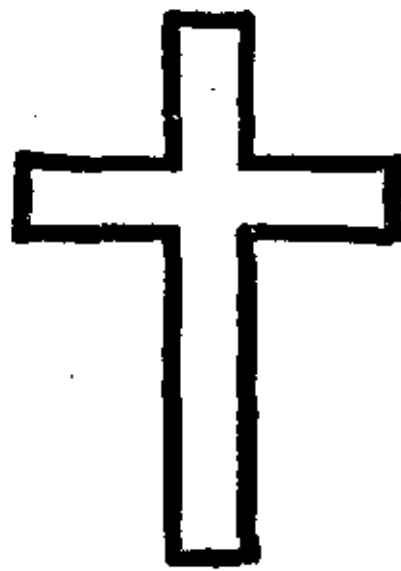


**THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1974-1975

*MINUTES OF THE YEAR
AND ANNUAL SESSION*



When convened with
The Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church
74 W. Ten Mile Road
Madison Heights, Michigan 48071

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION**

Moderator	Rev. Lloyd Locklear	675-5753
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Jimmie Tolbert	697-9553
Clerk	Bro. Louis Tolbert	461-6435
Treasurer and Assistant Clerk	Bro. Vernon Garrett	482-4605

**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

BOARD MEMBERS

Foreign Mission Promotional Secretary
Rev. Charles Testament

Presbytery Board

Rev. Curtis Lilly	5 years
Rev. George Johnson	4 years
Rev. Fred Norris	3 years
Rev. Jimmie Tolbert	2 years
Rev. Hildred Beadles	1 year

Executive Board

Rev. J. D. Tolbert	5 years
Rev. Delmon Edwards	4 years
Rev. Wayne Rhodes	3 years
Bro. Homer Goins	2 years
Rev. William Ford	1 year

Home Mission Board

Rev. John Griffith	3 years
Rev. Roger Hatfield	2 years
Rev. Oscar Cummings	1 year

Aug., 1974

Open in song page 276, "Prayer Bells of Heaven." Pianist - Ray Atkins opens with prayer. Hymnal 110, "Heavens Jubilee." Bro. Moderator read Eph. 3:14-21 Scriptures. Prayer of Apostle Paul — understanding the love of God. Grow in children. Bro. Tom Ford led in prayer over Scripture. Meeting to order Letters read and prayer of Consecration. Song 169, "Let My Life Be a Light". Bro. Fred Norris led in prayer. Amazing Grace was sung.

Offering taken for Childrens Home. Bro. Don Tackett led in Prayer. Presbytery Board dismissed. Moderator received South Haven FWB Church. Executive Board dismissed. Bro. Moderator turned singing service over to Bro. Carson Slagle - Pastor. Him and his group sang, "The answer is on it's way." If we ever plan to pray - Today is the Day. \$95.00 offering for Childrens Home.

Service — Bro. Roger Hatfield preached from Isaiah. On firing your preacher, wonderful message. Invitation given. Church singers came forth and sang invitational song "Why me, Lord." Invitation given, with no response. Next Bro. Moderator asked visiting Pastor J. D. Tolbert of South Haven FWB to come and give a testimony and he gave one on the responsibility of the Pastor in firing up the congregation. Bro. Cooner stood up and gave a pen talk on Youth Camp. Bro. Carless Kitchen stood up and asked all churches to send one representative for tomorrow before noon meal to have prayer for the youth of our churches and to set up rallies. Gary Hill be licensed as Minister. Bro. Griffin dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY

Opened with page 120 "Victory in Jesus". Bro. Morrison led in prayer. Bro. Moderator read devotional on Psalms. Letters read and tardy letter from Taylor Faith. RMS to accept reports as read. Rules of Decorum read. Taylor Faith Deacon to be ordained. Bro. Jim Marks. Next quarterly meeting. Floor open — Nov. 1 & 2 next Assoc. meeting. Troy Church asked for the meeting to be held there. Election by acclamation. Bro. Ford and Bro. Edwards will give introduction message. Missionary Message - Bro. Morrison and Bro. Johnson. Nov. 1 & 2 setting. Bro. Moderator mentioned that Bro. Tolbert would be good to have him speak for Christ at 11:00.

State Moderator to speak here on state functions. Churches to practice several duties which we are practicing already.

Also to Preachers that are not living up to standard. Who should be called for their card and not respond to be published to the state letter. Have mission dismissed and obituary dismissed. Bro. Atkins came forth with his wife to lead congregational singing. When God dips his love in my heart. Morning prayer - Bro. Beadles. Bro. Atkins and wife sang — Don't lose your vision of Him. Song — Precious Memories. Bro. Rhodes preached from Genesis 12:1-3. Gave a message on Missions and obeying God. Bro. J. D. Tolbert was then called to preach. Psalms 126 on dedication. Invitation given.

RMS to accept reports from Boards — Home Mission. RMS to accept Bro. Fowler for a 4 year term and Bro. Enlowe for 5 year post.

Presbytery Board Chairman reports.

1. Bro. Hill not be licensed pending.

2. Bro. Jarya to be ordained.

Bro. Atkins to be ordained.

3. Six items of suggestion.

Bro. Cummings led in prayer. Fellowship revival held in Trinity Church in Sept. or Oct. Bro. Jim Marks ordained as deacon and Bro. Atkins as Minister. Fellowship handshake with the ordained. Bro. Tolbert spoke on retirement plan and Thompson Chain Bibles and minister meetings. Bro. Arnold dismissed with prayer.

OK — Proposal to procedure change on Friday night instead of reading the letters from the churches we should dispense with this until Saturday morning. Currently we are reading the roll Friday and Saturday and this is a duplication and waste of time. I would like to recommend that on Friday night each Church present to the Clerk a list of their delegation along with their letter. The Association Clerk along with help from the host Church would be permitted to retire to some area of privacy and prepare a name card for each delegate. Example — We could have red for Minister, blue for deacons, and white for delegation, clerks, and other Association Officers. These name cards could be handed out on Saturday morning on the arrival at the Church. Then at the beginning of the business, roll call could be made and a right hand of fellowship extended. This eliminating voting of delegation and authority. No one would be allowed to take part without a name card. It would also permit us to devote the entire Friday night service to worship and fellowship. We are out of order by everyone taking part and voting on business matters.

OK — We the Presbytery Board recommend that instead of the Executive Board making recommendations for replacements on their Board, this be left up to the Presbytery Board.

Not Passed — Recommend in event a man has been licensed to Preach and he is called to a work or he starts a work that would require him to be ordained that instead of having to get approval of the Association that the man can be examined by the Presbytery and if found qualified the body accept their judgment in the matter.

PASSED — Furthermore we would like to recommend that if a man is a licensee and at the end of a year the man is still not in a position that requires him be ordained, such as, (called to pastor, ass't pastor, full time evangelism, or full time youth work). Instead of ordaining him we renew his license for another year or as such time he attains a position requiring ordination.

PASSED — We recommend that we elect a Promotional Man for the Board of Retirement and Insurance to represent the Liberty Association. Jim Tolbert elected.

TABLED UNTIL NEXT SETTING

Qualifications for Presbytery Board.

- I. A man who is not a novice.
 - A. At least 5 years since ordained.
 - B. At least 3 years at pastoring.
 - C. If not presently a pastor at least 5 years previous experience as a pastor.
- II. A man that is ground in Free Will Doctrine.
- III. One who will dedicate himself to the position. Disqualification if missed 3 meetings of any kind called by the Presbytery Board or and including the annual setting if meetings missed in one year.
- IV. One whose character and habits are beyond reproach,
 - A. Not a brawler, family & otherwise, B. honest and pays his debts. C. decent and respectable dress, no shorts, no bodyshirts, going without shirt, and no bad habits such as: (smoking, playing cards, chewing tobacco, and etc.)

The service began with Sis. Diane McDaniels at the piano and Bro. Jim Maynard leading the congregation in song. Prayer was led by Bro. Roy Addison. The Pastor gave the welcome and turned service over to Assistant Moderator Rev. Jimmie Tolbert. Petitionary letters were read from the First Free Will Baptist of South Haven and Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist. A motion was made and passed to accept these churches. Congregation came forward to pray singing Amazing Grace. An offering of 101.10 was taken for the Childrens Home. Prayer over the offering was led by Bro. Robert Arnold.

The Strait Way Trio sang He's Real and Old Jordan. The Chalk Artist Rev. Bruce White brought the message, "Installed Under His Wing". For the invitation the Congregation sang "Just As I Am."

SATURDAY

Rev. Charles Cooper led the congregation, with Bro. Roger Cooper at the Piano. Rev. Fred Norris led in the opening prayer. Bro. Lloyd Locklear the Moderator gave the devotional thought from Psalms 100 and called the meeting to order. Roll call was given. The Congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" and prayer was led by Rev. Curtis Lilly.

The Moderator then read the Rules of Decorum. A request from the Trinity FWB was granted for the next quarterly meeting.

A motion was made and passed for Rev. Herman Hershey to bring the Introductory and 11 a.m. message.

Comments were made on the success of the fellowship Revival at Trinity. A motion was made and passed to have the Home Mission Board prepare the agenda for future Conferences.

Old Business: A motion to remove an item concerning ordaining ministers from the table was carried.

After hearing reports from the Presbytery Board and ministers on this new ruling a motion was made and passed to accept it as law. Presbytery clerified the wording. Rev. Shetterly resigned but agreed to stay on temporarily after an appeal by the Presbytery Board.

The order of the service was changed and the Congregation sang "I'll be Satisfied". Prayer was led by Bro. Gary Hill. The Straitway Trio sang "I'd like to tell the world, Hallelujah Square and Home in the Solid Rock."

The Missionary message was given by Rev. Curtis Lilly followed by the 11 A.M. message by Rev. Curtis Sheets many responded to the invitation for rededication.

Testimonies were heard from the two Missionary interns. Blessing on the food and benediction.

Following lunch the Treasurers Report was given and accepted. The minutes were read and accepted and a standing vote of thanks was given to the ladies that prepared the meal.

Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 1975

Friday Night Service

Service called to order by Moderator. Bro. Cooper led us in prayer. Bro. Fred Norris led the congregation in Hymn No. 120, "Victory in Jesus," and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" with Sister Arilla at the piano.

Bro. Locklear read for the evening devotion from Psalms 103. The ushers came forward to receive the evening offering for the Children's Home. The offering was \$115.01.

Bro. Locklear made an announcement concerning the Provision Closet for the Missionaries.

Bro. Paul Camel came forward and sang. He sang "I Gave My Heart To Jesus", "I've been born again", and "When I Was a Babe in the Lord." Bro. Lloyd and others then came forward and sang, "I'm Free Again," and "Heaven Jubilee," with Bro. Herman Hershey at the piano. Mom "Ruth" was recognized and gave her testimony. Bro. Hershey then played Hymn No. 294, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells."

Bro. Hershey came forward to bring the message. He talked about his work on the national level with the Retirement Dept. He encouraged the Pastors who weren't participating in the program to do so. He read for his message from First Chronicles, 29th Chapter, Verses 1 thru 6. He took his text from the 3rd verse titled "I have set my affection to the House of My God". He brought a very inspiring message. The invitation was given by Bro. Locklear. There were some who came forward to rededicate their lives to the cause of Christ.

Bro. Fred Norris dismissed in prayer.

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Bro. Walker Harris led Congregation in No. 248. Bro. Beadle prayed for Conference. Bro. Harris then led singing Page 319. Piano was played by Sister Arilla Wode. Bro. Jim Tolbert brought devotion reading from Psalms 119, verses 9-16, centering his message on Verse 11, "Hiding God's Word in our Hearts". He then prayed for Conference and God's Word. Bro. Moderator welcomed the Congregation and called the Association to Order. The Treasurer read letters and roll call of delegation.

East Side	Woodhaven Free Will
Mt. Olive Free Will	Whittaker Free Will
Troy Free Will	Fifteen Mile Free Will
Taylor Faith Free Will	Old Fashioned Free Will
Trinity Free Will	First Free Will of Monroe
First Free Will of South Haven	Association Free Will
Free Will Baptist Chapel	Zion Free Will
Gospel Free Will	

Bro. Moderator called for delegation to come forward for right hand of fellowship from Moderator. Bro. Harris led singing page No. 255, "He Loves Me."

Bro. Moderator called for Victory in Praying for the Churches, their Leaders and for the Conference as a whole. Bro. Shetterly led in Prayer of Consecration. Bro. Moderator read Rules of Decorum.

Bro. Moderator asked if Conference would like to elect Treasurer for this setting since the present Treasurer has taken a Church to Pastor not in this Association. Bro. Beadle nominated Bro. Garrett. Elected by all. Bro. Moderator asked that Conference decide where setting to be held in August. East Side asked for Conference in August. Motion by Bro. Cooper to accept invitation of East Side, seconded by Bro. Shetterly. Motion carried. Speaker for Introductory Message. Those nominated: Bro. Ford, Bro. Adkins, Bro. J. D. Tolbert. Bro. Beadle made motion nominations cease. Bro. Ford and Bro. Adkins declined in favor of Bro. J. D. Tolbert. Motion carried. Bro. Ford and Bro. Adkins alternates.

Missionary Message: Bro. Lilly and Bro. Griffith nominated. Motion of nominations to cease. Bro. Lilly elected and Bro. Griffith alternate.

Bro. Moderator commented on success of Fellowship Revival

at Trinity in fall and expressed a desire to have another one in the Spring and Fall. Sept. 22 suggested for fall meeting. Bro. Moderator brought attention of Conference to the State Conference in June, also reminded Churches to include \$15.00 in letter for State Association at annual. Also National will be in Michigan in 1977. Ways of supporting this will be announced later.

Bro. Moderator explained operation Partnership to Conference to pay off National Association Building.

The Old Fashioned Church asked they entertain a Spring Fellowship Revival, April 7th. This date and place was set at this time. Executive Board excused to take care of today's business. Old Business, none. New Business: Bro. Jim Tolbert expressed a desire to change rules to let host Church provide noon meal. Bro. Beadle moved this suggestion be accepted with the stipulation that if any church needed help it should ask for help from other Churches, second by Bro. Tolbert. Motion carried.

The Executive Board request Bro. Cummings set with them in business. Presbytery Board request to be excused at this time for business.

Bro. Cooper gave report on upcoming Youth Camp. Junior Camp July 28-Aug. 2, Senior Camp Aug. 4-9, at same place as before. Bro. Welch, director of Senior Camp, Bro. Jim Tolbert director of Junior Camp. The fee will be same as last year. Bro. Cooper suggest that Churches start projects to send their children to Camp. Workers needed for Camp. The Quarterly Association meeting in August will have to be changed because of conflicting dates with Youth Camp. Motion to change Association Meeting to July 25, 26. Motion second and carried. Bro. Moderator reminded Association that the National Association will be held in Dayton, Ohio, and suggested that Teens, (responsible,) be sent to the National. Moderator suggested Churches think about sending their Pastors to the National in July 13-17. Bro. Moderator reminded the Association that the Great Lakes Bible Institute will be starting again on Feb. 3 at Kirby Free Will Church. And on Feb. 4 will be Ministers Retreat. Bro. Moderator called Bro. Harris to lead song and Sister Arilla to play Page No. 314.

Then there was Prayer for Morning Worship Service. Special singing for morning service provided by Trinity Trio, Bro. Garrett, Sister Garrett, and Bro. Harris. Bro. Bill Chandler, Bro. Locklear, Sister Francis, and Sister Caudill. Piano played

by Sister Arilla Wode. Bro. Moderator called Bro. Hershey to platform, Director of Board of Ministers Retirement and Insurance. He commended the Conference on its attendance. He then read from Luke 23, 27-47, centering on Verse 33 and the word Calvary.

C—The Curse lifted. Gal. 3:10

A—Atonement was made. Roman 5:8

L—Love of God. I John 4:9

V—Victory in Jesus. Heb. 2:14

A—Adoption made possible. Gal. 4:4

R—Redemption made possible. I Peter 1:19

Y—Because of You and Me. I Peter 2:24

Bro. Hershey closed this message with Prayer and invitation for rededication at the altar. Some souls came to the Altar for redidication. Bro. Hershey again expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to be with the Liberty Association. The Moderator called for an offering to be taken for support toward Bro. Hershey expenses. \$82.25 received.

Reports: Executive Board Report. Motion to receive report and second.

REPORT NO. 1

Currently our Association has a double standard in Ordaining Deacons. Churches that belong to the Association require to have their deacons ordained by the Presbytery Board, however on the other hand any Church not belonging to the Association can ordain their own Deacons and if the Church should come into the Association, the Association accepts the Churches Ordination. Deacons are ordained only for the specific church therefore the individual church should ordain their own deacons. We submit the Proposal that prospective deacons continue to be examined by the Presbytery Board and if approved the church then have the responsibility of ordaining the deacon. The Board could be used if desired but only as ordained ministers and not in an authoritative body. The credentials would still be granted by the Association.

Motion Bro. Beadle to concurr with recommendation. Motion carried.

REPORT NO. 2

Foreign Mission Board

We cannot recall hearing a report from this board for the past few settings. We would like to know if this office is alive or dead.

The Foreign Mission Board discontinued until next setting.

REPORT NO. 3

We the Executive Board recommend that the men who are Licensed to Preach the Gospel be issued a good standing card. Motion to accept recommendation by Bro. Jim Tolbert. Motion carried.

REPORT NO. 4

We the Executive Board recommend the Clerk be compensated for their time spent in preparing the minutes of each meeting and the Annual. \$25.00 each Associational meeting. \$50.00 for Annual minutes.

Motion to accept recommendation by Bro. Cooper. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board Report

Recommend Bro. Roger Daniels to be licensed. Motion by Bro. Jim Tolbert to accept recommendation. Motion carried.

It was discussed and decided that Bro. Kitchen would continue to sign checks necessary for Conference Business until the Annual Meeting.

Bro. Griffith prayed for God to dismiss the Association from the Church to the school for noon meal and Prayed for God's blessing on Noon Meal.

It was decided to give the Offering from the Fellowship Revival to the Provision Closet. (\$57.09).

Bro. Jim Tolbert made motion to make up to \$150.00 to give to Bro. Hershey. Motion carried.

Motion was made to accept Treasurer report. Motion carried. The minutes of this setting was read and a motion was made to accept the reading of the minutes. A motion was then made to adjourn. The Conference was dismissed in prayer.

May 1975

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The service began with the congregation singing "Power In the Blood", and "The Lord Is My Shepherd" led by Bro. Grover Miller. Prayer was led by Rev. Fred Norris.

The Welcome was given by the Moderator. The Moderator read devotions from Psalms 133.

The congregation sang "Oh How I Love Jesus" and an altar

of prayer was led by Bro. J. D. Tolbert.

The evening offering was lifted for the Orphanage and Homecoming there was announced to be May 11th.

A letter of thanks was read from Bro. Daryl Ellis.

The Presbytery Board was excused to examine Bro. Elijah Isom and Bro. Roger Hatfield. The Executive Board was excused to make recommendations.

The Moderator announced that Bro. Curtis Sheets would preach the 11:00 message. An announcement was made concerning the singing at Ten Mile FWB Sunday afternoon with the Looper Trio.

A Revival will be at the Ten Mile FWB starting May 12-16 with Rev. Curtis Sheets.

Sis. Lois Mungle sang the "King Is Coming". Sis. Geneva Miller informed us of a book written by Dad Riggs that will be available in 8 weeks. Bro. and Sis. Miller sang "Each Step I Take." The Congregation sang "Farther Along." Bro. Edwards brought the Introductory message from St. John 12:24. For the invitation the congregation sang "At The Cross". Bro. Charles Miller gave the benediction.

ANNUAL MEETING Saturday Morning May 3rd.

Bro. England led the congregation in "Victory In Jesus" with Sis. Wright at the piano, followed by prayer by Carson Slagle.

The Moderator led in devotion from 1st Cor. Chapter 3, 1-3.

The meeting was called to order. Roll call was given answered by each church with the exception of the 1st FWB of Monroe. The congregation sang "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian". An altar of prayer was led by Rev. Fletcher followed by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace."

The ladies from Ten Mile were excused. The Moderator read the Rules of Decorum. The floor was opened for business.

The Executive Board made recommendations and the following were elected:

Rev. Locklear — Moderator — acclamation

Rev. Tolbert — Asst. Moderator — acclamation

Louis Tolbert — Clerk — acclamation

Vernon Garrett — Treasurer — acclamation

Charles Testament — Foreign Mission Sec. — acclamation

Bro. Griffith — 5 yr. Home Missions — acclamation

Harold Gilberson — Youth Director — majority vote

A motion was passed to make Gary Hill the assistant Youth Director.

The qualifications were read for the Presbytery Board.

Rev. Curtis Lilly — Presbytery — acclamation

The Presbytery board recommended Rev. J. D. Tolbert for the 5 year term for the Executive Board; Bro. Griffith was nominated, Bro. J. D. Tolbert was elected.

Bro. Goins — 2 yr. term, Executive Board — acclamation

Rev. Cooper — Youth Camp Promoter — acclamation

Mom Slagle & Kay Nickles — Obituary — acclamation

Wilma Hatfield — Corresponding Sec. — acclamation.

Bro. Rhodes reproves Executive Board for failure to perform their duties. He suggested that a committee set guide lines for all offices. A motion was passed to include the promotional work of our association in the job of the assistant moderator.

A motion was passed to let the executive board work with the assistant moderator in laying the guide lines from old minutes for each position in the association and to recommend needed guide lines at the next meeting.

Rev. Curtis Sheets was recognized and asked to preach the 11 o'clock message.

Bro. Bostic resigned from the Home Missions Board, a motion was passed to accept his resignation. Bro. Cummings was elected by acclamation to replace Bro. Bostic.

The Presbytery Board recommends that the minutes of each quarterly meeting be published in the annual minutes; eliminating unnecessary information. A motion was made and passed to accept this recommendation. The Presbytery Board recommends that all licensed ministers be given 3 books concerning the ministry, along with the Bible already given. A motion was made to accept this recommendation and to order 8 sets of these books at the price of \$102.70.

The State Conference will be June 13th and the National in July. The next Liberty quarterly meeting will be July 25th and 26th at the East Side FWB.

Bro. Jimmie Tolbert discussed the needs of the Youth Camp.

A motion was passed to condense the ministers reports. A motion was carried to give \$50.00 to the Moderator and the Treasurer. A report was given of \$218.03 sent to the Telehon from our fellowship revival.

A motion was carried to send \$100.00 to the Youth Camp.

At the lunch hall the Treasurer report and minutes were read and accepted.

Meeting adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Association FWB Church	40.30
Eastside FWB Church	111.00
Fifteen Mile FWB Church	100.00
First FWB Church of Monroe	30.00
FWB Chapel Church	160.96
Gospel FWB Church	158.00
Taylor Faith FWB Church	62.00
Ten Mile FWB Church	166.28
Trinity FWB Church	332.67
Troy FWB Church	100.00
WoodHaven FWB Church	200.00
Mount Olive FWB Church	105.00
Zion FWB Church	75.00
South Haven FWB Church	90.92
Whittaker FWB Church	81.94
Old Fashioned FWB Church	56.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS \$1,870.07

Receipts for FWB Children's Home	409.10
Foreign Missions Call-a-thon	218.03
1974 Receipts State Association	63.00
Revival Offering	213.94
Offering for Herman Hersey	82.25

Balance

\$2,856.39

BALANCE FORWARD, MAY 1974

\$1,029.70

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$3,886.09

Expenditures, May 1974-1975

2,018.74

Balance at end of Fiscal Year

\$1,867.35

EXEPNDITURES — GENERAL FUND:

Printing of Minutes	465.50
Hall Rental	120.00
Co-operative Plan 10%	177.30
Michigan Corporation and Securities	10.00
FWB Children's Home	409.10
Michigan State Association	63.00
Bank Service Charge	3.44
FWB Foreign Missions	233.03
Office Supplies	35.00
Rev. Jimmie L. Tolbert (Bibles)	27.00
Missionary Provision Closet	57.09
Printing for Fellowship Revival	13.80

Rev. Herman Hersey	150.00
Daryl Ellis (Bible College)	80.00
Rev. Loyd Locklear - Gratuity	50.00
Bro. Clinton V. Garrett - Gratuity	50.00
Bro. Roger Cooper - Gratuity	50.00
Bank records of previous year lost	24.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,018.74

Association Free Will Baptist

27637 Gratiot, Roseville, Michigan

Delegates: Sue Slagle, Kathy Nelson, Jane Bostic, Delphia Nelson, Andy Pratico

Church Membership	19
Total Income	3,839.04
Total expenditures	4,685.82
Clerk: Anna Slagle	

East Side Free Will Baptist

13781 E. Nine Mile Road, Warren, Michigan

Delegates: Marie Ford, Mabel Rector, Mary Slagle, Bro. Jesse Malone, Millie Malone

Alternates: Jimmy McDaniels, Gladys McDaniels and Ray Johnson

Member Added	26
Members Lost	4
Baptisms during year	10
Value of church property	\$95,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	165
Total Income	\$16,249.43
Pastor's Salary	\$11,780.00
Home Missions	\$50.00
Total outside expenditures	\$294.64
Clerk: Della Rector	

Fifteen Mile Road Free Will Baptist

2020 Maple Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan

Delegates: Verb England, June England, Ed Shields, Jo Ann Brooks, Evelyn White

Church Membership	206
Resident	191
Nonresident	15
Members Added	16
Members lost	5
Number of Baptisms	15
Value of Church Parsonage	\$37,000.00
Value of Church Property	\$137,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	233
C.T.S.	25
Woman's Auxiliary	5
Total Income	\$34,967.96
Pastor's Salary	\$9,100.00
Other Staff Salary	\$1,560.00
Miscellaneous	\$18,059.87
Total Local Expenditures	\$34,075.87
Foreign Missions	\$1,019.00
Bible College	\$619.50
Home Missions	\$946.59
Children's Home	\$911.50
Total Outside Expenditures	\$3,497.79
Clerk: Jean Norris	

First Free Will Baptist of South Haven

1045 East Wilson, South Haven, Michigan 49090

Delegates: Leland Springer, Roger Daniel, Kathryn Springer, Kathy Springer, Patricia Daniel

Church Membership	44
Resident	44
Members Added	3
Members Lost	10
Number of Baptisms	6
Value of Church Parsonage	\$35,000.00
Value of Church Property	\$100,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	80
C. T. S.	10
Woman's Auxiliary	15
Total Income	\$15,229.00
Pastor's Salary	\$5,450.00
Other staff salary	\$350.00
Miscellaneous	\$14,393.00

Total Local Expenditures	\$15,438.00
Foreign Missions	\$626.00
Children's Home	83.00
Total Outside Expenditures	\$709.00

Clerk: Von Tolbert

Free Will Baptist Chapel

302 E. 13 Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071
 Delegates: Barbara Booth, Linda Kendall, Audra Kelly,
 Granville Senters, Gordon Chitwood
 Alternates: Ollie Kelly, Geraldine Chitwood, Secki Le-
 master

Church Membership	75
Resident	75
Members Added	6
Members Lost	16
Baptisms During Year	1
Value of Church Property	\$100,000.00
Total Income	\$19,595.81
Pastor's Salary	\$4,310.13
Building and Repairs	\$8,464.89
Miscellaneous	\$8,284.79
Total Local Expenditures	\$16,749.68
Foreign Missions	\$665.71
Home Missions	\$665.71
Children's Home	\$665.71
Total Outside Expenditures	\$1,997.13

Clerk: Francis Million

Gospel Free Will Baptist

2379 Emmons St., Warren, Michigan 48091
 Delegates: Virgil Harris, Russell Bex, Emmagene Smith,
 Octavia Mullins, Rubie Tucker
 Alternates: Amil Hunt, Alvis McGhee, Eva Whitt

Church Membership	61
Resident	61
Members Added	13
Members Lost	16
Baptisms During Year	12
Sunday School Enrollment	70
Woman's Auxiliary	9
Total Income	\$17,892.25
Pastor's Salary	\$7,800.00
Other Staff Salary	\$1,200.00
Building & Repair	\$1,824.00

Miscellaneous	\$4,233.71
Total Local Expenditures	\$15,057.71
Foreign Missions	\$400.00
Children's Home	\$143.51
Other Dist. or State	\$182.85
Total Outside Expenditures	\$726.36
Clery: Mary Bex	

Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist

1330 Paxton, Ferndale, Michigan 45220

Delegates: Bert Skags, Irene Skags, Ed Kitts, Charlene Tatum, Raleigh Compton

Alternates: Shirley Lilly, Hugh Partin

Church Membership	112
Resident	107
Nonresident	5
Members Added	27
Members Lost	6
Baptisms During Year	21
Value of Church Property	\$160,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	140
C. T. S.	60
Woman's Auxiliary	12
Total Income	\$52,040.00
Pastor's Salary	\$2,350.00
Other Staff Salary	\$1,820.00
Buildng & Repair	\$43,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,450.00
Total Local Expenditures	\$51,898.00
Foreign Missions	\$615.00
Home Missions	\$320.00
Total Outside Expenditures	\$1,478.00
Clerk: Beverly Lilly	

Old Fashioned Free Will Baptist

3003 Chicago Road, Warren, Michigan 48092

Delegates: Hershel Dover, Mary Testament, Mary Dover, Bob Smith, Jimmy Judkins

Alternates: Helen Judkins, Wesley Shelton, Mary Shelton

Church Membership	130
Resident	130
Woman's Auxiliary	22
Value of Church Parsonage	\$50,000.00
Value of Church Property	\$150,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	200

Total Income	\$30,132.00
Pastor's Salary	\$9,725.00
Building & Repair	\$1,393.00
Miscellaneous	\$14,961.00
Total Local Expenditures	\$26,079.00
Foreign Missions	\$1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$600.00
Total Outside Expenditures	\$1,800.00
Clerk: Gloria Smith	

Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist

25535 Ecorse Rd., Taylor, Michigan 48180

Delegates: Pauline Arnold, Marie Smith, Deloris Adams

Church Membership	52
Resident	38
Nonresident	14
Members Added	12
Baptisms During Year	4
Woman's Auxiliary	15
Total Income	\$7,187.00
Pastor's Salary	\$1,200.00
Building and Repair	\$7,750.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,929.52
Total Local Expenditures	\$12,879.52
Foreign Missions	\$96.46
Home Missions	\$411.80
Children's Home	\$176.43
Total Outside Expenditures	\$684.69
Clerk: Bonnie Marks	

Ten Mile Free Will Baptist

74 W. Ten Mile Rd., Madison Heights, Michigan 48031

Church Membership	125
Resident	125
Members Added	21
Members Lost	9
Baptisms During Year	25
Value of Church Parsonage	\$24,500.00
Value of Church Property	\$195,500.00
Sunday School Enrollment	230
Total Income	\$36,040.84
Pastor's Salary	\$7,840.00
Other Staff Salary	\$2,940.00
Woman's Auxiliary	20

Building and Repair	\$11,000.00
Total Local Expenditures	\$21,780.00
Foreign Missions	\$130.00
Home Missions	\$254.98
Miscellaneous	\$216.73
Total Outside Expenditures	\$601.71
Clerk: Wanda Edwards	

Trinity Free Will Baptist

410 Oregon St., Ypsilanti, 48197

Delegates: Ralph Clay, Raymond Stubbs, Alex Moore,
Olian Hankins, Paul Jones

Alternates: Richard Coffey, David Richard, Frank Ashcraft

Church Membership	252
Resident	242
Nonresident	10
Members Added	42
Members Lost	45
Number of Baptisms	26
Value of Church Property	\$165,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	230
Woman's Auxiliary	24
Master's Men	18
Total Income	\$36,830.00
Pastor's Salary	\$9,065.00
Other Staff Salary	\$2,500.00
Building and Repair	\$12,553.00
Miscellaneous	\$4,096.00
Total Local Expenditures	\$28,214.00
Foreign Missions	\$480.00
Retirement and Ins. Bd.	\$350.00
Total Outside Expenditures	\$830.00
Clerk: Mary Stubbs	

Troy Free Will Baptist

2300 John R., Troy, Michigan 48084

Delegates: Richard Barnett, Jim Nunley, Ernest Wil-
mouth, Arnie Sizemore, Lynn Howard

Alternates: George Boles, Dallas Lowe, Leroy Roberts

Church Membership	168
Resident	109
Nonresident	58
Members Added	42

Members Lost	7
Number of Baptisms	28
Value of Church Property	\$240,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	265
Clerk: Louise Tharpe	

Whittaker Free Will Baptist

Box 136 Whittaker, Michigan 48190

Delegates: Phil Fowler, G. W. McFry, Clyde Caudill,
Bro. Brandenburg, Relzie McFry

Alternates: Janice Caudill, Jean Raymond, Doretta Tolbert.

Church Membership	33
Resident	33
Hembers Added	2
Number of Baptisms	10
Value of Church Property	\$40,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	69
Total Income	\$8,195.55
Pastor's Salary	\$4,200.00
Other Staff Salary	\$480.00
Building and Repair	\$101.38
Miscellaneous	\$4,251.37
Total Local Expenditures	\$9,032.75
Children's Home	\$341.00
Outside Miscellaneous ..	\$22.00
Total Outside Expenditures	\$363.00
Clerk: Joyce Bruce	

Woodhaven Free Will Baptist

26191 Allen Rd., Woodhaven, Michigan 48183

Delegates: Marie Locklear, Homer Goins, Breck Manns,
Pauline Renir, Letha Adkins

Alternates: Treva Prater, Doris Worley, Sis McCage

Church Membership	245
Resident	245
Members Added	51
Members Lost	7
Number of Baptisms	24
Value of Church Property including Parsonage	\$350,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	339
Woman's Auxiliary	25
Pastor's Salary	\$8,000.00
Clerk: Cuba Goins	

Zion Free Will Baptist

1570 Oak St., Wyandotte, Michigan 48182

Delegates: Jerry Maynard, Noah Daniels, John Lowe,
James Adkins, Jim Daniels, Phillip Holquin

Church Membership	45
Resident	45
Members Added	4
Members Lost	10
Number of Baptisms	7
Value of Church Property	\$25,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment ..	50
Total Income	\$5,775.00
Building and Repair ..	\$5,800.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,356.00
Total Local Expenditures	\$7,156.00
Foreign Missions	\$12.00
Total Outside Expenditures	\$12.00
Clerk: Larry Bryant	

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 brethren, 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.

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, who 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 Association.

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 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 dead 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 change, 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.

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