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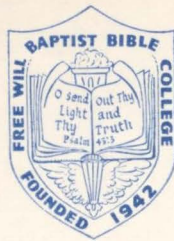
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PROCEEDINGS

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Ladies Aid Societies of the Free Will Baptist of Tennessee, met with the First Free Will Baptist church at Ashland City, Tenn., on Wednesday, October 7, 8, 1925. The Convention was called to order by Mrs. Ed Parker, President.

After song No. 47, "Blessed be the Name," Mrs. Fred Polston lead the devotional exercises.

Welcome address, by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Response, by Mrs. W. E. Felts.

Convention address, by Mrs. Ed. Parker.

Mrs. W. D. Ray gave the history of the Ladies Aid work. She made a strong plea for the advancement of this organization. Hymn 90 by the Convention, after which adjournment was taken for refreshments. Prayer led by Mrs. Miles Gower.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with song No. 90.

Scripture lesson 6th chapter of Ephesians, by Mrs. J. H. Oliver.

Prayer lead by Rev. J. L. Welch. Roll call; quorum present.

Minutes of Wednesday morning read and approved. The following Societies were represented by letter or delegates:

Coffers Chapel, Heads, Bethel, Bethlehem, Rock Spring, East Nashville, Good Spring, Oak Lawn, New Hope, Ashland City.

Petitionary letters called for, and on motion East Nashville was received and delegates invited to seats into Convention.

By motion the chair appointed a committee on Resolutions. The committee is as follows: Mrs. Floyd Swan, Mrs. D. E. Teasley.

By motion, a committee on Obituaries be appointed. The committee is as follows: Mrs. Miles Gower, Mrs. H. V. Slack.

Reports called for, received as follows:

HEADS CHURCH L. A. S.—Our statistics are as follows: Number of members on roll first of year 22; number of members enrolled during the year 7; number of members who have died 0; number of members who have ceased to affiliate 3; total number in good standing 26.

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year	\$ 4.73
Collected during the year	148.59
Total	\$153.32

Disbursements.

Paid on Orphanage Campaign -----	\$ 32.00
Minutes of State Convention -----	1.00
Convention dues -----	6.50
Other expenses -----	105.95
Total -----	\$145.45
Balance on hand close of year -----	7.87

NEW HOPE.—Our statistics are as follows: Number of members on roll first of year 24; number of members enrolled during the year 3; number of members who have died 0; number of members who have ceased to affiliate 1; total number in good standing 26.

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year -----	\$ 49.50
Collected during the year -----	185.83
Total -----	\$235.33

Disbursements.

Paid on E. and O. Campaign -----	\$ 81.62
Convention dues -----	5.00
Minutes of State Convention -----	2.00
Other expenses -----	36.07
Total -----	\$174.69
Balance on hand close of year -----	60.64

Visits to see the sick 252.

EAST NASHVILLE.—Organized November 11, 1924, with 17 members on roll.

Financial Report.

Amount collected during the year -----	\$1540.87
Disbursements -----	437.53
Balance on hand paid to the church treasury building funds.	

ROCK SPRING.—Number of members on roll first of the year 21; number of members enrolled during the year 1; number of members who have died during the year 0; number of members who have ceased to affiliate 3; total number in good standing 19.

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year -----	\$ 38.15
Collected during the year -----	37.85
Total -----	\$ 76.00

Disbursements.

Paid on E. and O. Campaign -----	\$ 13.75
Minutes of State Convention -----	1.00
Convention dues -----	5.00
Other expenses -----	10.40

Total -----	\$ 29.55
Balance on hand close of year -----	47.55

BETHLEHEM.—Number of members on roll first of year 26; number of members enrolled during the year 5; number of members who have died during the year 1; number of members who have ceased to affiliate 0; total number in good standing 31.

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year -----	\$ 40.84
Collected during the year -----	95.85

Total -----	\$135.70
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Disbursements.

Convention dues -----	\$ 3.50
Minutes of State Convention -----	1.00
Other expenses -----	95.22

Total -----	\$109.72
Balance on hand close of year -----	27.02

GOOD SPRINGS.—Number of members on roll first of year 18; number of members enrolled during year 2; number of members who have ceased to affiliate 12; number of members who have died 0; total number in good standing 8.

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year -----	\$ 31.14
Collected during the year -----	45.19

Total -----	\$ 76.33
Disbursements -----	11.00

Balance on hand at close of year -----	\$ 65.33
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COFFERS CHAPEL.—Number of members on roll first of year 29; number of members enrolled during year 32; number of members who have died during year 4; number of members who have ceased to affiliate 9; total number in good standing 49.

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year -----	\$324.65
Collected during the year -----	611.59

Total -----	\$936.24
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Disbursements.

Paid on E. and O. Campaign -----	\$200.00
Minutes of State Convention -----	2.00
Convention dues -----	12.00
Other expenses -----	385.90

Total ----- \$599.90

Balance on hand at close of year ----- 336.34

Visits to see sick 3481. Prayer services 35.

BETHEL.—Number of members on roll first of year 12; number of members enrolled during year 1; number of members who have died 0; number of members who have ceased to affiliate 3; total number in good standing 10.

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year ----- \$ 8.73

Collected during the year ----- 255.87

Total ----- \$264.60

Disbursements.

Paid to E. and O. Campaign -----	\$ 50.00
Minutes of State Convention -----	1.50
Convention dues -----	2.50
Other expenses -----	189.79

Total ----- 243.79

Balance on hand close of year ----- 20.81

Visits to see the sick 275; visits in interest of Society 10; visits in interest of church 5; total 290.

ASHLAND CITY.—Number of members on roll first of year 17; number of members enrolled during the year 6; number of members who have died during the year 0; number of members who have ceased to affiliate 3; total number in good standing 20.

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year ----- \$ 49.02

Collected during the year ----- 448.46

Total ----- \$497.48

Disbursements.

Paid on E. and O. Campaign -----	\$ 25.00
Minutes of State Convention -----	1.00
Convention dues -----	3.10
Other expenses -----	388.00

Total	\$416.10
Balance on hand close of year	81.38
Visits to see the sick 149.	

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report adopted. Report follows:

Orphanage Funds.

To amount on hand at last report	\$1545.98
Receipts for the current year:	
Ashland City Aid	\$ 25.00
New Hope Aid	40.92
Oak Lawn Aid	43.75
Heads Aid	32.00
New Hope Aid	40.70
G. W. Fambrough	219.70
Interest on deposits	72.00
Total	\$474.07
	\$2020.05

Treasurer's Report Convention Dues, Etc.

Amount on hand at last report	\$125.85
Amount from Ashland City	3.10
Amount from Oak Lawn	5.50
Amount from Good Spring	1.25
Amount from Heads	6.50
Amount from Bethel	2.50
Amount from Rock Spring	5.00
Amount from New Hope	5.00
Amount from Coffers Chapel	12.00
Amount from Bethlehem	3.50
Total	\$169.70

Credits.

By amount for transcribing and distributing minutes of Convention	\$ 5.50
By amount for printing minutes to W. T. Clark	17.50
Total	\$ 23.00
Balance on hand October 7, 1925	146.70

Mrs. Fred Polston, State Organizer, read a report which was adopted as follows:

Ladies Aid Societies organized during the year: Columbia, East Nashville; West Nashville, Oakland and Oakwood.

An address: "Doing our Christian Duty," by Mrs. W. E. Felts.

Adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Prayer led by Rev. J. W. Ayers. Sermon at 7:30 by Rev. Henry Oliver.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Convention came together at 10 o'clock; Mrs. Miles Gower conducted a devotional service, reading from the 6th chapter of Matthew. Mrs. Will Jones led in prayer. Roll call Quorum present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Re-

ports called for from Standing Committees. Reports adopted.

Report from special committees:

Motion made and carried, the committee on Manual be dismissed. Report of Lookout committee adopted.

Motion made and carried, the Corresponding Secretary write the president of each society every three months, giving new plans and suggestions for each society.

By motion the State Treasurer is asked to pay all expenses of State Organizer.

The following addresses were greatly enjoyed by the Convention: "How to make Our Ladies' Aid Work Interesting," by Mrs. Floyd Swan.

"The Pastors's Duty in Ladies' Aid Work," by Mrs. Fred Polston. Mrs. Polston made a strong appeal to our pastors to give to this great work their most hearty support in every way possible.

Song No. 47. Adjourned for dinner. Prayer, led by Mrs. Rose Nunley.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with hymn 90. Mrs. Williamson Walker read a lesson from 27th Psalms, after which she made a very forceful talk on tithing. Prayer led by Mrs. Rose Nunley. Roll call. Quorum present. Minutes of Thursday morning read and approved.

Round table discussion on Orphanage work, led by Mrs. H. V. Slack. Mrs. Fred Polston suggested that each society should help pay the debt on the First F. W. B. church at Ashland City. The following amounts paid or pledged:

Coffers Chapel	\$ 25.00
East Nashville	25.00
Bethel	5.00
Bethlehem	5.00
Oak Lawn	5.00
Free Will offering	10.20
Shady Grove	1.00

Total \$ 77.20

A motion made and carried that the Executive Committee appoint a man for Filed work, in the interest of the Ladies' Aid work.

By motion, Mrs. J. E. Hudgens was appointed to represent the State Convention in the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Mt. Zion church, Cheatham county, Tenn.

A motion prevailed to enter into the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:

Mrs. Ed. Parker, President; Mrs. Miles Gower, Vice-President; Miss Mary Patton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Ray, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. L. Welch, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Treasurer; Mrs. W. M. White, State Organizer.

The following were appointed members of the Executive Committee: Mrs. Ed. Parker, Mrs. Miles Gower, Mrs. Will Jones, Mrs. G. T. Harris, Mrs. Fred Polston, Mrs. D. E. Teasley, Mrs. Floyd Swan.

By motion, we go into selection of place for our next annual sitting. Petitions taken up and it was carried to Bethlehem church, Cheatham county, Tenn.

Report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. H. V. Slack. Report adopted as follows:

Our Departed.—Nashville, Mrs. Nancy Trotter, Mrs. Hattie Woodside, Mrs. Blanche Harding, Mr. W. M. Rodgers.

The Secretary was directed to transcribe and superintend the printing and distributing of minutes of this Convention. All expenses to be paid out of the Treasury of the Convention.

The following report was handed in by the Committee on Resolutions:

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to this body of Christian workers and members of Ashland City Free Will Baptist 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.

MRS. D. E. TEASLEY,
MRS. FLOYD SWAN,

Committee.

Adjourned to meet with Bethlehem church, Cheatham county, Tenn., on the first Wednesday in October 1926.

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

MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary, Ashland City, Tenn.

CONSTITUTION FOR STATE CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

The name of this organization shall be the State Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee.

ARTICLE II.—Object.

The object of this organization shall be to unite the Ladies Aid Societies of the different Free Will Baptist churches, for the purpose of promoting the cause of Christ in every way possible.

ARTICLE III.—Membership.

The membership of this organization shall be composed of all the societies which were enrolled as charter members, and all other societies which may be received by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.—Officers.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Field Organizer, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Free Will Baptist church in good standing. The officers shall be elected annually at the close of the annual session and shall perform such duties as are usually required of such officers.

ARTICLE V.—Committees.

This organization shall have an Executive Committee with the President as Chairman, which shall consider all business matters during the recess of the Convention, arrange programs and have the general oversight of the work. Such other committees as may be deemed necessary may also be appointed.

ARTICLE VI.—Reports.

All officers and chairmen of committees shall make written reports of their work to the Convention during its annual sessions.

ARTICLE VII.—Representation.

Each local Ladies Aid Society belonging to this organization shall be entitled to two delegates to the State Convention with the President.

ARTICLE VIII.—Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds vote of the members attending the State Convention.

BY-LAWS.

Article I. Any society shall be eligible to membership who shall assume the obligation to stand by the Constitution and be governed by its laws.

Article II. Each society shall pay into the treasury of this Convention annually the sum of 25 cents for each of its members.

Article III. All money shall be paid out by order of the Convention and said order shall be signed by the Secretary and President.

Article IV.—These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at any annual meeting.

FORM OF LETTER.

We, the Ladies Aid Society of _____ church at _____
to the State Convention of Ladies' Aid Societies of Free Will Baptist of
Tennessee. When convened with _____ on _____
We have chosen our delegates to-wit: _____

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year _____
Number of members enrolled during the year _____
Number of members who have died during the year _____
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate _____
Total number in good standing -- _____

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year \$ _____
Collected during the year \$ _____

Disbursements.

Paid on E. and O. Campaign \$ _____, Minutes of State Convention
\$ _____, Convention dues \$ _____, Other expenses \$ _____,
Total disbursements \$ _____, Balance on hand at close of year _____,
Visits to see the sick _____, Visits in interest of the society _____,
Visits in interest of the church _____, Our day of meeting is _____

This done by order of Ladies Aid Society at _____
on this _____ day of _____ 192_____.

_____ President.

_____ Secretary.

