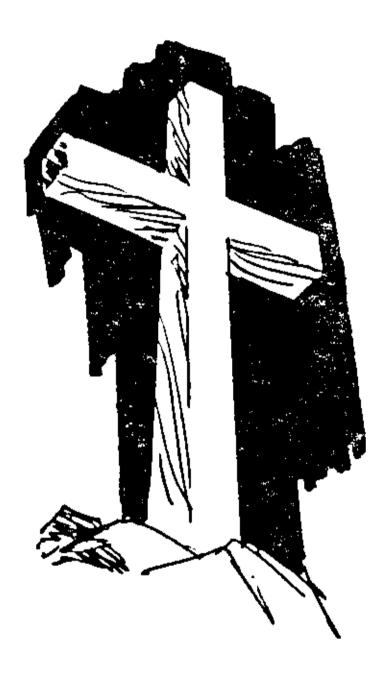
# THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1973

# MINUTES OF THE 23rd ANNUAL SESSION



# When convened with THE TEN MILE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 74 W. Ten Mile Rd. Madison Heights, Michigan 48071

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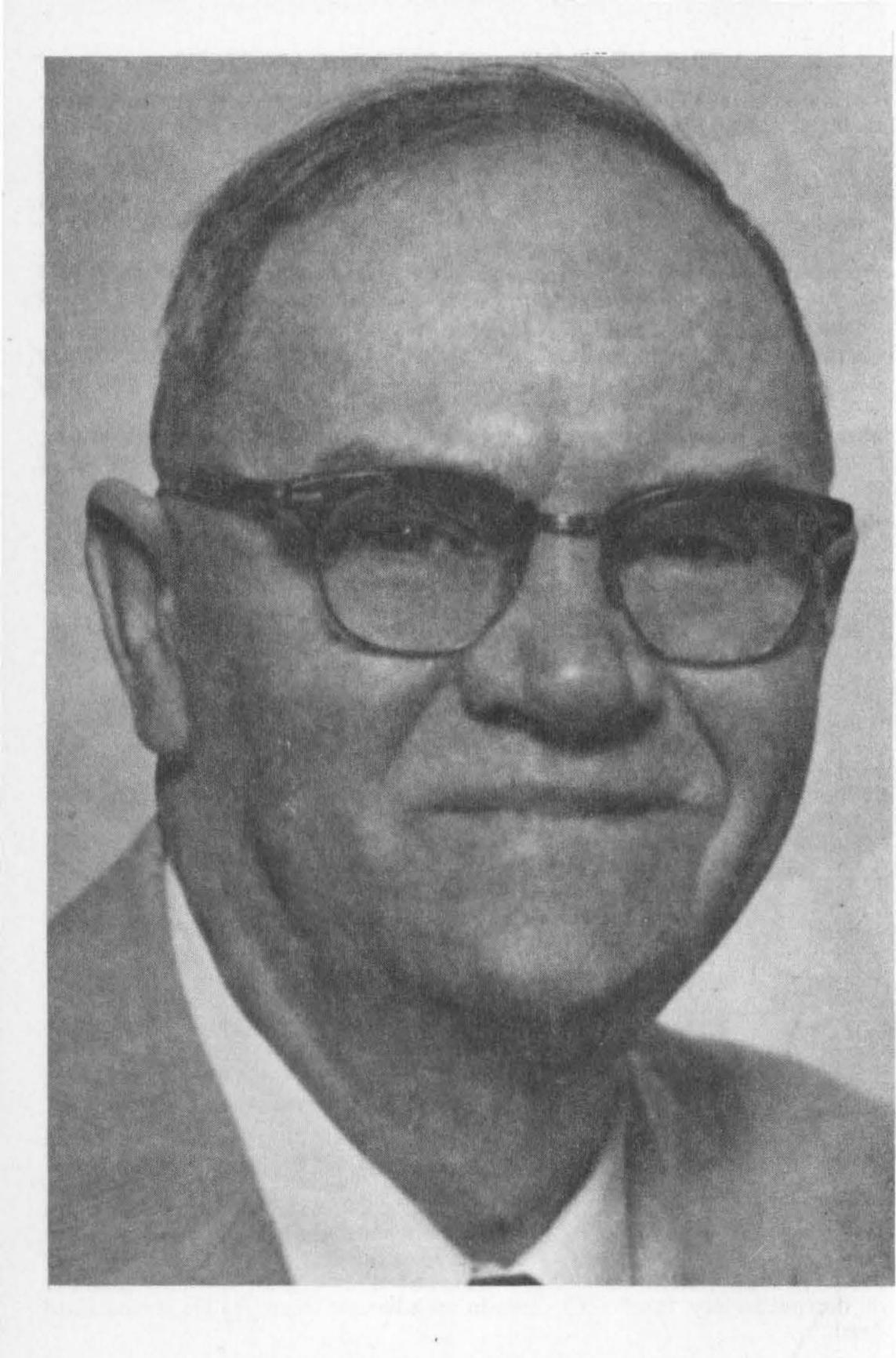
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# NEXT ANNUAL SESSION TO CONVENE AT THE TEN MILE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

# ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to order by Moderator
- 2. Call for letters from churches
- 3. Election of Moderator and Clerk
- 4. Read rules of Decorum
- 5. Appointment of Committees: Divine Service
- 6. Call for corresponding letters
- 7. Unfinished business
- 8. New business

This edition contains a special tribute to Rev. C. E. Riggs.



# **REV. CHARLES ERNEST RIGGS** Oct. 31, 1892 – Sept. 22, 1972

# A TRIBUTE TO REV. CHARLES E. (DAD) RIGGS

The year was 1940; The place was Michigan; The need was reinforcement in the formative years of re-establishing Free Will Baptist Churches in Michigan. God in His great wisdom had just the man, Rev. Charles E. (Dad) Riggs.

As Moses was not aware of the details of God's plan for his life, so it was with Rev. Riggs. But like Moses he had learned to Love and Fear God and to do God's bidding even if it meant leaving his home. In looking back over the life of "Dad" Riggs who was born in Murta, Arkansas, it is evident God's will for him was to leave his home state and come to Michigan. The developments of his life prove this, as we point to a few of them.

In his youth he had seen the need of education. After attending The Pocahontas High School and The Maynard Washington Academy, he became a School Teacher. The early training of many men of The Bible such as Moses had much to do with the course of their life. Farming and Teaching School was not all that God had in life for Charles E. Riggs.

On Jan. 10, 1915, Miss Eva Dawson became his wife and God blessed them with eleven children, of which ten were living at the death of Rev. Riggs.

Of the many events that took place in his life, one of those that stood out so vividly in his mind was when he preached his first sermon in Charum, Ark., at The Sharum Free Will Baptist Church. This was shortly before he was licensed in 1931, and was later ordained in 1932.

"In those days," as he would so often recall, the life of a Free Will Baptist preacher was not the same as today. There were many circuit preachers and he was one of them. He would pastor four or five churches, and would walk or ride a horse, or what ever means was available to keep his appointments. He was a member of The Stony Point Association of Free Will Baptist.

Rev. Riggs first served in Michigan at The First Free Will Baptist Church

in Hazel Park. After leaving as pastor there, he worked in The Highland Park Church. When The Ten Mile Free Will Baptist was organized he moved his membership there in the late 1940's. It was about this time that The Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist was being formed by his boyhood friend Rev. N. P. Gates. These two men's ideas were very much the same in doctine. They worked as a great team in the early years of the Liberty Association.

This phase of his life is where we know him best. He was a great leader but would not be described as an outgoing man, but rather an available man. His life proved this as he made himself available wherever needed.

In 1956 he became moderator of the Liberty Association and served until 1963 at which time he requested that by reason of his loss of hearing, that some one else be elected to serve. His wish was granted and he was elected as the assistant moderator where he served until 1967. His failing eyesight and loss of hearing caused him to ask to be relieved of his duties as assistant moderator and member of the Presbytery board where he had served many years. The association granted his wish, but made him an honorary member of the presbytery for life to serve in an advisory capacity. He served until .death.

On the Ordaination papers of many Free Will Baptist preachers and deacons across this country is the signature of Rev. C. E. Riggs. He has laid hands of ordaination on from 60 to 70 preachers and that many deacons through the Liberty Association alone. These men will never forget the day they felt the hand of this man of God as he prayed for them.

His teaching was not limited to The Ten Mile Church. Many of our churches have engaged his gift of teaching to teach special Bible Classes. Through this many of our people have not only obtained a better understanding of The Bible, but also doctrine of The Free Will Baptist. He was available at any time to answer difficult questions on the Bible, and they were ask to him by everyone from new converts to older pastors. He had the answer, for they were found in the book he loved most, The Bible. The Word of God had never become boring to him, but was just as exciting to him as the first time he began to read it.

The impossible task of paying "Proper Tribute" to Rev. Riggs is not because he did nothing to tell about. But how do you sum up briefly what a man of such great magnitude has done? Some of the living testimonies he has left behind are the multitude of preachers he has ordained. Most of his ten children are active in the work he believed in so much, including sons who are preaching the Gospel. But out of all the people he ushered into this work, no one is able to fill the great void left by his death.

We of the Liberty Association feel proud that "Dad" Riggs was a part of us, and because we know he has reached his ultimate goal we can rejoice at his home going. We know that his wishes in paying tribute to him would not be to say the right words, but he would be honored to know we are trying our best to continue to fight the good fight he gave his life for.

When the hand of death took him from our presence, it did not have the power to remove the great memory we have of him. Although the whole world did not know him, we did! Thank God for directing the course of his life this way.

#### TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ASSOCIATION INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE SERVICE Friday Night May 4, 1973

The Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Twenty-Third Annual Setting at the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church, 74 W. Ten Mile Rd., Madison Heights, Michigan.

Convened with congregation singing "Victory Today Is Mine," and "I Know Whom I Have Believed," led by Bro. Grover Miller with Sis. Lana Chaffin at the piano.

Prayer led by Rev. Hildred Beadles.

Welcome extended by the moderator, Rev. Loyd Locklear. The Devotion was also given by Rev. Lockear, reading from II Peter 1:1-10.

Meeting called to Order.

First item of business: Reading of letters from the following churches and roll call of delegates:

- 1. Association Free Will Baptist
- 2. Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist
- 3. East Side Free Will Baptist
- 4. Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
- 5. First Free Will Baptist of Monroe
- 6. Free Will Baptist Chapel
- 7. Gospel Free Will Baptist
- 8. Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist
- 9. Ten Mile Free Will Baptist
- 10. Troy Free Will Baptist
- 11. United Faith Free Will Baptist
- 12. Woodhaven Free Will Baptist

Songs "When We All Get To Heaven" and "When The Roll Is Called Up

Yonder" were sung as the ordained authority and delegation came forward to receive the right hand of fellowship from the moderator. Bro. Hershel Stanley led in an altar of prayer. Following prayer the congragation sang "Oh How I Love Jesus."

As ushers came forward to receive an offering for the Free Will Baptist Home of Children in Greenville, Tenn., the moderator informed the assembly that Bro. Ray Turnage, superintendent of the home, would be with us in Saturday's a.m. session. He also commented on the growth of our churches as noted on the various church letters.

Bro. Noali Anderson asked God's blessings on the offering. Amount received \$122.10.

The Presbytery Board retired with candidates to be examined. Rev. William Ford and Rev. Charles Cooper were asked by moderator to stand in on the board for Rev. Ralph Shetterly enabling Bro. Shetterly to bring the Introductory Message.

Special singing by Bro. Grover and Sis. Geneva Miller. "Dear Jesus Abide With Me."

Rev. Ralph Shetterly came forth to bring the Introductory Message. He preached from Gen. 2:1-3, Acts 6:1-3 and Hebrews 6:1. His subject "Number Seven The Perfect Number" invitational song "Jesus Paid It All."

Moderator recognized visiting ministers Rev. Jimmie Stewart, moderator of the New Hope Association, and Accompanied by his son Rev. Griffin from Newport, Michigan. Announcements were made including those concerning the open house, dedication, and revival at Woodhaven Free Will Baptist beginning May 20th.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jimmie Stewart.

# SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, MAY 5, 1973

Setting reconvened by congregation singing "Heavens Jubilee" led by Rev. Carson Slagle, with Sis. Marie Wright at the piano.

Prayer led by Rev. Jimmie Tolbert and welcome extended by moderator.

Extended welcome was by moderator. He read scriptures from II Timothy 1:6-9 for the devotion.

Meeting called to order.

Clerk read roll call of delegation and a tardy letter from the Trinity Free Will Baptist. The delegation and ordained authority from the Trinity church came forward to receive the right hand of fellowship from the moderator.

Moderator read rules of decorum and declared the assembly properly seated and ready for business.

#### **OFFICERS' ELECTION**

Election of Moderator: Rev. Loyd Locklear elected by acclamation.

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Jimmie Tolbert elected by acclamation.

Clerk: Sis. Ruby Wright elected by acclamation.

Assistant Clerk and Treasurer: Rev. Carless Kitchen, Jr., elected by acclamation.

Sis. Ruby Wright resigned as clerk, motion made to accept her resignation. Seconded and carried. Aforementioned election of clerk rescinded.

Motion made to give the moderator permission to select 3 men to serve on the Executive Board in the absence of the elected enabling the board to function as a nominating committee. Seconded and carried. Chosen were Rev. Hildred Beadles, Rev. Jimmie Tolbert, and Rev. Ralph Shetterly. The board then retired to prayerfully consider people for nominations.

Ladies were excused to prepare lunch.

Motion made to omit the divine service committee and 11 o'clock message to allow Bro. Ray Turnage ample time to speak concerning the orphanage in Greenville, Tenn. The motion was seconded and so carried.

Rev. Charles Cooper discussed using a different printer for the minutes. Motion made to allow moderator, clerk, asst. clerk, and Rev. Cooper to check out information on having the "73" minutes printed as reasonable as possible. Seconded and passed.

Correspondence letter read from Rev. W. H. Teague stating that he is pastoring in Newport, Tenn. And requests a letter from the Liberty Association. Motion made to grant Rev. Teague a letter, seconded and carried.

Rev. Edward Vincent requests his letter of recommendation be sent to the Wolverine Association. Motion made, seconded and carried to grant Rev. Vincent a letter.

This assembly was reminded that the State Association meets June 15, 16, 1973 and the National convenes July 9-12 in Macon, Georgia.

Obituary report given by Sis. Dorothy Hawkins. The following are those whom God has taken from our midst.

East Side FWB: Sis. Ann Stroder & Sis. Lela Philips Fifteen Mile FWB: Bro. A. G. Thompson First FWB Of Monroe: Sis. Ada Trevitt **Gospel FWB: Clinton Sanback** Ten Mile FWB: Rev. C. E. Riggs, Bro. Robert Miller, Sis. Jewell Bonzo Trinity FWB: Bro. Tony Mullins, Sis. Polly Shepherd, Sis. Eddna Marrow and Sis. Tina Chadwick. Woodhaven FWB: Rev. John Loar.

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Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept this report.

Motion made to retain Sis. Dorothy Hawkins and Sis. Smith on the Obituary Committee.

Moderator reminded the congregation that each church is allowed one delegate per 100 members or fraction thereof to the State Association. Each church is to select their delegates and notify this association clerk.

Rev. Charles Cooper spoke concerning the Youth Camp, and pointed out the need for every child to go. He suggested that each church make an effort to set up funds to assure every child an opportunity to go to camp that otherwise could not. Junior camp is July 30-Aug. 4. Senior camp is Aug. 6-11. Price per child is \$20.00.

Motion made to give moderator, clerk and treasurer \$50.00 each. Seconded and carried.

Motion made to appoint a committee to investigate the moderator's travel expenses for this association. Seconded and passed. Men appointed were Rev. Loyd Locklear, Rev. Charles Cooper, and Rev. Jimmie Tolbert.

Sis. Ruby Wright asked if the churches of this association would receive offerings to purchase a watch with raised hands for Sis. Blanche Lindsey who is blind. Motion made that offerings be taken in each church and the money received be sent to Sis. Wright. Motion seconded and carried.

Congregational song "At Calvary" led by Bro. Fred Norris. Prayer by Bro. Bill England.

Bro. Ray Turnage came forward and spoke concerning the children's home.

Offering was received for the home. Amount received \$64.15.

Rev. Jimmie Tolbert spoke concerning Key 73 warning us against this movement.

Executive board recommends Bro. Roger Cooper as association clerk.

Motion was made and seconded to accept this recommendation. Bro. Roger Cooper elected as clerk.

Recommendation: 5-year term on executive board be filled by Rev. Aubrey Shepard. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Recommendation: Rev. Charles Cooper to the 2-year term on executive board. Motion made, seconded and carried. Motion made to accept the resignation of Bro. Jimmie Prater from the above-mentioned 2-year term. Motion was seconded and passed.

Recommendation: Rev. James Bostic to be elected to fill the 3-year vacancy on the home mission board. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Presbytery board recommends that Rev. Fred Norris be elected to the 5-year term on the Presbytery board. Motion made, seconded and carried. Presbytery board recommended that the 1-year vacancy be left until next session. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Presbytery board recommended that any minister ordained in this Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists be asked for his credentials if he should leave this association and not; within one year join himself to another association of like faith. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept this recommendation as stated.

Presbytery board recommended that the next setting, and next setting only, be changed from Aug. 3 & 4th, 1973, to July 27 and 28th, 1973. Motion made, seconded, and passed. This change of dates prevents conflict with the junior week of youth camp.

Correspondence secretary: Sis. Ann Slagle elected by acclamation.

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Promotional secretary for foreign missions: Motion made to table election to fill this vacancy until the next session. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion made that assembly give officers leaving offices a standing vote of thanks for their service. Motion seconded and so carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn for the noon meal. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Aubrey Shepard.

# AT LUNCH HALL

Treasurer's report read; motion made and seconded to accept the report as read. So carried.

Minutes read. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as read. So carried.

Standing vote of thanks given to the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church for the fine meal and hospitality.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

Foreign Mission Promotional Secretary:

Presbytery Board: Rev. Fred Norris Rev. Jimmie Tolbert Rev. Hildred Beadles Rev. Ralph Shetterly *	.4 Years .3 Years .2 Years
Executive Board: Rev. Aubrey Shepard Rev. William Ford Rev. Ray Adkins Rev. Charles Cooper Rev. Carson Slagle	.4 Years .3 Years .2 Years
Home Mission Board: Rev. James Bostic Bro. Granville Senters Bro. Fred Enloe *Left vacant at annual Meeting	.2 Years

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

# **RECEIPTS:**

Association F.W.B. Church	\$25 SO
Athens Chapel F.W.B. Church	433.30
East Side F.W.B. Church	177.00
Fifteen Mile F.W.B. Church	
First F.W.B. Church of Monroe	
F.W.B. Chapel Church	160.80
Gospel F.W.B. Church	138.80
Toylor Faith F W B Church	38.00
Taylor Faith F.W.B. Church	
Ten Mile F.W.B. Church	
Trinity F.W.B. Church	200.00
Troy F.W.B. Church	
United Faith F.W.B. Church	
WoodHaven F.W.B. Church	
Total General Fund Receipts	.\$1,771.42
Receipts for F.W.B. Children's Home	411.23
Receipts for Ministers Manuals	
1973 Receipts for State Association	
Total Receipts for Year	.\$2,406.65
Balance Forward May 1973	. <u> 630.27</u>
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Expenditures May 1972-May 1973	<u>\$2,013.29</u>
Balance at end of Fiscal Year	1,023.63
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Association Free Will Baptist 615 E. Dakota St., Detroit, Michigan
Delegates: Billy Ferrell, Andy Pratico, Sue Slagle Alternates: Jane Bostic, Delphia Nelson
Church Membership18Members Received3Sunday School Enrollment33C.T.S. Enrollment23Total Receipts of Church\$855.88Building & Repairs\$225.00Literature & Education\$52.00Miscellaneous\$213.15Total Local Expenditures\$490.15Associational Projects\$10.00State & National Projects\$12.00Total Outside Expenditures\$22.00General Fund\$10.00Clerk: Anna Slagle\$10.00
Athens Chapel Free Will Baptist Church 5281 Addison Ave., Detroit, Michigan
Delegates: John Grantham Sr., Gertrude Grantham, Nell Mitchell Alternates: V. Howell, J. Mitchell
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# East Side Free Will Baptist Church 13781 E. Nine Mile Rd., Warren, Michigan

Delegates: Luke Chavis, Ann Chavis, Jess Malone, Philip Blankenship, Lela Jackson

Alternates: Mary Slagle, Claude Randolph, Della Rector

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Members Received	9
By Baptism	3
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Members Dismissed	2
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Total Receipts of Church	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Pastor's Salary	\$2,860.00
Caretaker's Salary	\$1,800.00
Evangelistic Work	\$150.00
Building & Repairs	\$6 549.09
Literature & Education	\$237.61
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Foreign Missions	\$380.00
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Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church	
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Peggy Steward	
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First Free Will Baptist of Monroe 6248 Dunbar Road, Monroe, Michigan
Delegates: Joyce Ferguson, Cretie Pennington, Gypsie Hall, Goldie Kirk, Edith Withrow Alternates: Ethel Waldon, Vicky Ferguson
Church Membership43Resident20Non-resident23Members Received2By Baptism1By Death1Sunday School Enrollment45Total Receipts of Church\$3,381.14General Offerings\$963.13Pastor's Expense\$1,040.00Caretaker's Salary\$480.00Evangelistic Work\$125.00Building & Repairs\$756.22Literature & Education\$117.16Advertising\$15.00Miscellaneous\$64.35City Water Line\$113.82Gravel Drive\$2,418.01F.W.B. Home of Children\$76.99Associational Projects\$40.00State & National Projects\$12.00Total Outside Expenditures\$12.89Value of Church Property\$20,000.00General Fund\$12.89
Clerk: Edward Taborski

## Free Will Baptist Chapel Church

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The Gospel Free Will Baptist Church 2379 Emmons St., Warren, Michigan
Delegates: Virgil Harris, Rubie Tucker, Clifton Griffin, Betty Sanback, Mae Enloe Alternates: John Adler, Sue Hendricks
Church Membership62Resident62Members Received5Other5Members Dismissed12By Death1Other11Sunday School Enrollment72C.T.S. Enrollment25Woman's Auxiliary Membership11Total Receipts of Church\$14,454,48General Offerings\$2,351.18Pastor's Salary\$7,800.00Pastor's Salary\$1,200.00Evangelistic Work\$225.00Rent of Building\$1,824.00Building & Repairs\$201.11Literature & Education\$238.48Advertising\$157.29Miscellaneous\$520.98Insurance\$314,45.14Foreign Missions\$631.68F.W.B. Home of Children\$298.55Minutes for Year\$139.13Total Outside Expenditures\$14,145.14Foreign Missions\$631.68F.W.B. Home of Children\$298.55Minutes for Year\$139.13Total Outside Expenditures\$139.13Total Outside Expenditures\$139.13Total Outside Expenditures\$139.13Total Outside Expenditures\$238.48Value of Church Property\$75,000.00General Fund\$38.00Clerk: Mary Bex\$38.00
Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist Church 25535 Ecorse Rd., Taylor, Michigan
Delegates: Marie Smith, Inez Grissom, Goldie Spear, Othel Smith Alternates: Lena Smith
Church Membership42Resident27Non-resident15Members Received5Members Dismissed21Sunday School Enrollment45

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Trinity Free Will Baptist Church 410 Oregon, Ypsilanti, Michigan	
Delegates: Tod Nuley, Frank Ashcraft, Leonard Ward, Paul Salyer Alternates: Carless Kitchen Jr., Olian Hankins	
Church Membership	. 189
Non-resident	. 63
Other	18
Sunday School Enrollment	. 218
Total Receipts of Church\$28,65General Offerings\$28,65Pastor's Salary\$7,21	2.73
Pastor's Expense\$1,89 Evangelistic Work\$15 Building & Repairs\$4,00	0.00
Literature & Education	8.55
Radio Program	8.00
Parking Lots	03.05 0.00
Home Missions	8.31
State & National Projects	2.00
General Fund	
Troy Free Will Baptist Church 2300 John R., Troy, Michigan	
Delegates: Cecil Rice, Roger Cooper, Roger Hatfield, Nelson Roger J. Taylor Alternates: George Boles, Clifton Looper, Henry Carroll	s, A.
Church Membership	209 144
Non-resident	.65
By Baptism	. 10
Other	208
General Offerings\$35,86 Building Funds\$9,19	4.74
Mortgage on New Building	0.00
Evangelistic Work	0.00 7.00 8.76

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Literature & Education	.\$2,093.95
Miscellaneous	.\$4,956.86
Total Local Expenditures	-
Foreign Missions	
Home Missions	
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State & National Projects	
Total Outside Expenditures	.\$2,262.15
Value of Church Property\$2	
General Fund	\$62.00
Clerk: Louise Thame	

# United Faith Free Will Baptist Church 81 E. Howard, Pontiac, Michigan

Delegates: Dorothy Hawkins, Gertrude Turner, James Taylor, Ula Taylor, Dorothy Lloyd, Ellen Brown Alternates: Irene Bond, Mary Morrison, Paul Philps, Betty Philps

Church Membership
Resident
Non-resident
Members Received
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Sunday School Enrollment
Total Receipts of Church
Pastor's Expense
Building & Repairs\$2,080.00
Miscellaneous
Utilities\$925.18
Total to Account For
Total Expense\$12,022.92
Total Local Expenditures\$624.50
Missions
State & National Projects \$12.00

State & National Projects\$12.00 General Fund\$33.57 Clerk: Phyllis C. Varney
Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church 26191 Allen Road, Woodhaven, Michigan
Delegates: Don Tackett, Phyllis Tackett, Doris Worley, Treva Prater, Allen Rose Alternates: James Wallis Jr., Wright Mike Thompson
Church Membership185Members Received17By Baptism9By Death1Sunday School Enrollment242Woman's Auxiliary Membership23Total Receipts of Church\$35,481.08General Offerings\$26,338.47Pastor's Salary\$6,500.00Pastor's Expense\$996.13Caretaker's Salary\$840.00Evangelistic Work\$830.36Building of New Church\$175,673.68Literature & Education\$242.95Advertising\$233.90Miscellaneous\$432.43

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Rev. Robert Arnold	?	?	3	5	2.	?	0	none	Taylor Faith
Rev. Hildred Beadles	150	9	18	25	3	1	0	\$3,100.00	F.W.B. Chapel
Rev. Charles Bohanon	76	?	3	2	0	0	. 1	\$1,040.00	First of Monroe
Rev. James Bostic	65	12 ·	0	—	1	1	0	\$210.00	no
Rev. Charles Cooper	125	?	29	35	6	0	3		Troy F.W.B.
Rev. Oscar Cummings Jr.	25	4	8	-	2	0	1	none	no
Rev. Max E. Davis	110	40	11	18	12	1	4	\$3,242.00.	United Faith
Rev. Delmon Edwards	26	8	0	-	0	0	0	none	no
Rev. Daryl W. Ellis	20	9	0		0	0	0	\$150.00	no
Rev. William T. Ford	?	74	8	8	8	1	3		East Side
Rev. Loyd Locklear	?	?	?	?	3	10	6		Woodhaven F.W.B.
Rev. Fred Norris	75	50	13	21	2	0	4	\$9,175.00	Fifteen Mile Rd.
Rev. Weldon Perkola	45	?	0		0	0	0.	none	no
Rev. Bencie Rasnake	30	4	0	— —	0	0	0	\$100.00	Shady Lawn
Rev. Wayne Rhodes	38	6	0	_	1	0	1	\$100.00	no
Rev. Aubrey Shepard	107	7	5	10	2	0	1.	\$310.00	Athens Chapel
Rev. Ralph Shetterly	120	?	?	?	. 3	2	1	\$7,800.00	Gospel F.W.B.
Rev. Carson Slagle	104	?	1	· 3	0	0	2	none	Association
Rev. Arthur Spears	?	?	?		0	0	0	none	no
Rev. Jimmie Tolbert	170	?	52	63	6	3	6	\$7,215.00	Trinity F.W.B.

#### 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; 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 willfully 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. 10:12-13; 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 agreeed, 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; whereupon, 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 and alifif the ch, or ained said f this from

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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 threefourths 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.

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onhis nd he 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 oursleves 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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