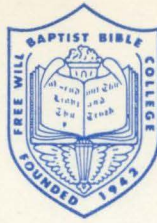


MINUTES
of the
Ninety-Seventh Annual Session
of the
Cumberland Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held with Goodsprings Church,
Cheatham County, Tennessee
October 17-18, 1940

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, *Moderator*
Ashland City, Tennessee

L. O. BURROUGHS, *Clerk*
4020 Colorado Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder

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PROCEEDINGS

The Ninety-seventh Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist Church, meet with Goodsprings Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee, October 17-18, 1940.

THURSDAY MORNING

Song service led by Mrs. H. W. Christian.

Prayer led by Rev. G. M. Pruett.

Scripture lesson, Psalms 133rd chapter, read by L. O. Burroughs.

Prayer led by Rev. Ed Gower.

Roll call by the clerk. Quorum present.

The Moderator announced the Association was ready to transact any business that might come before it.

On motion Rev. Paul Woolsey was invited to sit in council with us at this session of this Association.

On motion Bro. I. L. Stanley and Rev. Gene Chance were invited to set in council with us at this session of this Association.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following Committee on Nominations of the various committees: Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Chairman; Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Mrs. Agnes Frazier.

Reading of Church letters.

Report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

COMMITTEES

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Chairman; Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Mrs. Noel Phillips.

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Chairman; Bro. C. B. Turrentine, Bro. Miles Gower.

OBITUARIES

Rev. W. T. Hagewood, Chairman; Rev. G. M. Pruitt, Mrs. Elsie Majors.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Bro. Z. B. Balthrop, Chairman; Bro. W. A. Harris, Bro. J. T. Elliott.

TEMPERANCE

Rev. Ernest Craft, Bro. M. Hogue, Bro. Charles Sensing.

RESOLUTIONS

Bro. W. A. Binkley, Rev. W. B. Davenport.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bro. Isaac Clifton, Rev. Huey Gower, Mrs. Donald Brinkley.

FINANCE

Bro. Elmer Harris, Chairman; Bro. Sam Heflin, Rev. G. E. Gower.

LEAGUE

Bro. J. B. Reading, Chairman; Miss Marie Harris, Rev. Shelly Watts.

HOME MISSIONS

Miss Mary Patton, Chairman; Rev. W. R. Carroll, Bro. Miller Woodson.

ORPHANAGE

Mrs. Edna Harris, Chairman; Rev. J. W. Boyte, Bro. Theodore Dowlen.

Report of the delegate to the National Association read and adopted.

Motion to adjourn for the 11 o'clock services.

Song service led by Bro. I. L. Stanley.

Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldesburg, N. C., brought greetings from the people of North Carolina. An offering was taken for National Christian Education. Rev. Ennis then spoke on the New Testament Church. Reading from Matthew, 16th chapter, 17th verse; Acts, 2nd chapter, 16th verse.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song led by Bro. Isaac Clifton. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

Minutes of the morning session read.

Reading letters coming in late.

The following committees reported as follows: Temperance, Obituaries, League, Education and Literature, Foreign Missions, Orphanage.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to Rev. Paul Woolsey and Bro. I. L. Stanley for their presence and helpfulness in this Association.

On motion we adjourned until 9 a. m. Friday. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

FRIDAY MORNING

Song service led by Bro. Sam Reed.

Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. Darnell Williams.

Roll call and quorum present.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention read and adopted.

Report of League Convention read and adopted.

Motion was made and seconded that we go into election of officers for the next two years.

The following were nominated for Moderator: Rev. E. A. Craft, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

Motion was made and seconded that the nominations close and the vote be taken. Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected Moderator for the next two years with Rev. E. A. Craft being elected Assistant Moderator.

The following were nominated for Clerk for the next two years: Mrs. Aleen Gower, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, L. O. Burroughs.

Motion was made that nominations close and that we go into election of a clerk. L. O. Burroughs was elected Clerk, to serve for the next two years.

Bro. G. W. Fambrough was nominated for Treasurer. On motion made and seconded that nominations close, Bro. Fambrough was elected by acclamation.

On motion the delegate to the National Association be sent by the State Association.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following delegates to the State Association: Will Binkley, I. N. Clifton, H. H. Hudgens, Miles Gower, Horace Ragan, Jesse Mayo, M. J. Read, J. B. Redding and W. J. Proctor.

The Moderator asked for some one to volunteer to preach at the 11 o'clock hour and the Rev. C. A. Craft accepted the invitation.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song service led by Rev. J. B. Parsons. Prayer by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

Church letters read as follows:

Shady Grove
Oak Grove
Spring Hill
Bethlehem
Good Springs
East Nashville
New Hope
Rock Springs
Oaklawn
Ashland City
Mt. Pleasant
Heads
Olivet
Friendship
Brandons Chapel

Union Hill
Bethel
Oakwood
Starkeys Chapel
Miller's Chapel
Craigfield
Scott's Chapel
West Nashville
Pleasant Hill
Dunbar's Chapel
Petwitt's Chapel
Mt. Zion
First F. W. B. Church, Columbia, Tenn.
Stoney Point.

Resolutions Committee's report read.

On motion Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected General Secretary.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Report of the Sunday School Convention read and adopted.

The Quarterly Meeting will meet at Head's Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in January, 1941.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools read and adopted.

On motion we go into election of a place for the next setting of this Association. Rock Springs Church and Head's Church ask for the Association. Heads was selected.

On motion the Ministers' Report shall be on tabulated form.

Program Committee appointed as follows to arrange program for the next Association: Isaac Clifton, W. E. Coville and Miles Gower.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted.

Report of Home Missions. Adopted.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn to meet with Heads Church in Robertson County, Tennessee on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, before the third Sunday in October, 1941.

Dismissed with prayer.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, *Moderator*.

L. O. BURROUGHS, *Clerk*.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association. The Presbytern was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. A. Craft.

On motion we go into the election of a Moderator. Rev. E. A. Craft was elected by acclamation. L. O. Burroughs was re-elected as clerk.

On motion the Moderator appointed the Ordaining Council as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman; Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. Ed Gower, Bro. Elmer Harris.

Report of the Council read and adopted.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend that the following name be placed on the license list: J. L. McIntosh, J. L. Knobles, J. J. Abernathy, Oscar Richardson, Ramon Mayo, Huey Gower.

On motion the ordination of Bros. Shelly Watts, Fred Conner and Giles Givens be postponed and that they be asked for further preparation.

Signed:

J. E. HUDGENS, Chairman;
W. B. Davenport,
C. A. Craft,
G. E. Gower,
Elmer W. Harris.

This report read and adopted.

On motion we adjourned to meet at the close of the next Association, 1941. Prayer by Rev. G. M. Pruett.

REV. E. A. CRAFT, *Moderator*;
L. O. BURROUGHS, *Clerk*.

Reports of Various Committees

FINANCE

Received from the following Churches for Minutes:

Heads	\$ 2.50	Oak Grove	2.80
Bethlehem	1.00	Olivet	1.00
Dunbar's Chapel	1.00	Scotts Chapel	1.00
Union Hill	1.00	Millers Chapel	1.00
Cofers Chapel	3.00	Mt. Zion	2.50
Good Springs	2.00	Ashland City	2.00
Bethel	4.00	Friendship	1.50
Oakwood	1.00	Brandens Chapel	1.50
New Hope	2.50	Craigfield	1.00
Pleasant Hill	.65	Rock Springs	2.00
East Nashville	2.50	First Free Will Baptist,	
West Nashville	2.50	Church, Columbia, Tenn.	3.00
Storkeys Chapel	1.00	Stoney Point	1.00
Oaklawn	3.00	J. L. McIntosh	.25
Shady Grove	.75		
Mt. Pleasant	2.00	Total	\$51.45

ELMER HARRIS, *Chairman*;
SAM HEFLIN,
G. E. GOWER.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, solicit the support and cooperation of our pastors and churches to the improvement of our Sunday Schools.

We recommend that our pastors attend the Sunday School of their churches in charge as much as possible.

We strongly urge that each church make a special effort to provide class rooms. There is a very acute need of room in our churches, to accommodate the various classes.

We suggest that the pastors of churches whose Sunday Schools are not affiliated with the Sunday School Convention urge them to join.

I. N. CLIFTON, *Chairman*;
MRS. J. W. MAXEY,
HUEY GOWER.

HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to make the following report:

1. We suggest that each church in the Association take an offering on the first regular preaching day in each quarter for Home Missions. This amount to be mailed to Mr. Fambrough for use in promoting Home Mission work in this Association.

2. We suggest that we train ourselves and our people to be constant, or continual givers.

3. We suggest that each pastor take the lead in his church in seeing that our Home Mission program and its associate needs be properly placed before our people.

4. We suggest that each pastor not neglect to call his people together often in special prayer for our missionary work.

5. We urge the pastors, the ministers in general, the deacons, and the laity as a whole to encourage and endeavor to help forward our Home Mission work. We want to impress on the minds of our people that the success of our Foreign Mission work depends largely upon the efforts put forth in our Home Mission work.

MISS MARY PATTON,
REV. W. R. CARROL,
MILLER WOODSON.

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved, That in order to harmonize our District Association work that this body elect a general secretary whose duty it will be to contact our people and inform them about, and interest them, in the various phases of our denominational program. This secretary to have at his discretion, enough of the Associational funds to pay his traveling expenses, postage and stationery.

Be it Resolved, That this entire body extend a vote of thanks to Mr. L. O. Burroughs and the Joy Floral Company for the lovely flowers that we have enjoyed during this session. We are indeed grateful to them for these beautiful flowers.

Resolved, That this body of Free Will Baptist Association thank Goodsprings Church and community for their splendid hospitality during this sitting of the Association.

We recommend that the Sunday School Convention be held at a date separate and apart from the Association as the three days set apart for the Association are needed for the proper work of the Association.

Be it Resolved, That this body give a vote of thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their impartial service rendered the sitting of the Association.

Be it Resolved, That this body give a vote of thanks to the Program Committee.

Be it Resolved, That the statistical report blank form as appears in our State Minutes, be adopted for use by our churches as their report to this body. Said blank form to appear in our Minutes to take the place of present church letter form.

Be it Resolved, That churches and pastors make a greater effort to complete in full church reports to the Association.

Be it Resolved, That whatever amount of money is sent in for Minutes be invested in Minutes less fee for transcribing, proportioning the Minutes out as paid by said churches.

Be it Resolved, That a Quarterly Meeting Calendar be placed on the inside of the front cover of the Associational Minutes.

Be it Resolved, That this body invite the League, Sunday School, to combine their quarterly meetings with the Associational Quarterly

meetings for the ensuing year, thus making but one meeting for all departments of this body each quarter.

W. A. BINKLEY,
W. B. DAVENPORT.

Treasurer's Report

Home Missions, October 18, 1940

Balance from last report	\$337.67
Bethel	2.35
Oak Grove	8.53
Bethlehem	9.32
Friendship	5.00
Oakwood	2.00
East Nashville	25.00
Heads	1.52
Rock Springs	4.37
New Hope	2.10
Craigfield	.50
Mt. Zion	3.00
Good Springs	5.00
Oaklawn	1.00
West Nashville	10.00
Starkeys Chapel	1.00
Brandon Chapel	1.00
Total	\$418.36
Amount to Huey Gower, Sunday School	50.00
Balance	\$358.36

FOREIGN MISSION

Balance from last report	\$465.30
Bethel	\$26.40
Cofers Chapel	48.00
Rock Springs	11.45
East Nashville	99.60
Ashland City	49.01
New Hope	26.10
Oak Grove	5.75
Friendship	24.00
Heads	13.47
Bethlehem	18.98
Dunbars Chapel	2.00
Shady Grove	3.90
Good Springs	5.03
Olivet	16.69
West Nashville	16.00
Oaklawn	1.00
Starkeys Chapel	1.00
Total	\$833.68
F. W. B. C., Columbia	10.50
Grand Total	\$844.18

DISBURSEMENTS

To Amount Paid I. J. Blackwelder	\$490.94
Total	\$353.24
Credit by Error in last report	8.64
Balance	\$344.60

COLPOSTAGE

To Balance from last report	\$76.63
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EDUCATION

To Balance from last report		\$541.42
Bethlehem	6.93	
Heads	4.75	
Oak Grove	2.10	
East Nashville	32.10	
Friendship	7.00	
Ashland City	85.50	
New Hope	5.31	
Bethel	6.75	
Shady Grove	1.05	
Craigfield	.50	
Public Donation	48.38	
 Total	 \$741.69	 \$741.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Amount paid Mrs. Anne B. Frazier	\$350.27
 Total	 \$391.42

ASSOCIATION

Balance from last report		\$103.41
Oak Grove	5.00	
Cofers Chapel	5.00	
West Nashville	5.00	
Olivet	5.00	
Mt. Pleasant	1.00	
Bethlehem	5.00	
New Hope	5.00	
Shady Grove	5.00	
Friendship	5.00	
Heads	3.00	
Craigfield	1.00	
Bethel	5.00	
Mt. Zion	5.00	
Oaklawn	5.00	
West Nashville	5.00	
Starkeys Chapel	1.00	
Rock Springs	5.00	
Ashland City	5.00	
 Total	 \$179.41	 \$179.41
 First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia		 5.00
 Balance		 \$184.41

ASSOCIATION DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 12, Paid for Program	\$ 1.75
Oct. 12, Expense of Delegate to Stone Association	5.00
Stamps	2.25

Transfer to Minute Account	27.31
Institute Material	5.25
Truck Hire	10.00
Mrs. Fannie Roiston, Stamps	1.83
W. E. Coville to National Association	20.00
National Dues	10.00
Expense of Delegates to State Convention	20.00
State Dues	25.00

Total\$128.39

Balance Due Association\$ 56.02

Respectfully,

G. W. FAMBROUGH, *Chairman.*

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the treasurer's report and find it correct according to our judgment.

ELMER W. HARRIS,
SAM HEFLIN,
G. E. GOWER.

Minute Money\$51.45

LEAGUE

We, your Committee on League, realize that the training of the youth of our Church is most important, therefore, we resolve that pastors urge the Churches of this Association to organize and maintain Leagues; also to become members of the Free Will Baptists League Convention of this Association that we may become more unified and create more influence among the youth of our Church.

We also recommend that the League, Sunday School, and Church quarterly meetings be unified.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. REDING, *Chairman;*
MARIE HARRIS,
REV. SHELLY C. WATTS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

We, your Foreign Missions Committee, wish to express our appreciation to the people of the Cumberland Association for the splendid support they have given this phase of our work. From these financial expressions, we are convinced that many of our people have the burden of a lost world on their hearts and that they are happy to have a part in giving the Gospel to those who do not have it. However, we long to see more of our people interested in this great work and all of our churches responding to the call of the Great Commission. We, therefore, recommend the following budget which is, with a few changes, the same as for the past year:

Ashland City	\$4.00	East Nashville	8.00
Bethel	4.00	Friendship	2.00
Bethlehem	4.00	Good Springs	2.00
Brandons Chapel	2.00	Heads	4.00
Cofer's Chapel	4.00	Millers Chapel	1.00
Craigfield	1.00	Mt. Zion	2.00
Columbia Church	2.00	Mt. Pleasant	1.00
Dunbars Chapel	1.00	New Hope	4.00

Oaklawn	2.00	Scotts Chapel	1.00
Oakwood	1.00	Shady Grove	1.00
Olivet	2.00	Starkeys Chapel	1.00
Oak Grove	2.00	Stoney Point	1.00
Pleasant Hill	1.00	Union Hill	1.00
Rock Springs	2.00	West Nashville	2.00

I. J. BLACKWELDER,
G. W. FAMBROUGH,
MRS. NOEL PHILLIPS.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, after careful consideration of the report of the Committee of 1939, recommend to this Association as follows:

1. Knowing the evil of intoxicating drinks and beverages of all descriptions, we suggest that beverages be kept out of the Church at all cost. If any member be found under the influence of intoxicating drink be compelled by the Laws of the Church to make a confession to the Church or be dismissed.

We also recommend to this Association that we go on record as opposing the sale of intoxicating liquors any place.

E. A. CRAFT, *Chairman*;
ISOM SINSING,
M. HOGUE.

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report:

Since it has pleased God to spare all of our ministers and deacons throughout the Cumberland Association we are very grateful and thankful to our Lord and Saviour for this great blessing. If any of our laymen have passed from our midst our profound sympathy is extended to the bereaved one.

Our loss is heaven's gain and we point them to one who doeth all things well.

REV. W. T. HAGEWOOD, *Chairman*;
REV. G. M. PRUITT,
SISTER ELSIE MAJOR.

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Education and Literature, beg to submit the following report:

We thank the membership of this body for their liberality and their cooperation with the State and National Boards of Education this past year. We are most grateful to this body for the \$425.76 contributed to the National Educational fund last year. We pray this interest will increase. Tennessee raised \$665.01 of its \$1,000 educational quota for last year. Of this amount (\$665.01) the Cumberland paid \$425.76. So we are very, very grateful for your cooperation.

We recommend that the membership of this District Association continue their liberality and their cooperation with the Educational Board in its efforts to establish a denominational school for the training of ministers and Christian workers to do more effective and efficient work in God's Kingdom.

We recommend that a solicitor be appointed or elected at this

Association, serving on a stated commission, to raise funds for this vital work.

We recommend that every pastor, every evangelist, every delegate here, and every church auxiliary place themselves wholly behind this important movement.

We recommend that the church subscription plan as presented by Rev. L. R. Ennis receive heartiest patronage in cooperation by all of our churches and pastors.

We recommend that all of us take a more rigid stand, when and wherever opportunity affords, for clean, constructive Christian education.

Realizing the reading of corrupt literature means corrupt food for the soul and also corrupt training of the children, we do heartily endorse our religious publications, namely, "The Gem," published in Monett, Missouri, and "The Free Will Baptist," published in Ayden, North Carolina.

We recommend the acceptance of the State Association budget of \$500 for this body for Christian education as our minimum goal for 1940-41.

While adoption does not always mean action, we urge that the instructions in this report be put into action.

MRS. J. E. FRAZIER,
C. B. TURRENTINE,
MILES GOWER

REPORT OF LEAGUE CONVENTION

To the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Good Springs Church, October 16, 17, 1940:

Number of Leaguers enrolled in Six Leagues	292
Average Attendance	136
Number of Daily Bible Readers in Four Leagues	37
Number on Program	75
Number of New Members in Four Leagues	50
Total amount of money raised in four schools	\$79.97

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: John Oliver, President; Miller Woodson, Vice President; Mrs. Huey Gower, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Lula Bell Taylor, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Rebecca Stewart, Treasurer; Miss Marie Harris, Delegate to Association.

We, the Free Will Baptist League Convention of the Cumberland Association, request that a place be given in the form of Church Letter for the name and address of the League president and secretary.

ORPHANAGE

We, your Committee on Orphanage, submit the following recommendations:

First: That this body elect a Field Work to visit and correspond with each church in the Association, in the interest of the Orphanage work.

Second: That each Church pay \$2.00 or more each month to the Treasurer of the Orphanage and that this be paid on or before the first of each month. That this amount is to be applied on the \$15.00 asked of this body by the State Association.

Third: We pray that all the pastors will keep this important work

before our people in such a manner that our superintendent and reasurer may not be embarrassed for lack of funds.

MRS. W. B. HARRIS, *Chairman*;

REV. J. W. BOYER,

REV. THEODORE DOWLEN.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

We, your Committee on Petitions and Requests, find that two churches have asked for the Association to meet with them next year, namely, Rock Springs Church, and Heads Church. We refer this to the delegated body to decide.

We received the following request for Ordination for the ministry: J. L. McIntosh, Craigfield; J. J. Abernathy, Mt. Pleasant; Shelly Watts, Good Springs; Fred Conner, Pewitts Chapel; Giles P. Givens, Pewitts Chapel. Licentiates, J. L. Knobel, Starkeys Chapel; Oscar Richardson, Pewitts Chapel, Raymond Mayo, Heads, Huey Gower, Heads.

Z. B. BALTHROP, *Chairman*;

W. A. HARRIS,

J. T. ELLIOTT.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

To the Cumberland Association when convened with Good Springs Church, October 17, 18, 1940:

Number of Schools in Convention	17
Number of Schools representing Convention	16
Number of pupils enrolled in 16 Sunday Schools	1,444
Total increase of pupils enrolled in 12 Sunday Schools	121
Number of conversions in eight Sunday Schools	28
Number of chapters read by 15 Sunday Schools	110,691
Number of daily Bible readers	92
Number who read entire New Testament	22
Number who read entire Bible	8
Total amount of money raised in Sunday Schools	\$1,992.30
Total amount of Convention dues	80.00
Total amount of money in treasury beginning of new year....	\$ 113.30

We are glad to report that our Sunday School Convention is doing some good work. And is cooperating with the State and National Sunday School Conventions so as to get all of our Sunday Schools on a similar basis and a set standard.

The Sunday School Convention sponsored an attendance campaign last winter which proved to be very successful. The prize was won by Oakwood Sunday School with an average attendance of 75 per cent during the campaign.

The Convention held three quarterly meetings, the first in January. Sponsoring an orphanage program. The corresponding secretary had some letters that were written by the children in our Free Will Baptist Ophan Home which were very interesting and very deeply appreciated by all. We were also favored with some special songs by the Davenport brothers quartet.

The second meeting in April, sponsoring a missions program, which was also very successful, and the third meeting in July, sponsoring and educational program. Miss Jean Welch, in a very forceful way, pointed out to us the great need of Christian Education and Christian leaders to teach the younger generations who are to be the leaders of tomorrow.

D. L. BINKLEY, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

Recommendations:

The Convention, at its annual meeting October 16, voted to recommend the following to the Association:

We respectfully request that the Association appropriate the sum of \$50.00 from the Home Mission fund to be used in field work of the Convention.

The quarterly meeting of the Sunday School Convention are held on the first Sunday of each quarter.

We pledge our support to the League Convention and the Association quarterly meetings. If these bodies decide to meet on Saturday preceeding the first of each quarter.

Sunday School Convention officers for 1940-41: W. E. Coville, President; H. E. Simpson, Vice President; D. L. Binkley, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Allene Gower, Assistant Secretary; D. L. Binkley, Director of Organization; Rev. Robert Crawford, Director of Denominational Enterprises; Miss Mary Lou Gower, Director of Publicity; Mrs. Allene Gower, Director of Literature; Rev. J. B. Parsons, Director of Education; D. L. Binkley, Director of Records and Reports.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptist to the Cumberland Association when convened with Good Springs Church on Thursday, October 17, 1940. Delegates: Mrs. J. W. Maxey and Mrs. W. B. Harris. We submit the following report:

Societies enrolled in Convention	16
Societies represented by delegate	10
Societies represented by letter	2
Total societies represented	12
Membership reported by these 12 societies	208
Average attendance at meetings	106
Total amount of receipts for the year by 12 societies	\$1,172.79
Total disbursements for the year	\$1,141.14

We, as an Auxiliary Convention, are stressing the importance of an Educational Institute. We are planning to have prepared by a committee good educational programs to be carried to our various churches for the purpose of raising funds for our educational program.

May God lead us, and may we be willing to follow Him in raising the money for this so much needed and worthy cause, namely an Educational Institute or Bible School.

MRS. H. W. CHRISTIAN, *President;*

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, *Secretary.*

A SIGNIFICANT MEETING

By MRS. J. E. FRAZIER, *Nashville, Tennessee*

"I will praise thy name, for Thou hast done wonderful things!"
Isa. 25: 1.

As the time approached for our annual meeting in Paintsville, Ky., we were again reminded of the goodness of God in granting us the privilege of another year's work for him and of hearing the reports and seeing some of the "fruits of our labors." So we looked forward with eager interest to the Auxiliary meeting which opened on Monday night, July 15, at the Free Will Baptist Church of Paintsville, with an inspiring message by our Home Missionary, Sister Lizzie

McAdams of Texas. After an hour of fellowship and worship, the delegates and visitors were assigned to their homes for the week.

Tuesday's session was a day of encouraging report from the vice presidents of the various departments and much interesting and constructive business. One of the most interesting as well as important item of business was the discussion and adoption of a revised hand book which is now to be called a Manual of Methods for Woman's Auxiliary. At the 11 o'clock hour Rev. Henry Melvin brought us some very challenging questions from Free Will Baptist Youth. Bro. Melvin, in his unique style, brought us a most searching and challenging message.

Another interesting and instructive feature of Tuesday was the Stewardship Declamation Contest with four contestants from two states, Tennessee and North Carolina. It was decided to drop this phase of stewardship work and put more emphasis on tithing, tithers' bands, a study of stewardship books, etc.

On Tuesday night the Association started off with the greatest sermon, according to the opinion of those present, in their experience. The crowd which listened to this profound, spiritual sermon "Living Waters," by Rev. L. R. Ennis of North Carolina, was too large to be accommodated in the F. W. B. Church, so the Methodists' invitation to use their more spacious building across the street, was very appreciatively accepted.

Wednesday morning routine business began with the appointment of committees and the seating of the delegates from the fifteen states representing as follows: Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Michigan and Missouri. There were 291 registered for entertainment, each paying the registration fee of \$1.00 as asked by the National Association. The church at Paintsville had a real task entertaining this large crowd but it did a fine, noble and splendid piece of cooperative work. A lovely spiritual atmosphere and harmony prevailed everywhere throughout the Association. Our people, we feel sure, were drawn closer together in the producing of some wonderful plans for a greater work this new year.

At 11 o'clock Wednesday, Brother G. D. Dunbar, of Tennessee, in his usual impressive manner, urged us to rise up and rebuild our walls. His message was "Answering the Challenge," by which he very interestingly led us to review the historical setting of our denomination.

Many inspiring devotionals came to revive us and refresh our spiritual bodies.

Wednesday afternoon we listened to many inspiring reports from the various boards showing increased interest and efforts of our people everywhere for which we just praise His name.

On Wednesday night our returned missionaries, Bro. and Sister T. H. Willey, had charge of the services. After his message and her graphic description of the "Black Christ" of South America, an offering amounting to \$82.65 was taken for foreign missions.

Thursday morning brought more and better reports of work well done through the efforts of the Home Mission. Superannuation, League Board, the Denominational Publications and our two orphanages already established and others that are to be in the near future. These inspiring reports were climaxed with a real soul-stirring message by Bro. Clarence Bowen of North Carolina, with power and influence he delivered his message based on the action of the prophet of God on Mt. Carmel.

The Foreign Mission report with its features of encouragement and the one discouraging fact of Bro. and Sister Willey's detention here for lack of funds was brought to our attention Thursday after-

noon. Some worthwhile recommendations were made by this board, among them was the \$600 apportionment for Tennessee this year and that our missionaries make quarterly reports of their work and same be published in church organs.

The Sunday School Board came next with the encouraging information that this Board was dissolved and a National Sunday School Convention organized with some able officers and some 63 enthusiastic ministers and men interested in the promotion of this approved program of standard Sunday School work.

Bro. Bert Rogers, a young and very enthusiastic minister of We-woka, Okla., preached the sermon on Thursday night to an unusually large and attentive crowd. This was the last of these excellent spiritual feasts which we had been enjoying since Monday night. Two to four such feasts daily takes one to such mountain heights that you feel you must tarry here until He comes. But the calls and cries from the valley of service below was soon remembered and so after Thursday night's services many turned toward home and service in a larger, more effective way than ever in their lives.

Finally, after much labor, prayer, and spiritual feasting in the committee room, the Educational Board made its report Friday to a rather small but very interested group of delegates, ministers and visitors. This board may not have done what some expected nor what others demanded that they do to get their support but they did all that you and I and all the rest of the 125,000 Free Will Baptists have made it possible for them to do. They ask that you and I and the other 123,000 Free Will Baptists send in to them as soon as possible, \$15,000, as we want a school. (This is the small sum of 12 cents from each of us). They should have asked us for at least \$150,000 which is only \$1.20 from each Free Will Baptist. Then this board presented the best plan of organization ever presented to any F. W. B. Association, that this delegates has ever attended or even read about in the history of our church. Plans, however, are no good unless worked. So we were sent back to our local churches and Associations with two excellent plans to work and some worthwhile recommendations to carry out. What are we going to do with them? You will decide that with your interest and activity in your church and Association this year. Your report next year at Drumwright, Okla., will show what your concern about our advancement with these excellent plans and recommendations have been.

The next annual session of the National Association will be held with the Free Will Baptist Church in Drumwright, Okla., to which all were extended a most cordial welcome by Bro. H. E. Staires the present pastor and also by the officials of the city.

May each of us be faithful to our tasks as we are associated with our co-workers in their work and responsibility of carrying out the program of our National Association.

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Carroll, O. S.	Neptune, Tenn.
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Clester, L. W.	6105 Louisiana Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
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Davis Oscar	Port Royal, Tenn.
Gower, J. F.	Route 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.

Gower, G. E.	Route 5, Cedar Hill,	Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.	Gorman,	Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T.	Commerce Street,	Clarksville, Tenn.
Hatcher, D. A.	McEwen,	Tenn.
Horner, J. N.	Dickson,	Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	Ashland City,	Tenn.
Mangrum, J. W. E.	Fairview,	Tenn.
Marshall, W. E.	Robinson Avenue,	Nashville, Tenn.
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Oliver, W. H.	418 Ivens Street,	Nashville, Tenn.
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Pate, C. R.	Route 1,	Erin, Tenn.
Paul, W. J.	1611 Bailey Street,	Columbia, Tenn.
Pruett, G. M.	Route 2, Robertson Avenue,	Nashville, Tenn.
Rogers, W. M.	819 Buchanan Street,	Nashville, Tenn.
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Williams, Darnell	Route 1,	Columbia, Tenn.
Wright, Bedford	Route 3,	Kingston Springs, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

Fred Conner
Giles Givens
Shelly Watts
Ronel Clinard

John Mangrum
E. M. Grubbs
J. L. McIntosh
J. L. Knobles

J. J. Abernathy
Oscar Richardson
Ramon Mayo
Huey Gower

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament are word of Divine Inspiration, given to Abraham's children, and that the New Testament contains the only proper rules for faith of the Christian churches.

Article 3. We believe in the depravity of man, and in man's inability to recover himself from his fallen condition without a Divine Mediator.

Article 4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Scriptures, suffered and died upon the cross, and thereby made full atonement for every human being, and by His obedient life, satisfactory death, triumphant resurrection and glorious ascension, ever advocating at His Father's throne hath brought an everlasting salvation for every sinner that will repent, believe and obey His word.

Article 5. We believe that the faithful Christians will not fall from grace; notwithstanding we believe in the free moral agency of man after jurisdiction, and that there is possible danger of falling into sin and being finally lost.

Article 6. We believe according to the Scriptures: Paul's letter to the Hebrews, 6th Chapter, 1st to 7th verses, that after a man has been partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible to renew him again unto repentance, or restore him again into the favor of God.

Article 7. We believe Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the Saints' feet are all ordinance ordained and instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and the proper mode of baptism is immersion, and that it is the duty of believers to attend these ordinances.

Article 8. We believe in the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Article 9. We believe according to the Scriptures, 1st Cor. 10: 6, that each individual, having been inducted into the Kingdom of Christ by an operative influence of the Holy Ghost, and having faith to exercise the free dictation of his conscience, is in communion with saints.

Article 10. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, in a passive state and thereby adopting them heirs of His Kingdom.

GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to one vote; and each church having more than fifty members shall have one vote for the first fifty, and one vote for every additional fifty members or fraction thereof. These votes shall be cast by one delegate from each of the various churches and this delegate shall be duly elected by the church to cast these votes. A roll call shall be made on all important questions when desired.

2. In the letter from each church shall be expressed the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, restoration, number dismissed by letter, excluded, died, since last Association, and the total number enrolled. Also give name of present pastor and one called for the ensuing year, names of deacons and their addresses, name of Sunday School, Superintendent and Secretary and addresses, enrollment of Sunday School, and also amount collected since last Association, and amount paid out to pastor, to missionary, to minutes, and to any other expenses may have had, and amount left in treasury.

3. All subordinate churches shall be subject to the ruling of this Association.

4. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper code of rules which they are authorized to establish for themselves.

5. They may elect a Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer from among themselves, and they may hold their office until their successors are elected.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by consent.

7. New churches may be received into the union, who shall petition by letter or delegates, if they have been regularly organized upon a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and are walking according to the gospel order.

8. This Association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in proportion to the amount sent by each church; and in order to enable the Association to print their minutes it is expected that each church will send up such sums of money as they think proper, and when received shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of the Association.

9. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel, and deacons who shall come with recommendations from their churches, and for trying all ordained members for un-Christian conduct, there shall be an annual Presbytery, which shall convene at the close of the Association at the same time and place, and at any time during the Associational year, if called by Moderator or his assistants or any five members of said Presbytery, who deem it necessary to make such a call. Said Presbytery shall consist of ordained members present and they shall elect a Moderator and Clerk from among themselves for the time being, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applications or ordinations sent up with recommendations, from their churches composing this Association, and if found competent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by laying on of hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for un-Christian conduct and on testimony their decision shall be final.

10. It shall be the duty of each minister who shall organize a church to ordain deacons for the same. Also, his duty to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs in his charge. It shall be the duty of each pastor to support a Sunday School in the church or churches in his charge.

11. No person shall be ordained to the ministry until he is able to

fill the requirements of Paul's first letter to Timothy 3 and this be tested by the Presbytery. Said Presbytery shall have full power to propound Spiritual questions as they see proper and all candidates shall be required to answer them satisfactorily.

12. This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any other church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of Faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

13. All questions coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority, except excluding churches, which shall receive a concurrence of two-thirds.

14. Representatives from five churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

15. The minutes of this Association shall be read before them, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

16. This Association may adjourn at any time and place it may think proper, so as to confine it among the churches composing the same.

17. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority of the members present composing the Association, voting in behalf of the amendment.

18. When the Association shall have convened, it is the privilege of all ordained members belonging to the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptist to sit in council with us and propose resolutions coming before this body as though they were delegates by the church.

RULES AND DECORUM

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be made to the Moderator, and the person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate, nor cast any personal reflections toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of a majority of the Association.

The brother shall not be interrupted during his speech by any one except the Moderator, except he violates order.

No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association. Members shall use the word "brother" or "brethren" in all debates.

The names of the members of this body shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as necessary, provided a call be made by a member of the Association.

No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any time without leave of the Moderator.

Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly violate any of these rules, shall be reported by the Moderator and be subject to the censure of the Association.

Adopted in Council this Saturday before the first Lord's Day in October, 1867, as a standing decorum though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for deviation.

MINISTERS' REPORT

MINISTERS	Condition of Work Spiritually and Financially	Sermons Preached	Prayer Meetings Conducted	Revivals Conducted	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Additions to Church	Funerals Conducted	Marriages Performed	Churches Pastored	Miles Traveled	Money Received from all sources
Blackwelder, I. J.	Good	160	5	8	16	9	17	1	4	2	15,000	\$1830.00
Brown, H. C.		31	15	1	27			4			1,500	41.00
Chester, L. W.	Fair	75	18	5	15		1	4	2	2	3,000	108.00
Craft, C. A.	Good	58	0	5	8	12	8	5	1	2	1,600	135.00
Craft, E. A.	Fair	125	42	6	16	20	14	19	2	2	10,000	554.00
Conner, Fred	Fair	85	22	5	13						890	33.85
Davenport, W. B.	Fair	91	0	5	8	5	6	16		4	3,135	335.54
Marshall, W. E.		53	5		1					1	1,000	6.71
Parsons, J. B.	Very Good	77	52	3	10	2	5			1	6,232	185.18
Pate, C. R.	Fair	165	2	4	71	34	16	6	2	1	1,500	210.93
Paul, W. J.		35	10	1	39	21	40	3	3			190.50
Pruitt, G. M.	Good	90	3	3		3	3		2	3	1,500	160.00
Sullivan, Dee	Good	160		10	37	9	18	6	3	2	3,504	
Watts, Shelly C.	Very Good	12	10	1	4					1	1,200	
Welch, J. L.	Good	132	37	3	54	16	19	25	1	1	2,544	1321.63
Williams, Darnell	Good	40	5	1	3	3	1	3	3	1	3,954	274.36
Wright, B. F.		32		5	3	2	10	1	3	1	494	6.52

THE NEW FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

Churches in the Association
 Churches Reporting to Association
 Membership
 Members Received During Year
 Number Baptized
 Received by Letter
 Number Restored
 Dismissed by Letter
 Number Excluded
 Number Deceased
 Active Members
 Inactive Number
 Total Membership
 New Churches Received
 Number of Churches Disbanded
 Churches Without Pastors
 Number of Prayer Meetings
 Number of Leagues
 League Membership
 Number of Sunday Schools
 Members Enrolled
 Number of Woman's Auxiliaries
 Auxiliary Membership
 Contributions of Women's Auxiliaries
 Number Ordained Ministers
 Number of Ministers Reporting
 Number of Licensed Ministers
 Number Ordained Deacons
 Amount Paid Pastor
 Amount Paid Evangelist
 Amount Paid for Building and Repair
 Amount Paid for Local Expenses
 Value of Church Property
 Amount Paid for Minutes
 Amount Paid for Foreign Missions
 Amount Paid for Home Missions
 Amount Paid to Orphanage
 Amount Paid for Christian Education
 Amount Paid for Superannuation
 Amount of Budget Paid
 Amount Paid for State Dues
 Amount Paid for National Dues
 Our Sunday School Superintendent's Name Is

 Our Sunday School Secretary's Name Is

STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Received by Exp.								Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	Paid for Minutes
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Ashland City	Miss Mary Patton, Ashland City, Tenn.	1												1-3	\$ 5,000	\$ 300.00	\$83.00	\$2.00
Bethel	G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn.	2								1	1	2	343	-2-	2,000	124.24		4.00
Bethlehem	Mrs. Huey Gower, Cedar Hill, Tenn., Rt. 3	12										3	216	1-3-	2,500	195.36		2.00
Brandon's Chapel	R. W. Williams, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	13										2	210	1-3-	1,500	85.80		1.50
Coler's Chapel	Mrs. J. R. Welch, 4001 Murphy Rd., Nashville, Tenn.	10										3	290	1-2-3-4-5	20,000	1200.00		3.00
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson, Fairview, Tenn.	13										1	35	-3-	750	25.45		1.00
Dunbar's Chapel		8										1	19	-3-	3,000	61.08		1.00
East Nashville	Mrs. Beulah Rader, 701 Hart Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	8										1	183	1-2-3-4-5	35,000	1560.00		2.50
Emanuel's Chapel																		
First F. W. B., Columbia	Wallace Paul, 1613 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.	26										5	123	1-2-3-4-5	4,000	296.85		3.00
Friendship	Mrs. Bertha Harris, Ashland City, Tenn., Rt. 2	2										64	-3-	-3-	2,000	120.00		1.50
Good Springs	Sam Read, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.	2										2	74	-2-4-	4,000	170.18		2.00
Gorman																		
Hagwood's Chapel																		
Heads	G. E. Gower, Cedar Hill, Tenn., Rt. 3	13										2	311	-3-	3,000	155.05		2.50
Miller's Chapel	S. A. Okain, Neptune, Tenn.	1										20	-4-	-4-	500	47.85		2.00
Mt. Pleasant	Clarence Bennett, Joelton, Tenn., Rt. 1	1										1	40	-2-4-	1,500	88.67		2.50
Mt. Zion	J. M. Walker, Joelton, Tenn.	3										2	169	-4-	500	88.50		2.50
New Hope	Mrs. Felix Simpson, Joelton, Tenn.	4										2	302	1-3-7	2,500	361.50		2.50
Oak Grove	E. C. Baker, Charlotte, Tenn., Rt. 2	3										66	-2-	-2-	1,000	107.82		2.80
Oakland																		
Oaklawn	C. G. Binkley, Thomasville, Tenn.	1										2	179	-4-	3,000	68.25		3.00
Oakwood	Miss Willie Hunter, Cedar Hill, Rt. 2	2										1	49	1-	2,000	49.00		1.00
Olivet	J. B. Reding, Adams, Tenn.	5										2	44	-2-	1,000	120.00		1.00
Pewitt's Chapel	J. C. Pewitt, Franklin, Tenn., Rt. 6	2										63	-2-	-2-	1,000	121.50		1.00
Pleasant Hill	W. B. Wallace, Dover, Tenn.	2										31	-4-	-4-	3,000	77.90		.65
Rock Springs	I. M. Proctor, Neptune, Tenn.	1										1	211	-3-	1,500	56.18		2.00
Scott's Chapel	Marsh Nolen, Cumberland City, Tenn., Rt. 1	1										1	49	1-	1,000	34.95		1.00
Shady Grove	Mrs. Caroline Felts, Hickory Point, Tenn.	1										1	40	1-	1,000	10.00		.75
Spring Hill	James Tate, Goodlettsville, Tenn.	1										1	50	1-	1,500	53.00		1.00
Starkey's Chapel	Ernest Robertson, Vanleer, Tenn., Rt. 2	1										58	1-	-4-	700	53.00		1.00
Stoney Point	Lizzie Averette, Cadiz, Ky., Rt. 1	1										58	1-	-4-	500	55.50		1.00
Union Hill	J. W. Boren, Cadiz, Ky., Rt. 1	4										5	150	1-2-3-4-5	1,500	120.00		2.50
West Nashville	Mrs. J. S. Wall, 6014 N. Y. Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	11										1	150	1-2-3-4-5	1,500	120.00		2.50

