

**MINUTES
OF
METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

When convened in their Fourth and Fifth Annual Sessions
with

FREE WILL BAPTIST TEMPLE

JUNE 4-5, 1959

KIRBY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

JUNE 2-3, 1960

OFFICERS - 1959

Rev. J. B. Varney Moderator
Rev. Lincoln Varney Ass't. Moderator
Bro. Charley Finley Clerk
Bro. Norman Raines Ass't. Clerk
Bro. Adrian Davidson Treasurer

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Rev. J. B. Varney Moderator
Rev. N. P. Gates Ass't. Moderator
Bro. Charley Finley Clerk
Bro. Albert Farley Ass't. Clerk
Brother Adrian Davidson Treasurer

Next Session to convene with

FREE WILL BAPTIST TEMPLE

19951 Dequindre — Detroit, Mich.

JUNE 1 - 3, 1961

Introductory Message 7:30 P.M. By

Rev. N. P. Gates

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Rev. E. J. Marine, Alternate

INTRODUCTORY

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.

Came together by Congregational Singing, and Scripture lesson by the Moderator reading Phil. 4:11-19 and prayer by Rev. Ance Farney.

At this interval, the Moderator called for letters from the various churches, to which the following churches responded, to wit:

Emanuel Free Will Baptist Tabernacle, Trinity Free Will Baptist, Adrian Free Will Baptist, Kirby Free Will Baptist and the Free Will Baptist Temple. Letters received, and Delegates seated in Council by extending the right hand of fellowship and remaining in the Altar for prayer of consecration.

Business matters were adjourned until the usual time of 9:00 O'clock, Friday Morning.

At this interval, the Congregation engaged in a testimonial service led by Bro. Paul Dyer. Special numbers in song were rendered by Sis. Estelle Strickland and Sis. Ethel Felty singing a Duet, and Bro. Butler's Quartet. Followed by Bro. Butler bringing the evening message, using for Scripture text Jer. 6:16.

Benediction by Bro. Leslie Gallagher.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment, the Congregation came together by Singing led by Rev. George Butler, Prayer by Bro. Lincoln Varney. Followed by the Moderator reading Scripture lesson I Cor. 10:1-15; and reading the Rules of Decorum.

First Order of Business, the Moderator proceeded to appoint the following Committees, Viz.

DIVINE SERVICE

Bro. Paul Dyer, Bro. T. B. Ball and Bro. James Felty.

OBITUARY

Sis. Estelle Strickland, Sis. Louise Dyer and Sis. Bessie Butler.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Paul Dyer, Rev. N. P. Gates and Rev. G. E. Butler.

(The above committees appointed to serve this session)

Next item, a verbal report of the Credentials Committee, was given by the Moderator Rev. J. B. Varney.

At this interval, recognition was given a Rev. Nelson Warren, a guest Minister, was extended the right hand of fellowship, and invited to sit in as advisory council, and accepted as honorary guest.

Next item, a partial report was given by Committee on Divine Service, having chosen the Rev. N. P. Gates for the eleven o'clock hour.

A motion was sustained to adjourn the business session, making way for the morning worship hour.

After a brief intermission, a Testimonial service was engaged in, conducted by Rev. George Butler; Prayer by W. M. Nairemore, and a special song by Revs. J. B. and Lincoln Varney. A timely gesture was made by Rev. Gates substituting in his stead, the Rev. Nelson Warren, Guest Minister, who in turn honored the position by delivering a wonderful message. Using Scripture text — "What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?" Mat. 22:42.

Benediction, by —

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:30 P.M.

Opening prayer, by Bro. T. B. Ball. Followed by sustaining the request for the next Annual Session to meet with the Kirby Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. J. B. Varney was selected to bring the introductory Message.

Next item, Moderator called for tardy letters. To which, the Adrian Church responded with letter and Delegates duly received and seated in conference. See list of delegates.

Next item was a matter of great concern presented by the Presbytery Board, and culminating in the drafting of resolution dealing with such matters as follows, (See Resolutions).

ULTIMATUM—After due consideration of problems confronting us relative delinquencies among the ordained authority, and after hearing the report of the Credentials Committee, we deem it necessary to take some disciplinary action against such delinquents.

Therefore, we the members of your Presbytery Board submit the following resolution.

Be it resolved that the Credentials Committee be advised to wait upon such delinquents and ascertain their difficulty, and if needs be to help them regain their proper perspective and relationship to this body, and to inform of the action that may be taken against them.

And, be it further resolved, that, if they are not willing to meet the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Metropolitan Association of Free Will Baptist, that the Credentials Committee be empowered to request the surrender of said credentials. And upon their refusal to do so, that as such "they will be published."

RESOLUTION No. 2

That, Whereas many have been sent before the Presbytery Board, liking in qualifications as required in I Tim. 3 and Acts 6, as pertaining to Ministers and Deacons.

Therefore, be it resolved that said candidates be scrutinized by the Church of which he is a member, concerning his Christian Character, and Biblical qualifications, and having maintained faithfulness to the Church in all things, for a period of not less than (1) One Year, before he be presented before the Presbytery Board.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.

COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING

Came together by singing; Prayer by Bro. Charley Woodby. After which the Rev. N. P. Gates, having been chosen for the message of the hour came forward, using for Scripture lesson Mat. 26:17-28. A great service was enjoyed by all feeling the presence of the Lord in a great way.

"They sang a hymn, and went out."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at the usual hour, by Singing led by Rev. George Butler, Prayer by Bro. Nathan Small. Followed by the Moderator reading Scripture lesson from Deut. 6:4-16.

First item of business, was the receiving of reports, and discharging the following committees:

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE, Having discharged their services faithfully, was discharged.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE, With praise and honor to our heavenly Father, for having spared the flock, that none were taken. Therefore, the report, none deceased.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, The Presbytery Board assumed these duties (The Committee was discharged). See Resolution.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY BOARD: Bro. Paul Dyer, having been presented by the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church for License to the Ministry of the Gospel, was duly examined, and approved by the Presbytery Board, and Certificate of License was issued.

Rev. Hezekiah Davis, having chosen other fields of labor submitted his Credentials to the Presbytery Board, and was subsequently dismissed.

At this interval, a motion was sustained to adjourn business session, giving way for the Free Will Baptist League program, under the direction of Bro. Albert Farley and the Ypsilanti Free Will Baptist Church. Followed by a timely message by Rev. Lincoln Varney, using for subject — "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." Eccl. 12:1. Benediction by Rev. J. B. Varney.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:30 P.M.

First item, the following delegates were appointed to represent at the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist, to wit:

Sis. Estelle Strickland, Sis. Mary Burgess, Bro. T. B. Ball, Bro. Franklin Maynard and Bro. Gordon Chitwood. Bro. Charles Powell and Bro. Paul Dyer, Alternates.

A suggested list to the National Association was selected, as follows:

Bro. and Sis. Emmett L. Gallagher and Bro. Franklin Maynard.

Next item, a motion was sustained, that a plea be made to the State Association to petition the National for a soon coming session to convene in the Metropolitan area of Detroit.

Next item, a motion was sustained, that the Clerk and assistants prepare for publication, and that 500 Minutes be printed.

A motion was sustained that each Minister give a written report of his activities, through the year, and that said reports be carried in the Minutes.

Next item, was the election of Officers for the ensuing year, Viz. Rev. J. B. Varney, Moderator; Rev. Lincoln Varney, Ass't. Moderator; Bro. Charley Finley, Clerk; Bro. Norman Raines, Assistant Clerk; Bro. Adrian Davis, Treasurer.

Presbytery Board, Rev. Lincoln Varney — Five years.

Executive Committee, Bro. Paul Dyer — Five years.

Credentials Committee was chosen to serve indefinitely, as Follows:

Rev. Lincoln Varney, Rev. George Butler and Rev. N. P. Gates.

A Standing vote of thanks was accorded the hosts church for their kind hospitality in entertaining this setting of the Conference.

Adjourned to meet with Kirby Free Will Baptist Church, 7508 W. Warren, Detroit, June 2-4, 1960.

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. Lincoln Varney	Five Years
Rev. N. P. Gates	Four Years
Rev. Dewey Fraley	Three Years
Rev. E. J. Marine	Two Years
Rev. George E. Butler	One Year

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. Paul Dyer	Five Years
Bro. Corbett Wilson	Four Years
Bro. Charley Finley	Three Years
Bro. John Runyon	Two Years
Bro. Leslie Gallagher	One Year

DELEGATES ENROLLMENT — 1959

KIRBY FREE WILL BAPTIST: Bro. James Hall, Sis. Pearl Hall, Sis. Estelle Strickland, Sis. Ethel Felty and Sis. Yeniri Maynard.

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST: Bro. Paul Dyer, Sis. Louise Dyer, Sis. Mary Brown and Bro. Floyd Hinkle.

EMANUEL FREE WILL BAPTIST TABERNACLE: Bro. Willis Burgess, Bro. V. Balling, Bro. C. Nichols, Bro. C. Furgerson and Bro. R. Sprutte.

FREE WILL BAPTIST TEMPLE: Bro. Nollie Case, Bro. Franklin Maynard, Bro. Gordon Chitwood, Bro. Charles Powell and Bro. Robert Patton.

ADRIAN FREE WILL BAPTIST: Bro. Charles Woodby, Bro. Clyde Spivey, Bro. Nathan Woodby and Bro. Henry Woodby.

CLERK ENROLLMENT

ADRIAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Sis. Faye Elliott

EMANUEL FREE WILL BAPTIST TABERNACLE:

Bro. Harrison Stimson

KIRBY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Sis. Odell Davidson

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH: Bro. John R. Neal

FREE WILL BAPTIST TEMPLE: Sis. Grace Gallagher

CHURCH REPORTS (Annual)

ADRIAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH:

Members received 5; baptized 4; Dismissed none; Died none; Total Membership 32; Number of Teachers 6; Officers 1; Paid Evangelist \$107.00; Sunday School Enrollment 85, Condition of Sunday School and Prayer Meetings Good. Pastor: Rev. Onas Deskins.

FREE WILL BAPTIST TEMPLE: 19951 Dequindre, Detroit 34, Mich.

Members received last year 12; Baptized 6; Dismissed 5; Total Membership 145; Condition of Prayer Meetings Good; Condition of Sunday School Good; Sunday School Enrollment 70; Officers 2 and Teachers 8. Pastor: Rev. N. P. Gates.

Paid Pastor	\$4,680.00
Paid Evangelist	142.10
Home Missions	50.00
Foreign Missions	77.00
Building and Repairs	3,030.25
Education	186.92
Orphanage	92.66

KIRBY FREE WILL BAPTIST: 7508 W. Warren, Detroit, Michigan.

Members received past year 47; Baptized 24; Dismissed; Inactive 30; Total Membership 109; Condition of Prayer Meetings Fair; Condition of Sunday School Good; Average Number of Pupils 90; Officers 3, and Teachers 5. Pastor: Rev. J. B. Varney.

Paid Evangelist	200.00
Foreign Missions	67.51
Building and Repairs	6,000.00

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST: 12856 E. Jefferson, Detroit, Mich.

Members received past year 48; Baptized 33; Dismissed 7; Total Membership 152; Condition of Prayer Meetings Fair; Condition of Sunday School Good; Average of Pupils 125; Officers 4 and Teachers 6. Pastor: Rev. Lincoln Varney.

Paid Pastor	\$1,385.30
Paid Evangelist	100.00
Home Missions	9.15
Foreign Missions	13.00
Rent Monthly	150.00

EMANUEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH:

Membership 40; Condition of Prayer Meetings Fair: Condition of Sunday School Fair; Average number of pupils 50; Officers 1 and Teachers 6. Pastor: Rev. George E. Butler.

Paid Evangelist	\$ 117.34
Home Missions	10.00
Foreign Missions	10.64
Education	105.00

PROCEEDINGS OF 1960 SESSION

KIRBY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — JUNE 2-4, 1960

7508 W. Warren — Detroit, Mich.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Metropolitan Association of Free Will Baptist met in their fifth Annual Session, when convened with the Kirby Free Will Baptist Church.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION — 7:30 P.M.

Called to order by congregational singing and prayer. Followed by the Moderator Rev. J. B. Varney presenting Scripture lesson from I Cor. 15:1-10.

First item of business, Moderator called for letters from the various churches making up this assembly. To which the following churches responded, to wit:

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Faith Free Will Baptist, Free Will Baptist Temple, Adrian Free Will Baptist, Kirby Free Will Baptist.

Letters were read and accepted, and Delegates seated in Conference by extending the right hand of fellowship, together with all ordained authority gathered around the Altar for prayer and consecration. (See list of Delegates).

Next item, Called for petitionary letters, to which the Warren Free Will Baptist responded with letter and Delegates. After due consideration, letter was received, and Delegates seated in Conference.

At this interval, a motion was sustained to adjourn business until usual hour, 9:00 P.M., Friday Morning.

Thus making way for devotional service and the Introductory Message. A special number in song was rendered by Rev. N. P. Gates, singing, "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me". Followed by the message of the hour by Rev. J. B. Varney, using for Scripture lesson 2 Pet. 3:1-9.

Dismissed, by

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together at the hour of 9:00 by Congregational Singing, Prayer by Rev. E. J. Marine. Followed by the Moderator presenting Scripture lesson St. John 10:1-16.

At this interval the Moderator invited visiting brethren, or otherwise Corresponding Delegates to sit with us in our Godly deliberations. Followed by the roll call, and reading the Rules of Decorum.

First item of business was the appointing the various committees. (See Committees).

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

Bro. Chester Thacker, Bro. Lindle Motes and Bro. Jay Brock.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

Sis. Ida Marine, Sis. Helen Hapton and Sis. Bessie Butler.

The matter of arrangement of business was provided by the regular members of the Standing Executive Committee. And the Moderator declaring that, all matters for discussion, must come in the form of a resolution by the Executive Board.

Next item, was the matter of location of the next Annual Session, resulting, and by reason of the fact only those churches requesting the same in their letters are entitled to the consideration. This being the case, Favor goes to the Free Will Baptist Temple. Rev. N. P. Gates, was chosen to preach the introductory Sermon; Rev. E. J. Marine as alternate.

At this interval, a partial report was received from the committee on Divine Service, in the selection of Rev. George Butler to bring the Message at the 11:00 o'clock hour; and Rev. E. J. Marine as the message bearer for the evening service.

Preceding the morning message Rev. Marine conducted a brief Testimonial service, and the congregation singing, "Where The Soul Of Man Never Dies". Followed by Rev. Butler using for Text, "Let us go on to perfection". Heb. 6:1. A wonderful message was enjoyed by all. After which, services was adjourned for the noon period, and time of refreshments to return for the afternoon session at 1:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a time of fellowship, and congregational singing, the Moderator in charge called for Committee Reports — (See Reports).

Next item of business, Matters for discussion was presented to the body by the Executive Board, in the form of the following resolutions:

Whereas, there being many potential qualities of work, and laborers among us lying dormant; Therefore, Be it resolved that, the heads of the various departments be selected to act as directors in the formation departmental activities heretofore neglected. A motion was sustained to adopt said program, and proceed to elect, Viz:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Jay Brock, Gen. Director

LADIES AUXILIARY

Sis. Mammie Mounts, Gen. Diirector

MASTERS MEN

Rev. W. C. Presley, Gen. Director

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

Bro. Albert Farley, Gen. Director

Home, and Foreign Missions, to be supplied.

RESOLUTION No. 2. Word has it, of a suggestion coming from the National Body entertaining the thought of curtailing the National activities, in that the suggestion carries to eliminate meeting schedules to Once every Two Years. Therefore, Be it resolved, that we declare ourselves as being opposed to such move. And, so instruct our Delegates to the State Association to present our action to said body. Also to take such action deemed necessary to eliminate certain additional fees applying to extra delegates to the National Association. — Motion sustained.

Next item, a motion was sustained, that this association to work in coordination with the State Association to renew our former request to the National Association for a soon-coming session to convene in the metropolitan area of Detroit.

At this interval, a proposal was made, that our Annual Sessions should convene beginning on Thursday night for the introductory Message, thence deferring all business until the 7:30 hour Friday night, and continuing through Saturday, climaxing in the closing hours with a Youth Rally Saturday night. — Motion was tabled indefinitely.

Next item of business, was the election of Delegates to the State Association as follows: Bro. and Sis. Jim Wilkins, Bro. Walter Mullin, Sis. Olive Mullin, Sis. Ruth Allen, Sis. L. Strickland, Bro. Chester Thacker and Bro. Don Carver.

Next item, was the election of Officers for the ensuing year, resulting, as follows: Moderator, Rev. J. B. Varney was retained; Ass't. Mod., Rev. N. P. Gates; Clerk, Bro. Charley Finley was retained; Bro. Albert Farley, Ass't. Clerk; Bro. Adrian Davidson, Tres., retained.

Adjourned to the regular Business session Saturday morning 9:00 A.M., giving way to Evening Worship hour.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.

Came together at the usual hour, by congregational singing and time of devotion. This being the time for the Ordinance Service — Communion and Feetwashing; though preceded by the Ordaining Council, Rev. N. P. Gates, Chairman of the Presbytery Board in charge in the Ordaining Ceremonies — When, Bro. Lendle Motes and Bro. Jay Brock of the Warren Free Will Baptist Church; also Bro. Paul Dyer of the Trinity Church came forward for ordination to the Ministry of the Gospel. Also, Bro. Granville Hampton and Bro. Willie Johnson of the Faith Church to be ordained to the Deaconship of the Church. Qualifications administered by Rev. Gates, Charge was given by Rev. Dewey Fraley, followed with Prayer and consecration and the laying on of hands.

At this interval, Rev. E. J. Marine, having been previously chosen for the message of the hour, took the stand, using for Scripture lesson, Rom. 5:6-8; 8:9. A splendid service was enjoyed by all present with a goodly number participating in the communion service and washing each others feet. Adjourned to the Business Session at the (9:00) Nine o'clock hour Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Came together at the usual hour by Singing, Prayer by Rev. Paul Dyer. Moderator in charge, called for Tardy letters, to which the Ypsilanti Church responded, whose letter was duly received, and delegates seated in Conference (See list of Delegates).

After a time of deliberations, and the receiving some delayed reports (See Committee Reports), The Free Will Baptist League program was given under the Direction of Bro. Albert Farley: During the course in which a number of Leaguers participating, and among other things an outstanding feature was the rendering of the 20th Chapter of the Book of Exodus, by Anna Lee, from Free Will Baptist Temple.

In these conclusions, a "Free Will Offering" in the amount of \$27.00 was taken for an impotent brother in our midst, being blind, yet performed proficiently at the Piano. Offering, of course was graciously received.

A motion was sustained to adjourn this setting of the Conference to the time, and place of the next Annual Setting, to convene with the Free Will Baptist Temple, 19951 Dequindre, Detroit, Michigan, June 1-3, 1961.

EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

To

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

HEREAS, We, as many others of like faith, as also all other Protestant Bodies agreeing with the decrees of our form of Government in maintaining the principle of "Separation of Church and State".

And whereas, from all appearances the Democratic Party will nominate Sen. John F. Kennedy, who being a Roman Catholic owes his allegiance to the Church. And would thereby according to the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church be obligated, First to the Church; and Secondly to the Presidency of the United States. Hence, the affairs of our Government would be subject to the dictatorial powers of the Pope of Rome.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Metropolitan Association of Free Will Baptist go on record as being opposed to the nomination of Mr. Kennedy, or any other candidate of any political party with such ties that would tend to take away the freedoms that we now enjoy under the Constitution of the United States of America.

Also, that this association draft a recommendation to the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist, recommending that they, in turn, draft a like proposal to the National Association of Free Will Baptist convening in Fresno, Calif., July 12-14, 1960.

And that such resolution be directed to the Chairman of the Democratic Convention, when convened in the State of California some time in July of this year.

—Executive Board

DELEGATES

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST: Bros. L. T. Minnear, Granville Hampton, Sis. Helen Hampton, Bro. Willie Johnson and Sis. Geneva Johnson.

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST: Bro. James Duty, Sis. Elsie Roop, Bro. Walter Hatfield and Bro. Chester Thacker.

KIRBY FREE WILL BAPTIST: Bro. Thelbert Quick, Bro. Warnick Allen, Bro. Eugene Hubbard, Bro. James Hale and Bro. Louis Felty.

FREE WILL BAPTIST TEMPLE: Bro. Nollie Case, Sis. Allie Case and Bro. Jimmie Wilkins.

ADRIAN FREE WILL BAPTIST: Bro. Johnie Akers.

WARREN FREE WILL BAPTIST: Bro. Jay Brock, Sis. Jay Brock and Bro. Eddy Brock.

YPSILANTI FREE WILL BAPTIST: Bro. J. D. Talbert, Bro. Oscar Derosette, Haram Sharp, Bro. Alton Scutchfield and Sis. Yvonne Talbert.

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. George E. Butler	Five Years
Rev. Lincoln Varney	Four Years
Rev. N. P. Gates	Three Years
Rev. Dewey Fraley	Two Years
Rev. E. J. Marine	One Year

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. J. D. Talbert	Five Years
Rev. Paul Dyer	Four Years
Bro. Corbet Wilson	Three Years
Bro. Charley Finley	Two Years
Bro. James Hale	One Year

MINISTERIAL ENROLLMENT

Rev. N. P. Gates	18031 Orleans, Detroit, Mich.
Rev. E. J. Marine	992 E. Coy, Hazel Park, Mich.
Rev. Dewey Fraley	722 E. Grand Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.
Rev. George E. Butler	20114 Dequindre, Detroit, Mich.
Rev. Lincoln Varney	9381 Cutler, Detroit 14, Mich.
Rev. J. B. Varney	5878 Wilkie, Taylor, Mich.
Rev. Ance Varney	1116 Guthrie, Madison Heights, Mich.
Rev. Sherman Napier	33428 Bently Ct., Wayne, Mich.
Rev. Wm. C. Presley	734 N. Lemay, Ypsilanti, Mich.
Rev. Everett May	212 Euclid, Royal Oak, Mich.
Rev. E. E. Ferguson	25068 Audrey, Warren, Mich.
Rev. Paul Dyer	8732 Bradley, Detroit 14, Mich.
Rev. Onas Deskins	27075 Osmun, Madison Heights, Mich.
Rev. Lendel Motes	6871 Continental, Warren, Mich.
Rev. Jay Brock	7559 Meadow, Warren, Mich.

LICENTIATES

Bro. Charles Woodby —	Adrian Free Will Baptist Church, Adrian, Mich.
Bro. Woodrow Wilson —	Adrian Free Will Baptist Church, Adrian, Mich.
Bro. Bill Maples —	Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

DEACON ENROLLMENT

Bro. Graydon D. Gates	1195 Torpey Dr., Troy, Mich.
Bro. Charley Finley	42625 Garfield Rd., Mt. Clemens, Mich.
Bro. Emmett L. Gallagher	19318 Danbury, Detroit, Mich.
Bro. Cecil May	622 Emerson, Detroit, Mich.
Bro. Nathan Small	1218 Rutland, Willow Run, Mich.
Bro. Ollie Maynard	516 Hunt Pl., Ypsilanti, Mich.
Bro. Granville Hampton....	Faith Free Will Baptist, Royal Oak, Mich.
Bro. Willie Johnson	Faith Free Will Baptist, Royal Oak, Mich.
Bro. Wm. Haynes	400 Gardenia, Royal Oak, Mich.
Bro. J. E. Samples	6747 Continental, Warren, Mich.
Bro. James Jetton	521 E. Coy, Hazel Park, Mich.
Bro. Vernon Varney	9397 Ravenswood, Detroit, Mich.
Bro. Fred Leedy	1364 Norwalk, Willow Run, Mich.
Bro. Willis Summett	25471 Audrey, Warren, Mich.
Bro. Don Painter	1485 Swanson, Willow Run, Mich.
Bro. Henry Woodby	Adrian Free Will Baptist Church
Bro. James Vance	Adrian Free Will Baptist Church
Bro. Adrain Davidson	Kirby Free Will Baptist Church
Bro. Chester Elkings	Bellville, Mich.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on obituary, with a sigh of grief and sadness, in sympathizing with the bereaved ones, in that our blessed Lord hath seen fit to call from among us those who have departed this life to be with the Lord, as follows:

Bro. John Hewitt Miller, age 62, from the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, on Jan. 13, 1960; Sis. Bessie Land, age 57, from the Free Will Baptist Temple, on July 22, 1959; Bro. Thurman Holcome, age 68, on Feb. 25, 1960, and Bro. Hugh Ripley, age 63, on April 29, 1960 from the Kirby Free Will Baptist Church.

COMMITTEE: Sis. Ida Marine
Sis. Helen Hampton
Sis. Bessie Butler

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY BOARD

Among the activities of your Presbytery Board since our last report, are as follows: According to the wishes of the Adrian Church in presenting to us the following brethren to be licensed to the Ministry of the Gospel, Viz—

Bro. Charles Woodby and Bro. Woodrow Wilson, who, in turn was duly examined and approved, and were issued Licenses, Sept. 5, 1959.

On May 17, 1960 we were called upon to officiate in the organizing of the Warren Free Will Baptist Church. Who were subsequently received into fellowship in the setting of this Conference.

As also the following brethren were presented to us from their respective churches to which they belong, for the official capacity to which they desire, as follows:

Rev. Lendle Motes and Rev. Jay Brock from the Warren Free Will Baptist Church, who in turn was duly examined, approved and ordained to the Ministry of the Gospel.

Rev. Paul Dyer, from the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, who in turn was duly examined, approved and was ordained to the Ministry of the Gospel.

Also Bro. Bill Maples, from the Trinity Church, who in turn was examined, approved and licensed to the Ministry of the Gospel.

Also, Bro. Granville Hampton and Bro. Willie Johnson, from the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, who in turn was duly examined, approved and ordained to the Deaconship of the Church.

—Rev. N. P. Gates, Chairman

All temporary Committees reports were received, and the committees discharged.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount of cash in the bank, June 1, 1960.....	\$442.93
Cash received, this Session	\$475.07
Total Cash on hands	\$918.00
Disbursements: To State Association	\$ 97.00
To Foreign Missions	220.00
Total.....	\$317.00
	317.00
Balance on hands, at close of this Session.....	\$601.00

—Adrian Davidson, Treasurer

MINISTERIAL REPORTS — 1959

REV. N. P. GATES, Full time pastor, Free Will Baptist Temple, until retiring from Pastorial work effective January 30, 1960.

Taught Adult Bible Class through entire pastorate; Preached at home church 70 Sermons; Guest Minister at the following places: Kent, Ohio, 2 Sermons; Peach Orchard, Ark., 1 Sermon; Sharum, Ark., 1 Sermon; Anderson, Ind., 1 Sermon; Norfolk, Va., 2 Sermons.

Evangelistic Services among the local churches, as follows: Faith F.W.B., 1 Sermon; Salvation Army Mission, 1 Sermon; First F.W.B., Pontiac, 1 Sermon; Adrian F.W.B., 3 Sermons; Trinity F.W.B., 3 Sermons; Ypsilanti F.W.B., 3 Sermons; Community F.W.B., 3 Sermons; Kirby F.W.B., 1 Sermon; Warren F.W.B., 1 Sermon (Officiating at organizing the Warren Church); Westside F.W.B., 1 Sermon; River Rouge F.W.B., 1 Sermon; Vinewood Baptist Church, 2 Sermons (at which place Taught 12 lessons of the Rudiments of Music); Witnessed about 20 conversions; Baptized 3; Officiated at Weddings 2; Held 1 Funeral; Attended all sessions of the Association; Served as Chairman of the Presbytery Board; Attended the State Association; Attended the National Association, Ashville, N. C.; Member of the General Board of the National Association; Attended 1 Board Meeting, and 1 Session of the Missionary Conference, Nashville, Tenn.

Traveled about 7,000 miles; Preached 100 Sermons; received for services approximately \$3,000.00.

REV. GEORGE E. BUTLER, Sermons preached, 48; Conducted Prayer Meetings, 32; Pastoral calls made, 115; Conversions witnessed, 6; Baptized, 2; Wedding Ceremonies, 1.

REV. J. B. VARNEY, Preached approximately, 110 Sermons; Conversions witnessed, approximately 64, Baptized approximately, 40; Held Four Revivals.

REV. E. J. MARINE, Full time Pastor, Faith Free Will Baptist, and Evangelistic efforts at the Harbor Lights Mission, Conversions witnessed, approximately, 119; Reclaimed, 4; Baptized, 11; Held 3 Funerals; Officiated at 3 Weddings.

CHURCH REPORTS

YPSILANTI FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH:

State of religion, good; Members received (3 months), 33; Baptized, 26; Dismissed, none; deceased, 2; Total membership, 349; Condition prayer meetings, good; Condition of Sunday School, good; Average number of pupils, 340; Number of Officers, 3; Number of Teachers, 31. No Financial report. Rev. Dewey Fraley, pastor.

ADRIAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH:

State of religion, good; Members received (3 months), 3; Baptized, 3; Dismissed, none; Deceased, none; Total membership, 41; Condition of prayer meetings, good; Condition of Sunday School, good; Average number of pupils, 80; Number of Officers, 3; Number of Teachers, 6; Paid Pastor, \$325.00; Building & Repairs, \$253.63. Rev. E. E. Fergerson, Pastor.

FREE WILL BAPTIST TEMPLE:

State of Religion, good; Members received, 6; Baptized, 5; Dismissed, none; Deceased, 1; Total membership, 141; Condition of Prayer

meetings, good; Condition of S. S., good; Average number of Pupils, 50; Number of Officers, 3; Number of Teachers, 7; Paid Pastor, \$4,418.68; Paid Evangelist, \$253.16; H. M., \$36.96; F. M., \$51.75; Building & Repairs, 3, \$94.35; Education, \$161.21; Publication & Literature, Rev. N. P. Gates, Pastor (1st 8 months), Rev. George, henceforth.

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH:

State of Religion, good; Members received, 17; Baptized, 17; Dismissed, none; Deceased, none; Total membership, 161; Condition of Prayer meetings, fair; Condition of S. S., good; Average number of Pupils, 109; Number of Officers, 3; Number of Teachers, 4; Paid Pastor, \$1,810.00; Evangelist, \$100.00; H. M., none; F. M., none; Building (Rent), \$1,800.00; Education, none; Publication & Literature, \$140.00. Rev. Lincoln Varney, Pastor.

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH:

State of Religion, good; Members received, 15; Baptized, 11; Dismissed, 26; Deceased, 1; Total membership, 186; Condition of Prayer meetings, good; Condition of S. S., good; Average number of Pupils, 89; Number of Officers, 3; Number of Teachers, 8; Paid Pastor, \$5,200.00; Evangelist, \$100.00; H. M., none; F. M., \$180.00; Education, \$150.00; Building Repairs, \$2,500.00; Benevolence, \$75.00. Rev. E. J. Marine, Pastor.

KIRBY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH:

State of Religion, good; Members received, 40; Baptized, 31; Dismissed, 5; Deceased, 2; Total Membership, 116; Condition of Prayer meetings, good; Condition of S. S., good; Average number of Pupils, 115; Number of Officers, 4; Number of Teachers, 5.

Paid Pastor, \$7,200.00; Foreign Missions, \$99.37; Building & Repairs, \$3,666.15; Publication and Literature, \$187.81. Rev. J. B. Varney, Pastor.

WARREN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH:

On May 3, 1960, We, Twelve of the fifteen Charter members, having been previously brought together, I the Sunday School capacity, and Worship hour services by Bro. Lendle Motes and Bro. Jay Brock, was called together on the above date in the purpose of perfecting the Organization of the Church, susceptible to admission into the Metropolitan Association of Free Will Baptist, by Members of the Presbytery Board of said Association, Rev. N. P. Gates in charge. Using for Scripture lesson: Acts, 16th Chapter. The Roll was called, Charge was given, and the Word of God adopted as the rule of Faith and practice, Church Covenant also adopted, and Prayer of Consecration was given by the Two remaining Members of the Presbytery Board — Rev. E. J. Marine and Rev. George Butler, and the proposed Pastor Rev. Motes, and the extending of the right hand of fellowship. Services continued by the election of Officers for the ensuing year. Rev. Lindle Motes was chosen as Pastor; Bro. Walter Mullin, Clerk & Treasurer protem; Sis. Mary Motes, Ass't. Clerk and Treasurer.

A motion was sustained to appoint as Trustees of the Church — Bros. Jay Brock, Walter Mullin and Bro. Ellis Adams.

Second Saturday night, and every Quarter henceforth was chosen for Church Council.

—Rev. Geo. E. Butler, Recording Sec'y.