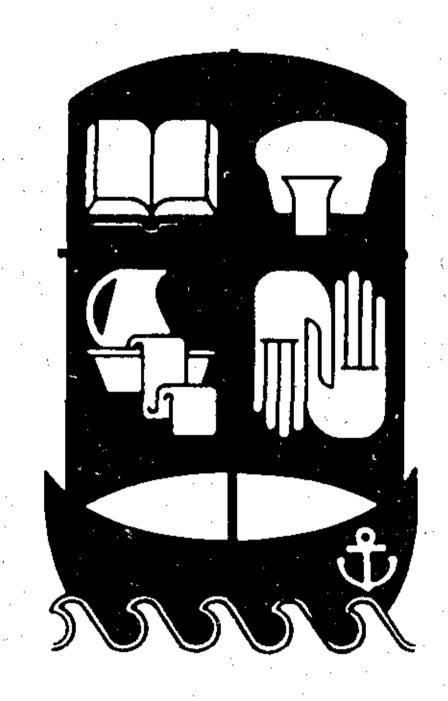
Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists



Thirty-Ninth Annual Conference May 18-19, 1995

Convening with the
Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church
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MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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STATE OFFICERS 1995 - 1996

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Clerk Rev. Milton Worthington	810-547-7755			
Assistant Clerk Rev. Tom McCullough	810-547-7755			
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General Board Member/State Promotional Secretary Rev. Gene Norris	810-286-7524			

STANDING BOARDS

Mission Board

Rudolph Shankle Ronald Helms Eugene Richards David McGowan J. D. Tolbert

Youth Board

Joseph Jones
Michael Trimble
Curtis Lilly
Rick Locklear
Walter Frantz

Christian Education Board

George Johnson
William Hughes
Calvin Brown
William Eversole
Louis Tolbert

Master's Men Board

Ike Livingston
Rudy Taylor
John Zubor
Ken Albin
Roger Butcher

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, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all 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 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 Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake 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.

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 on earth as it is in heaven.

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

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

The object of this organization shall be to unify and strengthen the work of Free Will Baptists of Michigan, composing the State Association and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God among member associations.

Article I

Name

This organization shall be known as the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II

Membership and Representation

- Section 1. The membership of this association shall consist of all subordinate associations that from time to time shall become members of this body.
- Section 2. Each subordinate association holding membership in the State Association shall be entitled to the equivalent of one delegate per 100 members or fraction thereof from each church, to be elected from the laity. The standing delegation shall consist of all active ordained ministers and their wives, deacons and their wives, the elected officers of each subordinate association and the elected officers and board members of the Michigan State Association.

Article III

Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this State Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, each of which shall be elected at the close of each annual session.
- Section 2. This association shall have as many boards as it deems necessary to promote its work.
- Section 3. Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

Article IV

General Board

- Section 1. The General Board shall consist of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, chairman of the standing boards and the moderator of each district association.
- Section 2. The General Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the State Association from one regular session to another, and shall also have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertaking of the State Association.
- Section 3. The General Board may hire a Promotional Secretary to help carry out the business and promotional activities. The promotional secretary is directly accountable to the General Board.

Article V

Other Boards

Section 1. The following standing boards shall function in designated areas of the work, subject to the approval of the State Association: Mission Board, Christian Education Board, Youth Board and Master's Men Board.

- Section 2. Each of the above named boards shall be composed of five members. These shall be rotating boards with terms of three years expiring on the basis of two the first year, two the second year and one the third year. No board member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.
- Section 3. No officer of the association shall serve on any board of the association (except the General Board). No member shall serve on more than one board. The chairman of each standing board shall automatically be a member of the General Board.
- Section 4. Each board shall organize after the final adjournment of the annual meeting to elect a chairman and any other officers needed. A majority of each board shall constitute a quorum. Members may represent by proxy.
- Section 5. Each board shall make a written report, including financial data to each session of the General Board.
- Section 6. The Promotional Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of each board. He and the boards shall work cooperatively.
- Section 7. The Youth Board shall give general oversight to youth camp, church training service and other activities.
- Section 8. The Christian Education Board shall promote the cause of Sunday Schools, set up activities and programs whereby ministers and lay people may continue their christian education and give guidance to Free Will Baptist young people in matters of education.
- Section 9. The Mission Board shall provide general oversight to the mission work which includes a program of establishing new churches, and maintaining existing churches at home and abroad.
- Section 10. The Master's Men Board shall seek to get churches to establish Master's Men chapters as well as cooperate with the National Master's Men Board.

Article VI

Meetings

The meetings of this State Association shall be held annually beginning on Friday evening before the third Saturday in May.

Acticle VII

Discipline

To maintain sound doctrine and proper conduct, this association shall have the right to act on any question that may properly come before it. These actions shall be handled according to the Word of God and the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article VIII

Financing

- 1. Each subordinate association represented in this body shall send no less than the sum of \$25.00 annually.
- 2. Each church shall send \$10.00 annually to the State Association through each subordinate association.

Article IX

Amendments

This constitution may be amended or altered at the regular session of this State Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to this body one day in advance.

BY-LAWS

Membership

Section L Any subordinate association desiring to become a member of this State Association shall do so by presenting duly elected delegates and a petitionary letter certifying to their appointment to this association at any session and upon examination by this association, the subordinate association, if found orthodox, shall be admitted. This petitionary letter shall include the names and addresses of all ordained ministers and deacons and the officers of the subordinate association.

Standing Boards

Section 1. The General Board shall have the power to fill irregular vacancies that may occur in its own body, and shall have power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of the work between sessions of this State Association. It shall be the duty of this board to make written reports of all its work to each session of this association.

Section 2. The General Board shall organize at its own discretion for the promotion of its work. It is understood that any executive committee consisting of seven members shall be elected by the General Board from among its membership, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said General Board is not in session.

Section 3. The duties of various standing boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of this State Association. It shall be the duty of each standing board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of this association.

Discipline

Section 1. This State Association shall have the right to settle any

questions of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any other bodies composing said organization of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists, or act on any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to the State Association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, and its decision shall be final. Such appeals are to come before the State Association after having been appealed from the lower to next higher body.

- Section 2. All appeals coming before this association may be settled in either of the following ways:
 - 1. By this association when sitting in a committee as a whole.
 - 2. By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. All meetings of this organization shall be governed by parliamentary law as set forth in Roberts's Rules of Order (Revised).

Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of this association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendments or alterations be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

RULES OF DECORUM

- 1. The State 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 reflection 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 it necessary.
- 10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
- 2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
- 3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.
- 4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

- 5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
- 6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.
- 7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.
 - 8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are:
- 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.

 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.
- 9. *Election*. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
- 10. Freedom of Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
- 11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
- 12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.
- 13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under

the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

- 14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2a).
- 15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.
- 16. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MINUTES

The Thirty-Ninth annual session of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists convening with the Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church, Woodhaven, Michigan on May 18-19, 1995.

Thursday, May 18, 1995 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Banquet

The fellowship banquet was held in the Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Fellowship Hall. Rev. Loyd Locklear, the host pastor, gave a word of welcome and then the congregation was led in singing the hymn, "Amazing Grace". In the absence of the State Clerk, Rev. Milton Worthington, who was delayed in arriving, Rev. Loyd Locklear called the meeting to order and introduced the moderator, Rev. Gene Norris. Brother Norris gave a stirring challenge from 1 Corinthians 3:11 and Hebrews 6:1 and then closed in prayer.

A motion was moved, seconded and carried for partial seating of the delegates.

Appointment of Committees

Business/

Bill Ferguson, Chairman

Budget

Each Association Treasurer

Registration/

Statistical

Mrs. Nettie Shankle, Chairwoman

Mrs. Van Tolbert

Mrs. Doretta Tolbert

Obituary

Joseph Ashley, Chairman

Joseph Wilson Gene Castle Eugene Glisson Nominating

Charles Cooper, Chairman

William Hughes
Ronald Helms
William Eversole

Mark Tackett
Ollie Lafferty

A motion was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn from the business session.

Special music was provided by a quartet consisting of Charles Cooper, George Johnson, Rick Locklear and Loyd Locklear from the Liberty Association. Selections included: "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" and "Hide Me O Blessed Rock of Ages".

The moderator introduced the speaker for the evening, Rev. Rick Locklear, Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church.

Title:

"Lessons from Three Kings"

Text:

Daniel 1:1-2

Treatment:

- I. Jehoiakim: The Reason for Chastisement (Daniel 1:1)
 - A. The sins he represented
 - 1. Ignored the Word of God
 - 2. Inattention to the Word of God
 - 3. Indifference to the Word of God
 - B. The servants he rejected
- II. Nebuchadnezzar: The Rod of Chastisement (vs. 1)
 The Desecration of Vessels
 The Deportation of Vassals
- III. Jehovah: The Regent of Chastisement (vs. 2)
 - A. Jehovah the Redeemer
 - B. Jehovah the Ruler
 - 1. Filling of the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)
 - 2. The Loving of the Saints (Jn 13)
 - 3. The Witnessing to Sinners (Matt. 28:19-20)

Prayer was offered by Brother Rick Locklear. Hymn of Response, "Wherever He leads I'll Go". A closing prayer around the altar was offered by Brother Danny Slater.

Recess until Friday, May 19, 1995, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 19, 1995 9:00 a.m.

The Association reconvened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Brother Rick Locklear. The moderator, Rev. Gene Norris, introduced the speaker, Brother Eugene Richards, Garden City Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Richards gave a challenging devotion from Psalms 133.

Title: "Unity"

Text: Psalms 133

Treatment: I. The Description of Unity (vs. 1-3a)

II. The Dynamics of Unity (vs. 3b)

III. The Dividends of Unity (vs. 3c)

The moderator, Rev. Gene Norris, recognized the new Free Will Baptist pastors in the State of Michigan: Rev. Eddie Vincent, Community Free Will Baptist Church, Westland; Rev. David McGowan, First Free Will Baptist, Pontiac and Rev. Joseph Jones, West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church.

A motion was moved, seconded and carried to seat the remaining delegates.

The moderator gave word concerning the death of Brother and Sister Smith due to the recent Tornado in Nashville, TN. They are inlaws of Rev. Jerry Lambert, pastor of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. Prayer was offered.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The State Clerk, Rev. Milton Worthington, gave the General Board report. Minutes were read and a motion was moved, seconded and carried to receive this report as information.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

The State Treasurer, Bill Ferguson, presented the financial reports. A motion was moved, seconded and carried to receive the Quarterly Financial Report, February 1 thru April 30, 1995. (not listed)

A motion was moved, seconded and carried to receive the Annual Financial Report, May 1, 1994 thru April 30, 1995. (as listed)

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, MAY 1, 1994 thru April 30, 1995
Account Balances
Bedford Program
Michigan Missions
General Fund
Youth Fund
Christian Education Fund
Master's Men
Minister's Retreat Fund
<u>Checking Account</u> \$37,338.40
Savings Account (Youth Camp) \$200.93
Bedford Fund (Certificate of Deposit) \$25,000.00
Detroit "2001" Fund (Certificate of Deposit)* \$10,000.00
*Formerly General Fund, changed per General Board 11/17/94
Michigan State Association Receipts (12 month period)
Fellowship 5,970.39
Liberty
Metropolitan
New Hope
West Michigan 2,386.60
Wolverine
Distributed to Accounts as Apportioned at 100% of \$23,796.61
Bedford Program
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Michigan Missions
General Fund
Youth Fund
Christian Education Board 3% 713.91
Master's Men 3%
Pedford Drogram Frank Delegas forward 5/1/04
Bedford Program Fund, Balance forward, 5/1/94 \$14,070.39 Income
Apportioned State Receipts 8,090.84
Associations:
Fellowship
New Hope 45.00
West Michigan

Balance after Recepts	\$24,206.23
Expenditures	
Certificate of Deposit	
(Increase to \$25,000) 14,349.61	
Conditional Usage Fee 259.60	
Property Mowing 240.00	
Research & Development 234.00	\$15,083.21
Balance 4/30/95	\$ 9,123.02
Michigan Missions, Balance forward 5/1/94	\$ 7,700.30
Income	,
Apportioned State Receipts 5,949.15	
West Michigan Assoc 200.00	
Wolverine Assoc	7,838.02
Balance after receipts	
Expenditures None	
Balance 4/30/95	\$15,538.32
General Fund, Balance forward 5/1/94	\$ 9,545.77
Income	
Apportioned State Receipts 4,759.30	
Banking Interest	
Conference Offering 220.60	
Returned Check Fee	
Fellowship Assoc	
Wolverine Assoc	
Balance After Receipts	\$15,937.47
Expenditures	
<u>Honorariums</u>	
Moderator	
Clerk	
Treasurer	
Promotional Sec	1 050 00
Conf.Speakers (3) 150.00 1,950.00 Office Needs	1,950.00
Annual Minutes 544.00	
Mailing	•
Financial Forms	
Financial Reports	
Mailing	

SPECIAL

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Paper
Postage
Printing Reports
Programs
Mailing
Supplies
<u>Promotional</u>
General Board Meals 298.64
"" Mileage
Leadership Conference
National Conference
Ordination Certificates 25.75
Postage
Supplies
Other Expenses
Annual Church Registration 470.00
Cert. of Deposit (to \$10,000) 3,609.75
Check Fee Returned
Corporation Fee
Refund of Undesignated funds
Fellowship Assoc 559.45
Wolverine Assoc 91.00 650.45 4,745.20
Total Expenditures
Balance 4/30/95
Youth Fund, Balance forward 5/1/94 \$ 3,290.96
Income
Apportioned State Receipts 3,569.50
Campers Fees
Canteen Proceeds
Balance After Receipts
Expenditures
Youth Camp
Honorariums
Evangelists (2) 600.00
Nurses (2)
Canteen
Facilities/Food 8,465.00
Insurance
Storage
Savings Account
1995 Deposit

CTS National Conference, expense 200.00
Youth Workers Breakfast
Balance 4/40/95
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Christian Education Fund, Balance forward 5/1/94 \$ 701.88
Income Apportioned State Receipts
Balance After Receipts
Expenditures None
Balance 4/30/95
Dulance 4/50/55
Master's Men Fund, Balance forward 5/1/94 \$ 583.88
Income Apportioned State Receipts 713.91
Fellowship Assoc
Wolverine Assoc
Balance after Receipts
Antioch, "Computer Project"
Dalance 4/30/33
Minister's Retreat Fund, Balance forward 5/1/94 \$ 583.88
Income
Retreat Fees
Balance After Receipts
Expenditures
Honorariums
Guest Speaker/Travel 516.00
Speaker 50.00
Kitchen Workers (4) 300.00 866.00
Facilities (rent) 1,271.00
Food
Kitchen Expense 125.00
Misc. Expense
1996 Rental Deposit
Balance 4/30/95
Youth Camp, Savings Account, Balance forward 5/1/94 \$ 123.87
Income
Deposit
Interest
Balance after Receipts
Expenditures Banking fees
Balance 5/30/95
Dalance 3/30/33 \$ 200.93

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The breakdown of total funds received and distributed, 5/1/94 thru 1/31/95 are not listed.

STATE ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Mission Board

Rev. Ron Helms, Chairman, presented the Mission Board report. The mission board met on at least six occasions this past year, not including the minister's luncheon. It was reported that they actually attained five of their seven outlined goals for this past year and they are pressing towards the other two.

Thankfulness to God was expressed for the following missionaries from Michigan. Walter and Marcia Ellison, Uruguay; Tom & Patty McCullough, France; Mark & Kathy Paschall, Ivory Coast; Stephen & Becky Riggs, France; Anita Sparks, Spain; Debbie Glick, OMF, Taiwan; Margaret Lloyd, Madison, Wisconsin. Missionaries to Canada, William and Lois Reagan. A motion carried to receive this report as information.

Brother Reagan gave an update on the church in Canada and gave praise to God for answered prayer in regards to Mrs. Reagan's health and shared a prayer request for his upcoming eye surgery.

Youth Board

Rev. Mike Trimble presented a verbal report from the Michigan State Youth Board and apologized for not having a written report because the previous director left no records. Youth Camp will be at the Center Lake Bible Camp, Tustin, MI, August 14-18, 1995, Cost \$100. C.T.S. competition will be held at the Woodhaven FWB Church on May 20, 1995 at 9 a.m. A motion carried to receive this report as information.

Master's Men

Bro. Elmer Ferrell presented the Master's Men report. Life members, 80; Life Commitments, 50; Life Friends, 6; Total active membership, 130; Active Chapters, 12; Organizaing Chapters, 3. Activities sponsored by the Michigan State Free Will Baptist Master's Men: 1) The National Conference held in Conway, Arkansas, April 20-22. 2) An organized drive in April to purchase new computers for the National Office, \$2000 was raised.

- 3) In May the state organized into four districts, each to meet quarterly. The state will meet annually.
- 4) The annual "Old Fashioned Family Picnic" on August 26 to be held on the Bedford Cove property. 5) The state retreat at Eastern Michigan Nazarene District Center located near Howell on October 5-7. A motion carried to receive this report as information.

Christian Education Board

Rev. George Johnson presented the Christian Education Board report. The Christian Education Board is for the purpose of promoting programs that lend themselves to sound Christian education within our Free Will Baptist churches. There are several programs available for this purpose: Christian Videos, including videos on church doctrine, church growth and family life. Information is also available through National Home Missions for starting a Bible institute. There has been discussion on having a state wide Evangelism Conference and a state wide effort to get involved with the fall enlargement campaign offered by the Sunday School Department of Free Will Baptists. A motion carried to receive this report as information.

Woman's Auxiliary

Sister Lucille Steward presented the State Women's Auxiliary report. The State Auxiliary now has 260 members and is growing. Trena Owens, missionary to Uruguay, was the speaker at the State meeting. The Women's State Retreat will be September 29-30 at the Valley Plaza Inn in Midland. State funds received will be placed in a special account to help defray the cost of the WNAC Convention when it comes to Detroit in 2001. Other auxiliary projects: food was supplied to help feed over 500 people at Thanksgiving and Christmas, 140 homeless and needy children received a complete Christmas, over 1000 books and magazines were sent to the Veteran's Hospital, over \$8,000 in medical supplies for our hospital in the Ivory Coast, over \$7,000 in medical supplies to World Medical Relief, over 1200 pairs of glasses were given to World Medical Relief, \$1000 in supplies were sent to Cuba in the spring. The Missionary Provision Closet Shower was \$18,400. Our women are working on baby blankets for our hospital in Africa. A motion carried to receive this report as information.

General Board Member/Promotional Secretary

Rev. Charles Cooper, General Board Member, Promotional Secretary, presented the General Board Report. Bro. Cooper expressed the privilege it has been for him to serve his Lord and denomination for 14 years as General Board Member from Michigan to the National Association of Free Will Baptists, but he now feels it is time for him to step aside for others to serve. He also expressed the honor he has had to serve on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and as the Michigan Promotional Secretary. A motion carried to receive this report as information.

A motion was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn from the business session.

Brother Rick Locklear led the congregation in singing, "How Beautiful Heaven must be." An offering was taken.

Special music was offered by a quartet consisting of Charles Cooper, George Johnson, Loyd Locklear and Rick Locklear from the Liberty Association. Selections included: "We'll Soon Be Done With Troubles and Trials" and "The Prodical Son".

The moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Ronald Helms, pastor of the Southgate Free Will Baptist Church.

Title: "Who is the Pastor?"

Text: 1 Cor. 4:1-21

Treatment:

- Intro: 1. The Purpose of God's choice for the Pastor 1:11, 27-29 For God to be glorified
 - 2. The Power of God's choice for the Pastor, 2:1-4
 - The Plan of God's choice for the Pastor 3:7 We water and God gives the increase
- I. The Pastor is a Servant of the Father 4:la (6:20)
- II. The Pastor is a Steward of the Church 4:1b-2
- III. The Pastor is a Shephard of the Sheep 4:14-15, 16-21

Thought: "The Pastor should be under the Lord, in front of the crowd, alongside the sheep."

Recessed for lunch. Blessing on the food was offered by Brother Loyd Locklear.

Friday, May 19, 1995 1:15 p.m.

The State Association reconvened with the congregation singing "What A Day That Will Be" led by Rev. George Johnson. Bro. Johnson then led in prayer.

NATIONAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Executive Office * Rev. Milton Worthington
Sunday School & CTS Rev. Jimmy Aldridge
FWB Bible College Rev. Roy Harris
FWB Foreign Missions
FWB Home Missions
Board of Retirement & Insurance
Free Will Baptist Foundation Rev. William Evans
National Master's Men
* The Digest of Reports were referred to in the absence of
Dr. Melvin Worthington.
A motion was moved, seconded and carried to receive each report as
information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee

Bro. Bill Ferguson, Treasurer, presented the 1995-1996 Budget Committee Report. A motion was moved, seconded and carried to receive the report and adopt item by item.

Bedford	20%
State Missions	24%
General Fund	20%
Youth Fund	15%
Christian Education	3%
Master's Men	3%
Detroit 2001	15%
Total	.00%

Honorariums

Moderator		 • •	 	\$200.00
Clerk		 • •	 	\$200.00
Treasurer		 	 	*\$900.00
Pro. Sec.		 •	 	\$200.00
Conf Speakers (3) \$	550 ea	 	 	\$150.00
• • • • • • • • •		 •		\$1,650.00

^{*}Eligible for annual bonus after 2nd fiscal quarter (11/1/95) determined by the General Board.

Item #1. Bedford Program, a reduction from 34% to 20% The Bedford community will not grant us a permit or license to build on this property. The priority to raise funds for this project has lessened, yet it should remain a large share of the budget. (Banking interest from these funds could help support the F.W.B. Camping Program over the entire State.) A motion was moved, seconded and carried to adopt Item #1.

Item #2. Michigan Missions, a slight reduction from 25% to 24%. Michigan Missions would become the largest recipient of the budget. A motion was moved, seconded and carried to adopt Item #2.

Item #3. Detroit 2001, a new listing to 15%. The Free Will Baptist National Convention comes to Detroit in 2001. We will need to set aside \$30,000.00 over the next several years for expenses in hosting this convention. Of course, we can adjust the 15% figure as we near our goal. A motion was moved, seconded and carried to adopt Item #3.

Business Committee

Bro. Bill Ferguson, Chairman, presented the Business Committee report. A motion was made, moved and seconded to receive the report and adopt it item by item.

Item #1. That the Executive Board includes the State Moderator and a moderator from each association. That there be no executive committee but that the General Board serve as such according to Article IV, General Board, Section 1. A motion was moved, seconded and carried to adopt Item #1.

Item #2. Died for lack of a second.

Item #3. That the Annual Conference of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists be held on Friday evening and Saturday (3rd week-end in May). A motion was moved, seconded and carried to table Item #3 until the next session.

Item #4. That a standing vote of appreciation and thanksgiving be given to the Liberty Association and Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the Thirty-Nineth Annual Conference of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists.

REGISTRATION/STATISTICAL REPORT A motion was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Registration/Statistical report. Registration licensed ministers Deacons Delegates **Statistical** No. of licensed ministers 7 Value of all church property \$13,413,500.00

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

A motion was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Obituary Report and file as information.

Fellowship Association

Kirby FWB, Taylor Elmer Roberts

Liberty Association

First FWB, Monroe Roberta Hopson

Metropolitan Association

Wayne FWB Bro. McFarland

New Hope Association

Bethel FWB Irene Range

Estelle Hearn

West Michigan Association

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Marie Wishon

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Annabel Schouster

Jacob Mosley

Edna Price

Stony Creek FWB Kevin Boggs
West Wayne FWB Emma Cottingham

First FWB, Toledo Hal Brady

The congregation then stood for a moment of silent prayer and meditation in memory of those who have gone on to their heavenly home before us. Prayer was offered.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEM

Rev. J. D. Tolbert, Pastor, First FWB of South Haven, gave the Bedford Cove Committee Report. A motion made, seconded and carried to receive this report as information.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A motion made, seconded and carried to receive the Nominating Committee report and act item by item. A motion carried to elect Rev. J.B. Varney as moderator. A motion made, seconded and carried that nominations cease and that we proceed to elect by vote of acclamation.

Moderator	J. B. Varney
Assist. Moderator	James Walker
Clerk	Milton Worthington
Assist. Clerk	Tom McCullough
Treasurer	Bill Ferguson
General Board Member	Gene Norris

STANDING BOARDS

Mission Board	
Rudolph Shankle	1996
Ronald Helms	1997
Eugene Richards	1997
David McGowan	1998
J. D. Tolbert	1998

Youth Board	
Joseph Jones	1996
Michael Trimble	1997
Curtis Lilly	1997
Rick Locklear	1998
Walter Frantz	1998

Christian Education Board	
George Johnson	1996
William Hughes	1997
Calvin Brown	1997
Bill Eversole	1998
Louis Tolbert	1998

Master's Men Board	
John Zubor	1996
Ken Albin	1997
Roger Butcher	1997

Ike Livingston1998Rudy Taylor1998

The following were elected as delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Charlotte, N.C., July 16-21, 1995.

Paul Bird Fellowship
Mary Johnson Liberty
Joe Ashley Wolverine
Paul Ostercamp Wolverine
James McGuire Fellowship
Elta Varney (Alternate) Fellowship

A motion made, seconded and carried that we express our sincere appreciation to Brother Gene Norris for his faithful years of service as moderator of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists.

A motion made, seconded and carried that we give special recognition to Brother Charles Cooper for his 14 years of faithful service as General Board Member.

SPECIAL ITEM

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we bring from the table Item #1 (pg 24, 1994 minutes) and Item #3 (pg 26, 1995 minutes) that the Annual Conference of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists be changed back to the Friday/Saturday format (3rd week-end in May) and that the motion to table be rescinded. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the motion.

The Metropolitan or New Hope Association will host the 1996 Annual Conference of the Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists on May 17-18, 1996.

A MOTION CARRIED to adjourn from business. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Ed Vincent

Rev. Milton Worthington State Clerk

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<u>Crank</u> , William (P)
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<u>Daniels</u> , James (O)
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West, Thomas (O)
Wilson, Jessie (O)
Wilson, Joseph F. (O)
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