

THE WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF
MICHIGAN

Proceedings
of the 13th. Annual Session
1954



When Convened With the
HIGHLAND PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
242 VICTOR AVENUE
Highland Park 3, Michigan

MINUTES

of the
Thirteenth Annual Session
of the
WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION
of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

when convened with

The Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church
242 Victor Ave.

Highland Park 3, Michigan

On June 3rd, 4th and 5th

1954



OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Mark Lewis
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. H. C. Beasley
Clerk.....	Mrs. Mildred Daniel
Assistant Clerk.....	Mrs. Louise Carte
Treasurer	Van Paschall
Reporter.....	Mrs. Geraldine Thomas
Parliamentarian.....	Rev. Charles Thigpen
State Foreign Mission Director.....	Rev. Paul Lee
State Home Mission Director.....	Rev. Glynn Thomas

Committees and Boards

Standing Business Committee

Rev. Ira S. Carpenter, 1955 Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, 1956
Rev. J. A. Frederick, 1957 Bro. Frank Howell, 1958
Bro. Daniel Thomas, 1959

Standing Finance Committee

Bro. Preston Slocum, 1955 Bro. Royce Hogan, 1956
Bro. John Edwards, 1957 Rev. Mishler's successor, 1958
Bro. Claude Pinkston, 1959

Presbytery Board

Rev. Maurice W. Roach, 1955 Rev. Paul E. Lee, 1956
Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, 1957 Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 1958
Rev. James Gillim, 1959

Home Mission Board

Bro. Van Paschall, 1955 Bro. Oddis Birchett, 1956
Bro. Ezra Walker, 1957 Bro. Carl Kilgore, 1958
Rev. Ira S. Carpenter, 1959

Board of Education

Bro. Joseph Wilson, 1956 Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, 1955
Bro. Mark M. Lewis, 1958 Bro. Howard Lyle, 1957
Rev. Gene Anderson, 1959

Superannuation Board

Rev. Ira S. Carpenter, 1955 Rev. H. C. Beasley, 1956
Bro. Van Paschall, 1957 Rev. J. A. Frederick, 1958
Rev. James Gillim, 1959

Program Committee

Rev. Mark M. Lewis Rev. Paul E. Lee
Rev. Charles A. Thigpen

Proceedings

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The meeting opened with singing led by Bro. Harold Curd, followed with prayer by Bro. Tancel Orr.

The welcome address was extended to the Conference by the host pastor, Rev. Charles Thigpen. The response was given by Rev. William Mishler.

Announcements were made by the Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis, followed by congregational singing.

Rev. Mark Lewis led the Conference in a testimonial service, followed with prayer led by Bro. Dan Thomas.

The Moderator introduced to the body the featured speaker for this Conference, Dr. Willard C. Day. The message was delivered from the second Epistle of John, verses 6-12. Following the message, the congre-

gation joined in singing "Amazing Grace" and a fellowship handshake with Bro. Day and one another.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. James Gillim.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Harold Curd. Prayer by Rev. Glynn Thomas.

Rev. Don Lee brought the devotional thought, reading the second Epistle of John, followed with congregational singing.

Business session formally declared open. By general consent of the body, the Moderator was given permission to deviate from the prepared program if he deemed it necessary.

The Constitution of the Wolverine Association and the Rules of Decorum read by the Moderator.

	Elected	Standing
Philadelphia Church	2	3
Rouge Church	3	2
Benton Harbor Church	2	2
Highland Park Church	2	2
Hazel Park Church	3	2
Grace Church	2	1
Burton Church	by letter only	
First Church of Flint.....	0	1
West Wayne Church	3	3
Breckenridge Church	by letter only	

The standing delegates were recognized and charged by the Moderator. Motion carried that the church letters be accepted as read and that the business items contained therein be given due consideration. The elected delegation was officially recognized and duly seated.

Committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Temporary Finance Committee: Rev. Glynn Thomas, Rev. Paul Lee, Rev. James Gillim.

Obituary Committee: Sis. Lottie Pearce, Sis. Gladys Hogan, Sis. Wendolyn Smith.

Motion made and sustained that we invite our visiting ministers, Dr. Willard C. Day, Rev. W. H. Guinn and Mr. Charles Metcalf, to be seated in counsel with this body. Carried.

All of the delegates and visitors gathered around the altar and were led in a prayer of consecration by Rev. Charles Thigpen.

FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

After a brief recess, congregational singing was led by Bro. Harold Curd. Prayer by Bro. Charles Metcalf.

Dr. Willard C. Day introduced by the Moderator. His message was taken from John 18:33-38, using as a theme, "What Is Truth?"

Dismissed for the noon hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Joseph Wilson. Prayer by Bro. W. D. Jaggers.

Rev. J. A. Frederick brought the Devotional thought from Acts 16:6-7.

Reports received as follows:

An oral report of the Home Mission Board was given by Bro. Van Paschall. This report was supplemented by an oral report of the work of the National Home Mission Board by Bro. Day. Reports received by general consent, as information.

An oral report of the Foreign Mission Board given by Rev. Mark Lewis. Report received as information.

An oral report of the F. W. B. League and Sunday School Rally given by Bro. Van Paschall. Report received as information.

Annual Treasurer's report read by Rev. William Mishler. Motion properly carried to receive report as read. (See reports.)

Annual ministerial reports received and read. Motion carried that these reports be received as read. (See reports.)

Partial report of the Standing Business Committee read by Rev. Charles Thigpen. Motion made and sustained that the two Resolutions contained in this report concerning the modification of Article VIII, Section 2 and Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution, be tabled until tomorrow. Carried. (See reports.)

Letters to the Wolverine Association from Rev. H. E. Willis, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham and Rev. L. C. Johnson were read to the body.

The Moderator appointed an Advisory Committee to assist each Standing Board and Committee to formulate by-laws and to co-ordinate their duties.

Rev. Charles Thigpen, Chairman

Rev. James Gillim

Bro. Ezra Walker

Motion made and carried to adjourn this business session until tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Chester Marine. Prayer by Bro. Carl Kilgore.

Devotional thought from John 1:1-5 by Bro. W. D. Jaggers. Announcements were made by the Moderator.

The message was delivered by Dr. Willard C. Day from John 16:1-14; the subject of the message being, "The Conversion of the Soul".

Dismissed with a fellowship handshake.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Glynn Thomas. Prayer by Bro. Van Paschall. Devotional thought from I John 5:1-5 by the Moderator.

This final business session formally declared open. Minutes of this Annual Conference thus far, read and approved.

Additional elected and standing delegates recognized and duly seated in counsel with this body.

Annual report of the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention read. Motion properly carried to receive the report as read and commend the women for the work which had been accomplished. (See reports.)

Report of the Obituary Committee read. Motion made and carried that the report be received and that the recommendation contained therein be complied with. The body stood in a moment of silent prayer in memory of these loved ones. Prayer by Rev. William Mishler. (See reports.)

Additional Annual Ministerial reports received and read. Motion carried that these reports be received as read. (See reports.)

Annual report of the Presbytery Board read by Rev. William Mishler. Motion sustained and carried that the report be received as read. (See reports.)

Final report of the Standing Business Committee read by Rev. Charles Thigpen. Motion made and sustained that the two items which had been tabled in yesterday's session, be taken from the table and made a part of this report. Carried. Motion made and properly carried that the report of the Standing Business Committee be received and voted upon item by item. All Resolutions contained therein were adopted. (See reports.)

Written requests were received from the Philadelphia Church, the Highland Park Church and the Hazel Park Church, also an oral request (by proxy) from the Crusader Church, to entertain the next session of the Conference. Unanimously voted to go to the Crusader Free Will Baptist Church.

The annual election of officers formally declared open. A prayer for guidance in this election was led by Rev. William Mishler. Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator—Rev. Mark Lewis

Assistant Moderator—Rev. H. C. Beasley

Clerk—Mrs. Mildred Daniel

Assistant Clerk—Mrs. Louise Carte

Treasurer—Van Paschall

Reporter—Mrs. Geraldine Thomas

Parliamentarian—Rev. Charles Thigpen

State Foreign Mission Director (Recommended)—Rev. Paul Lee

State Home Mission Director (Recommended)—Rev. Glynn Thomas

Motion made and sustained that we extend a special vote of thanks to our retiring Assistant Moderator, Rev. Ira Carpenter. Carried.

Rev. William Mishler tendered his resignation from each Standing Committee and Board of which he was a member.

Motion carried that his resignation be accepted and that he be given a rising vote of thanks for his splendid work for the Association.

Motion properly carried to permit Rev. Mishler to continue as Treasurer through the 1954 Youth Camp session.

Standing Committees and Boards elected as follows:

Standing Business Committee

Rev. J. A. Frederick

Bro. Frank Howell

Bro. Daniel Thomas

Standing Finance Committee

Motion carried to increase this Commission to from three to five members.

Bro. John Edwards

Bro. Claude Pinkston

Rev. Mishler's successor

Presbytery Board

Rev. James Gillim
Rev. Charles Thigpen
Rev. Mark Lewis

Home Mission Board

Bro. Carl Kilgore
Bro. Ezra Walker
Rev. Ira Carpenter

Board of Education

Motion carried to elect the five men to this Board and that the clerk be given the authority to set up the alternating expiring terms of office. This motion was extended to include the alternating expiring terms of the Superannuation Board also.

Rev. Charles Thigpen
Bro. Howard Lyle
Bro. Joseph Wilson
Rev. Mark Lewis
Rev. Gene Anderson

Superannuation Board

Rev. James Gillim
Rev. J. A. Frederick

Program Committee

Rev. Mark Lewis
Rev. Charles Thigpen
Rev. Paul Lee

The annual election of District League and Sunday School officers was postponed until the next quarterly Conference.

Bro. Daniel Thomas elected as our delegate to the National Association.

The clerk was instructed to have five hundred (500) copies of these minutes printed.

Report of the Temporary Finance Committee given by Rev. James Gillim. Motion made and carried to receive report as read.

Motion made and carried to adjourn this business session.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Joseph Wilson. Prayer by Rev. Ira Carpenter. Due to the lateness of the hour, Rev. Willard Day spoke very briefly to the Conference from II Tim. 2:3-4.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mark M. Lewis, Moderator
Mrs. Mildred Daniel, Clerk

REPORTS

REPORT OF TEMPORARY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tithes

Benton Harbor Church	\$ 50.00
Breckenridge Church	30.00

West Wayne Church	70.94	
First Free Will Baptist of Flint.....	69.69	
Burton Church	16.14	
Grace Church	38.54	
Highland Park Church	608.13	
Rouge Church	50.00	
Philadelphia Church	168.53	
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Total		\$1,101.97
Foreign Missions		
West Wayne Church	60.00	
First Free Will Baptist of Flint.....	18.12	
Burton Church	21.92	
Grace Church	11.18	
Highland Park Church	694.18	
Rouge Church	44.49	
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Total		\$ 849.89
Home Missions		
West Wayne Church	\$ 31.01	
Highland Park Church	402.85	
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Total		\$ 433.86
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Grand Total		\$2,385.72

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Lee
Rev. Glynn Thomas
Rev. James Gillim

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY BOARD

The Presbytery of the Wolverine Association met June 5th, 1953, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Mich. In the absence of the Chairman, Rev. Maurice Roach, the Moderator of the Association took charge. Four members were present. Prayer was offered by Bro. Braxton Click. Chairman called for business as follows:

1. Request from the Highland Park Church that Van Paschall be given License Questionnaire prepared by this Board. Motion carried that request be granted.

2. Request from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park that since Gene Anderson has carried license for the required length of time, he now be given the Ordination Questionnaire prepared by this Board. Motion carried that request be granted.

3. Request from the Benton Harbor Church that W. D. Jaggers be given the License Questionnaire prepared by this Board. Motion carried that request be granted.

4. Request from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint that John A. Edwards be examined by this Board for the office of Deacon. Motion carried that request be granted and that Bro. Edwards be ordained in the Saturday service of the Wolverine Association, meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Mich.

The Presbytery met Sept. 26, 1953, with the Crusader Free Will Baptist Church. Three members were present. Rev. Mark M. Lewis

acted as Chairman in absence of regular Chairman. Prayer was offered by Rev. George Ritter. Chairman called for business which was stated by clerk as follows: In compliance with the request made by the Crusader Free Will Baptist Church to the Wolverine Association that Odevah Cox and George A. Cantrell be examined for the office of Deacon, the request was granted and the Presbytery was asked to meet with these two brethren and question them. After proper questioning, the Presbytery voted to grant the request of the church and ordain them.

Rev. Mark M. Lewis read the scriptures and gave the charge. Rev. George Ritter offered the Ordination Prayer and Rev. William Mishler presented the certificates. The service was enjoyed by all present.

The Presbytery met Oct. 11th, 1953, with the Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Royal Oak, Mich., to assist in the completion of their church organization as ordered by the Wolverine Association. Four members of the Presbytery were present. Rev. Mark Lewis acted as Chairman in absence of regular Chairman.

Service was called to order by the Chairman. Singing led by Rev. Glynn Thomas. Prayer by Rev. William J. Mishler. Chairman read from I Cor. 12:12-25 and commented briefly on same. Chairman then proceeded with organization. Questions into Christian character, doctrines, fellowship and ability to sustain a church were asked and answered by the group. Answers were very encouraging and deemed sufficient to proceed with the organization.

The Bible was presented to the group and humbly accepted as their only rule of faith and practice. The Free Will Baptist Church Covenant was read and motion made and carried by group to accept same. Prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen. Charge was given to the church by Rev. William J. Mishler. Chairman then called for the election of officers and other business. The following were elected: Church Clerk, Mrs. Lillian Riley; Treasurer, Mrs. Geraldine Thomas; Pastor, Rev. Glynn Thomas. Motion made and carried that this organization shall be called the Grace Free Will Baptist Church. Daniel Thomas was recommended as Deacon to be examined by this Presbytery at a later date.

The services were climaxed by a time of fellowship around the altar, which was enjoyed by all.

The Presbytery met briefly Oct. 11th, 1953, at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church and organized for the Associational year. Prayer by Rev. Paul E. Lee. Officers were elected as follows: Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Chairman; Rev. Paul E. Lee, Vice-Chairman; Rev. William J. Mishler, Clerk; Rev. Mark M. Lewis and Rev. Maurice W. Roach, members.

Motion carried to adjourn until call of Chairman. Prayer by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen.

The Presbytery met Dec. 4th, 1953, at the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church. Three members were present. Prayer by Rev. Mark M. Lewis. The Chairman called for business:

1. Request from Grace Free Will Baptist Church that Rev. Glynn Thomas' Certificate of Ordination be approved by this Presbytery. Motion carried that same be granted and that Rev. Thomas be given the yearly card of good standing in this Association.

2. Request from West Wayne Church that Rev. Ward Wilson be given the Ordination Questionnaire prepared by this Presbytery. Motion

carried that request be granted, and upon the return of answers to Questionnaire with a grade of at least 70%, the Ordination service will be held with the West Wayne Church as arranged by Chairman and Bro. Wilson.

Presbytery met Dec. 5th, 1953, at the Philadelphia Church. Four members were present. Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul E. Lee. Chairman called for business:

1. Request from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Mich., that John A. Edwards be examined by this Presbytery and given License Questionnaire. Motion carried that request be granted.

2. Request from the Grace Free Will Baptist Church that Daniel Thomas be examined by this Presbytery for the office of Deacon. Motion carried that request be granted. Examination was satisfactory and Bro. Thomas was to be ordained at date set by Chairman.

Motion carried to adjourn until call of Chairman. Prayer by Rev. Mark M. Lewis.

The Presbytery met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park Jan. 14th, 1954, to ordain Gene Anderson to the full work of the ministry. The program for the service was as follows: Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, presiding; song service conducted by Ocil Dalton; scripture reading by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen; sermon by Rev. Mark M. Lewis; presentation of Bible by Rev. Paul E. Lee; the charge was given by Rev. William Dishler. Ordination prayer by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen; welcome into fellowship by Chairman of Presbytery Board; benediction by Rev. Ira Carpenter. The services were enjoyed by all present.

The Presbytery met in a brief session on call of Chairman, Jan. 14th, 1954. Four members were present. Chairman called for business as follows:

1. Request from the Philadelphia Church that Jessie B. White, who is a student in the Free Will Baptist Bible College, be sent the License Questionnaire prepared by this Presbytery. Motion carried that request be granted.

Motion carried to adjourn until call of Chairman. Prayer by Rev. Paul E. Lee.

The Presbytery met Feb. 7th, 1954, 2:30 P.M., with the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, in compliance with their request that Bro. Daniel E. Thomas be ordained to the office of Deacon. Three members were present. Rev. Charles A. Thigpen was in charge of the service. Song service conducted by local director. Prayer by Rev. Mark M. Lewis. Message by Rev. William J. Mishler. Charge given by Rev. Mark M. Lewis. Ordination prayer by Rev. Glynn Thomas. Presentation of Certificate by Rev. William J. Mishler. Benediction by Rev. Charles A. Thigpen. The service was enjoyed by all present.

The Presbytery met March 6th, 1954, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Mich. Three members were present. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman took charge. Business was called for:

1. Request from the Highland Park Church that Bill McClintock be sent the License Questionnaire prepared by this Presbytery. Motion carried that request be granted. Adjourned to meet at call of Chairman.

Presbytery met June 4th, 1954, at the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church. Four members were present. Prayer by Rev. Paul E. Lee. Chairman called for business:

1. Request from Benton Harbor Church that W. D. Jaggers be examined and given the Ordination Questionnaire prepared by this Presbytery. Motion carried that request be granted and upon satisfactory answer of Questionnaire, arrangement be made by Chairman and Bro. Jaggers for the Ordination service.

2. Request from Rouge Free Will Baptist Church that Rev. W. H. Guinn be examined by this Presbytery to become a recognized ordained minister in this Association and upon such, his present Certificate from another denomination be endorsed by this Presbytery. Motion carried after discussion with Rev. Guinn that this request be rejected.

3. Request from the Rouge Free Will Baptist Church that Charley Metcalf be examined by this Presbytery and given the License Questionnaire. Motion carried that request be granted.

4. Request from Rouge Free Will Baptist Church that James Addison be examined by this Presbytery for the office of Deacon. Motion carried that request be granted and the Chairman and Brother Addison arrange date for Ordination service in Rouge Church.

Answers to License Questionnaires were received from the following:

W. D. Jaggers	June 25, 1953	85%
Van Paschall	August 24, 1953	95%
John Edwards	January 5, 1954	80%
Jessie B. White	February 2, 1954	90%
Bill McClintock	May 8, 1954	95%

Certificates of License have been sent to all of the above. To date no answer has been received from Ward Wilson concerning the Ordination Questionnaire sent him.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A. Thigpen, Chairman
William J. Mishler, Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

June, 1953—June, 1954

Number of Auxiliaries on roll beginning of Convention year..	3
Number new Auxiliaries	2
Present enrollment	5
Approximate membership	85
Number Go-Tell Auxiliaries	1
Number Young People's Auxiliaries.....	1
Sent \$20.00 for furniture for girls' dormitory at the Cuban Mission School.	
Sent \$20.00 for books for the library of Free Will Baptist Bible College.	
Sent \$40.00 for furniture for reception and conference rooms of the Headquarters Bldg. at Nashville, Tennessee.	
Sponsored and financed a special program and workshop session with Mrs. C. F. Bowen as guest speaker.	

Respectfully submitted,
President—Mrs. James Montgomery
Secretary—Mrs. Solon Maynard

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the last Annual Conference of the Wolverine Association, our Lord has seen fit to call home our beloved sisters and brothers, Vera

Roach of the Burton Church; G. W. Howard, Benton Harbor Church; and Carrie Lee Mason, Mrs. Anna Baldwin, Mrs. Effie Quinn and Horace Whidden of the Highland Park Church.

We, of the Obituary Committee, recommend that we stand in a moment of silent meditation in memory of these loved ones.

Mrs. Lottie Pearce
Mrs. Gladys Hogan
Wendolyn Smith

REPORT OF THE STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE (Resolutions)

1. Be it resolved that the following be added to our Constitution as Section 3 of Article VIII:

"The duties of the Boards and Committees shall be to plan and supervise the work pertaining to their respective fields. Each Board and Committee shall adopt a set of By-laws to govern their work. These By-laws shall be subject to the approval of the Wolverine Association."

2. Be it resolved that each Board and Committee present to the Wolverine Association their By-laws for approval at the next quarterly meeting.

3. Be it resolved that the tithes of the Wolverine Association be divided in the following way, beginning with this present Annual Meeting:

40%—General Fund

40%—Cooperative Program of the National Association

12%—Home Mission of the Wolverine Association

8%—Superannuation of the Wolverine Association

4. Be it resolved that the Reverend Paul Lee be recommended as the General Board representative from Michigan for the coming General Board meeting in Spartanburg, S. C.

5. Be it resolved that the Reverend H. C. Beasley be recommended to the National Board as the General Board representative from Michigan for the year 1954-1955.

6. Be it resolved that the name of Brother George Ritter be dropped from the Wolverine Association records.

7. Be it resolved that we rescind Resolution #1 on page 15 of last year's minutes which reads: "Be it resolved that we, the Wolverine Association, contribute \$500.00 annually to the salary of the Promotional-Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; the said sum to be paid quarterly and is to be over and above the state quota."

8. Be it resolved that the Wolverine Association contribute \$50.00 to each standing and appointed delegate that attends the National Association in July, 1954.

9. Be it resolved that we give \$200.00 to the Rouge Free Will Baptist Church to help on their building program; \$100.00 of this to come from the General Fund and \$100.00 to come from the Home Mission Fund.

10. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given to our Moderator, Reverend Mark Lewis; our Treasurer, Reverend William Mishler, and our Clerk, Sister Mildred Daniel, for their splendid work for the Association throughout this year.

11. Be it resolved that a honorarium of \$50.00 be given to Reverend Willard Day for his services during this Association.

12. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality in entertaining the Wolverine Association in its Annual Meeting.

Ira Carpenter, Chairman

Charles A. Thigpen, Secretary

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF MICHIGAN**

JUNE 1, 1953 - MAY 31, 1954

Cash on Hand June 1, 1953..... \$2,502.72

Receipts

Tithes

Burton F.W.B. Church	\$ 130.57
West Wayne F.W.B. Church.....	259.69
First F.W.B. Church of Hazel Park.....	300.00
First F.W.B. Church of Flint.....	401.72
Highland Park F.W.B. Church.....	2,244.64
Breckenridge F.W.B. Church	65.00
Benton Harbor F.W.B. Church.....	150.00
Philadelphia F.W.B. Church	952.13
Grace F.W.B. Church	85.69
Ypsilanti F.W.B. Church	5.00

Total \$ 4,594.44

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Burton F.W.B. Church	\$ 74.47
West Wayne F.W.B. Church.....	254.88
First F.W.B. Church of Hazel Park.....	225.00
First F.W.B. Church of Flint.....	115.19
Highland Park F.W.B. Church.....	6,678.61
Breckenridge F.W.B. Church	20.00
Benton Harbor F.W.B. Church.....	30.00
Philadelphia F.W.B. Church	447.22
Grace F.W.B. Church	34.58
Crusaders F.W.B. Church	45.00
Personal Gift, Van Paschall	20.00
W. N. A. C.....	20.00

Total \$ 7,364.95

Home Missions

First F.W.B. Church of Flint.....	\$ 47.25
West Wayne F.W.B. Church	145.91
Burton F.W.B. Church	25.00
Philadelphia F.W.B. Church	50.00
First F.W.B. Church of Hazel Park.....	22.93
Crusaders F.W.B. Church	21.00
Breckenridge F.W.B. Church	10.72
Rouge F.W.B. Church	27.00
Grace F.W.B. Church	25.00

Total \$ 374.81

F.W.B. Bible College

Philadelphia F.W.B. Church	\$ 100.00	
First F.W.B. Church of Hazel Park.....	50.00	
Highland Park F.W.B. Church.....	405.00	
Crusaders F.W.B. Church	40.00	
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Total		\$ 595.00
Great Lakes Youth Camp—July 1953.....		987.00
Refund from Superannuation on Ins. Prem.....		7.04
Offering taken at '52-'53 Association.....		18.74
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Grand Total		\$16,444.70

Disbursements

Foreign Missions	\$7,659.83
Home Missions	711.90
Nat'l Superannuation (Incl. Ins. Prem.).....	152.76
F.W.B. Bible College (Bldg. Fund Inc.).....	1,289.16
Co-operative Program	459.38
F.W.B. Headquarters Bldg.	250.00
Moderator's Fee	50.00
Clerk's Fee	50.00
Treasurer's Fee	50.00
First F.W.B. Church of Hazel Park (Gift).....	200.00
Benton Harbor F.W.B. Church (Gift).....	200.00
Flowers for Mrs. Roach.....	5.15
Expense to Nat'l Ass'n (Delegates).....	150.00
Office Supplies, Phone Calls, Telegrams, Postage, etc., one new Adding Machine.....	199.55
Highland Park. Ch. for Camp Folders (Printing)..	55.45
National Association of F.W.B. Fees.....	5.00
Mrs. Anna Collins (Camp Supplies).....	75.00
Campers Insurance	50.50
Youth Camp Supplies and etc.....	658.84
Michigan Dept. of Conservation (Dep. on Camp)..	50.00
Hospitalization Insurance (Prem. on Pastors).....	100.00
Wendover-Dill Press (Camp Folders & Church Letters)	70.36
Wendover-Dill Press ('52-'53 Ass'n Minutes).....	183.68
Wendover-Dill Press (S. S. & League Rally).....	42.46
Expense to Home Miss. Conf. (Rev. Mishler).....	25.00
Exp. to Exec. Comm. Nat'l Ass'n (Lewis, Mishler)	78.80
Gratiot Film and Camera (Rep. on Proj.).....	15.61
The College Lumen (F.W.B.B.C.).....	35.00
Esquire Film and Camera (Speaker for Proj.).....	75.00
Gifts to Students in F.W.B.B.C. (Ten).....	700.00
Gift to Rev. Homer E. Willis.....	25.00
Expense to Bible Conference (Rev. Lewis).....	72.00
Honorarium (Dr. Willard C. Day Ass'n Speaker)....	100.00
Honorarium (Rev. Risley, S.S. & League Rally)....	10.00
Honorarium (Rev. Cherry, S.S. & League Rally).. Offering into General Fund.....	60.00 18.74
Camp Money from Churches into Camp Fund.....	65.44

Refund of Ins. Prem. into Super. Fund..... 7.04

Total \$14,007.15

Balance May 31, 1954..... \$ 2,437.55

Balance in Various Accounts

General Fund\$ 610.15

Great Lakes Youth Camp 396.28

Home Missions 493.77

Superannuation 937.35

Co-operative Program

Board of Education

Foreign Missions

Total Accounts Balance May 31, 1954..... \$ 2,437.55

Foreign Mission Quota for Michigan.....\$8,000.00

Received from Ass'n, Churches & other sources..... 8,151.00

Over National Quota 151.00

Home Mission Quota for Michigan..... 1,500.00

Received to Date (Cash)..... 247.38

Balance Due on Quota by June 30..... 1,252.62

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. William J. Mishler, Treasurer

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Rev. Gene Anderson: Brought 6 messages; preached 1 funeral. I have been participating in services at the Detroit House of Correction. I am now, and previous to my ordination, President of our F.W.B. League at the Hazel Park Church and teach a senior Sunday School class.

Rev. Mark M. Lewis: Served as Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, teacher of Intermediate Class, General Superintendent of Construction of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Moderator of the Wolverine Association, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association. Attended National Association, the Bible Conference and the Missionary Conference.

Sermons Preached108

Revivals Conducted 2

Professions Witnessed 26

Received into the Church..... 12

Baptized 8

Weddings Performed 3

Funerals Preached 2

Received for services rendered.....\$4,253.65

Rev. Paul E. Lee: Served as Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan. Served as a member of the Presbytery Board of the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists. Assisted in two revivals in our church.

Sermons Preached 87

Conversions 28

Baptized 25

New Members 25

Funerals Conducted 1

Weddings 4

Received for services rendered.....\$1,000.00

Rev. George P. Warren: Taught the Bible Class of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint.

Sermons Preached	10
Conversions	2
Weddings	1
Received	\$ 15.00

Rev. Glynn Thomas: Pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church.

Revivals Conducted	1
Conversions	4
Sermons Preached	110
Baptized	2
Weddings	1
Dedication of Children.....	1
Amount received for services.....	\$168.00

Rev. Don A. Lee: Served as Pastor of the West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church.

Sermons Preached	72
Members Received	27
Conversions	35
Number Baptized	22
Funerals	1
Amount received from church (salary).....	\$2220.00

Rev. James C. Gillim: Pastor of the Rouge Free Will Baptist Church.

Sermons Preached	110
Members Received	20
Conversions Witnessed	20
Members Baptized	18
Funerals Conducted	1
Weddings Performed	6
Amount received as church salary.....	\$5,500.00
For services rendered	60.00

Total.....\$5,560.00

Rev. William J. Mishler: Pastor of the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church; teacher of the Young Married Couples Sunday School Class; member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists; served as Chairman of the F.W.B. Sunday School Board; member of the General Board of the National Sunday School Association; served as clerk of the Presbytery Board of the Wolverine Association; served as Treasurer of the Wolverine Association; served as State Director of the Home Mission Board; attended the Annual Bible and Missionary Conferences in Nashville, Tennessee, the National Association in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and the National Association of Evangelicals in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sermons Preached	134
Members Received	27
Conversions Witnessed	45
Number Baptized	28
Revivals	2
Funerals	1
Amount received from church.....	\$4,505.00
For other services	300.00

Total.....\$4,805.00

Rev. Ira S. Carpenter: Member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park. Teacher of the Adult Bible Class in Sunday School.

Sermons Preached	10	
Amount received for services.....		\$ 21.00

Rev. Charles A. Thigpen: Served as pastor of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church and teacher of the Adult Bible Class. Served on Board of Publications and Literature of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Attended the Bible Conference at the Bible College and the National Association of Evangelicals.

Sermons Preached	120	
Conversions	30	
Baptized	25	
New Members	48	
Received for services as Pastor.....		\$4,250.00
Revivals Conducted	4	
Sermons	49	
Conversions	32	
Received for Revivals		\$ 500.00
Funerals Conducted	8 (Fees) ..	40.00
Wedding Ceremonies	4 (Fees) ..	330.00

Total.....		\$4,820.00
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Rev. J. A. Frederick: Pastor of the Benton Harbor Free Will Baptist Church.

Messages Delivered.....	106	
Baptized	2	
Revivals	2	
Funerals	1	
Marriages	6	
Paid Pastor		\$680.00
Pastor returned to Building Fund.....		440.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Gene Anderson, 159 W. Pearl, Hazel Park, Michigan
 Rev. H. C. Beasley, 336 Third St., Box 67, Breckenridge, Michigan
 Rev. Ira S. Carpenter, 23048 Vassar, Hazel Park, Michigan
 Rev. Daniel Cronk, Missionary to India
 Rev. J. A. Frederick, 3547 Bluecreek Rd., Benton Harbor, Michigan
 Rev. James Gillim, 904 Algonquin, Detroit, Michigan
 Rev. Don Lee, 39091 Michian Ave., Wayne, Michigan
 Rev. Paul E. Lee, 947 Leland St., Flint, Michigan
 Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 23082 Hazelwood, Hazel Park, Michigan
 Rev. William J. Mishler, 722 Emerson St., Detroit, Michigan
 Rev. Maurice W. Roach, 627 W. Atherton Rd., Flint, Michigan
 Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, 221 W. Hollywood, Detroit, Michigan
 Rev. Glynn E. Thomas, 27036 Lenox Ave., Royal Oak, Michigan
 Rev. George P. Warren, 2106 Harwine St., Flint, Michigan

LICENTIATES

Bro. John A. Edwards, Flint, Michigan
 Bro. W. D. Jagers, 120 Rizzo Court, Benton Harbor, Michigan
 Bro. Bill McClintock, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
 Bro. Van Paschall, 169 E. Buena Vista, Highland Park, Michigan
 Bro. Jessie White, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee

Bro. Lacy Ward Wilson, 4340 Randolph St., Wayne, Michigan

DEACON ENROLLMENT

HAZEL PARK CHURCH: LaVan Pearce, David Allison, Paul Carrier.

ROUGE CHURCH: Jack Hagan, Herman Thomas, Joseph Wilson.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH: Ezra Walker, Robert Parrish, Herman Rippetoe, Carrson Jaquess.

BENTON HARBOR CHURCH: James Harris, W. D. Jagers, Robert Russell.

BURTON CHURCH: Oddis Birchett, Oscar Hollis, Myron VanNada.

GRACE CHURCH: Daniel Thomas.

FIRST CHURCH OF FLINT: Braxton Click, John Edwards.

WEST WAYNE CHURCH: Thurman Grace, Adolph Felon

HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH: W. T. Carlile, Tancel Orr, Douglas Moore, Preston Slocum, Fred McChesney, Harvey Crain, Thomas Creech.

DELEGATE ENROLLMENT

HAZEL PARK CHURCH: Rev. Mark Lewis, Mrs. Lottie Pearce, Mrs. Mamie Poston, Mrs. Modena Haston, Mrs. Lennie Shellnut, Mrs. Thelma Lewis.

ROUGE CHURCH: Rev. James Gillim, Florney Buckner, Nettie Thomas, Nellie Worley, W. H. Guinn, Wilma Wilson, Herman Thomas, Joseph Wilson.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH: Rev. William Mishler, Mrs. Lurene Griffin, Mrs. Wendolyn Smith, Mrs. Helen Roberson, Mrs. Bertie Mishler, Frank M. Howell, Ezra Walker.

BENTON HARBOR CHURCH: Rev. J. A. Frederick, W. D. Jagers, Bonnie Jagers, Ola Frederick, A. J. Frederick.

BURTON CHURCH: By letter only.

GRACE CHURCH: Rev. Glynn Thomas, Mrs. Geraldine Thomas, Mrs. Kathleen Thomas, Bro. Daniel Thomas.

BRECKENRIDGE CHURCH: By letter only.

FIRST CHURCH OF FLINT: Rev. Paul Lee, Bro. John Edwards, Bro. Alvin Schnittker.

WEST WAYNE CHURCH: Rev. Don Lee, Mrs. Jewell Lee, Royce Hogan, Sis. Florence Lightner, Sis. Gladys Hogan, Sis. Louise Wilson.

HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH: Rev. Charles Thigpen, Van Paschall, Mrs. Ina Wood, George Nance.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I — Name

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

ARTICLE II — Purpose

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify and strengthen the work of the various churches composing the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various churches in the Association or that may be hereafter represented therein.

ARTICLE III — Composition

The Wolverine Association shall be composed of its general officers, the members of all standing boards or committees, and duly appointed delegates chosen by the churches belonging to said Association.

ARTICLE IV — Representation

Representation in the Wolverine Association is to be by churches which are affiliated with this body. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates elected from the laity, all ordained ministers, deacons, licensed preachers, Pastor's wife, Church Clerk, General Sunday School Superintendent, General League Director and President of the Woman's Auxiliary; providing the delegates are members in good standing of the local church they represent.

ARTICLE V — Finance

We recommend that each church pay ten per cent (10%) of its regular income into the treasury of the Association to be used in the various phases of the denominational work at the discretion of the Association. (Compliance with this recommendation is not compulsory for affiliation, but the plan has proven successful in financing our work.)

ARTICLE VI — Discipline

Section 1. This Association shall have power to it only as an advisory council to give churches advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the way churches neglect to represent in this Association; to invite brethren in the ministry to a seat in the Association; to exclude from the body any member who does not conform to the Rules of Decorum and shall report their conduct to the church from which they were sent.

Section 2. All matters involving disciplinary measures shall be handled according to the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE VII — Meetings

The meetings of the Wolverine Association shall be held each quarter and shall begin on Thursday night before the first Sunday in June, September, December and March. The meeting beginning before the first Sunday in June shall be called the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1.

Standing Boards: The Standing Boards of this Association shall consist of the Presbytery Board, Home Mission Board, Superannuation Board and Board of Education.

Section 2.

Committees: Standing Business Committee, Finance Committee, Program Committee and other committees as necessary shall be elected or appointed by the Chairman unless otherwise provided for and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected or appointed.

Section 3.

Duties: The duties of the Boards and Committees shall be to plan and supervise the work pertaining to their respective fields. Each Board and Committee shall adopt a set of By-Laws to govern their work. These By-Laws shall be subject to the approval of the Wolverine Association.

ARTICLE IX — Auxiliaries

The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the District Sunday School Convention and the District League Convention shall be recognized as subordinate organizations to the Wolverine Association. They shall organize at their own discretion and have power to create and adopt their respective Constitution and By-Laws, and maintain complete management of the work for which they are constituted. They shall report their accomplishments annually to the Association.

ARTICLE X

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

BY-LAWS

1. Officers: The officers of this Association shall consist of a moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk and a Treasurer.
2. The Moderator, Clerk and the Treasurer shall receive an honorarium of \$50.00 each, annually, for their services.
3. The Standing Boards shall be composed of five (5) members each and may be elected either from the ordained authority or the laity, except the Presbytery. The Presbytery shall consist of ordained authority, two of which may be Deacons. The members of Standing Boards shall be elected for a term of five (5) years, with their term of office to expire alternately.
4. The duties of the 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 the Wolverine Association.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 (6) months.
8. The local church must first request by letter the licensing or ordaining of all candidates before the Presbytery can act.
9. 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 qualifications. A list of not less than twenty-five (25) 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 homeletics.
10. The examination of deacons shall be according to I Timothy, Chapter 3.

11. The term of office 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 be 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.
12. A minister from another Denomination wishing to unite with this Association must first make application to a church which requests action of the Presbytery the same as for license or ordination.
13. Be it known that any minister or deacon coming under the hands of the Presbytery who 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 by this body, or they agree to be published in any or all newspapers as this body deems necessary.
14. An annual written report of the activities of the Presbytery shall be made by the clerk of the Presbytery to the Association, or as often as is necessary.
15. All ministers of this Association are required to report in person or letter to the Annual Association with a written report of their work. 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.
16. These Rules and By-Laws are to be printed in Minutes at all times.
17. For further information pertaining to the officers of the local church and their duties, the church should consult the Treaties of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, chapter one, under "The Church".
18. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual session of the Wolverine Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

DOCTRINE

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; Eph. 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 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 then the hope of salvation through the coming CHRIST. Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Gen. 3; 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, 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. CONDITION 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 4:11-16; John 3; Matt. 19: 13-22; I Cor. 7:10; Luke 18: 16-17; 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 saint's 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 22:18, 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 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 Peter 1:12; II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostacy: II Peter 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. 20, 21.

18. THE RESURRECTION. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both 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 23:48; 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 everlasting happiness. II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36; 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 time without leave of the Moderator.

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 appearances 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	Deceased	Conversions	Ministers	S. S. Membership	F. W. B. L. Membership	Woman's Aux. Membership	Church Membership
1. First Church of Flint	Rev. Paul E. Lee	Mrs. Ronnie Lee	4	0	0	7	2	62	17	0	58						
2. First Church of Hazel Park	Rev. Mark M. Lewis	Mrs. Louise Carte	12	56	0	18	4	130	53	15	112						
3. Rouge Church	Rev. James C. Gillim	Mattie Shelton	10	2	0	2	1	130	35	12	82						
4. Philadelphia Church	Rev. William Mishler	Frank M. Howell	27	4	0	30	2	134	51	30	95						
5. Benton Harbor Church	Rev. J. A. Frederick	Robert Russell	8	0	2	10	1	60	15	9	48						
6. Burton Church	Rev. Maurice W. Roach	Mrs. Marjorie Daily	0	0	1	0	1	51	0	0	21						
7. Grace Church	Rev. Glenn Thomas	Lillian Riley	1	0	0	0	1	30	0	6	13						
8. Breckenridge Church	Rev. H. C. Beasley	Martha Pulles	5	0	0	8	1	74	0	20	95						
9. West Wayne Church	Rev. Don A. Lee	Angela Felon	27	11	0	35	1	100	50	11	60						
10. Highland Park Church	Rev. Charles A. Thigpen	Van W. Paschall	73	17	3	50	1	500	92	37	577						
11. Crusader Church		Mrs. Carl Kilgore	29	0	0	19	1	85	0	0	87						
12. Ypsilanti Church	Rev. Dewey Fraley	Peggy Kendrick															
		Totals	196	90	6	179	16	1356	313	140	1248						