MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-second Annual Session of the

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

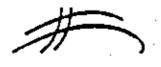
AT THE

Ballew's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

GRUBBS, ARKANSAS SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 2, 1959



The next Regular Session will convene at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, on Tunnel Road, Conway, Arkansas, Beginning Wednesday Evening, September 28, 1960.



REV. J. REFORD WILSON, Moderator Pocahontas, Arkansas

REV. HENRY P. BROWN, Clerk Searcy, Arkansas

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Moderator—Rev. J. Reford Wilson Ass't. Moderator—Rev. Tommy Breashears Clerk—Henry P. Brown, Box 479 Executive Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Earl Smith Promotional Director—Rev. Willard C. Day State Statistician—Rev. W. S. Isbell	Russellville Searcy Pocahontas Russellville		
EXECUTIVE BOARD			
Rev. J. K. Woods—5 years	. Muldrow, Okla.		
	Batesville		
Rev. Bruce Phillips—3 years			
Mr. Millard Williams—2 years			
Rev. Ray Watkins—1 year			
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HOME MISSION BOARD			
Rev. Lawnie Coffman—5 years	Star City		
Rev. Willard C. Day—4 years			
Rev. C. O. Garrison—3 years			
Rev. Clarence Burton—2 years	- -		
Rev. Lewis Barker—1 year			
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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD			
Rev. Earnie Deeds—5 years	Warren		
Rev. Zane Kirkland—4 years			
Rev. Opie Hargraves—3 years	Mountain Home		
	Van Buren		
	New Edinburg		
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD			
Rev. William J. Mishler—5 years	Pine Bluff		
Rev. H. D. Shipley—4 years			
Rev. Bob King—3 years	_		
Rev. Alton Loveless—2 years			
Rev. W. S. Isbell—1 year			
LEAGUE BOARD			
Rev. Lawnie Coffman—5 years			
Rev. Roy Moore—4 years			
Rev. R. E. Pixley—3 years			
Mr. Earl Smith—2 years			
Rev. William J. Mishler—1 year	Pine Bluff		
PROGRAM COMMITTEE			

Rev. William J. Mishler

Rev. Bob King

Rev. J. Reford Wilson

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

The Sixty-second Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association met with the Ballew's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Grubbs, Arkansas, September 30 to October 2, 1959.

The Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, and visitors were given a hearty welcome by the Ballew's Chapel Church and the Polk Bayou Association.

The beautiful ricelands of Eastern Arkansas seemed to offer to each one a welcome view.

Registration began at 6:30, followed by a call to worship and welcome to the evening service at 7:30 by the host pastor, Rev. Clarence Burton. His welcoming scripture was found in Philippians 1:3.

Hymns, "I Want To Be A Worker" and "I Am Thine, O Lord,"

were led by Bro. Welch.

The Association was called into official session by the host pastor, Rev. Clarence Burton, who introduced the Moderator, Rev. J. Reford Wilson. His opening remarks were based on Colossians 3.

Prayer by Rev. Carl Davis.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Executive Secretary of the National Woman's Auxiliary was introduced as a visitor.

The Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator: Rev. Earnie Deeds, Chairman; Sis. Virgie Simpson and Bro. Shorty Blanks.

Hymns "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," and "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes," were led by Bro. Welch.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Bob King to bring the INTRO-

DUCTORY MESSAGE.

Theme: "A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED". 2 Timothy 2:15.

Scripture: Romans 8:32-34.

Prayer: Bro. King.

SUBJECT: "GOD IS NOT ASHAMED OF WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US."

Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour".

Placement of Delegates by the host pastor. Dismissed in prayer: Bro. Raymond McNutt.

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 A. M.

Called together by congregational singing, led by Rev. Zane Kirkland.

Morning Devotions: Rev. Rupert Pixley.

Scripture: Romans 8:35-39.

Prayer: Bro. Pixley.

Partial report of the Committee on Committees given by Rev. Deeds, Chairman.

Motion and second that the partial report of the committee on committees be accepted as read. Carried.

Partial report of the Credentials Committee given by chairman, Sis. M. B. Williams.

Motion and second to receive the partial report. Carried.

The charge was given to the delegates by the moderator. The prayer of Consecration by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Tommy Breashears.

Motion and second to adopt the program. Carried.

Visitors recognized: Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Sis. Edd Sutton of St. Louis, Missouri; Bro. L. I. Shelton, 3951 Ohio Ave., Richmond, California.

Motion and second to seat our visitors in an advisory capacity. Carried.

Welcome address given by the Moderator of the Polk Bayou Association, Rev. Ray Watkins. Response: by the Moderator, Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Rules of Order read by Rev. Tommy Breashears.

Introduction of all standing boards by the Moderator.

Recess declared by the moderator: Dismissed in prayer, Rev. Glenn Dipboye.

10:35 Congregational singing, led by Bro. Eugene Watkins.

Partial report of the Committee on Committees given by the chairman.

Motion and second to receive the partial report. Carried.

Hymn: "Jesus Saves", led by Bro. Watkins.

Hymn: "Near the Cross," led by Bro. Watkins.

The moderator introduced all Ministers and Deacons. Three new pastors were introduced to our State Association.

Visitor introduced: Rev. N. R. Smith, pastor of New Home Free Will Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Special: "Down From His Glory," Sis. J. Reford Wilson.

The speaker for the morning message, Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced by the moderator.

Scripture: John 4:32-37.

Text: John 4:35.

MESSAGE:

Hymn: "Jesus Paid It All," led by Bro. Eugene Watkins.

A personal word about the Bible College, Dr. Johnson.

Dismissed for lunch: Prayer, Rev. Lewis Barker.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P. M.

Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," directed by Rev. John Denham.

Prayer: led by Rev. William J. Mishler.

Hymns: "A Soul Winner for Jesus," and "Victory in Jesus," led by Rev. Denham.

Motion and second to seat the alternate delegates. Carried.

Rev. Kenneth Walker, missionary appointee to Washington, D. C., recognized and seated in an advisory capacity.

REPORTS

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY: Given by Sis. Lawnie Coffman. Motion and second to receive report. Carried. *

TREASURY: Given by Mr. Earl Smith. Motion and second to receive report. Carried. *

HOME MISSION BOARD: Given by Rev. Lawnie Coffman. Motion and second to receive report. Carried. *

FOREIGN MISSION: Given by Rev. Elbert McClellan. Motion and second to receive report. Carried. With addition. *

STATE LEAGUE REPORT: Given by Rev. Lawnie Coffman. Motion and second to receive report. Carried. *

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Partial report given by Bro. M. B. Williams. Motion and second to receive report. Carried.

Motion and second to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Board. Carried. *

Motion and second to amend this recommendation to read, "The Board agreed to recommend to this association the employment of a part-time man to work in behalf of all denominational work in our state." Carried.

Motion and second to amend the amendment to read, "part or full time". Carried.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Partial report given by the chairman. Motion and second to receive the report and consider the resolutions separately. Carried.*

No. 1. Motion and second that the chair appoint a committee to study resolution No. 1 and bring a report to this body next year. Carried.

Motion and second that resolution No. 1 be tabled. Carried.

Study committee appointed: Rev. Lewis Barker, Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. Clarence Burton.

No. 2. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.

Motion and second that we create a Board of Christian Education. Motion and second to table this motion. Carried.

No. 3. Motion and second to adopt. Lost.

^{*} Report in back of minutes

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Rev. N. R. Smith, Chairman of the Oklahoma State Sunday School Board was introduced by the moderator to present to us the information concerning the printing of Sunday School literature.

Motion and second that we grant to the Oklahoma State Association the privilege of mailing order blanks to all the pastors of Arkansas.

All inquiries should be mailed to Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists, P. O. Box 4365, Oklahoma City 9, Oklahoma.

The moderator introduced Dr. Homer Will as Director of the National Home Mission Board, who introduced Bro. Kenneth Walker our latest Home Mission appointee to our nation's capitol, Washington, D. C., who gave his personal testimony.

Motion and second to adjourn until 7:30. Carried.

Dismissed in prayer: By Dr. L. C. Johnson.

THURSDAY EVENING

7:30 P. M. Called to order by the moderator.

Hymn: "Joy Unspeakable," led by Bro. Don Clark.

Prayer: Rev. J. R. Proctor, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas.

Hymn: "Love Lifted Me," led by Bro. Clark.

Special: "When I Met the Master," Sister Wilma Prince.

Introduction of visitors: Sis. Edwards, Bro. Floyd J. Grant, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Special: "Lead On, O King," the Pocahontas Church choir under the direction of Bro. Don Clark.

Prayer: Rev. J. E. White.

Hymn: "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus," led by Bro. Clark.

Special: "Make Me A Blessing," the Pocahontas Choir.

The moderator introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. Homer Willis, Promotional Secretary of the National Home Mission Board. Bro. Willis gave a summary of the work being done by his department.

MESSAGE: "A PLUS IS A MUST."

Scripture: Joel 2:7. Prayer: Bro. Willis.

Rev. Kenneth Walker was introduced by Bro. Willis to give his personal testimony which he concluded with prayer.

Invitation Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

A free will offering was taken to send to the Missionary Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. \$100.11 was given, while the Pocahontas choir sang "Send the Light".

Placement of delegates by the host pastor.

Dismissed in prayer: Rev. N. R. Smith.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:00 A. M. Opened with hymn, "Just Over In The Glory Land," led by Rev. Bob King.

Hymn: "Victory in Jesus," led by Rev. Kenneth Walker.

The moderator introduced Rev. Henry Doyle to bring the morning devotions. Scripture: Romans 12:1-10, John 14:1-6. Prayer: Bro. Doyle.

STATISTICIANS report given by Rev. W. S. Isbell.

Motion and second to adopt the report as read. Carried. *

Motion and second to fill vacancies in committees. Carried.

Motion and second to take the motion to create Christian Education Board from table. Carried. Tabled motion carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: given by Rev William J. Mishler. Motion and second to adopt report. Carried.

OBITUARY REPORT: given by the Secretary Sister Ollie Dog-

gett. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT: given by Rev. J. R.

Proctor, chairman. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.

Intermission declared by the moderator. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Roger Harlow.

10:45 Rev. Clarence Burton led the congreation in singing the

hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Prayer: Rev. J. W. Blanks, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Newport, Arkansas.

Partial report of the finance committee given by the chairman.

Report adopted.

Report of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention given by Sister Eunice Edwards, Executive Secretary of the National Woman's Auxiliary.

Dr. Homer Willis gave a final word on the Home Mission proj-

ects of our denomination.

Hymn: "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus," led by Rev. Clarence Burton.

Prayer: Rev. Raymond Patrick, pastor of the 41st Street Church of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Special: "What A Day That Will Be," Rev. Kenneth Walker.

The moderator introduced Rev. Willard C. Day, who brought the MEMORIAL MESSAGE:

Scripture: Isaiah 40:31.

Subject: "AIR BORNE CHRISTIANS."

Hymn: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder," led by Rev. Clarence Burton while many Christians enjoyed a great fellowship handshake.

Rev. Ray Watkins gave the report of Greetings from Bro. Ralph Staten.

Dismissed for lunch: Prayer, Rev. Herbert Rogers, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Booneville.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P. M. Opened with hymn, "I Feel Like Traveling On," led by Rev. John Denham, pastor of the 18th Street Church of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The moderator introduced Rev. Jimmy Richardson, pastor of the First Church of Hot Springs, to bring our devotional. Scripture:

Ephesians 5:10-19. Prayer: Bro. Richardson.

NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS: report given. tion and second to amend the report to contact the Non-Represented Associations and include them in the report. Carried.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Motion and second to accept the report and adopt the recommendation: Carried. *

REQUEST COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by the Reading Clerk. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.

The Youth Camp was chosen as the meeting place for our 1960

session of the Arkansas State Association.

Motion and second that the League Board be charged with the responsibility of making arrangements for the entertainment of the

association at the youth camp. Carried.

Motion and second that the Arkansas State Association select Rev. Herbert Rogers, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Booneville, to serve as Chaplain at the State Sanatorium Hospital and that proper credentials be given him to present to the hospital authorities. Furthermore, should there by any finance involved, literature, etc. the State Home Mission Board be charged with the responsibility of taking care of these matters according to their discretion. Carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: Given by the chairman. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Final report.

No. 4. Lost.

No. 5. Motion and second to adopt. Carried. *

No. 6. Motion and second to adopt. Carried. *

Motion and second to send a letter of thanks to the Grubbs School Board for their hospitality. Carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Final report given by the chair-Motion and second to receive the report and vote on the recommendations one by one. Carried.

No. 1. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.*

No. 2. Motion and second to adopt. Carried.*

Delegates to the National Association were elected as follows: Bro. Alfred Myers, Bro. Raymond McNutt, Sister Raymond McNutt, Sister William J. Mishler, Sister Nellie King. Motion and second that they be elected by acclamation and authority be given to anyone present from the state to fill vacancies in the delegation. Carried.

Report of the nominating committee given by the reading clerk.

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Motion and second to receive the report and proceed to elect. Carried.

Motion and second to elect by acclamation Rev. Earnie Deeds to the five year term on the Foreign Mission Board. Carried.

Motion and second to elect by acclamation Rev. Zane Kirkland to replace Rev. Tommy Day for the four-year term on the Foreign Mission Board. Carried.

Motion and second to elect by acclamation Rev. J. K. Woods to

serve the five-year term on the Executive Board. Carried.

Motion and second to elect by acclamation Rev. Lawnie Coffman to serve the five year term on the Home Mission Board. Carried.

Motion and second to elect by acclamation Rev. William J. Mishler to serve the five year term on the Sunday School Board. Carried.

Motion and second to elect by acclamation Rev. Jimmy Bundy, Rev. Roger Harwell, Rev. Oris Doggett, Rev. Willard C. Day, and Rev. Clarence Burton to the newly created Board of Christian Education. Carried.

Motion and second to refer the league board nominations back to the committee for further consideration. Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Final report given by chairman. Motion and second to receive. Carried.

Motion and second that a program committee be elected. Carried.

Motion and second that Rev. Bob King, Rev. William J. Mishler and Rev. J. Reford Wilson be elected by acclamation to serve as the program committee.

Standing speakers for our next session elected:

INTRODUCTORY SPEAKER: Rev. Tommy Breashears.

Alternate: Rev. Ray Watkins.

MEMORIAL MESSAGE: Rev. Rupert Pixley.

Alternate: Rev. Herbert Rogers.

Motion and second to close our 1960 session on Friday afternoon. Carried.

Rev. Tommy Breashears was elected to bring the message at this Friday night session, in the absence of both the elected speaker and his alternate. Rev. Ray Watkins was elected to bring the devotional.

Rev. Willard C. Day was elected to the General Board of the National Association.

Motion and second to elect by acclamation Rev. Lawnie Coffman to serve the five year term on the League Board, Rev. William Mishler to replace Rev. Jerry Thompson to serve the one year term. Carried.

Motion and second that we drop from our minutes the Ministers Diary and also the Articles of Faith. Carried.

Election of Officers: Report of the Nominating Committee given: Motion and second to accept the report and elect the officers individually. Carried.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson, was elected Moderator.

Rev. Tommy Breashears was elected Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Henry Brown was elected Clerk.

Rev. C. E. Campbell was elected Assistant Clerk.

Bro. Earl Smith was elected Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. W. S. Isbell was elected State Statistician.

Rev. Willard C. Day was appointed by the Executive Committee as part time Promotional Director.

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love."

Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. W. S. Isbell, State Statistician.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Service called to order by the moderator.

Hymn: "It Won't Be Very Long," led by Bro. Earl Clark. Pianist, Mrs. Wilma Prince.

Hymn: "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow," led by Bro. Earl Clark.

Prayer: led by Sister Eunice Edwards.

Hymns: "Standing On the Promises," and "Just Over In the Glory Land," led by Bro. Eugene Watkins.

Devotional: Rev. Ray Watkins. Theme: "Peace, that Jesus Gives".

Many soul stirring personal testimonies were given.

Hymn, led by Larry Worsham.

Duet by Twins: Bro. Eugene Watkins and Sister Wilma Prince. Pianist Sister Loretta Watkins.

Solo: Mrs. Wilma Prince.

Solo: Rev. John Denham. Pianist, Sister J. Reford Wilson.

MESSAGE: Rev. Tommy Breashears.

Scripture: Hebrews 2:1-3.

Text: Hebrews 2:3. Theme: NEGLECT.

Invitation Hymn: "Only Trust Him." Invitation to trust Jesus

given by Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Various members of the Ballew Chapel Church were recognized for faithful service during this association. Closing prayer by Moderator, Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

OBITUARY: We, your Obituary Committee, find that God in His great love, has seen fit to call from our midst 121. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. May the words of Paul comfort the bereaved found in II Corinthians 5:8, "We are confident, I say and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Believing death to be a victory for the death may the words of Job increase our faith. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Four of our faithful ministers are among this number, called to be present with the Lord, Bro. W. F. McGee, Bro. R. G. Layne, Bro.

R. M. Merrett and Bro. M. A. Thompson.

Mrs. Ollie Doggett Mrs. Marie Conley Mrs. A. D. Furgerson Mrs. Gertie Doyle

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We, the Temperance Committee of the Arkansas State Association submit the following report: I Cor. 9:25a "And every man that striveth for mastery is temperate in all things."

We recommend that we commit ourselves to temperance:

1. IN MENTAL ACTIVITIES.

- A. OBSCENE LITERATURE: Deploring the fact that many publications continue to depict crime and other sordid aspects of life, we urge cooperation with groups attempting to create public sentiment, as well as official censorship of indecent and harmful literature. "We would encourage the formation of 'Watch Committees' (on local level) to formulate plans and exercise aggressive and vigorous restraint upon dealers, wholesalers, and distributors of objectionable publications. We urge pastors, Sunday school and League workers, and parents to assume more responsibility in promotion of wholesome reading matter."
- B. By guarding our thoughts, refraining from lust for position and material possessions and carefully selecting radio and television programs.

2. IN BODILY APPETITES:

A. By being modest in dress, by normal consumption of food, by total abstinence from the use of all alcoholic beverages and the practicing of proper health habits.

3. IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

A. By refraining from participation in questionable amusements, by indulging only in wholesome and constructive conversations, and the refusing (as much as is possible) to patronize places which sell alcoholic beverages.

Furthermore, since the youth trained in our churches of today have too little admonition as to the dangers of drinking alcoholic beverages and the total abstinence from the same, also, the lack of self-respect, respect for the House of the Lord, and laws of both the State and Nation, and those mentioned above, we urge the Ministers, Church officials, parents, etc., of our churches to establish a mental,

bodily, and social pattern for the youth of our churches, and that these persons be responsible "under God" to be "living examples" and that they emphasize educational and training programs that will adequately inform the youth of our churches.

Rev. William J. Mishler, Chairman Mrs. Ethel E. Wilson Mrs. Virgie Simpson Mrs. J. W. Banks, Sr. Mr. Horace Doyle

NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS: We, the committee on Non-Represented Associations are happy to report that all associations have represented by delegates and/or letter, except Old Mt. Zion Association. It is recommended that the clerk contact and insert their report.

Rev. Bob King, Chairman Mrs. J. E. McMahon Mr. Lonnie Clark Mrs. Lorena Crabtree Mr. Manzo Austin

BUDGET COMMITTEE: We wish to commend those who have contributed to the support of the program of our state association. We urge, however, that this is very little compared to what should be done in view of the desperate need and the spirit of service exemplified by our Saviour.

May we this next year prayerfully, fervently, and enthusiastically consider the work of our associational enterprises.

We recommend the following budget for the calendar year of 1960.

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:

Cooperative program	\$7,500.00
Before Executive Budget Is Met	After Budget Is Met
Foreign Missions30%	36%
Home Mission15%	04.04
Executive Dept20%	•
Bible College 20%	
Super - Annuation 3%	
League Board 3%	•
Sunday School 5%	•
State Program	
State Home Mission	
State Youth Camp	
General Expenditures	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	` ,
ANTICIPATED INCOME	
Cooperative Program	\$ 6,500.00
Itineraries	

Host Church 435.00
Miscellaneous Gifts 2,225.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME \$11,190.00

Rev. Opie Hargraves, Chairman

Rev. Lewis Barker

Mr. M. B. Williams

Mr. Elton Vines

Mr. W. T. Woodruff

AUDITING COMMITTEE: We, your auditing committee, have examined and find the following reports correct: State Treasurer's report, the State Home Mission Treasurer's report.

Rev. J. R. Proctor, Chairman

Rev. Jimmy Richardson

Mrs. Mary Phillips

Rev. Jimmy Bundy

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: We recommend the following to serve on the various committees:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Sis. M. B. Williams, Chairman; Rev. J. E. White, Sis. Emma Hargraves and Bro. Joe Phillips.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Rev. Ray Watkins, Chairmain; Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. Oris Doggett and Rev. Lawnie Coffman.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rev. Carl Davis, Chairman; Sis. Nellie King, Sis. Aline Coffman, Sis. Mary Staten and Bro. Raymond McNutt.

NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS: Rev. Bob King, Chairman; Sis. J. E. McMahon, Bro. Lonnie Clark, Sis. Lorena Crabtree and Bro. Manzo Austin.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Rev. Opie Hargraves, Chairman; Rev. Lewis Barker, Mr. M. B. Williams, Mr. Elton Vines and Mr. W. T. Woodruff.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Sis. Ollie Doggett, Chairman; Sis. Marie Conley, Sis. A. D. Furgerson and Sis. Gertie Doyle.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Rev. William J. Mishler, Chairman; Sis. Ethel E. Wilson, Sis. Virgie Simpson, Sis. J. W. Blanks, Sr., and Bro. Horace Doyle.

REQUEST COMMITTEE: Rev. Raymond Patrick, Chairman; Sis. William Mishler, Sis. Georgia Hamaker, Sis. Winnie Grace Cole and Rev. Henry Doyle.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Rev. Glenn Dipboye, Chairman; Sis. Opal Rogers, Sis. Manzo Austin, Rev. Elbert McClellan and Sis. Merle Cole.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Rev. J. R. Proctor, Chairman; Sis.

J. E. Phillips, Sis. Hazel Mann, Rev. Jimmy Richardson and Rev. James Bundy.

Rev. Ernie Deeds, Chairman Sis. Virgie Simpson

Bro. Shorty Blanks

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: The Arkansas State Association had 343 register in attendance.

> Sis. Vivian Burton Sis. Hoover Lewis

FINANCE COMMITTEE: We, your committee on finance, submit the following report; and request. We request that each church that can send more than \$3.00 to the host church to do so.

Money received for entertainment of Association	Money paid out for entertainment of A
Antioch Association\$60.50 Rich Mountain Association 15.00 Social Band Association 33.00 Arkansas Association 42.00 Polk Bayou Association 45.00 Big Springs Association 29.00 Zion Hope Association 75.00 Saline Association 61.00 Island F.W.B. Church 10.00 Black Land Association 15.00 Pine Hill Association 15.00 Mt. Harmony Association 20.00	Groceries Incidentials Cook Total Mrs. Mirl C Rev. Glenn Mrs. Opal R Mr. Manzo
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Total\$420.50

entertainment of Association Groceries\$381.11 ncidentials 23.99

Mrs. Mirl Coles Rev. Glenn Dipboye Mrs. Opal Rogers Mr. Manzo Austin Rev. Elbert McClellan

REQUEST COMMITTEE: We, your committee, find that one district association, Saline, request the State Association to meet with them at the Willoughby Free Will Baptist Church. We have also discussed the probability and convenience of the State Youth Camp at Conway for the next meeting place for the State Association. It is our request that the body give consideration to this request, and go to the State Youth Camp at Conway in 1960.

Rev. W. H. Doyle Mrs. William Mishler Miss Winnie Grace Coles Rev. R. A. Patrick, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: We, your resolutions committee submit the following resolutions:

No. 1. Whereas, the duties of the Trustee and League Board often conflict, we recommend that we elect five men from the membership of the two boards to carry out the duties required of the two boards.

No. 2. Whereas, we feel the need of a board on Christian Edu-

cation, we recommend that we discuss the importance of selecting such a board.

No. 3. Lost.

No. 4. Lost.

No. 5. Be it resolved that we instruct our Clerk to send Rev. Raymond Riggs and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham our vote of appreciation for the work they have done in their respective offices.

No. 6. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church in appreciation for the splendid joy in entertainment of this association, also for inviting the association here, after being voted to the youth camp.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: We, your credentials committee, find that eight of the eleven associations were represented with delegates also that twenty-one local churches were represented by a delegate.

We urge more churches to select a delegate next year, before the yearly meeting of the district association, that their names might be

listed on the district associational letter to the State meeting.

We submit the following report and recommend that the body receive the reports of the District Associations and that their delegates be seated.

ARKANSAS: J. E. Phillips, B. O. Stahl, Elmer Turner.

ANTIOCH: Goldie Maxwell, Deloris Richardson, Myar Hill, Noma Kinder, Olgie White.

BIG SPRINGS: Emma Hargrave, Marie Conley, Vergie Simpson. NEW HOPE: Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Aline Coffman, Mrs. L. E. Mc-Kay, Mrs. A. D. Furgerson.

POLK BAYOU: Lorena Crabtree, Myrl Coles, Willie Grace Coles, Vivian Burton, Gertie Doyle.

OLD MT. ZION: No delegates.

SALINE: Ollie Doggett, Mrs. J. C. McMahon, Mrs. William Mishler, Manzo Austin, Mrs. Manzo Austin.

SOCIAL BAND: Naomi Denton, Mary Staten, Doris Kirby, Harla Smith, Johny Whitlaw.

ZION NEW HOPE NO. 2: Charlie Price, Mable Proctor, Opal Rogers, Mrs. Fred Smith, Haskell Wright.

RICH MOUNTAIN: No delegates.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER: No delegates.

CHURCH DELEGATES:

First Church of Fort Smith, James H. Keller.

Pruett Chappel, Mary Norris.

First Church of Pine Bluff, Mrs. Johnnie Puckett.

Willoughby, Georgia Hamaker.

Ballew's Chapel, Elton Vines.

Fairview, Ida Mae McClellan.

Macedonia, Aline Thompson.

Pleasant Valley, Hazel Mann.

Rose Hill, Mrs. Lewis Barker.

Mt. Harmony, Mrs. Esther Williams.

First Church of Warren, Willie Jean Deeds.

Oak Grove, Mrs. John A. McMahon.

First Church of Pocahontas, Ella Crays.

Mt. Bethel, Mrs. Roger Harwell.

First Church of Searcy, Bessie Gray.

Welcome Home, Myrtle Condley.

Allen's Chappel, Willia Jean Lewis.

Harmony, Delvis Johnston.

Little Brown, Harlow Smith.

First Church of Russellville, L. E. Duvall.

Liberty Hill, Mrs. Arvell Bostic.

Mrs. M. B. Williams, Chairman

Rev. J. E. White

Mrs. Emma Hargraves

Mr. Joe Phillips

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We, the nominating committee, submit the following nominations for your consideration.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD:

Rev. Earnie Deeds-5, year term.

Rev. Zane Kirkland—4 year term.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Rev. J. K. Woods-5 year term.

HOME MISSION BOARD:

Rev. Lawnie Coffman—5 year term.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:

Rev. William Mishler—5 year term.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD:

Rev. Jimmy Bundy—5 year term.

Rev. Roger Harwell—4 year term.

Rev. Oris Doggett—3 year term.

Rev. Willard C. Day—2 year term.

Rev. Clarence Burton—1 year term.

STATE OFFICERS:

Moderator: Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Asst. Moderator: Rev. Tommy Breashears.

Clerk: Rev. Henry Brown.

Asst. Clerk: Rev. C. E. Campbell.

Treasurer: Mr. Earl Smith. Statistician: Rev. W. S. Isbell.

Rev. Carl Davis, Chairman.

Mrs. Alene Coffman

Mr. Raymond McNutt

Mrs. Mary Staten

Mrs. Nellie King

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

District Associations	11
Local Churches	
Total Membership	13,831
Members Received	
Deceased	
Ordained Ministers	
Sunday School Enrollment	10,221
League Enrollment	3,001
Amount Spent for Literature	\$11,418.30
Amount Paid Pastors	
Amount Paid Evangelists	\$14,108.96
Amount for Co-operative Fund	
Amount paid for Home Missions	_
Amount paid for Foreign Missions	
Amount paid for Education	\$287.32
Amount spent for Buildings and Repair	\$67,863.85
Amount spent for incidentals	\$23,776.90
Amount spent for Radio Programs	\$3,994.56
Amount spent for Youth Camp Value of Church Property	\$959,650.00
Value of Youth Camp	

Rev. W. S. Isbell, Statistician

STANDING BOARD REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: (Partial Report)

Rev. J. Reford Wilson was requested to have letterheads made for Rev. Henry Brown, State Clerk, and Rev. W. S. Isbell, State Statistician.

The State League Board requested the Executive board to change the meeting place of the State Association for 1959. The request was granted. It was moved from the Youth Camp to Ballew's Chapel Church, Polk Bayou Association, because they were the only one that had asked for it.

The board voted to recommend to the Association that they employ a part or full time person to promote the denominational work in the state.

The board approved the purchase of an addressing machine.

Rev. Henry Brown, State Clerk, presented a copy of the State Minutes for the board's approval. They were approved and given back to Mr. Brown for publication.

As the executive board was unable to get the VISION out after Rev. Alton Loveless, circulating manager, resigned, it decided to wait and let the association take care of the matter.

Bob King, Chairman M. B. Williams, Clerk.

(Final Report)

The Board received a request from certain areas to consider setting up boundary lines for district associations. As this is out of our jurisdiction, we recommend that our district associations and quarterly meetings observe the ruling already existing in our form of government, not to allow a local church to transfer its affiliation from one body to another without a letter of good standing.

Section II, Paragraph 10, "Quarterly Meeting", Page 54 in Na-

tional Treatise.

We recommend that the person filling the New Office, that is being created, be known as Promotional Director.

We petition the Treasurer to turn over \$100.00 to the pro-

motional director to start the work.

Executive Committee
J. K Woods
Bob King, Chairman
Bruce Phillips
Millard Williams, Clerk
Ray Watkins

STATE HOME MISSION BOARD:

December 9th the Home Mission Board was contacted by phone and asked to make a \$100.00 gift to the League Fund. Being approved by the board, the gift was made in order that the regular monthly payment could be made on the youth camp.

We, the State Home Mission Board, met in North Little Rock,

Arkansas, February 28, 1959. We made the following gifts:

Youth Camp	\$100.00
Mena Church	
Booneville Church	<u>'</u>
Rev. Day, trip to Mexico	

We met in July at the Youth Camp and approved a \$65.00 gift to Rev. W. C. Day to begin a work in Clarksville, Arkansas. Finding this an inconvenient season of the year, the work was postponed until a later date.

We met October 1, 1958, and made a gift of \$150.00 to a new work which was begun at the Olive Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Fort Smith.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$12.36
Co-operative plan	
Earmarked Funds	\$128.97
Small Church Gifts	•
Total	
Expenditures	•
Balance on Hand	•
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Lonnie Coffman, Secretary-Treasurer

STATE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

We, the State Foreign Mission Board, report that our quota for 1958 was \$4.500.00. We received only \$3,854.44 with a balance of \$645.56 needed to meet the quota. Our quota for 1959 is \$6,590. Paid in up to September 4, 1959, \$3,421.44. A balance of \$421.44.

We have had the following missionaries on itineraries: Billy Jay

Jones and Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Willey, Jr.

Pocahontas church sponsored a missionary conference in Social

Band Association.

It is recommended that the State Association write a letter of

appreciation to Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Earnie Deeds
Zane Kirkland
Opie Hargraves
Elbert McClellan, Chairman
G. G. Dipboye

YOUTH CAMP REPORT: Lawnie Coffman, Secretary-	Treasurer
Balance brought forward	\$630.84
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1958 to Oct. 1, 1959	\$2,310.27
	\$2,941.11
Unused camp funds	\$861.02
Total Funds	\$3,802.13
Expenses	\$2,802.13
Balance on hand	

This year we had 323 registered at Youth Camp with 73 conversions. In 1958 we had 276 registered with 99 conversions. \$522.00 was received in unused funds. In 1957 we had 146 registered with 26 conversions, and no unused funds.

OUR NEED: A girls dorm to sleep 100 that will cost about \$2,400.00. The balance on note \$2,489.97, payable at \$157.64 per month to Mr. W. B. Coffman.

The suggested date for next year's Youth Camp is June 20 through 25 for Juniors, and June 25 through July 2 for Seniors. The State League Convention to meet on June 26.

The board has voted to build another dorm. Lawnie Coffman and William J. Mishler were placed in charge of the construction.

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Executive Secretary and Treasurer's Report

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RECEIPTS:	•	
Balance on hand October 1, 1958	\$	981.31
NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION		
North Little Rock Church\$228.00		
Liberty Hill Church	. ,	

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		115.00
Little Rock Capital City Church		
Greenbrier Church		
Searcy Church		84.46
Total) *	\$672.97
SALINE ASSOCIATION:		
Rose Hill Church	\$	205.93
Pine Bluff Church		311.25
Pine Bluff Church		341.00
Saline Association	1	,040.07
Saline Association		15.00
Saline Association		73.71
Saline Association		89.12
Total	\$2	,076.08
POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION:	'	•
Allen's Chapel	\$	419.56
Mt. Harmony		85.02
Mt. Harmony		
Ballew's Chapel		_
Ballew's Chapel		
Oakland Church		
•	•	
Total	ф1	.,000.05
ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION:		
First Church, Fort Smith		
First Church, Fort Smith		20.00
First Church, Fort Smith	•	23.17
Greenwood Church	••••	31.50
Total		\$842.15
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION:		•
Pocahontas Church	\$	578.53
Pocahontas Church	•	804.15
Pocahontas Church		46.05
Ola Reyno Church		10.00
Elnora Church		7.76
Jonesboro Church		16.93
Purtle Church		25.00
Mt. Zion Church		77.49
Mt. Zion Church		10.00
Arbor Grove		75.79
O'Kean Church	•	19.03
Social Band Association		28.20
Social Band Association		56.70
Social Band Association		85.66
Social Band Association		50.00
Total		1,891.28
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ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION:		
Arkansas Association	\$137.72	
BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION:		
Big Springs Association	\$ 30.00	
Big Springs Association		
Big Springs Association		
Total		
ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION:	φ100.00	
Russellville Church	\$191.00	
Russenvine Church	ф191.00	•
State Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 20.65	•
Total	\$6,815.90	
GRAND TOTAL		\$7,797.21
EXPENDITURES:		•
Rev. Charles Thigpen (Speaker)	\$ 35.00	
Lawnie Coffman (Youth Camp)	•	
Advance Printing Co. 251 Badges		
Alton Loveless (Expense Vision Address	10.00	
Machine and Plates	138.00	
Travel		
Telephone Calls		\$
Permit and Film Drawer		
Printing Vision		
Mailing Vision		
Earl Smith (Stamps)	•	,
Henry Brown (Stamps)		•
Rev. R. E. Pixley (Nat. League Co.)		
Rev. J. Reford Wilson (Phone)		
Bank of Pocahontas (Check Book)		
Rev. Bob King (Nat. Ass'n. Dues)		•
Rev. Bob King (Travel)		•
Warren Printing (305 Badges)		
Stovall Printing Co. (Minutes)		•
	1,118.13	
Bible College	25.00	
Youth Camp		
Co-operative Fund	3,601.61	
Foreign Mission	-	
State Home Mission		
National Home Missions		ı
	\$6,296.28	
GRAND TOTAL		\$7,414.41
Balance in Treasury September 28, 1959		
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MINUTES OF THE STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Report of the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary convention. The 6th annual session convened at the Ballew Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Sept. 29-30, 1959.

THEME: "I Will Go In The Strength of The Lord." Scripture: Psalms 71:15.

The session opened with singing "Jesus Saves" and "Send the Light", led by Mrs. Reford Wilson, with Mrs. Nellie King at the piano.

Devotional was given by Mrs. R. G. Lane, reading from Psalms 71:15 and Ephesians 3:16. Prayer was led by Mr. Earl Smith. Special music by an arranged quartet consisting of Rev. Reford Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Rev. Clarence Burton, and Rev. Bob King.

Opening remarks by the president and appointing of committees. Home Mission service was conducted by Rev. Willard C. Day. He presented the new work of Free Will Baptists in Old Mexico. After the challenging message an offering of \$24.74 was received for this work.

Benediction: Rev. Bob King.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 30th

Session opened with singing "This Is My Story", and "'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" led by Mrs. Reford Wilson. Mrs. Nellie King at the piano. Devotional was given by Mrs. Rupert Pixley, reading from Philippians 4:13 and Luke 22:32. Prayer, led by Mrs. Nellie King.

Special music: Duet by Mrs. Hurbert Rogers and Mrs. L. W. Bowen.

Welcome address by Mrs. Shirley Whitlock.

Reading: "The Way We Pray", given by Mrs. Helen Day.

Solo: Mrs. Illa Broadway.

Information and History was given by Mrs. Lawnie Coffman. A very interesting report of the National convention was given by Mrs. Nellie King.

The 11:00 o'clock service opened with singing "At the Cross" led by Mrs. Reford Wilson; Mrs. W. L. Bowen was the pianist.

Special music by the Convention Choir, "How Great Thou Art", directed by Mrs. Willard Day. Invocation by Rev. W. S. Isbell.

The speaker, Mrs. Eunice Edwards was introduced by the president. Subject: "BINDING AND LOOSENING." Scripture reading, Matthew 18:18. The message was a challenge to a greater prayer life.

Benediction by Rev. Lawnie Coffman.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with singing "How Firm A Foundation". Prayer by Rev. Bob King.

Evaluation of the day by Mrs. Audra Chronister.

Skit: "The Missionary Barrel" by the Searcy auxiliary. Question and answer period conducted by Mrs. Eunice Edwards. Tic Tac Toe quiz by Mrs. Clifford Sawrie.

Business Period:

Resignation of Mrs. Ethel Wilson as vice president was accepted. Mrs. Alton Loveless was elected as vice president.

Solo: "Jesus Loves the Little Children", by Rebecca Wilson.

Solo: "Tell Me His Name Again". Mrs. Reford Wilson.

All committees reported and accepted by motion and second.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

1. We recommend that our women place more emphasis on intercessary prayer for awaking of ourselves to the needs of our community and for our missionaries.

2. We recommend that every effort be made by the State, District and Local youth chairmen to have a declamation contestant at the next National Convention. We further recommend that a contest be included in the state program next year.

3. We recommend that we adopt as our project Mexican Missions as adopted by the W.N.A.C. and that we use last year's quota as a guide which was four hundred dollars.

4. We recommend that the host church to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention serve sandwiches at the noon meal to enable more women to attend the convention.

5. We recommend that fifty dollars be sent to the student loan fund

to aid our students and also our Bible College.

6. We recommend that an honorarium of fifteen dollars be given our president for her labor of love, and that \$35.00 be given Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

APPRECIATIONS COMMITTEE:

We, the Appreciation Committee, do recommend and want to express our thanks to this host church for the wonderful welcome they have given to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention and also we appreciate the excellent noon day meal, which was a time of fellowship that was expressed in the very fellowship of love. We all enjoyed the wonderful and timely message of Sis. Eunice Edwards and we want to thank her along with all of our officers who have served so willingly and faithfully in the work of the Lord.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

REGISTRATION—Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Mrs. Hoover Lewis. NOMINATING—Mrs. Stella Wilson, Mrs. Lenis Zinnamon, Mrs. William Mishler, Mrs. Roger Harwell, Mrs. Eunice James. RESOLUTION—Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Mrs. Nellie King, Mrs.

APPRECIATION—Mrs. Hubert Rogers, Mrs. Ted Henry, Mrs. L. E. McKay.

CREDENTIALS—Mrs. Wayne Thacker, Mrs. W. L. Bowen, Mrs. Bertha Buchanan.

FINANCE—Mrs. George Broadway, Mrs. Horace Doggett, Mrs. Alton Loveless.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We submit the following report: 105 registered. New Hope District 18, Saline District 11, Social Band 18, Polk Bayou 34, Antioch 14, Zion Hope No. 27, Visitors 3. Number of delegates represented 36. Delegates elected to represent at the National Convention: Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Mrs. R. G. Lane, Mrs. William Mishler, Mrs. Reford Wilson, Mrs. Horace Condley, Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, Mrs. Lenis Zinnamon, and Mrs. Nellie King.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Local Auxiliaries reporting	30
Representation fees sent to treasurer	. \$84.60
Present enrollment	
New members	
Members lost	
Youth Organizations G.T.A. 6, Y.P.A. 11, B. A	
Total Membership G.T.A. 57, Y.P.A. 171, B.A.	
Active Church Libraries	
Vacation Bible Schools assisted in	
Bible College students assisted	_
Study courses conducted, Missions 9, Stewardship 9, Manual	
Evangelism 7, Prayer 9.	•
Daily Bible Readers	94
Special Programs Held	27
Weeks of Prayer conducted	
Week of Prayer offerings	
Number Family Altars	
Members observing prayer fellowship	63
Number making soul-winning efforts	228 .
Number souls won	24
Number active in community missions	92
Contributions to Children's Home	\$61.00
Subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers	182
Number of Articles written for publication	25
PERSONAL GIFTS:	
Missions	\$650.70
Bible College	\$160.00
Children's Home	\$ 81.49
Superannuation	\$ 25.00
Other	\$390.62
Alene Coffman, Secretary-Trea	asurer

REPORT OF

YOUTH CAMP AND STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

League Convention: June 26-27, 1959 Youth Camp: July 6-11, 1959

Our hearts received a keener appreciation of our youth during this youth encampment with their kind attention and co-operation. We had campers who came for their first encampment and campers who have attended all of our encampments but all found an enjoyment in finding how they could better "serve" not only their counselor but their Creator.

Such fellowship you would only see during a revival reign among the hearts of the young people, counselors, instructors and all personnel. It was a real revival in the hearts of all who seeked for the wonderful revival in the Holy Spirit.

The youth camp this year was larger than any that we have had and was considered as our best. There were some 325 youth, counse-

lors, instructors, and personnel.

It was a real blessing to see 79 decisions made for Jesus Christ. The revival in the hearts was similar to the old-fashioned services of years past. There were so many youth that we did not have room for all in the dorms so we used the "Tabernacle" for about 70 girls and made an old fashioned "Brush Arbor" for our meetings. It was wonderful how, we who have nice churches, accepted the old fashioned ways.

We pray that God will richly bless our youth encampment next year. Make plans to come to the encampment now. Start saving your money and then you can be assured of being able to come.

Proceedings of the Friday night services of the Arkansas State

League Convention, June 26, 1959.

THEME: "TRAINING IN SERVICE".

The services began at 7:00 p. m. with singing directed by Jerry Thompson.

The president, Rev. Alton Loveless, expressed the "President's

Welcome" to all who attended the Friday evening services.

Jerry Thompson led the congregation in choruses appropriate for the convention.

The Sawrie Quartet sang two wonderful songs that preceeded

the evening message.

Rev. Marion Pettus of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and of Rosebud, Arkansas, brought us a wonderful message on "HOW TO BETTER TRAIN YOURSELF FOR SERVICE", with his scripture reading being from I Timothy 2:15.

Rev. Henry Brown pronounced the benediction.

Saturday morning sessions opened by singing, led by Rev. Jerry Thompson with Charlsie Castleberry at the piano.

Motion to adopt the program was carried.

Devotional by Rev. Bob King: Scripture I Corinthians 9:24-27.

Life at the Bible College—Rev. Norman Richards.

Singspiration led by Jerry Thompson with Charlsie Castleberry at the piano.

Appointing of committees as follows:

RESOLUTION: Rev. W. H. Bostic, ch, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, and Rev. Willard C. Day.

TALENT: Donna Turner, ch, Kay Watson, and Rev. Jerry Thompson.

NOMINATING: Rupert Pixley, ch, Bill Cavins, Norman Richards, Jimmy Bundy, Henry Brown.

AUDITING: Garland Ferguson, ch, Roy Moore, and Mrs. J. Reford Wilson.

Prayer—Rev. Reford Wilson.

A wonderful message was brought by Rev. William Mishler: "PREPARING FOR SERVICE".

Singspiration led by Jerry Thompson with Janice Patrick at the piano.

Devotion by W. H. Bostic—Scripture: Proverbs 4.

Solos by Kay Watson and Sandra Campbell.

Three playlets were then presented by the following churches: 41st St., North Little Rock, Greenbrier, and Russellville.

Stand up and be counted: Leland King. Sword Drill—Mrs. J. Reford Wilson.

Winners were: Intermediate: Jr. Doss; Juniors, Judy Forbes.

Report of the Auditing Committee given. Motion to accept the report was carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Lawnie Coffman, motion to accept report was carried.

Report of the Resolution Committee was given, motion to accept the report was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1. Be it resolved that the Convention elect a general supervisor who will be charged with the responsibility of camp maintenance and getting camp ready for all meetings. Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2. Be it resolved that the State League Convention convene on Friday evening preceeding Youth Camp. Carried.

Report of Nominating Committee given, motion to accept the report was carried.

Election of officers:

President	Alton Loveless
Vice President	Johnny Sago
Secretary	
Assistant Secretary	Steve Adams
Treasurer	
League Director	
Assistant League Director	
Sword Drill Director	Mrs. Reford Wilson

A rising vote of thanks was given to out-going officers.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. Lawnie Coffman and the Searcy Church for the meal served at the cafeteria.

Financial report on the National League Conference was given by Leland King.

Benediction: Rev. Alton Loveless.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. William J. Mishler, Pine Bluff	5 ye	ears
Rev. Rupert Pixley, Fort Smith	. •	
Mr. Earl Smith, Pocahontas		
Mr. Raymond McNutt, Walnut Ridge		
Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Star City	•	

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, having been baptized upon our profession of faith in Christ as our Saviour and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among our churches for the purpose of coordinating our efforts for the Kingdom of God, do therefore ordain this constitution for our denominational government.

ARTICLE I

Name: This organization shall be known as the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

Purpose: The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing the State Association and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may be hereafter represented.

ARTICLE III

Representation:

Section 1: This association shall be composed of all ordained ministers and deacons with membership in a church belonging to a district association, the district associational clerks and executive board members.

Section 2: Each District Association shall be entitled to five lay delegates at large and, in addition, each local church which holds membership in a District Association affiliated with this body shall be entitled to send one lay delegate.

Section 3: In the event of part, or all of the elected delegation fail to report by 1:30 p.m. Thursday, said vacancies may be filled, provided someone from said Association recommended others for said vacancies.

Section 4: New associations desiring membership in the state association shall send messengers bearing a petitionary letter. If found orthodox, upon examination by the credentials committee, they shall be received by the association and given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator.

ARTICLE IV

Finance: This association shall be supported by 28% of the Cooperative receipts that come to the State Treasurer. Also each district association shall send \$3.00 for each church belonging to said association, which money will go to the host church for entertainment expenses.

ARTICLE V

Discipline:

Section 1: This state association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or practices that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization. Furthermore, if there be any question of discipline, doctrine or practice on the part of a district body, delegates of that association shall not be seated until these questions have been settled to he satisfaction of the credentials committee.

Section 2. The decision of the credentials committee may be appealed to (1) the state association sitting in a committee as a whole, or (2) to a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

ARTICLES VI

Officers:

Section 1: The officers of the state association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, an executive secretary who shall also serve as the treasurer, and a statistician.

Section 2: Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the committee on committees which will be elected by the body on the opening night of the association.

ARTICLE VII

Boards: All standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members who shall serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 year. The standing boards shall include the Executive Board, Home Mission Board, Foreign Missions Board, League Board, and a Sunday School Board.

ARTICLE VIII

Duties and rules of standing boards:

1. Executive Board. To this board is delegated the power to act

in behalf of and for the state association from one meeting to another and shall have power and authority to elect such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertaking of the state association. The board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body. To this Executive Board is further designated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the field as may seem best, and the means on hand may warrant. They shall deliver oil and gas leases upon any real property owned by the association, for such bonuses and rentals as in the discretion of the said board.

This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the regular meeting of the association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property entrusted to said state association.

The chairman and secretary of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which the state association is to become legally held.

The board shall have the power to call the association in conference by notifying each district association at least ten (10) days prior to conference.

2. Home Mission Board. It shall be the duty of this board to work in connection with the national mission board in arranging an active missionary program in and for the state of Arkansas. They shall elect a treasurer who shall handle all home mission money.

It will be their responsibility to investigate and assist, if necessary, any new church. This board should thoroughly investigate the ability of a church to support an organization before assistance is pledged.

- 3. Foreign Mission Board. It shall be the duty of this board to work in connection with the national foreign missions board in arranging itineraries, missionary conferences, etc., and promote in every way possible the foreign missions program in the state of Arkansas.
- 4. League Board. It shall be the duty of the state league board to plan and assist in every way possible the league work throughout the state. It will also be their responsibility to promote an active league work in each association and to encourage league rallies. They will also plan and carry out the annual league conference and camp. The state league director shall be chairman of this committee.
- 5. Sunday School Board. It will be the duty of the Sunday School Board to work in cooperation with the National Sunday School department in arranging Sunday School conferences and workshops, teachers training courses, in recommending methods and materials for the Sunday Schools of the State of Arkansas.

ARTICLE IX

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the state association by a two-thirds vote of members present,

provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

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.

OFFICERS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

ARKANSAS ANTIOCH -Clerk—E. O. Wright Atkins ZION HOPE NO. 2 **SALINE** SOCIAL BAND NEW HOPE Conway Clerk—Clifford Sawrie **BIG SPRINGS** Moderator— Clerk— POLK BAYOU OLD MT. ZION RICH MOUNTAIN Moderator—Rev. Bennie Fisher Hatfield Clerk—Dorothy Looney Board Camp LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER