MINUTES TWELFTH 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 4 - 5, 1962

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THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

OFFICERS

Rev.	C.E. Rigg	s	• •	• •	•	•		•	•	•,	• •	•	•	•	•	•	• •	٠	•	•	• •	Mod	lerator
Rev.	Arnold Mo	llett				•	• •	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	\boldsymbol{A}	s s	is	ta	nt	Mod	lerator
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Nest Session to convene with

TEN MILE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Introductory Message By Rev. Max Lankford Alternate — Rev. E. J. Ramey

Missionary Message by Rev. Lloyd Locklear Alternate — Rev. Hobert Hall

INTRODUCTORY SERVICE

On Friday evening May 4, 1962, the Liberty Association met in its Twelfth Annual Session with the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church, 74 West Ten Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Came together by singing, "Victory in Jesus", led by Bro. Duane T. Rutherford from host church Trinity Free Will Baptist, accompanies at Piano by Sister Brenda Holman, Congregation stands and sings "Just A Little Talk with Jesus". Prayer by Bro. E.J. Ramey. Congregation sings "Living by Faith". Floor turned over to Moderator. Congregation welcomed at this time. Scripture read from Psalms 32nd Chapter.

First item of business. Call for letters from various churches to which the following responded, and their delegates seated in conference. (see church reports)

John C. Lodge Free Will Baptist
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
Zion Free Will Baptist
Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
Antioch Free Will Baptist
Emmanuel Free Will Baptist
First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
East Side Free Will Baptist of Toledo
Free Will Baptist Chapel
Gospel Free Will Baptist
West Side Free Will Baptist
East Side Free Will Baptist
East Side Free Will Baptist
Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
Liberty Free Will Baptist

Motion made and sustained that regular delegation and Ordained authority be extended a right hand of fellowship by Moderator. While Congregation stands and sings "When the Roll is Called up Yonder". Prayer of Consecration at Altar led by Bro. James D. Addison. Association declared properly represented and seated in conference to take care of the business of this session.

Floor turned over to Song leader to lead in singing before Introductory Message. Floor turned over to Bro. Charles C. Cooper to bring Introductory Message. Scriptures reading from Exdous 4th Chapter first 2 verses. Test "USING WHAT WE'VE GOT". A spiritual and inspiring message was enjoyed by all.

Floor turned over to Moderator at this time, who made a talk.

Offering for the Orphanage taken at this time, amount received \$36.18.

Visiting ministers welcomed at this time, Bro. Bill Bean and Bro. Mullins.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Bean.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION — 9:00 a.m.

Services opened with singing "I'll Fly Away", led by Bro. Duane T. Rutherford accompanied at Piano by Sister Langlois. Congregation sings "There Is Power in the Blood". Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Locklear. Scripture reading from a part of the 64th Chapter of Isaiah.

Roll call and seating of delegation read by clerk.

Tardy letters — To which the following responded with letters and delegation.

Trinity Free Will Baptist First Free Will Baptist Chapel of Freemont

Delegation and Ordained authority extended a right hand of fellowship by Moderator.

Election of Officers as follows:

Presbytery Board vacancy — Rev. E. J. Ramey, elected for a term of five (5) years.

Executive Board vacancy — Rev. Thomas Ford, elected for a term of five (5) years.

Home Mission Board vacancies — Rev. Jack Hagan, elected for a term of seven (7) years. Rev. Bill Maples, elected for a term of two (2) years.

Divine Service Committee

Sister Barker Sister Maples Sister Ann Lilly

Corresponding letters called for at this time, to which Bro. Thomas Matney responded surrendering his credentials. Request granted. Also Bro. J. L. Lawson responded sending in his Credentials. Request granted. Another letter from the First Free Will Baptist of Toledo, Ohio, explaining the above letters. Waiting for a reply from George McCombs and the surrender of his License.

Divine Service Committee reports that Bro. E. J. Ramey to bring 11:00 message, Bro. Ramey requested that Bro. Bean be permitted to preach in his place. Request granted.

Call for recommendations from various churches, which was read by clerk.

Executive Board asked to retire. Presbytery Board and candidates asked to retire to be examined.

Floor turned over to Bro. Locklear, song leader asked to come forth and lead a song "Glory to His Name". Prayer by Bro. Guy Shelton. Special singing by Bro. and Sister Langlois and Bro. & Sister Maples. Short testimony service. Congregation sings, stands and shakes hands. Floor turned over to Bro. Jake Hamilton to bring Missionary Message. Scripture reading from 15th Chapter of St. John 16th verse. A spiritual and inspiring message was enjoyed by all. Floor turned over to song leader to lead congregation in singing as Alter call is given.

Special singing by Bro. & Sister Langlois and Bro. and Sister Maples.

Bro. Bean welcomed at this time to come forward to bring 11:00 message. Scripture reading from 4th Chapter of Hebrews beginning at the 16th verse. Text "PREACHING THE WORD". A good message was enjoyed by all. Floor turned over to Moderator. Congregation gathers at Altar for Prayer. Congregation sings and shakes hands. Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Bill Maples.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch was enjoyed by all. Come together by singing, "The Lily of the Valley", Prayer by Bro. York.

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

Introductory Message - Bro. Max Lankford Alternate - Bro. E. J. Ramey

Missionary Message - Bro. Loyd Locklear Alternate - Bro. Hobert Hall

Bro. Holman asked to be excused from bringing the Introductory message at the next quarterly session. Request granted. Bro. Tom Ford elected to bring message at the next quarterly session. Bro. Hobert Hall to be alternate.

Executive Board reports on the incorporation of Association. Cost of the incorporation is \$20.00. Clerk and Treasurer authorized to draw sufficient funds for incorporation of Association.

Home Mission Board reports they would like to thank each church for helping John C Lodge Church in their distress. Also report that they recommend Bro. Jack Hagan to serve as a field representative of the Home Mission Board and this Association. Motion made and seconded to accept recommendation of the Home Mission Board.

Report on printing of Minutes by Treasurer. Motion made and seconded to give Treasurer and Clerk authority to have minutes printed, motion so carried.

Report from Presbytery Board on ordination of one (1) Deacon and four (4) Ministers and to endorse credentials.

Deacon Willie M. Coffman

Ministers Clinton Jarvis

James R. Duty Charles Piddock William Naves, Jr.

Bro. Paul Dyer's credentials to be endorsed by Association.

Bro. Mollett to read Ordination Charge. Prayer of Ordination, Bro. Locklear to begin, Bro. Hammons to take second lead and Bro. Ramey to conclude prayer. Congregation stands, sings and shakes hands with those ordained.

Minutes read and approved as read. Show of appreciation by congregation by standing to their feet.

Motion made and seconded to take a Free will offering for Clerk and Treasurer. Ushers asked to come forward to receive offering at this time. Amount received \$36.21.

Motion made and seconded to give standing vote of thanks to Host Church. Host Church at next session to be West Side Free Will Baptist. Church.

Motion made to give Moderator \$25.00 for his services. Moved and seconded to adjourn till next Annual setting.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Max Lankford.

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. Arnold Mollett				
HOME MISSION BOARD				
Rev. Charles C. Cooper1 Yr.Rev. Bill Maples2 Yrs.Rev. thomas Ford3 Yrs.Rev. Arnold Mollett4 Yrs.Bro. Wayne Lankford5 Yrs.Rev. Curtis Lilly6 Yrs.Rev. Clarence Jack Hagan7 Yrs.				
DEACON REPORTS ENROLLED				
Ethel Clark 1554 Belvidere, Detroit, Michigan, VA 2-6511 Member of				
Roy Freeman 19143 Roger, Melvindale, DU 2-6219 Member of				
W. E. Gates 404 West Bernhard, LI 7-9794 Member of				
Earl C. Griffith 570 Woodlawn Avenue, Ypsilanti, HU 2-7125 Member of				

	McKinley Hunter 517 Pearl Street, Ypsilanti, HU 3-1344
	Member of
	Visited sick in hospitals and homes, took care of business for the church.
	Aaron Mayberry 1220 St. Jean, Detroit
	Member of East Side Free Will Baptist Church Offices Held Junior Sunday School Teacher Assistant Song Leader Young Peoples League Teacher
	Visited the sick in hospitals.
٠,	Charles E. Miller 3450 John R., Rochester, Mich., UL 2-3917
	Member of
	Conduct services in various churches, and visit the sick.
	Rabe Howard Pearce 1561 Gravel Ridge, Rochester, Mich., OL 1-8323
	Member of
	Served in communion services, visit the sick and afflicted.
	Ellis L. Penley 215 Helene, Royal Oak, Mich., LI 5-0516
	Member of Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church Support the cause of Christ, visit the sick, and visit hospitals.
	Charlie T. Pullum 1512 Campbell St., Toledo 2, OHio, 244-0642
	Member of
	Visit sick at home and hospitals, also visit sinners at their homes.
	Duane T. Rutherford 14015 Sheldon Rd., Belleville, Mich.
	Member of
	Assisted in water Baptism, visit hospitals, and help in the betterment of our church. I visit young converts and try as much as my ability will allow to aid the Pastor.

Homer Selbee 23393 Cayuga, Hazel Park, Mich., 543-8217
Member of
Work for the up building of God's kingdom, visit the homes and hospitals.
Robert J. Sheldon 1706 Biddle, Wyandotte, Mich.
Member of
Visit the sick, help the needy, attend church services, and support the church.
Guy V. Shelton 1373 Eastlawn, VA 1-2969
Member of East Side Free Will Baptist Church Offices Held Intermediate Sunday School Teacher Adult League Leader Church Treasurer Building Trustee
Help a widow, who is an old lady, and visit the sick.
James Carson Slagle 22836 Sharrow, Warren, Mich., 778-1948
Member of East Side Free Will Baptist Church Offices Held Adult Bible Class Teacher Song Leader
Charles Smith 2329 Kenneth, Royal Oak, Mich., LI 1-0379
2329 Kenneth, Royal Oak, Mich., LI 1-0379 Member of
Member of
2329 Kenneth, Royal Oak, Mich., LI 1-0379 Member of
Member of
Member of
Member of

Arville White
6421 Bailey, Taylor, Mich., 278-9348
Member of John C Lodge Free Will Baptist Church Offices Held Sunday School Teacher
Visit the hospitals and sick at home, help the needy families.
Edward L. York 337 W. Lincoln, Madison-Heights, Mich., LI 4-0505
Member of
Visit the sick, active in visitation program, and attend church and Sunday School regular.
ORDAINED MINISTER'S REPORT
James D. Addison 1934 London, Lincoln Park, Michigan
Member ofTaylor Faith Free Will Baptist ChurchSermons Preached80Conversion witnessed20Baptized15Married3Revivals1Funerals2Remarks: Presbytery Board — Four years to serve Sunday School Teacher — Adult Class
Willis Booth 1267 Military, Detroit, Michigan Member of
Lester B. Coffman25063 Dartmouth, Dearborn 8, MichiganMember of

Charles C. Cooper 23777 Couzens Ave., Hazel Park, Michigan
Member of
William Ford 28081 Rosemont, Roseville, Michigan
Member of
A. M. Gollibue 6950 Regular St., Detroit 9, Michigan
Member of
Clarence J. Hagan 25037 Charles St., Taylor, Michigan
Member of

Hobert Hall1809 Tyler Rd., Ypsilanti, MichiganMember of	
Jake Hamilton6155 Hyde Park, Inkster, MichiganMember of	
James Hammons624 E. Brockton, Madison Heights, MichiganMember of	}
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James T. Holman 726 E. George, Hazel Park, Michigan Member of	1 2 3 1 1 2 3

E. L. Kidd 2679 Gary, Brighton, Michigan	·
Member of	78
Max Lankford 27312 Townley, Madison Heights, Mic	
Member of	35
Curtis Lilly 13892 McDougall, Detroit, Michigan	
Member of	West Side Free Will Baptist Church 72 22 4 2 2 1 16 \$899.00
Loyd Locklear 4309 Oss, Warren, Michigan	
Member of	ifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church 98 35 9 22
Bill Maples 2310 Guthrie, Royal Oak, Michigan	
Member of	Gospel Free Will Baptist Church 100 31 8 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11

Alpha L. Morrison 6550 Wagner, Detroit, Michigan
Member of
William Naves, Jr. 1142 Cady St., Maumee, Ohio
Member of
Charles Piddock
Member of
Garland Pierson 2965 St. Jean, Detroit 14, Michigan
Member of
E. J. Ramey 533 Poplar St., Wyandotte, Michigan
Member ofFirst Free Will Baptist of WyandottePastor ofFirst Free Will Baptist of WyandotteSermons Preached268Conversion witnessed176Baptized28Married11Revivals6Funerals4Received into Church14Received for services\$5,200.00Remarks: Executive Board

C. E. Riggs 935 E. Coy, Hazel Park, Michigan
Member of
S. E. Scott, Jr. 1921 Temple, Detroit 16, Michigan
Member of John C. Lodge Free Will Baptist Church Sermons Preached
Ernie Ray Selbee 23160 Cayuga, Hazel Park, Michigan
Member ofBethel Free Will Baptist ChurchPastor ofBethel Free Will Baptist ChurchSermons Preached105Conversion witnessed17Baptized1Received into Church11
Ralph Shetterly 27128 Barrington, Madison Heights, Michigan
Member of
Wesley Thomas 7145 Dudley, Taylor, Michigan
Member ofTaylor Faith Free Will Baptist ChurchPastor ofTaylor Faith Free Will Baptist ChurchSermons Preached75Conversion witnessed7Baptized9Married3Revivals1Funerals1Received into Church15Received for services\$780.00

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Chester Elkins 17300 Bak Rd., Belleville, Michigan	2	
Member of Sermons Preached Conversion witnessed Baptized Remarks: Adult Sunday School Tassistant Pastor Trustee Board		44
Charlie Foster 316 E. Parent, Royal Oak, Michigan	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Member of		33 3 1
Clinton Jarvis 517 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, Michigan		
Member of Pastor of Sermons Preached Conversion witnessed Baptized Received into Church Remarks: Trustee Board	Trinity Free Will Baptis	st Church 54 13 17
TREASURE	ER'S REPORT	,
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GENERAL FUND		MISSION
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church- Antioch Free Will Baptist Church East Side Free Will Baptist Church East Side Free Will Baptist Church	32.27 80.00	
of Toledo Free Will Baptist Chapel	32.50 20.00	\$5.00

Calvin R. Welch.

General Fund		. H	ome Mission
Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Free Will Baptist of Fremont Free Will Baptist of Monroe	12.77 15.00 5.00		
Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte	21.50	÷	
Gospel Free Will Baptist	28.00	•	
John C. Lodge Free Will Baptist	15.00	·	
Liberty Free Will Baptist	20.00		
Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist	15.00		•
Trinity Free Will Baptist West Side Free Will Baptist	20.00 20.00		
Emmanuel Free Will Baptist	30.00		
Zion Free Will Baptist	15.00		
Sinai Free Will Baptist	4.00		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$486.04	TOTAL HOME MISSION FUND	\$ 5.00
TOTAL FOREIGN MISSION	\$ <u>5.00</u>		
TOTAL ORPHANAGE	\$157.42	AMT. CARRIED	
TOTAL COLLECTED FROM		OVER FROM BAN	IK \$ <u>160.23</u>
AUGUST 1961 thru MAY 1962	\$ <u>648.46</u>		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$275.35	TOTAL AS OF	
Balance	\$373.11	MAY 1962	\$165.23
AMT. CARRIED OVER FROM BANK	\$ <u>123.85</u>	•	,
BALANCE AS OF MAY 1962	\$496.96		
CHURCI	I REPOR	TS	•
Antioch Free Will Baptist Church		·	
Delegates: Leonard Crow, R. L. L Everett Ayers, Wayne A Alternates: Don Marsee, Louis Bak	Ayers, L.		
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Members received past 12 months Dismissed Total Membership Condition of Prayer Meeting Condition of Sunday School Average No. of Pupils No. of Officers No. of Teachers Paid Pastor Paid Evangelist Home Mission Building & Repairs For Education For Publication Enclosed for General Fund			
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8067 Edward, Center Line, Michigan

Delegates: William Cupp, Oscar Hutchings, Frank Lucas, Ben Robinson, Thurman Slagle Alternates: Teddy Hutchings, Edward Dyer, Michel Dyer State of Religion
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Condition of Sunday School
Average No. of Pupils
No. of Officers
Paid Evangelist\$ 30.00
Home Mission5.00Foreign Mission5.00

Church Clerk Shirley Richardson

557.74

78.91

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Building & Repairs

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates:	Charlie 1	Hall,	Ada	Hall,	Iva	Hyche,
	Capitola	Hami	ilton	, Chai	cles	Cogdell

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First Free Will Baptist Chapel Church of F	remont, Ohio
Delegates: Al Mentell, Frank lyree, Inez P Dorothy Mentell	•
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First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
Delegates: Charles Smothers, Barbara Smothers, Elsie Smothers, Tony Sampson, Wm. Coffman Alternates: Mary Watson, Jean Sampson, Mennis Taylor
State of Religion Good Members received past 3 months 2 Baptized 3 Dismissed 2 Total Membership 145 Condition of Prayer Meeting Good Condition of Sunday School Good Average No. of Pupils 140 No. of Officers 3 No. of Teachers 5 Paid Pastor \$1,300.00 Paid Evangelist 55.00 Home Mission 44.00 For Education 29.00 Enclosed for General Fund 5.00 Church Clerk Reba Mollett
Free Will Baptist Chapel Delegates: Brother and Sister Deel, Sister Bauswell, Brother Hanes
State of ReligionGoodMembers received past 3 months0Dismissed11Total Membership54Condition of Prayer MeetingFairCondition of Sunday SchoolFairAverage No. of Pupils40No. of Officers5No. of Teachers4Paid Pastor (Three months)\$ 270.00Enclosed for General Fund5.00Church ClerkClara Deel
. Gospel Free Will Baptist Church Delegates: Frances McCormick, Odessa Michaelkamp,
Pat Jorrey, Rosetta Mooneyhan, Leslie Monneyhan Alternates: Ava Maybury, Naomi Winiecki
State of ReligionGoodMembers received past 12 months21Baptized9Dismissed2Total Membership45Condition of Prayer MeetingGoodCondition of Sunday SchoolGoodAverage No. of Pupils50No. of Officers4

Gospel Free Will Baptist Church

No. of Teachers
John C. Lodge Free Will Baptist Church Delegates: J. B. Elswick, Floyd Burgess, Horace Howell, Beverly Howell, Grace Smith
State of Religion
Liberty Free Will Baptist Church Delegates: Qualton S. Crowley, S. Daniels, S. Morrison, S. Ferguson, Bro. Morris, Alternates: Patricia Morris, Linda Morrison,
June Barrowman State of Religion Good Members received past 3 months 8 Baptized 19 Total Membership 45 Condition of Prayer Meeting Good Condition of Sunday School Good Average No. of Pupils 60 No. of Officers 10 No. of Teachers 5 Paid Pastor \$ 300.00 Paid Evangelist 230.00 Home Mission 77.50 Building & Repairs 1,603.01 For Education 41.36 For Publication 18.00 Enclosed for General Fund 5.00 Church Clerk Hassie McVerf

Della McPeek, Barbara Grissom, Alternates: Bertha Schmittow, Lillian McPeek, Mary
Thomas, Elzora Thompson
State of Religion
Members received past 12 months
Baptized
Dismissed
Total Membership
Condition of Prayer Meeting
Condition of Sunday School Average
Average No. of Pupils
No. of Officers
No. of Teachers
Paid Pastor\$ 780.00
Paid Evangelist
Building & Repairs
Paid Caretaker
For Publication
Enclosed for General Fund
Church Clerk Mammie L. Belcher
16133 Ziegler, Taylor, Michigan
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church
Delegates: Charlie Hall, Walker, Tucker, Marlin
Nelson, Ann Beverly, Maxine Barker
Alternates: Wayne Lankford, Fay Hall, Barbara Hanks
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State of Religion
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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Election of Moderator and Clerk
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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 dilema 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 commenorate 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 irresistable with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise the native gifts according to the Scirptures, 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 doctorine 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 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.

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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 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 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 feetwashing 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.