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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 _____

PROCEEDINGS

The Eighth Annual Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee met with the Friendship Baptist Church on October 13th, 1935.

The Convention opened by singing "Do It For Jesus Today."

Prayer by Bro. G. T. Harris.

Opening Devotions by Bro. J. B. Parsons. Scripture Luke 8:1-16.

Hymn No. 87 "Lord Send A Revival."

Welcome Address by Bro. G. T. Harris.

Response by Miss Alene Read.

President's Message, Wm. E. Coville.

"The Sunday School A Good Investment," by Mrs. B. E. Nicholson, Mrs. Nicholson gave a very interesting and helpful message on this subject.

"The Growth of Christian Recruits When Used in the Service," by Mrs. Gladys Jackson. Mrs. Jackson gave a very forceful and interesting message on this subject.

"Courage in Service, It's Rewards," by Rev. A. B. Pierce. Bro. Pierce gave a very stirring message based on the scripture, "Be not Weary in Well Doing, for in Due Season We Shall Reap if We Faint Not."

Prayer by J. B. Parsons.

Adjournment for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Devotional Service led by the Friendship Sunday School.

Hymn No. 21 "Do It For Jesus Today."

Special number by the Boy's Quartette.

Scripture Romans 12 by G. T. Harris.

Hymn No. 68 by the choir.

Prayer by Bro. A. B. Pierce.

Roll call and quorum present and the following schools reported: Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Cochran School, Cofer's Chapel, East Nashville, First F. W. B. of Columbia, Friendship Baptist, Mt. Zion, Oaklawn, West Nashville.

A motion was made and carried that the chair appoint a committee on Petitions and Requests. The following committee was appointed: G. T. Harris, Wm. H. Oliver, W. B. Lockert.

Brief Report of Quarterly Meetings by the secretary, Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, was as follows:

The first quarterly meeting was held January 6th, 1935 at the Ashland City Church with five schools represented, namely, Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, East Nashville, and Friendship Baptist. Oral reports were given from the above schools. Each school was requested to send written reports to these meetings.

The second quarterly meeting was held April 7th, 1935 at the Friendship Baptist Church with four schools represented, namely; Bethel, Cofer's Chapel, East Nashville, Friendship Baptist.

Besides the reports of the above schools the Executive Council gave a report of their work. This Council was asked to stress the importance of the use of Free Will Baptist literature in our schools. The

secretary was instructed to send the new Century Leader Magazine to the Superintendents of the schools represented in last convention.

The third quarterly meeting was held July 7th, 1935, with Shady Grove Church. The following sent in written reports: Bethel, Bethlehem, and Friendship. Mrs. Burroughs reported having ordered 12 copies of the New Century Leader Magazine sent out. Two of the members of the Executive Council, Mr. Harris and Mr. Burroughs gave reports of their work. The importance of using our F. W. B. Song book as our hymnals was stressed.

Mr. Burroughs and Mr. G. T. Harris gave reports of their work among the different schools for the year.

Reports called for as follows:

Petitions and Requests read and adopted. Report of Field Secretary read and adopted. Report of Secretary-Treasurer read and adopted.

Bro. Howard Walker reported a Sunday School reorganized at Oaklawn Church with 58 on roll and an average attendance of 45, also a singing class organized.

Bro. J. E. Hudgens spoke for Bethel Sunday School in the absences of the Sunday School Superintendent.

A motion was made and carried that we accept Bro. J. E. Hudgens as delegate from Bethel Sunday School.

Bro. Coville stated that we should arrange our quarterly meetings in advance and the January meeting was announced to meet at Olivet Church and the April meeting at Oaklawn.

Bro. J. B. Parson's drew up the following resolutions in regard to our Sunday schools and after some discussion a motion was made and unanimously carried that the resolutions be adopted.

Resolution No. 1

We, the Executive Council of the Sunday School Convention of Free-Will Baptists, while in session at Friendship Church, Cheatham County, do hereby submit the following resolution.

PART 1. Resolved that we as a consolidated force shall enter into a special evangelistic campaign to begin the first Sunday in November, 1935, and to extend over a period of time such as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Council.

PART 2. The requirements of respective Sunday Schools holding membership in this convention shall be that every possible effort be used to lead as many pupils to Christ as possible during the campaign, and that each teacher and officer make special appeal to the unsaved of his or her class or school.

PART 3. We further recommend that at such time the Executive Council may agree upon to close the said special campaign, that all Sunday Schools holding membership in this convention, come together for a series of evangelistic sermons to climax the campaign.

PART 4. We also recommend that each Sunday School holding membership in this convention be required to pay into the Treasury of the Sunday School Convention (as soon as can be arranged) the sum of ten cents per member in order to defray the expenses of the campaign.

PART 5. If and when this resolution is approved, the Executive Council shall proceed by authority of articles four and five of the Sunday School Convention Constitution.

Respectfully submitted, this the 13th day of October, 1935.

WM. E. COVILLE,
G. W. FAMBROUGH,
MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS,
J. B. PARSONS,
G. T. HARRIS,
L. O. BURROUGHS,
JOE GOWER,
Executive Council.

Bro. J. B. Parsons urged that we not wait but start right at the beginning of our new year doing personal work.

After some of the ministers present had discussed the matter of the Evangelistic Campaign the idea was that perhaps we as a convention were overstepping our power and transcending our rights as an organization.

A motion was made and carried that we petition the Association to allow us to proceed with this plan of work.

The superintendents present spoke of The New Century Leader magazine and told how helpful it is.

A motion was made and carried that we extend the subscription for another year and include any new superintendents this year.

A motion was made and carried that a corresponding secretary be elected and that the Constitution be amended to list a Corresponding Secretary whose duty is to do corresponding for the convention and write articles to the F. W. B. paper in regard to our convention work.

Bro. Coville urged the use of F. W. B. literature and F. W. B. hymn books.

Rev. J. L. Welch stated the price of the small book for Sunday Schools and Singing Conventions was only 15c a copy, and the hymnal was \$20.00 and \$30.00 per hundred.

The committee on petitions and requests are to be retained until after the Association in order that invitations might be rec'd for the annual convention.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens urged the use of our F. W. B. paper and asked that we try to get a copy in every F. W. B. home.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President -----Wm. E. Coville, 710 Hart Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Vice-President-----G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn.
Secretary & Treasurer----Lloyd Binkley, 362 Hester St., Nashville
Corresponding Secretary----Mrs. B. E. Nicholson, 1218 Joseph Ave.,
Nashville, Tenn.

Field Secretary-----J. B. Parsons, 820 Sevier St., Nashville, Tenn.
Executive Council—G. T. Harris, Ashland City, Tenn.,

John Oliver, 1621 10th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.,
L. O. Burroughs, 4020 Colorado Ave., Nashville.

Delegate to Association----Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Ashland City, Tenn.

Miss Alene Read having been elected as secretary and treasurer asks that on account of her ill health that someone else be elected, and a motion was made and carried that we consider Miss Read's request and that her election be stricken from our minutes. Bro. Lloyd Binkley was elected to fill this office.

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A motion was made and carried that we extend to the Friendship Church an applaud of thanks for their kind hospitality during this convention.

The president expressed his appreciation for the interest the pastors are taking in the convention. There were five present, namely: Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. Wm. H. Oliver, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. A. B. Pierce, Rev. John Oliver.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

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

The next annual meeting of the Sunday School Convention will be held at Bethlehem Church on Sunday before the Cumberland Association meets.

WM. E. COVILLE, President.
MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, Sec.-Treas.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

As a member of the Executive Council of the Sunday School Convention of F. W. B., I make the following report:

Visited Ashland City School, work progressing very nicely. Springhill work dead. Bethlehem School doing good work. Mt. Zion work progressing very nicely. Olivet work in good shape. Oaklawn no Sunday School at the time but organized at once. Shady Grove Sunday School not as good as might be. Contacted the leaders at Heads, they reported the Sunday School dead and did not think it could be resurrected.

G. T. HARRIS.

As member of the Executive Council I report that I have visited Cofer's Chapel and East Nashville Sunday Schools and had reports from Columbia, Craigfield and West Nashville schools and the work is being carried on in each of the above schools. Due to having to work on Sunday mornings I have been unable to visit all the schools in my territory.

L. O. BURROUGHS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS
AND REQUESTS

We your Committee on Petitions and Requests report one application for membership in our convention. This application is from Oaklawn Sunday School, represented by Bro. Howard Walker, Supt. We respectfully recommend that Oaklawn be reinstated in the convention.

G. T. HARRIS,
WM. H. OLIVER,
W. B. LOCKERT.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY

TO F. W. B. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

I have made seven visits in interest of Sunday School work. Have traveled approximately three hundred and thirty two miles in interest of Sunday School work.

We have one new Sunday School that has been reported to have been organized this year.

Our Sunday School work seems to be taking on some new life and interest in quite a number of our schools as reported.

J. B. PARSONS, Field Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

Amount on hand beginning of year	\$21.28
Convention Dues received from following:	
Bethel	\$2.50
Bethlehem	5.00
Cochran School	5.00
East Nashville	5.03
First F. W. B. of Columbia	5.00
Heads	2.50
Mt. Zion	2.00
Rock Springs	2.50
West Nashville	5.00
Total dues received	\$34.53
Grand Total	\$55.81
Disbursements	
Allen's Letter Service for Minutes	\$22.00
Postage for mailing minutes and cards	1.59
David C. Cook Pub. Co. for 12 Subscriptions to "The New Century Leader Magazine for 12 of our S. S. Superintendents	9.00
Bank tax on checks	1.50
Total disbursements	34.09
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$21.72
Have written 50 cards in interest of Sunday School work.	
Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, Sec. & Treas.	

REPORTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Ashland City

Number on roll beginning of year	54
New members for the year	10
Total on roll	64
Average attendance for the year	38
Number of visitors during the year	29
Number of chapters read by the school	2,142
Number of daily Bible readers	6
Number of conversions during the year	1
Number who have paid birthday offering	8
Number who tithe	4
Number of classes	5
Number of officers and teachers	8

Receipts

From attendance department	\$16.25
Total receipts	\$16.25

Disbursements

Literature	\$11.70
Convention dues	5.00
Total disbursements	\$16.70

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Our school meets at 10 a.m.

Pastor's name, John Oliver, 1621 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

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

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

(This is only a quarterly report.)

Bethel

(Oral report given by Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Delegate)

Bro. Hudgens reported a large school at Bethel and very actively engaged in work. He reported a revival conducted at this church by Rev. J. L. Welch with 36 additions to the church and most of this number was from the Sunday school.

Bethlehem

Number on roll beginning of year -----	65
Number on roll on attendance department -----	65
Total on roll -----	65
Average attendance for the year -----	25
Number of visitors during the year -----	208
Number of chapters read by the school -----	9,204
Number who read the entire Bible -----	1
Number of daily Bible readers -----	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 ----- \$30.70

Total receipts ----- \$30.70

Disbursements

Literature ----- \$25.72

Convention dues ----- 4.00

Total disbursements ----- \$29.72

Our school meets at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

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

Secretary, Mrs. George Sutherland, Ashland City, Tenn.

Cochran School

Number on roll beginning of year -----	47
Number on the cradle roll department -----	10
Number on the home department -----	9
Number on the attendance department -----	25
Total on roll -----	55
New members for the year -----	8
Average attendance for the year -----	29
Number of visitors during the year -----	68
Number of chapters read by the school -----	10,778
Number who read the New Testament through -----	8
Number of daily Bible readers -----	12

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Number of conversions during year -----	1
Number who have paid birthday offering -----	4
Number of classes -----	4
Number of officers and teachers -----	5

Disbursements

Literature -----	\$15.84
Convention dues -----	2.50

Total disbursements ----- \$18.34

Our school meets at 2 p.m.

Superintendent, Bro. H. H. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.

Secretary, Mary Ann Harris, Ashland City, Tenn.

Cofer's Chapel

Number on roll beginning of year -----	85
Number on roll on attendance department -----	85
Number of new members for the year -----	77
Total number on roll -----	117
Average attendance for the year -----	84
Number of visitors during the year -----	161
Number of chapters read by the school -----	12,550
Number who have read the New Testament through -----	4
Number of daily Bible readers -----	10
Number of conversions during the year -----	27
Number who tithe -----	15
Number of classes -----	8
Number of officers and teachers -----	13

Receipts

From attendance department -----	\$289.91
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Total receipts ----- \$289.91

Disbursements

Convention dues -----	\$ 5.00
Miscellaneous and literature -----	253.63

Total disbursements ----- \$258.63

Our school meets at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor, Rev. J. L. Welch, 1017 Monroe St., Nashville, Tenn.

Superintendent, W. R. Murray, 1624 10th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

Secretary, Mrs. Albert Rummage, Jr., 1904 12th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

New Secretary, Miss Maureen Ray, 1800 Nassau St., Nashville, Tenn.

East Nashville

Number on roll beginning of the year -----	101
New members for the year -----	51
Total on roll -----	90
Average attendance for the year -----	54
Number of visitors during the year -----	268
Number of chapters read by the school -----	7,015
Number who have read the New Testament through -----	3

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Number who have read the entire Bible	1
Number of daily Bible readers	9
Number of conversions during the year	10
Number who have paid birthday offering	15
Number who tithe	13
Number of classes	10
Number of officers and teachers	14

Receipts

From Home Department	\$261.23
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Disbursements

Literature	\$ 40.03
Convention dues	5.00
Total disbursements	\$ 45.03

Our school meets at 9:30 a.m., each Sunday.

Superintendent, Mr. H. E. Simpson, 1210 N. 6th St., Nashville, Tenn.

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

First F. W. B. of Columbia

Number on roll beginning of year	99
Number on roll on the cradle roll department	21
Total number on roll	120
Average attendance for the year	107
Number of visitors during the year	282
Number of chapters read by the school	23,975
Number who have read the New Testament through	5
Number of daily Bible readers	8
Number of conversions during the year	9
Number of deaths in the school	1
Number who have paid birthday offering	50
Number who tithe	6
Number of classes	6
Number of officers and teachers	9

Receipts

Total receipts	\$110.75
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Disbursements

Literature	\$25.00
Convention dues	3.00
Miscellaneous expenses	41.60
Total disbursements	\$69.60

Our school meets at 9:45 a.m.

Pastor, Rev. W. J. Paul, 1611 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.

Superintendent, Louis Hyle, General Delivery, Columbia, Tenn.

Secretary, James Paul, 1611 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.

Friendship

Number on roll, October, 1934	112
Total number on roll	112
Average attendance for the year	65
Number of chapters read	6,185
Number of conversions during the year	5

Receipts

From home department	\$22.50
From attendance department	2.00

Total\$24.50

Disbursements

Literature	\$22.50
Convention dues	2.00

Total\$24.50

Our school meets at 2:30 p.m.

Pastor, Rev. A. B. Pierce, Ashland City, Tenn.

Superintendent, Claud Allen, Ashland City, Tenn.

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

Mt. Zion

Number on roll beginning of year	58
Average attendance for the year	56
Number of visitors during the year	55
Number of chapters read by the school	3,476
Number of daily Bible readers	10
Number of deaths in the school this year	4
Number of classes	5
Number of officers and teachers	8

Receipts

From attendance department	\$32.48
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Total receipts\$32.48

Disbursements

Literature	\$26.00
Convention dues	2.00
Miscellaneous expenses	4.00

Total disbursements\$32.00

Our school meets at 10 a.m.

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

Superintendent, A. J. Felts, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 2.

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

Oaklawn

(Oral report by Howard Walker, Superintendent)

On roll in August	53
Average attendance	45

Superintendent, Howard Walker, Thomasville, Tenn., R. 1.

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West Nashville

Number on roll beginning of year	150
Average attendance for the year	72
Number of chapters read by the school	21,000
Number of daily Bible readers	5
Number of classes	6
Number of officers and teachers	9

Receipts

From attendance department	\$138.82
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Disbursements

Literature	\$ 26.19
Convention dues	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses	100.03

Total disbursements \$131.22

Our school meets at 10 a.m.

Pastor, C. A. Craft, 6304 Penn. Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Superintendent, J. S. Wall, 6014 N. Y. Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Secretary, Minnie Pearl Craft, 4609 Ill. Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

New Secretary, Mrs. Ed Marshall.

STATISTICS

Schools reporting to convention	11
Members on roll beginning of year	771
New members for the year	146
Members dropped from roll	64
Total number on roll at end of year	853
Average attendance for the year	550
Visitors present during the year	1,071
Number of chapters read during year	96,325
Number of daily Bible readers from schools reporting	70
Number who read the New Testament through	20
Number who read the entire Bible through	2
Number of tithers	43
Number of conversions during the year	53
Number of deaths in schools reporting	5
Total receipts for the year	\$904.64
Total disbursements for year	\$623.74

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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

Bethel—G. W. Fambrough, Neptune, Tenn.

Bethlehem—Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Ashland City, Tenn.

Cochran School—H. H. Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.

Cofer's Chapel—W. R. Murray, 1624 10th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

East Nashville—H. E. Simpson, 1210 N. 6th St., Nashville, Tenn.

First F. W. B. of Columbia—Louise Hyle, Gen. Del., Columbia, Tenn.

Friendship Baptist—Claud Allen, Ashland City, Tenn.

Heads—

Mt. Zion—A. J. Felts, Ashland City, Tenn., R. 2.

Oaklawn—Howard Walker, Thomasville, Tenn., R. 1.

Rock Springs—

West Nashville—J. S. Wall, 6014 New York 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 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 meetings 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, a Field Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary, whose duty is to correspond for the Convention and write articles to our paper in regard to our Convention. 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 share 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 Consitution 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.

