

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1978 - 1979

**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-NINTH ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION**

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

Assistant Moderator..... Rev Fred Norris
758-3207

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
- 4. Call for corresponding letters
- 6. Board Reports
- 7. Unfinished business
- 8. New business

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESBYTER BOARD

Rev. Bobby Green	5 years
Rev. Charles Cooper	4 years
Rev. Loyd Locklear	3 years
Rev. Tom Ford	2 years
Rev. Curtis Lilly	1 year

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Ralph Nix.....	5 years
Rev. Charles Testament	4 years
Rev. Letcher Bush	3 years
Rev. John Griffith	2 years
Rev. J. D. Tolbert	1 year

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Charles Cooper	5 years
Rev. Geaoge Johnson	4 years
Rev. Letcher Bush	2 years
Rev. Curtis Lilly	3 years
Rev. Oscar Cummings	1 year

YOUTH CAMP CO-ORDINATOR

Bro. Charles Cooper

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Minutes of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in August, 1978

The Pastor of the Host Church, Bro. Jim Stewart, welcomed everyone to this setting of the Liberty Association. The Congregation then stood as Bro. Garrett led the congregation in "Victory in Jesus." with Sis Devona Stewart at the piano and Bro. Tim Steele at the organ. Bro. Russell Lowe led the opening prayer. Bro. Stewart then turned the service over to the Moderator Bro. Jim Tolbert.

The Moderator then welcomed everyone to the Associational meeting. The Moderator then called the conference to order by having the Clerk stand and everyone turn in the letters from the churches to him.

The moderator read from Roman, Chapter I verse 13-17 and spoke on the meaning of the WORD. The Bro. Garrett came forward and led the congregation in "I am, Thine O Lord" and those that wanted came forward and gathered at the Alter for prayer. Bro. Oscar Cummings led in prayer.

The Moderator then excused the boards. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." while the ushers came forward to take up the offering for the children's home.

The Moderator then asked for any special singing for the evening service. The Stewart Family came forward to sing.

The Moderator then called a visiting preacher to come forward to bring the evening message. Rev. Bob Green read from Ephesians, Chapter I Verse 19-23. "The Lord's return back to the City of God."

The congregation stood to sing "Just As I Am."

The service was turned over to the Moderator. He made the announcements. Bro. Letcher Bush dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

Bo. Stewart led the congregation in "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord". Bro. Fred Norris prayed for this setting of the conference.

Bro. Ford read from Psalms Chapter I for the Devotions and Prayer.

Bro. Moderator then called the conference to order by calling for the tardy letters.

Those churches lettering into this setting of the Association are as follows:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Woodhaven FWB | 2. Whittaker FWB |
| 3. Taylor Faith FWB | 4. Association FWB |
| 5. Troy FWB | 6. Trinty FWB |
| 7. Ten Mile FWB | 8. Old Fashion FWB |
| 9. FWB Chapel | 10. Mt. Olive FWB |
| 11. First FWB of South Haven | 12. First FWB of Adrian |
| 13. East Side FWB | 14. Community FWB |
| 15. First FWB of Monroe | 16. Fifteen Mile Rd. FWB |

Motion made to accept the reading of the letters. Motion carried.

Bro. Stewart then led the congregation in "When the Role is Called Up Yonder" while the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship.

Bro. E. J. Marine led the association in the prayer of consecration.

Bro. Stewart then led "Amazing Grace". The Moderator welcomed the visitors to the Association. Bro. & Sis. Jerry Webb and family, Missionary to France.

The Moderator then read the rules of Decorum. The Clerk then read the minutes from the last setting of the Association. Motion made to accept reading of minutes. Motion carried. The Treasurer then gave the Treasurers report. Motion made to accept report. Motion carried.

Bro. Curtis Lilly was selected by acclamation to bring the introductory message for November setting with Bro. Jim Stewart as alternate.

Committee Reports

Executive Board

1. We, the Executive Board propose that any board member that has served a 5 year term shall not be eligible for re-election to that particular board for a rest period of years.
2. We, the Executive Board recommend that the Liberty Association advance the Lewiston Michigan FWB Mission \$1,000.00 out of the Association general fund.

Motion made to accept report. Motion carried.

Item 1. Motion made to adopt recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 2. Motion made to adopt recommendation. Motion carried.

Presbyter Board

Item 1. We the Presbyter Board recommend that Bro. Roger Gibbons be ordained as Deacon.

Item 2. We the Presbyter Board recommend tat the Troy FWB Mission be accepted to our fellowship.

Item 3. We the Presbyter Board recommed that Bro. Lester Baker of the Troy FWB Mission be issued ordination credentials

Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

Item 1. Motion made to adopt recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 2. Motion made to adopt recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 3. Motion made to adopt recommendation. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board also recommends that Bro. Charles Foster's credentials be ratified.

Motion made and carried to accept Boards recommendation.

A letter was read from the Troy FWB Mission with Bro. Oscar Cummings as pastor wishing to petition into the Liberty Association. A motion was made to accept the letter. Bro. Stewart led Amazing Grace while Bro. Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship.

The placement of the Association for the November setting is the Ten Mile FWB Church.

Bro. Johnson, Youth Camp Director Junior Camp, gave a report on the Youth Camp that it was very successful. Motion to accept the report. Motion carried. A report was given on the Senior Youth Camp. The camp was very successful. Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

The Moderator gave a report on the Lewiston Mission. The congregation was passed out a written report on the Mission. Motion to accept report. Motion carried.

Motion was made to break until the morning service. Motion carried.

Moderator read letter from Sis. Wode, a Missionary on her way to France for Language School.

Bro. Stewart led "If Jesus Goes With Me". Bro Jamie Stewart sang "Sheltered in the Arms of God" for the special singing.

Bro. James Stewart sang "When He reached Down His Hand For Me" with Sis Stewart at the Piano.

The Moderator called Bro. Jerry Webb, Missionary to France, to bring the Missionary message. He read Romans, Chapter 10 verse 1-3, "Portraying Jesus in our Lives as God Wants him portrayed." The invitation was given with congregation singing "Is Thy Heart Right With God".

Moderator called for and received a Missionary offering for Bro. Webb. Bro. Jim Bruce prayed for the offering. Bro Stewart led "He keeps Me Singing" while offering was received.

Motion to give host church standing vote of thanks. Bro Stewart prayed for the noon meal. Then gave direction for the noon meal.

The offering for the missionary came to \$152.00. Moderator asked for motion to make the offering an even \$200.00. So granted

Minutes of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church November 3, 1978 and November 4, 1978.

The Pastor of the Ten Mile FWB Church, Rev. Charles Testament, came forward to welcome everyone to this meeting of the Libery Association.

The service was turned over to the song leader and he led "Glad Reunion Day."

The Moderator then came forward and asked Bro. Nix to pray the opening prayer. He then called the Conference to order reading parts of Psalms 148, 149, and 150. The song leader then came forward to lead "Victory in Jesus" while the congregation gathered around the Alter for prayer. Bro. Jim Hollis was asked to lead in prayer.

The Moderator asked for the letters to be turned in to the Clerk. The Moderator then excused the Boards. The Moderator then asked the song leader to come and lead the Congregation in a song while the ushers come forward to take up the offering for the Childrens Home. He led "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Bro. Jim Tolbert prayed for the offering.

Bro. Herman Hershey came forward to play the piano for the congregation.

Bro. Curtis Lilly came forward to bring the message for the evening. He read from the scriptures taken from Acts Chapter 2 verses 44-47. "What's right with the Church".

The service was turned over to the song leader. He led "Just As I Am".

Bro. Leonard Ward dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4, 1978

Bro. Jim Stewart opened the conference by leading "I'd Love to Walk With Jesus". with Bro. Herman Hershey at the piano. The service was turned over to Bro. Cooper for the Devotion he read from Jonah Chapter 1 and prayed for the reading of God's word and this setting of the Association.

The Moderator then came forward and called the conference to order and asked the Clerk to read the letters from the Churches lettering in to the Association. Those responding are as follows:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Woodhaven FWB | 2. Ten Mile FWB |
| 3. First FWB of Adrian | 4. First FWB of Monroe |
| 5. Old Fashion FWB | 6. First FWB of South Haven |
| 7. Mt. OLive FWB | 8. TRoyFWB |
| 9. Association FWB | 10. Trinity FWB |
| 11. Whittaker FWB | 12. East Side FWB |
| 13. 15 Mile FWB | 14. FWB Chapel |

Bro. Stewart led "Amazing Grace" while the delegates met at the alter for the Right Hand of Fellowship from the Moderator and remained at the Altar for prayer. Bro. Charles Bohanon led in prayer.

A motion was made to accept reading of minutes. Motion carried.

The Moderator excused the Boards that needed to be excused. He then recognized the visitors to the Liberty Association. Rev. Herman Hershey from the Retirement Board in Nashville.

The Clerk then read a letter of thanks from Brenda Barnett and Teresa Pruitt, girls that attend the Bible College in Nashville.

The Moderator then read the Rules of Decorum. The clerk then read the minutes of the last setting. Motion was made to accept reading of minutes. Motion carried.

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

The next setting of the Association will be on February 2, and 3. The Troy FWB will host the next setting. Bro. Roy Thomas for the Director of Home Mission Board will bring the Missionary Message. Bro. Loyd Locklear will preach the Introductory Message with Bro. Letcher Bush as alternate.

BOARD REPORTS: EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. We the Executive Board recommends that all money in the Liberty Association Treasury above \$1000.00 after all expenses are paid be allocated to the Lewiston Mission. This to be continued as long as the church is under the Mission Board.

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

Motion made to accept the recommendation of the Executive Board. Motion carried.

PRESBYTER BOARD:

1. Bro. Roger Daniels has taken a pastorate of the First General Baptist Church of Dowagiac, Michigan and requests a letter of recommendation. We the Presbytery Board, do recommend that we send this letter.

2. We the Presbytery Board, do recommend that Rev. Bobby Green receive validated papers from the Liberty Association and be received into full fellowship of the Association.

3. The Ten Mile Church has submitted the license of Bro. Don Badder to the Presbytery Board because that he has moved his membership from the Ten Mile Church.

Motion made to receive the Presbytery Board Report. Motion carried.

1. Motion made to accept the recommendation of the Presbytery Board. Motion carried.

2. Motion made to accept the recommendation of the Presbytery Board. Motion carried.

3. Motion made to accept the recommendation of the Presbytery Board. Motion carried.

HOME MISSION BOARD:

Bro. Cooper gave a report on the Lewiston Mission. Motion made to accept report. Motion carried.

Bro. Cooper gave a report on the Youth Camp for the summer of 1979. The price will be \$25.00 plus \$5.00 for the physical.

Bro. Bob Trimble will be the director of the senior camp and Bro. George Johnson will be the director of the junior camp.

The motion was made to accept the report. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn from the business session. Motion carried.

Bro Herman Hershey came forward to the piano and Bro. Stewart came forward to lead "Standing on the Promises of God". Bro. Bob Green prayed for the morning message.

A trio came forward for the special singing of the morning. Bro. Hershey played a special on the piano before he came forward to bring the morning message.

Bro. Hershey read from the Song of Solomon Chapter 7 verses 9-13, titled, I am the Beloved.

The congregation stood while Bro. Stewart led them in "Just As I Am" The invitation was given.

The Moderator came forward and asked the ushers to come forward to take up an offering. A motion was made to give the offering to the Retirement Board. Motion carried. Bro. Bob Smith prayed for the offering. Bro. Hershey played the piano while the offering was taken.

Bro. Fred Norris prayed the benediction and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

Minutes of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Troy Free Will Baptist Church on February 2 and 3, 1979

Friday Night

The service began with the congregation standing and singing "Praise Him, Praise Him". The pastor of the church, Bro. Cooper welcomed everyone to this setting of the Association.

The song leader came again and led "Joy Unspeakable".

The Moderator, Rev. Jim Tolbert, came forward and he complimented the Troy FWB Church for the improvements they had made to the church. He read from the scriptures in Hebrews, Chapter 10 verses 22-24 and commented on God's Word.

The song leader came and led the congregation in "Amazing Grace" and those that wanted gathered around the Altar for prayer with Bro. Curtis Lilly leading the prayer.

The Moderator recognized Bro. Zingo from Monroe as a visiting minister. The song leader came forward to lead "Victory in Jesus" while the host church prepared a screen and film strip to show the progress of the Lewiston Mission to the Association. Bro. Bobby Greene came forward to explain the pictures as they were shown. The Moderator asked the ushers to come forward to take up an offering for the Lewiston Mission.

Bro. Cooper, Bro. Johnson, Bro. Bush and Bro. Locklear came forward to sing for the special singing. They sang "Rock of Ages Hide Thou Me", "Somewhere Listening" and "Just A Little Talk With Jesus."

The Presbytery Board asked to be excused and also the Executive Board.

The Moderator then asked for the visitors to please stand and be recognized.

The congregation sang "I Love to Tell the Story" before Bro. Locklear came forward to bring the message from the book of Luke, Chapter 9, verses 1, 2 & 6, entitled "Pitfalls that were in the lives of the 12 Disciples" and the Pitfalls that befall the local church.

The song leader came forward to lead the congregation in "Have Thine Own Way" as the invitation was given for anyone that wanted could come to the Altar for prayer. The Moderator prayed for these that came to the Altar.

The Moderator asked the ushers to come and take up an offering for the Children's Home. Bro. Brown prayed for the offering.

Bro. Charles Testament dismissed in prayer.

Saturday Morning, February 3, 1979

The service began with the Local Director leading "Trust and Obey" as the congregation stood. The congregation also sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

Bro. Bobby Greene from the Lewiston Mission came forward for the devotion, he read from Isaiah and commented on God's Word.

The Moderator then called this setting of the Liberty Association to order. He then asked the Clerk to read the letters to the Association, those responding were as follows:

Mt Olive FWB	FWB Chapel
Whittaker FWB	Old Fashion FWB
First FWB of South Haven	Fifteen Mile FWB
Ten Mile FWB	TRoy FWB
Woodhaven FWB	First FWB of Monroe
Association FWB	East Side FWB
First FWB of Adrian	Trinity FWB

The Moderator recognized the visitors: Bro. Roy Thomas, Bro. Rudy Shankle, Bro. Bob Trimble, and Bro Jim Nason. The song leader led "More About Jesus" while the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship

to the delegates and then gathered at the Alter for prayer. The prayer of consecration was by Bro. Bob Trimble.

The Moderator then read the Rules of Decorum. The clerk was asked to read the minutes from the last setting of the Association. Motion was made to accept the reading of the minutes. Motion carried. The Treasurer gave the Treasury Report. Motion was made to accept the Report. Motion carried.

The Asst. Clerk read a letter from the Community FWB Church. They had voted to disband and merge with other churches. Motion was made to receive letter as official document and to accept decision of the Monroe Church. A motion was made to divide the monies that was left from the Community FWB Church totaling \$1000.00. \$500.00 was to be given to Arilla Wode Mission fund and \$500.00 to General Fund for missions.

The placement for the next setting of the Association will be the Ten Mile Fwb Church Bro. George Johnson will bring the introductory Message with Bro. Ralph Nix as alternate.

Bro. Jim Nason came forward to give report on the Summer Camp. Junior Camp will be July 23-28 and Senior Camp July 30-Aug 4. Motion was made to accept report. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

Item 1. We the Executive Board recommend that we give approval for the Home Mission Board to borrow \$25,000.00 from the Board of Retirement in Nashville for use at the Lewiston Mission.

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

Item 1. Motion made to approve recommendation of the Executive Board. Motion carried

PRESBYTERY BOARD:

Item 1. We the Presbytery Board recommend that Bro. John Pruitt be given a license to preach the gospel.

Item 2. We the Presbytery Board recommend that Bro. Don Badder be given license to preach the gospel.

Motion made to receive the report. Motion carried.

Item 1. Motion made to accept recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 2. Motion made to accept recommendation. Motion carried.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. Charles Cooper came forward to give a report on the Lewiston Mission. Motion made to accept the report. Motion carried.

The Clerk then read a paragraph from the November 4 & 5 setting in 1966 of the quarterly minutes. "We recommend that a member of a Board that is absent twice from the Association shall no longer be considered on the Board and the vacancy filled." The Moderator recommended that the Executive Board take the article and clarify and present to the Association at the Annual Conference.

Motion was made to break before the morning worship service. Motion carried.

The song leader came forward and led "Bringing in the Sheaves". The Moderator asked Bro. Rudy Shankle to pray for the service. The song leader then led "Rescue the Perishing" while the congregation had a fellowship handshake.

Sis. Kim Lilly came forward to sing for the special singing. She sang "The Christian Home". Bro & Sis. J. D. Tolbert came forward to sing "The Rock".

Bro. Roy Thomas, Director of Home Missions in Nashville came forward to bring the morning message. He read from Matthew Chapter 27 verses 19 thru 53. He used the words "And setting down they watched him die". "Heaven's View of Calvary".

Bro. Thomas prayed at closing and gave an invitation for those who had a need to come to the Altar while the congregation sang.

The ushers came forward to receive offering. A motion was made to make the offering to \$200.00 and send to Home Mission Board.

Bro. Jim Nason prayed for the benediction and blessing on noon meal.

Minutes of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church on May 4 and 5, 1979.

Friday Night

The services began with Bro. Charles Testament welcoming everyone to the Ten Mile FWB. The song leader came forward and led Glad Reunion Day. Bro. J.D. Tolbert prayed the opening prayer.

The Moderator, Bro. Tolbert, came forward to welcome everyone and call the conference to order by reading from the Scriptures, 1 Peter Chapter 2 verses 1 thru 5 and commented on God's Word.

The song leader came forward to lead the congregation in "I'm in a New World" while those that wanted gathered around the Alter for prayer. The Moderator then asked the clerk to stand so that the letters could be turned in. The Moderator made mention of the \$15.00 fee for the State fee to be turned in with the letters on Saturday morning.

The moderator then excused the Executive Board.

The Ushers then came forward to take up the offering for the Children's Home. Bro. Ray Adkins prayed for the offering.

Sis. Kim Lilly came forward to sing for the special singing "I Love You Jesus" and then Bro. J.D. Tolbert and Sis. Von Tolbert came forward to sing "Something got Hold of Me."

Bro. George Johnson came forward to bring the message. He read from Joshua 10 verse 22, "Conquering the Kings of Canaan."

The Moderator came forward and the Congregation sang "Prepare to meet Thy God" while the invitation was given.

Bro. E. J. Marine dismissed in prayer.

Saturday Morning May 5, 1979

The service began with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away" led by Bro. Lilly prayed the opening prayer.

Bro. J. D. Tolbert read John 16 verses 8 & 9 for the devotion. The greatest sin in the world.

The Moderator then called the Association to order by having the clerk read the letters from the churches to the Association. Those responding were as follows:

Trinity FWB

Fifteen Mile FWB

First FWB of Adrian

East Side FWB

FWB Chapel

Old Fashion FWB

Whittaker FWB

Woodhaven FWB

Ten Mile FWB

Association FWB (name changed to Memorial)

Troy FWB

Faith FWB of Ray Township

Mt. Olive FWB

First FWB of South Haven

First FWB of Monroe

A motion was made to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Motion carried. Those that wanted received the right hand of fellowship and gathered at the Altar for prayer. Bro. Locklear led the prayer.

The moderator recognized the visitor Bro. Don Robirds from Nashville.

The moderator then read the Rules of Decorum. The clerk then read the previous minutes. Motion made to accept reading of minutes. Motion carried. The treasurer gave the Treasury report. Motion made to accept report. Motion carried.

The clerk was asked to read a corresponding letter from Bro. Allen Pressley. Motion made to accept reading of letter as information. Motion carried.

The placement for the August setting of the Liberty Association - Trinity FWB Bro. Roger Cooper was chosen to preach the Introductory Message with Bro. Oscar Cummings as alternate.

Bro. J.D. Tolbert read two resignation letters from Bro. James Stewart and Bro. Robert Smith. A motion was made to accept resignations. Motion carried.

PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT:

We recommend that Bro. Ralph Nix have the 5 year term on the Executive Board.

We recommend that Bro. Charles Testament have the 4 year term on the Executive Board.

Motion made to accept report and we elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Johnson came forward to give report on the Youth Camp. July 23-28 Junior Camp. July 30 August 4 Senior Camp. July 16 last day for campers applications.

Bro. Cooper told of the 22 acres Bro. Slagle has donated for Youth Camp. Motion made to accept report. Motion carried.

Bro. Cooper came forward to give Home Mission report. Motion made to accept report. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

Item 1. We the Executive Board recommend that Article 14 of the constitution be deleted and article 15 be made 14, article 16 be made 15 and article 17 be made 16.

Item 2. We the Executive Board recommend that we waive indefinitely the rule that a person can serve on only one board at one time with the exception of the executive board and presbytery board.

Item 3. We the executive board recommend that we set the Home Mission Board upon a five year tenure and placing as many of the original members as possible.

Bro. Charles Cooper, 5 years; Bro George Johnson, 4 years; Bro. Curtis Lilly, 3 years; Bro. Letcher Bush, 2 years; and Bro. Oscar Cummings, 1 year.

Item 4. We recommend that we change the reimbursement of hall rental to pay whatever the cost is to the host church.

Item 5. We recommend that we give Youth Camp \$100.00, Moderator \$50.00, Clerk \$50.00 and Treasurer \$50.00.

Item 6. We recommend that Bro. Willie Linn be sent as delegate to the National Association.

Item 7. We recommend that Article 1 of 1978 August minutes be amended that there be only one year rest period instead of two.

Item 8. We recommend that the August setting be changed to August 10 & 11 so it will not conflict with Youth Camp.

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

Item 1. Has already been removed from constitution but will be removed from the annual report this printing.

Item 2. Motion made to accept board's recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 3. Motion made to accept board's recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 4. Motion made to accept board's recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 5. Motion made to accept board's recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 6. Motion made to accept board's recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 6. Motion made to accept board's recommendation. Motion carried.

Item 7. Motion made to accept board's recommendation. Motion carried.

item 8. Motion made to accept board's recommendation. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Moderator - Jimmie L. Tolbert

Motion nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Assistant Moderator - Fred Norris

Motion nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Clerk - Louis G. Tolbert

Motion nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried

Treasurer - Vernon Garrett

Motion nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Presbytery Board: Replacements

Bro. Bobbie Green, 5 year

Bro. Charles Cooper, 4 year

Motion nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Home Mission Board

Bro. Charles Cooper 5year

Bro. George Johnson 4 year

Bro. Curtis Lilly 3 year

Bro. Letcher Bush 2 year

Bro. Oscar Cummings 1 year

Motion nomination cease and elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Orr came forward to speak on the Lewiston Mission. Motion made to receive as information.

Motion made to adjourn from business. Motion carried.

The congregation sang "Send the Light" with Bro. Cooper at the piano. The ministers quartet came forward to sing for the special singing. They sang "Rock of Ages Hide Thou Me", and "Just a Little Talk with Jesus".

Bro. Don Robird came forward to bring the morning message. He read from Romans Chapter 1 verse 14 thru 27 and spoke on the Mission Field. The song leader came forward to lead the congregation in "Just As I Am."

Bro. Testament led the congregation while the ushers took up an offering for the Mission. Bro. Charles Miller prayed for the offering.

Obituary report: Trinity FWB -Sister Byrd, Bro. Cantrell; Woodhaven FWB- Bro. McCage.

Motion made to accept report.

Announcements: Good standing cards can be picked up from the Clerk.

Bro. Charles Cooper was selected to keep the position of Youth Camp coordinator until the next setting of the Association.

Motion made to bring the amount of the Foreign Mission offering up to \$200.00. Motion carried.

Motion made to stand and give host church a standing ovation for a vote of thanks.

Bro. Bohanon dismissed in prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Supplies	103.14
Printing of minutes	310.00
Lodging	102.40
Hall Rental	130.00
National Co-op Plan of support	285.43
Clerks Fee	100.00
F.W.B. Home for children	285.51
Liberty Home Missions	2,008.34
Jerry Webb Appreciation	200.00
Dora Rector	90.00
Brenda Barnett	90.00
Rich Locklear	90.00
Linda Sykls	90.00
Teresa Pruitt	90.00
Tina Tolbert	90.00
Danny Johnson	90.00
Danny Williams	40.00
Jim Tolbert	100.00
Board of Retirement	100.00
Jim Tolbert Grat.	50.00
Louis Tolbert Grat.	50.00
Clinton V. Garrett Grat.	50.00
Dept of Commerce filing fee	10.00
Board of Foreign Mission	1,250.00
Michigan State Association	210.00
Michigan State Association Youth Camp	100.00
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Starting Bank Balance	2191.16
Take In's	4006.51
State Asociation	210.00
Special Offerings	931.53
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Total Paid out	7339.20
	6110.82
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Ending Bank Balance	1228.38

Association FWB	60.00
Community FWB	1130.00
East Side FWB	70.00
Fifteen Mile FWB	472.00
First FWB of South Haven	165.00
Mt. Olive FWB	135.00
FWB Chapel	256.79
First Fwb of Adrian	100.00
Old Fashion FWB	419.00
Taylor Faith FWB.	15.00
Ten Mile Rd. FWB	159.33
Trinity FWB	462.01
Troy FWB	100.00
Whittaker FWB	202.38
Wood Haven FWB	200.00
First FWB of Monroe	40.00
Faith FWB	20.00
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MEMORIAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

1326 E. Lincoln

Royal Oak, Mich. 48068

Delegates: Barbara Bostic, Richard Beaver, Granville Senters, Christa Senters, Granville Senters Jr.

Church Membership	41
Members Added	24
Members lost	6
Baptisms during year	2

Clerk: Margie Beaver

EAST SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST

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

Delegates: Roy Neal, Peggy Neal, Kay Nichols, Eric Moore, Millie Malone

Church Membership	107
Members Added	16
Baptisms during year	9
Total Income	\$ 31,202.00
Pastor's Salary	\$ 6,760.00
Church Staff	\$ 1,800.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 17,312.00
Home Missions	\$ 348.00
Total expenditures	\$ 26,220.00

Clerk: Michelle Moore

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST OF RAY TOWNSHIP

56456 Romeo Plank Road

Washington, Mich. 48094

Delegates: Shelia Cummings, Charlie Hall, Mae Cummings

Church membership	21
Baptisms during year	2
Members added	1
Members lost	1
Value of Church property	\$ 27,000.00
Sunday School	28
CTS	9
Woman's Auxiliary	5
Total Income	\$ 12,590.00
Total Local Expenditures	\$ 5,870.00

Clerk: Betty Foster

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHAPEL

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

Delegates: Stan Chitwood, Harold Gilkerson, Phil Gross, Katherine Gross, Gordon Chitwood

Church Membership	92
Members added	7
Baptisms during year	8
Value of church property	\$ 125,000.00
Sunday School	86
CTS	31
Total income	\$ 26,926.49
Pastor's Salary	\$ 10,110.00
Building & Repair	\$ 2,422.25
Total local expenditures	\$ 23,050.50
Foreign Missions	\$ 840.61
Home Missions	\$ 1,130.21
Total outside expenditures	\$ 1,970.82

Clerk: Faye O'Neill

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF ADRIAN

3240 Sharp Road, Adrian, Michigan

Delegates: Velma Foster, Mary Wiley, Annette Cochran, Cindy Gordon,
Florence Becker, Charles Wiley

Church membership	59
Baptisms during year	5
Members lost	13
Pastor's Salary	\$ 8,019.41
Value of Church property	\$ 150,000.00
Sunday School	75
Total Expenditures	\$ 21,156.75

Clerk: Leola Cook

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF SOUTH HAVEN

1045 E. Wilson, South Haven, Mich. 49090

Delegates Kenny Linn, Linda Linn, Calla Linn, Deloris Stultz, Dan
Dubas

Church Membership	43
Members added	23
Members lost	12
Baptisms during year	12
Value of Parsonage	\$ 50,000.00
Value of Church Property	\$ 160,000.00
Church indebtedness	\$ 13,600.00
Sunday School	54
Woman's Auxiliary	12
Total income	\$ 19,128.00
Pastor's Salary	\$ 6,800.00
Janitor	\$ 520.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 10,112.00
Total local expenditures	\$ 17,432.00
Foreign Missions	\$ 683.00
Children's Home	\$ 245.00
Retirement & Insurance Bd.	\$ 205.00
Total spent for outside causes	\$ 1,143.00

Clerk: Von Tolbert

FIFTEEN MILE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

2020 E. 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan

Delegate: Edward Shields

Church Membership	223
Members Added	22
Baptisms during year	23
Sunday School Enrollment	130

Clerk: Shalia Clark

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF MONROE

6248 East Dunbar Road, Monroe, Michigan

Delegates: Pearl Newton, Tim Miracle, Debbie Miracle, Linda Bohanon,
Rick Bohanon, Sis. Grisby

Total Income	\$ 4,400.04
Total expenditures	\$ 12,203.14
Pastor's Salary	\$ 1,300.00

Clerk: Henry Miracle

MT. OLIVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1330 Paxton, Ferndale, Michigan 48220

Delegates: Everett Nelson, Irene Skags, John Agee, Bonnie Agee, Bill
Leach

Members added	23
Baptisms during year	15

Clerk: Shirley Lilly

OLD FASHION FREE WILL BAPTIST

3003 Chicago Road, Warren, Michigan 48092

Delegates: Mary Johnson, Alice Meadows, Ann Badder, Don Badder,
Virilan Music

Church Membership	106
Value of Parsonage	\$ 50,000.00
Value of Church property	\$ 100,000.00
Women's Auxiliary	15
Total Income	\$ 43,640.00
Pastor's Salary	\$ 12,450.00
Church Staff	\$ 2,650.00
Foreign Missions	\$ 1,660.00
Home Missions	\$ 3,550.00
Children's Home	\$ 350.00

Clerk: Gloria Smith

TEN MILE ROAD FREE WILL BAPTIST

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

Delegates: Julia Segler, Lona Deal, Lewis Carpenter

Church Membership	33
Members added	5
Members lost	14
Total income	\$ 18,040.80
Pastor's Salary	\$ 8,800.00
Total local expenditures	\$ 18,342.75

Clerk: Mary Testament

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

410 Oregon St., Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Delegates: Alex Moore, Leonard Ward, James Rose, Tim Steel, Paul Byrd

Church Membership	152
Baptisms during year	26
Members lost	1
Value of church property	\$ 156,000.00
Church indebtedness	\$ 65,000.00
Sunday School	267
Women's Auxiliary	22
Total income	\$ 9,440.41
Pastor's Salary	\$ 12,450.00

Clerk: Frances Carter

TROY FREE WILL BAPTIST

2300 John R., Troy, Michigan 48084

Delegates: Ernest Wilmoth, Roger Cooper, Glen Strouse, Leroy Roberts, Robert Kitchen

Church Membership	138
Baptisms during year	14
Members added	8
Members lost	22
Value of church property	\$ 550,000.00
Church indebtedness	\$ 21,000.00
Sunday School	257

Clerk: Bess Lusk

WHITTAKER FREE WILL BAPTIST

11117 Whittaker Rd., Whittaker, Michigan 48190

Delegates: Ed Howerton, G. W. McFry, Doretta Tolbert, Pearl McKinney, Robert Tolbert

Church Membership	36
Baptisms during year	5
Current value of church property	\$ 50,000.00
Sunday School	50
Total income	\$ 20,476.03
Pastor's Salary	\$ 9,150.00
Local Expenditures	\$ 8,692.00
Total local expenditures	\$ 17,842.69
Total outside expenditures	\$ 932.30

Clerk: Connie S. Dean

WOODHAVEN FREE WILL BAPTIST

26191 Allen Road, Woodhaven, Michigan 48183

Delegates: Jim Orr, Treva Prater, Mike Locklear

Church Membership	321
Baptisms during year	52
Members added	58
Members lost	2
Value of church Parsonage	\$ 75,000.00
Value of church property	\$ 375,000.00
Pastor's Salary	\$ 10,400.00

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 1 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. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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

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