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SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

The Second Annual Convention of the Ladies Aid Societies of the Freewill Baptist of Tennessee met with New Hope Church, Cheatham Co., Tenn., Sept. 20th and 21st 1922.

The Convention was called to order by Mrs. Edd. Parker, President; Scripture lesson Psalm XC. by the President; prayer by Sister J. T. Williams.

Address of welcome by Sister W. E. Felts.

Response by Sister Edd. Parker.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Sister Gladys Felts gave an address on Co-operation, which was well recieved and from which the Convention was greatly edified.

Song No. 87, led by Sister W. M. White.

An interesting and inspiring address by Rev. W. B. Davenport was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Song, No. 141 was rendered by the Choir, after which adjournment was taken for refreshment. Prayer by G. T. Harris.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song No. 35 by the Convention.

Scripture lesson by Sister J. E. Hudgens.

Invocation by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Roll Call:

Cofer's Chapel, New Hope, Ashland City, Head's, Bethel, Good Springs, Oak Lawn, Mt. Zion and Oakland reported present by delegates.

MINUTES OF THE

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Sister W. E. Felts, President; Sister Fred Polston, Vice President; Sister Mary Patton, Recording Secretary; Sister G. T. Harris, Corresponding Secretary; Sister J. E. Hudgens, Treasurer; Sister Glayds Felts, State Organizer; Sister Mary Patton, State Field Worker.

The following were appointed members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Sister Fred Polston, Chairman; Sister G. T. Harris; Sister J. E. Hudgens; Sister Floyd Swann; Sister Effie Harris; Sister Miles Gower; Sister W. B. Walker.

Petitionary Letters called for and recieved as follows: Head's Church and Oakland Societies, both accepted and delegates invited to seats in the convention.

An address on the "Need of Leadership" was delivered by G. T. Harris. It was timely, forceful and to the point. After which adjournment was had until 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday the 21st.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 21. 1922.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Scripture Lesson Psalm 23rd by Sister W. B. Walker; prayer by Sister Rose Nunley,

Roll Called—Quorum present. Minutes. of previous meeting read and approved.

STATE CONVENTION

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Reports called for and received as follows:

COFERS CHAPEL AID

Balance last Report	\$266.95	
Collections for year	<u>490.17</u>	
Total	757.66	
Disbursements		\$139.31
Balance on hand	618.35	
Pledged on E. and O. drive	1,000.00	

NEW HOPE AID

From dues	\$ 17.50	
For Educational Orphanage	<u>150.75</u>	
Total	168.25	
Disbursements		\$87.00
Balance on hand	81.25	
Pledged on E. and O. drive	500.00	

HEAD'S CHURCH AID

Organized 7-25-22. We have on Roll 32 members and have bought and paid for an organ and have a

Balance on Hand	\$ 17.65
Pledged on E. and O. drive	150.00

MT. ZION AID

Members on Roll 17..		
Collections for year	\$71.41	
Disbursements		\$62.05
Balance on Hand	9.36	
Pledged to E. and O. drive	1,250.00	

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GOOD SPRINGS AID

We have on roll 31 members and have bought some furnishings for our church and have a

Balance on Hand of	60 00
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BETHEL AID

Members on Roll 20.	
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Entertainments	138.35
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Dues	<u>23.80</u>
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Total	162.15
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Disbursements:

Light plant for church	125.25
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Communion Set	25.50
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Incidental expenses	<u>67.00</u>
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Total Disbursements	217.75
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Balance Due Treasurer	55.60
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Pledged on Orphanage fund	500.00
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OAK LAWN AID

Members on Roll 24.	
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Receipts for year	\$202.30
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Disbursements: State Convention	5.00
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Orphanage campaign	<u>125.00</u>
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Total	130.00
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Amount in Bank for campaign	103.40
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Amount in Bank for church	<u>122.07</u>
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Total	427.77
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Balance on hand	297.77
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Pledged for Orphanage campaign	300.00
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STATE CONVENTION

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BETHLEHEM AID

Members on Roll 35.		
Collections for year	\$159.75	
Disbursements		143.00
Balance in Treasury	16.75	
Pledged on Orphanage fund	100 00	
Of above amount we have		43.75

ASHLAND CITY AID

Members on Roll 20.		
Total collections	77.31	
Disbursements		5.50
By Balance on hand	71.81	
Pledged on E. and O. drive	400.00	

The State Organizer made report as follows:

Paid out for R. R. fare	4.50	
Paid out for Jitney fare	1.40	
Total	<u>5.90</u>	

Amount donated by organizer..... 5.90

Ladies Aids organized as follows:

Oakland Aid, March 1922.

Shady Grove Aid, April 1922.

State Treasurer made Report as follows:

Balance from last report.....	\$22.50
For Field Work:	
Ashland City Aid.....	4.00
Cofers Chapel Aid.....	12.00

New Hope Aid	5.00
Bethel Aid	5.00
Bethlehem Aid	5.00
Oak Lawn Aid	5.00
Balance on hand	<u>\$58.50</u>

The Committee on Printing Manual for the Ladies Aid Societies reported that they would submit a copy of the manuscript for Manuals at first sitting of the Executive Committee.

A motion carried that the Convention finance our paper "Word of Life" for one year and that each Aid pay one dollar per month for this purpose for one year.

Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." An address by Miss Rosa Nunley; Subject, "The Need of Prayer." The address was full of pathos and inspiration.

Prayer by Sister Edd Parker.

Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song No. 113. Scripture lesson by Sister J. T. Williams, Mal. 3rd Chapter.

A motion prevailed that each member of the Convention be asked to contribute 25 cents for the purpose of defraying the expense of the convention.

The following committee on resolutions was appointed: Mrs. O. C. Briley, Mrs. J. T. Williams, Mrs. Williamson Walker.

A motion prevailed that the State Organizer and Field Worker take an offering from the congregations where they make addresses.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary transcribe and superintend the printing of the minutes and the expenses be paid out of the State Treasury.

The following Committee was appointed to represent the Ladies Aid Convention at the Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists: Mrs. Edd Parker, Mrs. O. C. Briley and Mrs. W. M. White.

The following addresses were greatly enjoyed by the Convention:

Miss Mary Patton, subject—"Goal and Victory of the Convention."

Mrs. Williamson Walker, subject,—“Tithing.”

Rev. J. L. Welch, subject—"Woman's Part in God's Great Plan,"

The committee on resolutions reported as follows: That we extend our sincere thanks to the "Aid" and friends in the vicinity of New Hope Church who have so royally entertained this body, and we earnestly pray that God may bountifully bless them spiritually and financially, as they have proved a great blessing to us and we feel that no people could have done better.

Committee: { Mrs. Williamson Walker,
 { Mrs. O. C. Briley
 { Mrs. J. T. Williams.

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MINUTES OF THE

The Convention then adjourned to meet with Oak Lawn Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee at 10 o'clock a. m. on the first Wednesday in October, 1923.

MRS. W. E. FELTS, President,
MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.
Ashland City, Tennessee.



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Constitution and By laws of the Ladies Aid Society organized by the Ladies of.....Freewill Baptist Church.

In order that we, the sisters of.....Freewill Baptist Church, may more faithfully do our duty and assist our brethren in the great work of soul-saving; do ordain the following constitution:

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The Society shall be called the Ladies Aid Society ofFreewill Baptist Church.

Section 2. The officers shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Freewill Baptist Church in good standing. Their duties shall be such as are usually required of such officers in similar organizations.

Section 3. All the money raised by the society shall be used for the benefit of the Freewill cause, unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote of all the members,

Section 4. The order of business shall be as follows: First, singing; second prayer; third, calling the roll; fourth, reading minutes of proceeding meeting. Any-one wishing to speak may then do so.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members.

BY-LAWS.

All members shall attend each meeting of the Society unless providentially hindered.

All members shall keep order and obey the constitution and by-laws.

Only one member shall speak at a time and not unusually long

The meeting shall be closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members.

Approved Sept 28, 1921

Mrs. W. E. Felts, Pres.

Miss Mary Patton, Sec.



