

Minutes
OF THE
Fifty-Eighth Annual Session
OF THE
**ARKANSAS STATE
ASSOCIATION**
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
AT THE
POCAHONTAS CHURCH
Social Band Association
POCAHONTAS, ARKANSAS
September 28-29-30, 1955

The next regular Annual Session will convene with the Armour Ave. Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Zion Hope No. 2 Association, Beginning Wednesday evening, October 3, 1956.

REV. J. REFORD WILSON, Moderator
Pocahontas, Arkansas

REV. LEWIS BARKER, Clerk-Treasurer
New Edinburg, Arkansas

OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. J. Reford Wilson Pocahontas, Ark.
 Assistant—Rev. J. E. White New Edinburg, Ark.
 Clerk-Treasurer—Rev. Lewis Barker New Edinburg, Ark.
 Assistant—Rev. Clarence Campbell Conway, Ark.
 Promotional Sect.—Bro. M. B. Williams Strawberry, Ark.
 Assistant—Rev. J. Redford Wilson Pocahontas, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Ray Watkins—5 Years Newport, Ark.
 Rev. Lawnie Coffman—4 Years Searcy, Ark.
 Rev. J. Reford Wilson—3 Years Pocahontas, Ark.
 Rev. J. E. White—2 Years New Edinburg, Ark.
 Rev. Tom Day—1 Year Newport, Ark.

GENERAL HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Lewis Barker—5 Years New Edinburg, Ark.
 Rev. Lawnie Coffman—4 Years Searcy, Ark.
 Rev. V. B. True—3 Years Rogers, Ark.
 Bro. Earl Smith—2 Years Pocahontas, Ark.
 Rev. R. G. Lane—1 Year Charleston, Ark.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. Rupert Pixley Fort Smith, Ark.
 Rev. C. O. Garrison Huntsville, Ark.
 Rev. Clarence Burton Grubbs, Ark.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Bro. M. B. Williams Strawberry, Ark.
 Rev. W. S. Isbell Russellville, Ark.
 Rev. Clarence Campbell Conway, Ark.

STATE LEAGUE DIRECTOR

Bro. Earl Smith Pocahontas, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 28, 1955

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pocahontas September 28-29-30, 1955.

The Association was called to order by Rev. Lewis Barker of New Edinburg, Arkansas.

Two grand old Hymns were enjoyed by all, under the direction of Bro. Clifford Sawire of Conway.

Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. O. T. Dixon of Mt. Grove, Missouri.

Opening remarks and appointment of Credential Committee by Moderator Pro-Tem Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Song, "Stand Up For Jesus."

Special music by the Pocahontas Church.

8:00 Key Note Message, "Our Upmost for HIS Highest," by Rev. C. O. Garrison. Scripture reading John 6:1-13. A wonderful message.

Altar Call.

Placement of visitors by Pastor of Host Church, Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Dismissed by Rev. Ira Gates.

THURSDAY MORNING

9:00—Song Service directed by Rev. C. O. Garrison.
Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. Cecil Cornett. Psm. 56th Chapter.
Song No. 185, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."
9:20—Opening remarks by Moderator Pro-tem, Rev. Reford Wilson.
Report of Credential Committee by Chairman, Rev. Lawnie Coffman.
Delegates Seated.
Prayer of Consecration by Rev. Othel Dixon.
Visiting ministers recognized. Who was: Rev. Willard Day, Fredricktown, Mo.
Election of officers to serve through this Session were as following:
Rev. J. Reford Wilson Moderator
Rev. J. E. White Assistant-Moderator
Rev. Lewis Barker Clerk-Treasurer
Rev. Clarence Campbell Assistant Clerk-Treasurer
Program adopted with a few changes.
Appointment of Committees.
Introduction of Rev. Edwin D. Dodson, President of Ministerial Alliance, by Rev. Reford Wilson.
Welcome address by Rev. Edwin D. Dodson, President of the Ministerial Alliance, of the City of Pocahontas.
Motion sustained to appoint a Budget Committee.
Motion sustained to adjourn for the 11:00 o'clock service.
Dismissed by Rev. Roy Cooper.
Two songs directed by Rev. Dale Munkus.
Prayer by Rev. Henry Doyle.
The Moderator introduced Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, of Nashville, Tenn. who brought a message on the subject "The Kingdom First—Through Christian Education."
Song No. 59, "Have Thine Own Way Lord," by Rev. Dale Munkus.
Offering for the Bible College was \$57.75.
Benediction by Rev. Thomas H. Dixon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Opened by two songs directed by Rev. Cecil Garrison.
Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. J. W. Moore of Crossett, Ark. Psalms 1:1-6.
Motion sustained to seat the tardy delegates.
Rev. Willard C. Day from Fredricktown, Mo. made a short talk on his Bible Correspondence Course.
Motion sustained to seat Rev. W. S. Mooneyham as advisory member of body.
Partial report from General Home Mission Board by Rev. Lawnie Coffman.
Motion sustained to adopt the above report.
Clerks report given by Rev. Lewis Barker.
Motion sustained to received report.
Motion sustained to give Rev. W. S. Mooneyham a few minutes to speak.

Auditing Committee report given.
Motion sustained to receive report and dismiss committee.
Moderator declared business adjourn until 3:00 P. M.
Called back to order by Moderator at 3:10.
Partial report from Finance Committee.
Motion sustained to receive report.
Motion sustained to give a standing vote of thanks to Rev. Othel T. Dixon for work done for our Association.
Motion sustained to confirm appointment of Bro. Raymond McNutt as a member of the General Board of National Association.
Motion sustained to recommend above to be representative to General Board for 1957-1958.
Song No. 103, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," by Rev. Reford Wilson.
Statisticians report by Rev. George Been.
Motion sustained to receive report.
Motion sustained to retain Bro. Been and give him a standing vote of thanks for good work done.
Motion sustained to retain Rev. George W. Million as State Historian.
Motion sustained to adjourn business till 9:00 A. M.
Benediction by Rev. Glenn Diphboye.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1955

Song service directed by Rev. Leonard Crowder.
Prayer by Rev. Carl Davis.
Offering for the General State Fund, \$75.74.
Quartet composed of Rev. Dale Munkus, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Rev. Rupert Pixley, and Rev. Leonard Crowder, with Sis. Aline Coffman at the Piano.
Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. Dale Munkus. Psm. 111 Chapter.
Devotional led by Rev. Dale Munkus.
Duet rendered by Rev. Leonard Crowder and Rev. Rupert Pixley.
Prayer was offered in behalf of our President, and for Rev. G. W. Scott by Rev. Willard Day.
Special music by the host church.
8:20—Sermon, "The Kingdom of God First—As a Denomination," by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary of National Association, Nashville, Tenn.
Song No. 304, "My Jesus I Love Thee."
Dismissed by Rev. T. H. Dixon.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

8:30—Two songs by Rev. Horace Doyle.
Scripture thought and prayer by Rev. J. E. White. I John 4:7-21.
Song No. 95, "Take the Name of Jesus With You."
Reports of standing boards.
Report of chairman of Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Rupert Pixley.
Motion sustained to receive report.
Rev. J. Reford Wilson gave a report of his visit to Cuba. Rev. W. F. McGhee spoke briefly.

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Report of the Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. Clifford Sawire.
Report of Executive Board by Rev. Lawnie Coffman.
Report of State League Director by Bro. Earl Smith.
Report of State Home Mission Board by Rev. R. G. Lane.
Talk on Home Mission by Rev. Willard Day, member of National Home Mission Board.
Report of Obituary Committee.
Rev. Lewis Barker was elected to a 5 year term on Home Mission Board. Rev. V. B. True was elected for a 3 year term on the Home Mission Board.
Adjourned for short recess—called back to order by Moderator at 11:15.
Song service by Rev. Dale Munkus.
Prayer by Rev. V. B. True.
Special—Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. Leonard Crowder, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, and Rev. Dale Munkus, "I'll Meet You in The Morning."
Rev. Rupert Pixley was introduced by the Moderator and brought the Memorial Sermon.
Scripture reading, Joshua 4:1-7. Text: (Memory).
Standing silent prayer in memory of the deceased.
Closing prayer by Rev. D. Smith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:35—Opened with songs directed by Rev. Dale Munkus.
Scripture and prayer by Rev. W. S. Isbell, Psalms 8:1-9.
Motion sustained to seat Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Haverson as correspondance from Mo.
Talk by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.
Pulpit Committee reported and were dismissed.
Temperance Committee reported, received and dismissed.
Non-Represented Asso. report given and Committee dismissed.
Sunday School Committee reported and committee dismissed.
Budget Committee reported. Budget adopted and Committee dismissed.
Resolution Committee report given. There were 6 Resolutions adopted.
Ministers Diary Report given and Committee dismissed.
Motion sustained that we request Quarterly Meetings to send additional money to State Association.
Rev. Ray Watkins was re-elected to Executive Board.
Mr. Millard Williams was elected as Promotional Sec.
Motion sustained that Promotional Sec. replace Correspondance Sec.
Rev. J. Reford Wilson was elected as Moderator.
Rev. J. E. White was elected as Asst. Moderator.
Rev. Lewis Barker was elected as Treasurer and Clerk.
Motion sustained to send all money to State Treasurer.
Rev. Clarence E. Campbell was elected as Asst. Clerk.
Placement for next Association.
Motion sustained to accept invitation by Armour Ave. Church, Fort Smith.
Motion sustained to accept Rev. Lawnie Coffman as Home Mission Director.

Speakers for next year:

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| Introductory speaker | Rev. George Been |
| Alternate | Rev. Bruce Phillips |
| Memorial speaker | Rev. Dale Munkus |
| Alternate | Rev. Clarence Burton |
| Evangelistic speaker | Rev. Cecil Garrison |
| Alternate | Rev. Leonard Crowder |

Delegates to National Association: Sis. J. Reford Wilson, Sis. Sally White, Sis. Clarence Burton, Bro. W. N. McCoy, Bro. Clifford Sawire, Bro. Bobbie J. Trusty, Bro. Cleo Manuel, Sis. J. W. Blanks, Bro. Alfred Myers, and Sis Willie Jean Barker.

Motion sustained that delegates have authority to fill vacancy of delegates at National Association.

Motion sustained to discharge Request Committee.

Motion sustained to adjourn business session until we meet next year at Armour Ave. Church at Fort Smith.

Song No. 95, "Take The Name Of Jesus With You."

Benediction—Rev. W. C. Keelin.

FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 30

Called to order by Mod. Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Singing directed by Bro. Lester Coffman, "Send The Light, "When The Roll Is Called Up Younder," "Oh How I Love Jesus."

Prayer was led by Rev. Clarence Burton.

Resolution of thanks was read thanking people of Pocahontas and Social Band Association for having so graciously entertained the Fifty-Eight Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association.

Quartet by the Pocahontas Church.

Devotional by Rev. J. D. Kinder, Psalms 1:1-3.

Message by Dr. Willard Day, Fredricktown, Mo., was enjoyed by all. His subject, "A Timber In The Temple." Scripture: I King 5:18.

Closing song directed by Rev. Dale Munkus, "Just As I Am."

Some inspiring remarks and closing prayer was given by Mod. Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

REV. J. REFORD WILSON, Moderator

REV. LEWIS BARKER, Clerk-Treasurer

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials committee offer as our report the following delegates by Associations, standing delegates not included.

SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION: Sis Katie James, Sis Lorene White, Sis. Naomi Denton, Agnuss Palmer, Bro. Jack Puckett.

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION: Sis Aline Coffman, Sis. A. D. Ferguson, Sis. R. G. Lane, Sis. Ethel Wilson, Sis. Clarence Campbell.

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION: Sis Prue Jones, Bro. Bill Duvall, Bro. Frank English, Sis. Jessie Robertson, Sis. Sylvia McCuin.

LITTLE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION: By Letter.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION: Sis. Arley Holly, Sis. W. M. Guinn, Sis. J. T. Burnett, Sis. Joe Phillips, Sis. Chas. Stapleton.

POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION: Bro. Roy Cooper, Bro. Alfred Myers, Bro. General Johnson, Bro. Lewis Croom, Sis. Gertie Doyle.

OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION: Sis. Ethel Gladden, Sis. Pearl Day, Sis. Elsa Phillips, Sis. Anna Shepherd, Sis. Stilla Gibson.

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SALINE ASSOCIATION: Sis. J. W. Moore, Sis. J. E. McMahon, Sis. Ida McClellan, Sis. Loyd Overton, Sis. J. E. White, Sis. Fern Rawls.

ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION: Sis. Lessie Dipboye, Sis. Mary Harvy, Sis. Bessie Slack, Sis. Louise Ramsey.

BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION: Sis. W. C. Keylon, Sis. D. M. Byrd.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Pulpit committee: Bro. Virgil Ogeyin, Sis. J. W. Moore, Sis. Etyel Gladden, Sis. A. D. Ferguson, Bro. W. H. Duvall.

Credentials committee: Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Rev. Lewis Barker, Rev. W. S. Isbell, Rev. Leonard Crowder, Rev. Hermon Greenwood.

Resolutions committee: Rev. R. G. Lane, Rev. George Bean, Rev. Cecil Garrison.

Finance committee: Bro. G. C. Poole, Bro. J. C. Gladden, Sis. Lawnie Coffman

Temperance committee: Rev. Elbert McClellan, Rev. W. F. McGehee, Bro. J. T. Burnett.

Sunday School committee: Rev. Leonard Crowder, Rev. Ira Gates, Sis. Millard Williams, Sis. Leslie Dipboys, Sis. Loyd Overton.

Obituary committee: Sis. Naoma Denton, Sis. J. T. Burnett, Rev. J. C. Ross.

Non-Represented Associations: Rev. Glenn Dipboye, Rev. Cecil Cornett, Rev. Bruce Phillips.

Program committee: Bro. Millard Williams, Rev. W. S. Isbell, Rev. Clarence Campbell.

Ministers Diary committee: Bro. A. D. Ferguson, Bro. W. M. McCoy, Bro. Cleo Manuel, Bro. W. A. Gray, Bro. D. M. Bird.

Auditing committee: Bro. Raymond McNutt, Rev. D. Smith, Sis. Lorene White.

Budget committee: Rev. Dale Munkus, Rev. Henry Doyle, Sis. Loyd Overton, Sis. J. E. White, Rev. J. W. Moore.

Request committee: Sis. Agnes Palmer, Sis. R. G. Lane, Bro. Frank English, Sis. W. C. Keelin, Bro. Alfred Mars, Sis. Ida McClellan, Sis. Stella Gibson.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Finance Committee

We offer the following report. We have received \$455.59 from the ten (10) district associations. From this fund we paid Pocahontas Church \$227.79, leaving a remainder of \$227.80, balance in treasurer \$9.95 making a total of \$237.75 turned over to State Clerk Rev. Lewis Barker.

G. C. Poole—Chairman

Temperance Committee

According to our government, we consider that strong drinks is the greatest evil of our day. We hereby, recommend our pastors preach at least two (2) sermons each year on Temperance. We further agree that we will support any movement against such evil.

Rev. E. J. McClellan—Chairman

Sunday School Committee

We, the Sunday School Committee, offer the following: We find the 10 associations represented have a total of 165 Sunday Schools with an average attendance of 7,707 pupils.

We recommend that we have a regional convention. We urge that all Sunday Schools work to the six-point record system. We are glad to report that material for this system is available at the Sunday School Dept. 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

Since the Sunday School is the teaching unit of our denomination, we urge that the pastors have regular meetings with the Sunday School faculty to further promote our work.

Rev. Leonard Crowder—Chairman

Obituary Committee

We, your committee on Obituary, find that God in His infinite love has seen fit to call eighty-nine (89) from our midst. We find also that He has called one minister, Rev. R. S. Shelton, of Social Band Association. We feel that we should not be grieved but place our hope in I Thes. 4:13, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren; concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope."

Mrs. Noama Denton—Chairman

Non-Represented Associations Committee

We, the committee, on non-represented associations do offer the following report. We find that 10 of the 11 of our District Associations are represented. Rich Mountain is not represented.

Rev. Glenn Dipboye—Chairman

State Executive Board Report

We, the State Executive Board, recommend to this body that we have a budget committee prepare a budget for the coming year.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson—Chairman

Report of Home Mission

We have had 3 meetings, 2 meetings without required number present to transact business.

Traveled 446 miles.

Received \$5.00 expense money.

We regret to report that we have failed to receive the co-operation of the special request of the Home Mission Board, passed and recorded on page 7 of State Minutes.

To have an active working board; We recommend that the position on the Board of all members that have been absent from all board meetings for two years be declared vacant and members be elected to fill the unexpired terms.

Rev. R. G. Lane—Chairman

MINISTER'S DIARY

Saline Association

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| Rev. L. W. Wheeler | Warren, Ark. |
| Rev. J. E. White | New Edinburg, Ark. |
| Rev. J. C. Morring | England, Ark. |
| Rev. R. M. Moore | Star City, Ark. |
| Rev. J. W. Moore | Crossett, Ark. |
| Rev. Lewis Barker | New Edinburg, Ark. |
| Rev. Stanton White | Warren, Ark. |
| Rev. Herman Greenwood | Warren, Ark. |
| Rev. Cecil Cornett | Pine Bluff, Ark. |
| Rev. Elro Driggers | Pine Bluff, Ark. |
| Rev. Elbert McClellan | New Edinburg, Ark. |
| Rev. H. P. McClellan | New Edinburg, Ark. |
| Rev. H. E. Taylor | Sherrill, Ark. |
| Rev. Johnnie Hartley | Rison, Ark. |
| Rev. Cecil Sanders | Nashville, Tenn. |
| Rev. Loyd Williams | Warren, Ark. |
| Rev. H. L. Myers | Warren, Ark. |
| Rev. J. C. Rawls | Warren, Ark. |
| Rev. J. T. Ply | Pine Bluff, Ark. |
| Rev. Ralph Doggett | Nashville, Tenn. |
| Rev. Oris Doggett | Nashville, Tenn. |
| Rev. J. A. Worley | Oak Grove, La. |
| Rev. J. M. Estell | Hamburg, Ark. |
| Rev. Charlie Collins | Monticello, Ark. |
| Rev. D. Smith | Lake Providence, La. |
| Rev. Bill Smith | Oak Grove, La. |
| Rev. Hershel Sharpton | Bastrop, La. |
| Rev. Donald T. Brown | New Edinburg, Ark. |
| Rev. H. Reedy Saverence | Warren, Ark. |
| Rev. Edwin Mazingo | Pine Bluff, Ark. |

Zion Hope No. 2 Association

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| Rev. Glen G. Dipboye | Van Buren, Ark. |
| Rev. J. M. Cole | Van Buren, Ark. |
| Rev. Sam Southerland | Charleston, Ark. |
| Rev. P. J. Mullen | Rudy, Ark. |
| Rev. Luther Clark | Hackett, Ark. |
| Rev. Orvel Spears | Locke, Ark. |
| Rev. J. K. Woods | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. Earl Gentry | Rudy, Ark. |
| Rev. Robert Satterfield | Rudy, Ark. |
| Rev. E. W. Simpkins | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. Dock Marckant | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. Albert E. Thomas | |
| Rev. Millard Lee | Ozark, Ark. |
| Rev. Harold Schuler | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. Grady Williams | |
| Rev. Omar Vilus | Arkoma, Okla. |
| Rev. J. H. C. Jordon | Winslow, Ark. |
| Rev. Rudolph Winborn | Alma, Ark. |
| Rev. H. D. Shipley | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. Ben Pixley | Rudy, Ark. |

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| Rev. C. S. Graham | Mountainburg, Ark. |
| Rev. Albert Razzell | Van Buren, Ark. |
| Rev. J. A. Joslin | Van Buren, Ark. |
| Rev. Rupert E. Pixley | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. Gilbert Pixley | Duncan, Okla. |
| Rev. Ray Purdom | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. Oscar Crabtree | Van Buren, Ark. |
| Rev. Heney Hart | Rudy, Ark. |
| Rev. Burl Osburn | Van Buren, Ark. |
| Rev. Douglas Peters | Rudy, Ark. |
| Rev. Edward Brewer | Dyer, Ark. |
| Rev. Earl Christian | Alma, Ark. |
| Rev. Julian Hawkins | Van Buren, Ark. |
| Rev. Leonard Creder | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. Lesley Peterman | Fort Smith, Ark. |

Old Mt. Zion Association

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| Rev. J. H. Roberts | Springdale, Ark. |
| Rev. Geo. Been | Springdale, Ark. |
| Rev. Clark Barker | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. Claud Lynch | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. P. J. Kirk | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. Joe Weldon | Springdale, Ark. |
| Rev. Amos Howard | Springdale, Ark. |
| Rev. Loyd Edmonson | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. Francis Clark | Garfield, Ark. |
| Rev. Claud Hendrix | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. Boyd Bennett | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Alfred Glenn | Fayetteville, Ark. |
| Rev. Oscar Cavins | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. Sammy Lane | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. Edd Stiley | Eureka Springs, Ark. |
| Rev. Jack Ledbetter | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Steve Montgomery | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Vivian Rhodes | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Willie Capp | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. H. M. Knox | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. Jack Hobbs | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Bruce Phillips | Hindsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Clarence Tice | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Bruce True | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. Kenneth Shepard | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Ernest Corley | Fayetteville, Ark. |
| Rev. Bill Williams | Rogers, Ark. |
| Rev. Clyde Cotney | Berryville, Ark. |
| Rev. C. O. Garrison | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. George Lynch | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Elmo McKinney | Rudd, Ark. |
| Rev. Tom Day | Springdale, Ark. |
| Rev. I. E. Hawley | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Rev. Rufus Young | Springdale, Ark. |

Rich Mountain Association

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| Rev. Bennie Fisher | Hatfield, Ark. |
| Rev. J. C. Nichols | Yakima, Wash. |
| Rev. T. H. Horton | Mena, Ark. |
| Rev. R. I. Cook | Mena, Ark. |
| Rev. S. B. Metcalf | Hatfield, Ark. |

Social Band Association

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| Rev. J. Reford Wilson | Pocahontas, Ark. |
| Rev. Hubert Forester | Walnut Ridge, Ark. |
| Rev. O. D. Winfrey | Walnut Ridge, Ark. |
| Rev. L. W. Hodge | Sedwick, Ark. |
| Rev. W. C. Hudson | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| Rev. Grady Linebrugh | Walnut Ridge, Ark. |
| Rev. H. Glenn Campbell | Walnut Ridge, Ark. |
| Rev. G. E. Hester | Bono, Ark. |
| Rev. Ira Gates | Peach Orchard, Ark. |
| Rev. J. W. Russell | Walnut Ridge, Ark. |
| Rev. Herman Johnson | Reyno, Ark. |
| Rev. George W. Million | Pocahontas, Ark. |
| Rev. Carl High | Okean, Ark. |
| Rev. Dewey Thompson | Pocahontas, Ark. |
| Rev. Henry Clements | Black Rock, Ark. |
| Rev. W. P. Watts | Osceola, Ark. |
| Rev. Henry Pauley | Buch Grove, Ark. |
| Rev. Melvin Smith | Walnut Ridge, Ark. |
| Rev. B. E. Forester | Walnut Ridge, Ark. |
| Rev. Eugene Davis | Reyno, Ark. |
| Rev. Will S. White | Pocahontas, Ark. |
| Rev. Jerry Thompson | Pocahontas, Ark. |
| Rev. Edwin Bibbs | Pocahontas, Ark. |
| Rev. W. C. Lackey | Sedgwick, Ark. |
| Rev. Wayne Tucker | Peach Orchard, Ark. |
| Rev. Orville Cox | St. Louis, Mo. |
| Rev. Ray Scott | Memphis, Tenn. |
| Rev. N. D. Jones | Memphis, Tenn. |
| Rev. Charles Doherty | Ponder, Mo. |

Arkansas Association

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| Rev. Bethel Garner | Blue Ball, Ark. |
| Rev. J. S. Lovett | Magazine, Ark. |
| Rev. J. S. Branch | Belleville, Ark. |
| Rev. C. C. Kitchens | Gravelly, Ark. |
| Rev. Albert Rimby | Booneville, Ark. |
| Rev. W. M. Guinn | Booneville, Ark. |
| Rev. B. F. Black | Hackett, Ark. |
| Rev. J. T. Burnett | Waldon, Ark. |
| Rev. Robert Hidde | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. B. A. Artman | North Hollywood, Ark. |
| Rev. B. O. Stall | Plainview, Ark. |
| Rev. Elmer Turner | Branch, Ark. |
| Rev. I. J. Wilson | Charleston, Ark. |
| Rev. Lester Bradly | Charleston, Ark. |
| Rev. M. A. Melton | Fort Smith, Ark. |
| Rev. J. R. Roper | Howie, Ark. |
| Rev. G. C. Forrest | Plainview, Ark. |
| Rev. Ben Self | Barber, Ark. |

Little Mo. River Association

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| Rev. J. B. Ewing | Hot Springs, Ark. |
| Rev. W. E. Pinkerton | New Hope, Ark. |
| Rev. W. R. Porter | Norman, Ark. |
| Rev. R. L. Rainwater | Mena, Ark. |
| Rev. Roy Hughes | California |

Antioch Association

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| Rev. Clarence Campbell | Conway, Ark. |
| Rev. R. L. McVey | Atkins, Ark. |
| Rev. Dale Munkus | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. W. A. Crouch | Hector, Ark. |
| Rev. Melvin Snow | Scranton, Ark. |
| Rev. Lytle Hallum | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. Ellis Warren | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. A. J. Latham | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. P. C. Denton | Scranton, Ark. |
| Rev. J. D. Kinder | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. R. G. Webb | Atkins, Ark. |
| Rev. C. U. Kinder | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. J. D. Coffman | Hector, Ark. |
| Rev. J. A. Venable | Dumas, Ark. |
| Rev. Frank Harris | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. R. L. Taylor | Hector, Ark. |
| Rev. W. S. Isbell | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. W. F. McGee | Lamar, Ark. |
| Rev. Homer Eakin | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. Fate Mize | Watts, Ark. |
| Rev. R. S. Harrison | Little Rock, Ark. |
| Rev. Everett G. Farnum | Little Rock, Ark. |
| Rev. Will Crouch | Atkins, Ark. |
| Rev. Paul Jones | Marshall, Ark. |
| Rev. Junior Proctor | Dover, Ark. |
| Rev. E. Henderson | Carruthersville, Mo. |
| Rev. J. M. Crouch | Atkins, Ark. |
| Rev. G. Z. Clayburn | |
| Rev. Avaugh Vaughn | Moreland, Ark. |
| Rev. Thomas Breshears | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. John Parks | Morrilton, Ark. |
| Rev. Hurshel Burris | Russellville, Ark. |
| Rev. J. E. Phillips | Oklahoma |
| Rev. W. E. Coffman | Hector, Ark. |
| Rev. Coy Douthit | Atkins, Ark. |
| Rev. T. J. Robertson | Dover, Ark. |
| Rev. E. L. Hill | Atkins, Ark. |
| Rev. M. A. Thompson | Jerusalem, Ark. |
| Rev. Edgar Alderson | Clarksville, Ark. |

Big Springs Association

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| Rev. Opie Hargrave | Bakerfield, Mo. |
| Rev. Marvin Davis | Mountain Home, Ark. |
| Rev. Noah Miller | West Plains, Mo. |
| Rev. Carl Davis | Elizabeth, Ark. |
| Rev. Isaac Hunt | Hacoma, Mo. |
| Rev. W. C. Keylon | Union, Ark. |
| Rev. Delbert Davis | Lamesa, N. Mexico |

New Hope Association

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| Rev. Walter Maddox | Searcy, Ark. |
| Rev. R. G. Lane | Charleston, Ark. |
| Rev. Lawnie Coffman | Searcy, Ark. |
| Rev. Jesse E. Pratt | Rosebud, Ark. |
| Rev. J. H. Hartsell | Romance, Ark. |
| Rev. John Pate | Vilonia, Ark. |
| Rev. A. L. Mote | Beebe, Ark. |
| Rev. Curtis Lybereger | Rosebud, Ark. |
| Rev. W. F. Pritchett | Conway, Ark. |
| Rev. J. M. Halleman | Rosebud, Ark. |
| Rev. Reuben Pruitt | Searcy, Ark. |
| Rev. Edd Hall | Greenbrier, Ark. |

Polk Bayou Association

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| Rev. Lawnie Clark | Mt. Pleasant, Ark. |
| Rev. Edgar Philips | Fort Branch, Ind. |
| Rev. Charles Tucker | Oil Trough, Ark. |
| Rev. Ernest Elms | Batesville, Ark. |
| Rev. Lawnie Palmer | Batesville, Ark. |
| Rev. John Riggs | Batesville, Ark. |
| Rev. J. H. Tinkle | Corning, Ark. |
| Rev. H. H. Ping | Monette, Ark. |
| Rev. Henry Oberts | Black Rock, Ark. |
| Rev. J. W. Blanks | Newport, Ark. |
| Rev. Austin Mullin | Strawberry, Ark. |
| Rev. Owen Harvell | Lunenburg, Ark. |
| Rev. Archie Warmick | Mt. Pleasant, Ark. |
| Rev. Coy Staggs | Batesville, Ark. |
| Rev. W. B. Hardin | Hoxie, Ark. |
| Rev. Obie Eagen | Saffell, Ark. |
| Rev. W. H. Doyle | Newport, Ark. |
| Rev. Ray Watkins | Newport, Ark. |

STATISTICIANS REPORT

This Fifty-Eighth Session of the Arkansas State Association is composed of eleven (11) District Associations. Ten (10) of them represented and all of them filing statistical reports. These District Associations are composed of 177 local Churches, 280 preachers, 447 deacons. They have received into their fellowship 1,038, Baptized 563, dismissed 285, excluded 26, deceased 89. A total membership of 12,224, League membership 2,334, average attendance 689, Sunday School attendance 8,013. Paid out for Sunday School Literature \$1,607.63.

Paid pastors \$75,599.24. Paid Evangelist \$9,118.11. Home Mission \$3,998.38. Budget \$2,477.09. Education \$3,248.94. Incidentals \$2,308.34, building and repair \$65,097, radio work \$2,580.00, orphan's home \$76.80, Youth Camp \$644.27, Superannuation \$44.69, charity \$498.85, Bible College \$65.00, Cooperative Plan \$132.75, Valuation of Church property \$507,930.00. Total expenditures for this year \$180,135.24.

Rev. George Been

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STATE HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

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| Balance brought forward | \$ 25.53 |
| Receipts: | |
| Antioch Association | 134.81 |
| Saline Association | 134.79 |
| Arkansas Association | 60.00 |
| New Hope Association | 186.82 |
| Totals | \$541.95 |
| Paidouts: | |
| Paid National Association | \$278.31 |
| Expenses | 16.25 |
| Total | \$294.56 |
| Balance in bank | \$247.39 |

Rev. Lawnie Coffman— Sec.-Treas.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Budget Committee has met and we suggest the following budget for the next year for the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist.

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| Cooperative Program | \$6,100.00 |
| Foreign Mission | \$2,600.00 |
| Bible College | \$1,500.00 |
| Ntl. Home Mission | \$1,200.00 |
| Executive Dept. | \$ 600.00 |
| Superannuation | \$ 200.00 |
| State Home Mission | \$1,200.00 |
| State Operational Expenses | \$1,350.00 |
| Host Church Expenses | \$ 300.00 |
| Travel Expenses | \$ 300.00 |
| Minutes | \$ 250.00 |
| Telephone | \$ 120.00 |
| Printing | \$ 100.00 |
| Moderators Honorarium | \$ 15.00 |
| Clerks Honorarium | \$ 25.00 |
| Postage | \$ 50.00 |
| Programs | \$ 45.00 |
| Nat. Asn. Fees | \$ 65.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 80.00 |
| Total | \$8,650.00 |

In order for us to reach this amount we recommend that each church pay a minimum of 10% (of it's income) to the State Treasurer. We can go over in a great way with a regular offering from each church.

All money is to be sent to Rev. Lewis Barker, State Clerk-Treasurer, New Edinburg, Arkansas.

Rev. Dale Munkus, Chairman

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RESOLUTION NO. 1

Be it resolved, that as a State Association of Free Will Baptist of the State Association of Arkansas, we assure the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, our prayers for his speedy recovery.

Denver, Colorado
October 18, 1955

Dear Mr. Barker,

Thank you for your telegram of concern for the President's health. When he is feeling stronger, I will be happy to tell him about the resolution adopted by the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas. I am sure he will be grateful to all the members of our Association for your prayers.

Mamie Doud Eisenhower

RESOLUTION NO. 2

We, the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptist, request that the Minutes of Our State Convention be printed with the Arkansas Association Minutes.

We enclose \$5.00 to be used on expense of printing.

Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, President
Mrs. W. G. Henry, Rec. Sec.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Since Bro. Million, as State Historian for the State Association of Free Will Baptist in Arkansas, made his report as such Historian on yesterday evening, stating that the manuscript for the History of our people in England and America was finished and ready for publication except retyping of some of the manuscript:

And his report further stated that he had reported that fact to the Chairman of National Committee on Publication and Literature, the committee for whom he has been working and in that report he had suggested to the Chairman of that committee, that the history referred to be published in two books—Book 1 and Book 2; Book One to contain the "Stream-line" of the history of our people in England and America from 1607 to now, and ending with the National Association; and that Book Two contain a brief history of the Free Will Baptist in the several states in which they have organizations.

This committee recommends to this body that Bro. Million's report as above stated be received, and that his suggestion to the Chairman of the said committee be endorsed by this meeting of the State body.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

We, the Arkansas State Free Will Baptist League Convention, wish to submit the following request: that our Minutes be printed under the same cover as the Arkansas State Association.

We shall contribute to the expense of printing, the amount deemed necessary.

Bro. Clifford Sawrie, President
Bro. Earl Smith, Director

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Be it resolved, that we the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist go on record as denouncing the New Revised Standard

Version of the Bible and that we Petition the American Bible Society to discontinue publishing or distributing same. And a copy of this Resolution be sent to our National paper, the Contact, for publication.

Rev. R. G. Lane, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Final resolution of thanks.

Be it resolved that this Association has been so graciously entertained, that we in behalf of the State Association express due thanks to the good people of Pocahontas Church and Community, Social Band Association, and the Woman's Auxiliary for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them. We feel that your efforts for our welfare cannot be excelled, and we pray that the blessings of the Lord may dwell richly upon you all.

Minutes of Woman's Auxiliary

The Second Annual Session of the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened at Pocahontas, Arkansas, September 28, 1955, with Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Vice-President, presiding. The theme for the program was "Ere The Lamp Goes Out." Scripture reference "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalms 119:105).

The convention was opened by singing hymns, "There is Power In The Blood" and "Jesus Saves," led by Mrs. Arthur Denton with Mrs. George Broadway, pianist.

The Devotional was given by Mrs. J. E. White using Matthew Chapter 25 as the scripture reading and closing the Devotional with prayer.

Welcome Address, Mrs. J. Reford Wilson.

Response to Welcome, Mrs. Haney Buchanan.

After a session of "Who's Who," the presiding officer appointed the committees.

Prayer, Rev. R. G. Lane.

After a short recess the convention was again called to order with Singspiration by Mrs. J. Reford Wilson and Mrs. George Broadway, pianist. "Heavenly Sunshine," "Lead Me To Some Soul Today," "I'll Be So Glad When Jesus Comes," "Cleanse Me."

Prayer, Rev. Lawnie Coffman.

Special Song, "Closer to Jesus" by the Pocahontas Quartet.

The Morning Message was brought by Rev. J. Reford Wilson using as his subject "Ere The Lamp Goes Out In My Home, In My Community, In My Church."

Scripture reading St. John 9:1-7, and a portion of Luke Chapter .

The morning session was adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. E. White.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with singspiration by Mrs. Lawnie Coffman with Mrs. Reford Wilson, pianist. "Sweetest Name I Know," "Walking With Jesus," "My Desire To Be Like Jesus," "This Little Light of Mine," "Send The Light."

Scripture Reading, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Hebrews Chapter 4.

Solo, "The Love of God," by Mrs. J. Reford Wilson.

The minutes of the 1954 convention and the Executive Committee meeting June 17, 1955, were read by the recording secretary and approved.

An offering of \$14.81 was given, the offertory prayer by Mrs. Sawrie.

MOTIONS SUSTAINED:

1. That Credential Committee report be received and committee discharged.

2. That Finance Committee report be received and recommendations be voted upon by the body.

3. That the Finance Committee's recommendations be accepted and committee discharged.

4. That Appreciation Committee report be received and committee discharged.

5. That Registration Committee report be received and committee discharged.

Hymn, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm," led by Mrs. Arthur Denton.

Oral reports were given by the Auxiliary officers.

OTHER MOTIONS SUSTAINED:

6. That the Business Committee report be received and committee discharged.

7. That the Nominating Committee report be received and committee discharged.

8. That we ask the State Association to print our minutes with theirs, with us paying part of the expense.

9. That we elect the following as delegates to our National Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. Clarence Campbell, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Frank Duvall, Mrs. J. Reford Wilson, Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. Dale Munkus, Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, Mrs. I. C. Staten, Mrs. W. G. Henry, Mrs. Will S. White.

Hymns, "O, How I Love Jesus," "Blessed Jesus."

Installation Service, Rev. R. G. Lane.

Prayer, Rev. Clarence Campbell.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Prayer of dismissal, Mrs. Clifford Sawrie.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mrs. Ellen Holt, Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. W. B. Buchanan.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Mrs. George Broadway, Chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Overton, Mrs. Will S. White, Mrs. Homer Maxwell.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Aubrey Lord, Chairman, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Arthur Denton, Mrs. Frant Duvall.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. George Broadway, Mrs. Arvil Jackson, Mrs. Golman Wooldridge.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. R. G. Lane, Mrs. B. F. Davis, Mrs. Haney Buchanan.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Mrs. I. C. Staten, Mrs. Reford Wilson, Mrs. Clarence Campbell.

OFFICERS ELECTED

President Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Box 482, Conway
Vice-President Mrs. J. Reford Wilson, Box 86, Pocahontas
Recording Secy. Mrs. W. G. Henry, 501 N. Cleveland, Russellville
Asst. Rec. Secy. Mrs. George Broadway, 1202 Carter, Pocahontas
Corresponding Secy. Mrs. I. C. Staten, Rt. 1, Pochantos
Treasurer Mrs. Lloyd Overton, Box 484, Warren
Field Secy. Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, 1401 W. Center, Searcy
Youth Aux. Chairman Mrs. R. G. Lane, Box 297, Charleston
Study Course Chairman Mrs. W. B. Buchanan, Rt. 2, Russellville
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman Mrs. Roy McCuin, Rt. 1, Hector
Personal Service Chairman Mrs. Daly Holt, Box 403, Pocahontas

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee, offer as our report the following delegates by District, standing delegates not included:

Saline District: Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. Lloyd Overton.

New Hope District: Mrs. R. G. Lane, Mrs. Clarence Campbell.

Antioch District: Mrs. Frant Duvall, Mrs. Roy McCuin, Mrs. W. B. Buchanan, Mrs. Haney Buchanan.

Social Band District: Mrs. I. C. Staten, Mrs. Nellie Harmon, Mrs. Ellen Holt, Mrs. George Broadway, Mrs. Lorene White.

Finance Committee

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report: We could not get an accurate report of our work as our treasurer was not present.

New Hope has a membership of 51. Dues over paid \$5.10. Saline has a membership of 81. Dues over paid \$9.40. Antioch has a membership of 58. Social Band has a membership of 80.

We present the following recommendations for adoption:

1. We recommend that we put a floor in our dining hall at the Youth Camp at Conway as our project for the coming year of 1956.

2. We recommend that traveling expense of 5 cents per mile be paid the Vice-President and the Field Secretary when called to organize or help in Woman's Auxiliary work of the State.

3. We recommend that we send \$25.00 for our part on the project for the India Mission Field, our quota being \$20.00.

4. We recommend that we as a State Auxiliary adopt the Co-laborer plan adopted by our National plan.

Business Committee

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. That beginning with the 1956 session of the Arkansas State Auxiliary Convention the officers serve for a two year term.
2. That each District Auxiliary Convention send an offering quarterly to the State Auxiliary Treasurer to help defray expenses which have been approved by the body.

Registration Committee

We, the Registration Committee, are happy to report to you that:

New Hope District has 5 members present; Antioch District has 7 members present; Saline District has 5 members present; Social Band District has 34 members present; Zion Hope No. 2 has 3 members present; and we have a total of 30 visitors.

Appreciation Committee

In behalf of the State Woman's Auxiliary, we wish to thank the Pocahontas Church and the Social Band District Auxiliary for their cordial reception and services rendered us during this convention, and the preparation committee for the wonderful meal served. Also, we appreciate the quartett number rendered at the worship service, the Minister, and all other men interested in our work. Again accept our thanks for your interest in the Lord's work.

Nominating Committee

We the Nominating Committee, submit the following:

President, Mrs. Clifford Sawrie; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Reford Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Henry; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. George Broadway; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. I. C. Staten; Treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Overton; Field Secretary, Mrs. Lawnie Coffman; Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Mrs. R. G. Lane; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. W. B. Buchanan; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Roy McCuin; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Daly Holt.

Mrs. W. G. Henry, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, President

MINUTES

OF THE

Arkansas State Free Will Baptist League Convention

Held At The
STATE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS
Tunnel Road
Conway, Arkansas

June 17-18, 1955

Next session to be held at the State League Assembly Grounds, Conway, Arkansas, beginning at 1:00 P. M., Friday, June 15th and continuing through Saturday, June 16th 1956.

President Mr. Clifford Sawrie, Conway, Ark.
Recording Secretary Miss Sue White, Warren, Ark.
Treasurer Rev. Alton Loveless, Conway, Ark.

OFFICERS

Executive Committee

President Mr. Clifford Sawrie, Conway, Ark.
Vice-President Rev. Reedy Saverance, Warren, Ark.
Recording Secretary Miss Sue White, Warren, Ark.
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Anna Romack, Pocahontas, Ark.
Treasurer Rev. Alton Loveless, Conway, Ark.
Director Mr. Earl Smith, Pocahontas, Ark.

Board of Trustees

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| Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Searcy, Ark. | 5 years |
| Rev. O. T. Dixon, Russellville, Ark. | 4 years |
| Rev. Rupert Pixley, Fort Smith, Ark. | 3 years |
| Mr. G. A. Furgerson, Conway, Ark. | 2 years |
| Mr. Raymond McNutt, Walnut Ridge, Ark. | 1 year |

Proceedings

of the seventh session of the Arkansas State Free Will Baptist League Convention while in session at the Assembly Grounds, Faulkner County, Conway, Arkansas, June 17-18, 1955.

The following districts were represented in this session: Antioch, Polk Bayou, New Hope, Old Mt. Zion, Saline, Social Band, Zion Hope No. 2, and Little Missouri River. Among the three-hundred-two Leaguers registered, twenty-eight were ministers.

Rev. and Mrs. Reedy Saverance were in charge of the singing for the session.

Kay Watson, Carolyn Harlson, Glenda Stone, Mrs. Reedy Saverance, Sue White, Linda Kay Patterson, Balleu's Chapel Quartet, Colleen Gates and many others appeared on the program during the period of "These Talents."

Friday Afternoon Session

The assembly was called to order at 1 P. M. o'clock by the President, Rev. J. Reford Wilson. The opening song was directed by Rev. Reedy Saverance of Warren, Ark. Prayer was offered by Rev. Reford Wilson.

Rev. Othel T. Dixon directed the reports and introductions.

Choruses by the congregation were directed by Rev. Reedy Saverance, followed by a duet from Pocahontas Church.

The President's message, "Think on these Things" (Phil. 4:8) was delivered by Rev. Wilson. Prayer was offered by Rev. Lawnie Coffman of Searcy, Ark.

Sword Drill judges were elected as follows: Sidney Sawrie, Sue White and Allene Coffman.

A Program Committee was elected to act for this session as follows: Mrs. Mander Evans, Mrs. J. W. Blanks, and Mrs. Neeley.

A Business Committee was elected as follows: Bro. Mander Evans, Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. Leonard Crowder, and Sis. Wilma Jean Watkins.

A Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Raymond McNutt, Bro. Clifford Sawrie, Rev. Reedy Saverance, Bro. J. C. Croom, and Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Winners of the Junior Sword Drill were as follows: 1st Place, Christine Cox; 2nd Place, Judy Hatfield; 3rd Place, Norris Doss. Free Will Baptist League pins were presented to each of the winners, also the 1st place winner was presented a letter of citation by the State League Promoter, Bro. Earl Smith.

A vote of appreciation was given Bro. Earl Smith for the letter of citation presented to the 1st place winner of the Junior word Drill.

Adjournment: Benediction was given by Rev. Curtis Lybarger.

Friday Evening Session

Friday evening session opened at 7:00 o'clock with singing directed by Rev. Reedy Saverance. Prayer was offered by Bro. Ira Gates.

A free will offering of \$29.09 was given and blessings were asked upon it by Rev. Reford Wilson, followed by personal testimonies from the congregation.

Rev. Dale Munkus of Tulsa, Oklahoma delivered the evening message using as his text St. Mark 14: 41-42.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Clarence Campbell.

Following the Benediction, Rev. Reford Wilson showed a film he made while attending the Free Will Baptist Convention in Cuba.

Saturday Morning Session

Saturday morning session opened at 9:30 o'clock with the League song. Prayer was offered by Rev. Tom Day.

Devotional reading, Psalm 116:12-14, and prayer was by Rev. L. A. Yandell of Oklahoma.

A free will offering of \$40.74 was given and blessings were asked upon it by Rev. W. S. Isbell.

The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Rev. Dale Munkus of Tulsa, Oklahoma using as his text Isaiah 32:2. Three youths were converted by the saving power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. B. Ewing of Hot Springs.

Lunch was served in the new dining hall.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Saturday afternoon session opened at 1:00 P. M. o'clock.

Rev. Alton Loveless directed the devotional service reading Phil. 4:8.

"These Talents" was given by leaguers from over the state.

At this time the Intermediate Sword Drill was presented, directed by Sis. Reford Wilson. Winners were as follows: 1st Place, James Evans; 2nd Place, Carolyn Crim; 3rd Place, Oleta Million. A white Bible was presented to the 1st place winner. League pins were presented to the 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Business Session

Rev. Othel T. Dixon gave a report from the Board of Trustees concerning expansion of our building program. A recommendation was adopted to retain Rev. R. G. Lane as Building Superintendent and Bro. G. A. Furgerson as Chairman of the Board.

The report of the Treasurer, Bro. Clifford E. Sawrie, was accepted as given.

The Business Committee made the following recommendations which were adopted

1. That a committee be elected to study the plan and place for a week of Bible School and Camp for next year.

The committee was elected as follows: Rev. O. T. Dixon, Rev. Lawnie Coffman, and Rev. Reford Wilson.

2. We, the Free Will Baptist Leaguers of Arkansas, would like to appeal to the National League Board, if possible for the National League Convention to be seated permanently in Nashville, Tenn., as Nashville is now Headquarters for Free Will Baptist and we feel it is more conveniently located for all who are concerned.

3. That we, the leaguers of the state of Arkansas, would seek to combine our league minutes with the minutes of the State Association and that we help bear the expense of printing of the minutes.

A motion was sustained to give the Executive Board the responsibility of handling this resolution with the State Association.

4. That we give the Russellville Woman's Auxiliary a vote of thanks for taking the responsibility of serving the meals at this session.

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A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Betty Sawrie for registration of the Leaguers.

Mrs. J. R. Wilson was elected Sword Drill Director.

A motion was sustained to accept the report from the Nominating Committee to elect officers as follows:

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| President | Bro. Clifford Sawrie |
| Vice-President | Rev. Reedy Saverance |
| Recording Sercetary | Sister Sue White |
| Corresponding Secretary | Sister Anna Romack |
| Treasurer | Rev. Alton Loveless |
| Director | Bro. Earl Smith |
| Board of Trustees | Rev. Lawnie Coffman |

Installation of Officers was by Rev. R. G. Lane.

The session was closed with a vote of aprecciation to the outgoing officers for their splendid work the past year.

Adjournment: Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Othel T. Dixon.

CARRIED OVER RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that the ministers of the Free Will Baptist churches in the state of Arkansas teach and preach in harmony with the articles of faith of our State Association.

Be it resolved that Section One of the Constitution be amended as follows, in the event of part, or all, of the elected delegation to report by 1:30 p. m. Thursday. That said vacancies may be filled, provided someone from said Association recommend others for said vacancies.

Resolutions of 1922—Be it resolved that a committee of five be appointed to supply the Stand.

Resolutions of 1923—Be it resolved that we go on record as condemning the doctrine of Evolution, because we believe it is doing more to skepticism, infidelity, and Atheism than anything or doctrine now in existence.

Resolutions of 1926—Be it resolved that in all future sessions of this Association, we adhere strictly to the articles of faith of this Association, and that we ask all District Associations in the state to see that their articles are in harmony with those of the State Association, so that we may become one in doctrine and harmony.

Resolution of 1938—Be it resolved that each district Association have an ordaining council.

Resolution of 1939—Be it resolved that the State Association shall be composed of five delegates chosen by each District Association of this union and all ordained ministers, deacons and District Associational clerks.

Resolution of 1943—No. 2—Inasmuch as there are so many different theories presented the people today as Bible-taught doctrines, and amid the confusion it has brought, there are earnest inquiring subjects that have a right to know what we, Free Will Baptists, teach. Feeling that this has been neglected to a great extent, Be it resolved by this assembly that all District Associations request of their churches, to have pastors or evangelists preach to their churches each year, at least one sermon on the principles, treaties, and doctrine set forth by the Free Will Baptists.

Resolution No. 1, 1945—We, your committee, recommend that the Clerk be made treasurer without being bonded, and that it shall become the duty of the corresponding clerk to work with, and inform, our people of their duty and obligations to the state Association.

No. 2—Whereas the training of our Free Will Baptist young people is of vital importance, we hereby resolve: That all ministers and interested laymen do all within their power to organize and promote Free Will Baptist Leagues in our churches and associations.

Realizing the many evils that our young people are having to cope with, and especially the theatre, we, your committee recommend that our pastors and Sunday School teachers do their utmost in warning our youth of such evils.

RESOLUTIONS—1948

1. As we see the need of home and foreign mission work, we ask this body to have one sermon each session on the need of the work.

2. We, your Committee, recommend this body meet on Wednesday night and close Friday night.

3. Inasmuch as our mission work is in its infancy, therefore, be it resolved that instead of electing a state evangelist, we recommend that each district association have its own evangelist or in other ways work out their own mission plans working in harmony with the State Board.

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION ARTICLES OF FAITH

(Reported by Committee and Adopted by Convention)
(See Report of Committee)

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; I John 5:7; 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, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's new tomb, arose from the dead the third day, completing 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 16:9-16; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

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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 is coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up its 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.

4. THE BIBLE—We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, was given by Inspiration of God, is our way bill from earth to heaven, and 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 promises of reward for faithfulness and with penalties and punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of Souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming of CHRIST. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-24; Rom. 5:18.

6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION—We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial and resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price of the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come to Him upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above. Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isa. 45:22.

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 any act upon 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 an ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. John 3rd chapter; Matt. 19:13-22; II Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:1-6; Psalms 98:3.

SALVATION FREE—We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whomsoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the gospel. I Peter 1:9-13, 25; 2:9-24; Rev. 22:17.

9. BAPTISM—We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, in which is represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of elders are qualified to administer the same. Matt. 3:14,15,16; 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 feet are ordinances of the gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming. Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Matt. 26:27,28,29.

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 2:11; Exodus 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; 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 with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise their 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 Invisiable 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 with each other, agreeing to keep up good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the gospel. II Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-11-20.

15. PERSEVERANCE—We believe taht 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 to 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 and if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:16; 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 Great 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. The Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Tim. 2:20-21.

18. 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 possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

19. THE RESURRECTION—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of righteous and wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be reunited, 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; St. John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58.

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 eternal happiness. II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Acts 17:31; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13.

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the Association of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon the profession of faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Associations to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintained a correspondence with each other, we, therefore propose to keep order and rules of our Association according to the following plan of government:

1. The State Association shall be composed of five Delegates chosen by each District Association of this union and all regularly ordained ministers, deacons, the district associational clerks, and executive board members.

2. Letters from different Associations shall express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter or recommendation, dismissed, restored, and that have died since our last Association; and the name of the clerk, moderator, county post-office, Sunday of meeting, and the amount paid for Minute Fund.

3. The members thus chosen and convened, to be denominated the State Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of the District Associations of the State of Arkansas, and the Association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power of the Association, reserving the right of withdrawing from any Association becoming disorderly.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk, and a Corresponding Clerk, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. New Associations may be admitted into the Association by letter and delegates if found orthodox in the faith of the Free Will Baptists, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it is withdrawn by the members making it.

7. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the District Associations with the minutes of this Association, in proportion to the number of members in each Association, the distribution being at the discretion of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the Minutes.

9. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association closes.

10. The Association shall have a fund for her support, which shall be supplied by the voluntary contribution of the Associations, whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of delegates, which money so sent shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer for that purpose, and he shall be held accountable to the Association for all Money received by him and until paid out as they may direct.

11. The Association, in case of failure of any Association to attend, may inquire into the cause.

12. It is the duty of the Association to see after the union of the Associations.

13. Amendment to this plan of government may be made at any sitting of the annual State meeting of Free Will Baptist in Arkansas by a two-thirds vote of the members of said body.

14. First—in the absence of the pastor, the deacons of any Free Will Baptist Church in the State of Arkansas are authorized to preside at any Conference, any business transacted during the conference will be legal, if the majority of its active church members are present and the church is in good standing in its association.

Second—The Baptism will not be accepted unless administered by an ordained individual.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with a prayer.

2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided.

3. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

4. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

6. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special leave from the body.

7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

9. Arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto in addition to the business session each day, and the Moderator announce at the adjournment of each business session who is to have charge of said service.

10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator; in his absence, the Clerk.
3. Letters from the District Associations called for, received and Delegates invited to seats.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Election of permanent officers.
6. Call for petitionary Associations.
7. Reading Rules of Order by Chair or Clerk.
8. Appointment of following Committee: (a) Arrangements for Preaching, (b) Resolutions, (c) Finance, (d) Temperance, (e) Sunday Schools, (f) Obituary, (g) Condition of Non-Represented Associations, (h) Union of Association, (i) Auditing, (j) Program, (k) Ministers Diary.
9. Report of Committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
10. Report of new committees.
11. New business.
12. Adjournment.