



MINUTES  
OF THE  
MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
JUNE 15-16, 1973

CONVENING WITH THE  
FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
23300 KENSINGTON ROAD  
TAYLOR, MICHIGAN

# OFFICERS OF THE MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION 1973-1974

Moderator .....	Rev. Raymond Riggs
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Lincoln Varney
Clerk .....	James S. Shook
Assistant Clerk .....	Rev. Herman McFaddin
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Foreign Missions Promotional Secretary.....	Rev. Charles Cooper
Home Missions Promotional Secretary .....	Rev. Robert Trimble
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Church Training Secretary .....	Rev. Leroy Welch
General Board Member (2 year term) .....	Rev. J. B. Varney
Youth Camp Coordinator .....	Rev. Raymond Riggs
Assistant Youth Camp Coordinator .....	Rev. Galan Dunbar
Teenspiration Director .....	Rev. Herman McFaddin
Assistant Teenspiration Director .....	John Ushery
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## MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Minutes of the seventeenth Annual Conference of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist, convening with the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, 23300 Kensington Road, Taylor, Michigan.

### FRIDAY NIGHT – JUNE 15, 1973 – 7:30 P.M.

The conference was opened with the congregation singing “Living by Faith”, directed by Bro. Harvey Craine.

Welcome and opening prayer by the Pastor of the host church, Rev. Verlon Harmon.

Special singing by the Trinity Free Will Gospel Aires.

The Clerk of the Michigan State Association, Bro. James Shook, called this, the seventeenth Annual Sitting of the Michigan State Association, to order by presenting the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lincoln Varney.

Rev. Varney introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Rev. Harrold Harrison, of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tennessee. Scripture for Rev. Harrison’s message was selected from the Book of Galatians, 1st Chapter. Rev. Harrison used different scriptures to tell us that the Cross of Jesus was a place of deliverance, identification, justification, vision, redemption, and adoption; also a place of offense and glory. The message will be remembered by each one present.

Invitation was extended.

Benediction by Rev. Jack Stevens, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**SATURDAY MORNING — JUNE 16, 1973 — 9:30 A.M.**

Congregational singing "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder", led by Rev. Herman McFaddin.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

Devotion: Rev. Ray Wilson, Pastor of River Rouge Free Will Baptist Church. Scriptures taken from Acts, 7th Chapter, Verses 47 thru 50, leaving with us the thought "What House are we Building".

Prayer: Bro. Davis Sheppard

The delegates were seated by the Moderator presiding.

The following departments of our National Association were recognized by the Moderator, Rev. Raymond Riggs. Literature from the departments were sent to the State Association, even though the department heads couldn't be present. Remarks covering each department were made by our Moderator.

- (1) The Executive Department: Rev. Rufus Coffey
- (2) Bible College: Rev. Paul Kettleman
- (3) Retirement & Insurance: Rev. Herman Hershey
- (4) National Home Missions: Rev. Galan Dunbar gave this report (Roy Thomas)
- (5) C. T. S.: Rev. Malcom Frye
- (6) Foreign Missions: Rev. Don Kronk
- (7) Sunday School Dept.: Rev. Harold Harrison
- (8) State Foreign Missions: Rev. Lincoln Varney

Motion was made and seconded we receive reports as information. Motion sustained.

The Moderator asked for the letters from the five associations that make up the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist to be read by each association clerk. They are as follows:

Huron Valley Association . . . . .	Clyde Caudill (Rev. W. Jacobs)
Liberty Association . . . . .	Roger M. Cooper
Metropolitan Association . . . . .	James S. Shook
New Hope Association . . . . .	Lucille Scott (Rev. J. Stewart)
Wolverine Association . . . . .	Rev. Galan Dunbar

Motion was made and seconded we receive letters as read. Motion sustained.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

<u>Business Committee:</u> . . . . .	Rev. J. B. Varney (Chairman) Rev. C. Beculhimer Rev. H. McFaddin
<u>Nominating Committee:</u> . . . . .	Rev. Joseph Mullins (Chairman) Rev. Bob Trimble Rev. Jimmie Taulbert
<u>Obituary Committee:</u> . . . . .	Rev. Bill Stanley (Chairman) Rev. Verlon Harmon Arnold Mollett
<u>Statistical Committee:</u> . . . . .	James S. Shook (Chairman) Rev. Galan Dunbar Rev. Charles Cooper

A resolution was presented to the Business Committee for consideration by a special committee. Rev. J. B. Varney read the resolution. Motion was made and seconded that we receive this special report and that it be tabled until the afternoon session. Motion sustained.

A special recommendation from the Wolverine Association concerning "Teenspiration" was read for information only.

We were dismissed from business for the morning session by prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Raymond Riggs.

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Saturday morning Worship Service: 11:00 A.M.

Opening song: Directed by Rev. Herman McFaddin

Opening Prayer: Rev. Bob Trimble

Morning Offering: \$53.43 received

The Moderator, Rev. Raymond Riggs introduced the speaker of the hour, Mr. Russell Anderson, Christian Millionaire. Mr. Anderson's text was taken from 2nd Kings, 2nd Chapter, Verses 1 thru 15. A dynamic message.

Invitation was extended.

Benediction and blessing on the food was asked by Rev. Verlon Harmon, Pastor of the host church.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:25 P.M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — 1:30 P.M.

Congregational singing: "Send the Light"

Devotion and Promotional Secretary's report, Rev. Wayne Jacob.

The following reports were given:

Statistical Report: Bro. James Shook

Number of District Associations .....	5
Number of Churches .....	43
Church Membership .....	5,641
Number of Parsonages .....	10
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	94
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	11
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	116
Enrollment of Sunday School .....	6,070
Enrollment of C.T.S. ....	581
Enrollment of Ladies Auxiliary .....	289

Financial Report:

Spent for Local Causes

Pastor's Salary .....	\$ 231,716.44
Evangelistic Work .....	5,300.61
Building and Repair .....	455,415.84
Literature .....	27,186.38
Other .....	185,918.08
Total Spent for Local Causes .....	\$ 905,537.35

### Spent for Outside Causes

Foreign Missions. ....	\$ 60,375.00
Home Missions. ....	12,631.00
Education. ....	15,449.00
Orphanage. ....	4,653.00
Associational (State & Nat'l projects). ....	21,440.00
Other. ....	<u>1,001.90</u>
Total spent for Outside Causes	\$ 115,549.90

Total Expenditures. ....	\$1,021,087.25
Value of Church Property (3 Assoc's). ....	\$1,488,674.00
Value of Parsonage Property (3 Assoc's). ....	\$ 162,000.00

Motion was made and seconded we receive Statistical Report as read.  
Motion sustained.

### Obituary Report: Rev. Bill Stanley

A total of twenty six of our brothers and sisters have been called home to be with the Lord (a copy with all names and association affiliated with is with the file copy). A moment of silent prayer was observed then Rev. Joe Mullins led in prayer.

### State Youth Camp: Rev. Riggs

### State Educational Committee: Rev. J. B. Varney

Approximately 130 persons received ETTA certificates this past year. The classes will continue. Our next semester of the Bible Institute will be at the Kirby Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Varney stated that they hope to have special classes for the ministers.

Motion was made and seconded that we keep the same Educational Committee we had last year. Motion sustained.

Motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee be authorized to work out the length of terms for the members of the Committee. Motion sustained.

### Treasurer's Report: James S. Shook

Our bank account consists of three (3) separate accounts. An itemized statement is filed with the file copy of the minutes. The three accounts consist of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist, The Great Lakes Bible Institute, and The Great Lakes Youth Camp.

Balance in Bank June 12, 1973 .....	\$3,514.32
Received 1973 Sitting of Conference .....	<u>941.43</u>
Total in Account. ....	\$4,455.75

Motion made and seconded we receive report. Motion sustained.

### Business Committee and Special: Rev. J. B. Varney

The Business Committee recommends the following:

Item #1 — That the "Teenspiration" which is at present an Associational Project, be adopted as a state project, electing a director, assistant director, secretary and treasurer, and a committee of one from each Association to assist in planning the program.

Item #2 — That the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist begin on Friday morning instead of Friday night, to provide more time for our special speakers from the National Association and our denominational work in general.

Item #3 — That an honorarium of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) be sent to Russell Anderson and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to Harrold Harrison for their expenses involved in coming to our State Association.

Item #4 — We recommend that each conference that makes up the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist adopt a standard church letter so that we will have all necessary information for our statistical report.

Item #5 — We recommend that the State Association reimburse Rev. Wayne Jacobs forty eight dollars and sixty cents (\$48.60) for expenses on our State paper.

Item #6 — We recommend that the possibilities of a State Promotional Youth man be discussed.

Item #7 — We recommend a standing vote of thanks to the New Hope Association and the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church for their fellowship and hospitality in hosting this, the seventeenth Michigan State Association. Motion was made and seconded that we receive report and adopt item by item. Motion sustained.

Action taken: Moderator presiding.

Item #1 — Motion made and seconded that we adopt resolution #1. Motion sustained. Election of officers will be elected with general officers.

Item #2 — Motion made and seconded we adopt resolution #2. Motion sustained. Motion made and seconded that an amendment to the motion be made. The amendment was to have the yearly conference on Thursday and Friday Night. Motion voted down. Motion made and seconded on the original motion. Vote was taken and the original motion was carried. Motion was made and seconded that Friday night be set aside for Youth Night. Motion sustained.

Item #3 — Motion made and seconded we adopt resolution #3. Motion sustained. Twenty five dollars (\$25.00) will be sent to Bro. Russell Anderson and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to Rev. Harold Harrison, for expenses involved in attending our State Association.

Item #4 — Motion made and seconded that we adopt resolution #4. Motion sustained. A standard letter recommended by the Executive Office of our National Association will be studied by each Association for approval.

Item #5 — Motion made and seconded we adopt resolution #5. Motion sustained. Rev. Wayne Jacobs will be paid the amount of forty eight dollars and sixty cents (\$48.60) for expenses on state paper.

Item #6 — Motion was made and seconded that the chair appoint a committee and report at the 1974 Meeting. Motion withdrawn. Motion made and seconded that the Executive Committee will study the general work of Sunday School, Church Training School and the possibilities of a State Promotional Youth Director. Motion sustained.

Item #7 — A standing vote of thanks was extended to the New Hope Association and the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church for their fellowship and hospitality in hosting the seventeenth Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist.



Motion made and seconded that the item be removed from the table concerning the resolution on television, abortion, and pornography. Motion sustained.

Motion made and seconded we receive the resolutions as read in the morning session concerning television, abortion, and pornography. Motion sustained.

Nominating Committee Report: Rev. Joe Mullins

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State Promotional Secretary .....	Rev. Wayne Jacobs
Home Missions Promotional Secretary .....	Rev. Charles Cooper
Foreign Mission Promotional Secretary .....	Rev. James Stewart
Sunday School Promotional Secretary .....	Rev. Harvey Crain
General Board Member .....	Rev. J. B. Varney
Youth Camp Coordinator .....	Rev. Galand Dunbar
Assistant Youth Camp Coordinator .....	Rev. Leroy Welch

Motion made and seconded that we receive the Nominating Committee's report. Motion sustained.

Election of Officers:

Moderator .....	Rev. Raymond Riggs
Elected by acclamation and a rising vote of thanks	
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Lincoln Varney
Elected by acclamation	
Clerk .....	James S. Shook
Elected by acclamation	
Assistant Clerk .....	Rev. Herman McFaddin
Elected by acclamation	
Treasurer .....	James S. Shook
Elected by acclamation	
State Promotional Secretary .....	Rev. Wayne Jacobs
Elected by acclamation	
Foreign Missions Promotional Secretary	Rev. James Stewart (Declined)
	..... Rev. James Taulbert
	..... Rev. Charles Cooper
Rev. Cooper elected	
Home Mission Promotional Secretary .....	Rev. Robert Trimble
	..... Rev. Bud Lawrence
Rev. Robert Trimble elected	
Sunday School Promotional Secretary .....	Harvey Craine
Elected by acclamation	
Church Training Service Promotional Secretary .....	
.....	Rev. Jack Stevens (Declined)
Rev. Leroy Welch elected by acclamation	
General Board Member (2 yr. term) .....	Rev. J. B. Varney
Elected by acclamation	

Youth Camp Coordinator . . . . . Rev. Galan Dunbar (Declined)  
 Rev. Raymond Riggs elected by acclamation  
 Assistant Youth Coordinator . . . . . Rev. Leroy Welch (Declined)  
 . . . . . Rev. Ed Vincent (Declined)  
 Rev. Galan Dunbar elected by acclamation  
 Director of Christian Education . . . . .  
 Motion made and seconded that this position be dissolved and the  
 Executive Committee would perform these duties. Motion sustained.  
 Teenspiration Director . . . . . Rev. Leroy Welch (Declined)  
 . . . . . Rev. Ed Vincent (Declined)  
 Rev. Herman McFaddin elected by acclamation  
 Assistant Director . . . . . John Ushery  
 Elected by acclamation  
 Secretary & Treasurer . . . . . Sister Lacrechia McFaddin  
 Elected by acclamation

The following lay delegates were elected to represent the Michigan State Association at the National Association at Macon, Georgia in July of this year.

Nancy Trimble . . . . . Wolverine Association  
 Stella Mullins . . . . . New Hope Association  
 Marilyn Jacobs . . . . . Huron Valley Association  
 Raymond Bell . . . . . Liberty Association  
 James S. Shook . . . . . Metropolitan Association

New Business:

Motion was made and seconded that we adopt the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) per month for the expense of the Michigan State paper. Motion sustained.

Motion was made and seconded that we set aside time in our annual conference for competition activities for our C.T.S., such as sword drill, bible tit tat toe, etc. Motion sustained.

A motion was made and seconded that the Clerk notify our Executive Office at National Headquarters that Michigan has a standing invitation for the National Association to come to our State at the first opportune time. Motion sustained.

Motion made and seconded that we have our minutes printed in book form. Five hundred (500) will be printed. Motion sustained.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn from business. Motion sustained.

Benediction: Rev. Jimmy Taulbert



## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

### TELEVISION

WHEREAS, television is the most effective means of communication today combining the eyes and ears for a double impression, and

WHEREAS, the television networks are using this media to show restricted movies and programs that appeal to the base and prurient nature of mankind and propose to show X-rated movies, and

WHEREAS, murder, rape, stealing, lying, and other such acts of crime are becoming common-place in regularly aired programs during prime time when children are watching, and

WHEREAS, the Bible describes all such acts of crime, lewdness, filth, and barbarous behaviour as evil and wicked deeds against the God of heaven.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as appealing to the three (3) major networks (NBC, CBS, and ABC) to cease showing such films and programs described above.

2. That we appeal to every member of every church of this association to send letters of protest to the three (3) major networks registering their complaints.

3. That parents be urged to keep a more thorough screening of programs viewed by their children thus protecting their minds from being bent and twisted by such evil influence.

4. That copies of this resolution be sent by the Clerk to the three (3) major networks informing them of our action.

### ABORTION

WHEREAS, we recognize that life is a gift from God and that we have a sacred obligation to protect a soul's right to live whether born or unborn, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled contrary to the laws of God placing abortion and/or the decision to terminate the life of an unborn child in the hands of a doctor and a woman, and

WHEREAS, very little is said of the root causes of the vast majority of such pregnancies resulting in an abortion which are immorality, promiscuous living defying God's laws of purity of life, and a constant erosion of the sanctity of marriage and the home which are basic units of society, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that frustration is common among Christian people as to what they should or can do about such conditions and rulings that exist.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as opposing abortion-on-demand.

2. That the Clerk of this Association send a letter to the Supreme Court of the United States urging them to reconsider their recent ruling in favor of abortion.

3. That we urge the pastors of our churches to keep informed and advise their members of groups and organizations who are working to get laws enacted opposing abortion (presuming such groups are legitimate and worthy of support) and also urge their members to give active support to such campaigns.

4. That we urge the members of our churches to write their representatives both in their state and Washington urging them to give support to legislation to repeal the present laws and rulings on abortion.

### PORNOGRAPHY

WHEREAS, the problem of smut, pornography, and obscenity is on the increase in America taking the form of "adult book stores", "peep shows", and radio programs that major on sex-oriented discussions, and

WHEREAS, such pornography, smut, and obscenity leave a trail of perverted minds obsessed and twisted leading to a drastic increase in immorality, rape, and related crimes, and

WHEREAS, The U. S. News and World Report says that this is an \$800 million business which takes that much money from legitimate businesses that seek to build a decent, law-abiding society, and

WHEREAS, the Bible gives clear and unmistakable warning against such literature and pictures that appeal to the base Adamic nature of man making him more depraved in the sight of God, and

WHEREAS, the Bible teaches that Christians are to use their influence and energy to stop the flow of such literature and obscenity which deteriorates any society.

#### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists voice its strong opposition to smut, pornography, and obscenity whether it be on television, radio, bookstores, or places of entertainment.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Clerk to the following persons and groups encouraging them to actively use their position, prestige, and influence to stop the production, sale, and display of such base and prurient materials or shows:

The President of the United States  
The Supreme Court of the United States

3. That every member of the Michigan Association be urged to actively become involved in opposing this illegitimate business.

4. That we encourage every family to subscribe to at least two Christian publications and to suggest that one of these be specifically for youth if there are children in the home.

5. That we, as Christians, voice our disapproval to super-markets, drug stores, and other businesses that display pornography.

Ordained Ministers belonging to the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist:

Huron Valley Association

Rev. Curtis Beculhimer	1212 Wendell, Ypsilanti, Michigan
Rev. William Pressley	734 Lemay Ave., Ypsilanti, Michigan
Rev. Dewey Fraley	722 E. Grand Blvd., Ypsilanti, Michigan
Rev. Clinton Jarvis	
Rev. Wayne Jacobs	9290 Rawsonville Rd., Willis, Michigan
Rev. Al Morrison	50333 Willis Rd., Belleville, Michigan
Rev. Redford Meadows	3226 Denton Road,

Liberty Association

Rev. Ray Adkins	11803 Klebba, Taylor, Michigan
Rev. Robert Arnold	9425 Lisa Dr., Romulus, Michigan
Rev. Hildred Beadles	45543 Cumberland, Utica, Michigan
Rev. Charles Bohanon	6358 Burton Ave., Romulus, Michigan
Rev. James Bostic	23757 Melville, Hazel Park, Michigan
Rev. Charles Cooper	654 S. Bywood, Clawson, Michigan
Rev. Oscar Cummings	23366 Hoover, Warren, Michigan
Rev. Delman Edwards	1131 East Meyers, Hazel Park, Michigan
Rev. Daryl Ellis	425 W. Robert, Hazel Park, Michigan
Rev. William T. Ford	20182 Coleman, Mt. Clemens, Michigan
Rev. Arthur Spears	14574 Mulberry, Southgate, Michigan
Rev. Lloyd Locklear	26191 Allen Road, Woodhaven, Michigan
Rev. Fred Norris	4456 East 11 Mile Road, Warren, Michigan
Rev. Weldon Perkola	3541 Denson, Sterling Heights, Michigan
Rev. Bencie Rasnake	27360 Townley, Madison Heights, Mich.
Rev. Wayne Rhodes	44701 Oleander, Sterling Heights, Mich.
Rev. A. L. Sheppard	2346 Springwells, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. Ralph Shetterly	27128 Barrington, Madison Heights, Mich.
Rev. James Carson Slagle	22836 Sharrow, Warren, Michigan
Rev. Jimmie Tolbert	47016 McBride, Belleville, Michigan
Rev. Charles Wilson	1331 East First Street, Monroe, Michigan
Rev. Claude Wright	375 West Evelyn, Hazel Park, Michigan
Rev. James Wright	23809 Carlisle, Hazel Park, Michigan
Rev. E. L. Kidd	Louisa, Kentucky
Rev. Max E. Davis	4151 Venoy Road, Wayne, Michigan
Rev. Paul Haynes	948 Emerson Street, Pontiac, Michigan

Metropolitan Association

Rev. Billy E. Brown	1870 Outer Lane Drive, Ypsilanti, Mich.
Rev. Wendell Ferguson	34423 Lynn Drive, Romulus, Michigan
Rev. J. B. Varney	25590 Wick Road, Taylor, Michigan
Rev. William Eversole	5878 Wilkie, Taylor, Michigan
Rev. Charles C. Eversole	6927 Gulley, Taylor, Michigan
Rev. Bobby Tomblin	9158 Fulton, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. Rufus Penix	Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Lincoln Varney	2004 Scotten Ave., Detroit, Michigan

New Hope Association

Rev. S. J. Bates	1589 Chandler, Lincoln Park, Michigan
Rev. William E. Chavis	1620 Richmond, Lincoln Park, Michigan
Rev. Samuel S. Clay	6031 Ashton, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. Dewey Cochran	578 S. Waterman, Detroit, Michigan

Rev. Lester Coffman	25063 Dartmouth, Dearborn Heights, Mich.
Rev. George D. Croley	2435 Ferris, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. William Ferguson	8744 Dennison, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. Murvin L. Haley	5919 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, Mich.
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Rev. George W. Moore	1080 Josephine, Lincoln Park, Michigan
Rev. Joseph W. Mullens	490 Belton, Garden City, Michigan
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Rev. Carl Redmond	Box 114, Route 1, Tollesboro, Kentucky
Rev. Ernest D. Ross	2237 Moore Road, Lincoln Park, Michigan
Rev. Bill Stanley	29879 Dawson, Garden City, Michigan
Rev. James C. Stewart	2144 McKinstry, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. William A. Tucker	1882 Seventh, Wyandotte, Michigan
Rev. Carbon Ward	1416 Maple, Wyandotte, Michigan
Rev. Calvin Welch	5650 Renville, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. Joseph Wukitch	11786 Pardee, Taylor, Michigan
Rev. Clarence Wynn	3355 — 13th Street, Wyandotte, Michigan
Rev. Velon Harmon	7648 Clippert, Taylor, Michigan

#### Wolverine Association

Rev. Raymond Riggs	3028 Elmhurst, Royal Oak, Michigan
Rev. Leroy Welch	2300 N. Wilson, Royal Oak, Michigan
Rev. Eugene Glisson	455 Mayfield Road, Benton Harbor, Mich.
Rev. J. E. Daniels	7604 Robinson, Allen Park, Michigan
Rev. Ed Hargis	12700 Pardee, Taylor, Michigan
Rev. James C. Powell	3730 Whittier Street, Flint, Michigan
Rev. Galen F. Dunbar	931 E. Woodruff, Hazel Park, Michigan
Rev. Eddie L. Vincent	2370 Mapledale, Ferndale, Michigan
Rev. Leslie W. Rowe	1612 E. Madge, Hazel Park, Michigan
Rev. Daniel Cronk	1015 Thompson Place, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. William Hill	Box 447, TUMS, Upland, Indiana
Rev. Larry Cusick	Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Oscoda, Mich.
Rev. Neil Harting	Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Rev. Robert Trimble	10911 Longview, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. Herman McFaddin	1760 Baldwin, Pontiac, Michigan
Rev. Ray J. Wilson	53 E. Pleasant, River Rouge, Michigan
Rev. Ed Woolum	2522 Lawndale, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. Leo A. Worley	4184 Brouseville, Lincoln Park, Michigan
Rev. Kenneth Jones	4020 Grace Street, Wayne, Michigan
Rev. Jack Stephenson	4839 Mildred S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Rev. John Vick	3024 Leigh Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Moderators and Clerks of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptist:

#### Huron Valley Association

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Metropolitan Association

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Detroit, Michigan 48209

Clerk ..... Lucille Scott  
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Wolverine Association

Moderator ..... Rev. Johnny Vick  
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Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

Clerk ..... Rev. Galen F. Dunbar  
931 E. Woodruff  
Hazel Park, Michigan 48030



## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace of love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit", in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion to educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD. We believe in one true and living, Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine Essence, purpose, Power and Glory. — St. John 1:1, 1 Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. Was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's tomb, rose from the dead the third day, completed the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home. — Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-47.



3. **HOLY SPIRIT.** We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the SON back to the Father, and HIS coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people, as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide. — Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20; Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28.

4. **THE BIBLE.** We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, was given by inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. — 2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. **THE FALL OF MAN.** We believe that God created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed; with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of GOD, fell, with their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming of CHRIST. — Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Gen. 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:6; Eph. 2:3.

6. **REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION.** We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above. — Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 15:22.

7. **CONDITIONS OF SALVATION.** We believe that all persons, dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act on their part that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part, exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. — John 3rd chapter; Matt. 19:13-22; 1 Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. **SALVATION FREE.** We believe that God desires the salvation of all Christ died for all; and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel. — Peter 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Revelation 22:17.

9. **BAPTISM.** We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of the elders are qualified to administer the same. — Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5-6; 1 Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

**10. COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING.** We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat".

The washing of the feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the Supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming. — Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-17; Matt. 26:26-29.

**11. THE SABBATH.** We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted. — Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

**12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY.** We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impress His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise the native gifts according to the scriptures, with a full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose. — Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

**13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH.** We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all the Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. — Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; 1 Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

**14. THE VISIBLE CHURCH.** We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel. — 2 Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:15; 3 John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-20.

**15. PERSEVERANCE.** We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace and in the knowledge of the truth, and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life, and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. — 2 Pet. 1:12; 2 Cor. 9:10; 2 Pet. 1:4-8; 2 Pet. 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy; 2 Pet. 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

**16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.** We believe that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. — Col. 1:1-9; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

**17. SANCTIFICATION.** Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. — 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thess. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; 2 Tim. 2:20-21.

**18. THE RESURRECTION.** We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. — Matt. 28:6; John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:51-58.

**19. THE SOUL.** The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed. — Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

**20. JUDGMENT.** We believe that there will be a general universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness. — 2 Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

## **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.

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 brethren, or sisters.

8. No members 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 as often as the association thinks is necessary.

10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the moderator.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT, RECEIPTS, AND DISBURSEMENTS  
OF THE  
MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Michigan State Association

Balance in Bank June 1972 .....\$1,133.66

Deposits

6-23-72	..... Love offering received for Children's Home	..... \$	67.00
	Received from churches with letters (1972)	..... \$	390.50
9-1-72	..... Received from Huron Valley Association	..... \$	73.00
11-24-72	..... Received Dickson's of Livonia (S. S. Literature)	..... \$	436.13
5-25-73	..... Received Dickson's of Livonia (S. S. Literature)	..... \$	238.07
	Total Deposits	..... \$	2,338.36

Withdrawals

6-19-72	..... State Fee To National Association (1972)	..... \$	50.00
6-21-72	..... Rev. J. B. Varney (Board Member) State of Michigan	..... \$	25.00
6-21-72	..... Free Will Baptist Children's Home (Love Offering)	..... \$	67.00
11-3-72	..... Central FWB Church (Postage for Letters to Ministers)	..... \$	8.80
1-6-73	..... Rev. Lincoln Varney (Moderator & Promotional Meeting)	..... \$	100.00
	Rev. J. B. Varney & Rev. W. Jacobs		
5-7-73	..... Rev. Lincoln Varney (Balance on expense in Nashville)	..... \$	15.00
6-7-73	..... Central FWB Church (Postage for letters sent to Ministers)	..... \$	40.00
6-7-73	..... Rev. Johnny Vick (Traveling expense to State Meetings)	..... \$	26.00
	Total Withdrawals	..... \$	331.80
	Total Deposits	..... \$	2,338.36
	Total Withdrawals	..... \$	331.80
	Balance in bank	..... \$	2,006.56

Great Lakes Youth Camp

Balance in Bank 1972 .....\$ 907.46

Deposits

6-23-72	..... Received with Church Letters (1972)	..... \$	200.00
9-1-72	..... Received Rev. Lincoln Varney (Youth Camp)	..... \$	2,735.00
	Received Rev. Leroy Welch (Youth Camp)	..... \$	1,970.92
	Received Metropolitan Association	..... \$	100.00
9-13-72	..... Received New Hope Association	..... \$	100.00
	Total Deposits	..... \$	6,013.38

### Withdrawals

7-31-72. . . . .	Great Scott's Food Market (Supplies for Youth Camp) . . . . .	\$ 634.91
8-18-72. . . . .	Church Training Service (Supplies for Youth Camp) . . . . .	\$ 185.00
9-21-72. . . . .	Fiddler's Food Inc. (Supplies for Youth Camp) . . . . .	\$ 80.81
10-4-72. . . . .	Church of God (Michigan) Youth Camp Facilities . . . . .	\$3,022.76
10-4-72. . . . .	Mutual Security Life Insurance (Ins. for Children) . . . . .	\$ 207.00
1-2-73 . . . . .	Hoffman Oakland Packing Inc. (Supplies for Youth Camp) . . . . .	\$ 288.12
1-2-73 . . . . .	Church of God (Michigan) Deposit on Camp for 1973 . . . . .	\$ 500.00
2-2-73 . . . . .	Hamburg Dairy (Dairy Products for Youth Camp) . . . . .	\$ 182.52
5-21-73. . . . .	Firesiar Press Inc. (Book for Camp Nurses) . . . . .	\$ 4.15
6-7-73. . . . .	Central FWB Church (Postage for Camp Applications) . . . . .	\$ 13.20
	Total Withdrawals . . . . .	\$5,118.47
	Total Deposits . . . . .	\$6,013.38
	Total Withdrawals . . . . .	\$5,118.47
	Balance in bank . . . . .	\$ 894.91

### Great Lakes Bible Institute

#### Deposits

10-27-72. . . . .	Literature sold and enrollment fee . . . . .	\$ 206.00
11-10-72 . . . . .	Literature sold and enrollment fee . . . . .	\$ 38.60
11-24-72. . . . .	Literature sold . . . . .	\$ 165.70
1-26-73. . . . .	Literature sold . . . . .	\$ 112.02
2-23-73 . . . . .	Literature sold and enrollment fee . . . . .	\$1,479.60
3-16-73. . . . .	Literature sold and enrollment fee . . . . .	\$ 284.05
4-20-73 . . . . .	Literature sold . . . . .	\$ 282.39
5-25-73. . . . .	Literature sold . . . . .	\$ 174.63
	Total Deposits . . . . .	\$2,742.99

#### Withdrawals

11-24-72. . . . .	Dickson's of Livonia (Literature for school) . . . . .	\$ 234.49
1-2-73. . . . .	Grand Bible and Book Store (Literature for school) . . . . .	\$ 42.00
1-9-73. . . . .	Dickson's of Livonia (Literature for school) . . . . .	\$ 226.77
2-15-73. . . . .	Dickson's of Livonia (Literature for school) . . . . .	\$ 226.25
3-10-73. . . . .	Dickson's of Livonia (Literature for school) . . . . .	\$ 810.51
3-31-73. . . . .	Grand Bible and Book Store (Literature for school) . . . . .	\$ 60.00
3-31-73. . . . .	Grand Bible and Book Store (Literature for school) . . . . .	\$ 32.76
5-3-73. . . . .	Grand Bible and Book Store (Literature for school) . . . . .	\$ 86.24
5-14-73. . . . .	Rev. Raymond Riggs (Services Rendered) . . . . .	\$ 120.00
5-14-73. . . . .	Rev. Galand Dunbar (Services Rendered) . . . . .	\$ 120.00
5-17-73. . . . .	Shiloh FWB Church (Use of Facilities) . . . . .	\$ 120.00
6-11-73. . . . .	Dickson's of Livonia (Literature for school) . . . . .	\$ 51.12
	Total Withdrawals . . . . .	\$2,130.14



State Association . . . . .	Balance in Bank June 12, 1973 . . . . .	\$2,006.56
G. L. Youth Camp . . . . .	Balance in Bank June 12, 1973 . . . . .	\$ 894.91
G. L. Bible Institute . . . . .	Balance in Bank June 12, 1973 . . . . .	<u>\$ 612.85</u>
Total Balance in Bank (3 accounts) June 12, 1973. . . . .		\$3,514.32

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Michigan State Association  
of Free Will Baptist  
(1972-1973)