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THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

The Third Annual Convention of the Ladies Aid Societies of the Free Will Baptist of Tennessee met with Oak Lawn Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee, on October 3rd and 4th, 1923.

The Convention was called to order by Sister W. E. Felts, President; Scripture lesson Romans 12th chapter by the President; Prayer led by Sister Rose Nunley.

Address of welcome by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Response by Sister W. E. Felts,

Song No. 209.

Sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. E. Hudgens. After reading the 31st chapter of Prov., the speaker paid a beautiful tribute to womanhood.

Hymn No. 35 by the Convention; prayer led by Sister Ed. Parker, after which adjournment was taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song No. 226 by the Convention.

Scripture lesson 16th Psalm, by Sister Miles Gower

Prayer led by Sister Ed. Parker.

Roll Call:

Coffers Chapel, Ashland City, Oak Lawn, Heads, New Hope, Mt. Zion, Bethel, Bethlehem and Good Spring reported present by delegates.

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Petitionary Letters called for, and by motion Shady Grove was received into the Convention and delegates invited to seats in the Convention.

A motion to go into election of officers for the ensuing year prevailed, and the following were elected:

Mrs. Ed. Parker, President; Mrs. Walter Maxey, Vice President; Miss Mary Patton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. M. White, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. L. Welch, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Treasurer; Mrs. Fred Polston, Field Worker.

The following were appointed members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Ed. Parker, Mrs. Walter Maxey, Mrs. Annie Holt, Mrs. George Harris, Mrs. Bailey Walker, Mrs. R. P. Frazier, Mrs. Miles Gower, and Mrs. J. E. Hudgens.

Mrs. J. L. Welch gave an address on the subject of Loyalty and Consecration which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

There was a general discussion on Tithing led by Mrs. J. E. Hudgens. After hearing the discussions we were glad to find quite a number of Tithers in the Convention, and we hope all members will become Tithers.

Rev. J. L. Welch was asked and consented to preach at 7:30. Subject, Christian Education.

Hymn No. 236; Prayer led by Sister Fred Polston after which the Convention adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

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THURSDAY MORNING

Convention met according to adjournment. Opening song No. 18. Scripture Lesson 101st Psalm by Mrs. W. M. White; Prayer led by Mrs. J. L. Welch.

Roll called; Quorum present; Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

On motion a committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows: Mrs. W. E. Felts, Mrs. W. M. White, and Mrs. Miles Gower.

The Committee on Manuals reported that they had not been able to get manuscript for Manuals finished, and on motion this committee was dismissed and a new committee appointed as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, and Miss Mary Patton.

By motion the Convention discontinued its support to our paper, "Words of Life."

The Committee on Orphanage reported that they have been unable to find a suitable location for an Orphanage. By motion the committee was retained and more time was granted them.

Reports were called for and received as follows:

COFFERS CHAPEL

Number of members on roll first of year	53
Number of members enrolled during the year	05
Number of members that have died,	None
Number members that have ceased to affiliate	31
Total members in good standing,	27

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FINANCIAL

Amount on hand first of the year	\$618.35
Collected during the year	883.00
Total	<u>1501.35</u>

Paid on E. and O. campaign,	\$200.00
Convention Dues,	6.75
Minutes of State Convention	2.00
Other Expenses	1109.53
East Nashville Building Fund	50.00
Total	1368.38

Balance on hand at close of year	132 97
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BETHEL AID

Our statistics are as follows

Number of members on roll first of the year	15
Number of members enrolled during the year	00
Number of members who have died during the year	0
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate	2

FINANCIAL,

Collected during the year	153.30
Paid on E. and O. campaign	80.00
Convention dues	3.50
Minutes of State Convention	3.50
Other Expenses	55 54
Total	142 54

Balance on hand close of the year	10.76
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BETHLEHEM

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members at first of year	36
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Number enrolled during the year	0
Number who have died	1
Number who have ceased to affiliate	0
Total in good standing	37

FINANCIAL

Amount first of year	90.40
Collected during year	54.00
Total collection	\$144.41

Have in treasurer for E. O. drive	40.00
Convention dues	5.00
Minutes of State Convention	1.00
Other expenses	35.65
Total	81.65

Balance on hand at close of year	62.76
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SHADY GROVE

Number of members on roll first of year	16
Number enrolled during the year	4
Number who have died	0
Number who have ceased to affiliate	0
Total in good standing	20

FINANCIAL

Amount first of year	9.40
Collected during the year	3.00
Total	12.00

Paid on E. and O. drive	00
Convention dues	00
Minutes of States Convention	.50
Other Expenses,	3 00
Total	3.50

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ASHLAND CITY

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year	20
Number enrolled during the year	0
Number who have died	0
Number who have ceased to affiliate	3
Total in good standing	17

FINANCIAL

Amount on hand first of year	71.31
Collected during the year	171.00
Total	\$242.55

DISBURSEMENTS

For church lot	\$83.00
For Words of Life	9.00
For Minutes of State Convention	1.00
For Convention dues	4.00
Total	97.00
Bal on hand close of year	145.55
Pledged on E. and O. drive	400.00
Have paid	116.10

MT. ZION

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year	14
Number enrolled during the year	0
Number who have died	0
Number who have ceased to affiliate	3
Total in Good Standing	11

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FINANCIAL

Amount on hand first of year	40.55	
Collected during the year	87.76	
Total		128.31
E. and O. drive	50.00	
Minutes of State Convention	.50	
Convention dues	1.75	
Other expenses	69.34	
Total		122.75
Bal. on hand close of year	5.52	

HEADS

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year	30
Number enrolled during the year	5
Number who have died	0
Number who ceased to affiliate	2

FINANCIAL

Amount on hand first of year	17.65	
Collected during the year	169.20	
Total		186.85
Paid on Orphanage campaign	30.00	
Convention dues	8.00	
Minutes of State Convention	.75	
Other expenses	25.90	
Total		64.65

OAK LAWN

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year	26
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Number enrolled during the year	0
Number who have died	1
Number who have ceased to affiliate	7
Number in good standing	18

FINANCIAL

Amount on hand first of year	110.57	
Collected during the year	335.81	
Total		446.38
For E. and O. drive	105.00	
Convention dues	5.00	
Minutes of State Convention	1.00	
Other expenses	388.65	

NEW HOPE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year	30
Number enrolled during year	0
Number who have ceased to affiliate	9
Total in good standing	21

FINANCIAL

Amount first of year	32.35	
Collect during the year	21.35	
Total		53.70
Convention dues	4.00	
Minutes of State Convention	1.50	
Other expenses	45.35	
Total		51.85
Bal. on hand		1.65
Have paid on Orphanage drive	295.50	

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The report of the treasurer was read and adopted
The report is as follows;

For Field Work:

Balance from last report	58.50	
Amount from Ashland City	4.00	
Amount from Coffers Chapel	6.75	
Amount from Heads	8.00	
Amount from Bethel	3.50	
Amount from Bethlehem	5.00	
Amount from Oak Lawn	5.00	
Amount from New Hope	4.00	
Total		\$94.75
By Amt for minutes W. T. C.	16.00	16.00
Total		<u>78 75</u>

RECIPTS

Ashland City	9.00	
Coffers Chapel	16.00	
Bethlehem	6.00	
Bethel	2.50	
Heads	6.00	
Mt. Zion	2.00	
New Hope	7.00	
Oak Lawn	5.00	
Total		53.50

CREDITS

By Amt. "Words of Life"	53.50	
Total		<u>\$53.50</u>

By motion we go into selection of a place for our next Annual sitting.

Petition taken up and was carried to Coffers Chapel Church.

By motion we elect Mrs. Fred Polston as delegate to represent the Ladies Aid Convention at the Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptist.

Mrs. Fred Polston gave an inspiring and enthusiastic talk on the great work the East Nashville workers are doing.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to one o'clock p. m. for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song 218 by Convention.

Scripture lesson 91 Psalm by Mrs. Walter Maxey.

Prayer led by Mrs. J. L. Welch.

Roll Call, quorum present, minutes of Thursday morning read and approved.

Mrs. Rose Nunley gave an interesting and spiritual talk on prayer.

Rev. J. L. Welch made an interesting and timely address on the great work of the Societies.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows: That we extend our sincere thanks to this body of Christian workers and members of Oak Lawn Church who have so royally entertained this body, they have

been a great blessing to us and we pray God's richest, blessing may rest on them both financially and spiritually.

Committee: { Mrs. W. M. White,
Mrs. Miles Gower,
Mrs. W. E. Felts.

The Convention then adjourned to meet with Coffers Chapel Church, Nashville, Tenn. on the first Wednesday Oct. 1924.

MRS. ED. PARKER, President.
1712 Nassau St. Nashville, Tenn.

MISS MARY PATTON, Sec.
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 Brethern in the great work of soul saving; do ordain the following constitution:

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The society shall be called the Ladies Aid of Freewill 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 of roll; fourth, reading of 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. Ed. Parker, President.

Miss Mary Patton, Secretary.



