

MINUTES
OF THE
NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF
Ladies Aid Societies
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF TEXAS
WHICH CONVENED AT
NEW HOPE

CHEATHAM COUNTY

August

TIMES
ASHLAND CITY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY

- 1—Devotional Exercises
- 2—Roll Call
- 3—Appointment of Committees
- 4—Reading Letters of Petitions and Requests
- 5—Reading Reports from Societies
- 6—Reading of Various Reports
- 7—Miscellaneous Business
- 8—Adjournment

THURSDAY

- 1—Devotional Exercises
 - 2—Roll Call
 - 3—Reading Minutes of Previous Day
 - 4—Reading Reports of Societies and Committees
 - 5—Adjournment for Lunch
 - 6—Devotional Exercises
 - 7—Roll Call
 - 8—Various Reports
 - 9—Miscellaneous Business
 - 10—Election of Officers
 - 11—Adjournment
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PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Ninth Annual Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Free Will Baptist of Cumberland Association, of Tennessee, met with New Hope Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee, August 14-15, 1929, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Fred Polston.

Song service led by Bro. John Welch.

Devotional services, "Stewardship of Ideals," led by Sister J. L. Welch.

Church Welcome by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Address by the President, Sister Fred Polston.

Address, "Stewardship of Youth," by Rev. John Olliver.

Song No. 127, a special selection by the choir.

Enrollment of Ministers being called for Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. W. B. Davenport responded.

On motion the time for business hours was set for 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., then adjourn for lunch, meeting again at 1:30 p. m.

The Convention was adjourned for lunch, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention came together at 1:30 p. m. and was opened by singing hymn No. 110, "To The Work." Prayer was led by Sister Eva Ray. Devotional, "Stewardship of Service" by Sister P. P. Kerkles. Address, "Stewardship and Missions" by Sister Pauline Hagewood.

Duet by Mrs. J. L. Welch and Mrs. W. M. White.

The roll was called and quorum being present, the President declared the meeting open for business.

The list of Societies was called and the following responded by letter or delegates: Heads, Oak Grove, Bethel, Bethlehem, Shady Grove, Rock Springs, New Hope, Oak Lawn, East Nashville, Dunbar's Chapel, Cofers' Chapel, and Ashland City.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

RESOLUTIONS—Miss Pinkie Hudgens, Chairman; Mrs. W. M. White and Miss Agnes Cantrell.

PETITONS AND REQUESTS—Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman; Mrs. R. P. Frazier and Mrs. Grace Woodside.

OBITUARIES—Mrs. Bailey Walker, Chairman; Mrs. G. T. Harris and Mrs. Ed. Parker.

Departmental Work reports were called for and received as follows:

Orphanage. Mrs. John Boyte, Superintendent, reported the following churches having special services in the interest of Orphanage Week: Cofers Chapel, West Nashville, Oak Lawn, East Nashville; Ashland City. Collections taken for the Orphanage Fund were as follows:

Oak Lawn, \$6.43; East Nashville \$10.00 West Nashville, \$5.00; Ashland City, \$25.00; Total \$46.43.

We ask for your prayers, your goodwill and your financial support in carrying on this great and good work. We urge each President of our societies to do her best this year to push this department of the work in our Convention.

TEMPERANCE.

Mrs. W. M. White, Superintendent, reports the following societies having Temperance programs: Ashland City. East Nashville, West Nashville, Bethel, Bethlehem and Cofers Chapel. We trust that each society will make a special effort to stress this department of the work next year.

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONS.

Mrs. J. L. Welch, Superintendent.—This year we have shown some progress over last year. We had reports from 7 societies as follows; Bethel, Rock Springs, East Nashville, West Nashville, Cofers Chapel; Oak Lawn and Ashland City. These reports, some of which were excellent, showed increased interest in these subjects.

The book, "Stewardship, and Missions," by Charles Cook, which teaches this truth so effectively, was studied and finished by East Nashville and Cofers Chapel. I sent copies to Head's and Bethlehem too. To me, the outstanding achievement of the year, was the study of this book.

Let us pray that our people may come to realize that Stewardship is the basis and heart of missions and that "Christianity without missions is a hollow mockery," ere we hear the Master demand, "Give an account of thy Stewardship."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE

We are glad to announce Miss Annie L. Gower, Supt. of this Department again next year. She reported her work

this year not what she had hoped for as she had broken her type writer. We feel sure that Miss Gower can do a great work with the prayers and cooperation of each Society. She feels she is handicapped as she cant see as we do, so we urge all churches to call her when she can be used in your church. Help her use her talent or give her a chance to use her talent by cooperating with her.

We were favored at this time by an address on Sunday School Work by Bro. L. O. Burrows. Bro. Burrows is sure a booster of the Sunday School Work. We need more boosters like Bro. Burrows.

The following socities observed day of Prayer, Oct. 12, 1929 East Nashville, Coffers Chapel, Bethel, Bethlehem, Ashland City.

STATE ORGANIZER AND FIELD WORKER

Report of the State Organizer and Field Worker read by Miss Ethel Leigh is as follows:

Six addresses on Ladies Aid Work, 15 churches visited in interest of the work. The following societies organized during the year: West Nashville Ladies Aid Society organized Aug. 30, 1928, with Mrs. John Boyte President, 5 members. Mt. Zion Ladies Aid reorganized Nov. 1928 with Mrs. Clara Harris president, 11 members. Oak Grove Society reorganized Nov. 14, 1928, with Mrs. Ella Garrette president, 10 members. Gorman Society organized April 9, 1929, with Mrs. L. O. Harrison president, 14 members. Shady Grove Junior Aid Society organized May 26, 1929, with Mrs. James Bagwell leader, 9 members. I am urging that we pray more earnestly that more Aids might be organized during the next Convention year.

Respectfully Submitted,

MISS ETHEL LEIGH,

Organizer and Field Work.

Report adopted.

Report of Executive Committee, read and adopted.

Report of Corresponding Secretary, read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT, STATE LADIES AID CONVENTION FUND

To amount on hand August 8, 1928.....	\$ 144.50
To amount from Rock Springs.....	7.00
“ Dunbars Chapel.....	3.50

"	New Hope.....	7.00
"	Oak Lawn.....	6.50
"	Bethel	3.00
"	Bethlehem.....	7.00
"	East Nashville.....	7.75
"	Heads.....	8.50
"	Ashland City.....	6.00
"	Cofers Chapel.....	7.50
"	Shady Grove.....	2.30
"	West Nashville	.50
"	Mt. Zion.....	1.00
"	Oak Grove	4.25
Amt. from Public collection St. Clair Mem. Funds		13.00
Total Debits.....		\$ 229.30

CREDITS

By amount	W. T. Clark, printing minutes.....	\$ 25.00
"	Mary Patton	5.50
"	John Olliver.....	2.00
"	Mrs. Alexine Slack.....	4.00
"	Woman's Work Gen. Conference.....	10.00
"	St. Clair Memorial fund.....	13.00
Total Credits.....		\$ 59.50
To amount to balance Sept. 8, 1929.....		\$ 169.80

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT OF ORPHANAGE FUND

To Executive Committee on Sept. 8, 1929.

To amount on hand August 8th, 1928.....	\$	4757.88
“ Interest on deposit.....		182.00
“ from Ashland City.....		25.00
“ from Dumbars Chapel.....		5.00
“ from Oak Lawn.....		6.43
“ from Public collection.....		6.14
“ from West Nashville.....		5.00
“ Miscellaneous.....		20.01
Total Debits.....		5007.46

CREDITS

By amt. to G. W. Fambrough, treas. 5-7 of \$200.	
To balance on hand Sept. 8, 1929.....	\$ 4864.60

MRS. J. E. HUDGENS, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

Adjourn to meet Thursday morning at 9:30.

Benediction by Mrs. Ed Parker.

8:00 Play, "Aunt Tillie Learns to Tithe"

THURSDAY MORNING.

The morning session opened with singing Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" led by Bro. John Olliver. Prayer led by Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Devotional, "Stewardship of Talents" by Miss Annie L Gower.

Duet, "Consecrated Talent" by Mrs. J. L. Welch and Mrs. W. M. White.

Roll called, a quorum being present the President declared house open for business.

Minutes of Wednesday read and approved.

By motion the State Treasurer was ordred to pay G. W. Fambrough, Treasurer 5-7 of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) for Educational fund.

By motion each member of Ladies Aid Society pay 5-cents per capital for General Conference fund.

By motion names and address of Departmental Supt. be spread on the minutes.

Round table discussion on Orphanage work led by Mrs. John Boyte.

Offering taken at this time for Orphanage fund \$6.14.

Offering taken for Dr. St. Clair Memorial fund \$13.00. By motion money was ordered paid to State Treasurer and check sent to Bro. Evertt of N. C.

Reports from Societies called for, received as follows:

OAK GROVE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	10
Number of members enrolled during the year.....	5
Number of members who ceased to affiliate.....	2
Total number in good standing.....	13

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 8.52
Collected during the year.....	22.81
Total	\$ 31.33

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Dues	\$ 3.25
Minutes of Convention	1.00
Other expenses	12.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 16.25
Balance on hand close of the year.....	15.08

NEW HOPE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	27
" who have ceased to affiliate...	11
Total number in good standing.....	16

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$ 54.02
Collected during the year.....	174.72
Total.....	228.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Dues.....	\$ 5.00
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses.....	132.90
Total Disbursements.....	139.90
Balance on hand close of year.....	\$ 88.84

BETHEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of the year.....	9
" enrolled during the year.....	2
" who have ceased to affiliate	4
Total number in good standing.....	7

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 34.24
Collected during the year.....	69.48
Total.....	\$ 103.72

DISBURSEMENTS

E. and O. Campaign.....	\$ 50.00
Convention dues.....	2.00
Minutes of convention.....	1.00
Other expenses.....	2.85
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 55.85
Balance on hand close of year.....	47.87

Visits to see sick 95. Visits in interest of the society 15.

HEADS

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	29
" enrolled during the year.....	1
" who have ceased to affiliate...	2
Total number in good standing.....	28

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$ 25.29
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Collected during the year.....	81.03
Total	\$ 106.32

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Dues.....	\$ 7 00
Minutes of Convention.....	1.50
Other expenses	27.57
Total	\$ 36.07
Balance on hand close of year.....	\$ 70.25

ASHLAND CITY.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	17
Total number in good standing.....	17

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$ 47.64
Collected during the year.....	183.66
Total.....	\$ 231.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Orphanage funds.....	25.00
Missions.....	15.00
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Convention Dues.....	4.00
Other expenses.....	121.30
Total	167.30
Balance on hand close of year.....	64.00

Visits to see the sick 111.

COFERS CHAPEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of the year.....	35
“ enrolled during the year.....	4
“ who have died during the yr.....	1
“ who have ceased to affiliate....	20
Total number in good standing.....	18

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 192.96
Collected during the year.....	437.21
Total.....	630.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Dues.....	\$ 4.50
Minutes of Convention.....	3.00

Other expenses.....	440.22
Total disbursements.....	\$ 447.72
Balance on hand close of year.....	182.45
Visits to see the sick 1853.	
Trays to the sick 65.	
Articles to the poor 115.	
Prayer meetings held during the year 15.	
Visits in interest of Society 709.	

EAST NASHVILLE.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of the year.....	27
“ enrolled during the year.....	8
“ who have died during year.....	1
“ who have ceased to affiliate....	10
Total number in good standing.....	24

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount collected during the year.....	\$1152.13
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DISBURSEMENTS

Convention dues.....	\$ 5.50
Minutes of Convention.....	2.50
Other expenses.....	220.55
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 228.55
Balance on hand close of year, \$923.58	
Paid to Building Fund Treasurer.....	\$ 923.58

ROCK SPRING.

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	53
“ enrolled during the year.....	5
“ who have died during the yr.....	1
“ who have ceased to affiliate....	7
Total number in good standing.....	30

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$.32
Collected during the year.....	180.63
Total.....	180.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention dues.....	\$ 5.00
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses.....	132.65
Total disbursements.....	139.65
Balance on hand close of year.....	41.30
Visits to see the sick 202.	

DUNBARS CHAPEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	10
" enrolled during the year.....	2
" who ceased to affiliate.....	2
Total number in good standing.....	10

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 5.07
Collected during the year.....	15.75

OAK LAWN

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	16
" enrolled during the year.....	2
" who have died during the yr..	00
" who have ceased to affiliate...	00
Total number in good standing.....	18

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$ 293.10
Collected during the year.....	100.17
Total.....	393.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Orphanage Funds.....	6.43
Convention dues.....	4.50
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses.....	19.44
Total disbursements.....	32.37
Balance on hand close of year.....	360.90

SHADY GROVE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	13
Number of members who ceased to affiliate.....	6
Total number in good standing.....	7

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 9.16
Collected during the year.....	79.73
Total	\$ 88.89

DUNBARS CHAPEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	10
" enrolled during the year.....	2
" who ceased to affiliate.....	2
Total number in good standing.....	10

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$	5.07
Collected during the year.....		15.75
Total		<u>20.82</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

E. and O. Campaign.....	\$	5.00
Convention Dues.....		2.50
Minutes of Convention.....		1.00
Other expenses.....		2.75
Total Disbursements.....		<u>11.25</u>
Balance on hand close of the year.....		9.57

BETHLEHEM

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	46
" enrolled during the year.....	5
" who have died during the yr..	2
" who have ceased to affiliate...	1
Total number in good standing.....	48

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$	17.35
Collected during the year.....		164.90
Total.....		<u>182.25</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention dues.....	5.00
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses.....	124.16
Total disbursements.....	<u>131.16</u>
Balance on hand close of year.....	51.09

SHADY GROVE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	13
Number of members who ceased to affiliate.....	6
Total number in good standing.....	7

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$	9.16
Collected during the year		79.73
Total	\$	<u>88.89</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention Dues	\$	1.75
Minutes of Convention		.55
Other expenses		85.03
Total Disbursements	\$	87.33
Balance on hand close of the year		1.56

Song 75, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" was sung after which adjournment for lunch was taken. The benediction was pronounced by Miss Alexine Slack.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1;30 p. m. Song Service led by Bro. John Olliver. Devotional "Stewardship of Self" by Miss Ethel Leigh. House called to order by president. Address "My Responsibility as a Delegate" by Miss Pinkie Hudgens.

Reports of Committees.

OBITUARYS

We, your committee on obituaries, submit the following: Since it has pleased God to take from our midst five of our beloved Ladies Aid workers, Mrs. Lizzie Hudgens, Mrs. Martha Maxey, from Bethlehem Society; Mrs. Ward Everett, Rock Spring Church; Mrs. Nina Ball from East Nashville church; Mrs. Bishop Cartwrit, Coffers Chapel. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families and friends and point them to the One who does all thing well. We trust our loss is Heaven's gain.

MRS. ED. PARKER, CHAIRMAN.

MRS. G. T. HARRIS

MRS. BAILEY WALKER, COM.

Report Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, six years ago we began to work toward the goal by building and maintaining an orphanage of The Free Will Baptist Church, and,

Whereas, the work has decidedly decreased in its zeal and interest and because we believe it to be one of our most important departments, we urge that this work be continued, and,

Whereas, the delay of mailing in the reports of the Departmental Chair to their respective Chair, greatly impairs the compiling of their final report, and

Whereas, the people of New Hope Church and community has thrown open its doors and welcomed us and extended to us their cordial hospitality,

Be it resolved—That we try to be more definite in our Orphanage Work, to invite a more live interest in our people and to really, become stewards of this work.

Be it resolved—That the reports be mailed to the respective Department Superintendent at least two weeks before the convention.

Be it resolved, that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the people of the New Hope Community for entertaining us so royally.

PINKIE HUDGENS, CHAIRMAN
AGNES CANTRELL,
MRS. W. M. WHITE, COM.

Report read and adopted.

Petitions and Requests

We your committee on petitions and requests submit the following: We sincerely regret that we do not have any petitionary letters asking for admission into the Convention.

Oaklawn and Bethlehem church requests the Convention at its next sitting. We feel either, Bethlehem or Oak Lawn will royally entertain the Convention.

MRS. J. E. HUDGENS, CHAIRMAN.
MRS. R. P. FRAZIER,
MRS. GRACE WOODSIDE COM.

By motion the secretary was directed to transcribe and superintend the printing of minutes, all expenses to be paid out of State treasury.

By motion, Mrs. Ed. Parker was elected to represent The Ladies Aid Convention at Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Scott's Chapel Church October, 23, 1929.

By motion the Convention went into selection of place for their next annual sitting. Petitions were received from Bethlehem and Oaklawn. Bethlehem was selected.

A motion was made and carried that we go into the election of Officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:

President, Mrs. Fred Polston; Vice President, Mrs. John Welch; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Patton; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Eva Ray; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Alexine Slack; Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Hudgens; Field Worker and Organizer, Miss Ethel Leigh.

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DEPARTMENTAL SUPERINTENDENTS

By motion the chair appointed the following Departmental Superintendents.

Stewardship and Missions, Mrs. John L. Welch, Supt.
Orphanage, Mrs. John Boyte, Superintendent.
Temperance, Mrs. Miles Gower, Superintendent.
Sunday School and League, Miss Annie L. Gower, Supt.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

By motion the following were appointed members of the Executive Committee. The President, Vice President, Secretary and the following members, Mrs. Ed Parker, Mrs. Floyd Swan, Mrs. Walter Maxey, Mrs. P. P. Kerles, and Miss Pinkie Hudgens.

A motion was made to adjourn to meet with Bethlehem Church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August 1930.

For the closing we sang No. 131, after which we were dismissed with prayer, led by Mrs. Fred Polston.

MRS. FRED POLSTON, President.

318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn.

MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary,
Ashland City, Tenn.

Ladies Aid Directory.

Society.	President.	Address
Ashland City,	Mrs. J. E. Hudgens,	Ashland City, Tennessee.
Bethel,	Mrs. Floyd Swan,	Neptune, Tennessee. Route. 1.
Bethlehem,	Mrs. Walter Maxey,	Ashland City, Tennessee, Route, 1.
East Nashville,	Mrs. Fred Polston,	318 Woodland St. Nashville Tenn.
Dunbars Chapel,	Mrs. Herman Webb,	Cumberland City, Tenn, Route 4.
Cofers Chapel,	Mrs. Ed. Parker,	2nd. Ave S, Nashville, Tenn. R. 10.
Heads,	Mrs. Miles Gower,	Cedar Hill Tenn, Route No. 5.
Brandon's Chapel,	Miss Susie Clark,	Rumpus Mills, Tenn.
New Hope,	Mrs. W. E. Felts,	Joelton, Tenn.
Oak Wood,	Miss Laura Settle;	Cedar Hill, Tenn, Route 2.
Oak Lawn,	Mrs. Bailey Walker,	Thomasville, Tenn, Route 1.
Mt. Zion,	Mrs. Clara Harris,	Ashland City, Tenn. Route 2.
Oak Grove,	Mrs. Ella Garrett,	Charlotte, Tenn, Route 2.
Shady Grove,	Mrs. J. H. Oliver,	Clarksville, Tenn., Route, 4.
Rock Spring,	Mrs. Bell Proctor,	Neptune, Tenn, Route, 2.

Departmental Superintendents.

Mrs. J. L. Welch, 1610 Arthur Ave; Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. Miles Gower, Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route, 5.
Miss Annie L. Gower, Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 5.
Mrs. John Boyte, Nashville, Tenn.
Organizer, Miss Ethel Leigh 32 Ave, Apt. Nashville, Tenn.

FORM OF LETTER

We, the Ladies Aid Society of.....
Church at.....to the State
Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Free Will Baptists of
Tennessee, when convened with.....
Church on August....., 19.....

We have chosen our delegates to wit:

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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 year.....
Collected during the year.....

Disbursements.

E. and O. Campaign.....
Convention dues.....

Minutes of Convention.....
Other expenses.....

Total Disbursements.....

Balance on hand close of the year.....

Visits to see the sick..... Visits in interest of society.....

Charity calls..... Trays to sick..... Baskets to poor.....

Our day of meeting.....

This done by order of Ladies Aid Society at.....

.....on this.....day of.....193.....

....., President.

....., Secretary.

