

*Minutes Of The 17th Session*  
*West Virginia*  
*Free Will Baptist Sunday School*  
*Convention*



*When In Session With*  
*The Bethel Church, Crab Orchard, W. Va.*  
*July 30 - 31 1948*



**ROCKFORD A. HALSTEAD**

*President of State Sunday  
School Convention*

## STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

**FRIDAY, JULY 30—2:30 P. M.**

Convention called to order by President Golden Eans. Song, "When I See the Blood," by congregation. Prayer by Rev. Denis Bias, Song, "Stand up for Jesus," by congregation. Devotional led by Bro. H. L. Mobley, Scripture reading First Psalm. Service turned over to Pastor, Rev. D. W. French. Short talk by Rev. D. W. French. Prayer by Rev. Denis Bias. Song, "Send the Light," by congregation. Testimonies by Bro. Alvin Brown, Sister Alvin Brown, Rev. Earnest Bias, Sister Denis Bias, Sister W. B. Lilly, Bro. J. C. McCormick, Bro. W. M. Booth, and Rev. D. W. French. Service turned over to President Golden Eans. Short talk by President. Short talk by Rev. Earnest Bias on "Sunday School Work" Short talk by Rev. Denis Bias on "Sunday School Work." Motion properly moved and second to adjourn until 7:30 P. M. Scng, "Victory in Jesus," with an old time hand shake.

**FRIDAY, JULY 30—7:30 P. M.**

Convention called to order by President. Song, "I'll Soon Be Going" and "I Want to Go Home," by Sophia Choir. Devotional by Pastor Rev. D. W. French. Prayer by Rev. Will Crutchfield. Song "Beautiful Light," by the Midway quartette. Song by the Parson Singers. Testimonies by Bro. Haferd McKinney, Rev. Bob Singer, Sister Denis Bias, and Rev. F. C. Calhoun. Song "The Lights at Home," by the Mullens Quartette. Testimony by Bro. Leslie Butcher. Song by Sister Parson's two daughters. Testimony by Rev. Will Crutchfield, and Rev. Earnest Bias. Song, "My Headlight is Leading Home," by Midway Quartette. Testimonies by Bro. Okey Crutchfield, Sister John Crutchfield, and Sister Okey Crutchfield. Song, "I Am Going to Move Out to the Lord," by Mullens Quartette, and "Where the Flowers Bloom Forever," by Mullens Quartette. Song by congregation and hand shake. Rev. Denis Bias preached the convention sermon. Sister Denis Bias sang a part of

the message. Scripture reading 12th chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the 41st verse, including the 48th verse. Text, 1st Corinthians, 4th chapter and 2nd verse, "A Faithful Steward. He preached a wonderful message. Service turned over to Pastor, Rev. D. W. French. Song, "Lord I Am Coming Home," by congregation. Song "Only Trust Him," by Sophia Choir. Benediction by Bro. Alvin Brown.

### SATURDAY, JULY 31—9:30 A. M.

Convention called to order by President. Song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Prayer by Rev. R. H. Bradley. Devotional by President. Scripture reading, 9th verse, 38th chapter of the book of Job.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Bro. J. O. Sizesmore, Chairman, Rev. John Henson, Rev. R. H. Bradley and Bro. Arnold Mollett.

### NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE

Bro. Rockey Halstead, Chairman. The delegates of the various Sunday Schools are: Bro. Rock Halstead, Bro. C. T. McKinney, Bro. Harry Mobley, Sis. Anna Booth, Bro. Oscar Miller, Bro. Lacy W. Smith, Bro. James O. Butcher, Sis. Agatha Stollings, Bro. Luther Morgon, Bro. McCormick, Bro. Sheffey Pettrey, Sis. Gladys Quigly, Sis. Mrs. Alvin Brown, Sis. Ethel Helton, Sis. Christine Skeens, Bro. Virgil Vititoe, Sis. Minnie Vititoe, Bro. Elijah Adkins, Bro. Joren Abbott, Bro. Rodney Armstrong, Bro. William Gunnoe, Sis. Gladys Pack, Bro. Nolen Barlow, Bro. Arnold Eans, Bro. John Bruvster, Sis. James Dolin, Bro. Garland Counts, Jr., Sis. Anita Parsley, Sis. Maxine Adkins, Sis. Grethel Turvey, Bro. Fridley, Bro. McKinney, Sis. Cecelia Sprodlin, Sis. Emery Hilderbrand, Bro. Lanta Adkins, Sis. Mary Hess, Sis. Jean Love, Bro. Ike Harper, Bro. Joe Adkins, Sis. Bessie Sizemore, Bro. Callie Brumfield, Sis. Anna Brumfield, Sis. Lula Legg, Sis. Ruth Frye, Sis. SSexton, Sis. Hazel Variatta, Bro.

Payne Rose, Sis. Ruby Rogers, Bro. E. C. Craig, Sis. Francis Cadle, Bro. Callahan, Bro. D. B. Smith, Bro. Robert Smith, Bro. Harvey Graham, Sis. Cora Bell Graham, Sis. Bertha Williams, Sis. Ada Sampson, Sis. Eva Mitchem, Sis. Bertha Rogers, Bro. J. H. Atkinson, Rev. Royce French, Bro. E. V. Basham, Sis. Ossie Martin, Bro. Lacy Graham, Bro. Basil Baldvoin, Bro. Johnny Blake, and Bro. Dave Blankenbecker.

### **JUDGES OF THE FIVE POINT SYSTEM**

Rev. D. W. French, Bro. Thomas Pack, Bro. H. L. Mobley, and Bro. Callie Brumfield.

✓ Motion and carried to read the Sunday School reports as they come in. Motion made and carried to appoint two to help read the letters, Rev. John Henson, and Bro. Thomas Pack.

Motion made and carried to receive letters as read. Motion made and carried to adjourn business for preaching. Motion made and carried that Rev. Bob Doan preach the eleven o'clock sermon. Song by the Dry Creek Trio. Prayer by Bro. C. T. McKenzie. Scripture reading, Philip 4-8th First Corinthian 13. Theme "Love of the Mother Grace." A wonderful message. Song by the Dry Creek Trio. "Song "Amazing Grace" and a hand shake. Dinner on the ground without benediction. Rev. R. H. Bradey returned thanks at the table.

### **SATURDAY, JULY 31—1:00 P. M.**

Convention called to order by President. Song by Dry Creek Trio. Prayer by Rev. F. E. Nickels. Testimony by Charlie Martin.

### **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS RECEIVED IN CONVENTION**

New Sunday Schools received in the Convention giving them the right hand of fellowship:

Nelson Sunday School—4 Miles above Seth, W. Va. Superintendent Bro. Virgil Bogges.

Dry Creek Sunday School—Dry Creek, W. Va. Superintendent, Sheridan Bone.

Bethel Sunday School, Fayetteville, Route 1—Superintendent, Dayton Polly.

Rock Lick Sunday School—Rock Lick, W. Va. Superintendent, Bro. Beldon Owens.

### **REPORT OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**

Sunday Schools 42; different quarterly conferences 7; Brotherhood, Boone, Beckley, Logan, Mingo 1 and 2, and Guyan Valley; yearly meeting 1; West Virginia State Meeting 1; Ohio State meeting 1; Districts 3, Beckley, Guyan Valley, Boone; Sunday School Picnics 3; Night calls for B. Y. P. U. 3; A total of 4,275 miles were traveled. Total of offering received was \$97.85. Total of expense were \$210.85. Motion made to receive the report.

### **NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

We, your committee on next session have agreed that the 1949 session be held at the Magazine Church at West Charleston, Gardner Street, Charleston, W. Va.

### **COMMITTEE TO REVISE BY-LAWS**

Motion made and carried to elect three men to revise By-Laws, Article No. 8 and No. 10. Rev. W. C. Combs, Chairman, Rev. Pauley, and Rev. Bob Doan.

### **REPORT OF WILLING WORKERS CLASS**

Willing Workers Class, Thomas Memorial. Sister Inez Henson, President. No. on roll 42; average attendance 15; record attendance 42.

## REPORT OF REVISING COMMITTEE OF BY-LAWS

Article No. 8 to read, this Convention shall report to the National Sunday School Convention by letter and delegates also sending the correct fee.

Article No. 10 to read, Each Sunday School shall forward an assessment of 15c per pupil per year, fifty per cent (50%) of the above amount shall be retained in the treasury of the Convention and fifty per cent (50%) shall go to the Field Representatives. Rev. W. C. Combs, Chairman, Rev. Pauley, and Rev. Bob Doan.

## REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item 1. We, your business committee recommend that an assessment of fifteen cents (15c) per pupil per year sent with letter to the State Sunday School Convention, fifty per cent (50%) to be retained in the State Convention Treasury, and fifty per cent (50%) to be for Field Representative.

Item No. 2 We, your business committee recommend that any letter from any Sunday School coming to this State Convention will be recognized and read.

Item. 3. We, your business committee recommend that the Five Points by which the Sunday Schools shall be judged for the banner be changed to Six points, and the sixth point be the use of the Free Will Baptist Literature.

Item 4. We, your business committee recommend, We, as Free Will Baptists always have been opposed to the use of alcohol beverages. We promote every way possible, the fight against the Liquor traffic, and that we strongly oppose, the sale of beer in our grocery stores, and urge our people not to patronize stores or other business establishments who sell it. We further resolve to support and fight for local option legislation within our state. Item 4. to be published in county papers.

Motion made and carried to receive the Items of Business as read. Rev. J. O. Sizemore, Chairman, Rev. Bob Doan, Rev. John Henson, Rev. R. H. Bradley, and Rev. Arnold Mollett.

Testimony by Rev. R. H. Bradley. Short talk by Bro. F. E. Nichols. Short talk by Rev. D. W. French.

Motion made and accepted to report to the National Sunday School Convention by Delegates and letters and pay traveling expense and \$5.00 per day each for seven days when convened at Glennville, Georgia, August 10-12, 1948.

Delegates—Bro. Roy Henson, No. 1, Bro. R. A. Halstead, No. 2 and Rev. D. E. Bias, No. 3.

Alternates—Sister Roy Henson, Sister R. A. Halstead, and Sister D. E. Bias.

### **FIVE POINT JUDGES REPORT**

We, the five point judges find that the Kenova Sunday School, Kenova, W. Va., be given the No. 1 banner, and the Bethel Sunday School, MacArthur, W. Va., be given the No. 2 banner. Report accepted.

Rev. D. W. French, Chairman, Bro. H. L. Mobley, Sr., Bro. C. E. Brumfield, Bro. Alvin Brown, and Bro. Thomas Pack

Rev. John Henson made a very interesting talk on the State paper. Song by Sister Dennis Bias.

Motion made and accepted to pay Bro. Roy Henson \$40.60 for expenses.

Motion made and carried for Sister Inez Henson to keep the Orphans Home money until the next session. Table this item until next session.

### **ELECTION OF CONVENTION OFFICERS**

For President: The name of Bro. R. A. Halstead was offered for president. Elected by majority.

### **FOR VICE PRESIDENT**

The name of Bro. Roy Henson was offered for Vice President. Elected by majority.

### **FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**

The name of Bro. R. W. Henson was offered for Field Representative. Elected by majority.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The name of Rev. R. H. Bradley was re-elected for the next term. A. C. Kiser's term expires August, 1949. E. E. Hagley's term expires August, 1950. R. H. Bradley's term expires August, 1951.

### **CONVENTION SERMON FOR 1949**

Rev. D. W. French was selected to preach the convention sermon on Friday evening at 7:30 P. M. at the Magazine Church, West Charleston, Gordon Street, Charleston, W. Va., on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1949.

Motion made and carried to draw an order on the treasury to pay the expense of the Convention.

Motion and carried to adjourn until the next regular session, Friday before the first Sunday in August, beginning at 2:00 P. M., 1949, continuing through Sunday, 4:00 P. M. Three days session to be held at the Magazine Free Will Baptist Church, West Charleston, Gordon Street, Charleston, W. Va.

Benediction by Rev. Dennis Bias.

### **CONVENTION OFFICERS**

R. A. Halstead, President, Seth, W. Va. Roy Henson, Vice President, 401 Richmond St., Huntington, W. Va. Sister Roy Henson, Treasurer, 401 Richmond St., Huntington, W. Va. W. M. Booth, Clerk, 203 First Avenue, Beckley, W. Va., phone 7176.

# REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

| Name of School—Superintendent    | No. On Roll |      | Avg. Att. | No. of SS in Dist. |        | Amt. to State |      | Orph. |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------|-----------|--------------------|--------|---------------|------|-------|
|                                  | Roll        | Att. |           | Dist.              | R'p't. | Conv.         | Amt. |       |
| Thomas Memorial—Paul Boster      | 173         | 174  | ---       | ---                | ---    | \$ 15.00      | ---  | ---   |
| Kenova—Thomas Pack               | 175         | 121  | ---       | ---                | ---    | 5.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Henlawson—Moss Craddock          | 175         | 150  | ---       | ---                | ---    | 10.00         | ---  | ---   |
| Laurel City—Earl Marcum          | 77          | 56   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 25.00         | ---  | ---   |
| Youngs Chapel—Hermon Parson      | 30          | 18   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 2.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Magazine—Albert Adkins           | 150         | 89   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 5.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Gordon Union—Alvin Brown         | 140         | 88   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 25.00         | ---  | ---   |
| Wainut Grove—George Perry        | 200         | 125  | ---       | ---                | ---    | 5.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Hopkins Fork—R. A. Halstead      | 47          | 137  | ---       | ---                | ---    | 5.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Sunshine—Willie Fraley           | 80          | ---  | ---       | ---                | ---    | 5.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Pleasant Valley—Kennith Chapman  | 120         | 65   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 5.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Brown's Chapel—S. O. Drumbheller | 53          | 30   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 2.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Bownemont—Henry Cadle            | 20          | 17   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 2.50          | 2.50 | ---   |
| Freedie—John Abbott              | 75          | 58½  | ---       | ---                | ---    | 5.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Nelson—Tayor Muncey              | 64          | 45   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 3.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Dry Creek—Sherdan Bone           | 72          | 52   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 5.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Bethel—Dayton Polley             | 48          | 43   | ---       | ---                | ---    | 3.00          | ---  | ---   |
| Rock Lick—Beldon Owens           | 200         | 85   | ---       | ---                | ---    | ---           | ---  | ---   |
| Boone D. Conv.—R. H. Bradley     | ---         | ---  | ---       | ---                | ---    | ---           | ---  | ---   |

|                               |       |        |     |       |          |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|-----|-------|----------|
| Reported with \$34.00 Finance | ---   | ---    | 12  | 10.00 | ---      |
| Beckley D. Conv.--W. M. Booth | ---   | ---    | 24  | 14    | 15.00    |
| Willing Workers--Inez Henson  | 42    | 15     | --- | ---   | 2.00     |
| TOTAL                         | 1,941 | 1,370½ | 24  | 26    | \$154.50 |
| Balance brought forward       | ---   | ---    | --- | ---   | 302.76   |

\$457.26

# DISBURSEMENTS

|                                             |       |          |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Expense of delegates to National Convention | ----- | \$240.00 |
| Fee to National Convention                  | ----- | 10.00    |
| Expense of Field Representative             | ----- | 40.60    |
| Mailing expense for clerk                   | ----- | 6.20     |
| Clerk fee                                   | ----- | 10.00    |
| Amount for minutes                          | ----- | 32.00    |
| Total                                       | ----- | \$338.80 |

# REPORT OF THE BECKLEY DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION of 1948

| Name of S. S.—Superintendent | No. On Roll  | Avg. Att.    | Amt. to Conv.   |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| East Gulf—J. H. Adkins       | 55           | 35           | \$ 4.20         |
| Lillybrook—O. E. Martin      | 115          | 44           | 5.28            |
| War Ridge—Robert Smith       | 36           | 25           | 4.00            |
| Hot Coal—Harrison Cline      | 64           | 42           | 5.04            |
| Maynor—Johnny Blake          | 60           | 50           | 7.00            |
| Scarbro—Jack Lane            | 33           | 20           | 3.00            |
| Good Hope—Coy Walten         | 48           | 32           | ---             |
| Bethel—C. T. McKenzie        | 290          | 225          | 27.00           |
| Kilsyth—Harry Mobley         | 260          | 195          | 23.40           |
| Ghent—Royce French           | ---          | 40           | ---             |
| Grassy Bank—Caudle Meadows   | 90           | 75           | 9.00            |
| Coal City—Roy Hodge          | 86           | 76           | 9.12            |
| Sophia—Golden Eans           | 185          | 154          | 18.48           |
| Dry Hill—Grover Hughart      | 30           | 35           | 3.60            |
| Helen—                       | ---          | ---          | ---             |
| Sent in 1947—Ruth Miller     | 38           | 22           | 2.00            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>1,390</b> | <b>1,390</b> | <b>\$121.12</b> |

# DISBURSEMENTS

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| District Superintendent         | \$15.00         |
| Asst. District Superintendent   | 15.00           |
| Clerk of Convention             | 15.00           |
| Printing of Letter Forms        | 5.00            |
| Quarterly Conference            | 20.00           |
| State Convention                | 15.00           |
| Printing Minutes                | \$ 16.50        |
| Total disbursements             | <u>\$101.50</u> |
| Amount carried forward          | \$ 7.70         |
| Amount received this convention | 121.12          |
| Total                           | <u>\$128.82</u> |
| Disbursements                   | <u>101.50</u>   |
| Balance on hand                 | \$ 27.32        |

## BY-LAWS

- 1—The Convention shall be called the West Virginia Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.
- 2—The object of this Convention is to promote the work of the Sunday Schools.
- 3—The Officers of this Convention shall consist of a President and a Vice President to be elected annually; a Clerk and a Treasurer to be standing officers.
- 4—It shall be the duty of every Sunday School Superintendent to attend this Convention.
- 5—Each Sunday School shall be allowed to send two delegates to this convention.
- 6—The Clerk of this Convention shall have the minutes of the Convention printed and distributed to each Sunday School that belongs to the Convention and shall draw expenses for this out of the treasury.
- 7—This Convention shall elect all its officers from the floor.
- 8—This Convention shall report to the National Sunday School Convention by letter and delegates and also sending the correct fee.
- 9—All Young People's Societies are invited to join the Sunday School Convention.
- 10—Each Sunday School shall forward an assessment of 15 cents per pupil per year. 50% of the above amount shall be retained in the treasury of the Convention and 50% shall go to the Field Representative.
- 11—These laws shall be read at each session by the Clerk, and shall be subject to amendment from time to time.
- 12—All ordained Free Will Baptist Ministers having membership with some church in good standing, and also Deacons and Sunday School teachers shall have a voice in said convention.
- 13—All Sunday Schools are invited to join this Sunday School Convention.
- 14—This Sunday School Convention shall meet each year on Friday before the first Sunday in August at 2:00 P. M.
- 15—This Convention at each session shall select some minister to preach the Convention Sermon on Friday at 8:00 P. M. for the succeeding Convention.

## THE SIX POINTS

*The six points by which Sunday Schools shall be judged for the banner:*

1. Increase of Attendance.
2. Neatness of letters to Convention. This includes cleanliness and orderliness of the letter forms and correctness of wording and spelling.
3. Increase of Classes.
4. Improvement of equipment. Shall consist of new Sunday School rooms or improvement of old ones, the addition of banners, flannel boards, and the addition of any other material used in the extension of Sunday Schools.
5. Superintendents of each Sunday School and two delegates or their alternates to be present at the session of the State Sunday School Convention.
6. Schools using Free Will Baptist Literature



# *Program*

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*President of State Sunday*

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# Program

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Friday, August 5, 1949, 2:00 P. M.

Devotional

Address of Welcome

By Pastor, Rev. Martin Jordan

Response by Pres. R. A. Halstead

7:30 P. M. Convention Sermon

By Rev. D. W. French

Saturday, August 6, 1949, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional

Business Session:

11:00 A. M. Subject: "The Relationship of the Pastor and the Sunday schools, how they should work together."—  
Rev. D. E. Bias.

12:00 Noon, Dinner

1:00 P. M. Business Session

3:30 P. M. Subject: "Youth in Sunday School Work," by Rev. J. S. Sexton

7:30 P. M. Subject: "Qualification For A Sunday School Teacher",  
By Rev. Charles Gray

August 7, 1949, 10:00 A. M. Sunday School opened by Supt. Albert Adkins. Sunday School lesson taught by Rev. T. C. Morgan.

11:00 A. M. Subject on Sunday School work by Bro. David E. Burger.

11:30 A. M. Five Minute talks from Sunday School Superintendents.



