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The Fifth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Free Will Baptist of the Cumberland Association, met with Bethlehem Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., on May 29th, 1932.

Devotional Services: Opening hymn, 103, "Revive Us Again," and 161, "Take the Name of Jesus With You," led by Mr. Wade Gentry.

Prayer by Rev. H. C. Brown, of Columbia, Tenn.

Brother Reeves, of Columbia, Tenn., led the congregation in singing No. 84, "The Uncloudy Day."

We were favored with a duet by Brother Reeves and Sister Brown, both of Royal Chapel, Columbia, Tenn.; title of song, "The Home Above."

Welcome address by Brother Howard Walker, Superintendent of Bethlehem Sunday School.

The quartette from Rock Springs school sang two beautiful songs, which were enjoyed very much. First, "The Beautiful Land"; second, "Let the Church Roll On."

The congregation sang, "Blessed Be the Name," led by Mr. Gentry.

Recognition and a word of welcome to the different denominations present with us today. Those present were Missionary Baptist, Methodist, and the Christian church.

Roll call, and eleven schools present.

Call for letters, and letters from the following Sunday Schools received and read: Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Cochran School House, Cofer's Chapel, Gorman, Heads, Oak Grove, Rock Springs, Royal Chapel, West Nashville. Brother L. A. Hollis made a report on Beech Grove School, and stated that they would send a written report from Beech Grove.

Sorry we overlooked the letter from Miller's Chapel and left it at home. You will find this report in the minutes. (Clerk).

We were favored with a song by the congregation, title, "I'll Be There, Anyway."

Adjourned for lunch. Invocation by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Afternoon

Afternoon services were opened by congregational singing led by Mr. Gentry.

Prayer by Brother G. T. Harris.

Quartette from Rock Springs Sunday School sang

"Crown Him Lord of All."

Letters coming in late were called for, and the following were received and read: East Nashville and Mt. Zion.

Election of Officers

Those nominated for President were: L. O. Burroughs and G. T. Harris. On motion nominations were closed, and went into election, and L. O. Burroughs was re-elected.

In the absence of Brother G. W. Fambrough, Vice-President, Brother J. B. Parsons acted as Moderator in the election of the President of the convention.

Vice-President Brother G. T. Harris was nominated on motion, and seconded, nomination closed, and Brother G. T. Harris was elected by acclamation.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. L. O. Burroughs was nominated, on motion the nomination closed, and Mrs. Burroughs was elected by acclamation.

Executive Council: On motion Brother Howard Walker, Brother John Oliver and Brother Weaver Welch were nominated; on motion nomination closed, and same were elected by acclamation.

After the election of officers, the following new officers responded with a short speech, assuring the convention that they were interested in the Sunday School work and would be glad to do anything they could to help in the Sunday School work: Brothers G. T. Harris, Vice-President; Howard Walker, Weaver Welch and John Oliver.

A motion was made and carried that we include in Article IV that the Executive Council help in arranging the programs for the convention.

Brother Wade Gentry, President of the Singing Convention, which was organized by the Sunday School convention in 1931, asked each Sunday School to go back to their church and organize a singing choir, and elect a leader and secretary, and practice once a week. He also suggested the arrangement of the choir as follows: Soprano on the front row, alto on second row, tenor on third row, and bass on fourth row. Mr. Gentry suggested the fifth Sunday of July for this convention to meet. On motion this date was selected. He asked for an invitation for a meeting place for the singing convention and three invitations were extended as follows: Ashland City, Rock Springs and Mt. Zion. A vote was taken and Ashland City was selected. The President asked that the names of each choir leader and quartette be sent to L. O. Burroughs, secretary of the singing

convention, as early as possible.

At this time the East Nashville quartette sang two selections: first, title, "Just Outside the Gate"; second, "Wandering Child, Come Home."

On motion we extended a rising vote of thanks to Bethlehem Sunday School for their splendid hospitality shown us today.

For the closing hymn the congregation sang, "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again."

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

REPORTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Ashland City

Number on roll beginning of year	61
New members for the year	15
Number of deaths in school this year	3
Total on roll	73
Average attendance for the year	43
Number of visitors during the year	122
Number of chapters read by the school	11,784
Number who read the New Testament through	4
Number of daily Bible readers	6
Number of conversions during the year	10
Number who have paid birthday offerings	4
Number who tithe	9
Number of classes	6
Number of officers and teachers	8

RECEIPTS

From attendance department	\$ 68.93
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DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 30.23
Convention dues	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses	22.62
Total	\$57.85

Our school meets at 10 o'clock.

Pastor is Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.

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

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

Bethel

Number on roll beginning of year	86
New members for the year	61
Total on roll	147
Average attendance for the year	58
Number of visitors during the year	233
Number of chapters read by the school	6,181
Average daily Bible readers	2
Number of teachers and officers	8

RECEIPTS

From attendance department -----	\$ 44.04
From other sources -----	26.67
Total receipts -----	\$ 70.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature -----	\$ 39.07
Convention dues -----	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses -----	24.16
Total disbursements -----	\$ 68.23

Our school meets at 9:30 a. m.
 Pastor is Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.
 Superintendent is Brother G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn.
 Secretary is Miss Rebecca Baker, Neptune, Tenn.

Bethlehem

Number on roll beginning of year -----	64
New members for the year -----	12
Total on roll -----	76
Average attendance for the year -----	41
Number of visitors during the year -----	241
Number of chapters read by the school -----	16,036
Number who read the New Testament through -----	6
Number who read the entire Bible through -----	3
Average daily Bible readers -----	10
Number of conversions during the year -----	1
Number who have paid birthday offerings -----	21
Number of classes -----	4
Number of officers and teachers -----	7

RECEIPTS

From attendance department -----	\$ 48.95
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DISBURSEMENTS

Literature -----	\$ 16.65
Convention dues -----	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses -----	17.66
Total disbursements -----	\$ 39.31

Our school meets at 2 p. m.

Pastor is Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.
 Superintendent is Brother Howard Walker, Chapmansboro, Tenn.

Secretary is Miss Agnes Sanders, Ashland City, Tenn.

Cochran School

Number on roll beginning of year-----	45
Number on cradle roll department-----	22
Number on roll on home department-----	10
Number on roll on attendance department-----	25
New members for the year-----	12
Total on roll -----	57
Average attendance for the year-----	29
Number of chapters read by the school-----	6,360
Number who read the New Testament through-----	4
Number who read the entire Bible through-----	1
Average daily Bible readers for the year-----	16
Number of conversions during the year-----	2
Number of deaths in the school this year-----	1
Number who have paid birthday offerings-----	11
Number of classes -----	4
Number of officers and teachers-----	6
Disbursements -----	\$ 5.00

Our school meets at 2:30 p. m.

Our Superintendent is Brother H. H. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.

Our Secretary is Mrs. Fendrix Smith, Ashland City, Tenn.

Cofers Chapel

Number on roll on the cradle roll department-----	46
Total on roll -----	117
Average attendance for the year-----	94
Number of visitors for the year-----	38
Number of chapters read by the school-----	11,702
Average daily Bible readers-----	13
Number of deaths in school this year-----	2
Number who tithe -----	7
Number of classes -----	12
Number of officers and teachers-----	16
Receipts for the year-----	\$380.42

Our school meets at 9:30 a. m.

Pastor is Rev. J. H. Oliver, 1600 10th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

Our Superintendent is Brother W. D. Bradford, 1210

Pennock Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Our Secretary is Miss Cordie Dever, Route 3, Cliff Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

East Nashville

Number on roll beginning of year	93
Number on roll on attendance department	109
Total on roll	109
New members for the year	67
Average attendance for the year	78
Number of visitors during the year	111
Number of chapters read by the school	1,108
Number of daily Bible readers	15
Number of conversions during the year	2
Number who have paid birthday offerings	4
Number who tithe	12
Number of officers and teachers	15

RECEIPTS

Receipts for the year ----- \$292.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 28.54
Convention dues	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses	6.50
Total disbursements	\$ 40.04

✓ Our school meets at 9:30 a. m.

Pastor is Rev. J. L. Welch, 312 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Superintendent is Brother J. B. Parsons, 957 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Secretary is Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, 1304 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Gorman

Total number on roll beginning of year	32
New members for the year	5
Total on roll	37
Average attendance for the year	25
Number of visitors during the year	15
Number of chapters read by the school	1,986
Number of classes	4
Number of officers and teachers	7

RECEIPTS

Balance at close of year	\$ 3.63
From attendance department	7.82
From other sources	1.74
Total receipts	\$ 13.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 7.16
Miscellaneous expenses	1.30
Total disbursements	\$ 8.46

Our school meets at 10 a. m.

Pastor's name is Rev. L. B. H. Green, Gorman, Tenn.

Superintendent is Dudley Clark, Gorman, Tenn.

Secretary is Miss Christine Hatcher, Gorman, Tenn.

Heads Sunday School

Number on roll beginning of year	64
Number on cradle roll department	13
Number on home department	3
Number on attendance department	48
Total on roll	64
New members for the year	9
Average attendance for the year	36
Number of visitors during the year	192
Number of chapters read by the school	1,489
Number of conversions during the year	10
Number who have paid birthday offerings	24
Number of classes	6
Number of officers and teachers	11

RECEIPTS

From attendance department	\$ 26.00
Other sources	.50
Total receipts	\$ 26.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 23.25
Miscellaneous expenses	3.00
Total disbursements	\$ 26.25

Our school meets at 10:30 a. m.

Pastor is Rev. W. B. Davenport, Ashland City, Tenn.
 Superintendent is Brother J. F. Gower, Cedar Hill,
 Tenn., Route 5.

Secretary is Brother Edgar McCarroll, Cedar Hill,
 Tenn., Route 5.

Millers Chapel

Number on roll beginning of year-----	73
Number on cradle roll department-----	10
New members for the year-----	10
Total on roll -----	83
Average attendance for the year, good.	
Number of chapters read by the school-----	19,642
Number who read the New Testament through-----	11
Average daily Bible readers -----	2
Number of conversions during the year-----	3
Number who have paid birthday offerings-----	16
Number of classes -----	4
Number of officers and teachers-----	8

RECEIPTS

Total receipts ----- \$ 10.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature ----- \$ 8.38
 Convention dues ----- 2.50

Total disbursements ----- \$ 10.88

Our school meets at 10 a. m.

Pastor's name is Rev. O. W. Davis, 1200 Clay St., Nash-
 ville, Tenn.

Superintendent is Mrs. N. E. Miller, Neptune, Tenn.

Secretary is Mrs. Ethel Sutton, Neptune, Tenn.

Mt. Zion

Number on roll beginning of year-----	112
Average attendance for the year-----	70
Number of visitors during the year-----	47
Number of chapters read by the school-----	3,567
Number who read the entire Bible-----	5
Average daily Bible readers -----	10
Number of conversions during the year-----	2
Number of classes -----	6
Number of officers and teachers-----	8

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention dues ----- \$ 2.00

Our school meets at 10 a. m.

Our Pastor's name is Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Ashland City,
Tenn.

Superintendent is Brother N. W. Walker, Joelton, Tenn.,
Route 2.

Secretary is R. R. Binkley, Joelton, Tenn., Route 2.

Oak Grove

Oak Grove sent a large delegation to the convention at Bethlehem, and letter stating that they have not kept an account of everything as they should have.

We cannot join the convention at this time; we hope it will be so we can in the future.

Number of teachers and officers ----- 5

Number of classes ----- 4

Average attendance about ----- 40

Our school meets at 2 p. m.

Pastor's name is Rev. G. M. Pruitt, West Nashville,
Tenn., Route 4.

Superintendent is Brother Hershall Spann, Charlotte,
Tenn., Route 2.

Rock Springs

Number on roll beginning of year ----- 79

Number on cradle roll department ----- 5

Total on roll ----- 84

New members for the year ----- 7

Average attendance for the year ----- 65

Number of visitors for the year ----- 320

Number of chapters read by the school ----- 17,223

Number who read the New Testament through ----- 3

Number who read the entire Bible through ----- 1

Average daily Bible readers ----- 2

Number of conversions during the year ----- 21

Number who have paid birthday offerings ----- 63

Number of classes ----- 5

Number of officers and teachers ----- 7

RECEIPTS

From attendance departments ----- \$ 48.26

From other sources ----- 14.34

Total receipts ----- \$ 62.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature -----	\$ 22.08
Convention dues -----	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses -----	24.00
Total disbursements -----	\$ 51.08

Our school meets at 10:30 a. m.

Pastor's name is Rev. W. B. Davenport, Ashland City, Tenn.

Superintendent is Brother E. R. Groves, Neptune, Tenn., Route 2.

Secretary is Miss Mabel M. Phillips, Neptune, Tenn., Route 2.

Royal Chapel

Number on roll beginning of year -----	137
Total on roll now -----	130
Average attendance for the year -----	95
Number of visitors for the year -----	146
Number of chapters read by the school -----	26,641
Number who read the New Testament through -----	5
Average daily Bible readers -----	3
Number of conversions during the year -----	10
Number who have paid birthday offerings -----	30
Number who tithe -----	11
Number of classes -----	6
Number of officers and teachers -----	9

RECEIPTS

Total receipts for the year -----	\$111.30
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DISBURSEMENTS

Literature -----	\$ 26.80
Miscellaneous expenses -----	66.70
Total disbursements -----	\$ 93.50

Our school meets at 9:45 a. m.

Pastor's name is Rev. W. J. Paul, Columbia, Tenn.

Superintendent is Brother Louis Hyle, Route 6, Columbia, Tenn.

Secretary is Brother Amis Scribner, East 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.

West Nashville

Number on roll beginning of year	159
New members for the year	20
Total on roll	159
Average attendance for the year	100
Number of visitors during the year	146
Number of chapters read by the school	1,174
Average daily Bible readers	3
Number of conversions during the year	15
Number who have paid birthday offerings	39
Number of classes	8
Number of officers and teachers	12

RECEIPTS

Total receipts for the year	\$193.96
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DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 30.00
Convention dues	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses	191.75
Total disbursements	\$226.75

Our school meets at 10 a. m.

Pastor is Rev. E. A. Craft, 4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Superintendent is Brother Carlos Craft, 6301 Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Secretary is Miss Comelia Cobits, 5604 Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND THEIR DELEGATES

Ashland City	Clifford Devault
Beech Grove	L. A. Hollis
Bethel	Charles Stewart
Bethlehem	Miss Alline Reed
Cochran School	No name listed
Cofers Chapel	John Oliver
East Nashville	Agnes B. Frazier
Gorman	By Letter
Heads	By Letter
Miller's Chapel	By Letter
Mt. Zion	E. H. Fentress
Rock Springs	Mrs. Dotson Hagewood
Royal Chapel	W. M. Reaves
West Nashville	Lee Warren
Oak Grove	By Letter

The above schools report 76 conversions during the past

year.

Received from the above schools, convention dues,
\$42.00.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount on hand beginning of year ----- \$ 4.92

Receipts for the year ----- 57.50

Total ----- \$62.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Hunter Printing Co., for Minutes ----- \$32.50

Postage ----- 2.61

Total disbursements ----- \$35.11

Balance on hand ----- \$27.31

In the interest of the convention we have written 36
cards and 33 letters.

Respectively,

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS,

Secretary and Treasurer.

SEMI-ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Met with Heads Sunday School, Sunday, Nov. 1, 1931.

Congregational singing led by Brother Wade Gentry.

Hymn No. 103.

Prayer by Brother Chas. Stewart, of Bethel Sunday
School.

Welcome address by Brother Joe Gower. Response by
the President.

Special program by Heads Sunday School, as follows:

Reading by Miss Anna Laura Gower.

Solo by Arthur Watson, of Adams, Tenn.

Solo by Miss Strange.

Musical duet by Mr. and Mrs. David Gower.

Special speakers and quartette boosting their home
schools.

Brother E. R. Groves boosting Rock Springs School.

Two numbers by the Rock Springs Quartette.

Ashland City, by Miss Pinkie Hudgens.

Mr. James Perry, Mt. Zion.

Mrs. H. W. Ragan, Cofers Chapel.

We were favored with two songs by the Rock Springs
Choir.

11:30 a. m., Rev. J. E. Hudgens preached, taking the 71st Psalm for his lesson. His subject was, "Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever," found in Hebrews, 13th chapter and 8th verse. The preacher also spoke of the present and the future.

Adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon

Opened with congregational singing.

We were favored with two songs by the old folks of Heads church.

Solo by Master Davenport.

Piano duet by Misses Katherine and Louise Gower.

Solo by Miss Louise Gower.

Booster for Bethel was Brother Chas. Stewart.

Booster for Bethlehem, Miss Edna Sanders.

Mt. Zion quartette sang a special selection.

Booster for Heads, Brother Strange.

Next was East Nashville Quartette.

Booster for East Nashville, J. B. Parsons.

Miller's Chapel, Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

Cochran School House, Miss Ruby Harris.

On motion we meet at Rock Springs Church on the fifth Sunday of November, 1931, for the purpose of organizing a singing convention.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The singing convention was organized on the fifth Sunday of November, 1931, and a president and secretary elected as follows:

Mr. Wade Gentry was elected President by acclamation.

L. O. Burroughs was elected Secretary.

NOTICE—Our first singing convention will meet at Ashland City on the fifth Sunday in July, 1932.

All schools are requested to send the names of their choir leaders, and anyone who will lead singing; and the names of their quartettes to the Secretary just as early as possible that they may be enrolled and handed to the President.

L. O. BURROUGHS, *Secretary*,

4020 Colorado Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CUMBERLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

PREAMBLE: In order to bring about cooperation and unity of effort between the Sunday Schools of the Cumber-

land 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.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 3.—OFFICERS. The following officers shall be elected annually by vote of the Convention, and shall perform the usual duties of said offices 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 Sunday School work.

ARTICLE 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. Nomination from the floor.

3. Special Committees may be appointed at any time at the discretion of the Convention.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 6.—FINANCES. Each Sunday School holding membership in this organization shall be required to pay to the Treasurer of the Convention annually the sum of \$5.00, and shall bear their apportionate part of the expense of any special work that may be undertaken by the Convention.

ARTICLE 7.—REPORTS. Each school shall be required to make annual reports to the Convention on blanks to be fur-

nished.

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

ARTICLE 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.

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

FORM OF LETTER

We, the Sunday School of _____ Church,
_____, City, Route _____, State of _____
To the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention of
the Cumberland Association, when convened with _____
_____ Church, _____ City, _____ County,
State of _____ Date _____

We send Greetings, and pray that God will bless you in
the work. We have chosen our representative to-wit:

Our statistics are as follows:

Number on roll beginning of year	_____
Number on roll on the cradle roll department _____	_____
Number on roll on the home department	_____
Number on roll on attendance department	_____
Total on roll	_____
New members for the year	_____
Average attendance for the year	_____
Number of visitors during the year	_____
Number of chapters read by the school	_____
Number who read the New Testament through _____	_____
Number who read the entire Bible	_____
Number of daily Bible readers	_____
Number of conversions during the year	_____
Number of deaths in school this year	_____
Number who have paid birthday offering	_____
Number who tithe	_____
Number of classes	_____
Number of officers and teachers	_____

Receipts

From home department	\$ _____
From attendance department	_____
From cradle roll	_____
From other sources	_____
Total receipts	\$ _____

Disbursements

Literature	\$ _____
Charity	_____
Convention dues	_____
Miscellaneous expenses	_____
Total Disbursements	\$ _____

Our school meets at _____ o'clock _____.

Pastor's name _____
Address _____
Superintendent _____
Address _____
Secretary _____
Address _____

