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The Seventh Annual Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists of the Cumberland Association met with the Ashland City Church on October 14th, 1934.

The Convention opened by singing hymn, "Tell Me The Story of Jesus."

Prayer by Brother G. T. Harris.

Hymn No. 46, "Blessed Assurance."

The President of the Convention stated that we had the smallest crowd that we had had in the last seven years, but said that we should not feel discouraged about the work.

Oral reports of the work of the following schools were given by the superintendents or delegates:

Ashland City.

Bethlehem.

East Nashville.

Heads.

Mt. Zion.

Rock Springs.

West Nashville.

Friendship Baptist.

The President of the Convention suggested that we encourage our schools more and see that the teachers study more and know more about the lesson than just ask the questions in the book. He stated that teachers were not qualified unless they knew Christ. The superintendents should vary the programs and the teachers should really teach and study God's word. Instruct the Sunday School pupils on the Free Will Baptist doctrine. Every teacher should study the articles of Faith. Schools should get a new vision of its spiritual welfare. Encourage pastors and superintendents.

Bro. Wall stated that the small crowd was due to no one visiting the schools and the *great depression* in spiritual life.

Bro. Burroughs suggested that the delegates and those who vote be thinking about who will serve as officers of the Convention for the ensuing year. He stated that he had served as President of the Convention for seven years and thought it time for a change.

Bro. G. T. Harris, Vice-President of the Convention gave a report of the organization of the Friendship Baptist Church and Sunday School. This school petitioned for admittance in our Convention.

A motion was made and carried that we receive the Friendship Baptist Sunday School as a member of this Convention.

A motion was made and carried that we adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Hymn No. 23, "The Unclouded Day."

Prayer by Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

The President called for suggestions that will improve our Sunday School work:

Bro. W. E. Coville, Chairman of the Sunday School Board suggested that we subscribe to the magazine, "The New Century Leader," for each of our Sunday School Superintendents. He also suggested that the Executive Committee be selected from different sections and different schools be assigned to each member and have this member of the board visit these schools and boost the work. He also suggested that the Superintendents and the Executive Committee get together at the beginning of each quarter and exchange suggestions in regard to the work.

Bro. J. S. Wall spoke along these same lines.

Bro. J. B. Parsons gave an interesting address from the second chapter of 2nd Tim. He urged that only Christian Teachers and

Officers be used in the Sunday School and that the pupils be taught to reverence God's House. He also stated that it was wrong for the church to depend upon the Sunday School for its support.

An oral report was given by Bro. G. W. Fambrough from Bethel Sunday School.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer was read and adopted.

The President again asked that a change be made in the President for next year.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President	W. E. Coville
Vice-President	G. W. Fambrough
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. L. O. Burroughs
Field Secretary	J. B. Parsons
Sunday School Board.....	G. T. Harris, L. O. Burroughs, Joe Gower

Bro. Coville announced a meeting of the Superintendents and Executive Board the first Sunday in the New Year with the Ashland City Church. Bro. Coville stated that he was too little for the big job but said he would do his best as President and ask the co-operation of each member.

A motion was made and carried that we accept Bro. Harris' invitation to meet next year with the Friendship Baptist Sunday School.

Bro. Burroughs expressed his thanks and appreciation for having the privilege of serving as President of the Convention for seven years.

The Convention was adjourned to meet with the Friendship Baptist Church on Sunday before the Association meets.

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

REPORTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Ashland City

Number on roll beginning of year	52
Number on roll on the Cradle Roll Department	6
Number on roll on Attendance Department	25
New members for the year	3
Total on roll	34
Average attendance for the year	28
Number of visitors during year	92
Number of Chapters read during the year	6,487
Number who read the New Testament through	3
Number who read entire Bible	2
Number of Daily Bible Readers	8
Number who have paid birthday offering	12
Number who tithe	5
Number of classes	4
Number of Teachers and Officers	5

RECEIPTS

From Attendance Department	\$ 47.56
From Cradle Roll	3.15
Total receipts	\$ 50.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 26.28
Miscellaneous expenses	8.10
Total disbursements	\$ 34.38

Our school meets at 10:00 A.M.

Pastor, Rev. John Oliver, 1621 10th Ave., N. Nashville, Tenn.

Superintendent, W. B. Lockert, Ashland City, Tenn.

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

Bethel

Number on roll beginning of year -----	70
New members for year -----	52
Average attendance for the year -----	55
Number of visitors during the year -----	533
Number of Chapters read by the School -----	6,493
Number who read the New Testament through -----	1
Number of Daily Bible readers -----	8
Number of conversions during year -----	4
Number of deaths in the School this year -----	1
Number of classes -----	6
Number of Officers and Teachers -----	9

RECEIPTS

From Attendance Department -----	\$ 50.61
From other sources -----	15.14
Total Receipts -----	\$ 65.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature -----	\$ 23.29
Convention dues -----	2.50
Miscellaneous expenses -----	29.39
Total disbursements -----	\$ 55.18

Our school meets at 9:45 A. M.

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

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

Secretary, Miss Rebecca Baker, Neptune, Tenn.

Bethlehem

Number on roll beginning of year -----	65
Number on roll on Attendance Department -----	69
New members for the year -----	4
Total on roll -----	69
Average attendance for the year -----	35
Number of visitors during the year -----	56
Number of Chapters read by the school -----	8,896
Number who have read the New Testament through -----	6
Number who have read the entire Bible -----	3
Number of daily Bible readers -----	20
Number of conversions during the year -----	10
Number who have paid Birthday Offering -----	3
Number who tithe -----	5
Number of classes -----	4
Number of Officers and Teachers -----	6

RECEIPTS

From Attendance Department -----	\$ 27.97
Total receipts -----	\$ 27.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature -----	\$ 15.63
Convention dues -----	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses -----	8.67
Total disbursements -----	\$ 29.30

Our school meets at 2 P.M.

Pastor, Rev. Wm. Henry Oliver, 418 Ivins St. Nashville, Tenn.

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

Secretary, Miss Aline Read, Ashland City, Tenn. R. 1.

Cochran School

Number on roll beginning of year	40
Number on roll on the Cradle Roll Department	8
Number on roll on the Home Department	7
Number on roll on Attendance Department	14
New members for the year	3
Total on roll	32
Average attendance for the year	27
Number of visitors during the year	117
Number of Chapters read by the School	15,970
Number who read the New Testament through	3
Number who read the entire Bible	1
Number of Daily Bible readers	14
Number of conversions during the year	1
Number who have paid Birthday Offering	11
Number who tithe	1
Number of classes	4
Number of Officers and Teachers	6

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 16.05
Convention dues	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses	1.06
Total disbursements	\$ 22.11

Our school meets at 2:00 P.M.

Superintendent, Mr. Herman Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.

Secretary, Miss Cleo Harris, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1.

East Nashville

Number on roll beginning of year	92
New members for the year	9
Total on roll	101
Average attendance for the year	71
Number of visitors during the year	541
Number of Chapters read by the School	19,037
Number of Daily Bible readers	3
Number of conversions during the year	2
Number of deaths in school this year	1
Number who have paid Birthday Offering	17
Number who tithe	15
Number of classes	10
Number of Officers and Teachers	14

RECEIPTS

From Attendance Department	\$311.72
Total receipts	\$311.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 60.52
Convention dues	5.03
Total disbursements	\$ 65.55

Our school meets at 9:30 A.M.

Superintendent, W. E. Coville, 710 Hart Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Secretary, Mrs. Alexine Slack, 120 So. 11th St., Nashville, Tenn.

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First Free Will Baptist

Number on roll beginning of year -----	100
New members for the year -----	18
Total on roll -----	118
Average attendance for the year -----	79
Number of visitors during the year -----	100
Number of Chapters read by the School -----	14,709
Number who read the New Testament through -----	2
Number of Daily Bible Readers -----	8
Number of conversions during the year -----	10
Number of deaths in school this year -----	2
Number who have paid Birthday Offering -----	25
Number who tithe -----	4
Number of classes -----	6
Number of Officers and Teachers -----	9

RECEIPTS

Total receipts ----- \$128.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature -----	\$ 28.00
Convention dues -----	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses -----	57.99
Total disbursements -----	\$ 90.99

Our school meets at 9:45 A. M.

Pastor, Rev. W. J. Paul, Columbia, Tenn.

Superintendent, Louis Hyle, Columbia, Tenn., Gen. Del.

Secretary, Wallace Paul, Columbia, Tenn.

Friendship Baptist

(Report for 27 weeks)

Total on roll -----	112
Average attendance for the year -----	70
Number of visitors during the year -----	23
Number of Chapters read by the School -----	4,365
Number of Daily Bible readers -----	1
Number of conversions during the year -----	33
Number who tithe -----	4
Number of classes -----	5
Number of Officers and Teachers -----	8

RECEIPTS

Total receipts ----- \$ 18.36

DISBURSEMENTS

Total disbursements ----- \$ 11.99

Our school meets at 2 P. M.

Pastor, Rev. A. B. Pierce, Hickory Point, Tenn.

Superintendent, G. C. Binkley, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 2.

Secretary, Eugene Harris, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 2.

Heads

Number on roll beginning of year	40
Number on roll on Attendance Department	40
New members for the year	6
Total on roll	46
Average attendance for the year	21
Number of visitors during the year	88
Number of Chapters read by the School	1,100
Number of conversions during the year	27
Number of classes	4
Number of Officers and Teachers	7

RECEIPTS

From Attendance Department	\$ 12.45
From other sources	7.95
Total receipts	\$ 20.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 10.81
Convention dues	2.50
Total disbursements	\$ 13.31

Our school meets at 10:30 A.M.

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

Superintendent, Mrs. B. H. Watts, Cedar Hill, Tenn.

Secretary, Edgar McCarroll, Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. 3.

Mt. Zion

Number on roll beginning of year	90
Number on roll on Attendance Department	80
Average attendance for the year	60½
Number of visitors during the year	44
Number of Chapters read by the School	2,368
Number who read the New Testament through	5
Number who read the entire Bible	5
Number of Daily Bible readers	15
Number of conversions during the year	19
Number of classes	5
Number of Officers and Teachers	8

RECEIPTS

From Attendance Department	\$ 23.30
Total receipts	\$ 23.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 19.52
Convention dues	2.00
Total disbursements	\$ 21.52

Our school meets at 10 A.M..

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

Superintendent, Lewis Perry, Joelton, Tenn., R. 2.

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

Rock Springs

Number on roll beginning of year	72
Number on roll on Cradle Roll Department	7
New members for the year	8
Total on roll	80
Average attendance for the year	50
Number of visitors during the year	154
Number of Chapters read by the School	2,285
Number of Daily Bible Readers	5
Number of conversions	1
Number of deaths in the school this year	2
Number who paid Birthday Offering	52
Number of classes	5
Number of Officers and Teachers	7

RECEIPTS

From other sources	\$ 29.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

Literature	\$ 25.71
Charity	5.20
Convention dues	2.50
Miscellaneous expenses	77.55
Total disbursements	<u>\$110.96</u>

Our school meets at 10:30 A.M.

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

Superintendent, W. N. Mayberry, Neptune, Tenn., R. 2.

Secretary, Mabel M. Phillips, Neptune, Tenn., R. 2.

West Nashville

Number on roll beginning of year	150
New members for the year	20
Total on roll	170
Average attendance for the year	90
Number of visitors during the year	157
Number of Chapters read by the School	65,603
Number who read the New Testament through	2
Number of Daily Bible readers	5
Number of conversions during the year	2
Number who have paid Birthday Offering	56
Number of classes	6
Number of Officers and Teachers	9

RECEIPTS

From Attendance Department	\$207.05
Total receipts	<u>\$207.05</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Literature -----	\$ 36.00
Convention dues -----	5.00
Total disbursements -----	\$ 41.00

Our school meets at 10 A.M.

Pastor, Rev. C. A. Craft, 6301 Penn. Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Superintendent, J. S. Wall, 6109 New York Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Secretary, Miss Minnie Pearl Craft, 4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand beginning of year -----	\$ 34.48
Received Convention Dues -----	21.50
Total -----	\$ 55.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Allen Letter Service for Minutes -----	\$ 33.00
Postage -----	1.68
Federal Tax -----	.02
Total Disbursements -----	\$ 34.70
Balance on hand -----	\$ 21.28

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, Secretary-Treasurer.

Statistics

Schools reporting -----	11
Members on roll beginning of year -----	771
New members for the year -----	123
Average attendance for year -----	536
Visitors present during year -----	1,905
Number Chapters read during the year -----	147,313
Daily Bible Readers from schools -----	87
Number who read New Testament through -----	22
Number who read entire Bible -----	11
Number of tithers -----	34
Number of conversions -----	109
Total Receipts for year -----	\$882.54
Total Disbursements for year -----	\$497.31

L. O. BURROUGHS, Moderator.

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CUMBERLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL 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.

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 the pastor.

ARTICLE 2.—MEETINGS: The Convention shall meet in regular session, annually, on Sunday before the Association meets in October.

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, a Treasurer, and a Field Secretary. 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 Vice-President, the Secretary, the Field 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 furnished.

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.

ARTICLE 11.—This Convention shall send a delegate to the Cumberland Association annually.

FORM OF LETTER

We, the Sunday School of _____ Church,
 _____ City, Route _____, State of _____
 To the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention of the Cum-
 berland 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 _____
 New members for the year _____
 Total on roll _____
 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 _____

