

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

1976 - 1977

**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-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Moderator . . . . . Rev. Jimmie Tolbert  
(517) 265-6357

Assistant Moderator . . . . . Rev. Lloyd Locklear  
675-5753

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

### PRESBYTERY BOARD

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Rev. Loyd Locklear. . . . .  | 5 years |
| Rev. Tom Ford . . . . .      | 4 years |
| Rev. Curtis Lilly. . . . .   | 3 years |
| Rev. George Johnson. . . . . | 2 years |
| Rev. Fred Norris . . . . .   | 1 year  |

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Rev. Letcher Bush . . . . .   | 5 years |
| Rev. John Griffith . . . . .  | 4 years |
| Rev. J. D. Tolbert. . . . .   | 3 years |
| Rev. Delmon Edwards . . . . . | 2 years |
| Rev. Bob Smith . . . . .      | 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. Letcher Bush

### YOUTH DIRECTOR

Rev. Russell Lowe

### YOUTH CAMP CO-ORDINATOR

Rev. Curtis Lilly

# LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## MINUTES OF QUARTERLY SETTING Friday, JULY 30 and Saturday, JULY 31, 1976 When convened with The First Free Will Baptist Church of South Haven

The services began with Bro. Roger Daniel leading the congregation in songs.

Bro. Tolbert from the host church came forward to give the welcome to the association. Since this was the first time that the conference had met at the South Haven Free Will Baptist Church everyone was glad to be there. Especially since it was so far away from home and there was such a good attendance.

Bro. Locklear then came forward to call the association to order. Bro. Moderator then welcomed everyone to the association. He again said how nice it was to be able to travel so far and be in service with the people of South Haven. Prayer was then prayed for the conference.

The singers from the host church came forward to sing for the "Special Singing".

The Presbytery Board then asked to be excused. Bro. Locklear gave permission to leave. The congregation sang while the offering was taken for the Children's Home.

The service was then turned over to Bro. Lilly who brought the message.

After the message, the service was turned over to Bro. Locklear who asked if anyone needed a place to spend the night. Bro. Tolbert announced that there were places available if anyone needed them.

Everyone was reminded of the service to begin at 9 o'clock, Saturday morning. Then the benediction was prayed.

## SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1976

The Conference began with Bro. Daniel from the host church leading "Power in the Blood" with Sis. Tolbert at the piano. Bro. Tom Ford was called on to pray for the association.

Bro. Moderator read, for devotions, from Acts, Chapter 4, verse

33 and Chapter 6, verse 8. Bro. Moderator prayed for the reading of the Word. The conference was called to order by the Moderator. The Clerk then read the letters from the churches with the following churches reporting: Ten Mile FWB - Gospel FWB - Whittaker FWB - First FWB of South Haven - Mt. Olive FWB - East Side FWB - Association FWB - Trinity FWB - Woodhaven FWB - Old Fashion FWB - Fifteen Mile FWB - Free Will Baptist Chapel - Community FWB of Monroe - Troy FWB.

A moment of silent prayer was offered in memory of Bro. Fletcher from the Community Free Will Baptist Church who departed this life to be with the Lord.

Bro. Moderator called delegation for right hand of fellowship while Bro. Daniel lead "I'll Fly Away". Bro. Cummings lead in Congregational Prayer. The congregation was seated by singing "Amazing Grace".

Bro. Moderator read Rules of Decorum

The Clerk read letter of resignation from Bro. Hatfield of the Association Free Will Baptist Church. Motion made and carried to accept resignation.

The Clerk then read minutes from the last quarterly setting. Motion to accept minutes as read . . . motion carried.

A motion was made to accept Trinity FWB invitation for next setting of the association . . . Motion carried.

Motion made for Bro. Jim Tolbert to bring Introductory Message at next setting. Motion accepted by acclamation.

Motion made for Bro. Lowe to bring Missionary Message with Bro. Johnson as alternate. Motion made and carried.

Bro. Locklear was nominated to bring Introductory for the annual setting with Bro. J.D. Tolbert as alternate. Motion made and carried.

Bro. J. D. Tolbert was nominated to bring Missionary Message with Bro. Norris as alternate. Motion made and carried.

There will be a Fellowship Revival on October 4th, at the Mt. Olive FWB.

Bro. Glisson, a visiting minister from the General Baptist Church was chosen to bring the morning message.

Motion made to remove from the floor the item that was tabled at the last setting. Motion carried. The item was that the conference meet on Thursday night. All ordained authority would meet on Thursday night and have a fellowship meeting to start the association and the delegation would convene on Friday night. A motion was made to adopt the item. . . motion denied.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

1. Motion was suggested that we print less minutes. Suggested that we print only 250 . . . Motion was made to print only 250 annual minutes . . . Motion carried.

2. Mentioned that due to Bro. Delmon Edwards own absences from board meetings and settings of the conferences that he be removed from the board. According to qualifications from prior conferences, Bro. Edwards had already disqualified himself by not attending meetings.
3. Suggest that the Clerk buy different kind of name tags for the settings of the conference. The type that was used at the national association be purchased. These are plastic . . . Motion made to buy plastic type . . . Motion carried.
4. Since the Home Mission Board had one member pass away and two others move, the executive board recommended that no one be selected at this time . . . Motion made to defer until next setting . . . Motion carried.

Motion made to accept report. Motion carried.

Motion was made for Clerk to send letter to inform Bro. Edwards of disqualification. Motion carried.

Bro. Lynn read page 49 with Sister Tolber at the piano. Bro. & Sis. Tolbert then sang "Something got a Hold of Me and the Rock".

Bro. Cooper then came forth to bring the Missionary Message. He read from Matthew 16, verse 16-18; 1 Peter, 2, verse 4-7; Luke, 19, verse 37-40. Bro. Lynn led in "Kneel at the Cross".

Bro. Moderator then called Bro. Glisson, Pastor of Church in Benton Harbor to come forward to bring the morning message. Reading from Acts, 3, verse 1-3.

## PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT.

1. We the Presbytery Board recommend that we accept Bro. Bush and issue him FWB credentials, who is coming to us from General Baptist . . . Motion made to accept boards recommendation . . . Motion carried.
2. We recommend that Bro. Roger Daniels be ordained to preach . . . Motion made to accept . . . Motion carried.
3. We recommend that we accept Bro. Russell Lowe and validate his credentials from the New Hope Association . . . Motion made to accept . . . Motion carried.
4. We recommend Bro. Ed Shields to the Executive Board . . . Motion made to accept . . . Motion carried.
5. We recommend the Clerk issue Bro. Gary Hill a license to preach . . . Motion made to accept . . . Motion carried.

Motion made to accept Presbytery Board report . . . Motion carried.

The Treasurer then gave report . . . Motion made to accept report . . . Motion carried.

The two new ministers, Bro. Bush and Bro. Lowe, stood for recognition.

Announcements about Youth Camp and Great Lakes Bible Institute and our own FWB Youth Camp.

Bro. Norris prayed benediction and blessing on food.

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON. . . . . ORDINATION SERVICE**

The association reconvened with the singing of "Victory in Jesus." The moderator prayed for Ordination Service.

Bro. Johnson officiated. Reading from II Timothy, chapter 4, charged to Bro. and Sis. Daniel. Jim Tolbert presented Bro. Daniel with the "WORD", The King James Bible. The Presbytery Board and ordained authority laid hands on Bro. Daniel and prayed for the ordination. The right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. Daniel by the congregation as it sang "Hand in Hand with Jesus." The congregation was dismissed.

## **MINUTES OF QUARTERLY SETTING**

**Friday, NOVEMBER 5 and Saturday, NOVEMBER 6, 1976**

**When convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church**

The Services began with Bro. Lowe welcoming everyone to the Liberty Association. He read I Psalms. Bro. Vernon Garrett came forward to lead congregation in song. Bro. Garrett led "Standing on the Promises." With Arilla Wode at organ and Sis. Lowe at Piano. Bro. Lilly was asked to pray the opening prayer. The congregation then sang "I'm In a New World."

Bro. Locklear, The Moderator, came forward and welcomed everyone. He called the setting of the Conference to order. Bro. Locklear read a petitionary letter from the Oak Grove FWB asking to be accepted into the Liberty Association. Bro. Johnson made motion that we accept the Oak Grove Church and the motion was moved and seconded . . . Motion carried.

Everyone was asked to gather around the altar for Altar of Prayer. Congregation sang "Just a Little Talk with Jesus." While we had an old fashion handshake, everyone that wanted to, gathered at the Altar for Prayer.

Bro. Moderator asked ushers to come forward to take up offering for the Children's Home. Bro. Pressley, a visiting minister was asked to pray for the offering. The congregation sang "A New Name in Glory."

The quartet from Trinity FWB came forward to sing for special singing. Bro. Delmar Kendrick from host church sang "Peace In the Valley." Bro. Locklear, Bro. Bush, Bro. Johnson, Bro. Cooper sang, "I Can Tell You the Time", and "I'll have a New Life." Bro. Locklear then turned the service over to Bro. Jim Tolbert to bring the



message.

Bro. Jim read from Isaiah 63: 1-6, "*Somebody that will stand for the Lord.*" An invitation was given for anyone to come to the Alter. Prayer was prayed for those that went to the Altar. The service was turned over to Bro. Locklear. \$62.00 was taken for the Children's Home.

Sister Arilla Wode was asked to say a few words about her going to the Mission Field.

Bro. Locklear made announcements then the service was dismissed. Bro. Delmon Edwards prayed the benediction.

## SATURDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 6, 1976

The Services began with Bro. Locklear, the Moderator, welcoming everyone to the Conference. Bro. Vernon Garrett from the host church led "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian." Bro. Johnson prayed opening prayer. Bro. Garrett then led "The Eastern Gate."

Bro. Locklear read for devotion from I Corinthians, Chapter II, verses 3 thru 9 and made comments on God's Word, "*Togetherness.*"

Bro. Locklear called the Association to order. The Clerk, Bro. Tolbert, read the letters from each church. Those responding were as follows:

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Zion FWB                 | Whittaker FWB            |
| Ten Mile FWB             | First FWB of South Haven |
| Taylor Faith FWB         | First FWB of Monroe      |
| Mt. Olive FWB            | Trinity FWB              |
| East Side FWB            | Fifteen Mile FWB         |
| Woodhaven FWB            | Gospel FWB               |
| Old Fashion FWB          | Oak Grove FWB            |
| Troy FWB                 | Association FWB          |
| Free Will Baptist Chapel | Community FWB            |

The congregation stood to sing "Glory to His Name" and to receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. The congregation then gathered at the Altar for prayer. Prayer was led by Bro. J. D. Tolbert.

Bro. Moderator read the Rules of Decorum. Bro. Moderator called for corresponding mail of petitionary letters. Bro. Moderator mentioned that two churches had requested the next setting of the conference. Bro. Johnson withdrew their request and the next setting will be at the Troy FWB.

Bro. Letcher Bush was chosen to preach the Introductory message with Bro. Russell Lowe as alternate. Bro. Curtis Lilly was chosen to preach the Missionary Message with Bro. Tom Ford as alternate.

There was no old business.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

1. To take offering that is taken on Friday night and use



for other causes instead of continuing to send to the Children's Home.

2. To use offering taken on Friday night for Foreign Missions.
3. The offerings taken during the time of the Fellowship Revivals be given to Sister Arilla Wode's account. \$213.00.
4. Each month send \$25.00 to Sister Arilla Wode's account and \$25.00 to Sister Shelia's account.

Motion made to accept reading of report . . . Motion carried.

1. Motion made to accept Item one . . . Motion carried.
2. Motion made to accept Item 2 . . . Motion carried.
3. Motion made to accept Item 3 . . . Motion carried.
4. Ammended to read as follows. For 6 months send \$50.00 to Sister Wode's account. Motion made to accept . . . Motion carried.

Bro. Jim Tolbert made motion to send the money for Sister Wode to the general fund in Nashville . . . Motion carried.

Bro. Moderator appointed Bro. J. D. Tolbert, Bro. Robert Arnold and Bro. Griffith for Divine Committee to chose someone for the 11 A.M. service.

Bro. Garrett led congregation in "Farther Along." Bro. & Sis. Lowe came forward to sing before Bro. Lowe brought the Missionary Message. Bro. Lowe read from II Timothy, Chapter 4, "*Diligence.*"

Bro. Locklear led "Amazing Grace." Bro. Worthington from Central FWB came forward to bring the morning message. He read Joshua, Chapter 14, "*The Prosperity of Total Obedience.*" The service was turned over to Bro. Locklear.

## PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT

1. We recommend that Bro. Stevenson's ordination be deferred until board can talk with him.
2. We recommend Bro. Andy Pratico be licensed to preach.
3. We recommend that petitionary letter from Clinton Jarvis be denied.

Motion was made to accept reading of report . . . Motion carried.

1. Motion made to accept recommendation. Motion carried.
2. Motion made to accept recommendation. Motion carried.
3. Motion made to accept recommendation that request be denied. Motion carried.

Announcements were made. Bro. Moderator asked Bro. Charles Miller to pray the benediction and blessing on noon meal.

## **MINUTES OF QUARTERLY SETTING**

**Friday, FEBRUARY 4, and Saturday, FEBRUARY 5, 1977**

**when convened with**

**The Troy Free Will Baptist Church.**

The service began with Rev. Charles Cooper leading "Heaven's Jubilee" and "Amazing Grace". Rev. Delmon Edwards prayed the opening prayer. Rev. Loyd Locklear then welcomed everyone and commended the Troy church for the work they had done on their building.

Rev. Cooper came again to lead "Jesus Spoke To Me". Bro. Locklear, Bro. Johnson, Bro. Bush, and Bro. Cooper came forward to sing "I'll Have a New Life", "A Beautiful Life", and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus". Rev. Johnson then prayed for the service.

Bro. and Sis. J.D. Tolbert and Bro. Willie Linn came forward to sing "We'll Soon Be Done With Troubles and Trials" and "The Rock".

Rev. Rufus Coffey, Executive Director of Free Will Baptist in Nashville, came forward to bring the message. Bro. Coffey mentioned the National Convention of Free Will Baptist at Cobo Hall in July and about the National book called "Contact". He then read from 1 Corinthians, chapter 12, verses 12 and 26. He spoke on "Our Duty to One Another." After the message Bro. Locklear led "Glory to His Name" and gave anyone that wanted a chance to come to the altar.

Bro. Fred Norris prayed the benediction.

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1977**

The service began Saturday morning at 9 A.M. Bro. Cooper led "Victory In Jesus". Bro. Perkola prayed the Invocation for the Conference. Bro. Cooper then led "I Love to Walk with Jesus".

Bro. Moderator then read Psalms 101, verses 1-8, for the Devotion. Bro. Moderator then prayed for the reading of the scriptures. Bro. Moderator called the Association to order.

Clerk Bro. Louis Tolbert read the letters from the churches. Those answering were as follows: Association FWB - Trinity FWB - Community FWB - Oak Grove FWB - Woodhaven FWB - Gospel

FWB - First FWB of South Haven - East Side FWB - Troy FWB - Old Fashion FWB - Mt. Olive FWB - Ten Mile FWB - Fifteen Mile FWB - Whittaker FWB - Taylor Faith FWB - FWB Chapel

Bro. Cooper then led "Near the Cross" and the Moderator called for the right hand of fellowship and for everyone to gather around the altar for Prayer of Consecration. Bro. Russell Lowe led the Prayer of Consecration.

Bro. Moderator read the Rules of Decorum. The Clerk then read a petitionary letter from the United Faith FWB in Pontiac. Bro. Jim Tolbert made a motion to accept the petitionary letter and the Presbytery Board would meet with the church to see if they may come into the conference. Motion carried.

The Presbytery Board asked to be excused.

Bro. Moderator mentioned that the Woodhaven FWB would like to be the host of the State Association in June on the 17th and 18th. Bro. Cooper made the motion to accept the Woodhaven request. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded that the next quarterly setting be at the Old Fashion FWB in August. Motion made and second.

Motion made to have the ministers that were to preach at this setting be the speakers at the setting in August. Bro. Letcher Bush to preach the Introductory Message with Bro. Russell Lowe as alternate. Bro. Curtis Lilly to preach the Missionary Message with Bro. Tom Ford as alternate.

Bro. Moderator asked for old business.

Bro. Jay Overman came forward to talk about the new state paper, "The Morning Star."

Bro. Cooper came forward to talk about Youth Camp. Bro. Cooper will be the Director of Youth Camp. He mentioned the need for workers for Youth Camp.

Bro. Moderator mentioned the National Association at Cobo Hall and suggested that each church would dismiss Sunday night and Wednesday night services to attend the meetings at Cobo Hall. Bro. Moderator asked the ushers to come forward to take an offering for the National Association. Bro. Cooper prayed for the offering.

Bro. Cooper and his family came forward for the Special Singing.

Bro. Jim Nason, a visiting minister and Chairman of the Education Committee for the State of Michigan and Youth Camp Coordinator, spoke on Youth Camp and the Great Lakes Bible Institute.

Sonya Hayes from the Troy FWB came forward to sing.

Bro. Rufus Coffey came forward to bring the message. He read from John, chapter 1, verse 35. He spoke on "*Bringing Souls to Jesus*". Bro. Coffey turned the service over to the Moderator.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

1. Propose that Annual Setting have an afternoon session on Saturday for the election of officers.

Motion to accept the report. Motion carried.

1. Motion to accept the recommendation. Motion second and motion carried.

It was also suggested by the Executive Board that the Annual Setting be changed to different locations like the Quarterly Setting. There was no action taken at this time.

## **PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT**

1. Recommend Austin Begley be licensed to preach the gospel

Motion made to accept report. Motion carried.

1. Motion made that Bro. Begley be licensed . . . Motion seconded and motion carried.

Bro. Jim Tolbert made motion to give \$150.00 to Bro. Coffey. Motion carried.

Motion was made to change conference to 12th and 13th of August so it won't conflict with Youth Camp. Motion carried.

The Treasurer gave the Treasury Report. Motion made to accept report. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the minutes from the last setting. Motion made to accept reading of minutes. Motion carried.

Bro. Bush prayed the benediction.

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SETTING**

**Friday, APRIL 29, and Saturday, APRIL 30, 1977**

**When convened with**

**The Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church**

The service began with the song leader leading the congregation in "He Lives."

Bro. Jim Tolbert, the Asst. Moderator, welcomed everyone to the Annual Setting of the Liberty Association. He reminded everyone to turn in their letters to the Clerk. He made mention that a Home Missionary by the name of Bro. Helm would be in the State of Michigan and would like to come and visit the churches.

The choir director lead the choir in songs. Bro. Edwards from the host church welcomed everyone to the Association. He asked the ushers to come forward to take up an offering. The song leader lead "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" and "I'll Fly Away." Then the

congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

Bro. Letcher Bush lead the congregation in prayer. The congregation sang "Revive Us Again," and had an old fashion handshake.

Bro. Delmon Edwards recognized Bro. Raper from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee as being a visiting minister.

Bro. Bob Mead from Springfield, Ohio, came forward to preach the evening message. He read from II Peter, Chapter 1, verses 16 thru 21. His subject "*Why The Bible is the Inspired Word of God.*" The song leader lead "Why Do You Wait For an Invitation." The service was then turned over to Bro. Edwards. He made the announcements.

Bro. Mike Martin dismissed in prayer.

### APRIL 30, 1977

Bro. Locklear greeted everyone to the conference and called the Setting of the Liberty Association to order. Bro. Cooper lead "I'd Rather be an Old Time Christian." Bro. Edwards prayed the opening prayer.

Bro. Moderator read Ephesians 5, verses 1 and 2, for the Devotion ... "*Love in Our Church.*"

Clerk Bro. Tolbert read the letters to the association from the churches. Those answering were as follows:

Mt. Olive FWB - Ten Mile FWB - Trinity FWB - Oak Grove FWB - Association FWB - Gospel FWB - Taylor Faith FWB - Woodhaven FWB - Troy FWB - Free Will Baptist Chapel - Fifteen Mile FWB - Community FWB - East Side FWB - Old Fashion FWB - Whittaker FWB - South Haven FWB - United Faith FWB

At this time the Presbytery Board made a motion to accept the United Faith FWB of Pontiac into the Liberty Association. Motion carried. They along with the congregation came forward to receive the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator and to remain at the altar for prayer.

Bro. Moderator welcomed the visitors and recognized Bro. Raper from the Children's Home.

Motion was made to elect the officers in the morning and do away with the afternoon session. Motion carried.

Bro. Moderator read the Rules of Decorum.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

1. Recommend that Bro. Jim Tolbert to be Moderator. Nomination made for Bro. Jim Tolbert be Moderator. Motion made to cease nomination and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Locklear was given a standing vote of thanks for his service

as Moderator in the past 13 years. A love offering was taken for Bro. Locklear. Bro. Bush lead "Since Jesus came into My Heart." Bro. Cooper prayed for the offering.

Bro. Locklear came back to moderate the remainder of the session.

2. It was moved to take from the table the suggestion made by the Executive Board at the last setting that the Annual Setting of the Conference be moved from the Ten Mile FWB and go around to each church as they ask for it. The Executive Board removed their support from this proposal and it was moved and second to let the Annual Setting remain at the Ten Mile FWB Church.

Motion was made to accept Executive Board Report. Motion carried.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Assistant Moderator: Bro Loyd Locklear by Acclamation  
Presbytery Board 5 year term: Bro. Loyd Locklear by Acclamation  
Foreign Mission Promotional Secretary: Bro. Letcher Bush  
Youth Director: Bro. Russell Lowe  
Youth Camp Coordinator: Bro. Letcher Bush  
Clerk: Bro. Louis Tolbert  
Treasurer: Bro. Vernon Garrett

Moderator suggested that Executive Board check with churches that have not lettered into the Association.

### PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT:

1. Recommend Bro. Bush for the Executive Board. Bro. Bush elected. Bro. Bush relieved from his duties as Camp Coordinator. Bro. Lilly was nominated and elected as Camp Coordinator.
2. Recommend E. J. Marine to be accepted into Liberty Association and be given a good standing card.
3. Bro. Don Badder License be extended for 1 year.

Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

2. Motion made to give Bro. E. J. Marine a good standing card. Motion carried.
3. Motion made to give Bro. Don Badder an extension on his license. Motion carried.



Six months ago it was recommended to give Arilla Wode's account, money to be reviewed in six months and decided at that time what to do with her account. A motion was made to table action until the Board can check on the finances of the Association and Sis. Wode's account and then decide what to do. Bro. Moderator appointed five men to check on the finances. They were: Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Chairman of Executive Committee and Chairman of Presbytery Board.

Bro. Moderator made announcements on the June 17, & 18 State Association at Woodhaven FWB and the July 17 thru 21 National Association of FWB at Cobo Hall.

A motion was made to send \$100.00 to Youth Camp. Motion seconded and carried.

Bro. Moderator chose Bro. Meade to bring the Morning Message. The congregation lead by the song leader sang "Glory to His Name."

Bro. Raper from the Children's Home came forward to say a few words about the home and he introduced the children that were visiting here with him.

Sis. Lowe and girls came forward to sing before the Morning Worship Service. Bro. Mead came forward to bring the Message. He read from St. Matthew, 22, verse 23—"Christ The Center of Our Churches."

The service was turned over to Bro. Locklear. Bro. Locklear made the announcement and then turned the service over to Bro. Bush. Bro. Bush talked about Sister Arilla Wode and the support that is needed from the Liberty Association.

We need delegates to the National Association. Bro. Willie Linn was nominated and chosen to be the Liberty Association Delegate.

Bro. Garrett read the Obituary Report.

The next setting of the Liberty Association will be August 12 and 13 at the Old Fashion FWB Church.

Bro. John Griffith dismissed in prayer and prayed for the noon meal.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## RECEIPTS

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Association F.W.B. . . . .           | \$ 40.00     |
| Eastside F.W.B. . . . .              | 60.00        |
| Fifteen Mile Rd.. . . .              | 198.80       |
| F.W.B.Chapel . . . . .               | 203.10       |
| Gospel F.W.B.. . . .                 | 143.00       |
| Old Fashioned F.W.B. . . . .         | 48.00        |
| Taylor Faith F.W.B. . . . .          | 98.50        |
| Ten Mile . . . . .                   | 311.20       |
| Trinity F.W.B.. . . .                | 200.00       |
| Troy F.W.B. . . . .                  | 100.00       |
| Whittaker F.W.B. . . . .             | 89.88        |
| Woodhaven F.W.B. . . . .             | 200.00       |
| Zion F.W.B. . . . .                  | 10.00        |
| First F.W.B. of Monroe. . . . .      | 10.00        |
| First F.W.B. of South Haven. . . . . | 148.00       |
| Mount Olive F.W.B.. . . .            | 120.00       |
| Community F.W.B. of Monroe . . . . . | 91.00        |
| Oak Grove . . . . .                  | <u>45.00</u> |

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR . . . . . \$2,116.48

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Receipts for Children's Home . . . . .      | 106.46        |
| Special offerings for Sister Wode . . . . . | 271.33        |
| Special offering for General Fund. . . . .  | 93.15         |
| Special for National Association . . . . .  | 237.79        |
| State Association . . . . .                 | <u>210.00</u> |

BALANCE. . . . . \$3,035.21

Balance Fwd. May 1976 . . . . . 2,999.34

TOTAL RECEIPTS. . . . . \$6,034.55

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Expenditures for 1976-1977. . . . . | 1,950.65        |
| Balance in checking. . . . .        | 2,021.71        |
| Balance in saving . . . . .         | 2,062.19        |
| Total in bank . . . . .             | <u>4,258.90</u> |

## EXPENSES

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Printing Minutes. . . . .       | \$ 483.88 |
| Flowers Rev. Fletcher . . . . . | 25.00     |
| Office Supplies . . . . .       | 112.63    |
| Clerks Fee . . . . .            | 100.00    |
| Corporation Fee. . . . .        | 10.00     |

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Rufus Coffey (appreciation) . . . . . | 150.00            |
| Bibles - J. Tolbert . . . . .         | 20.00             |
| Jay Overman . . . . .                 | 15.00             |
| Bank Services . . . . .               | 11.17             |
| Kwikie Duplicating . . . . .          | 16.54             |
| Foreign Mission . . . . .             | 571.33            |
| Hall Rental . . . . .                 | 80.00             |
| National Co-op Plan . . . . .         | 98.64             |
| Children's Home . . . . .             | 106.46            |
| Rev. Locklear - Gratuities . . . . .  | 50.00             |
| Bro. Garrett - Gratuities . . . . .   | 50.00             |
| Bro. Tolbert - Gratuities . . . . .   | 50.00             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES . . . . .</b>       | <b>\$1,950.65</b> |

#### ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTIST

27637 Gratiot, Roseville, Mich. 48066

Delegates: Ricky Beaver, Ken Lane, Cheryl Beaver, Barbara Bostic,  
Larry Murphy

Alternates: Andy Pratico, Lisa Pratico

Church Membership . . . . . 27

Members Added . . . . . 3

Baptisms during year . . . . . 3

Clerk: Margie Beauer

#### COMMUNITY FREE WILL BAPTIST

95 Kessler Drive, Monroe, Mich. 48161

Delegates: Albert Gray, Hubert Lindsay

Church Membership . . . . . 28

Members Added . . . . . 10

Baptisms during year . . . . . 3

Total income . . . . . \$ 5,566.98

Pastor's Salary . . . . . \$ 1,100.00

Miscellaneous . . . . . \$ 3,222.44

Children's Home . . . . . \$ 300.00

Total outside expenditures . . . . . \$ 300.00

Clerk: Ella Begley

## **EAST SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST**

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

Delegates: Jesse Malone, Time Steel, Doris Rector, Arlene Moore,  
Joanne Davis

Alternates: Kaye Nichols, Mae Cummings

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Church Membership . . . . . | 115 |
|-----------------------------|-----|

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Members added . . . . . | 14 |
|-------------------------|----|

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Baptisms during year . . . . . | 3 |
|--------------------------------|---|

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Total income . . . . . | \$ 33,873.00 |
|------------------------|--------------|

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Pastor's Salary . . . . . | \$ 6,760.00 |
|---------------------------|-------------|

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Church Staff . . . . . | \$ 1,800.00 |
|------------------------|-------------|

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Miscellaneous . . . . . | \$ 14,449.00 |
|-------------------------|--------------|

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Foreign Missions . . . . . | \$ 400.00 |
|----------------------------|-----------|

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Children's Home . . . . . | \$ 50.00 |
|---------------------------|----------|

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total outside expenditures . . . . . | \$ 450.00 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|

Clerk: Eric Moore

## **FIFTEEN MILE ROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST**

2020 E. 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan

Delegates: Ed Shields, Larry Smotherman, Louise Ellis, Diane  
Adler

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Church Membership . . . . . | 162 |
|-----------------------------|-----|

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Members added . . . . . | 13 |
|-------------------------|----|

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Baptisms during year . . . . . | 0 |
|--------------------------------|---|

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Value of church property . . . . . | \$ 158,000.00 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School Enrollment . . . . . | 154 |
|------------------------------------|-----|

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| CTS . . . . . | 35 |
|---------------|----|

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Total income . . . . . | \$ 38,593.85 |
|------------------------|--------------|

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Pastor's Salary . . . . . | \$ 9,100.00 |
|---------------------------|-------------|

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Remodeling . . . . . | \$ 1,435.00 |
|----------------------|-------------|

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Miscellaneous . . . . . | \$ 15,719.03 |
|-------------------------|--------------|

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total local expenditures . . . . . | \$ 34,393.24 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Foreign Missions . . . . . | \$ 305.78 |
|----------------------------|-----------|

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Free Will Baptist College . . . . . | \$ 639.00 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Home Missions . . . . . | \$ 991.80 |
|-------------------------|-----------|

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Total spent for outside causes . . . . . | \$ 2,236.58 |
|--|-------------|

Clerk: Shalia Clark

## FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF SOUTH HAVEN

1045 E. Wilson, South Haven, Mich. 49090

Delegates: Deloris Stultz, Alva Hiatt, Calla Linn, Karen Larabee

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Church Membership . . . . .              | 46            |
| Members added . . . . .                  | 7             |
| Members lost . . . . .                   | 5             |
| Baptisms during year . . . . .           | 2             |
| Value of Parsonage . . . . .             | \$ 40,000.00  |
| Value of Church Property . . . . .       | \$ 150,000.00 |
| Church indebtedness . . . . .            | \$ 20,550.00  |
| Sunday School . . . . .                  | 92            |
| Woman's Auxiliary . . . . .              | 14            |
| Total income . . . . .                   | \$ 23,055.00  |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .                | \$ 6,390.00   |
| Janitor . . . . .                        | \$ 520.00     |
| Paid on debt retirement . . . . .        | \$ 4,777.00   |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .                  | \$ 6,517.00   |
| Total local expenditures . . . . .       | \$ 23,314.00  |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .               | \$ 650.00     |
| Children's Home . . . . .                | \$ 61.00      |
| Dis. or State . . . . .                  | \$ 239.00     |
| Total spent for outside causes . . . . . | \$ 1,158.00   |
| Clerk: Von Tolbert                       |               |

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHAPEL

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

Delegates: Millie Williams, Stan Chitwood, Granville Senters,  
Walter Crum, Sally Crum

Alternates: Harold Gilkerson, Barbara Booth, Linda Booth,  
Sackie Lemaster, Christa Senters

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Church Membership . . . . .          | 78            |
| Members added . . . . .              | 24            |
| Members lost . . . . .               | 20            |
| Baptisms during year . . . . .       | 15            |
| Value of church property . . . . .   | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Sunday School . . . . .              | 67            |
| CTS. . . . .                         | 25            |
| Total income . . . . .               | \$ 23,815.00  |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .            | \$ 8,250.00   |
| Building & Repair . . . . .          | \$ 6,306.00   |
| Total local expenditures . . . . .   | \$ 14,556.00  |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .           | \$ 630.00     |
| Home Missions . . . . .              | \$ 630.00     |
| Children's Home . . . . .            | \$ 630.00     |
| Total outside expenditures . . . . . | \$ 1,890.00   |
| Clerk: Frances Million               |               |

### **GOSPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST**

2379 Emmons, Warren, Michigan 48091

Delegates: Bobbie Harris, Aimel Hunt, Mildred Thurman, Verlon Dollar, Jean Dollar

|                                     |     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Total income . . . . .              | .\$ | 15,651.54 |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .           | .\$ | 7,800.00  |
| Church Staff . . . . .              | .\$ | 1,200.00  |
| Building & Repair . . . . .         | .\$ | 1,834.00  |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .             | .\$ | 6,545.17  |
| Total local expenditures . . . . .  | .\$ | 8,379.17  |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .          | .\$ | 400.00    |
| Children's Home . . . . .           | .\$ | 157.50    |
| Dist. or State . . . . .            | .\$ | 557.50    |
| Total outside expenditures. . . . . | .\$ | 612.64    |

Clerk: Betty Roberts

### **MT. OLIVE FREE WILL BAPTIST**

1330 Paxton, Ferndale, Michigan 48220

Delegates: Bert Skags, Irene Skags, Mary Lou Nelson, Margaret Marine, Billy Jones

Alternates: Hugh Partin, Coleman Schell

|                                    |     |            |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Value of church property . . . . . | .\$ | 100,000.00 |
| Church indebtedness . . . . .      | .\$ | 40,000.00  |
| Church Membership . . . . .        |     | 62         |
| Members added . . . . .            |     | 14         |
| Members lost . . . . .             |     | 9          |
| Sunday School . . . . .            |     | 85         |

Clerk: Shirley Lilly

### **OAK GROVE FWB CHURCH**

3240 Sharp Road, Adrian, Michigan

Delegates: Alton Smith, David Thomas, Eva Smith, Ann Thomas

|                                |     |          |
|--------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Church Membership . . . . .    |     | 45       |
| Baptisms during year . . . . . |     | 1        |
| Members added . . . . .        |     | 8        |
| Members lost . . . . .         |     | 13       |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .      | .\$ | 8,900.00 |

Clerk: Leola Cook

## OLD FASHION FREE WILL BAPTIST

3003 Chicago Road, Warren, Michigan 48092

Delegates: George Ketchum, May Ketchum, Mary Testament,  
Marge Dear

Alternates: Karen Dear, Sis. Blevins, Sis. Judkins, Sis. Meadows

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Church Membership . . . . .          | 102           |
| Value of Parsonage . . . . .         | \$ 50,000.00  |
| Value of church property . . . . .   | \$ 150,000.00 |
| Sunday School . . . . .              | 164           |
| Women's Auxiliary . . . . .          | 12            |
| Total income . . . . .               | \$ 40,166.00  |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .            | \$ 9,145.00   |
| Church Staff . . . . .               | \$ 2,125.00   |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .              | \$ 21,339.00  |
| Total local expenditures . . . . .   | \$ 36,554.00  |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .           | \$ 2,081.00   |
| Home Missions . . . . .              | \$ 2,500.00   |
| Children's Home . . . . .            | \$ 207.00     |
| Total outside expenditures . . . . . | \$ 4,970.00   |

Clerk: Gloria Smith

## TAYLOR FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST

25535 Ecorse Road, Taylor Michigan 48180

Delegates: Sharon Arnold, Gwynne Spears, Judy Dotson

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Church Membership . . . . .        | 38           |
| Baptisms during year . . . . .     | 0            |
| Members added . . . . .            | 5            |
| Members lost . . . . .             | 21           |
| Value of church property . . . . . | \$ 70,000.00 |
| Church indebtedness . . . . .      | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Sunday School . . . . .            | 45           |
| Women's Auxiliary . . . . .        | 17           |
| Total income . . . . .             | \$ 8,049.00  |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .          | \$ 1,200.00  |
| Total local expenditures . . . . . | \$ 3,748.00  |

Clerk: Bonnie Marks

## TEN MILE ROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST

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

Delegates: Lona Deel, Claudia Miller, Noah Anderson, Imogene Kanipe, Arnedia Bowen

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Church Membership . . . . .        | 149           |
| Baptisms during year . . . . .     | 12            |
| Members added . . . . .            | 15            |
| Value of Parsonage . . . . .       | \$ 25,000.00  |
| Value of church property . . . . . | \$ 195,000.00 |
| Church indebtedness . . . . .      | \$ 5,353.00   |
| Total income . . . . .             | \$ 45,935.72  |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .          | \$ 8,840.00   |
| Church Staff . . . . .             | \$ 4,725.00   |
| Building & Repair . . . . .        | \$ 17,113.08  |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .            | \$ 10,986.49  |
| Total local expenditures . . . . . | \$ 44,664.57  |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .         | \$ 571.71     |
| Home Missions . . . . .            | \$ 948.44     |
| Children's Home . . . . .          | \$ 180.00     |
| Total Outside Causes . . . . .     | \$ 1,760.15   |

Clerk: Patricia Davis

## TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST

410 Oregon St., Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Delegates: Roger Gibbons, Brad Hunley, George Thacker, George Massey, Jeff Massey

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Church Membership . . . . .          | 218           |
| Baptisms during year . . . . .       | 7             |
| Members added . . . . .              | 19            |
| Members lost . . . . .               | 40            |
| Value of church property . . . . .   | \$ 165,000.00 |
| Church indebtedness . . . . .        | \$ 32,000.00  |
| Sunday School . . . . .              | 150           |
| Women's Auxiliary . . . . .          | 10            |
| Total income . . . . .               | \$ 26,395.00  |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .            | \$ 3,300.00   |
| Building & Repair . . . . .          | \$ 1,150.00   |
| Total local expenditures . . . . .   | \$ 2,386.00   |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .           | \$ 716.00     |
| Total outside expenditures . . . . . | \$ 716.00     |

Clerk: Bonnie Byrd



### TROY FREE WILL BAPTIST

2300 John R. Troy, Michigan 48084

Delegates: Billie Green, Ernest Wilmoth, Robert Kitchen, Roy Addison, Ken Reed

Alternates: Dallas Lowe, Leroy Roberts, George Boles

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Church Membership . . . . .        | 139           |
| Baptisms during year . . . . .     | 7             |
| Members added . . . . .            | 13            |
| Members lost . . . . .             | 7             |
| Value of church property . . . . . | \$ 346,500.00 |
| Church indebtedness . . . . .      | \$ 41,000.00  |
| Total income . . . . .             | \$ 54,339.01  |

Clerk: Louise Tharpe

### UNITED FAITH FWB

81 E. Howard Street, Pontiac, Michigan

Delegates: Johnny Webb, Gerald Webb, Dorthy Lloyd, Lonnie Garris

Alternates: Doris Grin, Eula Mae Haynes, Madeline Garris

No Statistics given

Clerk: Maxine Workman

### WHITTAKER FREE WILL BAPTIST

11117 Whittaker Rd., Whittaker, Michigan 48190

Delegates: Doretta Tolbert, Jean Raymond, Tom Brandenburg, Irene Brandenburg

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Church Membership . . . . .                | 20           |
| Baptisms during year . . . . .             | 0            |
| Current value of church property . . . . . | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Sunday School . . . . .                    | 58           |
| Total income . . . . .                     | \$ 9,644.14  |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .                  | \$ 3,800.00  |
| Building & Repair . . . . .                | \$ 5,380.54  |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .                    | \$ 4,774.06  |
| Total local expenditures . . . . .         | \$ 13,954.60 |
| Children's Home . . . . .                  | \$ 120.00    |
| Total outside expenditures . . . . .       | \$ 120.00    |

Clerk: Doretta Tolbert

WOODHAVEN FREE WILL BAPTIST

26191 Allen Road, Woodhaven, Michigan 48183

Delegates: Homer Goins, Treva Prater, Gary Hill, Bill Chandler,  
Ruby Wright, Sis. Runyon

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Baptisms during year . . . . .      | 32            |
| Members added . . . . .             | 46            |
| Members lost . . . . .              | 15            |
| Value of church parsonage . . . . . | \$ 65,000.00  |
| Value of church property . . . . .  | \$ 300,000.00 |
| Church indebtedness . . . . .       | \$ 63,000.00  |
| Pastor's Salary . . . . .           | \$ 9,300.00   |
| Clerk: Cuba Goins                   |               |

## **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, an Assistant Moderator, Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, whom 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 relationships 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 the means for defraying 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 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 footwashing shall be administered on Good Friday evening at the respective church chosen at the Annual setting of the Association.
15. This Association shall advise, or recommend the support of denominational enterprises according to the ability, or means otherwise provided, and under the jurisdiction of the local church.
16. This Association shall possess the rights to repel, or exclude anyone coming unto us preaching, or advocating any other doctrine than that set forth in the original Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptist.
17. This constitution shall not be changed, or amended, only by a three-fourths majority of Ministers, as also the Deacons, and likewise the duly elected representatives at the regular annual setting of the Association.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

Rev. Oscar Cummings  
23366 Hoover Road  
Warren  
East Side FWB

Rev. Roger Daniel  
Rte 1  
South Haven  
First FWB of South Haven

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

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

Rev. John Griffith  
3334 Glendale Woodland Beach  
Monroe  
Community FWB

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

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

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

Rev. Arnold Mollett  
16925 Riverview  
Detroit

Rev. William Eversole  
5878 Wilke  
Taylor  
Whittaker FWB

Rev. John Burleson  
305 W. Yale  
Pontiac  
United Faith FWB

Rev. Fred Norris  
4456 E. Eleven Mile  
Warren  
15 Mile Road FWB

Rev. Weldon Perkola  
3541 Denson  
Sterling Heights  
15 Mile Road FWB



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

Rev. James Carson Slagle  
22836 Sharrow  
Warren  
778-1948  
East Side FWB

Rev. Arthur Spears  
14572 Mulberry  
Southgate  
Taylor Faith FWB

Rev. Arnold Syke  
2741 Longmeadow  
Trenton  
Woodhaven FWB

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

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

Rev. Earnest Grim  
3046 Joslyn Road  
Pontiac  
United Faith FWB

Rev. Jimmie Tolbert  
3240 Sharp Road  
Adrian  
517/265-6357

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

Rev. James Wright  
23809 Carlisle  
Hazel Park  
Woodhaven FWB

Rev. Russell Lowe  
730 Savage Road  
Belleville  
Trinity FWB

Rev. Letcher Bush  
28882 Patricia  
Warren, 48092  
Free Will Baptist Chapel

Rev. E. J. Marine  
Mt. Olive FWB

Rev. Paul Haynes  
948 Emerson  
Pontiac  
United Faith FWB

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

**Bro. Dewel Beaver**  
898 E. Rowland  
Madison Heights

**Bro. Wheeler Nelson**  
22419 Saxony  
Detroit

### **EAST SIDE FWB**

**Bro. Lynn Nichols**  
23503 Bolam  
Warren

### **15 MILE ROAD FWB**

**Bro. William England**  
7477 Farr Ct.  
Utica

**Bro. Enoch Ellis**  
3510 Grigg  
Sterling Heights

**Bro. Robert Clark**  
527 E. Third  
Royal Oak

**Bro. William Haynes**  
400 Gardenia  
Royal Oak

**Bro. Erwin Sunde**  
23776 Davey  
Hazel Park

### **FIRST FWB OF SOUTH HAVEN**

**Bro. Donald Hiatt**  
Route No. 4  
South Haven

**Bro. Willie Linn**  
Route No. 1  
South Haven

### **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHAPEL**

**Bro. Edward York**  
337 Lincoln  
Madison Heights

**Bro. James Lemaster**  
1704 E. Jarvis  
Hazel Park

### **GOSPEL FWB**

**Bro. Fred Enloe**

**Bro. Charles Thurman, Sr.**

### **OLD FASHION FWB**

**Bro. Ellis Penley**  
2420 E. Lincoln  
Royal Oak

**Bro. Houston Robinson**  
1571 Wordsworth  
Ferndale

Bro. Ron Meadows  
26785 Palmer  
Madison Heights

Bro. Robert Smith  
3401 Emmons  
Rochester

#### TRINITY FWB

Bro. Vernon Garrett  
805 Charles  
Ypsilanti

Bro. Herman Garrett  
805 Charles  
Ypsilanti

#### TAYLOR FAITH FWB

Bro. James Marks  
21565 Francis  
Dearborn

Bro. Hillard Adams  
14829 Maywood  
Southgate

#### TEN MILE FWB

Bro. Robert Davis  
23842 Cayuga  
Hazel Park

Bro. L. D. Mungle  
Rowland  
Royal Oak

Bro. Charles Miller  
680 Hartland  
Troy

Rev. Carroll Toby  
3216 Hawthorn  
Royal Oak

#### WHITTAKER FWB

Bro. Louis Tolbert  
9660 Willis Road  
Willis

Bro. James Bruce  
8225 McKean Road  
Willis

#### WOODHAVEN FWB

Bro. Clyde McCage  
11835 Klebba  
Taylor

Bro. Emmitt Tackett  
4561 Third  
Ecorse

Bro. Claude Winkleman  
2798 Longmeadow  
Trenton

Bro. Jimmie Prater  
14618 Mulberry  
Southgate

Bro. Darrell Williams  
2780 Duddley  
Taylor