MINUTES OF TWENTIETH
ANNUAL SESSION
THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
convened with
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
74 West Ten Mile Road
Madison Heights, Michigan 48071

May 1-2, 1970

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

1970 OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Loyd Locklear 291-6346
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Tom Ford 791-5368
Clerk	Sis. Ruby Wright 892-4403
Treasurer & Assistant Clerk	

Next annual session to convene at the

Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church
Introductory Message – Rev. C. E. Riggs
Alternate – Rev. C. R. Kitchen

Missionary Message – Rev. Max Davis
Alternate – Rev. James E. Daniels

TWENTIETH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE SERVICE

The Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist met in its annual session at the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church at 74 W. Ten Mile, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Services opened by congregation singing "I Feel Like Traveling On" led by Bro. Ray Langlois with Sis. Grace Langlois at the piano.

Led in prayer by Rev. James E. Daniels.

Congregation sang "Glory To His Name".

Welcomed by Rev. Loyd Locklear, moderator who read scripture from 1st Kings, chapter 20, verse 40. He commented on this scripture and led in prayer.

Moderator called for reading of the church letters, to which the following responded.

- 1. Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
- 2. Ecorse Free Will Baptist
- 3. Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist
- 4. Free Will Baptist Chapel
- 5. Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
- 6. East Side Free Will Baptist
- 7. Gospel Free Will Baptist

Ordained authority and delegation invited to the altar to receive the right hand of fellowship from the moderator as congregation sings "Just a Little Talk With Jesus". Moderator recognized Rev. Herbert Waid, missionary to Japan. Altar of prayer led by Rev. Fred Norris.

Congregation sang "Tell It To Jesus Alone".

Moderator asked clerk to read petitionary letter from the United Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Pontiac. After the letter was read Rev. Ralph Shetterly gave a report from the Presbytery Board concerning this church, stating that they were formerly of the General Baptist movement but had seen fit to become Free Will Baptist. Motion made and seconded to receive them into The Liberty Association. Passed upon by the body. Pastor of the church and the delegation came forward to receive the right hand of fellowship from the moderator.

Special singing by a group from the Ecorse church. "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me".

Rev. James Wright came forward to bring the Introductory Message. He read scripture from Acts, chapter 20, verses 19-28. Invitation given as congregation sang "Lord I'm Coming Home".

Moderator mentioned that there are a few minute books of the 1969 National Association Setting.

Floor turned over to Rev. W. H. Teague who spoke concerning the forth-coming youth camp, also about parking space available at this church and where lunch will be served on Saturday.

Rev. W. H. Teague introduced Rev. Herbert Waid who spoke concerning missionary needs, reading scripture and commenting. He concluded his message with prayer.

Moderator returned to floor, requested the ushers to come forward to receive an offering for Rev. Waid. Prayer on the offering was by Rev. Loyd Locklear. Congregation sang "Glory To His Name". Amount received \$88.26.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Max Davis until the 9:00 a.m. session on May 2, 1970.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, MAY 2, 1970

Reconvened by congregation singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Ray Langlois with Bro. Howard Lindsey at the piano.

Led in prayer by Bro. Jimmie Prater.

Scripture reading by moderator, Colossians, chapter 4, verses 12-16. Prayer by Rev. Loyd Locklear.

Call for tardy letters. Responding were:

- 1. Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
- 2. Trinity Free Will Baptist

Congregation sang "I'll Be Satisfied" as delegation and ordained authority from these churches came forward to receive the right hand of fellowship from the moderator.

Roll call from various churches read by clerk.

Moderator read Rules of Decorum.

Properly seated, floor open for business.

OFFICERS ELECTION

Nomination open for moderator. Rev. Loyd Locklear elected by acclamation to continue as Moderator.

Rev. Tom Ford elected as Assistant Moderator.

Sis. Ruby Wright elected as Clerk.

Sis. Betty Wilmoth elected as Treasurer and Assistant Clerk.

Rev. C. E. Riggs stated that he would like to resign from the Presbytery Board. The body asked him to remain as a member of this board. There was a motion made and seconded that when his remaining time is up that he will become an Honorary member. There is to be a five man board and Rev. C. E. Riggs to continue for his lifetime.

Moderator said that Rev. Carson Slagle had requested his release from the position he held on the Presbytery Board. Motion made and seconded to accept his resignation, this leaving two vacancies on this board. Rev. Ralph Shetterly elected to the five year term. Rev. Tom Ford elected to the two year term.

Executive Board vacancies: Bro. Jimmie Prater elected to the five year term. Rev. Max Davis elected to the three year term.

Home Mission Board vacancy: Bro. Fred Wilmoth elected to the seven year term.

Introductory Message for the 1971 Annual Setting: Rev. C. E. Riggs to bring message. Rev. C. R. Kitchen as alternate.

Missionary Message: Rev. Max Davis. Alternate: Rev. James E. Daniels.

Motion made that we retain Rev. W. H. Teague as Foreign Mission Promotional Secretary as long as he is in fellowship with the Liberty Association. This motion was killed. Motion made and seconded that the position be filled yearly, Rev. W. H. Teague elected for the coming year.

Motion made and seconded that the Correspondence Secretary be elected yearly. Sis. Dora McCage elected to continue for the coming year.

Motion made and seconded that if any one church and the Ten Mile Church request a quarterly setting that it would automatically go to the other church. If more than two request a quarterly setting, the body will vote on where to convene.

Mention made of the Youth Camp, congregation asked to be much in prayer for our youth.

Moderator selected as Divine Service Committee, Bro. Granville Senters, Bro. Charles Clouse, Bro. Allen Rose.

Presbytery Board retired with candidate at this time.

Moderator retired to meet with the Executive Board.

Congregational songs, "Kneel At The Cross" and "Life's Evening Sun". Wonderful testimonies enjoyed by all, followed by prayer requests. Congregation sang "I've Anchored In Jesus" and came forward for an altar of prayer led by Rev. C. R. Kitchen.

Floor turned over to Rev. C. E. Riggs to bring the Missionary Message. Scripture read, Isaiah, chapter 21, verses 1-12. He brought a wonderful message. Invitation given while congregation sang "Just As I Am".

Moderator returned to floor and requested that Rev. Max Davis come forward to bring the 11:00 o'clock message, having been chosen by the Divine Service Committee. Rev. Davis read scripture from 2nd Chronicles, chapter 7, verses 13-14. Invitational song "He Loves Me".

Offering received for the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Greene-ville, Tennessee. Prayer on offering by Bro. Anderson. Amount received \$41.17.

Presbytery Board reports that they recommend Bro. Arthur Spears be ordained to preach the gospel.

Dismissed in prayer for lunch by Rev. Tom Ford.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE: 1:30 P.M.

Reconvened 1:30 p.m. by congregation singing "I Feel Like Traveling On".

Led in prayer by Bro. Fred Wilmoth.

Michigan State Association to meet June 19 & 20 at the Friendship Free Will Baptist in Flint, Michigan.

National Association to convene in Fresno, California.

Rev. Ralph Shetterly elected by acclamation to serve as a board member in connection with the youth camp. He is to work with men from the different Michigan Associations.

Motion made and seconded to have the minutes of this Annual Setting printed by the same company that printed the 1969 minutes.

Motion made that we elect a five man nominating committee. These men to look out for and check qualifications of those to fill positions as officers and board members. It was suggested that the Executive Board serve as this committee. Motion made and seconded to this effect. Carried by the majority.

Treasurer's report given and accepted as read.

Minutes read and accepted as read.

ORDINATION SERVICE

Rev. Ralph Shetterly came forward to begin the Ordination Service. He called for Bro. Arthur Spears and his wife to come forward. Rev. Shetterly read scripture from 1st Timothy, chapter 3, verses 1-7. Rev. W. H. Teague gave the charge. Rev. C. E. Riggs began the prayer, all Ordained Authority were asked to come forward for the prayer. He was followed by Rev. Tom Ford and the prayer was concluded by Rev. Fred Norris.

Congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven" as they came forward to give the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Spears and one another.

Motion made and seconded to give the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer \$50.00 each.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Garrett Crabtree.

Foreign Mission Promotional Secretary: Rev. W. H. Teague
Presbytery Board:
Rev. C. E. Riggs
Rev. Tom Ford
Rev. Fred Norris
Rev. W. H. Teague
Rev. Ralph Shetterly 5 years
Executive Board:
Rev. Ray Adkins
Rev. James Wright
Rev. Max Davis
Rev. James E. Daniels
Bro. Jimmie Prater
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Home Mission Board:
Rev. Arthur Spears
Bro. Garrett Crabtree
Rev. Bob Arnold
Bro. Ray Langlois4 years
Bro. Richard Fink 5 years

TREASURERS REPORT

RECEIPTS:	
Athens Chapel F.W.B. Church	\$ 40.00
East Side F.W.B. Church	
Ecorse F.W.B. Church	187.00
Fifteen Mile F.W.B. Church	85.33
F.W.B. Chapel Church	81.64
Gospel F.W.B. Church	181.41
Ten Mile F.W.B. Church	227.92
Taylor Faith F.W.B. Church	48.58
Trinity F.W.B. Church	
United Faith F.W.B. Church	50.00
Total General Fund Receipts	\$1,133.31
Receipts for F.W.B. Children's Home	187.22
Receipts for Foreign Missions	195.39
Refund from Gestetner	29.24
1970 Receipts for State Association	
1969 Tardy Receipts for State Assoc	
Total Receipts for Year	
Balance Forward May 1969	
	\$1,912.17
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Expenditures May 1969 – May 1970	. 1,200.30
Balance at end of Fiscal Year	\$ 711.87
Expenditures – General Fund	
Printing of Minutes	.\$ 193.51
Printing of Posters	. 36.50
Hall Rental	. 60.00
Co-operative Plan 10%	. 113.26
Change of Resident Agent	
Michigan Corporation & Securities	
F.W.B. Children's Home	
Foreign Missions	. 195.39
Michigan State Association	
F.W.B. Youth Camp, Michigan State Assoc	
Office Supplies	. 16.42
Rev. Loyd Locklear	
Sis. Ruby Wright	
Sis. Betty Wilmoth	
Total Expenditures	.\$1,200.30

MINISTERS REPORTS

	Sermons Preached	Conversions Witness	Baptized Baptized	Received into	Married	Revivals	F_{uneral_c}	Received for	/ Pastor of
Rev. Ray Adkins	29	8	7	0	0	0	1	0	NO
Rev. Robert Arnold	125	14	6	4	0	1	0	0	Taylor Faith F.W.B.
Rev. James E. Daniels	65	30	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 365.00	NO
Rev. Max Davis	120	75	3	11	10	0	3	2,792.50	United Faith F.W.B.
Rev. William T. Ford	?	128	14	16	4	1	0	0	East Side F.W.B.
Rev. Carless R. Kitchen	?	39	30	34	5	1	2	160.00	Trinity F.W.B.
Rev. Loyd Locklear	?	?	29	16	6	10	4	6,500.00	Ecorse F.W.B.
Rev. Fred Norris	100	21	15	15	2	0	1	3,058.00	Fifteen Mile F.W.B.
Rev. C. E. Riggs	6	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	NO
Rev. Ralph Shetterly	160	?	8	12	9	1	3	?	Gospel F.W.B.
Rev. Carson Slagle	150	?	10	12	2	0	2	825.00	F.W.B. Chapel
Rev. Arthur Spears	?·	?	. 0	0	0	1	0	0	NO
Rev. W. H. Teague	127	51	16	26	1	2	1	6,020.00	Ten Mile F.W.B.
Rev. Calvin R. Welch	75	?	6	11	2	0	3	245.00	Athens Chapel F.W.B.
Rev. James Wright	48	9	7	0	0	0	0	439.37	NO .

CHURCH REPORTS

Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist 5281 Addison, Detroit, Michigan	
Delegates: W. M. Ferrell, Howard Goins, Richard Berryh Alternates: Mary Ferrell, Pearl Goins, Christine Welch	ill
Church Membership	
Resident	
Non-resident	
Members Received	11
By Baptism	6
Members Dismissed	
Sunday School Enrollment	85
Womans Auxiliary Membership	
General Offerings	
Evangelistic Work	225.99
Rent of Building	
Building & Repairs	
Literature & Education	
Miscellaneous	
Total Local Expenditures	3,212.81
Foreign Missions	
F.W.B. Home for Children	
State & National Projects	12.00
Value of Church Property	
Value of Parsonage Property	*
General Fund	10.00
Clerk: Sis. Lucille Scott	
East Side Free Will Baptist	
13781 E. Nine Mile Rd., Warren, Michigan	
Delegates: Alvin Nichols, Lorene Clouse, Jimmy McDani	iels Louise
Henson, Diane McDaniels	ieis, Louise
Alternates: Gwen Cantrell, Mable Rector, Gladys McDan	iels
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Church Membership	
Resident	
Non-resident	
Members Received	
By Baptism	
Other	
Members Dismissed	
By Death	
Other	
Sunday School Enrollment	136
Total Receipts of Church	\$16,698.47
Pastor's Salary	3,100.00
Pastor's Expense	1,420.00
Evangelistic Work	-
Building & Repairs	
Literature & Education	· ·
Miscellaneous	2,134.02
Foreign Missions	
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F.W.B. Home for Children 54.00 Associational Projects 117.00 State & National Projects 12.00 Value of Church Property .75,000.00 General Fund . 50.43 Clerk: Sis. LaDean Nediffer
3942 High St., Ecorse, Michigan Delegates: Allen Rose, Bill Lucas, Homer Goins, Doris Worley Alternates: Treva Prater, Frances McCage
Church Membership 174 Members Received 16 By Baptism 12 Other 4
Members Dismissed1Sunday School Enrollment193Womans Auxiliary Membership32Total Receipts of Church\$20,249.68
General Offerings
Caretaker's Salary 840.00 Evangelistic Work 260.00 Utilities of Building 1,085.45 Building & Repairs 666.67
Literature & Education 328.32 Parsonage Carpet 526.00 Miscellaneous 882.21 Trip to Holy Land 742.50
Parsonage Utilities 616.95 Total Local Expenditures 13,220.10 Foreign Missions 682.13 F.W.B. Home for Children 200.00
Home Missions 1,215.00 Ball Team Uniforms 332.55 Singing Groups 396.41 Value of Church Property .90,000.00 Value of Parsonage Property .19,300.00
General Fund
Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist 2020 E. Maple Rd., Sterling Heights, Michigan
Delegates: Norma Perkola, Bob Davis, Natilla Smith, Darlene White, Marie Merle Alternates: Frank Merle, Flora Prewitt, Frank Smith
Church Membership 135 Non-resident 7 Members Received 25 By Baptism 16 Other 9 Members Dismissed 4

Sunday School Enrollment	102 50
Womans Auxiliary Membership	16 6
Total Receipts of Church\$18,03	-
Pastor's Salary	
	9.51
Caretaker's Salary	
	5.14
Rent of Building	
Building & Repairs	
	1.62
Miscellaneous	
•	7.09
	8.00
	0.00
	2.00
Total Outside Expenditures	7.09
Value of Church Property	00.00
Value of Parsonage Property	
	25.00
Clerk: Sis. Darlene White	
Free Will Baptist Chapel 302 E. 13 Mile Rd., Madison Heights, Michigan	
Delegates: Dorothy Spangler, Mary Stanley, Sackie Lemaster, Pearl Jo Alternates: Bob Jones, Granville Senters	nes
Church Membership	57
Members Received	12
Members Received	12 8
Members Received	12 8 4
Members Received By Baptism Other Sunday School Enrollment	12 8 4 106
Members Received By Baptism Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church	12 8 4 106 9.41
Members Received By Baptism Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense 1,03	12 8 4 106 9.41 9.23
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Members Received By Baptism Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense 1,03 Building & Repairs Literature & Education 18	12 8 4 106 9.41 9.23 2.54 6.55
Members Received By Baptism Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense 1,03 Building & Repairs Literature & Education Miscellaneous	12 8 4 106 9.41 9.23 2.54
Members Received By Baptism Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense Building & Repairs Literature & Education Miscellaneous Utility Bills 65	12 8 4 106 9.41 9.23 2.54 6.55 7.45
Members Received By Baptism Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense 1,03 Building & Repairs Literature & Education Miscellaneous Utility Bills Insurance 65	12 8 4 106 9.41 9.23 2.54 6.55 7.45 5.43 2.03
Members Received By Baptism Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense 1,03 Building & Repairs Literature & Education Miscellaneous Utility Bills Insurance Total Local Expenditures 4,46	12 8 4 106 9.41 9.23 2.54 6.55 7.45 5.43 2.03
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Church Membership	92
Resident	81
Non-resident	11
Members Received	12
By Baptism	
Other	
Members Dismissed	
By Death	
Other	
Sunday School Enrollment	
C.T.S. Enrollment	- + -
Womans Auxiliary Membership	
Total Receipts of Church	
General Offerings	·
Pastor's Salary	•
Pastor's Expense	-
Caretaker's Salary	
Evangelistic Work	
Rent of Building	
Building & Repairs	3,181.40
Literature & Education	689.82
Advertising	15.40
Miscellaneous	
Utilities	•
Telephone	
Total Local Expenditures	
Foreign Missions	
F.W.B. Home for Children	
Associational Projects	
-	
State & National Projects	
Total Outside Expenditures	
Value of Church Property	-
General Fund	42.87
Clerk: Sis. Betty Wilmoth	
Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist	
25535 Ecorse Rd., Taylor, Michigan	
Delegates: Inez Grissom, Thelma Henley, Marie Smith, Judy Smi	th,
Edward Williams	
Alternates: Tressa Smith, Goldie Spears	
Church Membershin	48
Church Membership	31
Non-resident	
Members Received	
By Baptism	
Other	
Members Dismissed	
Sunday School Enrollment	
Womans Auxiliary Membership	
Total Receipts of Church	
Evangelistic Work	
Rent of Building	2,400.00
Building & Repairs	812.23

Literature & Education
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist 74 W. Ten Mile Rd., Madison Heights, Michigan
Delegates: Noah Anderson, Tom Mennear, Mae Anderson, Katherine Chilton
Alternates: Bencie Rasnake, Judy Rasnake, Hazel Hall
Church Membership
Members Received
By Baptism
Other 2
Sunday School Enrollment
C.T.S. Enrollment
Womans Auxiliary Membership
Total Receipts of Church\$24,961.86
Pastor's Salary
Caretaker's Salary
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Pastor's Expense
Literature & Education
Advertising
Miscellaneous
Sec. Work
Total Local Expenditures
Co-operative Plan
Foreign Missions
Home Missions
F.W.B. Home for Children
Free Will Baptist Bible College
Value of Church Property
Value of Parsonage Property
General Fund

Clerk: Sis. Georgia Halpin

Trinity Free Will Baptist 410 W. Oregon St., Ypsilanti, Michigan	
Delegates: Sis. Endicott, Oda Robbins, Mary Stubbs, Bro. Alcorn Alternates: Otto Endicott, John Smith, Sis. Green	
Church Membership	97 5
By Baptism	5 174
Womans Auxiliary Membership	
Pastor's Salary	200.00 466.00
Literature & Education	54.92 540.17
General Fund	10.00
United Faith Free Will Baptist 81 E. Howard, Pontiac, Michigan	
Delegates: Paul Haynes, Dorothy Hawkins, Johnny Turner, Jr., Dorothy Loyd, Louise Vaughn, Gertrude Turner	
Alternates: Claude Vaughn, John Turner, Marie Oakley, Johnny Turner, Virginia Scott	
Turner, Virginia Scott Church Membership	57 38
Turner, Virginia Scott Church Membership Resident Non-resident Members Received	38 19 7
Turner, Virginia Scott Church Membership Resident Non-resident Members Received By Baptism Other	38 19 7 0 7
Turner, Virginia Scott Church Membership Resident Non-resident Members Received By Baptism Other Members Dismissed By Death	38 19 7 0 7 16 1
Turner, Virginia Scott Church Membership Resident Non-resident Members Received By Baptism Other Members Dismissed By Death Other Sunday School Enrollment	38 19 7 0 7 16 1 15 66
Turner, Virginia Scott Church Membership Resident Non-resident Members Received By Baptism Other Members Dismissed By Death Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense	38 19 7 0 7 16 1 15 66 8,680.62 2,797.50
Turner, Virginia Scott Church Membership Resident Non-resident Members Received By Baptism Other Members Dismissed By Death Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense Evangelistic Work Building & Repairs	38 19 7 0 7 16 15 66 8,680.62 2,797.50 612.00
Turner, Virginia Scott Church Membership Resident Non-resident Members Received By Baptism Other Members Dismissed By Death Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense Evangelistic Work Building & Repairs Literature & Education Advertising Total Local Expenditures	38 19 7 0 7 16 15 66 8,680.62 2,797.50 612.00 2,889.00 279.98 183.50
Turner, Virginia Scott Church Membership Resident Non-resident Members Received By Baptism Other Members Dismissed By Death Other Sunday School Enrollment Total Receipts of Church Pastor's Expense Evangelistic Work Building & Repairs Literature & Education Advertising	38 19 7 0 7 16 15 66 8,680.62 2,797.50 612.00 2,889.00 279.98 183.50 6,761.98 35.36

Clerk: Sis. Minnie Hobgood

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 ator 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 be-

fore 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.

No member of this Association shall absent himself when the Association is sitting in conference without leave of the Moder-

ator.

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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 dilema into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ.—Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Gen. 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:6; Eph. 2:3.
- 6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION. We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law or adoption into the Kingdom of heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified kingdom above. Heb. 8:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 15:22.

- 7. CONDITIONS OF SALVATION. We believe that all persons, dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act on their part that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. John 3; Matt. 19:13-22; I Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.
- 8. SALVATION FREE. We believe that God desires the salvation of all Christ died for all; and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel. I Peter 1:9:25; Revelation 22:17.
- 9. BAPTISM. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of the believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and the resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin and only those who have come under the presbytery of the elders are qualified to administer the same. Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5-6; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.
- 10. COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING. We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior to commenorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till he comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

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

- 11. THE SABBATH. We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted. Exodus 20:11, 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.
- 12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY. We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impress His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistable with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise the native gifts according to the Scirptures, with a full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose. Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.
- 13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH. We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; I Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

- 14. THE VISIBLE CHURCH. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctorine according to the rules of the Gospel. II Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Revelation 1:4-20.
- 15. PERSEVERANCE. We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace and in the knowledge of the truth, and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life, and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backside if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. II Peter 1:12; II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; II Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy; II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; I Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.
- 16. CHRIST, THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH. We believe that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts. 16:4-5.
- 17. SANCTIFICATION. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 6:11; II Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thess. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Tim. 2:20-21.
- 18. THE RESURRECTION. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and the body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. Matt. 28:6; John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58.
- 19. THE SOUL. The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 19:28.
- 20. JUDGMENT. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

- 3. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their respective number in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded, or died since the last setting of the Association, day of church meeting, Pastor or Clerk.
- 4. No query shall be received by this Association from any church until it has been acted upon by said church and referred to the Association. In which case the Association shall take up the matter, acting as advisory counsel to promote peace and harmony according to true discipline of Divine grace.
- 5. Every church in this Association shall be entitled to a representation of Messengers not exceeding five; together with said clerk and ordained authority.
- 6. This Association shall maintain a Presbytery Board selected from the ordained authority, preferably Ministers; five in number; also an Executive Board consisting of five, selected from the body, whose tenure of office shall be ranging from one to five years. The Association shall select, annually, to supply the vacancies as they occur.
- 7. Every motion, when in order and properly sustained, shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover; that is to say, to present matters for discussion, trying the merits of the same, and, if found worth and orthodox, to adopt it.

- 8. This Association shall not exercise power so as to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on the eternal rights of any. Maintaining the rights and privileges, and relationship to each church to that of individual members; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; where upon, if a reconciliation cannot be effected, the said church in default shall be dropped from our counsel.
- 9. We agree to do all regular business by a majority of members present.
- 10. Any church may be admitted into this Association by a petitionary letter and messengers, if however, said church is found to be orthodox and orderly. Such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to said messengers.
- 11. This Association shall sit as an advisory council, to advise, if prudent, in all matters of difficulty; to ascertain the cause of non-representation, to select from this body such committees deemed necessary to the functioning of the body; to invite and entertain counsel with all brother ministers commensurate with safety; to exclude, or disannul any member not conforming to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his, or their conduct to the church of which they held membership.
- 12. This Association shall not, at any time, engage in what may seem to be of a commercial nature. However, it shall be the duty of each church to provide means to defray current expenses of the Association.
- 13. This Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all matters concerning the Ministers of the council, as touching their qualification, of his many character and general conduct; strict adherence to the principles and doctrine of faith and practice, not deviating from that set forth in the Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptist. Particularly that of the plan of redemption, of the Christian fellowship in the unity of Spirit and the bonds of peace; or failing to keep the Ordinances, and the perseverance in faith, ready to be revealed in glory at the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ; when both saints, and the wicked deed shall be resurrected, the saints to everlasting life, and the wicked to eternal damnation.
- 14. The Lord's Supper and feetwashing shall be administered on Good Friday evening at the respective church chosen at the Annual setting of the Association.
- 15. This Association shall advise, or recommend the support of denominational enterprises according to the ability, or means otherwise provided, and under the jurisdiction of the local church.
- 16. This Association shall possess the rights to repel, or exclude anyone coming unto us preaching, or advocating any other doctrine than that set forth in the original Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptist.
- 17. This constitution shall not be changed, or amended, only by a three-fourths majority of Ministers, as also the Deacons, and likewise the duly elected representatives at the regular annual setting of the Association.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

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Adkins, Rev. Ray 11803 Klebba, Taylor, Mich. Ecorse Church

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Davis, Rev. Max 4151 Venoy, Wayne, Mich. United Faith Church

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