield, Brother Billy Brown, Brother Guy Shelton, Brother Wallace Sutherland. Alternates: Brother Tom Green, Brother Archie Mills, Brother James Williams, Brother Earl Fulk.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte: Sister Earline Reynolds, Sister Ella Stewart, Sister Marie Earp, Sister Finnie Fortner, Sister Vinnie Payne. Alternates: Sister Pearl Benson, Sister Helen Benson, Sister Enoie Coffman.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Pontiac: Brother Billy Lee Brown, Sister Dorothy Hawkins, Sister Laviller Graves, Brother Floyd Wells, Brother Golden Blevins. Alternates: Sister Virginia Brown, Brother Kenny Gibson, Sister Annetta Gibson, Sister Ora Mae Nash, Brother Calvin C. Osterkamp.

Fifteen Mile Road Free Will Baptist Church: Brother Jack Tucker, Brother Roy Tucker, Sister Maude Lankford, Sister Pearl Smith. Alternates: Sister Mary Tucker, Sister Wilma Carr, Brother John Lankford, Brother Larry Lankford.

MINISTERS ENROLLMENT

Rev. James T. Holman	726 E. George St., Hazel Park
Rev. Claude Wright	375 W. Evelyn, Hazel Park
Rev. Henry Howard	1837 E. Jarvis, Hazel Park
Rev. C. E. Riggs	935 E. Coy, Hazel Park
Rev. Diamond Tucker	566 Hendrixson St., Clawson
Rev. Cecil Penley	1569 E. Otis, Hazel Park
Rev. James D. Addison	1934 London, Lincoln Park
Rev. C. H. Dickenson	4510 Marcella, Utica
Rev. Donald E. Harrison	5907 Maxwell, Detroit
Rev. Joe Osborne	2406 Clark, Detroit
Rev. Calvert R. Morgan	1564 Belvidere, Detroit
Rev. Leonard D. Nash	358 E. Warren, Flint
Rev. Halley H. Hatfield	19366 Huntington, Detroit
Rev. Arnold Mollett	4789 Brandon, Detroit
Rev. W. L. Howell	9331 W. Fort, Detroit
Rev. E. J. Ramey	2804 6th St., Wyandotte
Rev. W. L. Wilson	9280 John Hix Road, Wayne, Mich.
Rev. W. S. Lilly	19198 Stanley, Melvindale

DEACONS ENROLLMENT

East Side Free Will Baptist Church

Hurshel Stanley	161 W. Evelyn St., Hazel Park
Charles C. Cooper	1584 University, Roseville
Carson Slagle	22836 Sharron, East Detroit
Temple Johnson	690 Glover St., Detroit

First Free Will Baptist Church of Pontiac

Henry Osterkamp	4903 Algonquin, Clarkston
Nathaniel Hawkins	366 First St., Pontiac

Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church

Earl Hinkle	2737 Trumbull, Detroit
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Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church

Charles E. Miller	417 W. 10 Mile Rd., Hazel Park
William E. Gates	404 W. Bernhard, Hazel Park
James O. Butcher	1244 E. Jarvis, Hazel Park
Enden C. Ellis	425 W. Roberts, Hazel Park
Edward L. York	337 W. Lincoln, Madison Heights
Rabe H. Pearce	1561 Gravel Ridge, Rochester
Charles C. Smith	2329 Kenneth, Royal Oak

First Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte

R. L. Stewart 17123 Quarry Rd., Riverview
Roy Plemmons 53 E. James, River Rouge
Alpha Morrison 6550 Wagner, Detroit
George Benson 14564 George, Riverview
Elbert Roberts 49 E. Cicotta, River Rouge

Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Vernon Moore 1021 Campbell St., Detroit
Charles Caudill 619 W. Willis, Detroit

Free Will Baptist Chapel

O. L. Arrowood 2745 Dartmouth, Madison Heights
Ernest Winfree 26736 Brittonwoods, Madison Heights

Lincoln Park Free Will Baptist Church

J. B. Spradlin 60 W. Westfield, Ecorse

CLERKS ENROLLMENT

East Side Free Will Baptist Church

Sister Pauline Leach 4147 St. Jean, Detroit

First Free Will Baptist Church of Pontiac

Sister Rosella Wilson 344 West Huron, Pontiac

Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church

Sister Dorothy Harrison 5907 Maxwell, Detroit

Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church

Sister Elsie E. Anderson 29378 Howard, Madison Heights

First Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte

Rev. James D. Addison 1934 London, Lincoln Park

Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Sister Nellie Rowe Wyandotte

Free Will Baptist Chapel

Sister Geneva Viers 23714 Vassar, Hazel Park

Lincoln Park Free Will Baptist Church

Sister Mammie Lou Belcher 16133 Ziegler St., Wyandotte

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. Doyle Nash	1 Yr.
Rev. C. E. Riggs	2 Yrs.
Rev. James D. Addison	3 Yrs.
Rev. Halley H. Hatfield	4 Yrs.
Rev. E. J. Ramey	5 Yrs.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Henry Howard	1 Yr.
Rev. James D. Addison	2 Yrs.
Rev. Calvert R. Morgan	3 Yrs.
Bro. Willard Reynolds	4 Yrs.
Rev. James T. Holman	5 Yrs.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. James Hammonds	1 Yr.
Rev. Calvert R. Morgan.....	2 Yrs.
Sister Catherine Sargent	3 Yrs.
Bro. Hubert Sayler.....	4 Yrs.
Bro. Curtis Leach	5 Yrs.
Bro. Donald Harrison.....	6 Yrs.
Sister Dorothy Hawkins.....	7 Yrs.

Committee on Obituary: We, the Obituary Committee, are happy to report that none of the members of our sister churches have passed away in the past year.

Committee: Brother Bill Leach
Sister Earline Reynolds
Brother Alex Viers

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Minute Fund
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church.....	\$48.28
East Side Free Will Baptist Church	31.09
Free Will Baptist Chapel	20.00
Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church	18.50
First Free Will Baptist Church of Pontiac.....	30.00
Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.....	10.00
First Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte.....	10.00
Lincoln Park Free Will Baptist Church	15.00
Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church	19.25
Seventh Street Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
Total	\$207.12

Expenditures

Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Greenville, Tennessee...	\$201.14
Free Will Baptist Mission Board.....	23.00
Industrial Printers for Printing of Minutes	145.00
Brother & Sister Lankford for School Tuition	120.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	489.14
BALANCE IN EMERGENCY FUND	83.21
BALANCE IN BANK	\$232.17

CHURCH REPORTS

Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church
2445 Brooklyn Avenue — Detroit, Michigan

State of Religion	Good
Members Received past year	7
Baptized	0
Dismissed	3
Died	0
Total Membership	44
Condition of Prayer Meeting.....	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average no. of Pupils	50
No. of Officers	2
No. of Teachers	4
Home Mission	\$ 5.00
Building and Repairs.....	800.00
For Education	32.00
For Publication	105.00
Enclosed for Minutes.....	5.00

Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church
74 West Ten Mile Road – Madison Heights, Michigan

State of Religion	Good
Members Received past year	51
Baptized	43
Dismissed	47
Died	0
Total Membership	339
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average no. of Pupils	235
No. of Officers	23
No. of Teachers	27
Paid Caretaker	\$3,000.00
Paid Pastor	5,630.00
Paid Free Will Baptist Orphanage	440.00
Paid Evangelist	625.00
Home Mission	96.00
Foreign Mission	1,154.19
Building and Repairs	1,905.46
Christian Literature & Supplies	650.00
For Education (Missionaries)	1,790.00
For Publication	83.67
Enclosed for Minutes	7.76

Free Will Baptist Chapel
302 East 13 Mile Road – Madison Heights, Michigan

State of Religion	Good
Members Received past year	23
Baptized	7
Dismissed	12
Died	0
Total Membership	62
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average no. of Pupils	58
No. of Officers	5
No. of Teachers	4
Paid Pastor	\$ 720.14
Paid Evangelist	132.12
Home Mission	267.86
Foreign Mission	40.00
Building and Repairs	2,119.31
For Education	71.72
Orphanage	39.72
Enclosed for Minutes	5.00

Lincoln Park Free Will Baptist Church
Electric and Oconnor Streets
Lincoln Park, Michigan

State of Religion	Good
Members Received past year	2
Baptized	6
Dismissed.....	4
Died	0
Total Membership.....	75
Condition of Prayer Meeting.....	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. of Pupils	60
No. of Officers.....	2
No. of Teachers	4
Paid Pastor	\$240.00
Paid Evangelist	140.00
Enclosed for Minutes	5.00

East Side Free Will Baptist Church
1226 Glover Street
Detroit 14, Michigan

State of Religion	Good
Members Received past year	38
Baptized	39
Dismissed.....	7
Died.....	0
Total Membership.....	144
Condition of Prayer Meeting.....	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average no. of Pupils.....	129
No. of Officers.....	4
No. of Teachers	11
Paid Pastor	\$5,200.00
Paid Evangelist	650.00
Foreign Mission	300.00
Enclosed for Minutes	10.32

First Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte
1842 Eureka Road
Wyandotte, Michigan

State of Religion	Spiritual Services
Members received past 5 months	50
Baptized	8
Dismissed	0
Died	0
Total Membership	50
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Spiritual
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average no. of Pupils	155
No. of Officers	3
No. of Teachers	7
Paid Pastor	\$1,700.00
Building and Repairs	500.00
Enclosed for Minutes	5.00

First Free Will Baptist Church of Pontiac
1536 North Telegraph Road
Pontiac, Michigan

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	30
Baptized	18
Dismissed	0
Died	0
Total Membership	53
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average no. of Pupils	53
No. of Officers	5
No. of Teachers	5
Paid Pastor	\$ 910.00
Paid Evangelist	314.89
Home Mission	64.35
Foreign Mission	64.35
Orphanage Home	64.35
Building and Repairs	1,387.95
For Education & Publication	195.59
Enclosed for Minutes	10.00

Osborne Free Will Baptist Chapel
2421 Scotten Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

State of Religion	Good
Members Received past year	4
Baptized	16
Dismissed	0
Died	0
Total Membership	16
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Excellent
Average no. of Pupils	43
No. of Officers	6
No. of Teachers	3
Paid Pastor	\$129.22
Paid Evangelist	95.24
Enclosed for Minutes	5.00

Fifteen Mile Road Free Will Baptist Church
2020 Fifteen Mile Road
Warren, Michigan

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 2 months	33
Baptized	6
Dismissed	0
Died	0
Total Membership	33
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average no. of Pupils	60
No. of Officers	2
No. of Teachers	4
Home Mission	\$ 30.00
Rent	200.00
For Publication	15.45
Enclosed for Minutes	4.25

ORDAINED MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. James T. Holman

726 East George Street, Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Paster of	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached		110
Conversion Witnessed		140
Baptized		55
Received into Church		51
Married		6
Revivals		4
Funerals		5
Received for Services		\$6,000.00

Rev. C. E. Riggs

935 East Coy Street, Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached		6
Received for Services		\$100.00

Remarks: Moderator of Liberty Association:

Member of Presbytery Board 2 Years

Teacher of Adult Bible Class

Conduct two weekly Bible Studies

Rev. James D. Addison

1934 London, Lincoln Park, Michigan

Member of	1st Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte	
Pastor of	Asst. 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte	
Sermons Preached		65
Conversion Witnessed		15
Baptized		6
Received into Church		50
Married		5

Remarks: Asst. Pastor 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte

Church Clerk, 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Wyandotte

Asst. Moderator of Liberty Association

Member of Presbytery Board

Member of Executive Board

Rev. C. H. Dickenson
4510 Marcella, Utica, Michigan

Member of	Free Will Baptist Chapel
Pastor of	Free Will Baptist Chapel
Sermons Preached	82
Conversion Witnessed	30
Baptized	20
Received into Church	20
Revivals	1
Received for Services	\$150.00
Remarks: Executive Board of Metrolpolition Association of Free Will Baptist 1 – Year to Serve	

Rev. Donald E. Harrison
5907 Maxwell Avenue, Detroit 13, Michigan

Member of	Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached	15
Remarks: Member of Home Mission Board 6 Years to Serve	

Rev. Joe Osborne
2406 Clark Street, Detroit 9, Michigan

Member of	Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Asst. Pastor	Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached	35
Conversion Witnessed	3
Baptized	2
Received into Church	4
Revivals	Asst. in two (2)

Rev. Arnold Mollett
4789 Brandon, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church
Pastor of	Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached	105
Conversion Witnessed	7
Received into Church	8
Funerals	1
Received for Services	\$100.00

Rev. Calvert R. Morgan
1564 Belvidere Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	East Side Free Will Baptist Church
Pastor of	East Side Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached	91
Conversion Witnessed	154
Baptized	39
Received into Church	34
Married	5
Revivals	0
Funerals	4
Received for Services	\$5,500.00
Remarks: Executive Board 3 years to serve	
Home Mission Board 2 years to serve	

Rev. Leonard D. Nash
358 East Warren, Flint, Michigan

Member of	1st Free Will Baptist Church of Pontiac
Pastor of	1st Free Will Baptist Church of Pontiac
Sermons Preached	105
Conversion Witnessed	56
Baptized	25
Received into Church	34
Revivals	1
Received for Services	\$910.00
Remarks: Presbytery Board 1 year to serve	

Rev. Halley H. Hatfield
19366 Huntington Road, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached	45
Conversion Witnessed	15
Revivals	1
Received for Services	\$10.00
Remarks: Presbytery Board 4 years to serve	
Trustee Board	
of the Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church	

Rev. W. L. Howell
9331 West Fort Street, Detroit 9, Michigan

Member of.....	Free Will Baptist Chapel Church
Sermons Preached	110
Conversion Witnessed.....	Unknown
Baptized	Unknown
Married	2
Revivals	1
Funerals	3
Received for Services	\$70.00

Rev. Cecil F. Penley
1569 East Otis, Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of.....	Free Will Baptist Chapel Church
Sermons Preached	8
Conversion Witnessed.....	10

LICENSED MINISTERS REPORTS

John T. Smith, Jr.
4201 Dolores, Warren, Michigan

Member of.....	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached.....	14
Conversion Witnessed	4
Revivals	1

James Hammons
821 Batavia, Royal Oak, Michigan

Member of.....	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached	21
Revivals	1

George C. Leach
4147 St. Jean, Detroit, Michigan

Member of.....	East Side Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached	13
Conversion Witnessed	2

Reades Selby
2153 Lindell, Warren, Michigan

Member of.....Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached..... 5
Conversion Witnessed 1

William Ford
28081 Rosemont, Roseville, Michigan

Member of..... East Side Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached 40
Conversion Witnessed 5

Majel L. Carr
1809 Guthrie, Royal Oak, Michigan

Member of.....Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached 6

Ernest R. Selby
23129 Coyuga, Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of.....Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached 12
Conversion Witnessed 2
Revivals 1

Remarks: Visitation Committee
Sunday School Teacher
Usher

Jerry L. Lankford
4440 Forsythe Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan

Member of.....Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church
Pastor ofFifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached 32
Conversion Witnessed 14
Received into Church 33
Revivals..... 3

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order by Moderator
Call for Letters from Churches
Election of Moderator and Clerk
Read Rules of Decorum
Appointment of Committees: Divine
Service, Finance, and Obituary
Call for Corresponding Letters
Call for Petitionary Letters
Unfinished Business
New Business

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise to his feet and address the moderator.
3. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech, except by the moderator, until he gets through; nor shall the moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.
4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.
5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.
7. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother or brethren, or sisters.
8. No members of this Association shall absent himself when the association is sitting in conference without leave of the moderator.
9. The names of the members of this association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the association thinks is necessary.
10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD. We believe in one true and living, Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine Essence, Purpose, Power and Glory. — St. John 1:1; I Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. Was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's tomb, rose from the dead the third day, completed the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home. — Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-47.

3. HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the SON back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people, as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide. — Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20; Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28.

4. THE BIBLE. We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, was given by Inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. — II Peter 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. THE FALL OF MAN. We believe that GOD created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed; with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of GOD, fell, with their posterity under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming of CHRIST. — Gen. 1:27, 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Gen. 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:6; Eph. 2:3.

6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION. We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above. — Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 15:22.

7. CONDITIONS OF SALVATION. We believe that all persons, dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act on their part that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of

regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. — John 3; Matt. 19:13-22; I Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. SALVATION FREE. We believe that God desires the salvation of all Christ died for all; and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel. — I Peter 1:9-25, 2:9-25; Revelation 22:17.

9. BAPTISM. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of the elders are qualified to administer the same. — Matt. 3:14-16, 3:5-6; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING. We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till he comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of the feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the Supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming. Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-17; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. THE SABBATH. We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted. — Exodus 20:11, 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY. We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impress His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise the native gifts according to the Scriptures, with a full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose. — Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH. We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. — Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; I Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. THE VISIBLE CHURCH. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the

Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel. — II Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Revelation 1:4-20.

15. PERSEVERANCE. We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace and in the knowledge of the truth, and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life, and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backside if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. — II Pet. 1:12; II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; II Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy; II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; I Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH. We believe that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. — Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

17. SANCTIFICATION. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. — I Cor. 6:11; II Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thess. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Tim. 2:20-21.

18. THE RESURRECTION.. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. — Matt. 28:6; John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58.

19. THE SOUL. The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed. — Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

20. JUDGMENT. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. — 2 Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

1. This Association, when properly convened, shall consist of a Moderator, and Ass't Moderator; Clerk, and Ass't Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly and take the vote thereon; to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding vote.

The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association. The Assistants to the Moderator and Clerk shall be to assist, or occupy their respective seats when vacant, or otherwise necessary.

2. This Association shall be composed of ordained Ministers, Deacons and Licentiates, together with messengers duly chosen by the church of their membership in our union, whom the members judge best qualified to represent them. Said messengers bearing letters certifying to their appointment.

Said Ministers and Licentiates shall be men of good report, within and without, of honest integrity and full of the Holy Ghost, meeting the qualifications to that of I Tim. 3. Coming under the hands, or approval of the Ordaining Council. Pastors shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church, or churches they serve; whose tenure of service shall be faithfully maintained until terminated, and that effected only by a 60 days notice of said intention, and the selection of an active Minister within the bounds of this Association to succeed him. It is agreed, however, one may be selected from other sources, being approved by the Ordaining Council of this Ass'n.

3. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their respective number in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded or died since the last setting of the Association, day of church meeting, Pastor and Clerk.

4. No query shall be received by this Association from any church until it has been acted upon by said church and referred to the Association. In which case the Association shall take up the matter, acting as an advisory counsel to promote peace and harmony according to true discipline of Divine grace.

5. Every church in this Association shall be entitled to a representation of Messengers not exceeding five; together with said clerk and ordained authority.

6. This Association shall maintain a Presbytery Board selected from the ordained authority, preferably Ministers: five in number; also an Executive Board consisting of five, selected from the body, whose tenure of office shall be ranging from one to five years. The Association shall select, annually, to supply the vacancies as they occur.

7. Every motion, when in order and properly sustained, shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover; that is to say, to present matters for discussion, trying the merits of the same, and, if found worth and orthodox, to adopt it.

8. This Association shall not exercise power so as to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on the internal rights of any. Maintaining the rights

and privileges, and relationship to each church to that of individual members; that is to say, if a church trepasses against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; whereupon, if a reconciliation cannot be effected, the said church in default shall be dropped from our counsel.

9. We agree to do all regular business by a majority of members present.

10. Any church may be admitted into this Association by a petitionary letter and messengers, if however, said church is found to be orthodox and orderly. Such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to said messengers.

11. This Association shall sit as an advisory council, to advise, if prudent, in all matters of difficulty; to ascertain the cause of non-representation, to select from this body such committees deemed necessary to the functioning of the body; to invite and entertain counsel with all brother ministers commensurate with safety; to exclude, or disannul any member not conforming to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his, or their conduct to the church of which they held membership.

12. This Association shall not, at any time, engage in what may seem to be of a commercial nature. However, it shall be the duty of each church to provide means to defray current expenses of the Association.

13. This Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all matters concerning the Ministers of the council, as touching their qualification, of his manly character and general conduct; strict adherence to the principles and doctrine of faith and practice, not deviating from that set forth in the Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptist. Particularly that of the plan of redemption, of the Christian fellowship in the unity of Spirit and the bonds of peace; or failing to keep the Ordinances, and the perseverance in faith, ready to be revealed in glory at the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ; when both saints, and the wicked deed shall be resurrected, the saints to everlasting life, and the wicked to eternal damnation.

14. The Lord's Supper and feetwashing shall be administered at each annual setting of this Association.

15. This Association shall advise, or recommend the support of denominational enterprises according to the ability, or means otherwise provided, and under the jurisdiction of the local church.

16. This Association shall possess the rights to repel, or exclude anyone coming unto us preaching, or advocating any other doctrine than that set forth in the original Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptist.

17. This constitution shall not be changed, or amended, only by a three-fourths majority of Ministers, as also the Deacons, and likewise the duly elected representatives at the regular annual setting of the Association.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.