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**MINUTES**  
**ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**The Liberty Association**  
**of**  
**Free Will Baptists**

**convened with**

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

**May 5 – 6, 1961**

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MINUTES OF ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION  
of  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

OFFICERS

Rev. C.E. Riggs ..... *Moderator*  
Rev. Jack Luther ..... *Assistant Moderator*  
Sister Beatrice B. Leach ..... *Clerk*  
Sister Carolyn Selby ..... *Assistant Clerk*  
Sister Carolyn Selby ..... *Treasurer*

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

Introductory Message by Rev. Charles C. Cooper  
Alternate — Rev. Clyde H. Dickerson

Missionary Message by Rev. Jake Hamilton  
Alternate — Rev. Bill Maples

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## INTRODUCTORY SERVICE

On Friday evening May 5, 1961, the Liberty Association met in its Eleventh Annual Session with the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church, 74 West Ten Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Came together by singing "A Beautiful Life", led by Bro. Garren, accompanied at the piano by Sister Langlois. Congregation sings "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In". Prayer by Bro. Holman. Congregation also sings "Just A Little Talk With Jesus"; floor turned over to Moderator. Scripture read from 15th Chapter of John beginning with the 1st verse.

First item of business. Call for letters from various churches to which the following responded, and their delegates seated in conference:

East Side Free Will Baptist of Toledo  
Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist  
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist  
East Side Free Will Baptist  
Gospel Free Will Baptist  
Antioch Free Will Baptist  
Free Will Baptist Chapel  
Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist  
Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist  
Zion Free Will Baptist  
First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte

Motion made and sustained that regular delegation and ordained authority be extended a right hand of fellowship by Moderator. While Congregation sings "Take it to the Lord in Prayer". Prayer of Consecration at Altar.

Bro. Jack Luther elected by congregation to bring Introductory Message due to the absence of Bro. Ramey and Bro. Curtis Lilly.

Call for Petitionary Letters, to which the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church responded. Motion made and carried to accept the above church. Letter read.

Letter from the Orphanage at Greeneville, Tennessee read at this time about our invitation to them to visit our Association.

Offering for Orphanage taken at this time. Amount received: \$55.12. Congregation sings "Living by Faith".

Introductory Message by Bro. Jack Luther at this time. Scripture read from 24th Chapter of Matthew. A spiritual and inspiring message was enjoyed by all.

Floor turned over to Moderator at this time.

Business session to convene on Saturday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Langlois.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION — 9:00 a.m.

Services opened with singing, "All Alone", led by Bro. Langlois accompanied at Piano by Sister Langlois. Prayer by Bro. Bill Maples. Scripture read from 2nd Chapter of Ephesians.

Roll call and seating of delegation read by Clerk.

Rules of Decorum read by Moderator.

*Tardy Letters* — To which the West Side Free Will Baptist and John C. Lodge Free Will Baptist, responded. Letters read and delegates given right hand of fellowship by Moderator. Trinity Free Will Baptist delegates also given right hand of fellowship by Moderator.

*Petitionary Letters* — To which the Free Will Baptist of Fremont, Ohio responded. Letter read and delegates given right hand of fellowship by Moderator.

*Election of Officers as follows:*  
Moderator .....Rev. C.E. Riggs  
Assistant Moderator .....Rev. Jack Luther  
Clerk ..... Sister Beatrice B. Leach  
Assistant Clerk ..... Sister Carolyn Selby  
Treasurer ..... Sister Carolyn Selby

*Tardy Letter* — To which the First Free Will Baptist of Pontiac responded. Letter read and delegates given right hand of fellowship by Moderator.

*Presbytery Board vacancy* — Rev. James D. Addison, elected for a term of five (5) years.

*Executive Board vacancy* — Rev. Joe Osborne, elected for a term of five (5) years.

*Home Mission Board vacancy* — Rev. Curtis Lilly, elected for a term of seven (7) years.

*Obituary Committee:* Bro. Welch, Bro. Lester Coffman, Sister Maples.

Association asked about the printing of minutes. Motion made and carried to give Moderator and Clerk authority to have minutes printed as seen fit.

Executive Board asked to retire.

Motion made to discontinue business at this time. Presbytery Board and candidates asked to retire to be examined.

Floor turned over to Bro. Max Lankford.

Song Leader asked to come forward and lead one song "Someday". Scripture read from 1st Cornithians Chapter 6 the 20th verse. A spiritual message on Missions was enjoyed by all.

Floor turned over to Bro. Jack Luther to take charge of the service. Song leader asked to come forward and lead in singing "Lord I'm Coming Home."

Short testimony service was enjoyed by all.

Service turned over to Bro. Riggs, dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Welch.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 2:00 p.m.**

Lunch was enjoyed by all. Came together by singing, "Victory in Jesus". Prayer by Bro. Thomas Lilly.

Unfinished business.

*Introductory Message* — Bro. Charles Cooper  
Alternate — Bro. Clyde H. Dickerson

*Missionary Message* — Bro. Jake Hamilton  
Alternate — Bro. Bill Maples

Treasurer's report read at this time and accepted as read.

*Report from the Executive Board.*

Resolution #1 The First Free Will Baptist of Pontiac has sent a delegation to the Executive Board and the Liberty Association with a resolution that we send a petition to the State and to the National Association to become a member. Quite a few views given on the above subject.

Motion made and seconded to appoint a committee to make an investigation and to present it to the Association at the next meeting. Tabled until next setting. Committee will be the Executive Board.

Resolution #2 — We recommend that for the benefit of the Association in our delegates and alternates voting that we enforce the qualification of voting. The responsibility will rest on the Pastor of each church or their responsible leader be in charge of the delegation.

Obituary Committee report read and accepted as read.

Supplementary letter from Pontiac Free Will Baptist church. Motion made and carried to accept their resignation.

Motion made and seconded to give the Clerk and Assistant Clerk and Treasurer \$50.00 each in appreciation for their services for the past year. Motion so carried.

Presbytery Board chairman reports on recommendations for those to be ordained and licensed.

*Licensed* — William Naves, Jr.  
Winfred Smith  
Bill Smith  
Charles Piddock  
Clinton Jarvis

*Minister ordained* — Bill Maples

*Deacons ordained* — Vernon Moore  
Eldon Pearce  
William Stroud  
Ray Adkins

Bro. J.L. Lauson credentials to be examined and under watchcare of association for a period of six (6) months, at that time will be re-examined and given new papers.

Charge read by Bro. Clyde H. Dickerson from 1st Timothy, 3rd Chapter and 2nd Timothy. Ordination Prayer, Bro. James Addison to begin prayer. Bro. Clyde H. Dickerson to take second lead and Bro. Halley Hatfield to conclude prayer.

Song leader asked to come forward and lead in singing as congregation gather at Alter and shakes hands with those licensed and ordained. A spiritual and inspiring time was enjoyed by all. The Lord was in our midst.

Host church at next quarterly session to be the First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte.

Visiting preacher from another denomination recognized at this time and testimony for God.



Call for the reading of the minutes at this time read and accepted as read with correction inserted.

Standing vote of thanks given the host church.

Standing vote of thanks given to our Moderator for the wonderful job he is doing for our Association.

Motion made and carried to adjourn our Annual Session.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Clyde H. Dickerson.

**PRESBYTERY BOARD**

Rev. Halley H. Hatfield .....	1 Yr.
Rev. Arnold Mollett .....	2 Yrs.
Rev. C. H. Dickerson .....	3 Yrs.
Rev. C. E. Riggs .....	4 Yrs.
Rev. James D. Addison .....	5 Yrs.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. Jack Luther .....	1 Yr.
Rev. James T. Holman .....	2 Yrs.
Rev. Clarence Jack Hagan .....	3 Yrs.
Rev. Charles C. Cooper .....	4 Yrs.
Rev. Joe Osborne .....	5 Yrs.

**HOME MISSION BOARD**

Bro. Hubert Sayler .....	1 Yr.
Rev. Charles C. Cooper.....	2 Yrs.
Bro. Victor Stout .....	3 Yrs.
Sister Dorothy Hawkins .....	4 Yrs.
Rev. Arnold Mollett .....	5 Yrs.
Bro. Wayne Lankford .....	6 Yrs.
Bro. Curtis Lilly .....	7 Yrs.

**Committee on Obituary:** We, as your committee on the Obituary, find that God in his infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst and transplanted in his heavenly sanctuary;

• *Bro. Jackie Pierson*, member from the East Side Free Will Baptist Church passed away December 12, 1960, while in the United States Air Force in service of our country. He was a devout Christian who was loved and is missed by all.

*Sister Mary Lou Griffin*, member from the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church passed away December 12, 1960. She loved the Lord and was a wonderful mother and wife and is missed by the entire church.

*Bro. Pink Collis*, from the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church was laid to rest in December, 1960. He suffered much in this life but is now at rest with Christ, and is missed by all.

*Brother Everette Blue*, member of the West side Free Will Baptist Church departed from this life recently. He was loved and is missed by everyone.

Committee: Sis. Ethel Maples  
Rev. Calvin R. Welch  
Rev. Lester Coffman

## DEACONS REPORTS ENROLLED

*Harvey L. Anderson*

*2287 E. Long Lake Road, MU 9-4671*

Member of ..... Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church  
Offices Held ..... Intermediate Sunday School Teacher  
Board of Trustees

Visited the sick and attended church services.

*Marvin Asbury*

*5903 Silvery Lane, Dearborn, Mich., LO 1-4416-*

Member of ..... Gospel Free Will Baptist Church

Visited the sick in the hospital, led singing in home church, Taught Sunday School.

*Frank Bauswell*

*23704 Tawas, Hazel Park, Mich., LI 7-9732*

Offices Held ..... Building Committee Trustee

Member of ..... Free Will Baptist Chapel Church

Visited the hospital, the poor and needy, went on visitation.

*Lawrence Blanton*

*4550 Marcella, Utica, Mich., 731-2139*

Member of ..... Free Will Baptist Chapel Church

Offices Held ..... Chairman of Deacon Board  
Sunday School Supt.  
Sunday School Teacher

Visited hospitals. Helped the poor. Told others about Jesus.

*Emory Church*

*156 Foulkes Street, OX 3-2320*

Member of ..... East Side Free Will Baptist of Toledo

Offices Held ..... Sunday School Teacher  
Church Storehouse Clerk

Visited sick in hospitals, conducted services, went on visitation.

*Roy Freeman*

*19143 Roger, Melvindale, DU 2-6219*

Member of ..... Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church

Offices Held ..... Member of Trustee Board  
Church Treasurer

Visited the widows and orphans, helped the needy, visited the sick and attended and supported the church regular.

*Obie B. Garren*

*4206 Toledo Street, TA 5-0915*

Member of ..... Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Offices Held ..... Secretary, Treasurer and Song Leader

Visited the hospitals, assisted pastor in baptismal services.



*W.E. Gates*

*404 W. Bernhard, Hazel Park, Mich., LI 7-9794*

Member of ..... Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church

Attended all board meetings, Sunday services, Prayer meeting, assisted in communion and feet washing. Served on Trustee Board.

*Charles E. Miller*

*3450 John R., Rochester, Mich., UL 2-3917*

Member of ..... Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church

Offices held ..... Sunday School Teacher

Conducted prayer services in various churches, visited in homes and hospitals.

*Henry F. Osterkamp*

*4903 Algonquin, Clarkston, Mich., MA 5-1650*

Member of ..... First Free Will Baptist of Pontiac

Offices held .... Secretary & Treasurer, President of the Building Fund

Bible Class Teacher, Assistant Song Director

Visited the sick and needy worked on the addition of our church.

*Ellis L. Penley*

*215 Helene, Royal Oak, Mich.*

Member of ..... Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church

I teach a Sunday School Class of 7 year old boys. Visited sick in homes and hospitals.

*Charlie T. Pullum*

*1512 Campbell St., Toledo, Ohio, CH 4-4194*

Member of ..... East Side Free Will Baptist of Toledo

Offices Held ..... Sunday School Teacher

Visited hospitals and homes.

*Homer Selbee*

*23393 Cayuga, Hazel Park, Mich., LI 3-2842*

Member of ..... Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church

Visited hospitals and homes.

*Robert J. Sheldon*

*1712 Biddle*

Member of Taylor ..... Faith Free Will Baptist Church

Offices Held ..... Assistant Sunday School Secretary

Visited hospital and sick in their homes, worked on church.

*James Carson Slagle*

*22836 Sharrow, Warren, Mich., PR 8-1948*

Member of ..... East Side Free Will Baptist Church

Offices Held ..... Sunday School Teacher, Adult Class Song Leader

*Charles C. Smith*  
*2329 Kenneth, Royal Oak, Mich., LI 1-0379*  
Member of ..... Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church  
Offices held ..... Clerk of Deacon Board  
Visited the sick, gave aid to the needy.

*William B. Smith*  
*50230 Gravel Ridge, Utica, Mich.*  
Member of ..... Free Will Baptist Chapel Church  
Visited the sick in hospitals.

*Charles E. Stephenson*  
*17413 Flint, Melvindale, DU 3-4158*  
Member of ..... Zion Free Will Baptist Church  
Offices held..... Adult Teacher, Song Leader

*Arville White*  
*5156 Trumbull, Detroit, TE 1-6755*  
Member of ..... John C. Lodge Free Will Baptist Church  
Offices held ..... Sunday School Superintendent, Church Board  
Transportation Overseer  
Visited hospitals, assisted in communion services, helped the needy.

**ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORTS ENROLLED**

*James D. Addison*  
*1934 London, Lincoln Park, Michigan*  
Member of ..... Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church  
Sermons Preached ..... 110  
Conversion witnessed..... 20  
Baptized ..... 12  
Married..... 2  
Revivals..... 1  
Remarks: Assistant Moderator Liberty Assoc.  
Presbytery Board  
Adult Sunday School Teacher

*Golden M. Blevins*  
*4507 Oakgrove Road, Pontiac, Michigan*  
Member of ..... First Free Will Baptist of Pontiac  
Sermons Preached ..... 13  
Conversion Witnessed ..... 25  
Baptized ..... 1  
Remarks: Assistant Sunday School Supt.  
Assistant Sunday School Teacher  
Sunday School Board

*Lester B. Coffman*  
*25063 Dartmouth, Dearborn, Michigan*

Member of .....	First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
Sermons Preached .....	19
Conversion witnessed .....	2
Revivals .....	1
Money Received .....	\$12.00

*Charles C. Cooper*  
*1584 University, Ferndale, Michigan*

Member of .....	West Side Free Will Baptist Church
Pastor of .....	West Side Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached .....	89
Conversion witnessed .....	67
Baptized .....	10
Received into Church .....	17
Funerals .....	3
Received for services .....	\$1,005.00

Remarks: Member Home Mission Board  
Member of Executive Board

*Max E. Davis*  
*537 E. Rowland, Madison Heights, Michigan*

Member of .....	Gospel Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached .....	20
Conversion witnessed .....	2
Baptized .....	2
Married .....	2

*C. H. Dickerson*  
*394 Rowland, Madison Heights, Michigan*

Member of .....	Free Will Baptist Chapel Church
Pastor of .....	Free Will Baptist Chapel Church
Sermons Preached .....	115
Conversion witnessed .....	14
Received into Church .....	14
Baptized .....	1
Married .....	4
Revivals .....	2
Received for services .....	\$1,130.00

Remarks: Member Presbytery Board

*Alfred Gollihue*  
*6950 Regular Street, Detroit 9, Michigan*

Member of .....	John C. Lodge Free Will Baptist Church
Sermons Preached .....	103
Conversion witnessed .....	4
Received into Church .....	7
Funerals .....	1

Remarks: Pastor one year

Clarence J. Hagan  
25037 Charles Street, Taylor, Michigan

Member of .....	East Side Free Will Baptist Church	
Pastor of .....	East Side Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		111
Conversion witnessed .....		41
Baptized .....		17
Received into Church .....		18
Married .....		3
Revivals .....		2
Funerals .....		7
Received for services .....		\$2,600.00

Robert Hall  
1809 Tyler Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan

Member of .....	Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		45
Conversion witnessed .....		14
Baptized .....		11
Married .....		1

Jake Hamilton  
6155 Hyde Park, Inkster, Michigan

Member of .....	Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		27
Assisted in one revival		
Remarks: Sunday School Supt.		
Trustee Board		

James Hammons  
13345 Chelsea, Detroit, Michigan

Member of .....	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		84
Conversion witnessed .....		18
Baptized .....		3
Married .....		1
Revivals .....		1
Received for services .....		\$110.15

Halley H. Hatfield  
19366 Huntington, Detroit 19, Michigan

Sermons Preached .....		45
Conversion witnessed .....		12
Funerals .....		1
Received for services .....		\$13.00
Remarks: Presbytery Board		

*James T. Holman*  
*726 E. George, Hazel Park, Michigan*

Member of .....	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Pastor of .....	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		91
Conversion witnessed .....		60
Baptized .....		30
Married .....		6
Revivals .....		2
Funerals .....		3
Received into Church .....		33
Received for services .....		\$6,400.00

*E. L. Kidd*  
*2679 Gary, Brighton, Michigan*

Member of .....	Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		43
Conversion witnessed .....		8
Baptized .....		6
Revivals .....		1
Received for services .....		\$35.00

*Max Lankford*  
*82 Woodslee, Troy, Michigan*

Member of .....	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		25
Conversion witnessed .....		5
Married .....		1
Received for services .....		\$26.00

*Curtis Leach*  
*6340 Bissell, Huntington Park, California*

Member of .....	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		23
Conversion witnessed .....		4
Funerals .....		1

*Thomas L. Lilly*  
*5423 E. Raymond Avenue, Flint 3, Michigan*

Member of .....	First Free Will Baptist of Pontiac	
Pastor of .....	First Free Will Baptist of Pontiac	
Sermons Preached .....		75
Conversion witnessed .....		49
Received into Church .....		32
Married .....		1
Baptized .....		29
Revivals .....		1
Received for services .....		\$1,160.00

Remarks: Teacher Bible Student Class



*Lloyd Locklear*  
*375 W. Evelyn, Hazel Park, Michigan*

Member of .....	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Pastor of .....	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		75
Conversion witnessed.....		43
Received into Church .....		22
Baptized .....		13
Revivals .....		2

*Jack Luther*  
*23777 Couzens, Hazel Park, Michigan*

Member of.....	Antioch Free Will Baptist Church	
Pastor of .....	Antioch Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		116
Conversion witnessed .....		38
Received into church .....		45
Married .....		6
Revivals .....		1
Received for services .....		\$5,279.00

Remarks: Executive Board

*Alpha L. Morrison*  
*6550 Wagner, Detroit 10, Michigan*

Member of.....	Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church	
Pastor of .....	Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons preached.....		120
Conversion witnessed .....		38
Baptized .....		2
Received into church .....		2
Married .....		1
Revivals .....		1
Funerals .....		1
Received for services .....		\$38.00

*Joe Osborne*  
*2039 Clark Street, Detroit, Michigan*

Sermons preached.....		54
Conversions witnessed .....		9
Baptized .....		2

*Garland Pierson*  
*2965 St. Jean, Detroit 14, Michigan*

Member of.....	East Side Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		16
Conversion witnessed .....		1

*Raymond Ramsey*  
*2103 E. Jarvis, Warren, Michigan*

Member of .....	Free Will Baptist Chapel Church	
Sermons Preached .....		15
Conversion Witnessed .....		2
Baptized .....		1



C.E. Riggs  
935 E. Coy St., Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of..... Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church  
Sermons Preached ..... 12  
Remarks: Chairman of Presbytery Board  
Moderator of Association  
Adult Bible Teacher

Ernie Ray Selbee  
23160 Cayuga, Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of..... Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church  
Pastor of ..... Bethel Free Will Baptist Church  
Sermons Preached ..... 25  
Conversion witnessed ..... 6  
Received into church ..... 8

Reades Selby  
Route #1, Genoa, West Virginia

Member of ..... Antioch Free Will Baptist Church  
Sermons Preached ..... 86  
Conversion witnessed ..... 19  
Revivals ..... 2  
Funerals ..... 1  
Received for services ..... \$29.50

Calvin R. Welch  
3437 W. Vernor, Detroit 16, Michigan

Member of..... Zion Free Will Baptist Church  
Pastor of ..... Zion Free Will Baptist Church  
Sermons Preached ..... 75  
Conversion witnessed ..... 4  
Received into church ..... 14  
Married ..... 2  
Baptized ..... 3  
Received for services ..... \$11.00

Wesley Thomas  
7145 Dudley, Taylor, Michigan

Member of..... Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church  
Pastor of ..... Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church  
Sermons Preached ..... 75  
Conversion witnessed ..... 5  
Received into church ..... 27  
Baptized ..... 1  
Revivals ..... 1  
Received for services ..... \$830.00

## LICENSED MINISTER'S REPORTS ENROLLED

*Norman Blanton*

*5099 Hamlin, Utica, Michigan*

Member of .....	Free Will Baptist Chapel Church	
Pastor of .....	Grace Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		15
Conversion witnessed .....		1
Remarks: Deacon		

*Charlie Foster*

*37227 Curwood, Warren, Michigan*

Member of .....	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		17
Conversion witnessed .....		1
Revivals .....		1
Received for services .....		\$5.80

*James L. Lawson*

*309 Dillrose Dr., Toledo 5, Ohio*

Member of .....	East Side Free Will Baptist Church	
Pastor of .....	East Side Free Will Baptist Church	
Conversion witnessed .....		31
Received into church .....		45
Revivals .....		1
Remarks: Trustee		

*Bill Maples*

*2310 Guthrie, Royal Oak, Michigan*

Member of .....	Gospel Free Will Baptist Church	
Pastor of .....	Gospel Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		43
Conversion witnessed .....		20
Baptized .....		3
Received into church .....		9
Received for services .....		\$250.00

*S.E. Scott, Jr.*

*3434 Second Blvd., Detroit 1, Michigan*

Member of .....	John C. Lodge Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		15
Remarks: Assistant Pastor		

*Ralph Shetterly*

*27128 Barrington, Madison Heights, Michigan*

Member of .....	Gospel Free Will Baptist Church	
Sermons Preached .....		7
Remarks: Adult Sunday School Teacher		

Paul Wood  
852 East Bennett, Ferndale, Michigan

Member of .....Gospel Free Will Baptist Church  
Sermons Preached..... 20  
Conversion witnessed ..... 3  
Remarks: Member of Building Fund Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

Zion Free Will Baptist Church..... \$5.00  
Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist..... 7.75  
Gospel Free Will Baptist..... 7.00  
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church ..... 25.00  
East Side Free Will Baptist ..... 20.00  
Free Will Baptist Chapel ..... 7.00  
East Side Free Will Baptist of Toledo ..... 10.00  
West Side Free Will Baptist ..... 5.00  
First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte..... 5.00  
Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist..... 5.00  
John C. Lodge Free Will Baptist ..... 5.00  
First Free Will Baptist of Pontiac..... 5.00  
Antioch Free Will Baptist Church ..... 9.94  
Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist Church ..... 5.00  
Trinity Free Will Baptist..... 5.00  
*Total collected this setting* .....\$126.69  
Collected for Orphanage ..... 55.12  
*Total collected*.....\$181.81  
Amount carried over from bank ..... 347.31  
*Total as of May 6, 1961*.....\$529.12  
Home Mission Fund carried over ..... 160.23

EXPENSES PAST 12 MONTHS

Madison Heights School ..... \$ 30.00  
Orphanage ..... 167.02  
Foreign Missions ..... 40.00  
Ministers & Deacons forms ..... 14.50  
Table & Chairs ..... 15.76  
Paper & Supplies ..... 2.00  
Minutes ..... 80.00  
Rent of Hall ..... 75.00  
Canton China & Equip., Co. .... 178.15  
Service Charge ..... .35  
*Total Expenses* ..... \$ 602.78  
Total Deposits May '60 to May '61 ..... \$1,131.90  
Minus Expenses ..... 602.78  
*Balance* ..... \$ 529.12

CHURCH REPORTS

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates: Everett Ayers, Harrison Hooner, George Luther,  
Wm. Stroud

Alternates: Eldon Pearce, Bro. Bunch

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	45
Baptized .....	25
Dismissed .....	10
Total Membership .....	103
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Spiritual
Condition of Sunday School .....	Growing
Average No. of Pupils .....	110
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	10
Paid Pastor, weekly .....	\$ 95.00
Paid Evangelist .....	175.00
Enclosed for General Fund .....	9.94
Church Clerk .....	Sue Wilson
	153 Spencer, Ferndale 20, Michigan

East Side Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates: Mary Slagle, Ethel Clark, Guy Shelton,  
Elizabeth Nidifer, Ann Slagle

Alternates: Gerald Steel, Arron Mayberry, Estelle Strickland,  
Jeanette Wiggly, Allene Cantrell

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	18
Baptized .....	17
Dismissed .....	57
Died .....	1
Total Membership .....	79
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Good
Average No. of Pupils .....	108
No. of Officers & Teachers .....	14
Paid Pastor .....	\$2,600.00
Paid Evangelist .....	304.17
Home Mission .....	444.42
Foreign Mission .....	114.75
Building & Repairs .....	3,384.62
For Education .....	111.61
For Publication .....	105.61
Enclosed for General Fund .....	20.00
Church Clerk .....	Elizabeth Pierson
	2965 St. Jean, Detroit 14, Michigan

*East Side Free Will Baptist of Toledo, Ohio*

Delegates: Bro. Robinson, Bro. Sparks, Bro. Saylor  
Alternates: Sis. Church, Bro. McCombs

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 3 months .....	34
Baptized .....	12
Total Membership .....	56
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Good
Average No. of Pupils .....	64
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	6
Building & Repairs .....	\$ 120.00
For Education .....	12.50
Enclosed for General Fund .....	10.00
Church Clerk .....	Ruth Saylor
	315 Dillrose Dr., Toledo 5, Ohio

*Fifteen Mile Road Free Will Baptist Church*

Delegates: James Wright, A.E. Dean, Eugene Durham

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	17
Baptized .....	3
Dismissed .....	1
Total Membership .....	45
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Growing
Average No. of Pupils .....	75
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	8
Building & Repairs .....	\$1,705.43
For Publication .....	102.30
Enclosed for General Fund .....	7.75
Church Clerk .....	Lorna Hodges
	28128 Franklin Road, Southfield, Michigan

*Free Will Baptist Chapel Church of Fremont, Ohio*

Delegates: Walter Scalf, Ray Bailey, Sis. Aletha Chapman, Inez Piddock

Total Membership .....	14
Condition of Sunday School .....	Excellent
Average No. of Pupils .....	31
Baptized .....	1
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	9
Church Clerk .....	Aletha Chapman



*First Free Will Baptist Church of Pontiac*

Delegates: Ocie Duncan, Ralph Adkins, Thomas Myers

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	32
Baptized .....	29
Dismissed .....	1
Total Membership .....	72
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Growing
Average No. of Pupils .....	70
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	9
Paid Pastor .....	\$1,160.00
Paid Evangelist .....	137.72
Home Mission .....	45.48
Building & Repairs .....	\$2,649.72
Enclosed for General Fund .....	5.00
Church Clerk .....	Loretta Lilly
G-5423 Raymond Ave., Flint, Mich.	

*First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte*

Delegates: James Bell, Bill Coffman, Letha Adkins, Sybel Bell

Alternates: Enise Coffman, Lois Estell, Reba Mollett

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	20
Dismissed .....	4
Total Membership .....	110
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Good
Average No. of Pupils .....	150
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	9
Paid Pastor .....	\$5,200.00
Home Mission .....	90.00
Building & Repairs .....	4,300.00
For Education .....	86.00
Enclosed for General Fund .....	5.00
Church Clerk .....	Reba Mollett

*John C Lodge Free Will Baptist Church*

Delegates: Floyd Burgess, Tribly Burgess, Bruce Haun,  
Horace Howell, Margaret Young

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	7
Total Membership .....	45
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Good
Average No. of Pupils .....	102
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	7
Church Clerk .....	Inez White



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*Free Will Baptist Chapel*

Delegates: Earnest Winfree, Stacey Fleming, Alex Viers  
Alternates: Beckie Blanton, Birtie Leach, Mollie Blanton, May Smith

State of Religion .....	Good
Members Received past 12 months .....	14
Baptized .....	1
Dismissed .....	4
Total Membership .....	117
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Good
Average No. of Pupils .....	65
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	18
Paid Pastor .....	\$1,130.00
Paid Evangelist .....	105.00
Building & Repairs .....	2,826.96
For Education .....	143.20
Enclosed for General Fund .....	7.00
Church Clerk .....	Janis Pratico
	67 W. Mahan, Hazel Park, Michigan

*Gospel Free Will Baptist Church*

Delegates: Linda Wood, Pat Jorrey, Ethel Maples,  
Ralph Shetterly, Chestly Byars  
Alternates: Ray Langlois, Johnny Stamps

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	18
Baptized .....	4
Dismissed .....	23
Total Membership .....	47
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Good
Average No. of Pupils .....	40
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	8
Paid Pastor .....	\$ 425.00
Paid Evangelist .....	56.67
Building & Repairs .....	29.18
For Publication .....	15.00
Enclosed for General Fund .....	7.00
Church Clerk .....	Linda Wood
	852 E. Bennett, Ferndale 20, Mich.

*Osborne Chapel Free Will Baptist*

Delegates: Betty Morris, Verna Johnson, Jackie Morris  
Alternates: Frank Johnson, Curtis Morris, Judy Johnson

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 3 months .....	2
Baptized .....	2
Total Membership .....	25
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Good

Average No. of Pupils .....	67
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	19
Building & Repairs .....	\$ 30.80
For Education .....	14.40
Enclosed for General Fund .....	5.00
Church Clerk .....	Betty Morris

*Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church*

Delegates: Della McPeek, Mary Thomas, Juanita Sheldon,  
 Ressie Wallace  
 Alternates: Sam Belcher, Mammie Belcher, Eula Freeman,  
 Lillian McPeek, Linda McPeek, Charles Cogdell, Jr.

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	26
Baptized .....	1
Dismissed .....	8
Total Membership .....	77
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Spiritual
Condition of Sunday School .....	Growing
Average No. of Pupils .....	69
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	6
Paid Pastor .....	\$ 780.00
Paid Evangelist .....	175.00
Home Mission .....	50.00
Building & Repairs .....	4,008.20
For Publication .....	6.00
Enclosed for General Fund .....	5.00
Church Clerk .....	Mammie L. Belcher
	16133 Ziegler, Taylor, Michigan

*Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church*

Delegates: Richard Mills, Marion Porter, Curtis Ring,  
 Charles Hall, William Moore  
 Alternates: Donald Whittaker, Ronald Rodgers, Sis. Winfred Smith

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	33
Baptized .....	30
Dismissed .....	9
Died .....	2
Total Membership .....	364
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Good
Average No. of Pupils .....	249
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	21
Paid Pastor .....	\$5,830.00
Paid Caretaker .....	3,230.00
Paid Guest Speaker .....	409.91
Home Mission (Ladies Prayer Band) .....	38.13
Home Mission .....	512.60
Orphanage .....	299.00
Foreign Mission .....	816.90
Foreign Mission (Ladies Prayer Band) .....	120.00

Building & Repairs .....	3,433.31
Childrens Home (Ladies Prayer Band) .....	120.00
For Education .....	685.89
For Publication .....	12.40
Enclosed for General Fund .....	25.00
Church Clerk .....	Linda Miller
	215 Helene, Royal Oak, Michigan

#### *Trinity Free Will Baptist Church*

Delegates: Leo Hunt, Duane Rutherford  
 Alternates: Cleo Jarvis, Faye Rutherford

State of Religion .....	Good
Total Membership .....	14
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Excellent
Average No. of Pupils .....	22
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	3
Enclosed for General Fund .....	\$ 5.00
Church Clerk .....	Nolice Elkins
	17300 Bak Road, Belleville, Michigan

#### *West Side Free Will Baptist Church*

Delegates: James Spriggs, Jack Smith, Ronnie Robinson,  
 Charles Bohannon, Estel Leach  
 Alternates: Sis. Spriggs, Sis. Robinson, James Smith

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 12 months .....	18
Baptized .....	10
Died .....	1
Total Membership .....	27
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good
Condition of Sunday School .....	Good
Average No. of Pupils .....	70
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	9
Paid Pastor, weekly .....	\$ 25.00
Paid Evangelist .....	268.00
Building & Repairs .....	538.82
For Education .....	22.00
Enclosed for General Fund .....	5.00
Church Clerk .....	Gladys Smith
	2923 National, Detroit, Michigan

#### *Zion Free Will Baptist Church*

Delegates: Virginia Carr, Myrtle Gilbert, Lucille Scott  
 Alternates: Christine Welch, Brenda Mitchell, Vada Stephenson

State of Religion .....	Good
Members received past 3 months .....	4
Baptized .....	1
Total Membership .....	21
Condition of Prayer Meeting .....	Good

Condition of Sunday School .....	Growing
Average No. of Pupils .....	40
No. of Officers and Teachers .....	7
For Education .....	\$ 14.12
Enclosed for General Fund .....	5.00
Church Clerk .....	Lucille Scott
	1386 Pine St., Detroit 1, Michigan

## 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 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; Matthew 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. God 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 or adoption into the Kingdom of heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified kingdom above. — Heb. 8:12; 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; Revelation 22:17.

9. **BAPTISM.** We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of the believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and the 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 backslide if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. — II Peter 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 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 the 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. 19:28.

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. — II 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 or 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 or 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 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 eternal 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 trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; where upon, 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 commerical 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 many 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 footwashing shall be administered on Good Friday evening at the respective church chosen at the Annual setting of the 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.