

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1980 - 1981

**Minutes of the Year
and Annual Session**



**When convened with
Troy Free Will Baptist Church
2300 John R
Troy, Michigan**

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Moderator.....Rev. George Johnson
1/313/269-8993

Assistant Moderator.....Rev. John Griffith
1/517/263-8259

ClerkSis. Connie S. Dean
1/313/483-8840

Treasurer and Assistant Clerk.....Bro. Vernon Garrett
1/313/482-4605

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order by Moderator
2. Call for letter from churches
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk
4. Read rules of Decorum
5. Call for corresponding letters
6. Board Reports
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. John Griffith	5 years
Rev. Winford French	4 years
Rev. Rudy Shankle	3 years
Rev. Charles Cooper	2 years
Rev. Loyd Locklear	1 year

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. John Pruitt.....	5 years
Rev. Curtis Lilly.....	4 years
Rev. Ralph Nix.....	3 years
Rev. Rick Locklear.....	2 years
Rev. Curtis Lilly.....	1 year

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Rudy Shankle	5 years
Rev. Oscar Cummings	4 years
Rev. Charles Cooper	3 years
Rev. George Johnson.....	2 years
Rev. Curtis Lilly.....	1 year

YOUTH CAMP BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Letcher Bush

Minutes of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Crusaders FWB Church; August 1-2, 1980.

Friday Evening, August 1, 1980; 7:30 P.M.

Bro. James E. Hollis, Host Pastor welcomed the congregation to open the services. Bro. Letcher Bush led the congregation in singing "Standing on the Promises", accompanied by Sis. Flora Manning on the piano.

Bro. George Johnson, Asst. Moderator, called the conference to order. Bro. Johnson selected Philipians 2:1-3 for the Scripture Reading. The Presbytery Board was excused. Bro. Charles Thigpen led in an Altar of Prayer.

The Executive Committee and the Home Mission Committee were excused.

An offering was received for the children's home. Bro. Jimmie L. Tolbert offered the prayer for the offering. The congregation sang "At Calvary" while the offering was being received. Special singing was presented by the Hollis family and by Sis. Blanche Lindsey.

Bro. Bill Hughes, who will be going to pastor at the Lewiston Mission was introduced to bring the evening message. He chose Scripture from Joshua 24:14-15 and preached on "Serving the Lord". An invitation was given with the singing of "Kneel at the Cross" and closed with "Just as I Am".

After announcement were made, Bro. Albriton led in prayer to close the service.

Saturday; August 2, 1980; 9:30 A.M.

"Hallelujah Side" was selected for a congregational song to open the service. Bro. Vernon Garrett served as song director and Sis. Flora Manning as pianist. Bro. Jimmie L. Tolbert, Moderator, gave the devotion reading from Romans 1:13-16 and spoke for his subject "In Debt to God".

Bro. Tolbert called the conference to order and ask for the reading of the letters from the churches represented. Those churches presenting letters were:

Crusaders FWB Church	Mt. Olive FWB Church
Eastside FWB Church	Old Fashion FWB Church
Faith FWB of Ray Township	Ten Mile FWB Church
First FWB of Adrian	Trinity FWB Church
First FWB of Flint	Troy FWB Church
First FWB of Monroe	Wayne FWB Church
First FWB of South Haven	Whittaker FWB Church
FWB Chapel	Woodhaven FWB Church
Memorial FWB Church	

A motion carried to receive the report and seat the delegates. "Amazing Grace" was sung as the right hand of fellowship was extended to all delegates. Prayer was led by Bro. Quenton Shown.

Bro. Jimmie L. Tolbert recognized the visitors to the conference and extended a welcome to all.

Bro. Jimmie L. Tolbert read the "Rules of Decorum". The clerk read the minutes from the last meeting. A motion carried to receive the report. Bro. Vernon Garrett gave the Treasurers Report. A motion carried to receive the Treasurers Report.

Old Fashion FWB Church had requested to host the November setting of the conference. The floor was opened for nominations. A motion was carried to let Old Fashion FWB Church host the next conference. Bro Letcher Bush was elected to bring the Friday night message. Bro. James Bostic will serve as an alternate.

Bro. Letcher Bush gave the Executive Committee Report. The Committee recommend that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for a job well done. A motion carried to receive the report and act upon the recommendation.

Bro. William Ford gave the Presbytery Report: Item #1 Bro. J.D. Tolbert has been suspended from the Presbytery Board until further investigation of alleged misconduct. A motion carried to accept the report. Item #2 The Presbytery Board has examined six (6) young men and recommends them to be licensed to preach the Gospel. They are: Bro. Rich Locklear, Bro. Tim Steele, Bro Elbert Heathscott, Bro. Larry Murphy, Bro. Ron Ramey and Bro. Joe Ashley. Also Bro. Bill Hughes Credentials were confirmed. A motion carried to receive this report. Item #1-accepted. Item #2-accepted. Bro. James Hollis gave the financial report from the Home Mission Committee. A motion carried to accept report. Bro. Charles Cooper gave the report on the Youth Camp. A motion carried to accept report. Sis. Treva Prater gave the report from the Ladies Auxiliary. A motion carried to accept the report.

Bro Charles Cooper presided over a commissioning service for Bro. Bill and Sis. Maria Hughes on their mission to the Lewiston Mission. He invited all the ordained authority to meet at the Altar for the "Laying on of hands" and prayer, after which everyone shook hands with Bro. and Sis. Hughes.

Break

The morning worship service opened with the congregation singing "The Old Gospel Ship". Bro. Roger Cooper led the opening prayer. The special singing was presented by the Ministers Quartet accompanied at the piano by Bro. Roger Cooper. They chose "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" and "What a Day that Will Be" for their singing.

Bro. Charles Thigpen, delivered the message of "Exalt and Magnify the Lord" using several Scriptures from the book of Isaiah, beginning with chapter 40.

The young men who had been examined to preach the Gospel were licensed at this time. The right hand of fellowship was extended to these men as the congregation sang "Amazing Grace".

An offering was received for the Bible College at this time. Bro. Hollis led the prayer. "When the Redeemed are Gathering In" was sung as the offering was being received.

After announcements were made, Bro. Ford closed the services with prayer and ask God's Blessing on the noon meal.

Minutes of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Old Fashion FWB Church; 3003 Chicago Rd.; Warren, Michigan October 31, 1980 and November 1, 1980

Friday Night Services

Services were opened by singing "Just Over in the Glory land" led by the Director of the Host Church. Bro. Jim Jenson led the opening prayer.

Bro. George Johnson, Host Pastor welcomed the congregation. "The Glory Land Way" was chosen for another congregational song.

Bro. Jim Tolbert called this Association Meeting to order. He called for the letters of each church to be turned into the clerk. Bro. Tolbert selected Acts 20:17-38 for the Scripture Reading.

"It's a Grand and Glorious Feeling" and "Amazing Grace" were chosen for singing followed by an Altar of Prayer led by Bro. Rick Locklear.

An offering was received for the Children's Home. Prayer for the offering was given by Bro. Osacr Cummings.

Special Singing was presented by the "Old Fashion Trio" and "Bro. and Sis. Pruitt".

Bro. Bush, the special speaker, was introduced by Bro. Johnson. Bro. Bush closed Joshua 1:1-8 for his text and preached on the "Keys to Success".

An invitation was given by singing, "Where Could I go".

Bro. Jim Tolbert read a petitionary letter from the Grace FWB Church; Taylor, MI (Pastor: Bro. John Pruitt) to join with the Liberty Association of FWB. Bro. Ford gave a report of examination and recommended that we accept them into our fellowship. A motion was made and carried that we accept.

Announcements were made and dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Hughes.

Saturday, November 1, 1980, 9:30 A.M.

"He Abides" was selected for the opening of the services led by Bro. Fred Norris, followed by singing "Amazing Grace". Devotions by Bro. John Pruitt were selected from Revelation 21:1-7 and closed by Bro. Pruitt with prayer.

Bro. Jim Tolbert called the conference to order and called for the reading of the church letters and seating of the delegates. All nineteen (19) churches were present. A motion carried to accept the reading of the letters. "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was sung as the right hand of fellowship was extended. Prayer was led by Bro. Charles Cooper.

Bro. Jim Tolbert recognized all visitors and welcomed them to our meeting. Visiting were Sis. Robinson, Bro. and Sis. Booth of Columbus, Ohio and Bro. Jack Williams of Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. Jim Tolbert called for the letter of correspondence. Letters were read from Bro. Bob Greene, Sis. T. Pruitt and Sis. Arilla Wode. Motion carried to accept reading.

Bro. Jim Tolbert read the Rules of Decorum. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read. The Treasurer's Report was given and accepted as read.

Placement of the next setting was requested by Trinity FWB Church, 410 Oregon St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 and accepted. Bro. Ron Ramey will be the messenger and Bro. Rick Locklear will serve as alternate.

Bro. Tolbert called for the reports of the committees. They are as follows:
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Bro. Letcher Bush reported (1) Resignation of oral consent of Bro. Charles Testament. He is leaving this association and going to another church. Accepted. (2) A letter of appreciation read from the Executive Board for Bro. Tolbert's service in the Association. Recommend a love offering

be received for our Moderator who is leaving the state to accept a work in Missouri. Prayer was offered by Bro. Bush and we received \$146.82. Accepted. (3) Recommend to give a standing vote of Thanks to the Host Church and the ladies who prepared the meal. Accepted. HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Bro. James Hollis gave the financial report from the Home Missions and Bro. Cooper made some comments on the progress and needs of the Mission in Lewiston. He challenged every church to help in some manner with the Mission. A letter from the Wayne FWB Church was read at this time asking to withdraw from the Liberty Association and requesting a letter from us to the Metropolitan Association. Accepted. PRESBYTERY BOARD: (1) Grace FWB Church is sending Bro. John Pruitt to be ordained at this session. Accepted. (2) Ten Mile FWB Church is requesting that Bro. Rick Locklear to be ordained at this setting. The Board denied this request and ask that he wait 1 year. Accepted. (3) Charges that had been brought against Bro J.D. Tolbert and his suspension from the Board of last Association Meeting was investigated. In the investigation, there was a meeting with all involved. The board finds no proff of wrong doing and that Bro. Tolbert be re-instated in full fellowship. A copy of this decision is to be sent to each clerk of each association and a copy to Bro. Jack Williams of Nashville, Tenn. for his records. Accepted. LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT: Sis Prater gave this report. The provision closet shower was a huge success. She reported on both of the Ladies Retreats as successful. Accepted.

Bro. J. D. Tolbert commented on the actions of the Board and appreciated their decision but felt that in his position he should resign from the Board, which he did at this time. Accepted.

Bro. George Johnson read a letter of resignation from Rev. Jimmie L. Tolbert as Moderator of the Liberty Association. Bro. Tolbert will be going to another state. Accepted.

Bro. Letcher Bush reported that the position just vacated by Bro. J.D. Tolbert will be filled at the next session.

BREAK

Bro. Letcher Bush led the singing of "At Calvary" to open the worship service. Prayer was offered by Bro. Charles Bohanon. Special Singing by the "Old Fashion Trio".

Bro. Jack Williams was introduced to bring the morning message. He commented on the magazing "Contact" and proceeded to his message. "Your Own Heritage" was chosen for his message, tracing the history of the Free Will Baptist.

An offering was received with prayer by Bro. Jim Tolbert for the Executive Office. A motion was made and accepted to make the offering up to \$250.00 for the office, from the association treasury.

Bro. Ford and the Presbytery Board were asked to preside over the Ordination Service for Bro. John Pruitt. Bro. Cooper read the charge to Bro. Pruitt from the book of II Timothy. Bro Pruitt accepted the charge as read. The Presbytery Board and all Ordained Authority were asked to gather around Bro. and Sis. Pruitt for the "Laying on of Hands". Bro. Shankle led in prayer while Bro. Lilly closed the prayer. The right hand of fellowship was extended while the congregation sang, "Amazing Grace".

Announcements were made. Directions given for the noon meal and Bro. French dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

Minutes of the Liberty FWB Association when convened with the Trinity FWB Church, 410 Oregon St., Ypsilanti, MI., January 30-31, 1981

Friday Evening

Bro. Winford French, Host Pastor, welcomed the congregation and services were opened with singing, "When We All Get to Heaven", led by Bro. Vernon Garrett accompanied by Sis. Brenda French on the piano and Bro. Dwain Byrd at the organ. Prayer was led by Bro. Russell Lowe. Bro. George Johnson, Moderator, selected Scripture from Philippians 2:1-13. Announcements were made and a portion of a letter was read from the former Moderator.

"Take a Moment and Live" was sung as an Altar of Prayer was given. Bro. Richard Coffy led in prayer. An offering was received at this time, with Bro. Goins offering the prayer of thanksgiving and a musical selection by the host Church while the offering was being received.

The "Special Singing" was presented by the ladies from Trinity FWB Church. Bro. Johnson introduced the evening messenger, Bro. Ron Ramey. Bro Ramey read from I Samuel 17:29,32 and preached in inspiring message on "Great Workers in a Cause for God."

"Softly and Tenderly" was chosen as an invitational. Announcements were made and Bro. J.D. Tolbert closed in prayer.

Saturday Morning

Services opened with "Glory to His Name" led by Bro. Fred Norris, with Sis. Brenda French at the piano and Bro Dwain Byrd at the organ. This was followed by "Amazing Grace" with prayer being led by Bro. Winford French.

Devotions were given by Bro. Russell Lowe who chose Scriptures from Jude 1:1-7

Bro. Johnson called the church to order and ask for the reading of the letters. Those churches lettering in this conference were:

Crusaders FWB Church	Eastside FWB Church
Fifteen Mile FWB Church	First FWB Church of Adrian
First FWB Church of Flint	First FWB Church of Monroe
First FWB Church of South Haven	Grace FWB Church
FWB Chapel	Memorial FWB Church
Mt. Olive FWB Church	Trinity FWB Church
Old Fashion FWB Church	Whittaker FWB Church
Troy FWB Church	Woodhaven FWB Church
Ten Mile FWB Church	

A motion carried to accept the reading of the letters and seat the Delegates. Singing "At Calvary", the right hand of fellowship was extended and an Altar of Prayer followed.

Bro. Johnson recognized the visitors to the conference, and proceeded to read the Rules of Decorum. Sis. Dean read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion carried to accept the reading. Sis Dean read letters of correspondance from Bro. and Sis Hughes, Lewiston Mission and Sis Arilla Wode, Ivory Coast. A motion carried to accept the reading of the correspondance. Bro Vernon Garrett read

the Treasurers Report. A motion carried to accept the report as read.

The Annual Session (May 1-, 1981) will be hosted by Troy FWB Church with Bro. E.J. Marine preaching the Friday night message. The First FWB Church of Adrian will host the August Session with Bro. J.D. Tolbert preaching the Friday night message with Bro. John Griffeth as Alternate. Bro. Rick Locklear will be ask to Preach the Saturday A.M. message since he will come before the Association to be Ordained.

FEXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Recommendations from the Executive Committee are as follows:

1. We recommend that each church be responsible for ID tags for their delegates. The Clerk of each church will be responsible for making the tags. The Association will furnish the supplies for these ID tags. Accepted.

2. We recommend that we use the Ministers from this Association as speakers for the Saturday quarterly meetings at 11:00 A.M.

(a.)This way we may be more acquainted with all of the Ministers.

(b.)The funds that are used to pay the expenses of an out-of-town speaker could be used to further the financial needs of the Lewiston Mission.

(c.)We recommend that we use speakers from our Natinal work at our annual setting on Saturday and that the Moderator and the Host Pastor choose the speaker for the Morning.

Accepted.

3. We recommend that the offering received on Friday night, January 30, be given to the Lewiston Mission due to the Financial Strain at our mission at this time. Accepted.

4. We recommend a standing vote of thanks for the host church. Accepted.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Bro. and Sis Hughes extend their thanks for all who participated in the baby shower for them. Their baby girl was born just a few days before this Association setting. Bro. Cooper challenged each church to really support this work in Lewiston. Financial help is needed at this time. Accepted.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT: Bro. John Griffith gave the report on Youth Camp and the time this year will be: Jr. Camp, August 3, 1981 with Bro. George Johnson as the Director. Senior Camp, August 10, 1981 with Bro. Charles Cooper as the director. Bro. Griffith encouraged everyone to begin work now and encourage the attendance. Report accepted.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT: Sis Cole gave the report on plans for the Ladies Auxiliary. The State meeting will be at the Kirby FWB Church on May 16, 1981 Plans for the provision closet will be discussed at that meeting. A week-end Revival at the Old Fashion FWB Church will be just prior to Easter. This will be hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. More on this at a later date. Report Accepted.

PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT: Bro. William Ford gave the recommendation of the board to license Bro. Ed Bush (Whittaker), Bro. Joseph Wilson, (Grace) and Bro. Carl Booth (Crusaders). Also Bro. Garry Hill to be Ordained (Crusaders). Accepted.

"He Lives" was selected to open the Ordination Service led by Bro. Fred Norris. Services was then turned over to Bro. Wm. Ford. Bro. and Sis. Hill and all members of the presbytery Board were ask to come forward. Bro. Ford read the charge from II Timothy, chapter four, and spoke for a few moments. Bro. Cooper

led in the prayer and Bro. Locklear closed the prayer. "Amazing Grace" was sung as the right hand of fellowship was given to Bro. and Sis Hill.

One item missed. Bro. Bobby Greene had ask for a letter from this Association to join the local Association in the area where he had accepted a church pastorate. Accepted.

BREAK

Services opened by singing "Standing on the Promises". The Ministers Quartet" gave the special singing with "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" and What a Day that Will Be" with the congregation singing on the last song. Bro. Johnson introduced the messenger, Bro. Ed Bush, who read from I Corinthians 3:5-8 and preached on "God Gave the Increase". "Take the Name of Jesus with You" was chosen as an invitation. An offering was received and announcements were made. Directions to the noon meal were given and Bro. Winford French prayed the Blessing on the food. Conference was adjourned.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Liberty Free Will Batist Association when convened with the Troy FWB Church, 2300 John R. Troy, Michigan on May 1-2, 1981.

Friday Evening

Services opened by singing "Since Jesus Came into My Heart". Bro. Glen Strouse served as Song Director for this annual meeting with Sis. Bess Lusk at the organ and Bro. Roger Cooper at the piano. Bro. Charles Cooper, Host Pastor welcomed the congregation.

Bro. George Johnson, Moderator called the annual conference to order. He chose scripture from Philipians 2:1-5 to read and spoke on "Reflecting Christ". "Sweet hour of prayer" was sung as an Altar of Prayer was given. Bro. Loyd Locklear led in prayer. An offering was received at this time with Bro. Johnson offering the prayer of thanksgiving. A musical selection was given while receiving the offering. Bro. Johnson excused the committees that needed to meet at this time.

Bro. Charles Cooper gave an informational report on the Home Missions. This information was given for everyone to pray about because a proposal will be made in the business meeting on Saturday concerning the Missions.

Special singing was given by bro. Bill Lucas who sand "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me" and the Ministers Quartet who sang "What a Day that Will Be". Bro. Miller led in prayer.

Bro. Johnson introduced the speaker, Bro. E.J. Marine who chose scriptures from Leviticus 27 and preached an inspiring message on "Tithes and Offerings". An invitation was given with singing "Amazing Grace".

Announcements were made and Bro. Rudy Shankle dismissed in prayer.

Saturday Morning

Services opened with singing "Trust and Obey" and "Jesus Paid it All". Devotions were given by Bro. Cahrls Cooper who read from the 1st chapter of Acts and spoke on "Business for God". He closed the devotions with prayer.

Bro. Johnson called the church to order for business, and ask for the reading of the church letters. Sis. Dean, Clerk read the letters from all eighteen churches.

A motion carried to accept the reading of the letters. The right hand of fellowship was extended to all of the delegates as the congregation sang "I Am Thine O Lord". An Altar of Prayer followed with Bro. Rick Locklear leading in prayer. Bro. Johnson recognized the visitors, Bro. Howard Munsey and Bro. Curtis Belcuhimer, and then proceeded to read the rules of Decorum. Sis. Dean read the minutes from the last meeting and a motion carried to accept the minutes as read. Letters of correspondance were read from Sis. A. Wode, Bro. Joe Haas and Bro. Don Badder. Thank you notes were from Bro. Curt Cooper and Bro. Mike Locklear. A motion carried to accept the correspondance. Bro. Vernon Garrett, Treasurer gave the treasurer's report. A motion carried to accept the report as read.

The Trinity FWB Church; 410 Oregon st., Ypsilanti, MI will host the annual Conference of May, 1982. Bro. Oscar Cummings will be the speaker for the Friday evening service with Bro. John Griffith as the alternate.

The next quarterly conference (July 31-August 1, 1981) will be at the Ten Mile FWB Church, 74 W. Ten Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI instead of the announced First FWB of Adrian. This request was made by the pastor of the Adrian church, Bro. Griffith in agreement, with the Association. This change is due to the Ordination of Bro. Rick Locklear, pastor of Ten Mile FWB Church, in that conference. A motion carried to accept the change. Bro. J.D. Tolbert will be the speaker for the Friday evening service with Bro. John Griffith as the alternate. Bro. Rick Locklear will preach on Saturday morning.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Bro. Curtis Lilly gave the following recommendations from the Executive Committee.

1. Election of Officers-Recommendations from the committee.

Moderator-Bro. George Johnson

Assistant Moderator-Bro. John Griffith

Clerk-Sis. Connie S. Dean

Treasurer and Asst. Clerk-Bro. Vernon Garrett

Presbytery Board-Bro. John Griffith (5 year term)

Bro. Winford French (4 year term)

Home Mission Board-Bro. Rudolph Shankle (5 year term)

Bro. Oscar Cummings (4 year term)

Youth Camp Board Member-Bro. Letcher Bush

A motion carried to elect by acclamation.

2. A motion carried to give an Honorium to the following:

Moderator-\$100.00

Clerk-\$50.00

Treasurer-\$50.00 A motion carried to accept;

3. A motion carried to give the youth Camp \$100.00.

4. We recommend to have supplement pages in the back of the minutes on articles that govern the body so they may be current. Ex: Qualifications of the Presbytery Board (1974-1975 Minutes). A motion carried to accept.

5. A motion carried to give the Host Church, Troy FWB Church, a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting this annual conference.

PRESBYTERY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT: Bro. Wm. Ford gave the

following recommendations from the Presbytery report.

1. Election for vacancies on the Executive Committee.

Bro. John Pruitt (5 year term)

Bro. Rick Locklear (2 year term) A motion carried to accept.

2. Bro James Fortner needs more time to prepare before being licensed to preach. A motion carried to accept.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Bro James Hollis gave a financial report on the Lewiston Mission. The pastor, Bro. Hughes has been re-located but a lay member is still holding services in Lewiston. A motion carried to accept the report.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT: Sis. Treva Prater gave the following report on the Ladies Auxiliary. A PROVISION CLOSET for the missionaries will be hosted by the Kirby FWB Church on Saturday, May 16, 1981 at 10:00 A.M. Linens are needed at this time. The Retreat in October will be at Pine Hills. A motion carried to accept this report.

UNRECOGNIZED BUSINESS: Bro. Charles Cooper presided over this business.

1. The Home IMissions Board met with the Wolverine Association and have proposed that all four Associations combine efforts and start a State Mission Board to work thru out the state of Michigan. If each association agrees, there would be a Home Missions Board in each association. A State home Missions Board would consist of a member of each association's Home Mission Board. A motion carried that the Liberty Association of FWB would work in a unified manner with the other Associations.

2. A motion carried that we recognize the Liberty Association Home Missions, 2300 John R., Troy, Mich. instead of calling it the Lewiston Mission, as in the past.

3. A motion carried that we accept a report from Bro. Ernie Ross, a missionary in Minnesota.

4. A motion carried that the Liberty Association give \$500.00 to the Mission work.

5. A motion carried to give the Friday and Saturday offerings to the Mission work.

OBITUARY REPORT: Bro. Vernon gave the obituary Report and ask for a moment of silence in reverence to those who have gone on to be with the Lord.

Bro. Williard Wilson

Bro. Paul Williams

Sis. Eva Johnston

Bro. Alex Moore

Bro. Marcus Hurd

Bro. Jesse Malone

Sis. Juanita Revels

Sis. Marge Rattif

Bro. Bennie Hudson

Bro. Jim Robinson

Bro. Ron Meadows led in prayer for the families remaining.

DELEGATES:

State Conference

National Conference

Bro. Eric Moore-Eastside

Bro. Billy Anderson-Flint

Bro. Henry Miracle-Monroe

Bro. Rick Locklear-Ten Mile

Bro. Waynard Myers-Flint

BREAK

Services opened with singing "Love Lifted Me". Prayer by Bro. Howard Munsey. Special Singing was provided by the Ministers Quartet who chose "A Beautiful Life" and "We'll Soon Be Done with Troubles and Trials". Bro. Curtis Belcuhimer preached from Isaiah 21:11-12 and Romanms 5:12. "Almost Persuaded" was sung as Bro. Johnson gave an invitation. An offering was received at this time. Bro. Curtis Lilly prayer for the offering. Bro. J.D. Tolbert gave the benediction and prayed God's blessing on the noon meal.

TREASURERS REPORT

EXPENSES:

Supplies	110.40
Printing of Minutes.....	402.00
Hall Rental	100.00
National Co-Op.....	313.21
Clerk's Fee.....	100.00
Childrn's Home	110.25
Liberty Home Missions.....	1,400.00
Bible College.....	250.00
Rev. Charles Cooper.....	17.48
Rev. Wm. Ford.....	36.00
Rev. George Johnson.....	100.00
Connie Dean, Gratuity	50.00
Clinton Garrett Gratuity	50.00
State Association Youth	100.00
State Association.....	115.00
Corporation Fees	10.00
Bible College:	
Tim Steele.....	90.00
Treasea Pruitt	90.00
Oleda Williams	90.00
Mike Locklear	90.00
Don Badder	90.00
Evelyn Cotter.....	90.00
Steve Billing.....	90.00
Curtis Cooper	90.00
Tina Tolbert	90.00
Doris Rector.....	50.00
Becky Milton	30.00
Jim Tolbert, Appreciation	146.82
Executive Office.....	250.00
Randall House Book Store.....	238.28

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$4,804.44

INCOME

Crusaders FWB Church.....	75.00
East Side FWB Church	75.00
Faith FWB of Ray Township.....	45.00
Fifteen Mile FWB Church	272.75
First FWB of Adrian	80.00
First FWB of Flint.....	140.00
First FWB of Monroe.....	45.00
First FWB of South Haven	162.00
FWB Chapel.....	296.09
Memorial FWB Church	70.00
Mt. Olive FWB Church	135.00
Old Fashion FWB Church.....	512.00
Ten Mile FWB Church	239.81
Trinity FWB Church.....	510.20
Troy FWB Church	125.00
Wayne FWB Church	25.00
Whittaker FWB Church	160.36
Woodhaven FWB Church	200.00
Grace FWB Church	75.00

TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$3,243.21</u>
Beginning Bank Balance	\$1,159.92
Income	3,243.21
Special Oofferings	1,087.48
	<u>\$5,490.61</u>
Less Expenses	4,804.44
Balance left in bank	<u><u>686.17</u></u>

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. 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.

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