

**THE
WOLVERINE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1949

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
8TH ANNUAL SESSION**

**When Convened With
THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF
HAZEL PARK, HAZEL PARK, MICH.**

MINUTES
Of the
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of the
WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
The First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park
Hazel Park, Michigan
On June 30; July 1, 2, 1949

OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. C. E. Riggs
Ass't. Moderator.....	Rev. Homer E. Willis
Clerk.....	Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan
Ass't. Clerk.....	Mrs. William T. Newsome
Treasurer.....	Rev. Raymond Riggs

The next Annual Session will convene with the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, 242 Victor Ave., Highland Park, Michigan, beginning on Thursday evening, June 29th, 30th, and July 1st, 1950.

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Evening Worship Service

Bro. Jack Montgomery opened the eighth annual session of the Wolverine Association by directing the congregational singing.

Rev. C. E. Riggs directed the devotional service.

Solo by Bro. Jack Montgomery.

Messenger of the evening, Rev. Mark Lewis. Scripture reading, Matt. 4:18-23. Text, Matt. 4:21. Subject, "Mending Nets." Bro. Lewis brought out the fact that the success of the church depends on the following points: 1. Mending Fellowship, 2. Mending Methods, 3. Mending of Attitudes, 4. Mend the Cord of Friendliness. 5. Mend their efforts. If any church is not winning souls, the church needs mending somewhere.

At the close of the message the Christians extended the right hand of fellowship. Prayer by Rev. Mark Lewis.

Announcements. Closing prayer by Bro. LaVan Pearce.

Friday Morning Session

Session opened at 9:30 with singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Rev. Homer Willis. Devotional conducted by Rev. Everett Hellard, using the 27th Psalm.

Letters received from the following churches: First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, First Free Will Baptist Church of Owensboro, Ky., Breckenridge Free Will Baptist Church, Rouge Free Will Baptist Church, West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church, Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church and the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church.

The Clerk called the roll of delegates. Delegates received the right hand of fellowship. Prayer of consecration lead by Rev. James F. Miller of Missouri, and closed by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Rules of Decorum read by the Moderator.

The Moderator extended a hearty welcome to Rev. Mark Lewis, as a member of this Association. A hearty welcome was also extended to Rev. James F. Miller, of Missouri, as a visitor to this conference. Bro. Miller brings greetings from Mrs. Miller, his home church and the Missouri Association.

The conference proceeds to elect officers. The Moderator declares nominations in order for Moderator. Nominees: Rev. C. E. Riggs and Rev. Edgil Howard. The Moderator declared nominations closed. Vote taken, Rev. C. E. Riggs elected.

Nominees for Ass't. Moderator: Rev. Edgil Howard and Rev. Homer E. Willis. Nominations declared closed. Rev. Homer E. Willis elected.

Nominee for Treasurer: Rev. Raymond Riggs. Motion made that nominations cease and proceed to elect. Motion properly sustained and carried.

The Moderator instructs the Finance Committee to audit the Treasurer's books.

Nominee for Clerk: Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan. Motion made that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation and that a vote of thanks be extended to the Clerk in an expression of appreciation for her faithfulness in the past. Motion properly sustained and carried.

Motion made to retain Sis. William Newsome as ass't. Clerk. Motion carried.

The terms of Rev. Edgil Howard and Bro. Elmer Caylor expire on the Standing Business Committee.

Motion made to retain Rev. Edgil Howard. Motion properly sustained and carried.

By virtue of the fact that Rev. Everett Hellard was the only nominee, the Moderator declared nominations closed and Rev. Hellard elected by acclamation.

Motion made that Bro. Preston Slocum be retained on the Standing Finance Committee. Motion properly sustained and carried.

Nominees to the Presbytery Board: Rev. Sherman Lilly, Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. Mark Lewis. The Moderator declared nominations closed. Vote taken. Rev. Sherman Lilly and Rev. Mark Lewis elected.

Motion made to retain Rev. C. E. Riggs and Rev. Homer E. Willis on the Home Mission Board. Motion carried.

Motion made, properly sustained and carried to retain Rev. Wm. T. Newsome and Rev. Raymond Riggs on the Board of Education.

Nominees to the Superannuation Board: Rev. Everett L. Hellard and Bro. John Roberts. Nominations declared closed. Rev. Hellard and Bro. Roberts elected by acclamation.

Friday Morning Worship Service

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Bro. John Roberts. Solo by Rev. Everett Hellard. Messenger—Rev. Mark Lewis, whose subject was "Ambassadors for Christ," II Cor. 5:20.

Bro. Lewis, in his message, called to our attention that Christians are the connecting link between our Christ and a lost and dying world. He also brought to our attention five ways in which ambassadors can keep peace in the world.

Closing prayer by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Friday Afternoon Session

Singing conducted by Rev. C. E. Riggs. Opening prayer by Sis. Ezra Walker. Devotional by Bro. Joe Wilson, using John 1:1-27 as the devotional thought.

Moderator declared nominations in order for an Associational reporter. Nominee—Rev. Homer Willis. Motion made that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Program committee retained by appointment.

The Moderator appoints the Obituary Committee as follows: Sis. Ezra Walker, Sis. Ava Hellard, and Sis. Violet Newsome.

Bro. Joe Wilson and Sis. Bessie Yoe appointed to serve temporarily on the Finance Committee.

Moderator declared nominations in order for a delegate to the National Association. Nominee—Sis. Homer Willis. By virtue of the fact that there was but one nominee, Sis. Willis was declared elected by acclamation.

Nominee as alternate, Gladys Sloan. Declared elected by acclamation.

Recommendation No. 1 (See recommendations) was presented by the Business Committee. Motion made to adopt said recommendation. Motion properly sustained and carried.

The Moderator appoints Temperance Committee as follows: Rev. Everett Hellard, Sis. Violet Newsome and Rev. Homer Willis.

As the Highland Park Church was the only church requesting the next annual conference, this request was granted.

Requests coming from the Philadelphia Church and the Owensboro Church for the next quarterly conference

were voted upon. The majority favoring the Philadelphia Church request.

Reports received from the various Boards.

Rev. James F. Miller, chairman of the National Home Missions Board, made a report on the National Home Missions Work.

Report No. 1 comes from Rev. H. E. Willis, secretary of the Teachers' Training Institute. (See reports).

Motion made to pay \$10.00 each to Rev. Raymond Riggs and Rev. Homer E. Willis to reimburse them for the expense of driving their cars for the transportation of the students to the West Wayne Church. Motion properly sustained and carried.

Recommendation No. 2—Motion to adopt recommendation, properly sustained and carried. (See recommendations).

Motion made that the time and place of the Sunday School and League Conventions be committed to the Business Committee and they thoroughly study the situation and report at next conference. Motion carried.

Moderator declared nominations in order for temporary chairman of the Sunday School convention. Nominees—Gladys Sloan, Rev. Everett Hellard and Rev. Homer Willis. Motion made that nominations cease and proceed to elect. Motion carried. Rev. Homer E. Willis elected.

Nominee for temporary chairman of League Convention—Rev. Everett Hellard. Motion made that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Recommendation No. 3. (See recommendations). Motion made to adopt recommendation. Motion carried.

Motion made that the Clerk be given authority to have 400 copies of the minutes of this session printed. Motion properly sustained and carried.

Motion made that greetings be sent by telegraph to Bro. and Sis. Dan Cronk. Motion carried.

Motion carried that the Presbytery prepare a form for Ministerial Reports and have ready for the 1950 reports. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn, properly sustained and carried. Closing prayer by Sis. Lottie Pearce.

Friday Evening Worship Service

Congregational singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Solo by Rev. Everett Hellard.

Rev. Homer Willis presents Teacher Certificates to the first graduates of the Teacher Training Course conducted by this Association.

The film, "China Challenge," was presented, and those present were made to realize in a greater way, the need of other lands. Three precious souls came to the altar for dedication. Closing prayer by Bro. Hicock.

Saturday Morning Session

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Bro. Claude Pinkston.

Rev. C. E. Riggs, conducting the devotional service, read the 46th Psalm as the Scriptural thought.

Moderator reads Rules of Decorum.

Ministerial reports read (See reports). Motion made that reports be received as information. Motion carried.

Financial Committee makes report. Motion made to accept the report and discharge the committee. Properly sustained and carried.

Treasurer's report made by Rev. Raymond Riggs (See reports). Motion made that the report be accepted as read and an expression of appreciation be extended to Rev. Raymond Riggs for the splendid work he has done as treasurer. Motion properly sustained and carried.

Rev. Homer E. Willis speaks on Sunday School Administration.

A request comes from the Business Committee concerning very badly needed gutters for the Owensboro Church. Motion made that this request be granted and that the Treasurer be authorized to make a check to the amount of \$250.00, the required amount for the gutters. Motion properly sustained and carried.

Report received from the Temperance Committee (See recommendations). Motion made that this report be adopted. Carried.

Motion made that each church clerk include an obituary report with their church letter. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn, carried. Closing prayer by Rev. Wm. T. Newsome.

Saturday Morning Worship Service

Congregational singing conducted by Rev. Wm. T. Newsome. Opening prayer by Bro. John Roberts.

Report of the Obituary Committee received (See reports).

Memorial tribute conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Messenger of the hour, Rev. James Miller. Scripture, Heb. 1:1-3.

Saturday Afternoon

Singing conducted by Bro. Joe Wilson. Opening prayer by Bro. Dan Thomas. Young People's program, under direction of Rev. Homer Willis, consisted of readings, special musical numbers and playlets from the various churches.

Motion to adjourn, carried. Closing prayer by Bro. Holbert Collins.

Saturday Evening Service

Congregational singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Bro. Hubert Sloan.

Conference called to order.

Motion made that the conference in the future, close with the Saturday afternoon program. Motion properly sustained and carried.

Final resolution read (See resolutions). Motion to adopt, properly sustained and carried.

Messenger of the evening, Rev. James Miller. Scripture reading I Cor. 11:23-26.

At the close of the message the Christians observed the ordinance of Communion and Feet Washing. Hearts were warmed and Spiritual blessings were poured out upon all taking part in this service.

"And they sang an Hymn and went out."

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. E. Riggs, Moderator
Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, Clerk

REPORTS

Report No. 1

It is with pleasure that I make this report of the Teachers' Training Institute for the past year. We have held two sessions, the first being with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan, November 20 through December 10, 1948. The second session of the year was held with the West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne, Michigan, May 23 through June 3, 1949.

A total of 55 students were enrolled for the combined sessions. A total of 91 certificates were granted. A total of 9 Teacher's Certificates were earned in the last

session, which was the third to be attended by these students. Subjects taught this year: Old Testament Poetry and Prophecy, Pedagogy, New Testament, and Child Study.

May we continue to give the teaching ministry a great part in our Associational program.

Rev. H. E. Willis, Secretary

Report No. 2

We regret to report the passing on of Sisters Georgia Woodward, Opal Johnson and Katherine Woodson. Wish to extend our deepest sympathy to their families and loved ones.

Obituary Committee,

Sis. Ezra Walker

Sis. Ava Hellard

Sis. Violet Newsome

Treasurer's Report for Year 1948-1949

(July 30, 1948 to June 30, 1949)

Balance on hand July 30, 1948.....\$ 767.36

Receipts:

Highland Park Church, Tithes.....\$1,219.78

Hazel Park..... 697.04

Philadelphia 226.41

West Wayne..... 150.56

Flint Church..... 22.95

River Rouge..... 89.00

(Missions)

Highland Park Church..... 1,618.51

Highland Park League..... 90.00

Highland Park Prayer Band..... 180.00

Highland Park Auxiliary..... 180.00

Hazel Park Church..... 185.00

Hazel Park League..... 86.85

West Wayne..... 50.48

Owensboro 74.50

Flint 39.62

Woman's District Auxiliary..... 153.00

River Rouge..... 23.00

(Miscellaneous)

Free Will Offerings..... 44.56

Refund 5.00

Received from Institutes..... 71.25

Total Receipts for the year.....\$5,207.51

Grand Total.....\$5,974.87

Disbursements:

Foreign Missions.....\$2,802.49

Free Will Baptist Bible College..... 385.57

National Program..... 240.57

Gift to Breckenridge Church..... 300.00

Printing 163.35

National Home Mission Board..... 44.32

National Superannuation Board..... 60.13

Manuals 48.85

Rev. David Allen..... 25.00

Rev. James Gillim..... 50.00

Rev. Clyde Janeway..... 15.00

Deposit on Youth Camp..... 50.00

Telephone Calls..... 23.32

Rev. C. E. Riggs..... 25.00

Students in Bible College..... 150.00

Total Disbursements..... 4,383.60

Balance on hand June 30, 1949.....\$1,611.27

Amount in Various Accounts:

Home Mission Board.....\$144.17

Superannuation Board..... 391.24

Foreign Mission Account..... 241.00

Total\$776.41

Balance in General Fund..... 834.86

Total Accounts Balance.....\$1,611.27

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Treasurer

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Rev. Robert Galloway—No. churches pastored, 1; No. sermons preached, 103; No. times taught Sunday School, 25; No. times lead prayer meeting, 17; No. times conducted devotions, 28; No. conversions, 6; Miles traveled in service, 2,000; Offerings received, \$175.00; Salary, \$440.00. Served as assistant pastor and educational director of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Owensboro. I am

at present attending Oakland City College in Oakland City, Indiana.

Rev. Everett D. Hellard—No. sermons preached, 65; No. conversions, 15; No. baptized, 5; No. funerals conducted, 1.

Rev. Mark M. Lewis—No. messages delivered, 147; Professions witnessed, 39; No. baptized, 8; Revivals conducted, 3; Churches pastored, 2, Myrtle, Mo. and Owensboro, Ky.; Members received into churches, 20; No. funerals conducted, 3; No. marriages performed, 1; Traveled approximately 6,000 miles; Served as Ass't. Moderator of Missouri State Association; Served as member of Ordaining Council of Cave Springs Association in Missouri; Served on General Board of National Association; Outlined and conducted two youth revivals in which 8 souls were saved; Received for my services \$2,388.56.

Rev. George P. Warren—Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint; No. sermons preached, 40; No. funerals conducted, 1; No. weddings performed, 1; No. church papers read, 1; Amount received for services, None.

Rev. C. E. Riggs—No pastoral charge; Served as Moderator of Wolverine Conference; Served as teacher of Adult Bible Class of the Highland F. W. B. Church; No. sermons preached, 21; Received for services, \$225.00.

Rev. H. E. Willis—Pastored Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church, No. weddings performed, 5; Revivals held, 3; Assisted in 2 revivals in own church; No. members received into church, 21; Attended National Association, National League Conference, and visited the Mission Field of Cuba; served as clerk of Hazel Park Pastor's Association, Director of Foreign Missions for Michigan, Young Peoples Director, and Secretary of Teacher Training Institute; witnessed a number of conversions at home and in revival work; taught Adult Bible Class and served as General Director of Leagues in own church; No. sermons preached, 134; Received as salary, \$3,500.00.

Rev. Edgil Howard—Served as pastor of the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Raymond Riggs—Sermons preached at Highland Park Church, 67; Conversions witnessed, 79; Members received into church, 37; Number baptized, 32; Sal-

ary received from Higland Park Church, \$3,660.00; Revivals conducted, 6; Sermons preached during revival, 82; Conversions witnessed in revivals, 69; Amount received for revivals, \$1,020.00; Weddings performed, 11; Am't. received for weddings, \$122.00; Funerals ocnducted, 1; Amount received for funerla service, \$15.00; Total sermons preached, 149; Total conversions witnessed, 148; Amount received from all sources, \$4,917.00.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1. We recommend that the expense of a bus be paid to transport delegate and those attending the National Convention.

No. 2. We recommend that a district League Convention and a district Sunday School Convention be set up at this Association, with a temporary chairman of each elected, to call a meeting for organization. Each will meet alternately with the Quarterly Meeting on Saturday afternoon.

No. 3. We recommend that \$50.00 be paid to Rev. James F. Miller toward his expense.

No. 4. We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved that the use of beer, wine, and liquor in any form be condemned by the ministers and laymen in this Association.

2. That our people refuse to work in establishments that sell intoxicating drinks.

3. That our people refuse to support anyone at the polls, who is supporting the liquor traffic.

4. That our people refrain from patronizing any business establishment which sells beer, wine, or any intoxicating drink.

5. As intoxicating drinks have neither food value nor value as a stimulant, be it resolved that this body co-operate with all other groups who are working in interest of National Prohibition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Everett Hellard
Sis. Violet Newsome
Rev. Homer Willis

Final Resolution—We wish to extend to the Hazel Park Church and its many friends a standing vote of

thanks and appreciation for the splendid way in which they have entertained this setting of the conference. Also wish to thank the Woman's Auxiliary for the beautiful flowers which decorated the platform.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Name	Term Expires
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Standing Business Committee

Rev. Raymond Riggs.....	1950
Rev. Edgil Howard.....	1952
Rev. Everett D. Hellard.....	1952
Rev. Everett L. Hall.....	1951
Bro. Ezra Walker.....	1951

Standing Finance Committee

Bro. Ocil Dalton.....	1951
Rev. Homer E. Willis.....	1950
Bro. Preston Slocum.....	1952

Presbytery Board

Rev. C. E. Riggs.....	1950
Rev. Mark M. Lewis.....	1952
Rev. Sherman Lilly.....	1952
Rev. Edgil Howard.....	1951
Rev. Homer E. Willis.....	1951

Home Mission Board

Bro. Howard Lyle.....	1950
Rev. C. E. Riggs.....	1952
Rev. Homer Willis.....	1952
Bro. Fowler Kirby.....	1951
Bro. LaVan Pearce.....	1951

Board Of Education

Rev. Edgil Howard.....	1950
Rev. Wm. T. Newsome.....	1951
Rev. Raymond Riggs.....	1951

Superannuation Board

Rev. Geo. P. Warren.....	1950
Rev. Everett D. Hellard.....	1952
Bro. John Roberts.....	1952
Rev. Edgil Howard.....	1951
Rev. Wm. T. Newsome.....	1951

Program Committee

Rev. Edgil Howard
Rev. Wm. T. Newsome
Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Robert Galloway, New Butler Parsonage, Rt. No. 1,
Hazelton, Indiana
Rev. Homer E. Willis, 1023 Longfellow, Royal Oak, Mich.
Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, Missionaries to India
Rev. C. E. Riggs, 935 E. Coy, Hazel Park, Michigan
Rev. Raymond Riggs, 206 California, Highland Park,
Michigan
Rev. Edgil Howard, 4465 Townsend, Detroit, Michigan
Rev. George P. Warren, 2106 Harwine St., Flint, Mich.
Rev. Wm. T. Newsome, 8375 Belleville Rd., Belleville,
Michigan
Rev. Everett L. Hall, 207 Hathaway St., Owensboro, Ky.
Rev. George Ritter, 213 28th Ave. N, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. James Gillim, 904 Algonquin, Detroit 14, Michigan
Rev. Findley J. Hendricks, Ky.
Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 1300 E. 19th St., Owensboro, Ky.
Rev. Everett D. Hellard, Box 163, Breckenridge, Mich.
Rev. Sherman Lilly, 1057 15th St., Detroit, Michigan
Rev. Frank Pritchard, 1748 Vermont, Detroit, Michigan

LICENTIATES

Rev. James Taylor, Owensboro, Ky.
Rev. John H. Roberts, Detroit, Michigan

DEACON ENROLLMENT

Rouge Church—Bro. Herman Thomas and Bro. Jack Hagen.

Owensboro Church—Bros. W. L. Warren, H. D. Brown, E. F. Alvey, Oswald Jewell, E. L. Renfrow and L. O. Fulkerson.

Flint Church—Bro. Oddis Birchett.

Breckenridge Church—Bro. Lester Kaufman and Bro. Earl Dutcher.

Hazel Park Church—Bros. Claude Wright, Charles E. Miller, LaVan Pearce, W. E. Gates, Paul Carrier, J. O. Butcher and David E. Allison.

Philadelphia Church—Bros. Herman Rippetoe, Carson Jaquess, Ezra Walker and Fowler Kirby.

Highland Park Church—Bros. W. T. Carlile, Tancel Orr, Preston Slocum, Douglas Moore, Shirley McCulley and Fred McChesney.

West Wayne Church—Bro. Omar Cannon and Bro. Adolph Felan.

DELEGATE ENROLLMENT

Rouge Church—Bros. John H. Roberts, Fred Wilmoth and Joe Wilson.

Breckenridge Church—Sis. Evelyn Kaufman and Sis. Ava Hellard.

Hazel Park Church—Sisters Lottie Pearce, Lota Stewart and Bessie Yeo.

Philadelphia Church—Sisters Anna Walker, Frances Walker and Leola McCormick.

Highland Park Church—Sisters Gladys Daniel and Anna Collins.

West Wayne Church—Sis. Violet Newsome.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association, when properly organized, shall consist of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly, and take the vote thereon; to have the liberty of speech as other members, providing his seat be filled; to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding vote. The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons and licentiates, together with the messengers duly chosen by the several churches in our union and sent to represent them in this Association, said messengers being members of some church within this Association, whom the members judge best qualified for the purpose, who on producing letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the several churches shall be expressed their respective number of members in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded or died since the last sitting of the Association, and day of church meeting.

4. No query shall be received by the Association from

any church unless it has been acted on in said church and cannot be settled, in which case the Association shall take up same and act upon it.

5. Every church in the Association shall be entitled to a representation of messengers not exceeding three.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. The Association shall not have power to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches; nevertheless, we agree that the churches composing the Association shall stand in the same relationship in this Association that individuals do to each other in the churches; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; if they cannot be reclaimed, they shall be dropped by our union.

8. We agree to do all business by a majority of all members present.

9. Any church may be admitted into this Association by letter and messengers. If, upon examination, it is found to be orthodox and orderly, such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers thereof.

10. This Association shall have power to sit as an advisory council, to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause and why churches neglect to represent themselves in this Association; to appoint any members, by and with his or her consent to transact any business they may deem necessary; to invite brethren in the ministry to a seat in the Association; to adjourn the Association at any time and place that may be thought necessary; to exclude from his seat any member who does not conform to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his or their conduct to the churches from which he or they were messengers.

11. The Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all cases of difficulty that may arise in the churches.

12. Each annual Association shall be held on Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon before the first Sunday in July.

BY-LAWS

(Supplement to the Constitution)

Adopted By the Association Regarding Ministerial Council and Presbytery

I. Purpose:

The Ministerial Council is for the purpose of encouraging, supporting, and maintaining a higher standard of true discipline in our staff of ministers, as pertaining to their character, qualification, honorary membership, and soundness in doctrine. That each minister is urged to attend or give a written report. Said council presided over by the Associational Moderator. Program to be arranged by committee.

II. Membership:

All members who have been approved by the presbytery shall automatically become members of the council.

III. Authority:

The Ministerial Council shall be considered strictly an advisory body and shall at no time assume ruling authority.

Presbytery:

1. The Presbytery of the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists shall be composed of five duly ordained ministers who are members in good standing of the Association.

2. The members of the Presbytery shall be elected by the Association as follows: one for three years, two for two years, and two for one year. Each member to be elected for three years thereafter.

3. Any duly ordained minister or deacon, who is in good standing with this body has the privilege of sitting in council with the Presbytery at any time, but will not be permitted to vote unless he is appointed to serve by proxy, by an absentee member or selected by a majority of the members present.

4. The purpose of the Presbytery shall be for the mutual improvement of the ministry, their protection against hostile influences, for the maintaining of a clean and pure character among those of the ordained authority. It shall also become the duty of the Presbytery to examine all candidates for license to preach the Gospel or to ordain the same at the request of the local church.

5. Before granting a license or endorsing credentials of any minister from another denomination to preach the Gospel, the candidate must have been a member of a church in this Association at least six months.

6. The local church must first request by letter the licensing or ordaining of all candidates before the Presbytery can act.

7. Before license or ordination, the candidate is examined as to his gifts, personal piety and doctrines, his call to the ministry, his adaptability and devotion to the work, his reputation, character, ability, and his present and prospective educational and professional qualification. A list of not less than twenty-five questions should be prepared by the Presbytery and the candidates should be required to make a grade of not less than 70% before license is granted. The examination for ordination should include all that is required for license, and also satisfactory examination respecting the life and labors of the candidate and his attainments, at least in the departments of English education, Doctrinal and Pastoral theology, and Homiletics.

8. The examination of deacons shall be according to I Timothy; chapter 3.

9. The term of license shall be one year after which local church may request another examination, and the Presbytery shall decide whether or not the license be extended, or the candidate ordained. If an offense is made during the year, and the candidate repents, his license will be forfeited, and he will be forced to begin anew.

10. A minister from another denomination wishing to unite with this Association must first make application to a church which request action of the Presbytery the same as for license or ordination.

11. Be it known that any minister or deacon coming under the hands of this Presbytery walks disorderly, or commits an offense must come before this body and make restitution or willingly give up such rights of license or ordination papers or card given by this body, or they agree to be published in any or all newspapers as this body deems necessary.

12. An annual written report of the activities of the Presbytery shall be made by the Clerk to the Association, or as often as is necessary.

13. All ministers of this Association are required to report in person or letter to the ministerial council quarterly and to have a written report of their work at the annual Association. Failure to report to the Association at least once per year will forfeit the minister's standing and he will be dropped from the Association.

14. These Rules and By-Laws are to be printed in Minutes at all times.

Faithfulness in its varied forms has always been rewarded by our Lord Jesus Christ. He rewards us for the small, common things we do.

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; I 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, 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 the inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. II Peter 1:19-21; II 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 CHRIST. Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Gen. 3; 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:6; Eph. 2:3.

6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION. We believe 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; Heb. 1:4; 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 an 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 3; Matt. 19:13-22; I 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, the Gospel invites all, and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel. I Peter 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Rev. 22:17.

9. BAPTISM. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water in the name of the Father, 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; I 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 Saviour 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 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; I 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 13:12-18; 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, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible to 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 the 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 true Christians of every congregation from righteous Able to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue, and people. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22, 23; I 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 each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and

doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel. II Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III 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 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 willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide; if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. II Pet. 1:12; II Cor. 9:10; II Pet. 1:4-8; 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostacy: II Pet. 1:8, 9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; I 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. 1:18-19; 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 the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 6:11; II Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thess. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II 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; I 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 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. II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II 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, and sisters.

8. No member of this Association shall absent himself when the Association is sitting in conference without leave of the Moderator.

9. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association thinks it necessary.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order by Moderator

2. Call for letters from churches

3. Election of Moderator and Clerk

4. Read Rules of Decorum

5. Appointment of Committees: Divine Service, Finance, Obituary, Arrangement of Business

6. Call for corresponding letters

7. Call for petitionary letters

8. Unfinished business

9. New business

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 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	Received into Fellowship...	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded	Deaths	Ministers	S. S. Average Attendance...	F. W. B. L. Enrollment.....	Membership Enrollment....	Woman's Aux. Membership
Owensboro Ky.	Rev. Mark M. Lewis	Madalone Gross	13	15	0	0	4	62	3	111	12
River Rouge	Rev. Sherman Lilly	Donis Pritchard	5	0	0	0	3	60	25	58	20
Flint	Rev. Geo. P. Warren	Oddis Birchett	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	9	0
Breckenridge	Rev. Everett D. Hellard	Mrs. Earl Dutcher	9	0	0	0	1	40	0	71	8
Hazel Park	Rev. Homer E. Willis	Blanche Maynard	22	4	0	1	3	135	57	139	15
Philadelphia	Rev. Edgil Howard	Lurene Griffin	15	3	2	0	1	54	30	46	0
Highland Park	Rev. Raymond Riggs	Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan	50	8	1	2	3	230	64	335	23
West Wayne	Rev. Wm. T. Newsome	Angela Felan	7	0	0	0	1	89	30	23	15
TOTAL			121	30	3	3	17	695	206	792	93