
MINUTES FOURTEENTH 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 1-2, 1964

MINUTES OF FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTIST

OFFICERS

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Rev. Lloyd Locklear Tel. 546-5165 Assistant Moderator
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Next Session to convene with the
TEN MILE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Introductory Message by Rev. Alpha Morrison
Alternate – Rev. James D. Addison
Missionary Message by Rev. Calvin Welch
Alternate – Rev. Jake Hamilton

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ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE SERVICE

On Friday evening May 1, 1964, the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Fourteenth Annual Session with the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church at 74 West Ten Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Came together by singing "He Abides", led by Brother Carson Slagle, accompanied at the piano by Diane Hamilton. Congregation stands and sings "I'm Going That Way". Prayer by Rev. Paul Dean. Congregation sings "I Know My Name Is There".

Scripture reading from the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians 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. Mission Free Will Baptist
3. West Side Free Will Baptist
4. Gospel Free Will Baptist
5. Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist
6. Zion Free Will Baptist
7. Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
8. East Side Free Will Baptist
9. Fellowship Free Will Baptist
10. Community Free Will Baptist
11. Ten Mile 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 sings, "Victory In Jesus".

Prayer of Consecration at the Altar led by Rev. Jake Hamilton.

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

The song leader was asked to lead the Congregation in singing "Hand In Hand With Jesus".

Called for Petitionary Letters by the Moderator. 1. Little Dove Free Will Baptist.

Floor turned over to Rev. Calvin R. Welch, while the Presbytery Board and the Executive Board meet to discuss the Petitionary Letter.

Congregation sings "At Calvary". A Short Testimony Service was given and enjoyed by all.

Floor turned over to Rev. A. M. Gollihue to bring the Introductory Message since Rev. Arvil Lee was not present. Scripture from St. Matthew - 21-28. Also the St. John 13-34. Text, "A New Commandment I Give Unto You". A wonderful message was enjoyed by all. Song leader was called to sing "Kneel At The Cross".

A Telegram from Brother Ray Turnage was read by the Assistant Clerk. Floor was turned over to Rev. Calvin Welch while the Congregation sings.

Dismissed in Prayer till 9:00 A.M., May 2, 1964.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, MAY 2, 1964

Met pursuant to adjournment. Came together by singing, "I Would Not Be Denied", led by Brother Eugene Aldridge, accompanied at the piano by Diane Hamilton. Also the Congregation sang, "It's A Grand and Glorious Feeling" also "Victory in Jesus". Prayer by Rev. Calvin R. Welch.

Scripture reading from the 2nd Chapter of Hebrews by the Moderator. Congregation welcomed by the Moderator, especially Visiting Ministers, Rev. J. B. Varney and Rev. Joe Banks, who gave a short Testimony.

Roll Call of Delegates by the Clerk.

Call for Tardy Letters.

1. Trinity Free Will Baptist
2. Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
3. 1st Free Will Baptist of Monroe
4. Free Will Baptist Chapel.
5. 1st Free Will Baptist of Fremont

The Delegates and Ordained Authority of these Churches were given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

Offering taken for the Free Will Baptist Home for Children. At this time amount received \$45.20 plus \$46.11 from the Community

Free Will Baptist Church.

Call for the report from the Executive Board. Recommended: That any Brother or Sister of this Association hold only one (1) job in the Association.

Motion and seconded to accept the recommendation. Vote taken, motion carried.

Recommended that the Petitionary Letter be accepted. Vote unanimous.

Delegates and the Ordained Authority of this Church called to receive the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Charles C. Cooper resigned from the Executive Board. Motion made and seconded to accept his resignation.

Rev. Lloyd Locklear resigned the Home Mission Board. Motion made and seconded to accept his resignation.

Rev. James D. Addison resigned the Presbytery Board and then withdrew his resignation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Rev. Arvil Lee
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Rev. Lloyd Locklear
CLERK	Sister Oma Collier
ASSISTANT CLERK	Sister Flossie Cogdell
TREASURER	Sister Flossie Cogdell

Floor turned over to Rev. Arvil Lee as the new Moderator.

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Rev. Charles C. Cooper
2. Rev. Arnold Mollett
3. Rev. Jake Hamilton

Food Committee along with the Host Church dismissed.

PRESBYTERY BOARD VACANCY: Rev. George Fletcher 5 year term. Rev. Floyd Burgess 3 year term.

EXECUTIVE BOARD VACANCY: Rev. Carson Slagle, 5 year term. Rev. Charles Piddock 3 year term.

HOME MISSION BOARD VACANCY: Rev. H. H. Hatfield 7 year term. Brother Arvil White 2 year term. Brother Guy Shelton 1 year term.

The Annual Ministers reports was read by the Clerk. Roll Call of the Presbytery Board, and they were asked to retire with the Candidates to be examined.

Floor turned over to Brother Ray Turnage of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children of Greenville, Tenn. A very interesting talk was given.

Floor turned back to the Moderator Rev. Arvil Lee. Brother Lee thought the best way to show our appreciation was to take another offering for the Children's Home. Amount received \$31.72.

Another visiting Minister recognized at this time, Rev. Naves.

Dismissed in prayer for lunch by Rev. Turnage.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE: 1:45 P.M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Lunch was enjoyed by all. Came together by singing, "Fill My Way With Love." Led by Brother Eugene Aldridge and accompanied at the piano by Sister Vernell Belcher.

Rev. J. B. Varney was asked to come forward and speak to us concerning Missions both Home and Foreign. A wonderful talk was given by Rev. Varney. Floor turned back to the Moderator.

Called for Corresponding Letters: None.

Called for Unfinished Business: None.

Called for New Business: Discussion of Delegates to the State Association. Motion made and seconded to send five delegates to the State Association. Brother Arvil White, Brother Guy Shelton, Brother Thurman Slagle, Brother William Frazier and Brother Calvin Arp. Motion made and seconded to send \$25.00 to the State Association when convened at the Crusaders Free Will Baptist Church in Detroit, June 19th and 20th, 1964.

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

Motion made and seconded to give the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk each \$50.00 for their services. Motion made and seconded to give the former Moderator \$50.00 for his services. Vote unanimous.

Motion made and seconded to give the Host Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

The Gospel Free Will Baptist Church is to be the Host Church next session.

Motion made and seconded that we name a man for the Promotional Work of Foreign Missions. Rev. Charles C. Cooper nominated. Motion made and seconded that Brother Cooper have this job.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE: Rev. Alpha Morrison, Rev. James D. Addison. (Alternate)

MISSIONARY MESSAGE: Rev. Calvin Welch, Rev. Jake Hamilton. (Alternate)

Minister's Conference Reports, message, Rev. Ralph Shetterly, Rev. Lloyd Locklear. (Alternate)

Topic – Tithes.

Floor turned over to Rev. Locklear at this time.

Motion made and seconded that all long distance telephone calls made by the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk made in connection with the Association be paid for out of the General Fund of the Association.

Motion made and seconded to have new Church letter forms printed. Motion was amended that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk fix the forms the way that they are needed.

Called for Treasurer's Report by the treasurer. Approved as read.

PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORTS: Brother Frank Tyree to be licensed to Preach the Gospel. Brother Warren Blackburn to be ordained as a Deacon.

The Ordination Service as follows: Rev. Arnold Mollett to read the charge. Ordination Prayer, Rev. James D. Addison to take the lead. Congregation sings "Amazing Grace", and shakes hands with the one ordained.

Called for the Clerk to read the minutes. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as read.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Dismissed by prayer.

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. C. E. Riggs	1 year
Rev. James D. Addison	2 years
Rev. Floyd Burgess	3 years
Rev. Arnold Mollett	4 years
Rev. George Fletcher	5 years

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. A. M. Gollihue	1 year
Rev. Joe Osbourne	2 years
Rev. Charles Piddock	3 years
Rev. Jake Hamilton	4 years
Rev. Carson Slagle	5 years

HOME MISSION BOARD

Brother Guy Shelton	1 year
Brother Arvil White	2 years
Brother Eugene Aldridge	3 years
Brother Calvin Welch	4 years
Brother John Hancock	5 years
Rev. James Hammons	6 years
Rev. H. H. Hatfield	7 years

DEACONS REPORTS ENROLLED

Aldridge, Eugene M.
19198 Stanley, Melvindale, Michigan, 386-0966

Member of Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate
Offices held Sunday School Teacher
Trustee
Treasurer of Building Fund

Visited the sick, encouraged the depressed, and tried to remain ready for any place or opportunity to lend a helping hand.

Bauswell, Frank

23704 Tawas, Hazel Park, Michigan, LI 7-7806

Member ofFree Will Baptist Chapel
Offices held Trustee
Superintendent of Sunday School

Helped the needy, invited people to church, visited the sick in homes and hospitals.

Brown, Eber

329 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan, 825-7919

Member of Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist
Offices held Sunday School Superintendent

My work has been limited due to ill health and have been confined most of the time.

Cupp, William L.

662 Glover, Detroit, Michigan, 824-3634

Member of Eastside Free Will Baptist
Offices held Assistant Teacher

I have visited the sick in homes and in the hospitals, and helped those in need.

Clark, Eathel

25135 Mackanic, Roseville, Michigan, PR 7-3614

Member of Eastside Free Will Baptist
Offices held Sunday School Superintendent

I have visited the sick in homes and hospitals.

Freeman, Roy W.

19143 Roger, Melvindale, Michigan, DU 2-6219

Member of Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
Offices held Treasurer
Sunday School Teacher
Young Peoples Leader

I have visited the sick and helped the needy.

Gates, W. E.

404 Bernhard, Hazel Park, Michigan, LI 7-9794

Member of Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
Offices held Chairman of Trustee Board

Attended all Board and Business Meetings. Served in one Communion and foot washing service.

Hall, Daniel B.

5993 Williams Rd., Newport, Michigan, 586-6258

Member of First Free Will Baptist of Monroe
Offices held Treasurer
Trustee

Visited the sick, helped the poor, used the office intrusted to me to the best of my ability and supported the church.

Hancock, John R.

20523 Champaign, Taylor, Michigan

Member of Fellowship Free Will Baptist
Offices held Church Treasurer
Song Leader
Trustee
Home Mission Board

By the help of the Lord I serve the Church to the best of my ability with my presence, tithes and labor. I also visit the sick and have helped the needy.

Lewis, Jr., Gillis

4663 Fenwick, Warren, Michigan, SL 8-2681

Member of Gospel Free Will Baptist
Offices held Adult Sunday School Teacher (Sub)

I have assisted in Baptism and the Lord's Supper. I have conducted the Mid-week Service in the absence of the Pastor.

Mayberry, Aaron

1266 Engle, Detroit, Michigan, 824-0403

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

Visited the sick.

Miller, Charles E.

3450 John R., Rochester, Michigan, UL 2-3917, LI 2-2730

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

Visited the hospitals and homes.

Robinson, James H.

1737 Oak Street, Monroe, Michigan, CH 1-3162

Member of First Free Will Baptist of Monroe
Offices held Trustee
Teacher
Young Peoples Leader

Visited the sick, helped the poor, assisted in Baptism and supported my Church.

Sheldon, Robert

655 Hazelwood, Detroit, Michigan, 875-9264

Member of Little Dove Free Will Baptist
Offices held Sunday School Superintendent
(in the Church just left)

Visited the sick in hospitals and homes and helped the needy.

Shelton Guy V.

1373 Eastlawn, Detroit, Michigan, VA 1-2969

Member of East Side Free Will Baptist
Offices held Adult Bible Class Teacher
Adult League Teacher
Treasurer
Building Trustee

I work in the Church. Visit the sick. Assist the Pastor. Care for the elderly people and try to do a Deacon's job.

Smith, Charles C.

2329 Kenneth, Royal Oak, Michigan, LI 1-0373

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

Visited the sick and helped the needy.

Stroud, William

6055 Montclair, Troy, Michigan, 879-0825

Member of Antioch Free Will Baptist
Offices held Church Treasurer
Teenage Teacher
Building Fund Treasurer

Visit the sick in the hospitals. Witness to people where I work.

Stults, Tony
4232 Trumbull, Detroit, Michigan, 832-1587

Member of Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist
Visited the sick. In charge of Mid-week Services.

Towery, Thomas J.
12738 Allen Road, Taylor, Michigan, AV 2-2375

Member of Fellowship Free Will Baptist
Offices held Sunday School Superintendent

White, Arville
6421 Bailey, Taylor, Michigan, 278-9348

Member of Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate
Offices held Sunday School Superintendent
Trustee 2 years
Chairman of Building Committee

I have tried to win souls for Christ.

Wilmouth, Fred
43651 Dequinder Road, Troy, Michigan, 869-1369

Member of Gospel Free Will Baptist
Offices held Sunday School Teacher
Building Committee

Visited hospitals, sick, helped the needy. Helped widows and orphans. Gone on visitation, assisted at two Lord's Suppers and feet washing.

ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORT

Addison, Rev. James D.
1934 London, Lincoln Park, Michigan, DU 2-7615

Member of	Little Dove Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Little Dove Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	150
Conversions Witnessed	40
Baptized	10
Received into Church	25
Married	6
Revivals	2
Funerals	3
Received for Services	\$90.00

Remarks: (continued on next page)

Remarks: Moderator of Liberty Association past year.
 Presbytery Board 2 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

Brewer, Rev. James

2417 Caledonia Street, Toledo, Ohio, 693-4050

Member of	Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	100 (approximate)
Received into Church	11
Married	2
Revivals	1
Received for Services	\$360.00

Burgess, Rev. Floyd

26257 Lehigh, Inkster, Michigan, 565-5941

Member of	Community Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Community Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	90
Received into Church	2
Revivals	2
Funerals	1
Received for Services	\$41.00

Cooper, Rev. Charles C.

23777 Couzens Ave., Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of	Antioch Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Antioch Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	105
Conversions Witnessed	no record
Baptized	6
Received into Church	8
Married	4
Revivals	0
Funerals	2
Received for Services	\$3,900.00

Fletcher, Rev. George

1429 Oak Street, Monroe, Michigan, CH 2-2594

Member of	First Free Will Baptist of Monroe
Pastor of	First Free Will Baptist of Monroe
Sermons Preached	135
Conversions Witnessed	59

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Baptized	13
Received into Church	18
Revivals	1
Received for Services	\$16.00

Remarks: Executive Board. 1 year term.

Hamilton, Rev. Jake
 6155 Hyde Park, Inkster, Michigan, PA 2-6395

Member of	Fellowship Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Fellowship Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	140
Conversions Witnessed	27
Baptized	17
Received into Church	20
Revivals	2
Funerals	1
Received for Services	\$365.00

Remarks: Executive Board 4 years to serve.

Gollihue, Rev. A. M.
 507 S. Livernois, Detroit, Michigan, 896-5994

Member of	Mission Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Mission Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	78
Conversions Witnessed	7
Received into Church	9

Hammons, Rev. James
 624 E. Brocton, Madison Heights, Michigan

Member of	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	21
Conversions Witnessed	4
Received for Services	\$60.00

Remarks: Home Mission Board 6 years to serve.

Hatfield, Rev. H. H.
 15366 Huntington, Detroit, Michigan, KE 4-4990

Member of	Mission Free Will Baptist
Assistant Pastor of	Mission Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	35
Conversions Witnessed	2

Remarks: Young Peoples leader.
 Member of Church Board.

Jarvis, Rev. Clinton
517 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, Michigan

Member of	Trinity Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		60
Conversions Witnessed		5

Kitchen, Rev. Charles R.
385 Oregon, Ypsilanti, Michigan

Member of	Trinity Free Will Baptist	
Pastor of	Trinity Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		110
Conversions Witnessed		8
Received into Church		2
Married		2
Revivals		1
Received for Services		\$20.00

Lee, Rev. Arvil
726 E. George Street, Hazel Park, Michigan, LI 7-2543

Member of	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist	
Pastor of	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		188
Conversions Witnessed		18
Baptized		4
Received into Church		6
Married		4
Revivals		4
Funerals		1
Received for Services		\$6,220.00

Locklear, Rev. Lloyd
1231 E. Hudson, Madison Heights, Michigan

Member of	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist	
Pastor of	Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		144
Conversions Witnessed		94
Baptized		28
Received into our Church		29
Married		4
Revivals		8
Funerals		1
Received for Services		\$5,200.00

Remarks: Home Mission Board

McCann, Rev. Henry C.
 6762 Bailey, Taylor, Michigan

Member of	North Side Free Will Baptist	
Pastor of	North-Side Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		39
Conversions Witnessed		9
Received into Church		7
Married		2
Funerals		2
Received for Services		\$20.00

Mollett, Rev. Arnold
 3291 Minerva, Ferndale, Michigan

Member of	Free Will Baptist Chapel	
Pastor of	Free Will Baptist Chapel	
Sermons Preached		75
Conversions Witnessed		5
Baptized		6
Received into Church		6
Received for Services		\$1,080.00

Remarks: Presbytery Board

Osbourne, Rev. Joe
 2037 Clark Street, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	Mission Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		38
Conversions Witnessed		12
Baptized		2

Remarks: Executive Board, Sunday School Superintendent

Piddock, Rev. Charles Phillip
 926 White Ave., Fremont, Ohio, 332-0857

Member of	First Free Will Baptist of Fremont	
Pastor of	First Free Will Baptist of Fremont	
Sermons Preached		112
Conversions Witnessed		10
Baptized		7
Received into Church		6
Married		3
Revivals		1
Funerals		1
Received for Services		\$50.00

Pierson, Rev. Garland
8208 Edgewood, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	East Side Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	8
Conversions Witnessed	4
Baptized	2
(Assisted)	8

Remarks: Advisory Board

Riggs, Rev. C. E.
935 E. Coys, Hazel Park, Michigan

Member of	Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	6
Married	1

Remarks: Member of Presbytery Board
Adult Sunday School
Teach and Bible Class Teacher

Shetterly, Rev. Ralph
27128 Barrington, Madison Heights, Michigan, LI 2-7568

Member of	Gospel Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	Gospel Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	132
Conversions Witnessed	28
Baptized	8
Received into Church	21
Married	3
Received for Services	\$960.00

Remarks: Benovalent Fund Chairman and Board Member

Smith, Rev. Winfred S.
813 Forest Ave., Royal Oak, Michigan, 547-3577

Member of	West Side Free Will Baptist
Pastor of	West Side Free Will Baptist
Sermons Preached	156
Conversions Witnessed	12
Baptized	4
Received into Church	6

Webb, Rev. Frank
8138 Desoto, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	Zion Free Will Baptist
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Webb, Rev. Frank
8138 Desoto, Detroit, Michigan

Member of	Zion Free Will Baptist	
Pastor of	Zion Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		46
Conversions Witnessed		10
Received into Church		12
Funerals		1

Welch, Rev. Calvin R.
329 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan

Member of	Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist	
Pastor of	Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		60
Conversions Witnessed		6
Baptized		1

Remarks: Member of Home Mission Board

LICENSED MINISTER'S REPORTS

Dean, Rev. Paul
1315 Perry, Detroit, Michigan, WO 1-4485

Member of	Little Dove Free Will Baptist	
Assistant Pastor of	Little Dove Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		50
Conversions Witnessed		20

Slagle, Rev. Carson
22836 Sharrow, Warren, Michigan, PR 8-1948

Member of	East Side Free Will Baptist	
Sermons Preached		38
Conversions Witnessed		25
Revivals		2
Received for Services		\$97.00

Remarks: Assistant Moderator of the Ministers Conference
(1 year)

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

Antioch Free Will Baptist	\$22.36
Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist	20.00
Community Free Will Baptist	18.00
East Side Free Will Baptist	40.00
Free Will Baptist Chapel	20.00
Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist	32.83
First Free Will Baptist of Fremont	15.00
First Free Will Baptist of Monroe	20.00
Fellowship Free Will Baptist	25.00
Gospel Free Will Baptist	28.00
Liberty Free Will Baptist (withdrawn)	5.00
Little Dove Free Will Baptist (new)	5.00
North Side Free Will Baptist of Monroe (new)	0.00
Mission Free Will Baptist	10.00
Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist.....	20.00
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist	100.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist	10.00
West Side Free Will Baptist	20.00
Zion Free Will Baptist	<u>15.00</u>

Total General Fund \$426.19

Total Fund for Free Will Baptist Home 280.59

Total—Aug. 11, 1963 to May 1, 1964 .. \$706.78

Balance brought forward Aug. 1, 1963.. 781.79

Expenses May 1, 1963 to May 4, 1964.. 669.32

Total Balance May 4, 1964 \$819.25

HOME MISSION REPORT

Total Collected \$ 0.00

Total in Bank Aug. 1, 1964 165.23

Expenses Aug. 1, 1963 to May 1, 1964 100.00

Balance May 1, 1964 \$ 65.23

CHURCH REPORTS

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church

Delegates: Lewis Baker, William Frazier, Charles Wren, Charles Foster, and Charles Baker.

Alternates: Cecil Thompson, Ed Cowen, Kenneth Brown

State of Religion	Good
Members Received past 12 months	8
Baptized	6
Dismissed	7
Died	2
Total Membership	66
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average number of pupils	95
Number of officers and teachers	14
Paid Pastor	\$4,168.60
Paid Janitor	520.00
Paid Evangelist	347.45
Home Mission and Orphanage	234.10
Foreign Mission	230.00
Building and repairs	7,667.89
For Education	242.23
For Publication	225.02
General Fund	5.13

Church Clerk: Edna Fisher
32633 River Dr., Warren, Michigan

Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist

Delegates: Brother Quick, Sister Camp, Sister Stults, Sister Christine Welch and Brother Richard Berryhill.

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	14
Baptized	0
Dismissed	4
Total Membership	27
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Very Good
Average number of pupils	30
Number of officers and teachers	8
Paid Pastor	\$360.00
Paid Evangelist	60.03
Building and repairs	910.59
For Education	131.70

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Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist (continued)

For Publication	18.03
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Opal Brown

4704 Commonwealth, Detroit, Michigan

Community Free Will Baptist of Southgate

Delegates: Oma Lee Robinson, Ardia Stanley, Grace Smith.

State of Religion	Improving
Members received the past 12 months	2
Dismissed	13
Total Membership	23
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Fair
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average number of pupils	44
Number of officers and teachers	6
Paid Pastor	\$20.00
Paid Evangelist	25.00
Building and repairs	2,025.36
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Inez White (Telephone 278-9348)

6421 Bailey, Taylor, Michigan

East Side Free Will Baptist.

Delegates: Eugene Ellison, Garrett Crabtree, Benton Robertson, James Moore, Jimmy McDaniels.

Alternates: Thurman Slagle, Don Nidiffer and Sister Laura Davis.

State of Religion	Good
Members received the past 12 months	22
Baptized	20
Dismissed	5
Total Membership	134
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Spiritual
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average number of pupils	121
Number of officers and teachers	15
Paid Pastor	\$2,600.00
Paid Evangelist	154.05
Home Mission	470.20
Foreign Missions	35.06
Building and repairs	2,436.72
For Education	114.64
For Publication	50.50
Free Will Baptist Home for Children	370.00
General Fund	10.50

Church Clerk: Elizabeth Pierson, 8208 Edgewood, Detroit, Mich.

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

Delegates: Sister Locklear, Sister Hall, Sister Smith, Brother Hall.

State of Religion	Very Good
Members received last 12 months	29
Baptized	28
Dismissed	2
Total Membership	95
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average number of pupils	113
Number of officers and teachers	11
Paid Pastor	\$5,200.00
Paid Evangelist	436.68
Home Mission	120.00
Building and repairs	4,051.15
For Education	183.77
General Fund	10.43

Church Clerk: Sister Leona Burke (Telephone LI 3-3255)
544 E. Hudson, Madison Heights, Michigan

First Free Will Baptist of Fremont

Delegates: Brother John Atkins, Sister Atkins, Brother Jess Herdman,
Sister Rose Herdman and Sister Eunice Tyree
Alternates: Dorothy Mentell, Mary Tyree, May Tyree.

State of Religion	Good
Total Membership	27
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Average number of pupils	36
Number of officers and teachers	10
Paid Pastor	\$50.00
Building and repairs	70.00
For Education	141.00
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Clifford Tyree

First Free Will Baptist of Monroe

Delegates: Brother Albert Gray, Ollie Collins, Sister Gypsy Hall, and
Ollie Chapman.
Alternates: Sister Helen Gray, Judy Collins, Sister Leach.

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	21
Baptized	13
Total Membership	55

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First Free Will Baptist of Monroe (Continued)

Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average Number of Pupils	97
Number of Officers and Teachers	14
Paid Pastor	\$ 16.00
Paid Evangelist	180.00
Free Will Baptist Home for Children	160.00
Building and Repairs	861.01
For Education	167.86
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Ella Collins

Fellowship Free Will Baptist

233000 Kensington, Taylor, Michigan

Delegates: Calvin Arp, Velon Harmon, Lynn Haley, Faye Nichols,
Ansel Patterson.

Alternates: Ethel Haley, Carol Patterson, Rebecca Nichols.

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	20
Baptized	17
Dismissed	7
Died	1
Total Membership	46
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Fair
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average Number of Pupils	81
Number of Officers and Teachers	13
Paid Pastor	\$300.00
Paid Evangelist	75.00
Home Mission	110.86
Free Will Baptist Childrens Home	60.74
Building and Repairs	3,393.00
For Education	212.32
Caretaker	264.00
For Publication	23.70
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Eloise Harmon
8922 Waddel
Taylor, Michigan
DU 3-4843

Free Will Baptist Chapel

Delegates: James Lemaster, Lacie Lemaster, Pearl Bauswell, Barbara Booth.

Alternates: Brother Sid Viers and Sister Viers.

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	6
Baptized	7
Dismissed	1
Total Membership	48
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average Number of Pupils	46
Number of Officers and Teachers	7
Paid Pastor	\$1,008.00
Paid Evangelist	90.00
Home Mission	56.00
Building and Repairs	8,000.00
For Education	40.00
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Reba Mollett

Gospel Free Will Baptist

2379 Emmons St., Warren, Michigan, 755-9630

Delegates: Brother Virgle Harris, Sister Ruth Lewis, Brother Ray Langlois, Sister Grace Langlois, Brother George Jorrey.

Alternates: Sister Betty Wilmuth, Sister Pat Jorrey, Sister Leona Jorrey.

State of Religion	Very Good
Members received past 12 months	21
Baptized	8
Dismissed	11
Total Membership	45
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Very Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good and Growing
Average Number of Pupils	70
Number of Officers and Teachers	11
Paid Pastor	\$960.00
Paid Evangelist	00.00
Foreign Mission	27.50
Building and Repairs	3,291.42
For Education	50.55
General Fund	7.00

Church Clerk: Edward Winiecki

23500 Valleyview Dr., Southfield, Michigan
EL 7-1033

Little Dove Free Will Baptist (New)
4935 Allen Rd., Allen Park, Michigan

State of Religion	Good
Members received in 1 week	14
Total Membership	14
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average Number of Pupils	50
Number of Officers and Teachers	8
Building and Repairs	\$200.00
General Fund	5.00

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

Mission Free Will Baptist

Delegates: Sister Ocie Cox, Sister Georgia Osbourne.

State of Religion	Good
Total Membership	14
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Fair
Condition of Sunday School	Fair
Average Number of Pupils	35
Number of Officers and Teachers	8
For Education	\$15.00
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Sister Nora Cox

Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
25535 Ecorse Rd., Taylor, Michigan

Delegates: Brother Sam Belcher, Sister Mammie Belcher, Sister Inez
Grissom, Sister Barbara Grissom, Sister Rose.
Alternates: Sister Vernelle Belcher, Sister Inez Petty.

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	7
Baptized	7
Dismissed	5
Total Membership	60
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average Number of Pupils	60
Number of Officers and Teachers	8
Paid Pastor	\$240.00
Home Mission	436.60
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Mammie L. Belcher, 16133 Ziegler, Taylor, Mich.

Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
74 W. Ten Mile Rd., Madison Heights, Michigan

Delegates: Brother Noah Anderson, Brother Tommy Tucker, Sister Emma Smith, Sister Dean Lee, Sister Laura Whisman.
Alternates: Brother Steve Lee, Sister Joanne Tucker, Sister Maxine Griggs.

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	7
Baptized	6
Dismissed	14
Died	1
Total Membership	326
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average Number of Pupils	154
Number of Officers and Teachers	20
Paid Pastor	\$5,720 00
Paid Caretaker	1,300.00
Paid Evangelist	245.00
Foreign Mission	47 00
Building and Repair	63.23
For Education	376.00
For Publication	190.96
General Fund	25.00

Church Clerk: Laura Whisman (Telephone: LI 5-3733)
27681 John R., Madison Heights, Michigan

Trinity Free Will Baptist
20 No. Huron St., Ypsilanti, Michigan

Delegates: Sister Shepard, Sister Blackburn, Sister Cathy Gray, and Brother Bill Gray.

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	2
Total Membership	32
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Discontinued
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average Number of Pupils	20
Number of Officers and Teachers	5
General Fund	\$5.00

Church Clerk: Mrs. Cathy Gray (Telephone: HU 2-7620)
117 So. Harris Rd., Ypsilanti, Michigan

West Side Free Will Baptist
Michigan Ave., near 23rd St., Detroit, Michigan

Delegates: Brother Charles Bohannon, Sister Lela Bohannon, Sister Imogene Bellew, Sister Robinson, and Sister Duncan.
Alternates: Sister Whitfield, Brother L. V. Duncan and Brother Wayne Morrison.

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	3
Baptized	3
Total Membership	45
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average Number of Pupils	40
Number of Officers and Teachers	9
Paid Pastor	\$25.00 (weekly)
Home Mission	\$ 24.00
Building and Repairs	343.37
For Education	13.41
For Publication	8.50
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Imogene Bellew

Zion Free Will Baptist

Delegates: Brother Leroy Wolfe, Sister Wolfe, Brother King, Brother M. Webb, Brother George Lockard.
Alternates: Sister Ice Webb, Sister King.

State of Religion	Good
Members received past 12 months	12
Dismissed	2
Total Membership	20
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Growing
Average Number of Pupils	35
Number of Officers and Teachers	8
Paid Evangelist	\$125.84
Building and Repairs	757.59
For Education	56.19
For Publication	28.50
General Fund	5.00

Church Clerk: Sister Nancy Webb
8138 Desota, Detroit 38, Michigan

ORDAINED MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION

Names	Address	Church Affiliated
ADDISON, Rev. James D.	1934 London Lincoln Park, Mich.	Little Dove
BANKS, Rev. Joe P.	4401 Marshall Gary, Indiana	Little Dove
BREWER, Rev. James	2417 Caledonia Toledo, Ohio	Athens Chapel
BURGESS, Rev. Floyd	26257 Lehigh Inkster, Mich.	Community
COOPER, Rev. Charles C.	23777 Couzens Hazel Park, Mich.	Antioch
ELSWICK, Rev. J. B.	Address not given	Mission
FLETCHER, Rev. George W.	1429 E. Oak St. Monroe, Mich.	First FWB of Monroe
FOSTER, Rev. Charles	316 E. Parent Royal Oak, Mich.	Antioch
GALLAGER, Rev. John	4337 Southern Ave. Washington D.C.	West Side
GOLLIHUE, Rev. A.M.	507 S. Livernois Detroit, Michigan	Mission
HALL, Rev. Robert	1809 Tyler Rd. Ypsilanti, Mich.	Trinity
HAMILTON, Rev. Jake	6155 Hyde Park Inkster, Mich.	Fellowship
HAMMONS, Rev. James	624 E. Brocton Madison Heights, Mich.	Fifteen Mile
HATFIELD, Rev. H. H.	15366 Huntington Detroit, Mich.	Mission
HOWARD, Rev. Henry	1837 E. Jarvis Hazel Park, Mich.	Ten Mile
JARVIS, Rev. Clinton	517 Pearl St. Ypsilanti, Mich.	Trinity
KITCHEN, Rev. Carless	385 Oregon Ave. Ypsilanti, Mich.	Trinity

Names	Address	Church Affiliated
LANKFORD, Rev. Max	26505 Brush Madison Heights, Mich.	Ten Mile
LEE, Rev. Arvil	726 E. George Hazel Park, Mich.	Ten Mile
LOCKLEAR, Rev. Lloyd	1231 E. Hudson Madison Heights, Mich.	Fifteen Mile
MOLLETT, Rev. Arnold	3291 Minerva Ferndale, Mich.	FWB Chapel
MONDAY, Rev. Glenn	5130 Evergreen Dr. Monroe, Michigan	First FWB of Monroe
MORRISON, Rev. A. L.	6550 Wagner Detroit, Mich.	East Side
OSBOURNE, Rev. Joe	2037 Clark Detroit, Mich.	Mission
PIDDOCK, Rev. Charles P.	926 White Ave. Fremont, Ohio	1st FWB Chapel of Fremont
PIERSON, Rev. Garland	8208 Edgewood Detroit, Mich.	East Side
RAMSEY, Rev. Raymond	Hazel Park, Mich.	FWB Chapel
RIGGS, Rev. C. E.	935 E. Coy Hazel Park, Mich.	Ten Mile
SCOTT, Rev. Sterling	1921 Temple Detroit, Mich.	Mission
SHETTERLY, Rev. Ralph	27128 Barrington Madison Heights, Mich.	Gospel
SCHMITTOU, Rev. Thomas	5664 Harding Dearborn, Mich.	Taylor Faith
SMITH, Rev. Winfred	813 Forest Royal Oak, Mich.	West Side
WELCH, Rev. Calvin R.	329 W. Grand Blvd.	Athens Chapel
WRIGHT, Rev. Claude	375 E. Evelyn Hazel Park, Mich.	Fifteen Mile

(If anyone's name is missing, your name was not on the Church Letter.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order by Moderator

Call for Letter from Churches

Election of Moderator and Clerk

Read Rules of Decorum

Appointment of Committees

Divine Service, Finance and Obituary

Call for Corresponding Letters

Unfinished Old 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 footwashing shall be administered on Good Friday evening at the respective church chosen at the Annual setting of the Association.

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

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

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

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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