

# **THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1975 - 1976

**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-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

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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

## BOARD MEMBERS

### Presbytery Board

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

### Executive Board

Rev. John Griffith . . . . .	5 years
Rev. J. D. Tolbert . . . . .	4 years
Rev. Delmon Edwards . . . . .	3 years
Rev. Bob Smith . . . . .	2 years
Bro. Homer Goins . . . . .	1 year

### Home Mission Board

Rev. Oscar Cummings. . . . .	5 years
Rev. Roger Daniel . . . . .	4 years
Rev. George Fletcher . . . . .	3 years
Rev. A. L. Morrison . . . . .	2 years
Rev. Roger Hatfield . . . . .	1 year

### Foreign Mission Promotional Secretary

Rev. Charles Testament

### Youth Director

Harold Gilbertson

### Youth Camp Co-ordinator

Rev. Curtis Lilly



# LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## Minutes of the Quarterly Setting

Friday July 25 & Saturday July 26, 1975

When convened with the East Side Free Will Baptist Church

The service began with congregation singing "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian" led by Bro. Cummings. Bro. Curtis Lilly prayed the opening prayer. The Asst. Moderator, Bro. Jim Tolbert, acting Moderator in absence of Moderator gave welcome. The Asst. Moderator read scripture from II Peter 3, 1-9 and spoke on importance of doing God's work. The Congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On". Asst. Moderator welcomed everyone around the altar for prayer led by Bro. Bohannon. The Asst. Moderator called for ushers to receive offering for the Children's Home, Bro. Jim Tolbert, Asst. Moderator prayed for God's blessings on Offering. The amount of the offering was \$87.71. The congregation sang "It's a Grand and a Glorious Feeling". Special singing was by Sister Blanch Lindsey from the Gospel Free Will Baptist. Special singing also by Quartet from East Side Free Will Baptist. Bro. J. D. Tolbert was called on to bring the Introductory message. He read from I Corin. 6, 17-20, "For Ye Are Bought with a Price." He spoke on selling out for Jesus. At the close of the message the congregation sang "Jesus is Calling". The Asst. Moderator gave time for announcements. Bro. Rhodes prayed the benediction.

## Saturday Morning July 26, 1975

The congregation led by Bro. Charles Cooper sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm". The Asst. Moderator read scripture from Psalms 133. The Asst. Moderator called the meeting to order. The Church letters were read by the Clerk and Asst. Clerk. The following Churches responded:

- Trinity Free Will Baptist
- Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist
- Free Will Baptist Chapel
- Troy Free Will Baptist
- Gospel Free Will Baptist
- East Side Free Will Baptist
- Whittaker Free Will Baptist
- Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist
- First Free Will Baptist of Monroe

Association Free Will Baptist  
Zion Free Will Baptist  
Old Fashioned Free Will Baptist  
Ten Mile Free Will Baptist  
Woodhaven Free Will Baptist  
First Free Will Baptist of South Haven

Congregation sang while Moderator gave right hand of fellowship and seated delegates. The Prayer of Consecration was prayed. The Moderator asked for Corresponding messages. The Moderator recognized Bro. Jim Nason & Bro. Homer Willis as visiting ministers. The Moderator read the Rules of Decorum. The Moderator dismissed the Boards, Home Missions, Executive Board and Presbytery Board. The Moderator appointed the Divine Committee to choose morning Preacher, Bro. Willie Linn, Bro. Smith, and Bro. Coffey. The delegates chose the next setting of the Conference to be at Mt. Olive Free Will. Bro. Slagle was elected to preach the Introductory message at the next setting with Bro. Morrison chosen as alternate. Bro. Johnson was chosen to preach the Missionary Message at the next setting with Bro. Charles Cooper chosen as alternate. Bro. Cooper moved that a list of the Preachers who have preached in the last twelve months be compiled. Motion carried. The delegation elected Bro. Rhodes to preach the Introductory Message for the Annual setting with Bro. Shatterly as the alternate. The delegation elected Bro. Lilly to preach the Missionary message for the Annual setting with Bro. Beadles as alternate.

## Board Reports

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. That all business that is to come before the Liberty Association be routed through the Executive Board . . . . That it may be brought on the floor through this board.
2. That the Annual Minutes of the Liberty Association be re-printed using the same size type and format as used in the 1974 minutes. The reason being that the lettering is much too small making them almost impossible to read.
3. The Minutes of the Association setting be read and accepted at the following setting of the Association. This would serve two purposes . . . It would bring tabled

business back on the floor. It would also give our clerk time to fellowship with the Association at the noon meal. And no business should be translated at the dinner table.

1. Motion made to table until wording refined. Motion carried.
2. Motion made to accept Boards suggestion on reprinting of Minutes. Motion Accepted.
3. The delegation moved to accept the Boards suggestion on the reading of the minutes until the next setting. Motion accepted.

Moderator reported on the progress in setting guidelines for Officers and Boards of the Association. Bro. Cooper, Promoter for Youth Camp, gave report on Youth Camp and gave plea to send youth to camp and helpers. Motion to condense Ministers report by Bro. Cooper. Motion to accept. Motion carried. Condensed for as follows:

## LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER'S REPORT

Name . . . . . City . . . . .  
Address . . . . . Zip Code . . . . .  
Phone . . . . .

Member what church? . . . . .  
Office held in association? . . . . .  
Pastor of what church? . . . . .  
Type of ministry now engaged in if any other than pastoring,  
such as Asst. Pastor, Youth Director, etc. . . . .  
Number of conferences attended in past 12 months? . . . . .

Motion to adjourn into Missionary Service. Motion carried.  
Bro. Cooper led "Glory to His Name". Bro. J. D. & Sis Von Tolbert sang "The Rock". Bro. Curtis Lilly brought Missionary Message from Matt: Chapter 8, 5-13, Faith for Free Will Baptist. The Congregation sang "Are You Washed in the Blood?". Congregation sang while a Missionary Offering was taken. Bro. G. W. McFry prayed for Offering. Amount of Offering \$47.38. Bro. Jim Nason spoke on upcoming Great Lakes Bible Institute.

Bro. Nason read II Kings 21 & 22 and spoke on Revival. Congregation sang "Just As I Am." Moderator acknowledged book by Dad Riggs. Announcements. Bro. Ford prayed benediction and blessings on meal.

## **LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

### **Minutes of the Quarterly Setting**

**Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1, 1975**

**When convened with the Mt. Olive FWB.**

**Friday, October 31, 1975**

The services began with Bro. Lilly, the Pastor of Mt. Olive FWB, welcoming everyone to the Quarterly Setting of the Liberty Association. He read from "Psalms" then prayed, then turned the services over to Bro. Moderator. A Brother from Gospel FWB came forward and led singing from page 350, "Sweet By & By", with Sister Wode at the piano.

Prayer was prayed by Bro. Jim Stewart.

Bro. Moderator asked for a show by standing from members of each church that is lettered into the Association. Bro. Moderator asked for deacons of host church to come forward and a offering for the FWB Children's Home was taken totaling \$79.62. Bro. Johnson prayed for the offering as a sister from host church played a hymnal on the organ.

Bro. Moderator asked Sister Wode to play and sing for the special singing.

Bro. Moderator asked for Bro. Cooper, Bro. Johnson, Bro. Jim Tolbert to come and sing a song, they were joined by Bro. Locklear, they sang p. 92, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" and "Glad Reunion Day."

Everyone sang "Precious Memories" and shook hands, then those that wanted to, gathered at the alter for prayer. Bro. Moderator asked for spoken request and a show of hands for the unspoken. Bro. Fletcher from Monroe was asked to lead in prayer.

Bro. Moderator asked for letters to be turned in and then asked Brother and Sister J.D. Tolbert to sing. Bro. Moderator asked us to consider having a council set up to be as guides for churches that are in need of counsel. Bro. Moderator asked congregation to stand in silence for Bro. Beadle. Bro. Moderator dismissed Presbytery Board and Executive Board.

Bro. J.D. and Sis. Von Tolbert sang "The Rock." The service was then turned over to Bro. Slagle. He read from "II Timothy" and "Peter" and chose as the title of his sermon "Remembrance."

The pianoist came and the song leader and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

Service was turned over to the Moderator. He made comments on service. Announcements were made on the time of service for Saturday. He then commended the representatives from the First FWB of South Haven for their attendance. Bro. Ray Adkins prayed the benediction.

## Saturday Morning, November 1, 1975

The congregation led by Bro. Vernon Garrett sang "Victory in Jesus." Prayer led by Bro. Griffin. The Moderator brought the Devotion from Ephesians.

The minutes of the last setting of the Conference were read and accepted. The Treasurers report was read and accepted.

The Church Letters were read and the following churches responded:

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

Moderator called delegation to altar for prayer and right hand of fellowship. Bro. Moderator read Rules of Decorum.

The Clerk read a Petitionary Letter from the Community FWB Church. Presbytery Board recommends acceptance into Liberty Association (after examination). Motion made to accept Presbytery Board recommendation. Motion carried. Moderator gave right hand of fellowship to the Community Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion made to set conference in January at the Troy FWB. Motion carried.

Nomination for Introductory Message. Bro. Rhodes, he declined, Bro. Arnold and Bro. Fletcher. Bro. Arnold was chosen with Bro. Fletcher as alternate.



Nomination for Missionary Message. Bro. Ford; Bro. Hatfield, he declined, Bro. Fletcher. Bro. Ford chosen with Bro. Fletcher as alternate.

## Reports

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

- (1) Motion to remove Item Number One of report of last setting. That all business that is to come before the Liberty Association be routed through the Executive Board . . . . That it may be brought on the floor through this board.

Item Number One as reworded:

“All business that comes to the association should be routed through the Executive Board that it may be handled in a business like manner.

One of the main duties of the Executive Board is to present the business of the association.

This in no way takes away the right of any individual to bring business before the association.

If in the event, that business is brought before the Executive Board and the Executive Board doesn't think it should be brought before the association, the parties bringing such information shall be so informed and they have the right as individuals to bring it before the association at the business setting.

Any emergency business that comes before the association during a setting may still be handled as emergency business.”

Motion to accept Item Number One as worded. Motion carried.

- (2) Due to the death of Brother Beadles there is a vacancy on the Presbytery Board—the unexpired term is eight (8) months, rather than elect somebody to this office for the remaining period we recommend that the office be left vacant and filled at the annual setting.

Motion made to adopt Item Number 2. Motion carried.

- (3) Report on the Duties of Officers and Board by Executive Board and Assistant Moderator.

- Executive Board

The board is to evaluate and properly word all business that is to come to the body of the association.

If they should feel that an item of business should not be brought to the floor they must explain to the originator the reason for their rejection and if the originator of the item wishes to present it himself he is then at liberty to do so.

This board serves as the nominating committee for all vacated offices in the association except on the Executive Board itself.

This board should also serve with the Presbytery in observing the proceedings of the association and its officers and help steer all operations in the proper directions.

This board must be ready to take on and perform special assignments that the association may give to them.

Motion made to accept duties. Motion carried.

- Presbytery Board

Responsible for acting as an advisory board on individual problems within the association.

Responsible for examining candidates recommended by member churches for license and ordination.

Responsible for administering the ordination services.

Motion made to accept duties. Motion carried.

- Moderator

Control and direct all quarterly meetings of the Liberty Association and keep harmony and brotherly love in all meetings.

Be a standing member of all committees in the Liberty Association.

Promote all Liberty Association, State Association and National Association projects and when ever practical and possible take an active part in such.

Keep informed and be ready to take an active part in activities that will make for a better association.

Motion made to accept duties. Motion carried.

- Assistant Moderator

Be available and ready to take over as Moderator in the event the Moderator is unable to fill his position for any reason.

Take over for Moderator when Moderator wants to speak on any given subject.

Motion made to accept duties. Motion carried.

- Promotional Secretary

The Executive Board would like to recommend this office be abolished and these duties be taken over by the Asst. Moderator.

Motion to accept Executive Board recommendation.  
Motion carried.

- Obituary Committee

We recommend this office be abolished and this report be given by the Asst. Clerk.

Motion made to accept this recommendation. Motion carried.

- Foreign Missions Promotional Secretary

Bring the needs of the missionaries before the association.

Promote the support of foreign missions from the association.

Get individual churches to be receptive to the missionaries while on furlough.

Get on the mailing list of the National Association to receive, from the Director of Foreign Missions, literature pertaining to foreign missions.

Remind, by letter, each church to have new members to their congregations enrolled to receive "Heartbeat of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions."

Motion made to accept duties. Motion carried.

- Home Mission Board

The board is designed to aid any new mission work that is a branch off of the Home Mission Association.

To seek for a desirous area for a new work, along with a Preacher that has a desire for such a work.

Then they are to assist the new work in what ever capacity they can for a reasonable time.

Such as:

They should through the association aid in finance, personal work, and attendance whenever possible.

Motion made to accept duties. Motion carried.

- Youth Director

Organize, promote and maintain a united youth organization in the Liberty Association.

- (a) Take an active part in Associational projects and activities.
- (b) Have a periodical Youth Rally involving all Churches in the Association.
- (c) Promote Youth Camp, CTS Organizations, and possibly a Youth Retreat once a year.

Motion made to accept duties. Motion carried.

- Clerk

The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association.

Read letters and call roll of delegates.

Read minutes of last quarterly meeting at each setting of Association.

Type minutes, have copies made, and mail copies to each Board member.

Mail copies of new letters to Clerks of Churches for next setting.

Make name tags for delegates for business session of each Conference.

Make out deacons and ministers cards yearly.

Compile annual letters from Churches and letter into State Association in June.

Mail annual Church letters to National Association in Nashville.

Get minutes and other necessary information together and have annual minutes printed.

Compile list of ministers and clerks and mail to National Association in Nashville.

Purchase necessary printed forms, cards, ministers ordination and License, deacon ordination forms, ministers and deacons cards, etc.

Reprint the following forms as needed:

- (a) Letters for Association.
- (b) Ministers reports.
- (c) Agenda for Association setting.
- (d) Serve on Advisory Committee.

Motion made to accept duties. Motion carried.

- Treasurer

Collects money-offerings, special offerings and representation fee.

Deposits money in bank.



Writes and signs checks.

Balances bank statements.

Pays all associational bills.

Keeps financial records of association.

Acts as Assistant Clerk.

Gives obituary report.

Motion made to accept duties. Motion carried.

Motion made to have duties typed and copied and given to those in such office. Motion carried.

Motion made to have duties typed and copied and given to those in such office. Motion carried.

## **PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT**

(1) We recommend that Bro. Hatfield not be ordained due to a rule that a man must be under the watchcare of a church for one year and this was not done. We recommend that the Association Church allow him to continue to preach under a license for at least 6 mo. and then present him for ordination. We would honor a request for License from the Association Church at this time.

Motion made to adopt Presbytery Board recommendation after discussion. Motion carried.

Motion to ordain Bro. Hatfield was made from the floor. Motion defeated.

Motion to License Bro. Hatfield by his Church as per Presbytery Board recommendation. Motion carried.

Bro. Jim Stewart was recognized as a visiting Minister. Bro. Stewart was chosen by delegation for 11:00 AM Message instead of the Divine Committee making a selection.

Presbytery Board made recommendation for advisory Committee to help Churches when in need. Motion to accept Presbytery Board recommendation. Motion carried.

This committee is to advise or assist when invited by any church who is in need of help in areas of finding a Pastor, Financial assistance, temporary filling of pulpit, and any organizational difficulties that may arise.

This committee should be made up of the following:

Moderator—(Assistant Moderator only if Moderator is not available.)

Chairman of Presbytery Board

Chairman of Executive Board

Chairman of Home Mission Board

Clerk

Hymn No. 135 "I'll Be Satisfied" led by Bro. Jim Tolbert. Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Locklear. Bro. Johnson came forward to bring the Missionary message. Since this is a Missionary message he spoke of "How our Hearts should be Missionary minded." He took his text from Revelation Chapter 22 verse 13 thru 21. He spoke from the 17th verse, "The Last Commission."

Morning Service began with singing Page No. 57 "Amazing Grace." Bro. Stewart preached from Hebrews Chapter 11 Verse 1-6.

Bro. Jim Tolbert prayed God's Blessing on reading of God's word.

Bro. Stewart spoke on letting our Faith lead us and not our feelings.

Announcements were made.

Bro. Norris prayed the benediction and the blessing on the food. The Conference was dismissed.

## **LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

### **Minutes of the Quarterly Setting**

**Friday, Jan. 30, 1976 & Jan. 31, 1976**

**When convened with the Troy FWB Church**

**January 30, 1976**

The services began with Bro. Cooper, the Paster of Troy FWB welcoming everyone to the Quarterly setting. The congregation sang hymn 133. Bro. Jim Tolbert prayed the opening prayer. Bro. Cooper read the scriptures and had the devotion. He read "Acts" chapter nine. The service was turned over to the Moderator, Bro. Locklear. The Moderator had the various churches stand in recognition. The song leader led page 199. We joined around the alter in prayer.

The ushers came forward to receive the Offering for the Children's Home. Amount of the offering was \$95.15. The Moderator made announcements. There are minutes from the State Association. A limit of four for each church. The executive board asked to be excused. The youth choir from Taylor Faith came forward to sing. Sonya Hayes from Bro. Cooper's church sang a song. A group made up of Bro. Cooper, Bro. Johnson, Bro. Locklear, and Bro. Jim Tolbert came forward to sing. The Presbytery Board asked to be dismissed. If any minis-

ters had anyone that wanted to be licensed they would meet with them. The service was turned over to Bro. Robert Arnold. He read from "Acts", 9th chapter, verse 1 through 7. After the message the song leader came forward to lead page 81, "Just As I Am." Announcements were made. Bro. Goins prayed the benediction.

## Saturday, January 31, 1976

The conference opened by singing page 246, led by Bro. Adams with Bro. Cooper at the piano. Prayer was prayed and Bro. Locklear read some scriptures from the Bible. Bro. Moderator had prayer calling the meeting to order. Letters from churches were read. Those reporting were as follows:

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

Moderator called delegation to altar for Prayer of Consecration. Congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Prayer was led by Bro. Tom Ford. The Moderator read Rules of Decorum. The boards were excused. The minutes were read by clerk. Minutes accepted as read. Treasurer's report given. Report accepted as read. See page 15. The setting of the next quarterly conference will be at the South Haven FWB Church. A motion was made to move up conference in July so it will not conflict with Youth Camp. Motion was passed.

The introductory message for July. Curtis Lilly chosen with Charles Testament as alternate. The Missionary Message for July. Bro. Cooper chosen with Bro. Fletcher as alternate. A motion was made to omit Divine Committee and select Bro. Riggs to bring morning message and to draft a letter of appreciation for Bro. Riggs work in Michigan. Motion carried. Dates of state association at Kirby FWB—June 11. Moderator recommends that the Liberty Association raise money to support National Association in Detroit in 1977. Bro. Jim Tolbert announced dates of Youth Camp and spoke to each to encourage them to promote the Youth Camp in their church. The dates of the

minister retreat was given. The Annual Conference will be April 30th and May 1st at the Ten Mile FWB. Bro. Lilly asked to host a spring revival for the Liberty Association beginning on May 17. Motion made and accepted.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. We propose that in order to help support the National FWB Association in 1977 that \$1000 be taken from the Liberty Association account and each church send \$25.00 for next three settings or \$100.00 if they can afford to send it.

1. Motion made to accept proposal. Motion carried.

The Women's Auxiliary is also working to raise money for the National in Detroit in 1977.

## PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT

Meeting of Board February 13, 7:00 PM to examine prospective deacons.

Motion to accept Presbytery Board report.

Bro. Edwards prayed for Missionary Message. Bro. Fletcher preached Missionary Message reading from Jeremiah 29, 12-13—Revival. Congregation sang "Glory to His Name." Singers from Troy FWB sang specials for the morning worship service. Moderator called Bro. Raymond Riggs to bring morning message from 1 Samuel 7, 1-10. The congregation sang another verse of "Glory to His Name." Bro. Moderator called congregation around altar for prayer. Bro. Fred Norris prayed the Benediction.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance as of November 1 . . . . .	\$1,314.23
Took in this setting . . . . .	557.92
Offering for Children's Home. . . . .	79.62
Making a total of. . . . .	<u>1,951.77</u>
Paid out this setting	
Co-op Plan 10%. . . . .	55.79
Children's Home . . . . .	79.62
Hall Rental (Mt. Olive). . . . .	40.00
Clerk Fee. . . . .	<u>25.00</u>
	200.41
Balance after Expenditures . . . . .	1,751.36



## Friday Night Service April 30, 1976

The services began with Bro. Grover Miller leading the congregation in "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Bro Bush then prayed the opening prayer. The congregation then sang "Sweet By and By." Bro. Miller from the Host Church gave the welcome to the association. Bro. Locklear then welcomed everyone and called the association to order. Bro. Adkins was asked to pray for God's blessings on the association.

Bro. Grover Miller came again to lead in the singing of "The Lilly of the Valley." Then everyone gathered at the altar for prayer. Bro. Cooper was asked to lead in prayer. Bro. Locklear asked usher to come forward to take offering for Children's Home. Bro. Locklear gave permission for Presbytery Board to leave. Bro. Locklear asked Bro. Goins to ask Blessing on the Offering for the Children's Home. Bro. Locklear made announcements. \$15.00 for State from each church. Each church to remember \$100.00 to state for National Association. Missionary intern from Ten Mile came to sing. Meryl Gaynor.

Bro. Rhodes was then called to bring the message. Bro. Rhodes introduced his wife and asked her to give a testimony. Bro. Rhodes read from "Judges" Chapter 11 verse 1 and 30-31. He preached on our Vows to the Lord. He asked the congregation to stand and sing "Just As I Am." He then turned the service over to Bro. Locklear. Bro. Locklear reminded everyone to be here at 9 o'clock. Bro. Tolbert made announcement about State Conference. Workers are needed for Youth Camp. Encourage kids to come to Youth Camp. Bro. Johnson announced a revival at his church May 3. Bro. Ford was asked to pray the Benediction.

## Saturday, May 1, 1976

The conference was called to order by Moderator, Bro. Locklear. The congregation then sang "I'll be Satisfied." Bro. J.D. Tolbert prayed the opening prayer. Then the congregation sang "Just a Little Talk With Jesus."

Bro. Locklear then read Psalms 101 for the Devotion. The clerk read the letters from each church. The congregation was asked to come forward for right hand of fellowship. The congregation then sang "Victory in Jesus." Then went to the altar for the Alter of Prayer. Bro. Fletcher was asked to lead the prayer. The congregation then sang "Amazing Grace." The following

churches lettered into the association:

Woodhaven FWB

Association FWB

Mt. Olive FWB

Zion FWB

Old Fashioned FWB

Whittaker FWB

Fifteen Mile Road FWB

First FWB of South

Haven

Ten Mile Road FWB

First FWB of Monroe

Trinity FWB

Free Will Baptist Chapel

East Side FWB

Gospel FWB

Troy FWB

Taylor Faith FWB

Community FWB

Bro. Locklear read Rules of Decorum, then he made the announcements: Bro. Bush would bring the Missionary Message, June 18 and 19 state association at Kirby FWB, national association at Tulsa, Oklahoma July 11-15.

Service was then turned over to Bro. J.D. Tolbert, chairman of the Executive Board. Bro. Tolbert nominated Bro. Locklear for Moderator and he was accepted by acclamation. Bro. Jim Tolbert was nominated for Asst. Moderator and he was accepted by acclamation. Bro. Louis Tolbert was nominated for clerk and he was accepted by acclamation. Bro. Vernon Garrett was nominated for treasurer and he was accepted by acclamation. Bro. Charles Testament was nominated for Foreign Mission Promotion Secretary and he was accepted by acclamation. Bro. Harold Gilbertson and Gary Hill were nominated for Youth Director. Bro. Gilbertson was elected. Corresponding Secretary job was abolished and given to clerk. Presbytery Board vacancy was filled by electing Bro. Tom Ford for 5-year term. Vacancies for the Home Mission Board were filled with Bro. Cumming for the 5-year term. Bro. Roger Daniel for the 4-year term and Bro. Fletcher for the 3-year term. Bro. Lilly was chosen for the Youth Camp Co-ordinator.

Recommended by the Executive Board to move conference back to 30 and 31 of July as will not conflict with Youth Camp. Motion made and passed to change dates. The conference will be held in South Haven.

Presbytery Board nominated Bro. John Griffith for 5-year term on Executive Board. He was accepted by acclamation. Bro. Bob Smith was nominated for 2-year term and was accepted by acclamation. Bro. Griffith resigned from Home Mission Board. Motion to let him resign was made and accepted by acclamation. This left a vacancy on the Home Mission Board. Bro. Morrison was nominated and was accepted by acclamation. This was for the 2-year term.

Clerk then read minutes. Motion made to accept reading of minutes. Motion carried. Motion was made to cancel the Fellowship Revival. Motion carried.

Bro. Cooper moved to let Bro. Garrett get an account at National Bank of Detroit. Also let clerk change address or any corrections deemed necessary to get the correspondence necessary. Motion carried.

Motion made we have conference meet on Thursday night. All ordained authority before association meeting. Motion made to table until more information is found. Motion carried.

## PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT

Brother Tolbert read qualification for board.

1. We, the Presbytery Board, would like to have a clarification on Annulment and Divorce. When someone has a marriage annuled, have they been legally married in the eyes of God? We would like to get a ruling on this from the body of the association.

Motion was made that if the marriage was annuled then the person was not married in the eyes of God. Motion Carried.

2. Bro. Donald Badder be licensed to preach. Motion carried.

3. Bro. Austin Begley be licensed to preach. Motion made to defer until a later date. Motion carried.

4. Bro. Roger Hatfield be ordained to preach. Motion made to defer until a later date. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report was made. Motion made to accept reading of Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The congregation then sang "Sweet By and By." Bro. Bush was called to bring morning message. He read from "Peter" Chapter 1 verse 3-14. He chose as a heading for his sermon, "Let us stir up our minds." Congregation sang "Just As I Am" while ministers gathered with Bro. Bush for prayer. Bro. Sycks was asked to pray the benediction and pray for the food.

# ~~Treasurer's Report~~ TREASURER'S REPORT

## RECEIPTS:

Association F.W.B. . . . .	\$ 45.00
East Side F.W.B. . . . .	60.00
Fifteen Mile Rd. . . . .	100.00
F.W.B. Chapel. . . . .	165.00
Gospel F.W.B. Church . . . . .	149.07
Old Fashioned F.W.B. Church . . . . .	48.00
Taylor Faith F.W.B. Church . . . . .	93.73
Trinity F.W.B. Church . . . . .	294.80
Troy F.W.B. Church. . . . .	100.00
Whittaker F.W.B.. . . . .	84.90
Woodhaven F.W.B. . . . .	200.00
Zion F.W.B. Church. . . . .	40.00
First F.W.B. of Monroe. . . . .	50.00
First F.W.B. of South Haven . . . . .	169.00
Mount Olive F.W.B. . . . .	140.00
Community F.W.B. of Monroe. . . . .	31.00
Ten Mile Rd. F.W.B. . . . .	243.89

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR . . . . . 2,015.19

Receipts for Children's Home . . . . .	330.24
Foreign Missions . . . . .	47.38
State Association. . . . .	255.00
Cobo Hall (For National Assoc. 1977). . . . .	750.00

BALANCE . . . . . 3,397.81

Balance Fwd. May 1975 . . . . .	1,867.35
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TOTAL RECEIPTS. . . . . 5,265.16

Expenditures for May 1975-1976 . . . . .	2,265.82
Balance Brought Forward . . . . .	2,999.34
Balance in the Bank (Savings Acct.) . . . . .	1,750.00
Balance in the Bank (Checking Acct.) . . . . .	1,249.34
Total in the Bank . . . . .	2,999.34

## EXPENSES:

Randal Book Store . . . . .	223.85
Office Supplies . . . . .	135.76
Printing Minutes . . . . .	571.50
Great Lakes . . . . .	100.00
Hall Rental. . . . .	105.00
Clerk's Fee. . . . .	100.00
F.W.B. Home . . . . .	330.24
Foreign Missions . . . . .	47.38



Kwikie Duplicating (Revival Advertisement) . . . . .	5.62
State of Michigan . . . . .	15.00
National Co-Op Plan . . . . .	201.47
Flowers for Brother Beadle . . . . .	25.00
Rev. Locklear (Grat.) . . . . .	50.00
Brother Tolbert. . . . .	50.00
Brother Garrett . . . . .	50.00
Michigan State Association . . . . .	255.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES . . . . .</b>	<b>2,265.00</b>

#### Association Free Will Baptist

27637 Gratiot, Roseville, Mich. 48066

Delegates: George Ketchem, Larry Murphy, Andy Pratico,  
Barbara Bostic, Lisa Pratico

Alternates: Sandra Ramsey, Wilma Hatfield

Church Membership . . . . .	39
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Members Added . . . . .	15
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Baptisms during year . . . . .	7
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Total income . . . . .	\$ 6,591.58
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Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 4,555.85
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Clerk: Anna Slagle

#### Communtiy Free Will Baptist

5560 Central Dr., Monroe, Mich. 48161

Delegates: Albert Gray, Robert Moss, Dora Fletcher

Alternates: Lola Fletcher, Sam Smith, Sister Greene

Church Membership . . . . .	22
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Members Added . . . . .	20
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Baptisms during year . . . . .	2
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Total income . . . . .	\$ 5,976.51
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Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 550.00
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Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 375.00
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Children's Home . . . . .	\$ 200.00
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Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 3,535.35
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Clerk: Ella Begley

### East Side Free Will Baptist

13781 E. Nine Mile Road, Warren, Mich. 48089

Delegates: Jesse Malone, Jimmy McDaniel, Mary Slagle,  
Gladys McDaniel, Kay Nichols

Alternates: Doris Rector, Tim Steele, Joan McDaniel

Church Membership . . . . .	140
Members added . . . . .	15
Baptisms during year . . . . .	7
Total income . . . . .	\$ 20,947.20
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 6,676.00
Church Staff . . . . .	\$ 1,800.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 12,654.81
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 450.00
Children's Home . . . . .	\$ 50.00
Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 21,130.80
Clerk: Eric Moore	

### Fifteen Mile Road Free Will Baptist

2020 E. 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Mich.

Delegates: Ron Reeves, Ed Shields, Larry Smotherman,  
Helene Smotherman, Gloria Allison

Alternates: Carol Brancik, Gary Brancik

Church Membership . . . . .	210
Members added . . . . .	19
Baptisms during year . . . . .	61
Value of church property . . . . .	\$190,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment . . . . .	173
CTS . . . . .	40
Woman's Auxiliary . . . . .	7
Total income . . . . .	\$ 35,438.00
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 9,800.00
Church Staff Salaries . . . . .	\$ 1,560.00
Remodeling . . . . .	\$ 8,420.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 11,797.00
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 31,577.00
CTS . . . . .	\$ 18.00
Executive Office . . . . .	\$ 100.00
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 1,103.00
Free Will Baptist College . . . . .	\$ 606.00
Home Missions . . . . .	\$ 1,031.00
Total spent for outside causes . . . . .	\$ 2,858.00
Clerk: Sheila Clark	

### First Free Will Baptist of Monroe

6248 E. Dunbar Rd., Monroe, Mich. 48161

Delegates: Edith Withrow, Edith Castello, Bro. Castello,  
Bro. Ditty, Sis. Ditty

Alternates: Sis. Ferguson, Sis. Bohanon, Bro. Mullens

Church Membership . . . . .	35
Baptisms during year . . . . .	6
Members lost . . . . .	9
Sunday School . . . . .	30
Total income . . . . .	\$ 2,770.00
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 2,000.00
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 2,000.00
Children's Home . . . . .	\$ 120.00
Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 120.00
Clerk: Inez Sharpe	

### First Free Will Baptist of South Haven

1045 E. Wilson, South Haven, Mich. 49090

Delegates: Guy Shelton, June Shelton, Donald Martin,  
Roger Daniel, Ruby Martin

Church Membership . . . . .	43
Members added . . . . .	10
Members lost . . . . .	6
Members lost to non-FWB church . . . . .	2
Baptisms during year . . . . .	19
Value of Parsonage . . . . .	\$ 35,000.00
Value of Church Property . . . . .	\$125,000.00
Church indebtedness . . . . .	\$ 20,000.00
Sunday School . . . . .	90
Woman's Auxiliary . . . . .	15
Total income . . . . .	\$ 20,623.00
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 6,320.00
Janitor . . . . .	\$ 520.00
Paid on debt retirement . . . . .	\$ 4,763.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	7,155.00
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 17,664.00
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 847.00
Children's Home . . . . .	\$ 90.00
Dis. or State . . . . .	\$ 157.00
Total spent for outside causes . . . . .	\$ 1,094.00
Clerk: Von Tolbert	

## Free Will Baptist Chapel

302 E. 13 Mile Road, Madison Heights, Mich. 48071

Delegates: Granville Senters, Millie Williams, Sacki

Lemaster, Audra Kelly, Granville Senters, Jr.

Alternates: Thelma York, Dee Anna Million, Jeraldine

Chitwood

Church Membership . . . . .	80
Members added . . . . .	12
Members lost . . . . .	5
Baptisms during year . . . . .	3
Value of church property . . . . .	\$100,000.00
Church indebtedness . . . . .	\$ 1,102.50
Sunday School . . . . .	78
CTS . . . . .	20
Total income . . . . .	\$ 16,582.84
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 3,919.71
Building & Repair . . . . .	\$ 14,797.12
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 3,150.39
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 21,917.22
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 541.08
Home Missions . . . . .	\$ 541.08
Children's Home . . . . .	\$ 541.08
Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 1,623.24
Clerk: Frances Million	

## Gospel Free Will Baptist

2379 Emmons, Warren, Mich. 48091

Delegates: Vergil Harris, Nell Harris

Church value . . . . .	\$ 95,000.00
Church indebtedness . . . . .	\$ 9,000.00
Total income . . . . .	\$ 16,274.92
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 7,800.00
Church Staff . . . . .	\$ 1,200.00
Building & Repair . . . . .	\$ 1,800.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 2,112.53
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 12,912.53
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 400.00
Children's Home . . . . .	\$ 47.64
Dist. or State . . . . .	\$ 165.00
Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 612.64
Clerk: Georgia Shetterly	



### Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist

1330 Paxton, Ferndale, Mich. 48220

Delegates: Coleman Schell, Billy Jones, Robert Harris,  
Bert Skags, Irene Skags

Alternates: Everett Nelson, Carol Jones, Denver Jones

Value of church property . . . . .	\$100,000.00
Church indebtedness . . . . .	\$ 40,000.00
Church Membership . . . . .	57
Members added . . . . .	14
Members lost . . . . .	69
Members lost to Non-FWB churches . . . . .	12
Sunday School . . . . .	94
Total income . . . . .	\$ 23,385.61
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 11,700.00
Building & Repair . . . . .	\$ 10,000.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 10,919.84
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 21,214.39
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 200.00
Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 200.00
Clerk: Shirley Lilly	

### Old Fashion Free Will Baptist

3003 Chicago Rd., Warren, Mich. 48092

Delegates: Hershel Dover, Mary Dover, Mary Testament,  
Mary Johnson, Don McBroom

Alternates: Eddie Mounts, Mary Mounts, Sherry McBroom

Church Membership . . . . .	130
Value of Parsonage . . . . .	\$ 50,000.00
Value of church property . . . . .	\$150,000.00
Sunday School . . . . .	152
CTS . . . . .	20
Women's Auxiliary . . . . .	22
Total income . . . . .	\$ 35,618.00
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 8,580.00
Church Staff . . . . .	\$ 1,820.00
Building & Repair . . . . .	\$ 2,845.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 22,302.00
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 35,547.00
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 1,250.00
Home Missions . . . . .	\$ 846.00
Children's Home . . . . .	\$ 500.00
Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 2,596.00
Clerk: Gloria Smith	

### **Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist**

25535 Ecorse Road, Taylor, Mich. 48180

Delegates: Goldie Spears, Deloris Adams, Jerry Maynard

Church Membership . . . . .	58
Baptisms during year . . . . .	4
Members added . . . . .	11
Members lost . . . . .	2
Value of church property . . . . .	\$ 72,000.00
Church indebtedness . . . . .	\$ 12,033.00
Sunday School . . . . .	45
Women's Auxiliary . . . . .	15
Total income . . . . .	\$ 10,266.00
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 1,200.00
Building & Repair . . . . .	\$ 7,000.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 3,984.00
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 5,184.00
Children's Home . . . . .	\$ 100.00
Total outside causes . . . . .	\$ 100.00
Clerk: Bonnie Marks	

### **Ten Mile Road Free Will Baptist**

74 W. Ten Mile Road, Madison Heights, Mich. 48071

Delegates: Lona Deel, Audia Miller, Don Badder

Church Membership . . . . .	142
Baptisms during year . . . . .	15
Members added . . . . .	17
Value of Parsonage . . . . .	\$ 25,000.00
Value of church property . . . . .	\$195,000.00
Church indebtedness . . . . .	\$ 7,830.00
Sunday School . . . . .	220
Women's Auxiliary . . . . .	17
Total income . . . . .	\$ 35,433.25
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 8,280.00
Church Staff . . . . .	\$ 3,060.00
Building & Repair . . . . .	\$ 7,516.23
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 7,969.55
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 26,825.78
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 180.00
Home Missions . . . . .	\$ 48.00
Missionary intern. . . . .	\$ 1,760.00
Clerk: Wanda Edwards	

### Trinity Free Will Baptist

410 Oregon St., Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197

Delegates: William Nunley, Alex Moore, Richard Coffey,  
Delmar Kendrick, Brad Nunley

Alternates: George Masses, Carl Stanley, Otto Endicott

Church Membership . . . . .	245
Baptisms during year . . . . .	10
Members added . . . . .	13
Members lost . . . . .	13
Value of church property . . . . .	\$165,000.00
Church indebtedness . . . . .	\$ 32,000.00
Sunday School . . . . .	200
Women's Auxiliary . . . . .	26
Master's Men . . . . .	18
Total income . . . . .	\$ 38,500.00
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 9,720.00
Church Staff. . . . .	\$ 1,680.00
Building & Repair . . . . .	\$ 2,060.00
Paid debt retirement . . . . .	\$ 3,908.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 7,060.00
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 24,428.00
Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$ 335.35
Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 335.25

Clerk: Mary Stubbs

### Troy Free Will Baptist

2300 John R. Troy, Mich. 48084

Delegates: Billie Green, Leroy Roberts, Robert Kitchen,  
Lynne Howard, Roy Addison

Alternates: Dallas Lowe, Ernest Wilmoth, George Boles

Church Membership . . . . .	133
Baptisms during year . . . . .	22
Members added . . . . .	17
Members lost . . . . .	105
Value of church property . . . . .	\$346,500.00
Church indebtedness . . . . .	\$ 30,000.00
CTS . . . . .	30
Total income . . . . .	\$ 38,332.67

Clerk: Louise Tharpe

### Whittaker Free Will Baptist

11117 Whittaker Rd., Whittaker, Mich. 48190

Delegates: Doretta Tolbert, Gordon Dotson

Alternates: G.W. McFry, Irene Brandenburg

Church Membership . . . . .	21
Baptisms during year . . . . .	8
Current value of church property . . . . .	\$ 40,000.00
Sunday School . . . . .	42
Total income . . . . .	\$ 8,559.00
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 4,200.00
Church Staff . . . . .	\$ 480.00
Building & Repair . . . . .	\$ 379.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 3,108.85
Total local expenditures . . . . .	\$ 8,167.85
Home Missions . . . . .	\$ 65.00
Children's Home . . . . .	\$ 408.00
Dist. or State . . . . .	\$ 97.00
Total outside expenditures . . . . .	\$ 570.00
Clerk: Joyce Bruce	

### Woodhaven Free Will Baptist

26191 Allen Road, Woodhaven, Mich. 48183

Delegates: Homer Goins, Breck Manns, Treva Prater,  
Frances McCage, Hazel Zubor, Marie Locklear, Pauline  
Penix

Baptisms during year . . . . .	27
Members added . . . . .	44
Members lost . . . . .	3
Members lost to Non-FWB churches . . . . .	1
Value of church parsonage . . . . .	\$ 65,000.00
Value of church property . . . . .	\$300,000.00
Church indebtedness . . . . .	\$ 83,000.00
Pastor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 9,300.00
Clerk: Cuba Goins	

### Zion Free Will Baptist

1570 Oak St., Wyandotte, Mich. 48192

Delegates: Bill Meade, James Adkins

Church Membership . . . . .	31
Baptisms during year . . . . .	12
Members added . . . . .	3
Members lost . . . . .	14
Sunday School . . . . .	45
Value of church property . . . . .	\$ 25,000.00
Total income . . . . .	\$ 3,072.70
Building & Repair . . . . .	\$ 1,800.00
Clerk: Timothy Daniels	



## 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.

# 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 re-

demption, of the Christian fellowship in the unity of Spirit and the bounds 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 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 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.



## ORDAINED MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION

Rev. Edmond D. Adkins  
12215 Agnes, Southgate, Mi.  
482-2727  
Zion Free Will Baptist

Rev. Raymond Adkins  
11803 Klebba, Taylor, Mi.  
Woodhaven Free Will Baptist

Rev. Robert Arnold  
9425 Lisa, Romulus, Mi.  
941-4882  
Taylor Faith Free Will Baptist

Rev. Charles Bohanon  
6358 Burton Ave.  
Romulus, Mi. 48174  
728-8062  
First FWB of Monroe

Rev. James Bostic  
23757 Melville  
Hazel Park, Mi.  
547-6755  
Association FWB

Rev. Charles Cooper  
654 S. Bywood, Clawson, Mi.  
435-5932  
Troy FWB

Rev. Oscar Cummings  
23366 Hoover Rd.  
Warren, Mi.  
East Side FWB

Rev. Delmon Edwards  
726 E. George, Hazel Park, Mi.  
544-2586  
Ten Mile FWB

Rev. George Fletcher  
34 Carl Dr.  
Pleasantville Trailer Park  
Monroe, Mi.  
Community FWB

Rev. William T. Ford  
20182 Coleman  
Mt. Clemens, Mi.  
East Side FWB

Rev. John Griffith  
3334 Glendale Woodland Beach  
Monroe, Mi.  
Woodhaven FWB

Rev. George Johnson, Jr.  
3061 Chicago Rd., Warren, Mi.  
Old Fashion FWB  
268-8993

Rev. Curtis Lilly  
501 Colebrook, Troy, Mi.  
Mt. Olive FWB

Rev. Loyd Locklear  
26191 Allen Road,  
Woodhaven, Mi.  
675-5753  
Woodhaven FWB

Rev. Arnold Mollett  
16925 Riverview  
Detroit, Mi.

Rev. A. L. Morrison  
50333 Willis Rd., Belleville, Mi.  
461-9865  
Whittaker FWB

Rev. Fred Norris  
4456 E. 11 Mile Rd.  
Warren, Mi.  
15 Mile Road FWB

Rev. Weldon Perkola  
3541 Denson  
Madison Heights, Mi.  
15 Mile Road FWB

Rev. Ralph Shetterly  
27128 Barrington  
Madison Heights, Mi.  
LI 2 7568  
Gospel FWB

Rev. James Carson Slagle  
22836 Sharrow, Warren, Mi.  
778-1948  
Association FWB

Rev. Arthur Spears  
14572 Mulberry  
Southgate, Mi.  
Taylor Faith FWB

Rev. Arnold Syke  
2741 Longmeadow  
Trenton, Mi.  
Woodhaven FWB

Rev. Charles Testament  
39645 Rambler  
Sterling Heights, Mi.  
264-1239  
Old Fashion FWB

Rev. J. D. Tolbert  
1035 East Wilson  
South Haven, Mi.  
616 / 637-2967  
First FWB of South Haven

Rev. Jimmie Tolbert  
47016 McBride  
Belleville, Mi.  
697-9553  
Trinity FWB

Rev. Ossie Tomblin  
6424 South St., Detroit, Mi.  
Zion FWB

Rev. Oscar Withrow  
16203 Lulu Rd.  
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First FWB of Monroe

Rev. Claude Wright  
375 W. Evelyn  
Hazel Park, Mi. 48030  
15 Mile Road FWB

Rev. James Wright  
23809 Carlisle  
Hazel Park, Mi.  
Woodhaven FWB

## **ORDAINED DEACONS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION**

### **Association FWB**

Bro. Wheeler Nelson  
22419 Saxony  
Detroit, Mi.

### **East Side FWB**

Bro. Lynn Nichols  
23503 Bolam  
Warren, Mi.

Bro. Jerry Harbison  
8346 Almont  
Detroit, Mi.

Bro. Jerry L. Henderson  
8355 Dubay  
Detroit, Mi.

### **15 Mile Road FWB**

Bro. William England  
7477 Farr Ct.  
Utica, Mi.

Enoch Ellis  
3510 Grigg  
Sterling Heights, Mi.

Bro. Robert Clark  
527 E. Third  
Royal Oak, Mi.

Bro. William Haynes  
400 Gardenia  
Royal Oak, Mi.

Bro. Erwin Sunde  
23776 Davey, Hazel Park, Mi.

Bro. Bobby Brooks  
287 Madison  
Clawson, Mi.

### **First FWB of South Haven**

Bro. Donald Hiatt  
Route No. 4  
South Haven, Mi.

Bro. Willie Linn  
Route No. 1  
South Haven, Mi.

### **Free Will Baptist Chapel**

Bro. Edward York  
337 Lincoln  
Madison Heights, Mi.

Bro. James Lemaster  
1704 E. Jarvis  
Hazel Park, Mi.

### **Gospel FWB**

Bro. Fred Enloe

Bro. Charles Thurman, Sr.

### **Old Fashion FWB**

Bro. Ellis Penley  
2420 E. Lincoln  
Royal Oak, Mi.

Bro. Houston Robinson  
1571 Wordsworth  
Ferndale, Mi.

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