

MINUTES
Of the
WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION
in its
20TH ANNUAL SESSION
CONVENING WITH THE
CENTRAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JUNE 2 AND 3, 1961

OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. Joseph G. Ange
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Mark M. Lewis
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Rev. Fred Hall
Assistant Clerk.....	Sister Julia Hill
Reporter.....	Rev. Billy Davis
State Foreign Missions Director.....	Rev. Fred T. Taylor
State Home Missions Director.....	Rev. William J. Hill

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF FINANCE

Rev. Hildred Beadles (1962)	Bro. R.C. McCuiston (1964)
Bro. Perry Price (1963)	Bro. Ezra Walker (1965)
Bro. Bill Allbritten (1966)	

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. Joseph G. Ange (1962)	Rev. William T. Newsome (1964)
Rev. Mark M. Lewis (1963)	Rev. Fred Hall (1965)
Rev. William J. Hill (1966)	

HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. Joseph Wilson (1962)	Rev. James Powell (1964)
Bro. Lloyd McDermott (1963)	Bro. Braxton Clack (1965)
Rev. William T. Newsome (1966)	

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. William T. Newsome (1962)	Sister Julia Hill (1964)
Rev. Fred Hall (1963)	Rev. Billy Davis (1965)
Rev. Johnny Vick (1966)	

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Bro. Carl Kilgore (1962)	Rev. Fred T. Taylor (1964)
Rev. W.D. Jagers (1963)	Rev. Leonard Nash (1965)
Rev. Coy Powell (1966)	

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Joseph G. Ange	Rev. Fred Hall
Bro. Ezra Walker	

FIRST SESSION, FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

The meeting was opened with singing "Come Thou Fount" led by Brother Fred Hall followed by a devotional by Brother Mark Lewis taken from Acts 15:1-5; 13; 30-31.

The Moderator gave his opening remarks. Visiting ministers were recognized along with the following visiting officials: Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists; Mr. Ray Turnage, Director of the National League work, and his wife. They were welcomed by the Moderator.

We were then led in prayer by Brother Powell, deacon from the Friendship Church of Flint.

We then had the reading of church reports. The following churches were represented: Crusader's, Detroit; West Wayne, Wayne; Grand Rapids; First Church, Flint; First Church, Hazel Park; First Church, Dearborn; Central Church, Royal Oak; Philadelphia Church, Detroit; and Friendship Church, Flint.

Motion CARRIED that the delegates be seated in this Association and a prayer of consecration was offered by Brother Johnny Vick.

The Moderator appointed the following to temporary committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Brother Powell
Brother Wallace
BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Rev. Bill Hill
Brother MzMahon
Rev. Joe Ange
NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Fred Hall
Rev. Mark Lewis
Sister Betty Jo Daniels

Motion CARRIED to adjourn from business session and dismissed in prayer by the Moderator.

WORSHIP HOUR, FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

Our Worship Hour was begun by singing "Nothing But The Blood" and "More About Jesus" led by Brother Fred Hall. We were then led in prayer by Brother Norman Edwards. We then sang "O How I Love Jesus" and Brother Fred Hall sang "Saved By Grace." Brother Billy Melvin was the messenger of the hour speaking from John 3:16, "Motives for Evangelism." A Wonderful message.

SECOND SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2

The session was opened with singing "Showers of Blessings" led by Brother Billy Melvin. Prayer was then offered followed by another hymn, "Near the Cross." Brother Paul Robinson, missionary appointee to Uruguay, then led in a devotion taken from Colossians 3:1-4.

Motion CARRIED that the oral report from the Board of Education be adopted.

The Moderator appointed the Business Committee to serve as the obituary committee.

We then heard a report of the Grand Rapids work from the Home Missionary, Brother Johnny Vick.

Motion CARRIED that the report of the Home Mission Board be adopted.

Brother Paul Robinson gave a report of the progress concerning his visa to Uruguay as a missionary. We were then led in prayer about the matter by Brother Ray Turnage.

Brother Billy Melvin gave us some information on the responsibilities of the National Offices. Subscriptions were then received for CONTACT, the national magazine.

Motion CARRIED that the Presbytery Board report be adopted.

Motion CARRIED to adjourn. We were dismissed in prayer by Brother George Warren.

EVENING SERVICE, FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 2

The evening service was very inspirational with good singing and wonderful testimonies. There were 37 testimonies given in a five minute period which were very inspirational. Brother Billy Melvin brought a message from I Corinthians 16 concerning the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. A wonderful service.

THIRD SESSION, SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 3

The meeting was opened with singing "Stand Up For Jesus" led by Brother Fred Hall followed by the reading of Romans 12 for a Scripture lesson by the Moderator. We were then led in prayer by Brother Adams from Hazel Park Church.

Tardy reports were read from the churches not representing in the FIRST SESSION. They were: First Church, Toledo; Garden City Church; Rouge Church, River Rouge; and First Church, Benton Harbor. A petitionary letter was also read from the First Church of Pontiac, transferring from the Liberty Association.

Motion CARRIED that we receive the First Church of Pontiac under the watch-care of the Association; their membership to become final on the examination and approval of the Presbytery Board.

Motion CARRIED that these additional delegates be seated in this Association.

Special guests of the Association were recognized. They were: Brother Ray Turnage, Director of our National League work, and Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

A report of the work of the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was given to the body by Sister Anna Collins, president.

Motion CARRIED that treasurer's report be adopted.

Motion CARRIED that the report from the Foreign Mission director, Brother Fred Taylor, be adopted.

Motion CARRIED that we adopt the report from the Temporary Finance Committee.

Motion CARRIED that we receive the report of the Business Committee and vote on the items one by one. The following items were adopted:

ITEM #1 - WHEREAS there seems to be some question in certain sections of our denomination concerning the form of church government upon which our church was founded;
AND WHEREAS some associations have formulated their own local treatise;

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- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wolverine Association go on record as re-affirming our adherence to our National Free Will Baptist Treatise and the congregational form of church government as set forth in our National Treatise.
- ITEM #2 - BE IT RESOLVED that we give Rev. Billy Melvin an honorarium of \$100.00 for his services in this Associational meeting and that this amount be paid out of our operating funds.
- ITEM #3 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Wolverine Association go on record as favoring an invitation to the National Association of Free Will Baptists to convene in Detroit in 1963.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the State Association of Michigan to extend the formal invitation to the National Association convening in Norfolk this July.
- ITEM #4 - BE IT RESOLVED that we extend to the Central Church a rising vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining this session of the Wolverine Association.

Motion CARRIED that we adopt the report of the Obituary Committee. Prayer was offered by Brother Fred Taylor.

After proper motion and second the following were elected to offices in this Association:

MODERATOR: Rev. Joseph G. Ange
 ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Rev. Mark Lewis
 CLERK-TREASURER: Rev. Fred Hall
 ASSISTANT CLERK: Sister Julia Hill
 REPORTER: Rev. Billy Davis
 STATE FOREIGN MISSIONS DIRECTOR: Rev. Fred Taylor
 STATE HOME MISSIONS DIRECTOR: Rev. William J. Hill
 PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rev. Joseph G. Ange, Brother Ezra Walker,
 Rev. Fred Hall
 PRESBYTERY BOARD: Rev. William J. Hill (66)
 BOARD OF EDUCATION: Rev. Johnny Vick (66)
 SUPERANNUATION: Rev. Coy Powell (66) Brother Carl Kilgore (62)
 HOME MISSION BOARD: Rev. William T. Newsome (66)
 BOARD OF FINANCE: Brother Bill Allbritten (66)

Motion CARRIED that the following churches elect five delegates to represent in the State Association: First Church, Toledo; First Church, Hazel Park; Philadelphia; Friendship; and Central.

Brother Ray Turnage gave a report of the National League work.

Moderator declared the session dismissed until the Morning Worship Hour.

WORSHIP HOUR, SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 3

The Morning Worship Hour was opened by singing "Loyalty to Christ" led by Brother Fred Hall. Brother Billy Melvin then delivered a stirring message on "Suffering for Christ." An offering was taken and the Association was adjourned with prayer by Brother Melvin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph G. Ange, Moderator
 Fred Hall, Clerk

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, nominate the following for offices in our Association:

Moderator: Rev. Joseph G. Ange
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Mark M. Lewis
Clerk: Rev. Fred Hall
Assistant Clerk: Sister Julia Hill
Reporter: Rev. Billy Davis
State Foreign Missions Director: Rev. Fred T. Taylor
State Home Missions Director: Rev. William J. Hill
Program Committee: Rev. Joseph G. Ange
Brother Ezra Walker
Rev. Fred Hall
Presbytery Board: Rev. William J. Hill (1966)
Board of Education: Rev. Johnny Vick (1966)
Superannuation: Rev. Coy Powell (1966) Brother Carl Kilgore (1962)
Home Missions: Rev. William T. Newsome (1966)
Board of Finance: Brother Bill Allbritten (1966)

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Mark Lewis
Rev. Fred Hall
Sister Betty Daniel

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION DIRECTOR

National Mission Staff: General Director-Treasurer: Rolla D. Smith; Promotional Secretary and Editor: Jerry Ballard; Bookkeeper and Secretary: Mrs. H.B. Sloan; Secretary: Hildred Dew
National Foreign Mission Board: Rev. Mark Lewis, Chairman; Rev. Joseph G. Ange; Rev. Raymond Riggs; Rev. Eugene Waddell; Rev. Reford Wilson.

Wolverine Association Giving:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
Benton Harbor.....	\$ 168.62
Central.....	11,158.17
Crusaders.....	-----
First Church of Flint.....	100.00
Friendship.....	781.52
Garden City.....	9.50
Grand Rapids.....	5.00
Hazel Park.....	936.72
Philadelphia.....	2,031.00
Rouge.....	321.12
Toledo.....	160.09
Wayne.....	203.97
Dearborn.....	616.50
District Woman's Auxiliary.....	806.05
Total Giving.....	\$17,298.56

Two Foreign Missions Conferences were held within the Association at Philadelphia Church and Central Church. Those participating were: Rolla D. Smith, General Director The Robinsons, candidates to Uruguay; Joseph G. Ange, member of the Board; The Willey Sr., Cuba; Rev. Mark M. Lewis, Chairman of the Board.

Missionaries now supported by our National Board now number forty two adults plus their children.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Fred T. Taylor

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. WHEREAS, there seems to be some question in certain sections of our denomination concerning the form of church government upon which our church was founded;
AND WHEREAS, some associations have formulated their own local treatise;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolverine Association go on record as re-affirming our adherence to our National Free Will Baptist Treatise and the congregational form of church government as set forth in our National Treatise.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that we give Rev. Billy Melvin an honorarium of \$100.00 for his services in this Associational Meeting and that this amount be paid out of our operating funds.
3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Wolverine Association go on record as favoring an invitation to the National Association of Free Will Baptists to convene in Detroit in 1963.
4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the State Association of Michigan to extend the formal invitation to the National Association convening in Norfolk this July.
5. BE IT RESOLVED that we extend to the Central Church a rising vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining this session of the Wolverine Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. William J. Hill
Bro. Charles McMahan
Rev. Joseph G. Ange

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Whereas the following members of our various churches have parted this life during the past twelve months,

And whereas we feel indebted to them for their service to Christ,

Therefore be it resolved that we stand in silence for one moment commemorating their memory and service to God, and that we go to God in prayer for their loved ones left behind and for their churches:

Philadelphia Church

Sister Pearl Porter
Brother Charles Goodwin

Friendship Church

Brother William Tucker

Hazel Park Church

Brother Fred Byars
Sister Pavlick

Central Church

Sister Christine Smotherman
Sister Virginia Moreno
Brother Joseph Rudder
Sister Josie Frazier

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. William J. Hill
Brother Charles McMahan
Rev. Joseph G. Ange

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:

GENERAL FUND

Grand Rapids.....	33.85
Central.....	1,637.28
Dearborn.....	50.00
Hazel Park.....	64.00
First of Flint.....	25.00
Wayne.....	100.00
Total.....	1,810.13

TITHES

Friendship.....	342.00
Benton Harbor.....	350.78
Crusaders.....	70.00
Rouge.....	103.02
Philadelphia.....	1,072.97
Hazel Park.....	581.75
First of Flint.....	75.00
Toledo.....	228.94
Grand Rapids.....	66.33
Garden City.....	5.00
Total.....	2,895.79

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Central.....	2,135.12
Friendship.....	749.07
Dearborn.....	140.50
Benton Harbor.....	149.78
Grand Rapids.....	10.00
Garden City.....	10.00
Rouge.....	103.02
Wayne.....	100.00
First of Flint.....	309.86
Toledo.....	97.09
Hazel Park.....	970.00
Philadelphia.....	1,900.00
Free will offering.....	102.46
Total.....	6,776.90

WOLVERINE HOME MISSIONS

Central.....	465.39
Dearborn.....	12.00
Grace.....	2,506.69
Grand Rapids.....	7.00
Toledo.....	71.49
Friendship.....	37.00
Benton Harbor.....	48.93
First of Flint.....	5.00
Hazel Park.....	75.10
Misc.....	77.85
Refund.....	117.00
Total	3,423.45

YOUTH CAMP..... 947.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Blue Cross.....	2,305.32
National League Bd.....	63.92
National Home Missions.....	773.41
Foreign Missions.....	7,095.99
Bible College.....	1,066.11
National Sun. School...	246.50
Youth Camp (Total).....	1,198.28
General Fund:	
Orphanage.....	102.50
College Students....	1,180.00
Phone Calls.....	15.36
Loan (Garden City)...	300.00
Brief Cases.....	19.00
Insurance.....	86.32
Rev. Thigpen.....	100.00
Moderator.....	50.00
Clerk.....	150.00
Wol. Home Missions..	300.00
Lumen.....	50.00
Presbytery Bd. Expense	16.00
Stamps.....	3.00
Total.....	14,780.15

NAT'L SUNDAY SCHOOL

Central..... 155.13

ORPHANAGE

Grace.....	100.00
Grand Rapids.....	10.00
First of Flint.....	20.00
Total.....	130.00

BLUE CROSS..... 805.37

WOLVERINE SUPERANNUATION

Central..... 224.25

NAT'L HOME MISSIONS

Central.....	401.04
Friendship.....	78.00
Dearborn.....	81.50
Benton Harbor.....	129.66
Rouge.....	102.02
Hazel Park.....	50.00
First of Flint.....	30.00
Toledo.....	33.74
Grand Rapids.....	7.50
Total.....	912.46

BIBLE COLLEGE

Toledo.....	22.00
Hazel Park.....	100.00
Central.....	524.95
Dearborn.....	5.00
Wayne.....	30.70
	700.64

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....17,978.72

BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund.....	23.15
Youth Camp.....	1.44
Wol. Home Missions.....	5,296.69

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. William T. Newsome

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. Oddis Birchett, 2004 Goodrich Avenue, Flint 3, Michigan

47 sermons preached
73 saved and rededicated
25 revivals attended
1 funeral preached

Offices held: Secretary-treasurer of First Sunday Singing Convention, Promotional Secretary of Michigan State Association, Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant teacher of the Bible Class, Assistant Secretary of Sunday School, pastor of Free Will Baptist Mission in Flint.

Rev. George P. Warren, 2106 Harwine Street, Flint, Michigan

5 sermons preached

Rev. Joseph G. Ange, 3028 Elmhurst, Royal Oak, Michigan

184 sermons preached
7 revivals conducted
268 professions witnessed
50 received into the church
5 weddings performed
7 funerals preached

Offices held: Pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church, Vice-chairman of the National Foreign Missions Board, Member of Program Committee of Wolverine Association, Moderator of Wolverine Association, Vice-chairman of Presbytery Board of Wolverine Association, Associate Director of Great Lakes Youth Camp, Teacher of Friendship Bible Class of Central Church.

Meetings attended: Two Bible Conferences in North Carolina, National Association of Free Will Baptists, all sessions of the Wolverine, Missionary Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, Annual and Semi-Annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Board, Michigan State Association.

Received as Salary: \$6,760.00

Rev. Ward Wilson

53 sermons preached
7 decisions witnessed
6 baptized
2 marriages performed

Offices held: Pastor of West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church

Salary Received: \$1,500.00

Rev. W.D. Jaggers

90 sermons preached
6 conversions witnessed
3 marriages performed
3 funerals conducted
2 revivals conducted
4 baptized
Salary Received; (offerings) \$1,050.00

Robert Wood

30 sermons preached

Rev. James C. Powell

100 sermons preached
50 professions witnessed
25 baptized
3 weddings performed
1 funeral preached
2 conferences attended
Salary Received: \$1,632.00

Offices held: Pastor of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church

Rev. Paul F. Hall, 777 E. 14 Mile Road, Clawson, Michigan

40 sermons preached
7 professions witnessed
33 baptized
3 funerals preached
Salary Received: \$4,350.00

Offices held: Pastor of Oaklawn F.W.B. Church, Pleasant View, Tennessee; member of Youth Camp Board of Cumberland Association of Tennessee; Assistant Pastor of Central F.W.B. Church; Teacher of the Maranatha Bible Class, Teacher of Adult Study Course, member of the Board of Education and Presbytery Board of Wolverine Association.

Conferences Attended: Annual Missionary Conference, Nashville, Tennessee; Annual Bible Conference, Free Will Baptist Bible College; All sessions of the Wolverine.

Rev. Leo A. Worley,

118 sermons preached
40 professions witnessed
51 received into the church
28 baptized
2 weddings performed
2 funerals conducted
2 dedication of babies
1 revival conducted

Offices held: Pastor of Rouge Free Will Baptist Church; Assistant Bible Class Teacher; spoke at a VCY service at River Rouge High School; taught Crusaders Bible Course.

Rev. Fred T. Taylor

97 sermons preached
12 conversions
2 marriages performed
2 funerals preached
14 candidates baptized

Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 10911 Longview Ave., Detroit 13, Michigan

110 sermons preached
1 revival conducted
17 received into the church
54 professions witnessed
1 wedding performed
1 funeral preached
Salary Received: \$5,830.00

Offices Held: Pastor of Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church; teacher of adult Sunday School class; Assistant Moderator of Wolverine Association; Chairman of the Presbytery Board; Chairman of the National Foreign Mission Board; Member of the Executive Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

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