

*Rev. W. L. Thompson*

**THE WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
OF  
MICHIGAN**

**Proceedings  
of the 15th. Annual Session  
1956**



When Convened With The  
**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF HAZEL PARK**

**21800 STEPHENSON HIGHWAY  
Hazel Park, Michigan**

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Fifteenth Annual Session**  
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**Of Hazel Park**

**21800 STEPHENSON HIGHWAY**  
**Hazel Park, Michigan**

**On May 31st, June 1st and 2nd**  
**1956**



**OFFICERS**

Moderator .....	Rev. Mark M. Lewis
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. William T. Newsome
Clerk .....	Mrs. Mildred Daniel
Assistant Clerk .....	Mrs. Geraldine Thomas
Treasurer .....	Rev. Thurman Pate
Reporter .....	Carl Brown
Parliamentarian.....	Rev. Charles A. Thigpen
State Foreign Mission Director.....	Rev. Gene Anderson
State Home Mission Director.....	Rev. Glenn E. Thomas
Promotional Secretary.....	Rev. Mark M. Lewis
Member of the General Board of the National Ass'n.....	Rev. Thurman Pate

# **Committees and Boards**

## **Board of Finance**

Bro. John Edwards, 1957

Rev. Johnnie Floyd, 1958

Bro. Claude Pinkston, 1959

Bro. Carl Brown, 1960

Bro. Ezra Walker, 1961

## **Presbytery Board**

Rev. Charles Thigpen, 1957

Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 1958

Rev. James Gillim, 1959

Rev. Thurman Pate, 1960

Rev. Johnny Floyd, 1961

## **Home Mission Board**

Bro. Ezra Walker, 1957

Bro. Carl Kilgore, 1958

Rev. Ira Carpenter, 1959

Bro. Dan Thomas, 1960

Rev. William Newsome, 1961

## **Board of Education**

Bro. Howard Lyle, 1957

Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 1958

Rev. Gene Anderson, 1959

Bro. Paul Robinson, 1960

Rev. Thurman Pate, 1961

## **Superannuation Board**

Bro. Van Paschall, 1957

Rev. J. A. Frederick, 1958

Rev. James Gillim, 1959

Rev. Ira Carpenter, 1960

Rev. Henry Litteral, 1961

## **Sunday School and League Board**

Rev. Henry Litteral, 1957

Bro. Max Allbritten, 1958

Bro. Roscoe Bird, 1959

Rev. Gene Anderson, 1960

Bro. Dan Thomas, 1961

## **Program Committee**

Rev. Mark M. Lewis

Rev. Glenn E. Thomas

Rev. Johnnie Floyd

# PROCEEDINGS

## THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The service was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Grat Dalton followed with prayer led by Bro. LaVan Pearce.

The Moderator, Rev. Mark M. Lewis read as a devotional thought, Psalm 122.

A warm welcome was extended to the Conference by Bro. Edward Vaughn of the host church and the response to the welcome was given by Rev. Dan Cronk.

Announcements were made by the Moderator followed by another congregational song.

Bro. Lewis introduced Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and guest speaker for this Conference. Bro. Mooneyham delivered the evening message from Acts 16:19, using as a subject, "The Apostle Paul; His Heavenly Vision, His Holy Venture and His Happy Victory."

Dismissed with the singing of the hymn, "O, How I Love Jesus."

## FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. W. T. Newsome. Prayer was led by Bro. Edward Willis.

Rev. Ward Wilson brought the devotional thought from Matt. 14:23-33 followed by prayer led by Rev. Henry Litteral.

The Moderator, as Pastor of the host church, again welcomed the Conference.

The receiving and reading of the church letters was called for and churches were represented with elected and standing delegations as follows:

	Elected	Standing
1. Benton Harbor Church .....	2	2
2. Breckenridge Church .....	By letter only	
3. Burton Church .....	By letter only	
4. First Church of Hazel Park.....	4	1
5. First Church of Flint .....	0	2
6. Friendship Church .....	2	1
7. Grace Church .....	By letter only	
8. Highland Park Church .....	5	1
9. Midway Church .....	0	1
10. Philadelphia Church .....	3	1
11. Rouge Church .....	5	2
12. West Wayne Church .....	0	4
13. First Church of Dearborn .....	6	4

The Moderator read Article III of the Constitution pertaining to representation in the Wolverine Association.

The Standing Delegates were recognized and charged by the Moderator.

The church letters were received as read with changes noted on the letters as per their delegations.

The Elected Delegates were then recognized and charged by the Moderator, and the Rules of Decorum were read to the body.

A motion was sustained and carried to leave the order of the printed program up to the discretion of the Moderator.

A roll call of Committees and Boards was made and the Moderator appointed the following committees to serve during this session: Obituary Committee; Sis. Eileen Dalton, Chairman, Sis. Wilma Wilson and Sis. Ella Dishman. Temporary Business Committee: All Pastors present were asked to serve on this Committee with Rev. Charles Thigpen acting as Chairman.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham was again welcomed to the Conference. He was asked for and gave a few words of greeting.

A prayer of consecration around the altar was led by Rev. Harold Lucas.

### FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

After a brief recess, the service was begun with congregational singing led by Rev. W. T. Newsome.

Rev. Johnnie Floyd brought the devotional thought from the 100th Psalm.

Bro. Floyd introduced Rev. W. S. Mooneyham who brought the morning message from I Cor. 12:18-27, a message pertaining to the Cooperative Program. Bro. Mooneyham used as a title for the message, "To Each His Own or All For One."

Following the message the congregation was led in a hymn followed by announcements pertaining to the noon meal and the afternoon business session.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Charles Thigpen.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. W. T. Newsome.

Rev. Harold Lucas brought the devotional thought from James 1:10-17 followed by prayer.

A tardy letter from the Crusader Church was received and read. A motion was carried to receive the letter and to seat the 1 elected delegate and the 1 standing delegate which were present.

Additional delegates not present in the morning session were recognized and seated. Bro. Mooneyham was also invited to be seated in council with this body.

The Promotional Secretary's report was read by Rev. Mark M. Lewis. A motion was made, sustained and carried to accept the report as information. A motion was unanimously carried to extend from the Association a rising vote of thanks to our Promotional Secretary for his untiring and splendid efforts in this office.

A motion was made to extend to all of the Pastors a rising vote of thanks for their cooperation with the Promotional Secretary in his work. The motion was carried.

Rev. Mooneyham as Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists made favorable comments on the proposed Michigan State Association mentioned in Bro. Lewis' report.

A motion was carried to present Rev. Dan Cronk with his ministerial certificate and to make it valid for his five year term in India.

A motion was carried to give Dan and Trula Cronk \$50.00 each as an advance Christmas present from the Association.



The annual ministerial reports were called for and read. A motion was sustained and carried to receive and approve these reports and to grant these ministers their annual certificates. (See REPORTS.)

It was voted to hold the next quarterly session of the Wolverine Association with the Crusader Free Will Baptist Church.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read by Sis. Eileen Dalton. A motion was made and sustained to adopt this report. (See REPORTS.) The motion was carried as the body stood in a few moments of silent meditation in memory of these loved ones, followed with prayer led by Bro. Royce Hogan.

### **FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

The service was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Grat Dalton and followed with prayer led by Rev. William T. Newsome.

Special singing was rendered by the Hazel Park Church Choir and prayer was again offered by Bro. Max Allbritten.

Announcements were made by the Moderator and proxy members to the Nominating Committee were appointed in the persons of Rev. Gene Anderson and Bro. David Allison.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham brought the evening message from I Cor. 10:21 followed by prayer.

An ordination service was held at the close of this service and Brothers Virgil Johnson, Arnold Beadles and Edward Vaughn were ordained as Deacons, and Brother Charles Morgan, present Pastor of the Benton Harbor Church was ordained to the full ministry of the Gospel.

The service was dismissed with a fellowship handshake with these brethren and their wives and with one another.

### **SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION**

The session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Gene Anderson followed with prayer led by Bro. Ezra Walker.

Bro. Douglas Roberson brought the devotional thought from Rev. 1:7.

The minutes of this session thus far were read and declared approved as read.

A tardy letter from the Toledo Church was received and read. A motion was carried to receive the letter and seat the elected and standing delegation present from this church.

Additional ministerial reports were received and read. A motion was carried to receive these reports and to award certificates to these brethren. (See REPORTS.)

The annual Treasurer's report was read by Rev. Thurman Pate. A motion was sustained and carried to receive the report as read. (See REPORTS.)

The report of the Board of Finance was read by Rev. Johnnie Floyd. A motion was carried to receive the report. The report contained four recommendations, and a motion was made, sustained and carried to adopt the recommendations as a whole. (See REPORTS.)

A report of the Foreign Mission Director was called for and Rev. Gene Anderson gave several facts pertaining to Michigan's standing on her quota up to the present time. A motion was carried to receive this oral report as information.

A report of the Temporary Business Committee was read by Rev. Charles Thigpen. A motion was carried to receive this report, to be disposed of item by item. All five recommendations contained in the report were adopted. (See REPORTS.)

As a Home Mission news item, Rev. Charles Thigpen gave an oral report of a new church which has been organized in Milton-Freewater, Oregon and is being pastored by Rev. Bill McClintock of the Highland Park Church. Bro. Thigpen mentioned the fact that Bro. McClintock had written concerning a family of 6 which had lost their home and belongings in a recent fire. It was agreed to receive a free will offering for this family at the close of the morning service.

A report of the Presbytery Board was read by Rev. Johnnie Floyd. A motion was carried to receive the report as read and to adopt the recommendation contained therein. (See REPORTS.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. Glenn Thomas. The report was received and the following officers and board members were elected:

Moderator—Rev. Mark M. Lewis  
Assistant Moderator—Rev. William Newsome  
Clerk—Mrs. Mildred Daniel  
Assistant Clerk—Mrs. Geraldine Thomas  
Treasurer—Rev. Thurman Pate  
Reporter—Bro. Carl Brown  
Parliamentarian—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen  
State Foreign Mission Director—Rev. Gene Anderson  
State Home Mission Director—Rev. Glenn Thomas  
Promotional Secretary—Rev. Mark M. Lewis  
Member of the General Board of the National Ass'n.—  
Rev. Thurman Pate  
Board of Finance—Bro. Ezra Walker  
Presbytery Board—Rev. Johnnie Floyd  
Home Mission Board—Rev. Bill Newsome  
Board of Education—Rev. Thurman Pate  
Superannuation Board—Rev. Henry Litteral  
Sunday School and League Board—Bro. Dan Thomas  
Program Committee—Rev. Mark Lewis  
Rev. Glenn Thomas  
Rev. Johnnie Floyd

Five delegates to the National Association convening in Huntington, West Virginia were elected as follows: Bro. Carl Brown; Bro. Paul Robinson; Bro. Royce Hogan; Sis. Violet Newsome; Bro. Douglas Roberson. Alternates elected were Sis. Mary Hahn and Sis. Ina Wood.

It was announced that the proposed new state organizational meeting will convene June 21st thru 23rd in the Free Will Baptist Temple. Twenty-four delegates to this conference from the Wolverine Association were elected as follows:

Bro. Norman Cole	Sis. Bertie Lucas
Bro. Terry Pogue	Sis. Faustine Pate
Sis. Ella Dishman	Sis. Lolly Thigpen
Sis. Wilma Wilson	Sis. Gladys Hogan
Bro. Carl Brown	Bro. Max Allbritten
Bro. George Talley	Sis. Rose Jaquess
Sis. Catherine Talley	Sis. Violet Newsome

Sis. Lottie Pearce  
Sis. Ella Langlois  
Sis. Eileen Dalton  
Sis. Betty Jo Daniel  
Bro. Paul Robinson

Sis. Erma Beadles  
Sis. Allie Allison  
Sis. Frances Walker  
Bro. Theodore Jones  
Sis. Braxton Click

A motion was carried to send the \$25.00 fee along with a letter to this state meeting mentioned above.

A motion was carried to adjourn this business session. Dismissed in prayer led by Rev. Thurman Pate.

### **SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

This final service was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. William Newsome.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham brought the message from Acts 10:33, 44 and followed the message with prayer.

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

### **DELEGATE ENROLLMENT**

BENTON HARBOR CHURCH—Rev. Charles Morgan, Sis. Katherine Morgan, Bro. and Sis. Virgil Johnson.

BRECKENRIDGE CHURCH—By letter only.

BURTON CHURCH—By letter only.

CRUSADERS CHURCH—Rev. Thurman Pate, J. W. Smith, Bro. Earnest Cole.

FIRST CHURCH OF DEARBORN — Rev. William T. Newsome, Bro. Fletcher Range, Sis. Thelma Sargent, Sis. Mary Hahn, Miss Sharon Newsome, Miss Sue Newsome, Mr. Douglas Knight, Sis. Armela Cunningham, Sis. Violet Newsome, Sis. Opal Barrett, Bro. Vernon Sargent.

FIRST CHURCH OF HAZEL PARK—Rev. Mark M. Lewis, Sis. Erma Beadles, Sis. Mamie Poston, Sis. Lottie Pearce, Sis. Eileen Dalton.

FIRST CHURCH OF FLINT—Rev. Henry Litteral, Bro. Sam Baker, Bro. Braxton Click.

FIRST CHURCH OF TOLEDO—Bro. Douglas Roberson, Bro. Dick Daniel, Sis. Katherine Daniel, Sis. Helen Roberson, Sis. Cheryl Taylor, Bro. Fred Taylor, Bro. Joseph Poole.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH—Sis. Alma Miles, Sis. Lorraine Clark, Sis. Naomi Powell, Rev. Harold Lucas.

GRACE CHURCH—Rev. Glenn Thomas, Sis. Kathleen Thomas.

HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Sis. Betty Jo Daniel, Sis. Ella Dishman, Bro. George Nance, Sis. Ella Langlois, Bro. Terry Pogue.

MIDWAY CHURCH—Rev. W. D. Jaggers.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH—Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Sis. Gusta Walker, Sis. Rose Jaquess, Bro. Dewey Goolsby.

ROUGE CHURCH—Bro. Ed Brown, Bro. R. D. Brown, Bro. Bill Davis, Sis. Wilma Wilson, Sis. Catherine Talley, Bro. Herman Thomas.

WEST WAYNE CHURCH—Rev. Lacy Ward Wilson, Bro. Royce Hogan, Bro. Edward Willis, Bro. Norman Cole.



# REPORTS

## REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

March 1st to May 31st, 1956

With this report, three-fourths of a year has gone by since the office of Promotional Secretary was created in our Wolverine Association. A great deal of time and work has gone into the work—and we feel that much has been accomplished.

In the last report, it was mentioned that with this one some concrete evidence could be produced on the progress of organizing a State Association of Free Will Baptists in Michigan. Recommendations will be coming to you from the Business Committee pertaining to the organization. I strongly urge the adoption of the same.

It has been a thrilling experience to serve the Association in this position; may God add His blessing to the effort put forth.

### Letters written and received:

- 3-3-56—To Rev. W. S. Mooneyham re: invitation to be feature speaker at the Annual Session of the Association.
- 3-13-56—To Rev. Ralph T. Willis re: work in Hillsdale, Michigan.  
To Deacon Warren Newcomb re: F.W.B. Church in Grand Ledge.  
To Mrs. Sturgill re: F.W.B. Church in Belding.  
Received reply only from Rev. Willis.
- 3-24-56—Received letter from Rev. Henry Litteral requesting that I be speaker in a fellowship at the First Church, Flint. Replied that I would come.
- 4-24-56—To Rev. W. S. Mooneyham re: program for Annual Meeting of Association.

### Personal Contacts and Talks:

- 3-3-56—Talked with Rev. Colt pertaining to revival at the new church in Chelsea. Revival did not develop.
- 4-14-56—Made a survey of the field at Garden City, Michigan, pertaining to the possibility of organizing a new Free Will Baptist Church. In my opinion, the prospect is very good. I ask the prayers of the Association for the project—and, of course, will keep you informed as to the results. Traveled 53 miles.

### Services conducted or preached in:

- 3-19 to 3-23-56—In five nights of revival at the Midway F.W.B. Church in Niles: Six professions—Received in offering for the Department, \$35.07. Traveled 400 miles.
- 3-31-56—Preached in Fellowship meeting at the First Church, Flint—Received \$10.00. Traveled 108 miles.
- 4-14-56—Preached at Youth Rally at 7th St. Church in Ecorse. Received \$10.00. Traveled 40 miles.

### Council meetings attended or presided over:

- 3-17-56—The Ministers' council met at the Faith F.W.B. Church in Royal Oak. This was the final of three meetings scheduled, and a poll was taken as to the desires of the ministers pertaining to one great Association or a State Association. All

ministers voting voted in favor of the State Organization. A Committee was appointed to draw up a Preamble to be presented at the next meeting at the Highland Park Church, 4-21-56.

4-21-56—As per previous arrangement, the ministers met at the Highland Park Church. The usual time of fellowship and devotions were enjoyed. Then the report of the Preamble Committee was read. Each minister was given a copy, and a few minutes of time was allowed for study of same. The vote was taken, and it was approved. It was bound over to be ratified by the various Associations, then a Committee was elected to frame a Constitution for the actual organization of a State Association. Said Constitution was to give the time for actual organization, and suggest delegation.

5-19-56—The same group of ministers met at the Hazel Park Church; devotions and fellowship were enjoyed. Then the Committee report on the Constitution for the State Association was given. After some amendments, it was unanimously approved. Provided the local Associations approve the actual organization of the State Association, the time is set for June 21st-23rd. Rev. Mark M. Lewis was elected to bring the introductory message, and the program to be framed as the meeting progresses.

#### Visits and social calls:

3-22-56—Visited with the officers and Pastor of the Benton Harbor F.W.B. Church, and counceled with them pertaining to the building program.

#### Assistance to denominational promotional men:

4-25th-29th-56—Arranged Missionary Conference at the Hazel Park Church: Approx. 30 letters—20 phone calls—Traveled 250 miles (Milage paid by Mission Board). Five churches were visited by Board members. Offering for Foreign Missions totaled \$1,279.18—all applied to Michigan's quota.

5-15-56—Arranged meeting of the Michigan Board of Superannuation with Rev. K. V. Schutes, Promotional Secretary of Superannuation. Met with them at the Hazel Park Church.

#### Finally:

Total professions witnessed .....	6
Total miles traveled .....	851
Total offering received .....	\$55.07

In next report in September, we hope to have full report of the effort to organize State Association.

The summer months are coming up—busy days are ahead. Pray for all our work—and especially for the Youth Camp and National Association.

Rev. Mark M. Lewis

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the last Annual Conference of the Wolverine Association, our Lord has seen fit to call home our beloved Sister Dora Dryden of the Highland Park Church and Sister Ida Harding of the West Wayne Church.

We, of the Obituary Committee, recommend that we stand in a moment of silent meditation in memory of these two loved ones, whose lives were devoted to the cause of Christ.

Eileen Dalton, Chairman  
 Wilma Wilson  
 Ella Dishman

# **TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS JUNE 1, 1955 - JUNE 1, 1956**

Cash on hand June 1, 1955.....\$ 2,551.11

## **RECEIPTS**

### **TITHES**

Highland Park Church .....	\$2,946.55	
First Church of Flint.....	283.02	
Grace Church .....	170.09	
Philadelphia Church .....	793.35	
West Wayne Church .....	429.57	
Friendship Church .....	165.00	
Midway Church .....	90.60	
Crusaders Church .....	160.00	
Hazel Park Church .....	255.00	
Benton Harbor Church .....	144.37	
Breckenridge Church .....	69.98	
Toledo Church .....	51.25	
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Total .....		\$ 5,558.78

### **FOREIGN MISSIONS**

First Church of Flint.....	\$ 57.73	
Grace Church .....	179.26	
West Wayne Church .....	287.32	
Friendship Church .....	278.00	
Crusaders Church .....	40.00	
Highland Park Church .....	5,804.09	
Hazel Park Church .....	825.00	
Breckenridge Church .....	33.00	
Benton Harbor Church .....	10.00	
Rouge Church .....	129.41	
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Total .....		\$ 7,643.81

### **HOME MISSIONS**

First Church of Flint.....	\$ 45.00	
Grace Church .....	20.00	
West Wayne Church .....	91.09	
Crusaders Church .....	5.00	
Crusaders Church (Payment on loan).....	250.00	
Highland Park Church .....	1,349.10	
Friendship Church .....	20.00	
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Total .....		\$ 1,780.19

## BIBLE COLLEGE

Highland Park Church .....\$1,621.00

Total ..... \$ 1,621.00

## YOUTH CAMP

Refund from Davis Packing Company.....\$ 18.00

Sale of Youth Camp Pictures..... 2.00

Youth Camp Receipts ..... 1,031.66

Total ..... \$ 1,051.66

## MISCELLANEOUS

Ministers' part of Blue Cross.....\$ 532.65

Gifts from Promotional Work..... 117.43

West Wayne Church (National League)..... 9.42

West Wayne Church (Wolverine League)..... 9.42

West Wayne Church (Headquarters Bldg.)..... 24.67

Refund on P. Robinson's Life Ins..... 5.19

Total ..... \$ 698.78

TOTAL RECEIPTS ..... \$18,354.22

GRAND TOTAL ..... \$20,905.33

## DISBURSEMENTS

National Foreign Mission Board.....\$7,643.81

National Home Mission Board..... 1,530.19

F.W.B. Bible College ..... 1,621.00

National Association (Co-Operative Program)..... 2,224.51

Travel Expenses for ETTA Teachers..... 73.86

Printing ..... 249.89

National Superannuation Board ..... 100.52

Michigan Hospital Service ..... 845.82

Bible College Students ..... 390.00

Promotional Secretary (Salary)..... 450.00

Promotional Secretary (Travel Expense)..... 121.14

Headquarters Building ..... 24.67

National Association Delegates Fee..... 5.00

National Association Delegates Expense..... 250.00

Moderator ..... 100.00

Clerk ..... 200.00

Treasurer ..... 100.00

Rev. John West Travel Expense..... 105.00

Rev. John West (Gift)..... 50.00

Postage ..... 15.00

Office Supplies ..... 16.36

Friendship Church ..... 200.00

Midway Church (Gift) ..... 200.00

Philadelphia Church (Gift) ..... 200.00

Crusaders Church (Loan) ..... 600.00

Free Will Baptist Gem..... 2.00

West Wayne Church ..... 200.00

Stationery ..... 15.55

Youth Camp Expense .....	991.89	
Rev. Mark Lewis (Youth Camp Conv. Exp.).....	25.00	
National League Board .....	9.42	
College Lumen Advertisement .....	40.00	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....</b>		<b>\$18,600.63</b>
<b>Balance Cash on Hand, June 1, 1956.....</b>		<b>\$ 2,304.71</b>

#### BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund (Deficit) .....	\$ 169.47
Superannuation .....	1,061.14
Youth Camp .....	293.02
Wolverine League .....	227.14
Home Missions .....	892.88
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,304.71</b>

### BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT

#### Tithes

Breckenridge Church .....	\$ 62.58	
Burton Church .....	16.63	
Friendship Church .....	46.00	
Grace Church .....	35.22	
Highland Park Church .....	740.13	
Philadelphia Church .....	197.65	
First Church of Dearborn.....	92.11	
First Church of Hazel Park.....	100.00	
Benton Harbor Church .....	56.71	
West Wayne Church .....	89.18	
Crusaders Church .....	50.00	
First Church of Toledo.....	58.02	
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$ 1,544.23</b>

#### Foreign Missions

Breckenridge Church .....	\$ 8.70	
Burton Church .....	21.86	
Friendship Church .....	53.00	
Grace Church .....	7.24	
Highland Park Church .....	240.29	
Rouge Church .....	135.07	
West Wayne Church .....	81.60	
First Church of Flint.....	15.00	
Crusader Church .....	30.00	
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$ 592.76</b>

#### Home Missions

Grace Church .....	\$ 5.00	
Highland Park Church .....	82.25	
West Wayne Church .....	40.79	
First Church of Flint.....	15.00	
Crusader Church .....	5.00	
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$ 148.04</b>



## Miscellaneous

West Wayne Church (Wolverine League).....	\$ 13.75
West Wayne Church (Nat'l League Board).....	13.74
Crusader Church (Furnace Loan).....	50.00
Crusader Church (Bible College).....	5.00

Total ..... \$ 82.49

GRAND TOTAL ..... \$ 2,367.52

## Recommendations: June 2nd, Annual Meeting

1. We recommend that Wolverine Association transfer \$500.00 from Superannuation Fund to General Fund.
2. We recommend that Wolverine Association give a \$200.00 donation to First Church of Dearborn. This shall be taken one-half from Home Mission Fund and one-half from General Fund.
3. We recommend that Wolverine Association pay expenses of Rev. W. S. Mooneyham to and from Wolverine Annual Meeting of 1956 and an honorarium of \$50.00.
4. We recommend that Wolverine Association give a token offering of \$25.00 to each elected delegate to National Association.

Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Secretary  
Royce L. Hogan  
Carl Brown

## TEMPORARY BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

### Recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Wolverine Association sponsor an organizational revival meeting in Garden City, Michigan, to be directed by the Promotional Secretary with the help of the Home Mission Board.
2. We recommend that the Wolverine Association instruct our clerk to write each church and encourage them to pay in full or in part the expenses of their Pastor to the National Association in Huntington, West Virginia.
3. We recommend that the Wolverine Association proceed in participating in the organizing of the State Association of Free Will Baptists in Michigan and that each church in the constituent bodies composing the Michigan State Association have the opportunity to ratify the Constitution and By-Laws before the organization is made permanent. We feel that each church should have ample opportunity to study and ratify said Constitution before the second session of the State Association; at which time the organization could be made permanent.
4. We recommend that a rising vote of thanks be given the officers of this Conference for their untiring and faithful leadership during this year.
5. We recommend that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Hazel Park Church and the women who prepared the meals, for their generous entertainment during this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles A. Thigpen, Secretary

# ANNUAL PRESBYTERY REPORT

Ordination services at Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, June 19, 1955:

1. Billy Gene McClintock preached the opening message and was ordained to the full Gospel ministry. Rev. Charles Thigpen gave the charge. Rev. Thurman Pate presented the Bible. Rev. Johnnie Floyd led the prayer of laying on of hands and presented the Ordination Credentials.
2. Thomas Creech was ordained to the Deaconship of Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church.
3. Harvey C. Crain was given ordination papers to the Deaconship of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, having transferred properly from the Missionary Baptist Church.

Done by order of the Presbytery:

Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Acting Chm.

Rev. Thurman Pate, Member

Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Member & Sec'y.

## PRESBYTERY MINUTES — SEPT 2, 1955

Presbytery Board met at Rouge Free Will Baptist Church and re-organized according to the revised Constitution. The officers elected were to remain as before with the exception of one new addition, Rev. Thurman Pate placed in the vacancy of the expired term of Rev. Maurice Roach's expired office, 1955.

### Business transacted:

1. Motion made that a letter be written, signed by the name of the Presbytery of the Wolverine Association, and sent to the Knoxville, Tenn., brethren of the particular Association, informing them of Mr. George Ritter's standing when separated from Wolverine Association.
2. Also same letter to be sent to the Contact and the Free Will Baptist papers to be published as is agreed in our Constitution and by all applicants to the ministry as set forth therein.
3. Edward M. Willis of Wayne Free Will Baptist Church—his address 2221 Delton Ct.—passed the oral examination in preparation to receive the questions for License.
4. Norman A. Cole of the West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church—his address 2041 Christine—passed the oral examination in preparation to receive the questions for License.

Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Secretary

## PRESBYTERY REPORT — SEPT. 12, 1955

1. License questions sent to Edward M. Willis of Wayne Free Will Baptist Church. His address is 2221 Delton Ct.
2. License questions sent to Norman A. Cole of Wayne Free Will Baptist Church. His address is 2041 Christine.

Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Secretary

## PRESBYTERY REPORT — SEPT. 30, 1955

1. License questions received from Edward M. Willis, and graded 85%. License prepared to be granted Sept. 24, 1955.
2. License questions received from Norman A. Cole, and graded 70%. License prepared to be granted Sept. 30, 1955.

## PRESBYTERY REPORT — DEC. 2, 1955

### ORDINATION SERVICE

1. Othia Goolsby of Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church ordained to the Deaconship.
2. George Dayton Wassom of the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church ordained to the Deaconship.
3. Presbytery questioned John A. Edwards, 842 Campbell Ave., Flint, Mich., of First Church concerning ordination. Questions given.
4. License granted to James M. Allbritten, 18889 Russell, Detroit, of Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church, after having passed with grade of 90%.
5. Presbytery questioned Hildred Beadles concerning license to preach. Questionnaire given Dec. 3, 1955. He is a member of Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church.
6. Presbytery granted deaconship ordination papers to Carl Kilgore of the Crusaders Free Will Baptist Church Dec. 3, 1955.

### PRESBYTERY ORGANIZES NEW CHURCH IN TOLEDO, OHIO

Dec. 10, 1955

The service opened with two songs: "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow", and "I Love My Saviour." Prayer was made by Joe Poole. Devotion was read by Rev. Charles Thigpen, using Psalm 11:3 and II Tim. 2:19, and a message was given concerning the Church's Foundation. Rev. Thigpen then questioned the applicants and the proposed church organization. Rev. Johnnie Floyd answered for those whom he is acquainted with by past experience. Fred Taylor, one of the leaders, answered for the remainder of the people. Rev. Lois Clayton of Kannapolis, N. C., had helped in an eight day meeting.

Rev. Thurman Pate presented the Bible, after which Joe Poole made motion for the proposed body to accept.

Rev. Thigpen presented the Church Covenant, to which Fred Taylor made motion that the New Church accept.

Rev. Johnnie Floyd acted as Moderator for the Church election of required officers. First, twelve charter members were accepted: Fred Taylor, Cheryl Taylor, Joseph Poole, Selma Poole, Wayne Lovingood, Minnie Lovingood, Virgil Lovingood, Dave Wright, Rose Wright, Thelma Ball, Kenneth Lovingood, Carol Lovingood.

Fourteen prospects are also in view for the church as members. Rev. Thigpen made a move from the Presbytery that these charter members be accepted.

Joe Poole made a move that the charter remain open for thirty days, which was seconded by Wayne Lovingood.

Dave Wright made a move, seconded by Wayne Lovingood, that the following proposed officers be accepted: Fred Taylor—Treasurer. Cheryl Taylor—Clerk. Wayne Lovingood, Joe Poole, Fred Taylor—proposed deacons on trial for six months according to Wolverine Association's standards. This main move was amended, Fred Taylor making the move, seconded by Joe Poole, that David Wright and Kenneth Lovingood be included as Trustees for one year.

The name, "First Free Will Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio," was moved on by Fred Taylor and seconded by Wayne Lovingood and accepted by the body.

After a fellowship handshake was given the New Church members by the Presbytery, Mr. Carl Brown dismissed the service with prayer.

Presbytery Secretary, Rev. Johnnie Floyd

## **PRESBYTERY REPORT — FEB. 9, 1956**

License questions sent to Charlie Metcalf, c/o Rev. W. H. Guinn, 164 Richter, River Rouge, Michigan.

## **PRESBYTERY REPORT — MARCH 10, 1956**

**ORDINATION SERVICE**—At Flint, Mich. First Free Will Baptist Church. John A. Edwards was ordained to the full Gospel Ministry.

Rev. Paul Lee, student of Free Will Baptist Bible College, delivered the opening message.

Rev. Mark Lewis gave the charge to the young minister.

Rev. Thurman Pate led the prayer of laying on of hands.

Rev. Johnnie Floyd made the presentation of ordination credentials.

Rev. Henry Litteral, pastor of the host church presented the Bible.

Service was concluded by fellowship handshake.

## **PRESBYTERY MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 1956**

**At Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church.**

1. Ordination questionnaire to be sent to Charles Morgan as requested by his church and present pastorate. His twelve months of license time will be terminated June, 1956 at which time he will be ordained to the full Gospel Ministry. Requested by the Benton Harbor Free Will Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan.
2. James C. Powell of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan, received the license questionnaire concerning the preaching of the Gospel.
3. Lawrence Runyon set in with the Presbytery for questioning concerning his possibility of joining our Denomination. He is at present, a Methodist Minister (not yet ordained but holds a M.A. degree). His address—Burnips Street, Phone TW. 6-9498, Jamestown Circuit out of Grand Rapids, Mich.
4. Charlie Metcalf of Rouge Free Will Baptist Church was granted license to preach the Gospel. Requested by Rouge Church. Grade 85%.
5. Leonard D. Nash of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Mich. was questioned concerning license to preach. Questionnaire granted. Hid address, 1133 Dunkirk, Mt. Morris, Mich.
6. Dow D. Roberson of Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church, now elected Pastor of the newly organized Church in Toledo, Ohio, was questioned concerning license to preach. Graded 95%. License granted March 2, 1956.
7. John A. Edwards of First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Mich. passed Ordination Questionnaire 100%. Tentative ordination date of March 10, 1956 set by the Presbytery to take place at the church.



8. Hildred Beadles of Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church passed license questions 80%. License granted March 2, 1956.
9. Donald Creech of Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church passed license questions 90%. License granted March 2, 1956.

## PRESBYTERY ORGANIZES NEW CHURCH IN DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

4621 Pelham Rd., Dearborn — March 13, 1956

Prayer and introduction . . . Rev. William Newsome. Devotional, Rom. 12 . . . Rev. Charles Thigpen. Prayer . . . Rev. Thurman Pate.

Rev. Charles Thigpen served as Chairman of the new proposed church, and started by reading Section One of the Free Will Baptist National Treatise on Organization. The proposed Constitution of the new church was then read.

Section One on Christian Character, Doctrine, Fellowship of Applicants and ability to sustain church was applied. The answer of silence spoke for the peace of said church.

The church acting Treasurer gave the following report: \$10,500 purchase price, \$1500. paid, owe \$9000. Free labor \$2000. and church tithes and offerings average \$125. per week.

Rev. Mark Lewis presented the Bible to the Pastor of proposed organization. A prayer of consecration was led by Rev. Johnnie Floyd.

The proposed Church Constitution was then ratified by the body. Rev. Newsome made motion which was carried by the body.

Charter members then were called for: Twenty-two in number: Mary Hahn, Fletcher Range, W. T. Newsome, Violet Newsome, Sharon Newsome, Tivis Henry Newsome, Katherine Newsome, Sue Newsome, Russell Newsome, Lillian Newsome, Elsie Compton, Dale Cunningham, Linda Cunningham, Bonnie Barrett, Opal Barrett, Douglas Knight, Violet Knight, Thelma Sargent, Vernon Sargent, James Funson, Norma Barrett.

Rev. Johnnie Floyd made motion that charter members be accepted. Carried by Presbytery. The Constitution was then accepted by the recognized body.

Section Two on Officers of the Church was read and applied.

W. T. Newsome, Pastor: Tivis Henry Newsome, Treasurer; Opal Barrett, Clerk; Russell Newsome, Tivis Henry Newsome and Vernon Sargent, as Trustees. The move was made by Rev. William Newsome and carried by the church body.

The Church Covenant of Free Will Baptists was adopted. Move was made by Tivis Newsome and carried by the church body.

Service was closed by special quartettes and a piano solo. Prayer by Rev. Lewis.

Done by order of the Presbytery of Wolverine Association  
Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Secretary

## PRESBYTERY MINUTES — APRIL 29, 1956

1. Willard Myers was ordained as a Deacon at Rouge Free Will Baptist Church.

Members present:

Rev. Mark Lewis, Chairman

Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Secretary

Rev. W. H. Guinn, (Thigpen proxy)



## PRESBYTERY MINUTES — APRIL 21, 1956

1. Rev. Raymond Riggs to be commended to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists in Nashville, Tenn. for Ministerial Fellowship, membership in good standing. Recommended from Wolverine Association.

Members present:

Rev. Mark Lewis, Chairman

Rev. Charles Thigpen, Vice-Chairman

Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Secretary

Rev. Thurman Pate

## PRESBYTERY MINUTES — MAY 1, 1956

1. Ordination questions received from Charles Morgan, 1040 Huntly Rd., Niles, Michigan and graded 90%. To be ordained June, 1956. Pastoring Benton Harbor Church.
2. License questions received from Leonard D. Nash, 1133 Dunkirk, Mt. Morris, Michigan and graded 85%.
3. License questions received from James C. Powell of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan and graded 85%. License granted March 2, 1956.

## PRESBYTERY MINUTES — JUNE 1, 1956

1. Edward Willis to be sent questionnaire for ordination to the Ministry as per request by the West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church.
2. Virgil Johnson of Benton Harbor Free Will Baptist Church, having been on trial and questioned concerning deaconship was ordained and granted Deaconship Certificate as per request of Benton Harbor Church.
3. Ed Vaughn of Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church, having been on trial and questioned concerning deaconship was ordained and granted Deaconship Certificate as per request of Hazel Park Church.
4. Arnold Beadles of Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church, having been on trial and questioned concerning deaconship was ordained and granted Deaconship Certificate as per request of Hazel Park Church.
5. Ted Berberick of First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint to be ordained as a deacon at a future date.
6. Leo Worley of Rouge Free Will Baptist Church was questioned by the Presbytery as per request of his home church concerning license to preach the Gospel. License questionnaire granted June 1, 1956. License to be granted when passing grade is received. His address . . . 68 E. James St., River Rouge, Michigan.
7. Charles Morgan of Benton Harbor Free Will Baptist Church as per request by his church and completion of Ordinance Questionnaire was ordained June 1, 1956.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham preached the opening message.  
 Rev. Charles Thigpen gave the charge.  
 Rev. Thurman Pate presented the Bible.  
 Rev. Johnnie Floyd presented the Ordination Certificates,  
 both for Deacons and Minister.

Rev. Johnnie Floyd, Secretary  
 Done by order of the Presbytery of the Wolverine  
 Association, June 1, 1956

## RESOLUTION:

Resolved that the Presbytery Board of the Wolverine Association re-  
 frain from ordaining a licensed minister until he begins to labor in a  
 work having received a call therefrom.

Passed by Presbytery, June 1, 1956

## MINISTERIAL REPORTS

**Rev. Gene Anderson:** Served as pastor of Breckenridge Free Will Baptist Church; teacher of Intermediate Class; member of Board of Education and Sunday School and League Board; served as State Foreign Mission Director; and participated in church service weekly at the Detroit House of Correction.

Messages preached .....	145
Professions witnessed .....	7
Rededications .....	2
Wedding ceremonies .....	1
Received for services rendered .....	\$1,005.00

**Rev. John Edwards:** Ordained to Gospel ministry, March 10, 1956. Member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint. Taught children flannelgraph stories each Sunday at local church. Served as member of the Finance Committee of the Wolverine Association. Elected pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Woodbine, Nashville, Tenn.

Sermons preached .....	4
Professions witnessed .....	2
Weddings performed .....	1
Received for services .....	\$15.00

**Rev. Johnnie Floyd:** Pastor of the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church; served as member of the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists; served as member of Credentials Committee of National Association of Free Will Baptists; served as teacher of Evangelical Teacher Training Association classes sponsored by the Wolverine Association; Assistant Moderator of the Wolverine Association; member and Secretary of the Board of Finance; member and Secretary of the Presbytery Board; member of Program Committee; member of Committee to draft Preamble to proposed State Organization of Free Will Baptists in Michigan; attended National Association of Free Will Baptists in Tulsa, Oklahoma; started a new church in Toledo, Ohio.

Sermons preached .....	98
Prayer meetings conducted .....	35
Members received into church .....	21
Conversions witnessed .....	36

Baptized .....	9
Revivals conducted .....	0
Funerals .....	0
Weddings performed .....	2
Miles traveled .....	14,000
Received for services as pastor.....	\$4,490.38

**Rev. J. A. Frederick:** Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Benton Harbor from June 1, 1955 to September 1, 1955: Served in Evangelistic Fields from September, 1955 to June, 1956.

Sermons preached .....	78
Conversions witnessed .....	28
Revivals .....	2
Funerals .....	1
Weddings .....	1
Amount received for services rendered.....	\$320.00

**Rev. W. H. Guinn:** Served as Pastor of Rouge Free Will Baptist Church.

Sermons preached .....	104
Baptized .....	25
Revivals held .....	1
Marriages performed .....	1
Professions witnessed .....	73
Rededications .....	22
Received as Salary .....	\$1,495.82

**Rev. W. D. Jagers:** Served as pastor of Midway Free Will Baptist Church of Niles. Teacher of the Adult Bible Class for 6 months.

Sermons preached .....	85
Conversions .....	6
Rededications .....	10
Baptized .....	7
Received into church .....	6
Weddings .....	1
Received for services .....	\$158.37

**Rev. Mark M. Lewis:** Positions served in:

1. Pastor—First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park
2. Teacher—Intermediate Class—First F.W.B. Church, Hazel Park
3. Moderator—Wolverine Association of F.W.B.
4. Promotional Secretary—Wolverine Association
5. Chairman—Presbytery Board Wolverine Association
6. Chairman—Program Committee Wolverine Association
7. Member Board of Education—Wolverine Association
8. Chairman-Director—Great Lakes Youth Camp
9. Chairman—Board of Foreign Missions—National Ass'n. F.W.B.
10. Vice-Chairman—Executive Committee of General Board of Nat'l. Ass'n.
11. Assistant Teacher—E.T.T.A. Class at West Wayne
12. Teacher Training Class—Hazel Park

**Conferences attended:**

National Association at Tulsa—Missionary Conference at Nashville—  
Missionary Conference at Hazel Park—National Convention of American  
Camping Association in Detroit — and all sessions of the Wolverine  
Association.

Sermons preached .....	136
Revivals conducted .....	4
Professions witnessed .....	42
Received into church .....	17
Baptized .....	9
Weddings performed .....	1
Funerals conducted .....	0
Received for all services rendered:	
First Free Will Baptist Church.....	\$4,160.00
Revivals .....	300.00
Moderator Wolverine Association .....	50.00
Promotional Secretary Wolverine Association .....	450.00
Weddings .....	10.00
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Total .....	\$4,970.00

Traveled approx. 20,000 miles in connection with all services rendered.

**Rev. Henry J. Litteral:** Served as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist  
Church of Flint. Taught the Intermediate Sunday School Class of local  
church. Attended the National Association of Free Will Baptists at Tulsa,  
Oklahoma.

Sermons preached .....	100
Revivals conducted .....	1
Professions witnessed .....	13
Received into church .....	14
Baptized .....	7
Weddings performed .....	3
Funerals preached .....	1
Received for services .....	\$3,900.00

**Rev. Harold Lucas:**

Sermons preached .....	96
Revivals conducted .....	18
Baptized .....	16
Weddings performed .....	1

**Rev. W. T. Newsome:**

1. Pastor—First F.W.B. Church of Dearborn
2. Sermons .....
3. Conversions .....
4. Baptized .....
5. Weddings .....
6. Funerals .....
7. Revivals .....
8. Teacher—Adult Bible Class
9. Led in the organization of the First F.W.B. Church of Dearborn
10. Attended the National Association at Tulsa, Oklahoma



**Rev. Thurman Pate:** Pastor of the Crusaders Free Will Baptist Church; Teacher of the Adult Class; Taught in the Evangelical Teachers Training course; On the Presbytery Board; Treasurer of the Wolverine Association; Served on the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists; Attended the National Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the Spring Conference at the Bible College.

Sermons preached .....	135	
Conversions witnessed .....	35	
Baptized .....	2	
Members received .....	27	
Funerals .....	1	
Weddings .....	5	
Amount for church salary .....		\$3,380.00
Amount for services .....		66.00
Total .....		\$3,446.00

**Rev. Charles A. Thigpen:** Positions served in:

1. Pastor—Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church
2. Moderator—National Association of Free Will Baptists
3. Chairman—Executive Committee of General Board of N.A. F.W.B.
4. Treasurer—Greater Detroit Evangelical Minister's Fellowship
5. Member—Presbytery Board of the Wolverine Association
6. Teacher—Adult Bible Class Highland Park F.W.B. Church
7. Dean—Teacher Training session for Wolverine Association

Sermons preached at local church.....	120	
Revivals conducted .....	1	
Professions witnessed .....	84	
Received into church .....	68	
Baptized .....	32	
Weddings performed .....	8	
Funerals preached .....	6	
Received as salary .....		\$5,460.00

1. Attended Bible Conference in Nashville
2. Attended American Bible Society meeting in New York City
3. Attended National Association of Free Will Baptists
4. Attended National Association of Evangelicals
5. Attended all sessions of Wolverine Association

**Rev. Glenn Thomas:** Served as pastor of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church. Taught Junior Boys at local church. Served as Assistant Director of Great Lakes Youth Camp. Served as State Home Mission Director. Served on Program Committee of Wolverine Association.

Sermons preached:

At local church .....	102	
Other churches .....	4	
Total .....		106
New members received .....	1	
Baptized .....	2	
Decisions witnessed .....	18	



**Rev. George P. Warren:**

Sermons preached .....	8
Witnessed saved .....	1

**Rev. Ward Wilson: Pastor of the West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church.**

Sermons preached .....	95
Number saved .....	20
Number baptized .....	19
Number rededications .....	22
Funerals preached .....	1
Marriages performed .....	5
Salary received .....	\$1,080.00

**ORDAINED MINISTERS**

Rev. Gene Anderson, 17139 Marx St., Detroit, Michigan  
Rev. Ira S. Carpenter, 23048 Vassar, Hazel Park, Michigan  
Rev. Daniel Cronk, Missionary to India  
Rev. John Edwards, 842 Campbell Ave., Flint, Michigan  
Rev. Johnnie Floyd, 14202 Flanders, Detroit, Michigan  
Rev. J. A. Frederick, Address unknown  
Rev. James Gillim, 904 Algonquin, Detroit, Michigan  
Rev. W. H. Guinn, 164 Richter, River Rouge, Michigan  
Rev. W. D. Jagers, 3520 Blue Creek Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan  
Rev. Don Lee, Address unknown  
Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 23082 Hazelwood, Hazel Park, Michigan  
Rev. Henry Litteral, 1036½ W. 12th Street, Flint, Michigan  
Rev. Harold Lucas, 234 E. Russell, Flint, Michigan  
Rev. Bill McClintock, Milton-Freewater, Oregon  
Rev. William Mishler, Headquarters Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee  
Rev. Charles Morgan, 1042 Huntley Road, Niles, Michigan  
Rev. William T. Newsome, 4946 Clippert, Dearborn, Michigan  
Rev. Thurman Pate, 1606 Central Ave., Detroit, Michigan  
Rev. Maurice W. Roach, 627 W. Atherton Rd., Flint, Michigan  
Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, 221 W. Hollywood, Detroit, Michigan  
Rev. Glenn E. Thomas, 27036 Lenox, Royal Oak, Michigan  
Rev. George P. Warren, 2106 Harwine Street, Flint, Michigan  
Rev. Jessie White, F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee  
Rev. Ward Wilson, 3980 John Hix Road, Wayne, Michigan

**LICENTIATES**

Bro. Max Allbritten, 18889 Russell Street, Detroit, Michigan  
Bro. Hildred Beadles, 71 W. Chestnut, Hazel Park, Michigan  
Bro. Norman Cole, 2041 Christine, Wayne, Michigan  
Bro. Donald Creech, 4129 Cummings Street, Berkley, Michigan  
Bro. Theodore Jones, 12353 Hawthorne, Detroit, Michigan  
Bro. Charles Metcalf, 88 Henery Street, River Rouge, Michigan  
Bro. Douglas Roberson, 2946 Chalmers, Detroit, Michigan  
Bro. Edward Willis, 2221 Delton Court, Wayne, Michigan

## ORDAINED DEACONS

BENTON HARBOR CHURCH: None.  
BRECKENRIDGE CHURCH: None.  
BURTON CHURCH: Oddis Birchett, Oscar Hollis, Myron VanNada.  
CRUSADER CHURCH: Odevah Cox, George Cantrell, Carl Kilgore.  
FIRST CHURCH OF DEARBORN: None.  
FIRST CHURCH OF HAZEL PARK: LaVan Pearce, David Allison, Paul Carrier, Arnold Beadles, Edward Vaughn.  
FIRST CHURCH OF FLINT: Braxton Click, Guy Wilson.  
FIRST CHURCH OF TOLEDO: None.  
FRIENDSHIP CHURCH: Arnold Clark, Coy Powell.  
GRACE CHURCH: Bro. Daniel Thomas.  
HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH: Preston Slocum, Thomas Creech, Harvey Crain, Tancel Orr, W. T. Carlile, Douglas Moore, Fred McChesney.  
MIDWAY CHURCH: None.  
PHILADELPHIA CHURCH: Ezra Walker, Herman Rippetoe, Carson Jaquess, Dayton Wassom, Othia Goolsby.  
ROUGE CHURCH: Herman Thomas, Jack Hagan, Joe Wilson, Andrew Worley, Willard Myers.  
WEST WAYNE CHURCH: Julian White, Adolph Felon, Royce Hogan, Thurman Grace.

## CONSTITUTION

### P R E A M B L E

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 I

**NAME**—this organization shall be known as the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan.

### ARTICLE II

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

### ARTICLE III

**REPRESENTATION**—Representation in the Wolverine Association is to be by churches which are affiliated with this body. Each church shall be entitled to six 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 Woman's Auxiliary, providing the delegates are members in good standing of the local church they represent.

### ARTICLE IV

**Section 1. OFFICERS**—The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer and a Promotional Secretary, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each annual session.

**Section 2. BOARDS**—The Boards of the Wolverine Association shall be the following: Board of Finance, Presbytery Board, Home Mission Board, Board of Education, Superannuation Board, and Sunday School and League Board. The personnel of each of the foregoing shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years. Succession to office thereafter shall be for a period of five years.

**Section 3. COMMITTEES**—Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

## ARTICLE V

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**—The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer of the Wolverine Association, and the Chairman of each of the Boards of the Wolverine Association. The Promotional Secretary shall be an Ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VI

**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 VII

**Section 1. DISCIPLINE**—This Association shall have power to act only as an advisory counsel to give churches advice in matters of difficulty; to enquire 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 matters shall be handled according to the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

## ARTICLE VIII

**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 IX

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**—The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall be recognized as a subordinate organization to the Wolverine Association. It shall organize at its own discretion and have power to create and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, and maintain complete management of the work for which it is constituted. An annual report shall be submitted to the Wolverine 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 the members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented to the body in writing one day in advance.



## BY - L A W S

1. The Moderator and the Treasurer shall receive an honorarium of \$50.00 each annually, for their services. The Clerk shall receive \$100.00 annually.
2. 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.
3. 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. Each Board shall draft By-Laws to govern their work. These By-Laws shall be subject to the approval of the Wolverine Association.
4. 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 present.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The local church must first request by letter the licensing or ordaining of all candidates before the Presbytery can act.
8. 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 questions should be prepared by the Presbytery and the candidate 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.
9. The examination of deacons shall be according to I Timothy, Chapter 3.
10. A minister shall be licensed for a period of one year, after which his 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, the license will be forfeited and he will be forced to begin anew.
11. 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.

12. 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.
13. An annual written report of the activities of every board shall be made by the secretary of each board to the Association, or as often as is necessary.
14. 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 a year will forfeit the minister's standing and he will be dropped from the Association.
15. The Constitution and By-Laws are to be printed in Minutes at all times.
16. For further information pertaining to the officers of the local church and their duties, the church should consult the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Chapter 1, under "The Church."
17. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Wolverine Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

## DOCTRINE

1. GOD. We believe in one triune and living 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 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. Isa. 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 16:9-19; 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 peoples as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide. Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isa. 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 infallable rule of faith and practice. II Pet. 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 them 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 that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension paid the purchase price for all who come upon Gospel terms, a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and of 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; Isa. 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 3; 4:11-16; 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 Pet. 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 Pet. 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 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. 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. Ex. 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 divine call to 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 Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb., 12:22-23; I Peter 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 1:19; 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. 5:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. **CHRIST, 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 the 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 the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and the 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 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, so 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 denomination 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. Benton Harbor Church	Rev. Charles Morgan	Robert Russell	8	2	0	5	1	47	0	9	58
2. Breckenridge Church	Rev. Gene Anderson	Mrs. Harold Northrup	2	—	—	—	1	35	0	12	24
3. Burton Church	Rev. Maurice W. Roach	Oddis Birchett	0	0	0	—	1	33	—	—	—
4. Crusaders Church	Rev. Thurman Pate	Lena Poole	27	1	0	26	1	130	25	15	108
5. First Church of Dearborn	Rev. William Newsome	Opal Barrett	0	0	0	7	1	79	0	0	26
6. First Church of Hazel Park	Rev. Mark M. Lewis	Louise Carte	18	3	0	23	3	138	—	—	125
7. First Church of Flint	Rev. Henry Litteral	Myrtle Miller	14	15	0	10	2	68	0	0	51
8. First Church of Toledo	Rev. Douglas Roberson	Cheryl Taylor	10	0	0	8	1	49	0	13	33
9. Friendship Church	Rev. Ira Nix	Naomi Powell	6	0	0	5	1	60	25	10	49
10. Grace Church	Rev. Glenn Thomas	Lillian Riley	1	0	0	18	1	80	27	6	28
11. Highland Park Church	Rev. Charles Thigpen	Paul Robinson	68	10	1	64	2	500	100	38	705
12. Midway Church	Rev. W. D. Jagers	U. V. Jagers	6	3	0	7	1	—	11	0	22
13. Philadelphia Church	Rev. Johnnie Floyd	Faye Riddle	21	2	0	32	3	114	50	13	138
14. Rouge Church	Rev. W. H. Guinn	Mattie Shelton	45	7	0	73	2	149	50	9	117
15. West Wayne Church	Rev. Ward Wilson	Angela Felon	14	2	1	20	2	130	0	15	68
Totals			240	45	2	298	23	1612	288	139	1552