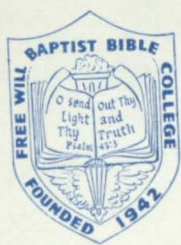


MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF
Ladies Aid Societies
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF TENNESSEE
WHICH CONVENED WITH
Bethlehem Church
CHEATHAM COUNTY, TENN.
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PROCEEDINGS

The Sixth Annual Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee, met with Bethlehem church, Cheatham County, Tenn., on Wednesday, October 6, 1926.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Ed Parker. No. 101 was the opening hymn. After which Mrs. Fred Polston led the devotional exercises, reading from the 15th chapter of John. Prayer was led by Mrs. Fred Polston.

Welcome address by Mrs. Walter Massey. Response by Mrs. Ed Parker. Song and praise service led by Rev. D. T. Armstrong. Convention's address by Mrs. Ed Parker.

Mrs. W. D. Ray gave an inspiring address on the purpose of the Convention.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens made an able talk on the purpose of the Ladies Aid work. After which adjournment was taken for lunch. Benediction by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with hymn No. 127. Devotional service was led by Mrs. D. E. Lasley, her subject being, "Tithing." Prayer was led by Bro. D. T. Armstrong. Roll call, quorum being present, the president declared the house open for business. Minutes of Wednesday morning read and approved.

The following societies represented by letter or delegates:

Bethel, Bethlehem, Oak Lawn, Oak Wood, New Hope, Rock Springs, Shady Grove, Sweet Home, Dunbar's Chapel; Heads, Ashland City, East Nashville, and Coffers Chapel.

By motion the chair appoint the following committees:

Resolutions:—Mrs. O. C. Briley, Mrs. Bryant Morris.

Petitions and Requests:—Mrs. H. V. Slack, Mrs. D. E. Teasley, Mrs. Edmond Justice.

Obituaries:—Mrs. Bailey Walker, Miss Ethel Leigh.

Petitionary letters called for: Dunbar's Chapel and Sweet Home Societies presented petitionary letters which were referred to committee on petitions and requests.

Reports called for; received as follows:

REPORTS FROM SOCIETIES.

SWEET HOME.

Number of members on roll first of year	12
Number of members enrolled during the year	4
Number of members who have died	1
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate	0
Total number in good standing	15

Financial Report.

Amount on hand at first of the year	\$ 2.20
Collected during the year	121.89
Total	<u>\$124.09</u>

Disbursements.

Minutes of State Convention	\$ 1.00
Other expenses	9.57
Total	<u>\$ 10.57</u>
Balance on hand at the close of year	114.52
Visits to see the sick, 200.	

SHADY GROVE.

Number of members on roll first of the year	14
Number of members enrolled during the year	2
Number died during the year	0
Number ceased to affiliate	8
Total number in good standing	<u>8</u>

Financial Report.

Amount on hand at first of the year	\$ 4.00
Collected during the year	28.00
Total	<u>\$ 32.00</u>

Disbursements.

Minutes of State Convention	.50
Convention dues	1.50
Other expenses	<u>\$ 10.10</u>
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 12.10</u>
Balance on hand	<u>\$ 19.90</u>
Visit to sick, 40.	

OAK WOOD SOCIETY.

Number of members on roll first of the year	19
Number of members enrolled during the year	1
Number of members who have died during the year	1
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate	0
Total number in good standing	<u>16</u>

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year	\$ 1.50
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Collected during the year ----- 55.48

Total ----- \$ 56.98

Disbursements.

Paid pastor ----- \$ 13.64

Paid for paint and varnish ----- 10.20

Paid for song books ----- 4.00

Paid for lamps ----- 14.50

Other expenses ----- 2.36

Total disbursements ----- \$ 44.70

Balance on hand at close of year ----- 12.28

HEADS SOCIETY.

Number of members on roll first of the year ----- 28

Number of members enrolled during the year ----- 0

Number of members who have ceased to affiliate ----- 7

Number of members who have died during the year ----- 0

Total number in good standing ----- 21

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year ----- \$.27

Collected during the year ----- 165.87

Total ----- \$166.14

Disbursements.

Convention dues ----- \$ 5.00

Minutes State Convention ----- 1.25

Other expenses ----- 159.22

Total disbursements ----- \$165.47

Balance on hand at the close of the year ----- .67

BETHLEHEM.

Number of members on roll first of year ----- 29

Number of members enrolled during the year ----- 9

Number of members who have died ----- 0

Number of members ceased to affiliate ----- 1

Total number in good standing ----- 37

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year ----- \$ 22.01

Collected during the year ----- 200.61

Total ----- \$222.62

Disbursements.

E. and O. Campaign	\$ 25.00
Minutes State Convention	1.00
Convention dues	3.50
Other expenses	130.49
Total disbursements	\$159.99
Balance on hand at the close of year	62.63

BETHEL.

Numbers of members on roll first of the year	12
Number of members enrolled during the year	2
Numbers of members who have died during the year	0
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate	2
Total number in good standing	10

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 20.81
Collected during the year	166.17
Total	\$186.98

Disbursements.

E. and O. Campaign	\$100.00
Minutes of State Convention	1.00
Convention dues	2.00
Other expenses	45.85
Total disbursements	\$149.85
Balance on hand at close of year	37.63
Visits to see sick, 295.	
Visits in the interest of the society, 16.	
Visits in interest of church, 21.	

ASHLAND CITY.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first year	20
Number of members enrolled during the year	1
Number of members who have died during the year	0
Number of members who ceased to affiliate	3
Total number in good standing	18

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 20.81
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Collected during the year -----	270.07
Total -----	\$290.88

Disbursements.

O. E. Campaign -----	\$ 20.00
Convention dues -----	3.50
For sick benefits -----	25.00
Other expenses -----	174.90

Total disbursements -----	\$223.40
Balance on hand at the close of the year -----	67.48
Visits to the sick, 113.	
Baskets to the poor, 4.	

EAST NASHVILLE.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year -----	18
Number of members enrolled during the year -----	10
Number of members who have died during the year -----	1
Number who ceased to affiliate -----	6
Number of members in good standing -----	22

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of year -----	\$ -----
Collected during the year -----	1336.94

Disbursements.

Convention dues -----	\$ 5.00
Minutes of State Convention -----	2.00
Other expenses -----	339.54
Total disbursements -----	\$346.54
Balance on hand paid into church building fund -----	990.40

DUNBARS CHAPEL.

Number of members on roll -----	17
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Financial Report.

Collected during the year -----	\$ 97.79
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Disbursements.

Conventional dues -----	\$ 5.00
Minutes of State Convention -----	1.00
Other expenses -----	48.42
Total disbursements -----	\$ 54.42

Balance on hand at close of the year -----	43.37
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ROCK SPRINGS.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of the year -----	17
Number of members enrolled during the year -----	5
Number of members who have died during the year -----	0
Number of members ceased to affiliate during the year -----	6
Total number in good standing -----	16

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year -----	\$ 47.55
Collected during the year -----	17.40
Total -----	\$ 64.95

Disbursements.

Paid on Orphanage campaign -----	\$ 10.00
Minute of State Convention -----	1.00
Convention dues -----	4.00
Other expenses -----	24.96
Total disbursements -----	\$ 39.96
Balance on hand at close of year -----	24.99

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 during year -----	1
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate -----	3
Total number of members in good standing -----	23

Financial Report.

Amount on hand at first of the year -----	\$ 49.50
Collected during the year -----	329.11
Total -----	\$378.61

Disbursements.

Orphanage funds -----	\$262.57
Convention dues -----	5.00
Minutes of State Convention -----	2.00
Other expenses -----	80.09
Total disbursements -----	\$349.66
Balance on hand at close of the year -----	28.95

COFFER'S CHAPEL.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of the year -----	49
Number of members enrolled during the year -----	4
Number of members who have died during the year -----	0
Number of members who have ceased to affiliate -----	15
Total number in good standing -----	38

Financial Report.

Amount on hand first of the year -----	338.23
Collected during the year -----	644.37
Total -----	<u>\$982.60</u>

Disbursements.

E. and O. Campaign -----	\$200.00
Minutes of State Convention -----	3.00
State Convention dues -----	9.50
Other expenses -----	395.35
Total disbursements -----	<u>\$607.85</u>
Balance on hand at close of year -----	374.75

Visits to see the sick, 2670.

Visits in interest of the society, 29.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONVENTION FUNDS

From October 1925, to October 1926.

To amount on hand October 9, 1925 -----	\$153.00
From Oak Lawn -----	5.00
From Bethlehem -----	4.50
From Heads -----	6.25
From Bethel -----	3.50
From New Hope -----	7.00
From East Nashville -----	7.00
From Rock Springs -----	5.00
From Ashland City -----	4.00
From Coffers Chapel -----	12.50
From Sweet Home -----	1.00
From Shady Grove -----	2.00
From Dunbars Chapel -----	1.00
Total -----	<u>\$211.75</u>

Expenditures.

Paid N. C., Printing Co., for minutes -----	\$ 24.00
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To Miss Mary Patton	6.50
To Rev. J. H. Oliver	100.00
To Mrs. Fred Polston	2.50
Total expenditures	\$134.00
To balance account	77.75

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ORPHANAGE FUND

From October 1925, to October 1926.

October 10, 1925, amount due fund	\$2,020.05
Amount from Good Spring	5.00
Amount from Bethlehem	8.00
Amount from Mt. Zion	6.50
Amount from New Hope	262.57
Amount from Ashland City	20.00
Amount from Rock Springs	23.15
Amount from Coffers Chapel	200.00
Amount from G. T. Harris Pledge	1,000.00
Amount interest on deposit	104.00
October 7, 1926, balance on hand	\$3,674.27

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. E. HUDGENS, Treas.

Report from Executive Committee read and adopted.

Report from Look-Out Committee. (Adopted).

By motion this committee be retained and are requested to have report, and present same at the first sitting of the Executive Committee.

Report from committee on Resolutions read and adopted.

Field Worker reports to Ladies Aid Societies as follows:

Organized during the year as follows: Gorman, Spring Hill, Pleasant Hill, Dunbar's Chapel, Brandon's Chapel, and Oak Grove.

On motion the time was set for the business hours from 9:30 A. M., till 11:00 A. M. Adjourned for devotional service and meet again at 1:00 P. M., and adjourn at 3:00 P. M.

A talk was made by Rev. D. T. Armstrong, which was greatly enjoyed by the Convention. Song 227 by the Convention.

On motion the house adjourned till Thursday morning 9:00 o'clock. Benediction by Mrs. Miles Gower.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Song 113 by the Convention. Scripture reading 91 Psalm by Mrs. Lee Hyde. Prayer led by Mrs. W. E. Felts.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the president declared the session open for business. Minutes of Wednesday afternoon read and approved. Reports from special committees called for, read and adopted.

Committee on Obituaries.

We, your committee on Obituaries submit the following: Since it has pleased God to take from our midst three of our beloved Ladies Aid Workers, viz., Mrs. Joe Smith from East Nashville Society; Mrs. John Murphy from Sweet Home, and Mrs. Williamson Walker from Oak Lawn Society. We extend our heart-felt sympathies to their families and friends, and point them to one who does all things well. We trust our loss is heaven's gain.

MISS ETHEL LEIGH,
MRS. NORA WALKER,
Committee.

Petitions and Requests.

We, your committee on Petitions and Requests submit the following:

We received two petitionary letters; one from Dunbar's Chapel and one from Sweet Home, both in Tennessee, asking admission into this Convention, and after investigation, we recommend that they be received, and their delegates be invited to seats in this Convention.

MRS. H. V. SLACK,
MRS. D. E. TEASLEY,
MRS. EDMOND JUSTICE,
Committee.

Song—Duet, by Mrs. W. M. White, Mrs. John Boyte.

The following addresses were well received by the Convention:

"Orphanage," by Mrs. J. W. Boyte.

"Stewardship," by Miss Mary Patton.

Free Will Offering for the orphanage, \$22.50. Adjourned for lunch.
Benediction by Mrs. J. E. Hudgens.

By motion the time for the annual setting of the Convention be changed from the first week in October to first week in August.

Motion made and carried that we go into selection for place for our next annual meeting. Petitions were taken up and it was carried to Rock Springs church, Dickson County, Tenn.

By motion, Mrs. Ed Parker be our messenger to represent the State Convention in the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Dunbar's Chapel church, Stewart County, Tenn.

Motion made and carried that we enter into the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:

Mrs. Fred Polston President; Mrs. J. W. Boyte, Vice-President; Miss Mary Patton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Ray, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. V. Slack, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Treasurer.

The following were appointed members of the Executive Committee:

Mrs. Fred Polston, Chairman; Mrs. J. W. Boyte, Mrs. Miles Gower, Mrs. W. E. Felts, Mrs. Walter Massey, Mrs. Bailey Walker.

Miss Ethel Leigh, the Secretary was directed to transcribe and superintend the printing and the distribution of the minutes of this Convention, the 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 heart-felt thanks to this body of Christian workers and members of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist church, who have so royally entertained us. They have been a great blessing to us, and we pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon them, both financially and spiritually.

MRS. O. C. BRILEY,
MRS. BRYANT MORRIS,
Committee.

Adjourned to meet with Rock Springs church on first Wednesday in August 1927.

MRS. ED PARKER, President,
1712 Nassau Street, Nashville, Tenn.
MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary, Ashland City, Tenn.

