
MINUTES

THIRTEENTH 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 3—4, 1963

MINUTES OF THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

OFFICERS

Rev. James D. Addison	Moderator
Rev. Arnold Mollett	Assistant Moderator
Sister Oma Collier	Clerk
Sister Flossie Cogdell	Assistant Clerk
Sister Flossie Cogdell	Treasurer

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

Introductory Message by Rev. Arvil Lee
Alternate — Rev. A. M. Gollihue

Missionary Message by Rev. C. E. Riggs
Alternate Rev. Ralph Shetterly

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ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE SERVICE

On Friday evening May 3, 1963, the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist met in its 13th Annual Session with the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church, at 74 West Ten Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Came together by singing, "Won't it Be Wonderful There" led by Brother Aaron Mayberry, song leader of the Host Church accompanied at the Piano by the Pianist of the Host Church which is THE EAST SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. The congregation then sang "VICTORY IN JESUS". Prayer by REV. JOE OSBOURNE, Scripture reading from the 8th chapter of Romans by the Moderator. The congregation was welcomed by the Moderator at this time.

First item of business. Call for letters from the various churches to which the following responded.

1. Antioch Free Will Baptist
2. Free Will Baptist Chapel
3. Liberty Free Will Baptist
4. Zion Free Will Baptist
5. West Side Free Will Baptist
6. East Side Free Will Baptist
7. Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
8. Emmanuel Free Will Baptist
9. Community Free Will Baptist
10. Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
11. Mission Free Will Baptist
12. Gospel Free Will Baptist

Motion made and sustained that the regular delegation and Ordained Authority be extended a right hand of fellowship by the Moderator while the congregation stands and sings, "I Feel Like Traveling On." Prayer of consecration at the Altar led by Rev. Arvil Lee.

The Association declared properly represented and seated to take care of the business.

Floor turned over to the song leader and the congregation sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Called for Petitionary Letters by Moderator. I. Fellowship Free Will Baptist.

Motion and seconded to receive the Fellowship Free Will Baptist church into the Association. The delegates and Ordained Authority

were asked to come forward and given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

Visiting Ministers recognized at this time by the Moderator.
I. Brother Luther Kendan.

Song leader asked to come forward and sing "I've Been Waitin". Floor turned over to REV. E. J. RAMEY to bring the Introductory Message in the absence of Rev. Max Lankford. Scripture reading from the 4th chapter of 1st Timothy. A wonderful and inspiring message was enjoyed by all. Congregation stands and sings "Is Thy Heart Right with God". Altar call was given by Rev. Ramey.

Floor turned over to the Moderator at this time who made a short talk commenting on the wonderful message.

Offering taken for the Orphanage at this time. Amount received was \$56.76.

The Moderator commented on the Ministerial Conference which was held on Thursday evening May 2, 1963.

Adjourned til Saturday morning May 4, 1963 at 9:00 A.M.

Dismissed in Prayer by Brother Carson Slagle.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION – 9:00 A.M.

Saturday morning May 4, 1963, 9:00 met pursuant to adjournment. Came together by singing "An Old Account Was Settled" led by song leader of the Host Church and accompanied at the Piano by the Pianist of the Host Church; congregation stands and sings "When We All Get together". Prayer by REV. JAMES HAMMONS. Scripture reading from the 45th chapter of Psalms by the Moderator.

Roll call and seating of delegates by the clerk.

Call for Tardy Letters to which the following responded.

1. Trinity Free Will Baptist
2. Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
3. First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
4. First Free Will Baptist of Freemont, Ohio
5. First Free Will Baptist of Monroe, Ohio

The delegates and Ordained Authority were given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR Rev. James D. Addison
ASSISTANT MODERATOR Rev. Arnold Mollett
CLERK Sister Oma Collier
ASSISTANT CLERK Sister Flossie Cogdell
TREASURER Sister Flossie Cogdell

Floor turned over to REV. JAMES D. ADDISON as the new Moderator. Rev. Addison then called for Rev. C. E. Riggs to come back to the front to receive a standing vote of appreciation of the services he had given the Association.

Congregation stands and sings "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" and shakes hands. Altar of Prayer led by Brother Ray Adkins.

Presbytery Board Vacancy: REV. ARNOLD MOLLETT elected for a term of 5 years.

Rev. E. J. Ramey resigned his place on the Presbytery Board which was a remainder of 4 years. Motion and seconded to accept his resignation. REV. WILLIAM T. FORD was elected to fill this vacancy of 4 years.

Executive Board Vacancy: REV. JAKE HAMILTON elected for a term of 5 years.

Home Mission Board Vacancy: REV. JAMES HAMMONS elected for a term of 7 years.

Divine Service Committee: Brother Roy Freeman, Brother Thomas Towery and Brother Carson Slagle.

Called for corresponding letters at this time to which the following responded: I. Letter from the East Side Free Will Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio was read by the Clerk saying that they were withdrawing from the Liberty Association. Motion and seconded to accept their resignation. II. Letter notifying the Liberty Association that the Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church had seen cause to call in the Ordination Certificate of Rev. Golden Hansford Ball who was a member of the above church. A general discussion resulted concerning it.

Divine Service Committee reports Rev. Ralph Shetterlee to bring the 11:00 o'clock message and Rev. Jake Hamilton as Alternate.

Presbytery Board and candidates to be examined asked to retire.

Floor turned over to Rev. George Fletcher for the preliminary services. Song leader came forward and led the congregation in sing-

ing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm". Prayer request taken at this time. Time being so short it was agreed that the 11:00 message and the Missionary Message would all be in one Message. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace". In the absence of Rev. Ralph Shetterlee, Rev. Jake Hamilton came forward to bring the 11:00 message Scripture reading from the 1st Timothy. An inspiring message by all and congregation sings "Nothing but the Blood". Floor turned back to Rev. Fletcher.

Dismissed in Prayer by REV. ALPHA MORRISON.

Adjourned for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE – 1:30 P.M.

Lunch was enjoyed by all. Came together by singing "When the Redeemed are gathered in" led by Brother O. B. Garren. The congregation sings "A Beautiful Life". Prayer by Rev. Charles C. Cooper. Motion and seconded that any other discussion concerning Brother Ball be tabled.

Roll call of the Executive Board called and asked to retire.

Presbytery Board Reported: Brother James Robinson of First Free Will Baptist of Monroe wait three months for new papers as a Deacon. Brother Thomas Towery and Brother James Harmon to wait six months for new papers as Deacons. Brother Wandell Ferguson, Brother William Cupp and Brother Tony Stults to be ordained as Deacons. Brother Bill Brown to be licensed to preach and Brother Winifred Smith to be ordained to preach the Gospel.

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

Introductory Message: Rev. Arvil Lee, Rev. A. M. Gollihue (Alternate).

Missionary Message: Rev. C. E. Riggs, Rev. Ralph Shetterlee (Alternate).

Motion and seconded to give the Clerk and Assistant Clerk the authority to have 500 minutes printed.

Motion and seconded to give the Clerk and the Treasurer each \$50.00 for their services. Vote unanimous.

Motion and seconded to give our former Moderator, Rev. C. E. Riggs \$50.00 for his services. Vote unanimous.

Motion and seconded to give the Host Church which is the East

Side Free Will Baptist and all the churches that assisted be given a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Report on the Ministers Conference given by Rev. Arvil Lee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

The following resolutions: I. We establish a Home Mission Fund supported by Ministers and Deacons of each Church by regular contributions.

II. Any Minister coming from another Free Will Baptist Association come by letter.

Motion and seconded to table Resolution I til our next Quarterly Session. The Home Mission Board to work out some Program for this fund.

Motion and seconded that Resolution II be adopted; by a majority vote.

Motion and seconded that this Association grant Rev. Wesley Thomas a letter of recommendation to whom it may concern. Motion sustained.

Call for the Presbytery Board together with the (3) Deacons and (1) Minister to be Odained:

Deacons

Wandell Ferguson — Tony Stults — William Cupp

Minister

Winifred Smith

Licensed Minister

Brother Bill Brown

The Ordination Service as Follows:

Rev. Arvil Lee to read the charge, Ordination Prayer Rev. William T. Ford to begin the Prayer, Rev. Arnold Mollett 2nd. lead Rev. E. J. Ramey 3rd. lead and Rev. C. E. Riggs to conclude the Prayer. Congregation stands, sings and shakes hands with those Ordained.

Minutes read by the Clerk. Motion and seconded to accept as read with correction being made.

Motion and seconded to adjourn.

Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. Jake Hamilton.

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. Arvil Lee	1 year
Rev. C. E. Riggs	2 years
Rev. James D. Addison	3 years
Rev. William T. Ford	4 years
Rev. Arnold Mollett	5 years

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Clarence J. Hagan	1 year
Rev. Charles C. Cooper	2 years
Rev. Joe Osbourne	3 years
Rev. William T. Ford	4 years
Rev. Jake Hamilton	5 years

HOME MISSION BOARD

Brother G. H. Ball	1 year
Rev. William T. Ford	2 years
Rev. Lloyd Locklear	3 years
Rev. Jake Hamilton,	4 years
Rev. Calvin Welch	5 years
Rev. Clarence J. Hagan	6 years
Rev. James Hammons	7 years

DEACONS REPORTS ENROLLED

Adkins, Raymond

1589 Military, Detroit, Michigan, VI 3-5724

Member of First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
Offices held Assistant Clerk

Assistant Sunday School Teacher

Attended revivals, sang in a Trio — visited the sick in Hospitals
and Homes — prayed for people who were discouraged.

Aldridge, Eugene M.

19198 Stanley, Melvindale, Michigan

Member of Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate, Michigan

Offices held Sunday School Teacher

Trustee Board

Building Committee and Song Leader

I have served the church in whatever capacity that I had the
opportunity with room for improvement.

Bauswell, Frank

23704 Tawas, Hazel Park, Michigan, LI 7-9732

Member of Free Will Baptist Chapel
Offices held Trustee Board
Building Committee

Visited the sick in Hospitals and Homes. Helped the needy.

Boisture, Byrd A.

1927 Ferdinand St., Detroit, Michigan, 825-0573

Member of Community Free Will Baptist of Detroit
Offices held Treasurer
Song Evangelist License

Helped renovate and remodel the church, visited the sick in Hospitals almost every week and tried to help people spiritually and financially when able.

Clark, Eathel

25135 Macinac, Roseville, Michigan, PR 7-3614

Member of East Side Free Will Baptist
Offices held Sunday School Supt.
Assistant Adult Teacher
Trustee Board
Young Peoples League Leader

Visited Hospitals and Homes of Sick.

Croley, George D.

2435 Ferris St., Detroit, Michigan, VI 2-2442

Member of Liberty Free Will Baptist
Offices held Junior Class Teacher
(now) Adult Teacher

Visited widows and orphans, visited the sick in Hospitals, assisted in Baptism, visited non-active members of the Church.

England, William D.

7477 Farr Court, ST 1-4550

Member of Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
Offices held Teen's Sunday School Teacher
President of Young Peoples League
Building Committee

Visited Hospitals and worked with young people.

Freeman, Roy William

19143 Roger, Melvindale, Michigan, DU 2-6219

Member of Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
Offices held Church Treasurer

Attended church and visited the sick.

Garren, O. B.

4206 Toledo, Detroit, Michigan, 825-6485

Member of Liberty Free Will Baptist
Offices held Bible Class Teacher
Assistant Song Leader

Assisted in Baptism, visited sick and helped the poor to the best of my ability. Praying and laying hands on the sick, visited in Hospitals.

Hall, Daniel B.

5993 Williams Road, Newport, Michigan, 586-6258

Member of First Free Will Baptist of Monroe, Michigan
Offices held Church Treasurer
Trustee Board

I have supported the Church to the best of my ability and tried my best to fill my office well.

Mayberry, Aaron

1266 Engle, Detroit, Michigan

Member of East Side Free Will Baptist
Offices held Teacher of Junior Class
Assistant Song Leader

I have done the best I know how by the help of the Lord to live in such a way that the lost might see Christ living in my life each day as I travel down here, so Christ would say "Well Done" when I stand Face to Face with Him. I have visited the sick.

Miller, Charles E.

3450 John R, Rochester, Michigan, UL 2-3917

Member of Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
Offices held Member of Trustee Board
Sunday School Teacher

Visited Homes and Hospitals. Conducted various Services.

Sheldon, Robert J.

2403 Hubbard, Detroit, Michigan, TA 5-8052:

Member of Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
Offices held Sunday School Supt.

Helped the needy, invited People to Church, tithed, visited the sick, sang in a special group and appeared on the radio broadcasts.

Shelton, Guy V.

1373 Eastlawn, Detroit, Michigan, VA 1-2969

Member of East Side Free Will Baptist
Offices held Sunday School Teacher
Adult League Teacher
Church Treasurer
Building Trustee

I work in the Church, visit the sick, assist the Pastor, care for elderly people.

Slagle, James Carson

22836 Sharrow, Roseville, Michigan, 778-1948

Member of East Side Free Will Baptist
Offices held Adult Sunday School Teacher
Church Song Director

Visited the sick in hospitals and homes, conducted two revivals.

Smith, Charles C.

2329 Kenneth, Royal Oak, Michigan, LI 1-0379

Member of Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
Offices held Assistant Church Treasurer
Assistant Young Peoples Sunday School Teacher

Visited the sick and helped the needy. Member of Trustee Board.

Stephenson, C. E.

17413 Flint, DU 3-4158

Member of Liberty Free Will Baptist
Offices held (None)

Going to Church.

York, Edward L.

337 W. Lincoln St., Madison Heights, Michigan, LI 4-0505

Member of Antioch Free Will Baptist
Offices held Deacon
Sunday School Teacher
Assistant Song Leader

Visited sick, visited widows and orphans.

White, Arville

6421 Bailey, Taylor, Michigan, 278-9348

Member of Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate, Michigan
Offices held Sunday School Supt.
Chairman of Trustee Board
Building Committee

ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORT

Addison, James D.

1934 London, Lincoln Park, Michigan, DU 2-7615

Member of Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
Pastor of Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached 110
Conversions Witnessed 10
Baptized 10
Received into Church 43
Married 5
Revivals 1
Funerals 2
Received for Services \$345.00

Remarks: Presbytery Board 3 years to serve.

FREE WILL BAPTIST GOSPEL HOUR, WLIN-FM

Dial 92 each Sunday Morning 9:00 to 9:30 A.M.

Lincoln Park, Michigan.

Banks, Joe P.

4401 Marshall, Gary, Indiana, TU 7-2642

Member of Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached 45
Conversions Witnessed 14
Funerals 2

Booth, Willis
25123 Mary St., Taylor, Michigan

Member of	Zion Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	50
Conversions Witnessed	7
Baptized	1
Revivals	1

Brewer, James
2417 Caledonia St., Toledo, Ohio, 693-4050

Member of	Athen's Chapel Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Athen's Chapel Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	50
Conversions Witnessed	11
Baptized	4
Received into Church	7
Married	1
Funerals	1
Received for services	\$115.65
Remarks: Adult Sunday School Teacher	

Burgess, Floyd
26257 Lehigh, Inkster, Michigan, 565-5941

Member of	Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate
Sermons Preached	40
Conversions Witnessed	2
Revivals	3
Received for services	\$9.00
Remarks: Trustee 1 year Building Committee	

Coffman, Lester B.
25063 Dartmouth, Dearborn, Michigan, LO 2-1578

Member of	First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
Sermons Preached	11
Conversions Witnessed	2
Baptized	1
Married	1
Revivals	Assisted in 1
Received for services	\$17.00

Cooper, Charles C.

23777 Couzens Avenue, Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of	Antioch Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Antioch Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	110
Conversions Witnessed	40
Baptized	9
Received into Church	15
Married	4
Revivals	1
Received for services	\$2,430.00

Remarks: Executive Board — 2 years to serve

Duty, James R.

1571 Dickerson, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	East Side Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	10
Conversions Witnessed	17
Baptized	1
Received into Church	2

Remarks: Active in visitation program.

Junior Class Teacher, Feb. to Dec. 1962.

Fletcher, George W.

1429 Oak Street, Monroe, Michigan

Member of	First Free Will Baptist of Monroe
Pastor of	First Free Will Baptist of Monroe
Sermons Preached	145
Conversions Witnessed	3
Received into Church	1
Married	1
Funerals	1

Ford, William T.

28081 Rosemont, Roseville, Michigan, PR 8-8449

Member of	East Side Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	East Side Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	89
Conversions Witnessed	92
Baptized	16
Received into Church	19
Married	3
Funerals	1
Received for services	\$2,600.00

Remarks: Executive Board — 4 years to serve

Home Mission Board — 2 years to serve

Gollihue, A. M.

6547 McGraw, Detroit, Michigan, 898-5994

Member of	Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate
Pastor of	Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate
Sermons Preached	160
Conversions Witnessed	6
Received into Church	18
Revivals	2
Received for services	\$225.00

Remarks: Pastor Board

Hagan, Clarence J.

25037 Charles St., Taylor, Michigan

Member of	First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
Assistant Pastor of	First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
Sermons Preached	75
Conversions Witnessed	11
Baptized	12
Revivals	2
Received for services	\$200.00

Remarks: Adult Bible Class Teacher
Executive Board Member
Home Mission Board Member**Hall, Hobert**

1809 Tyler Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan

Member of	Emmanuel Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	65
Conversions Witnessed	10
Baptized	3
Received into Church	3
Married	4

Hamilton, Jake

6155 Hyde Park, Inkster, Michigan, PA 2-6395

Member of	Fellowship Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Fellowship Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	96
Conversions Witnessed	11
Baptized	7
Received into Church	4
Married	1
Revivals	2
Received for services	\$40.00

Remarks: Home Mission Board - 4 years to serve

Hammons, James

624 E. Brockton, Madison Heights, Michigan

Member of	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		31
Conversions Witnessed		4
Received for services		\$99.00

Hatfield, Halley H.

15366 Huntington, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	Mission Free Will Baptist	
Assistant Pastor of	Mission Free Will Baptist	
Conversions Witnessed		9

Remarks: Assistant Pastor
Member of Trustee Board

Jarvis, Clinton

517 Pearl, Ypsilanti, Michigan, HU 3-1344

Member of	Trinity Free Will Baptist	
Pastor of	Trinity Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		83
Conversions Witnessed		17
Baptized		5
Received into Church		8

Remarks: Pastorship
Board of Deacons
Building Committee

Kidd, E. L.

7262 Cherokee, Taylor, Michigan, 274-0123

Member of	Emmanuel Free Will Baptist	
Pastor of	Emmanuel Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		75
Conversions Witnessed		3
Baptized		1
Revivals		1
Funerals		2

Remarks: Bible Class Teacher

Kitchen, Carliss R.

517 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, Michigan, HU 2-4909

Member of	Trinity Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		60
Conversions Witnessed		10
Baptized		3

Remarks: Sunday School Teacher

Lambert, E. R.

1815 Keppen, Lincoln Park, Michigan, WA 8-2373

Member of	Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate
Sermons Preached	28
Baptized	1
Married	2
Revivals	1

Remarks: Adult Sunday School Teacher

Lee, Arvil

726 E. George, Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	39
Conversions Witnessed	2
Baptized	1
Received into Church	4
Married	2
Revivals	1
Received for services (Dec. 30, 1962 to May 4, 1963)	\$1,760.00

Remarks: Presbytery Board - 1 year to serve

Locklear, Loyd

4309 Orr, Warren, Michigan, 755-0372

Member of	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	110
Conversions Witnessed	75
Baptized	1
Received into Church	8
Revivals	4
Funerals	2
Received for services	\$5,040.00

Remarks: Home Mission Board

Mollett, Arnold

108 E. Kalama, Madison Heights, Michigan

Member of	Free Will Baptist Chapel
Pastor of	Free Will Baptist Chapel
Sermons Preached	97
Conversions Witnessed	5
Baptized	3
Received into Church	9
Married	1
Received for services	\$10.80

Remarks: Presbytery Board - 5 years to serve
Assistant Moderator of Liberty Association

Morrison, Alpha L.

6550 Wagner, Detroit, Michigan, TY 4-7633

Member of	Liberty Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Liberty Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	(not given)
Conversions Witnessed	55
Baptized	26
Received into Church	22
Married	1
Revivals	3
Funerals	2
Received for services	\$18.19

Osbourne, Joe

2037 Clark, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	Mission Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Mission Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	39
Conversions Witnessed	8
Baptized	2
Received into Church	14
Revivals	Assisted in 1

Piddock, Charles P.

926 White Avenue, Fremont, Ohio

Member of	First Free Will Baptist of Fremont
Pastor of	First Free Will Baptist of Fremont
Sermons Preached	150
Conversions Witnessed	10
Baptized	7
Received into Church	10
Married	1
Revivals	1
Received for services	\$75.00

Pierson, Garland

2923 St. Jean, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	East Side Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	10
Conversions Witnessed	1
Baptized	Assisted in 2
Funerals	1

Ramey, E. J.

533 Poplar St., Wyandotte, Michigan, AV 4-5586

Member of	First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
Pastor of	First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
Sermons Preached	118
Conversions Witnessed	107
Baptized	11
Received into Church	
Married	13
Revivals	5
Funerals	4
Received for services	\$5,200.00

Remarks: Presentive Board - 5 years

Riggs, C. E.

935 E. Coy, Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	10

Remarks: Moderator of Liberty Association
Member of Presbytery Board
Teach Adult Sunday School Class
Conduct Weekly Bible Study

Schmittou, Thomas Dewey

5664 Harding, Dearborn, Michigan, CR 8-5238

Member of	Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	40
Conversions Witnessed	10
Baptized	2

Remarks: Adult Bible Class Teacher - 1 year
Young Peoples League President - 1 year

Scott, Jr., Sterling E.

1921 Temple, Detroit, Michigan, 963-5605

Member of	Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate
Pastor of	Community Free Will Baptist of Detroit
Sermons Preached	70
Received into Church	18
Married	5
Revivals	3
Received for services	\$15.00

Remarks: Pastor
Adult Teacher
Board Member

Shetterly, Ralph

27128 Barrington, Madison Heights, Michigan, LI 2-7568

Member of	Gospel Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Gospel Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	104
Conversions Witnessed	28
Baptized	7
Received into Church	16
Revivals	1
Received for Services	\$650.00

Remarks: Member of Trustee Board — 1 year to serve
Benevolent Fund Chairman — 1 year to serve
Moderator — 1 year to serve

Smith, Winfred

813 Forest, Royal Oak, Michigan, 547-3577

Member of	West Side Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	West Side Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	30
Conversions Witnessed	4
Received into Church	4
Received for Services	\$500.00

Welch, Calvin R.

329 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	Zion Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Zion Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	70
Conversions Witnessed	4
Baptized	6
Received into Church	9
Married	3
Revivals	1
Received for Services	\$12.00

Wynn, Clarence

2303 — 3rd Street, Wyandotte, Michigan

Member of	First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte
Sermons Preached	36
Conversions Witnessed	16

LICENSED MINISTER'S REPORTS ENROLLED

Elswick, Jr., Jim B.

4751 Porter, Apt. 9, Detroit, Michigan, TA 5-8076

Member of Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate

Associate Pastor of Community Free Will Baptist of Detroit

Sermons Preached 25

Baptized (assisted) 3

Received into Church 18

Remarks: Associate Pastor - 1 year
Sunday School Superintendent - 1 year
Board Member

Jorrey, Leonard

26432 Spicer, Madison Heights, Michigan, 547-3184

Member of Gospel Free Will Baptist

Sermons Preached 3

Remarks: Member of Church Board - 1 year
Member of Building Fund - 1 year

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

<i>East Side</i> Antioch Free Will Baptist	\$ 61.50
Athen's Chapel Free Will Baptist	10.00
Community Free Will Baptist	20.00
East Side Free Will Baptist	60.00
Emmanuel Free Will Baptist	40.00
Free Will Baptist Chapel	20.00
Fellowship Free Will Baptist	10.00
Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist	12.95
First Free Will Baptist of Fremont, Ohio	15.00
First Free Will Baptist of Monroe, Michigan	20.00
First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte	40.00
Gospel Free Will Baptist	28.00
Liberty Free Will Baptist	20.00
Mission Free Will Baptist	-0-
Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist	20.00
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist	110.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist	20.00
West Side Free Will Baptist	15.00
Zion Free Will Baptist	20.00
Total General Fund	\$549.95
Total Foreign Mission	-0-
Total Orphanage	\$205.77
Total Collected From August 1962 thru May 1963	\$755.72
Total Expenses	\$249.89
Balance	\$505.83
Amount Carried over from Bank	\$275.96
Total Balance as of May 3, 1963	\$781.79
Home Mission Fund as of May 3, 1963	\$165.23

CHURCH REPORTS

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates: Lewis Baker, Ed Cowan, Cecil Thompson, Charles Wren,
Charles Carter

Alternates: Larry Luther, Gary York, Don Marsee

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	12
Baptized	9
Dismissed	13
Total Membership	65
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Spiritual
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. of Pupils	83
Number of Officers and Teachers	10
Paid Pastor	\$2,430.00
Paid Evangelist	\$277.00
Home Mission	\$100.00
Foreign Missions	\$60.00
Building and repairs	\$3,792.66
For education	\$213.23
For publication	\$157.06
General fund	\$15.00

Church Clerk: Mavis Stroud

6055 Montclair, Troy, Michigan

Athen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates: Opal Brewer, Tony Stults, Delores Smith, Bill Brown

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	18
Baptized	3
Total Membership	18
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. of Pupils	30
Number of Officers and Teachers	6
Paid Evangelist	\$36.70
Building and repairs	\$263.95
General Fund	\$5.00

Church Clerk: Billie J. Brown

4511 Lincoln Street, Detroit, Michigan

Community Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates: Floyd Burgess, Author Fall, Walter Dickson, Gladys Lambert, Louise Dickson

State of Religion.....Good
Members received the past 12 months 27
Dismissed 14
Condition of Prayer Meeting Good
Condition of Sunday School Good
Average No. of Pupils 60
Number of Officers and Teachers 10
General fund \$5.00
Church Clerk: Inez White (Telephone 278-9348)
6421 Bailey, Taylor, Michigan

East Side Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates: Loman Wall, Garrett Crabtree, Bennie Robinson, Don Nidiffer, Thurman Slagle

Alternates: Lee Brown, Jimmy Wells and Sister Loraine Wall

State of Religion..... Good
Members received the past 12 months 21
Baptized 16
Total Membership 117
Condition of Prayer Meeting Good
Condition of Sunday School Growing
Average No. of Pupils 118
Number of Officers and Teachers 15
Paid Pastor \$2,600.00
Paid Evangelist \$560.51
Home Missions \$155.36
Foreign Mission \$19.53
Building and repairs (janitor) \$1,930.48
For education..... \$127.92
Orphans Home \$210.00
For publication \$83.00
General fund \$10.00
Church Clerk: Elizabeth Pierson
2923 St. Jean, Detroit, Michigan

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates: Charlie Hall, Ada Hall, Stella Kidd, Gracie Hall

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	2
Dismissed	1
Total Membership	20
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average No. of Pupils	19
Number of Officers and Teachers	7
Orphans Home	\$62.50
Building and repairs	\$1,367.32
For Education	\$24.51
For Publication	\$53.20
General Fund	\$10.00
Church Clerk: Stella Kidd (Telephone 274-0123)	
7262 Cherokee, Taylor, Michigan	

Free Will Baptist Chapel Church

Delegates: Andy Pratica, Reba Mollett, Sister Bauswell, Jean Mollett
Alternates: Carolyn Bauswell, Sister Collie, Sister Booth, Sister Eunice Ramsey

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	9
Baptized	6
Total Membership	40
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. of Pupils	45
Number of Officers and Teachers	9
Paid Pastor	\$1,080.00
Home Mission	\$98.25
Building and repairs	\$240.51
For Education	\$96.65
For Orphanage	\$78.29
General Fund	\$5.00
Church Clerk: Reba Mollett	

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church

233000 Kensington, Taylor, Michigan

Delegates: John Hancock, Adie Hancock, Edith Smith, Juanita Harmon,
Jean Towery

Alternates: Carol Patterson, Linda Taylor

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 3 months	5
Total Membership	34
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. of Pupils	75
Number of Officers and Teachers	14
General Fund	\$10.00
Church Clerk: Eloise Harmon (Telephone DU 3-4843)	
8922 Weddel, Taylor, Michigan	

Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church

2020 Fifteen Mile Road, Warren, Michigan

Delegates: Sister Butcher, Sister Wright, Sister Hammons

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	8
Baptized	1
Dismissed	1
Total Membership	74
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Spiritual
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. of Pupils	97
Number of Officers and Teachers	9
Paid Pastor	\$5,040.00
Foreign Mission	\$20.00
Paid Evangelist	\$325.00
Building and repairs	\$573.16
For Education	\$112.00
General Fund	\$4.00
Church Clerk: Lorna Hodges (Telephone EL 6-4608)	
28128 Franklin Road, Southfield, Michigan	

First Free Will Baptist of Fremont, Ohio

Delegates: Al Mentil, Sister Mentil, John Atkins, Sister Atkins, Sister Mary Tyree

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	12
Baptized	7
Total Membership	24
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Fair
Average No. of Pupils	33
Number of Officers and Teachers	6
Paid Evangelist	\$87.29
General Fund	\$5.00
Church Clerk: Inez Piddock	
(Address not given)	

First Free Will Baptist of Monroe, Michigan

Delegates: James Robinson, Ollie Collins, James Fletcher

Alternates: Ollie Chapman, Gypsy Hall, Lola Fletcher

State of Religion	Fair
Members received the past 12 months	15
Dismissed	7
Total Membership	34
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Fair
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. of Pupils	40
Number of Officers and Teachers	7
Building and repairs	\$735.65
For Education	\$25.10
Paid Evangelist	\$50.00
Church Clerk: Ella Collins	
(Address not given)	

First Free Will Baptist of Wyandotte

Delegates: S. J. Bates, Tom Fleming, Malcome Harris, Sister Syble Bell, Sister Norma Bates

Alternates: Charles Smathers, Sister Cleo Smathers, Brother Fred Smathers, Sister Helen Smathers

State of Religion.....	Good
Members received the past 12 months	26
Baptized	18
Total Membership	158
Dismissed	5
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average Number of Pupils	175
Number of Officers and Teachers	11
Paid Pastor	\$5,200.00
Paid Evangelist	\$546.00
Building and repairs	\$2,966.20
For Education	\$118.31
General Fund	\$10.00
Church Clerk: Jean Sampson (Address not given)	

Gospel Free Will Baptist Church

21010 John R. Street, Hazel Park, Michigan

Delegates: Brother William Crow, Brother George Jorrey, Sister Pat Jorrey, Sister Clara Crow, Sister Leona Jorrey

Alternates: Brother Fred Wilmoth, Brother Ray Langlois, Sister Grace Langlois

State of Religion.....	Very Good
Members received the past 12 months	16
Baptized	7
Dismissed	3
Total Membership	46
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. of Pupils	55
Number of Officers and Teachers	9
Paid Pastor	\$650.00
Foreign Mission	\$22.73
General Fund	\$7.00
Church Clerk: Edward Winiecki (Telephone EL 7-1033) 23500 Valleyview Drive, Southfield, Michigan	

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates: Marsh Andrews, Curtis Morris, Wandell Ferguson, Dyght White, Johnnie Morrison

Alternates: Betty Andrews, Mildred Curley, Viola Morris

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	22
Baptized	26
Dismissed	1
Died	2
Total Membership	62
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average number of Pupils	65
Number of Officers and Teachers	8
Paid Pastor	\$1,200.00
Paid Evangelist	\$33.17
Home Mission	\$168.39
Building and repairs	\$1,809.08
For Education	\$136.59
For Publication	\$19.60
General Fund	\$5.00
Church Clerk: Alta M. Morrison	
(Address not given)	

Mission Free Will Baptist Church

4100 Third Street, Detroit, Michigan

Delegates: Sister Gorgia Osbourne, Sister Judy Booth, Sister Joyce Harper, Brother Clarence Booth

Alternates: Sister Beatrice Horn

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	13
Baptized	1
Total Membership	13
Average Number for Sunday School each week	28
Number of Officers and Teachers	10
Acting Church Clerk: Judith Booth	
(Address not given)	

Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church

25535 Ecorse Road, Taylor, Michigan

Delegates: Sam Belcher, Juanita Sheldon, Barbara Grissom, Barbara Addison, Gloria Swim

Alternates: Bertha Schmittou, Inez Grissom, Vernelle Belcher, Brenda Mullens, Sue Mullens

State of Religion.....	Good
Members received the past 12 months	43
Baptized	8
Dismissed	45
Total Membership	66
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Average
Condition of Sunday School	Average
Average number of Pupils	75
Number of Teachers and Officers	6
Paid Pastor	\$475.00
Foreign Mission	\$21.06
Building and repairs	\$3,235.19
For Education	\$37.00
For Radio Broadcast	\$413.00
General Fund	\$5.00

Church Clerk: Oma Collier (Telephone TE 1-0673)
2439 Ash, Detroit, Michigan

Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church

74 W. Ten Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan

Delegates: Sister Claudia Miller, Alla Mae Burnette, Georgia Halpin, Jean Crowder, Eva Riggs

Alternates: Steve Lee, Connie Smith, Laura Whisman

State of Religion.....	Good
Members received the past 12 months	13
Baptized	4
Dismissed	73
Died	1
Total Membership	328
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Average
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average number of Pupils	141
Number of Officers and Teachers	19
Paid Pastor	\$5,065.00
Paid Caretaker	\$2,810.00
Paid Evangelist	\$584.65
Home Mission	\$56.55
Foreign Mission	\$430.83
Building and repairs	\$533.14
Orphanage	\$231.00
For Education	\$850.95
For Publication	\$39.33
Radio Program	\$45.00
General Fund	\$25.00

Church Clerk: Linda Miller (Telephone 264-6946)
39623 Spaulding Drive, Sterling Township

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church
 517 Pearl Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan

Delegates: Brother W. G. Blackburn, Sister Esta Hunter

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	13
Baptized	4
Dismissed	7
Total Membership	24
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average number of Pupils	20
Number of Officers and Teachers	4
For building and repairs	\$2,750.00
For Education	\$53.50
For Publication	\$25.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Church Clerk: Cleo V. Jarvis (Telephone HU 3-1344)	
517 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, Michigan	

West Side Free Will Baptist Church
 3315 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

Delegates: Sister Hill, Judy Robinson, Imogene Bellew, Sister
 Clendenon, Connie Presnell
 Alternates: Brother Hill, Brother Buddy Robinson, Brother Ronnie
 Robinson

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	4
Baptized	2
Total Membership	38
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average number of Pupils	40
Number of Officers and Teachers	4
Paid Pastor	(weekly) \$25.00
Paid Evangelist	\$107.50
For Publication	\$9.49
Building and repairs	\$615.00
For Education	\$24.00
General Fund	\$5.00
Church Clerk: Imogene Bellew	
2840 Tillman, Detroit, Michigan	

Zion Free Will Baptist Church

3701 Oakwood Blvd., Melvindale, Michigan

Delegates: Sister Lucille Scott, Lois Mungle, Betty Sweeney

Alternates: Sister Brenda Mitchell, Christine Welch

State of Religion	Spiritual
Members received the past 12 months.....	9
Baptized	8
Dismissed	10
Total Membership	31
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Fair
Average number of Pupils	27
Number of Officers and Teachers	6
Paid Evangelist	\$47.00
Building and repairs	\$600.00
For Education	\$47.85
For Publication	\$6.00
General Fund	\$5.00

Church Clerk: Virginia Carr

1522-25th St., Detroit, 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

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 and not proceed until recognized by 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 brethern, or sisters.
8. No member 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 it 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 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.