

MINUTES
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL
Sunday School Convention

OF THE
Cumberland Association
OF
Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH
Rock Spring Church

MAY 26th, 1929.

L. O. BURROUGHS,.....Moderator.
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MINUTES

The Second Annual Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee, met with Rock Spring Church, Dickson County, Tennessee, on Sunday, May 26, 1929.

Convention called to order by the president.

Devotional services at 11 a. m. Congregational singing led by Mr. Wade Gentry.

We were also favored with a splendid number by the Gentry Quartette.

Prayer led by Bro. W. R. Carroll.

At this time the President called for the various denominations, and as each responded, they were given a hearty welcome. And we were favored with a splendid number by the Brotherhood Quartette.

Welcome address by Bro. Johnnie Lynch, Superintendent of Rock Spring Sunday School; Response by Bro. Geo. W. Fambrough.

Next on the program was a vocal duet by Wade and Leonard Gentry.

The Secretary being absent it was necessary to elect a Secretary, and on motion Miss Ethel Leigh was elected to act during this present sitting of the Convention.

The Roll was called and reports read from the following Sunday Schools: Bethel, Bethlehem, Cofers Chapel, and Dunbars Chapel. On motion the reading of reports was dispensed with for the election of a nominating Committee.

On motion the President appointed the following Brethren as a nominating Committee: Rev. W. R. Carroll, Bro. Ed Gower, and Bro. C. E. Dever.

The Gentry Quartette favored the Convention with a beautiful song; Title, "Going Down the Valley.

Bro. Reese Morgan, from Nashville, gave a very helpful and inspiring address on Fellowship With Christ In Service. In his message he earnestly plead with Christians to be real soul-winners for Christ.

With a song led by Bro. Wade Gentry, we were dismissed with prayer for lunch.

AFTERNOON.

The Convention re-assembled at the appointed hour and was called to order by the President.

Devotional services included a special song by the Brotherhood Quartette.

Flavil Ray Edgin gave a very interesting address on Early Piety.

Miss Evelyn Shearron favored us with a splendid reading.

Roll called and a quorum noted present.

Reports were called for, and the Nominating Committee's report was read and adopted.

At this time we went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following were elected:

L. O. BURROUGHS, President.

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Vice President.

MISS ETHEL LEIGH, Secretary and Treasurer,

Executive Council.

J. B. PARSONS, J. F. GOWER, and C. E. DEVER.

After the election each officer responded with a brief address

On motion the following committees were nominated and elected for the ensuing year:

Temperance—P. E. Hagedwood, Johnny Lynch and Mrs. Walter Maxey.

Resolutions—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, G. T. Harris and J. H. Olliver.

Reports Resumed.

Reading reports that were left off during the morning session was taken up and the following Sunday Schools reported: East Nashville, Gorman, Heads, Rock Springs, Oak Lawn, Royal Chapel and Ashland City.

Very encouraging oral reports were given from Oak Grove Sunday School by Mrs. Ella Garrett, and from Shady Grove Sunday School by Miss Constance Rudolph.

A petitionary letter from Gorman Sunday School asking admittance into the Convention was read, and by vote of the Convention was accepted and given a hearty welcome.

A brief history of the Sunday School work at Royal Chapel Church of Columbia, Tenn., was given by Rev. H.A. Pilkinton.

The following Resolutions were read and adopted:

First. Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the Rock Springs Sunday School, and the community, for their

kind hospitality during our meeting, and that we show our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

Second. Resolved, That when we adjourn, that we adjourn to meet on the fourth Sunday in May, 1930, and that we ask the next annual Association to set aside the above date as our annual meeting.

The Temperance Committee's report was read and adopted.

Bro. Hollis from Beech Grove, told of his work in a Union Sunday School, where the Free Will Baptist Literature is being used and, petitioned for membership in the Convention. After some discussion the school was admitted.

We were next favored with two splendid numbers; one by the Brotherhood Quartette, and one by the Gentry Quartette, who sang by request; "You Can't Make a Monkey Out of Me"

Bro. J. B. Parsons suggested that schools wanting the Convention next year, file a letter with the President, asking for the Convention.

The President made a strong appeal to the different Sunday Schools, for their hearty support for the Officers' and Teachers' Training School, which we hope to put on during the month of July.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded; and for the closing hymn we sang, Blessed Be the Name, after which we were dismissed with prayer, led by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

L. O. BURROUGHS, MODERATOR.
MISS ETHEL LEIGH, CLERK.

Reports of Committees.

Nominating Committee reported as follows:

We the nominating committee, nominate the following two for President, L. O. Burroughs and Rev. Oscar Davis.

For Vice President:—G. W. Fambrough.

Secretary and Treasurer:—Miss Ethel Leigh.

Executive Council:—J. B. Parsons, J. F. Gower, C. E. Dever.

Report of the Temperance Committee.

We your committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

1. This Convention assembled, realizes the importance of having a good Sunday School, therefore, we must have sober or sane children to teach for it is hard to teach children who have their minds blurred or deadened by strong drink.

2. We, therefore, beg of our young folks that they be total abstainers from all strong drink, for there is no place in this great Nation of ours where a drinker can be of any value. He is not wanted in any of the Churches if he continues, and he is continually being barred from places of responsibility and trust.

3. We, therefore, beg our Sunday Schools, that all the Officers and Teachers ever keep before the children, the evil effects of strong drink and the beauty and happiness there is in living right.

J. F. GOWER,
J. B. PARSONS,
G. W. FAMBROUGH,
Committee.

Reports of the Various Sunday Schools.

Ashland City

Number on roll at the beginning of the year.....	50
New members for the year.....	6
Total on roll.....	56
Average attendance for the year.....	40
Number of visitors during the year.....	101
Number of chapters read by the school.....	3438
Number who read the New Testament through.....	1
Number who read entire Bible this year.....	1
Number of daily readers.....	6
Number who paid birthday offering.....	8
Number who tithe.....	7
Number of classes.....	4
Number of Teachers and Officers.....	6

Receipts.

Total receipts.....\$ 93.36

Disbursements.

Literature.....	\$ 28.67
Convention dues.....	2.50
Miscellaneous expenses.....	29.06
Total disbursements.....	\$ 50.23

Our school meets at 10 a. m.

Our paster is Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.

Superintendent, P. E. Hagewood, Ashland City, Tenn.

Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Nicholson, Ashland City, Tenn.

Bethel

Number on roll beginning of year.....	190
New members for the year, in an out.....	202
Total number on roll, to date.....	92
Average attendance for the year.....	38
Number of visitors during the year.....	411
Number of chapters read by the school.....	6,328
Number who read the New Testament.....	1
Number who read the entire Bible.....	1
Number of daily Bible readers.....	2
Number of deaths in school this year.....	1
Number of classes.....	4
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	7

Receipts.

Receipts for the year.....	\$ 70.00
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Disbursements.

Literature.....	\$ 32.79
Charity.....	8.05
Convention Dues.....	2.50
Miscellaneous expenses.....	23.83
Total disbursements.....	\$ 67.17

Our school meets at 9:30 o'clock.

Our pastor is Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.

Superintendent, G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn.

Secretary, Mrs. Edd Stack, Neptune, Tenn.

Bethlehem

Number enrolled on Cradle roll department.....	6
Number on roll beginning of the year.....	68
New members for the year.....	6
Average attendance for the year.....	41
Number of visitors during the year.....	208
Number of chapters read by the school.....	19,141
Number who read the New Testament through.....	11
Number of daily Bible readers.....	12
Number who paid birthday offerings.....	34
Number who tithe.....	10
Number of classes.....	5
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	9

Receipts.

Total receipts.....	\$ 22.71
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Disbursements.

Literature.....	\$ 7.92
Convention dues.....	2.50
Miscellaneous expenses.....	12.29
.....Total disbursements.....	\$ 22.71

Our schools meets at 2:30 p. m.

Pastor, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1

Superintendent, Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Ashland City, Tenn. R. 1

Secretary, Miss Edna Sanders, Ashland City, Tenn. R. 1

Cofers Chapel

Number on roll beginning of year.....	152
Number on roll on the home department.....	14
Number on roll on the cradle roll department.....	24
New members for the year.....	38
.....Total on roll.....	190
Average attendance for the year.....	111
Number of visitors for the year.....	53
Number of chapters read by the school.....	11,498
Number who read the New Testament through.....	11
Number who read the entire Bible this year.....	1
Number of daily Bible readers.....	26
Number who paid birthday offerings.....	94
Number who tithe.....	5
Number of classes.....	12
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	16

Receipts.

Total receipts	\$ 398.01
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Disbursements.

Convention dues.....	\$ 2.50
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Our school meets at 9:30 a. m.

Pastor, Rev J. L. Welch, 1610 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn

Supt., W. D. Bradford, 1611 10th Ave., N. Nashville, Tenn

Sec'y, J. Weaver Welch, 1610 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn

Dumbars Chapel

Number on roll beginning of year.....	25
New members for the year.....	31
.....Total on roll.....	56
Average attendance for the year.....	20
Number of chapters read by the school.....	20
Number of conversions during the year.....	2

Number of classes.....	4
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	7
Our school meets at 2:30 p. m.	
Pastors, Rev. J. W. Moseley, Erin, Tenn.	
Superintendent, J. W. Adams, Cumberland City, Tenn.	
Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Summers, Cumberland City, Tenn	

East Nashville

Number on roll beginning of year.....	60
New members for the year.....	16
Total on roll.....	76
Average attendance for the year.....	35
Number of visitors during the year.....	96
Number of chapters read by the school.....	200
Number of daily Bible readers.....	6
Number who have paid birthday offering.....	25
Number who tithe.....	3
Number of classes.....	6
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	10

Receipts.

Total receipts.....	\$ 210.55
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Disbursements.

Literature.....	21.00
Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina.....	10.00
Convention Dues.....	2.50
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 33.50

Our school meets at 9:45 a. m.

Supt. J. B. Parsons, 957 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Sec'y, Mrs. W. E. Coville, 16 N. 10th St., Nashville, Tenn.

Gorman

Number on roll at the beginning of the year.....	20
New members for the year.....	15
Total on roll.....	35
Average attendance for the year.....	20
Number of visitors during the year.....	25
Number of chapters read by the school.....	859
Number of conversions during the year.....	22
Number who paid birthday offering.....	13
Number of classes.....	4
Number of Teachers and Officers.....	7

Receipts.

From attendance Department.....	\$ 27.62
Birthday Offerings.....	3.77
Total receipts.....	\$ 31.39

Disbursements.

Literature.....	\$ 10.82
Convention dues.....	2.50
Charity	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	10.46
Total disbursements.....	\$ 28.78
Leaving a balance of.....	2.41

Our school meets at 10 a. m.

Pastor is Rev. W. S. Gentry, Vanleer, Tenn.

Superintendent, R. R. Hatcher, Gorman, Tenn.

Secretary, Miss Christine Hatcher, Gorman, Tenn.

Heads

Number on roll on the home department.....	10
Number on roll on the cradle roll department.....	8
Number on roll on attendance department.....	64
Total on roll.....	82
New members for the year.....	12
Average attendance for the year.....	41
Number of visitors during the year.....	131
Number of chapters read by the school.....	7,569
Number who read the New Testament through.....	2
Number of deaths in school this year.....	2
Number who have paid birthday offering.....	53
Number of classes.....	6
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	10

Receipts.

From home department.....	\$ 1.00
From attendance Department.....	25.91
Other sources.....	54.84
Total receipts.....	\$ 81.75

Disbursements.

Literature.....	18.89
Charity.....	2.91
Convention Dues	2.50
Miscellaneous expenses.....	39.45
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 63.75

Our school meets at 10 a. m.

Pastor, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1

Superintendent, Joseph F. Gower, Cedar Hill, Tenn. R. 5

Secretary, Mrs. Raymond Elliott, Cedar Hill, R. 5

Oaklawn

Number on roll beginning of year.....	59
New members for the year.....	3
Total on roll.....	62
Average attendance for the year.....	36
Number of visitors for the year.....	48
Number of chapters read by the school.....	5,616
Number of daily Bible readers.....	3
Number who paid birthday offerings.....	61
Number of classes.....	5
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	9

Receipts.

From attendance department.....	\$ 23.18
Other sources.....	10.52
Total receipts.....	\$ 33.70

Disbursements.

Literature.....	\$ 15.69
Convention dues.....	2.50
Miscellaneous expenses.....	.66
Total disbursements.....	\$ 18.85

Our school meets at 10 a. m.

Pastor, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Ashland City, Tenn. R. 1

Superintendent, J. R. Mayo, Thomasville, Tenn.

Secretary, Howard Walker, Chapmansboro, Tenn.

Rock Springs

Number enrolled on attendance department.....	66
Number enrolled on cradle roll department.....	6
Number on roll at the beginning of the year.....	69
New members for the year.....	3
Total on roll.....	72
Average attendance for the year.....	45
Number of visitors during the year.....	324
Number of daily Bible readers.....	4
Number of conversions during the year.....	10
Number of classes.....	5
Number of Teachers and Officers.....	7

Receipts.

From attendance department.....	\$ 27.78
Other sources.....	5.91
Total receipts.....	\$33.69

Disbursements.

Literature.....	\$ 22.32
Convention dues.....	2.50
Charity	2.45
Miscellaneous expenses.....	31.96
Total disbursements.....	\$ 59.23

Our schools meets at 10 a. m.

Pastor, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Ashland City, Tenn. R. 1

Superintendent, J. D. Lynch, Neptune, Tenn. R. 2

Secretary, Miss Mable Phillips, Neptune. Tenn. R. 2

Royal Chapel

Number on attendance department.....	110
Number enrolled on Cradle roll department.....	40
Total on roll.....	150
Average attendance for the year.....	93
Number of visitors during the year.....	44
Number who tithe.....	5
Number of classes.....	6
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	8

Receipts

From attendance department.....	\$ 53.23
Cradle roll department.....	11.80
Total receipts.....	\$ 65.03

Disbursements

Literature.....	\$ 10.17
Charity	3.00
Convention dues.....	2.50
Miscellaneous expenses.....	33.41
Total disbursements.....	\$ 49.08

Our school meets at 9:45 a. m.

Pastor, Rev. W. J. Paul, 112 East 15th St., Columbia, Tenn

Supt., Louis Hyle, 1513 Whatley St., Columbia, Tenn.

Sec etary, W. W. Reaves, Columbia, Tenn.

West Nashville

Number on roll beginning of year.....	60
New members for the year.....	15
Total on roll.....	75
Number of visitors during the year.....	105
Number of chapters read by the school.....	15,186
Number of daily Bible readers.....	5

Number of deaths in the school this year.....	1
Number who paid birthday offering.....	32
Number of classes.....	6
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	10

Receipts

From attendance department.....	\$ 64.50
Other sources.....	9.50
Total receipts.....	\$ 74.00

Disbursements

Total Disbursements.....	\$ 36.19
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Our school meets at 10 a. m.

Pastor, Rev. T. J. Gillespie, 2808 Craft St., Nashville, Tenn,
Supt., Rev. Oscar Davis, 1200 Clay St., Nashville, Tenn.
Sec'y., Miss Naoma Thompson, 4212 Dakota Ave., Nashville.

Petitionary Letter from the Gorman Sunday School

Please find enclosed \$2.50 to pay our dues in the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, and ask that you please admit our Sunday School in your Convention.

May God bless the Sunday School work, is my prayer.

Yours truly, Gorman Sunday School,

R. R. Hatcher, Superintendent,

Miss Christine Hatcher, Secretary.

The above Sunday School was received by the Convention, and given a hearty welcome as a new member of the Convention. We are glad to have the Gorman Sunday School line up with us in this great work. We have several more Sunday Schools yet who have not lined up with this movement for better Sunday Schools and better cooperation among the schools of the Cumberland Association; we need to be organized in one great body of Sunday School workers.

Sunday Schools and their Delegates

Ashland City.....	Will Binkley.
Bethel	Miss Hester Pinson, Miss Lois Perry
Bethlehem	Miss Edna Sanders
Cofers Chapel.....	Loyd Binkley.
Dunbars Chapel.....	J. W. Bright.
East Nashville.....	W. E. Coville, Mrs. Davis.
Gorman.....	R. R. Hatcher, J. D. Clark.
Heads.....	G. E. Gower.
Oaklawn.....	Howard Walker
Rock Springs	Mrs. Lydia Hughes.
Royal Chapel.....	Rev. H. A. Pilkinton.
West Nashville.....	Carl Kraft, Miss Winnie Thompson.

Convention Funds

Ashland City.....	\$ 2.50
Bethel	2.50
Bethlehem	2.50
Cofers Chapel.....	2.50
Dunbars Chapel	2.50
East Nashville.....	2.50
Gorman	2.50
Heads	2.50
Oaklawn	2.50
Rock Springs.....	2.50
Royal Chapel.....	2.50
West Nashville.....	2.50
Total.....	\$ 30.00

Report of Treasurer

Collected Convention Funds April 29, 1928.....	\$ 26.50
Paid out for 1,000 Minutes Sept. 19, 1928.....	35.00

Not having money to pay the clerk to have the minutes printed, the clerk turned the money over to the President who made out the manuscript free of charge and paid the balance for the minutes.—Rev. J. H. Olliver, Clerk, By L. O. Burroughs.

The Presidents Report of the Convention

I wish to submit the following report:

I find that our schools are becoming more interested in their work throughout the Convention. We have twelve of our Sunday Schools now lined up with the Convention, and hope to be able to see several other Sunday Schools join in the number during the next year. I have visited twenty one of our Churches this past year and find that about eighteen of our Sunday Schools run the year around, where about five or six years ago we had about three Sunday Schools in the Association that we could call an evergreen Sunday School. Six years ago only about three schools continued right on through the winter months. These twelve schools who are now members of this convention have an enrollment of 965 pupils. I am urging these schools to put on a drive for 1500 pupils by the time we meet at our next Annual Convention on the fourth Sunday of May, 1930.

Miles traveled this year in the interest of the Sunday schools 3404.

L. O. BURROUGHS, President of the Convention,

Constitution of the Cumberland S. S. Convention.

PREAMBLE:—In order to bring about cooperation and unity of effort between the Sunday Schools of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, we, a representative body of said Sunday Schools, do hereby organize the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention of the Cumberland Association and adopt the following constitution for the proper government of the same.

ART. 1. — MEMBERSHIP Any Sunday School organized within the bounds of the Cumberland Association may become a member of this Convention, and shall be represented in its meeting by its Superintendent and one delegate selected by the school and all teachers and executive officers of local Sunday Schools and pastors of churches attending the convention shall be affiliated members, with the right to take part in discussions and vote on the election of its officers only.

ART. 2. — MEETINGS The Convention shall meet in regular session semi-annual as such time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive Council.

ART. 3. — OFFICERS The following officers shall be elected annually by vote of the Convention after being nominated by the Nominating Committee, and shall perform the usual duties of said officers at the will of the Convention.

A President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. No person shall be eligible for election as President of this convention unless he has had experience as a Sunday School Superintendent, or in some line of executive S. S. work.

ART. 4. — BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. An executive council composed of the President, the Secretary and three members to be elected by the convention, who shall arrange for the meetings of the convention, attend to any business that may come up between sessions, and assist the local Sunday Schools in solving their problems.

2. Nominating Committee composed of three members elected annually, who shall nominate one or more persons for each executive office of the convention.

3. Special committees may be appointed at any time at the discretion of the convention.

ART. 5. — GENERAL ACTIVITIES. It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to conduct institutes, rallies and mass

meetings in the interest of the work of the convention, as conditions may permit, and the council shall have the power to secure any help necessary to the same.

ART. 6.—FIANCES. Each Sunday School holding membership in this organization shall be required to pay to the Treasurer of the convention annually the sum of \$2.50, and shall bear their apportionate part of the expense of any special work that may be undertaken by the convention.

ART. 7.—REPORTS. Each School shall be required to make annual reports to the convention on blanks to be furnished.

ART. 8.—DECISIONS. All questions coming before the convention, and all elections shall be decided by the majority.

ART. 9.—SPECIAL LIMITS: No person shall speak on one subject more than fifteen minutes nor more than three times except by the permission of the President.

ART. 10.—AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the convention by a majority vote of all who are intitled to vote for officers.



