

ERNEST R. BOWEN
NASHVILLE, TENN. 37205

MINUTES

23rd Annual Session

The West Virginia

State Sunday School Convention



Of The

Free Will Baptist Church

In Session With

Thomas Memorial Church

Huntington, W. Va., July 31, 1954



THE SEVEN POINT STANDARD

The 7 Point program begins the Sunday AFTER the Convention and ends the Sunday BEFORE the next Convention.

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| 1—Proper number of delegates present with the proper amount of finance in letter. | 10 Points |
| 2—Use F. W. B. literature. | 20 Points |
| 3—Use F. W. B. officers and teachers. | 20 Points |
| 4—Support the free will Baptist W. Va. State Orphanage. | 10 Points |
| 5—Increase in attendance. | 10 Points |
| 6—Offerings to average at least 10c for each person attending. | 10 Points |
| 7—Support Mission work. | 20 Points |

No. 8 and 9 may be used as additional points or to make up needed points.

8—Pastor present at Sunday School.

9—To have an established unit of singers composed of Sunday School members. This is to encourage singing in our churches.



R. W. HENSON

*President of State Sunday
School Convention*



Miss. Beulah Joyce Henson, Clerk



Rev. T. C. Morgan
Vice President



Minutes of the 23rd annual session of West Virginia State Sunday School Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church in session with Thomas Memorial Church July 31, 1954.

FRIDAY 7:30 p. m. — Meeting opened with song by all. Rev. F. E. Nicholas in charge of Devotional, Scripture Gal. 6th chapter. Rev. Giles led in prayer. Song, I'm in the Glory Land Way. Rev. Nicholas turned meeting over to Pres. Roy Henson who called for adoption of program. Motion by Rev. Maze, second by Rev. Nicholas that we adopt the program Carried. Motion Rev. Carl Vallance be elected to act as clerk pro-tem for Friday night session. Song, Love Lifted Me, led by Bro. L. E. Johnson. Testimony by Rev. Giles and it was enjoyed by all. Rev. Caudle Adkins also called to testify.

Song, I Want to see Him. Rev. John Henson called to bring the message. Scripture John 1:15. Rev. F. E. Nicholas called to lead in prayer. Theme: A Satisfied Church. His remarks were very good and inspiring. We can all do more for God.

SATURDAY 9:30 a. m. — Opened with song, I Live On. Bro. R. A. Halstead in charge of Devotional service. Scripture read and prayer by Rev. Carl Vallance, the host pastor, who then gave welcome address and Rev. Nathan Parsons gave the response. Bro. Roy Henson called meeting to order for business. Sister Beulah Henson elected clerk of this convention

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. T. C. Morgan, Chr., Rev. Earl Maze, Rev. Nicholas, Rev. Nathan Parsons, Rev. Dickens. Elected by acclimation.

NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE

Rev. Carl Vallance, Chr., and delegate from each District Carried.

SEVEN POINT COMMITTEE

Bro. R. A. Halstead, Chr., Rev. Caudle Adkins, Bro. R. A. Hastings, Sis. Eula Nicholas, Rev. Chapman. Motion to elect by acclamation. Carried

Motion and second that letters be given to business committee. Carried Minutes read and accepted.

Report of committee that was to go to Beckley District.

Report of delegate from National S. S. Convention and \$11.10 that was unused for expense was turned back to the convention. Motion and second to accept report.

Report on soliciting money for S. S. Convention by Rev. T. C. Morgan. Motion to accept report and retain them for another year. Carried.

Reports of District Presidents: Rev. Chapman, Kanawha, Bro. R. H. Halstead, Vice-Pres. of State, Bro. R. W. Henson, Brotherhood and President of State. Song, That is Where I Want to Go. Bro. Chapman brought message which was enjoyed by all. Adjourned for lunch.

SATURDAY 1:30 p. m. — Called together by President. Song Just Over in the Glory Land. Devotional by Rev. T. C. Morgan, Scripture read, prayer by Rev. D. E. Bias, song, That is Where I Want to Go. Talk by Bro. K. E. Johnson, who has not missed Sunday School for 12 years, at Thomas Memorial.

Song, Won't it be Wonderful There? Business session.

NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE

The next session will convene with First Free Will Baptist Church at Chesapeake, W. Va.

Motion and second that Rev. Carl Vallance preach the next introductory sermon.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We your business recommend the following items:

- 1- That we pay Quillin Printery \$3 for State Report blanks. Motion and second that this item be accepted. Carried.
- 2- That \$11.10 be returned to general treasury. Returned by Rev. Earl Maze. Motion and second to accept item. Carried.
- 3- That clerk and president be authorized to purchase case for purpose of carrying conference supplies, price not to exceed \$10 plus tax. Motion and second we accept item. Carried.
- 4- That a District Sunday School can report to the State and then an individual Sunday School report where there is no District where they can report Motion and second we accept item. Carried.
- 5- That we rewrite Article 1 Section 2 page 5. Motion and second we accept item. Carried.

By Laws: Article 1 Section 2 Page 5 revised to read as follows;

The membership of this body shall depend on the conditions made in this constitution and in addition the payment of the annual fee of two dollars (\$2) per average Sunday School that reports to the District or to the State Convention.

6- That Article 1 Section 3 be stricken from by-laws. Motion and second we accept item. Carried.

7- That the First Free Will Baptist Church at Chesapeake W. Va. be granted a seat in this convention. Motion and second we accept item. Carried.

Motion and second that clerk have by-laws rewritten and printed, then distribute them.

Report of the treasurer accepted.

SEVEN POINT COMMITTEE

Sousanah Sunday School No.1 banner and Mona Hill the No. 2 banner. Motion and second we accept report and release committee. Carried.

Discussion on Sunday School work.



CONVENTION OFFICERS

President, Mr. R. W. Henson-----401 Richmond Street
Huntington, W. Va.

Vice President, Rev. T. C. Morgan -----Chesapeake, W. Va.

Treasurer, Rev. F. E. Nicholas -----326 2nd Avenue
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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. R. A. Halstead ----- Boone
Rev. Brooke Spurlock ----- Guyan Valley
Rev. Earl Maze ----- Brotherhood
Rev. Ira Dickens ----- Kanawha
Rev. Caudle Adkins, ----- Guyan Valley



Motion and second that we elect by acclamation. Carried.

Motion and second that clerk write letter to an individual Sunday School and invite them to report to State Convention.

Motion and second that we give this church a rising vote of thanks for entertainment of this convention.

Song. Offering taken for president \$7.38.

Motion that chair appoint committee to draft a letter to be sent out to Sunday School Superintendents and Pastors.

Committee appointed: Rev. Carl Val'ance, Rev. Caudle Adkins
Rev. D. E. Bias.

Motion and second that Bro. T. C. Morgan go to Freddie to get No. 2 banner and give the banner to Monra Hill.

Motion and second that clerk write to Fayette District and find out why they did not report to the convention.

Motion to adjourn until we meet with the Chesapeake church on Friday 7:30 p. m. before the first Sunday in August 1955. August 5-6-7, 1955

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1954

Ba'ance brought forward -----	\$25.08
Amount in letters -----	\$58.00
Bro. Maze turned in -----	\$11.10
Paid out -----	\$20.38
Total amount in treasury -----	\$73.80



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District	President	No. S.S.	No. S.S. Reporting	Amount to Convention
Boone	Rev. R. L. Bradley	27	12	\$26.00
Kanawha	Rev. F. Chapman	10	3	6.00
Brotherhood	R. W. Henson	5	4	8.00
Guyan Valley	Rev. Harry Booth	20	8	16.00
Chesapeake S. S.				2.00
1 Individual S. S.	TOTALS	82	27	\$58.00

