

# Arkansas Free Will Baptist LEAGUE CONVENTION

June 17 - 18, 1955

PROGRAM AND MINUTES



Located N. W. Side of Conway, Arkansas

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— Of The —

## ARKANSAS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION

— Held at The —

### STATE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

Tunnel Road

Conway, Arkansas

June 18 - 19, 1954



Next session to be held at the State League Assembly Grounds, Conway, Arkansas, beginning 1 P. M. Friday, June 17th and continuing through Saturday, June 18, 1955.

President ..... Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Pocahontas, Arkansas

Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. G. A. Furgerson, Conway, Arkansas

Treasurer ..... Mr. Clifford Sawrie, Conway, Arkansas





**PROGRAM****ARKANSAS LEAGUE CONVENTION****JUNE 17 - 18, 1955****CONVENTION THEME: "Think On These Things" ..... Phil. 4:8****REGISTRATION: 12:00 Noon**

- 1:00 P. M. Sing Unto the Lord ..... Rev. and Mrs. R. Saverance  
1:15 P. M. Meditations  
1:30 P. M. Reports and Introductions .. Rev. R. Pixley, V-President  
2:00 P. M. Singers from the North ..... Pocahontas YPA Quartet  
2:05 P. M. President's Message, "Our Theme" ..... Rev. J. R. Wilson  
2:20 P. M. Chorustime  
2:30 P. M. These Talents ..... Playlets, Songs, Readings by the  
Leaguers present  
3:10 P. M. Junior Sword Drill ..... Mrs. J. R. Wilson  
3:30 P. M. "Thinking of the Mission Field" ..... Sue White  
3:40 P. M. "Making School Days Count" ..... Ambertine Million  
3:50 P. M. Business  
4:15 P. M. Adjournment  
5:45 P. M. Suppertime ..... New Dining Hall

**FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE**

- 7:00 P. M. Songs in the Night — Evening Prayers — Special Music—  
Testimonytime  
8:00 P. M. Preaching the Word — Invitation — Benediction

**SATURDAY MORNING**

- 9:30 A. M. Lifting Our Voices in Song  
9:40 A. M. From the Scriptures to the Throne ..... Johnny Sago  
9:50 A. M. Review of Yesterday's Fellowship .... Mrs. G. Furgerson  
10:00 A. M. Introduction of Newcomers ..... Vice-President

- 10:15 A. M. "Dreams Coming True for Youth Encampment" Barbara Shinn
- 10:25 A. M. Address by State League Director Mr. Earl Smith
- 10:45 A. M. Music is Inspiring
- 11:00 A. M. Convention Speaker Rev. Dale Munkus,  
President Oklahoma State League Convention
- 12:00 Noon Lunch New Dining Hall
- 1:00 P. M. "Think On These Things" League Motto, Song,  
Benediction by Alton Loveless
- 1:20 P. M. These Talents --- Playlets, Songs, Readings by Leaguers  
present
- 2:30 P. M. Intermediate Sword Drill Mrs. J. R. Wilson
- 2:50 P. M. Doing Our Father's Business — Treasurer's Report—  
Trustee's Report
- 3:30 P. M. Election of Officers
- 3:45 P. M. Installation and Prayer of Consecration
- 4:00 P. M. Adjournment

Note: There are no elected delegates to this convention for every league member is an official representative and has a vote on all business matters.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Russellville Free Will Baptist Church will serve meals in the new dining hall at a reasonable price.

**OFFICERS****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President ..... Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Pocahontas, Arkansas  
 Vice-President ..... Rev. Rupert Pixley, Fort Smith, Arkansas  
 Corresponding Secretary ..... Mr. Henry Brown, Russellville, Arkansas  
 Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. G. A. Furgerson, Conway, Arkansas  
 Treasurer ..... Mr. Clifford Sawrie, Conway, Arkansas  
 Director ..... Mr. Earl Smith, Pocahontas, Arkansas

**Board Of Trustees**

Rev. O. T. Dixon, Russellville ..... 5 years  
 Rev. Rupert Pixley, Fort Smith ..... 4 years  
 Mr. G. A. Furgerson, Conway ..... 3 years  
 Mr. Raymond McNutt, Walnut Ridge ..... 2 years  
 Rev. Curtiss Lybarger, Rose Bud ..... 1 year

**Proceedings**

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

The following districts were represented in this session: Zion Hope No. 2, Antioch, Social Band, New Hope, Saline, Polk Bayou and Big Springs.

The Gospeliers, Carroll Alexander, Galen Dunbar, Dale Burden, and Willis Wilson, of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee were featured singers of the convention. The Willoughby duet and quartet, the Pastor's quartet, Nina and Shirley Coffman, the Sawrie family, the Lawson sisters, Vada Ann Wilson, Donna Turner, the Vaughn Trio, the Wright sisters, Patsy Higgins, Carolyn Harlson, Jeanet Eakes and H. L. Dawson appeared on the program during the period of "Open Doors Through Talent".

### Friday Afternoon Session

The assembly was called to order at 1:00 o'clock by the president, Rev. Othel T. Dixon. The opening song was directed by Rev. Carroll Alexander of Nashville, Tennessee. The devotional was by Brother Mander Evans of Pocahontas and Rev. J. Reford Wilson of Pocahontas led the invocation.

Constitution and By-laws were read by the secretary, Mrs. G. A. Furgerson.

A motion was sustained to adopt the program outline as presented.

A Program committee was elected to act for this session as follows: Rev. Curtis Lybarger, Bro. Earl Smith and Mrs. O. T. Dixon.

A business Committee was elected as follows: Rev. Lonnie Coffman, Rev. Rupert Pixley, Brother Raymond McNutt.

Singspiration was directed by Rev. Carroll Alexander of Nashville, Tennessee.

The Gospeliers of Nashville, Tennessee rendered two special numbers at this time, and prayer was led by Rev. Opie Hargraves.

President's message was by Rev. Othel T. Dixon, of Russellville, Arkansas.

Open doors through panel discussion by Bro. Earl Smith, Bro. Alton Loveless, Rev. Galen Dunbar, Mrs. Raymond McNutt and Miss Betty Magness.

Benediction by Rev. W. S. Isabell of Russellville, Arkansas.

### Friday Evening Session

Friday Evening session opened at 7:00 o'clock with singing directed by Rev. Carroll Alexander of Nashville, Tennessee, followed by personal testimonies from the congregation. Rev. Dale Burden delivered the evening message, using as a text: Luke 23:33 "They crucified him".

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. F. Pritchett of Conway, Arkansas.

### Saturday Morning Session

Saturday morning session was opened at 9:00 o'clock with singing directed by Rev. Rupert Pixley. Prayer was offered by Rev. Jerry Thompson. Devotional service was directed by Rev. Opie Hargraves.

Personal testimonies were given by leaguers who attended the National League convention.

"Survey Through Open Doors", by Bro. Earl Smith of Pocahontas, Arkansas.

A free will offering of \$47.65 was given and blessings were asked upon it by Rev. Galen Dunbar.

Rev. R. M. Moore directed the congregation in a song, followed by a prayer offered by Bro. Henry Brown.

The 11:00 o'clock sermon was delivered by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham of Nashville, Tennessee. At the conclusion of this service thirty youths re-dedicated their lives to the Lord. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Reford Wilson.

### Saturday Afternoon Session

Saturday afternoon session opened at 1:00 o'clock, with singing directed by Bro. King of Fort Smith and prayer offered by Rev. W. F. Pritchett.

Bro. Sidney Sawrie directed the devotional service, reading the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes.

"Open Doors Through Talent" was given by leaguers from over the State.

During this service two youths responded to the invitation and were converted by the saving power of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

At this time the Sword Drill was presented, directed by Rev. Reford Wilson.

James Evans, of Walnut Ridge, was presented a white Bible as 1st place prize.

Norma King of Greenbrier, Arkansas was second place winner.



### Business Session

Rev. R. G. Lane gave a report on the new building program and was accepted as given. Profit from the cafeteria was \$16.85.

A report of the treasurer, Bro. Clifford Sawrie, was accepted as read.

The business committee made the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. Each church in the state send in a monthly offering to their own choosing to the State League Treasurer for further advancement of our League work.

2. Each district have a field man to correspond with our State League Promoter.

3. Each district association be permitted to send two contestants to the intermediate and two contestants to the Junior State Sword Drill.

4. That we extend a vote of thanks to Bro. Lane and the kitchen help for a job well done.

An offering of \$54.00 was given and \$230.00 in pledges at this time.

A motion was sustained to give Betty Sawrie and committee a vote of thanks for badges.

A motion was sustained to accept the report from the nominating committee.

Permanent officers were as follows:

President	Rev. Reford Wilson
Vice-President	Rev. Rupert Pixley
Recording Secretary	Sister G. A. Furgerson
Corresponding Secretary	Bro. Henry Brown
Treasurer	Bro. Clifford Sawrie
Promoter	Bro. Earl Smith
Trustee	Rev. O. T. Dixon

A motion was sustained to leave caretaking in the hands of the board of trustees, and the building program in the hands of the trustees and the executive board.

Mrs. Reford Wilson was elected Sword Drill director for the next year.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Edyth Collins for the piano she gave the State League Convention.

The session closed with a hymn and a hand shake with the officers of the Convention.

Adjournment: Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Earl Smith of Pocahontas, Arkansas.