

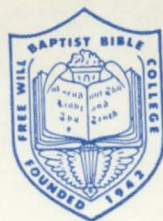
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MINUTES
OF THE
TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF
Ladies Aid Societies
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF TENNESSEE
WHICH CONVENE WITH
BETHLEHEM CHURCH
CHEATHAM COUNTY, TENN.

August 13-14, 1930

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FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder

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

PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Tenth Annual Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Free Will Baptist of Cumberland Association, of Tennessee, met with Bethlehem Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee, August 13-14, 1930, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The President, Sister Fred Polston, called the Conference to order, and the meeting was opened by singing hymn No. 110; "To The Work."

Devotional services were led by Sister J. H. Olliver, Rev. J. E. Hudgens leading the opening prayer.

Words of welcome by our hostess, Sister Mattie Maxey. Response by Sister J. L. Welch.

Enrollment of ministers was called for and the following responded: Bros. J. E. Hudgens, M. S. Harris, J. L. Welch, J. H. Olliver, and W. B. Davenport.

An address, "Missions," was given by the President, Sister Fred Polston.

The roll was called and the following Societies responded by letter or delegate: Ashland City, East Nashville, Oak Lawn, Bethlehem, Bethel, New Hope, Dunbars Chapel, Mt. Zion, Cofers' Chapel, Rock Spring, Oak Grove, and Shady Grove.

The following committees were appointed by the Chair:

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS—Miss Pinkie Hudgens, Chairman, Mrs. C. H. Groves.

RESOLUTIONS. Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Chairman, Mrs. John Nicholson and Miss Annie L. Gower.

OBITUARIES. Mrs. W. E. Felts, Chairman, Mrs. O. W. Davis and Mrs. Miles Gower.

Hymn, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Address, "Finding Our Missionary Responsibility," by Rev. J. H. Olliver.

Hymn, "I Gave My Life For Thee."

Rev. J. L. Welch made a talk on General Conference Work, after which we were led in prayer by Sister J. E. Hudgens and then adjourned until 1:30 p. m. for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention reassembled at 1:30 o'clock, and was opened by singing hymn No. 110.

Mrs. Will Gower led the devotional service, using as her subject "Work." Scripture reading, St. John, 5th chapter. Prayer led by Mrs. Bailey Walker.

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

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Reports from the Corresponding Secretary and Executive Committee were read and adopted.

State Organizer and Field Worker

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

To the State Convention of L. A. S. of Free Will Baptist of Cumberland Association, of Tennessee when convened with Bethlehem Church on August 14, 1930, I submit the following report:

I have made during the year, thirteen visits in the interest of Ladies Aid work; gave an address on the work. On Sunday, Feb. 16, 1930, organized a Junior Aid Society at Bethel Church with seven members and Mrs. M. Z. Fizer as leader. I find in some of the churches I have visited the work progressing wonderfully well, while in others we seem to be losing sight of Ladies Aid work. I am urging every member of this Convention to spend more time in prayer for Ladies Aid work, that we may do a greater work this year than has ever been done in the history of the Ladies Aid. Let us pray that each church may organize this work before our next annual sitting of the Convention.

I am urging our Pastors to boost the Ladies Aid work in every church in the Cumberland Association. We need the support of every minister in our Association to help us carry on this work and to this end we are praying.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS ETHEL LEIGH,

Organizer and Field Worker.

Report of State Treasurer

Treasurers' Report of State Convention Funds of the L. A. Society of Free Will Baptists as of August 14, 1930.

To amount Balance at last report.....	\$ 142.70
To amount from Ashland City.....	4.00
“ Oak Lawn.....	6.20
“ Dunbars Chapel.....	2.75
“ East Nashville.....	11.30
“ Bethlehem	7.00
“ Béthel	3.00
“ New Hope.....	7.00
“ Heads'	7.50
“ Shady Grove.....	3.10
“ Cofers' Chapel.....	20.40
“ Rock Spring.....	6.00
Total.....	\$ 220.95
To amount Balance August 14, 1930.....	220.95

Respectfully submitted

MRS. J. E. HUDGENS, Treas.

Report Adopted.

Treasurers' Report of Orphanage Fund

To the State Convention of Ladies Aid Societies of Cumberland Association, August 13, 1930.

To amount balance at last report.....	\$ 4,864.60
To amount from New Hope.....	125.00
“ Shady Grove.....	25.00
“ East Nashville.....	21.15
“ Oak Lawn.....	25.00
“ Out on deposit.....	196.00
“ G. W. Fambrough.....	35.72
“ Dunbars Chapel.....	5.00

To amount balance August 13, 1930..... \$ 5,297.47

Respectfully submitted

MRS. J. E. HUDGENS, Treas.

Report Adopted.

Departmental Work

Orphanage—Mrs. John Boyte, Superintendent.

Report Read and Adopted.

Sunday School and League—Miss Annie Gower, Supt.

Report Adopted

Temperance—Mrs. Miles Gower, Superintendent.

Report Adopted.

Stewardship and Missions.

Mrs. J. L. Welch, Superintendent, reports as follows: Oaklawn, New Hope, Cofer's Chapel, Ashland City, Heads and East Nashville Churches each observed their day for stewardship and missions and had programs appropriate. It was my pleasure to be present at each one, excepting New Hope and Ashland City.

I have made three talks on stewardship and missions, taught classes of two churches all the year, written some letters and distributed hundreds of leaflets.

May I urge again that every society study the book on Stewardship by Charles Cook, follow it with the study of another of his books, The Larger Stewardship, distribute books and literature among their people until all have had the gospel of stewardship preached to them.

With a new interest in the work of missions, we must arouse our people to a sense of their stewardship of the gospel and hasten the day when we shall fully obey the Lord's command to "Go Teach."

Reading by Rebecca Stewart. Address, "The Church Functioning Through it's Activities, by Bro. J. L. Welch.

Adjourn to meet at 9:30 Thursday morning. Benediction by Bro. M. S. Harris.

Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m. Address, "Temperance" By Bro. J. E. Hudgens.

THURSDAY MORNING

Session opened at 9:30 by singing, "Revive Us Again. Prayer by Sister Ed Parker. Devotional Service by Sister Floyd Swann. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Roll Call, a quorum being present the President declared the house open for business. Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved. Reports called for and received as follows:

Reports From Societies

HEADS

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	27
" enrolled during the year.....	1
" who have died during the year...	4
Total number in good standing.....	24

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 37.86
Collected during the year.....	87.36
Total.....	\$ 125.22

Disbursements

Convention dues.....	\$ 7.50
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses.....	69.87
Total Disbursements.....	79.37
Balance on hand close of year.....	\$ 45.85

Visits to see sick 69.

Charity call 2.

Trays to the sick 9:

SHADY GROVE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	7
“ enrolled during the year.....	7
“ who have ceased to affiliate....	5
Total number in good standing.....	9

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$.80
Amount collected during the year.....	113.05
Total.....	113.85

Disbursements

Orphanage Campaign.....	\$ 25.00
Convention dues.....	3.10
Other expenses.....	84.95
Total disbursements.....	\$ 113.05
Balance on hand close of year.....	.80

Visit in interest of Society 25. Visits to see sick 136

Trays to the sick 20, Baskets to the poor 10

NEW HOPE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	18
“ enrolled during the year.....	6
“ who ceased to affiliate.....	2
Total number in good standing.....	22

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$ 85.00
Amount collected during the year.....	73.50
Total.....	\$ 158.50

Disbursements

E. and O. Campaign.....	\$ 125.00
Convention dues.....	5.00
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses.....	5.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 137.00
Balance on hand close of the year.....	21.50

COFFERS CHAPEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	18
" enrolled during the year.....	47
" who have died during year.....	1
" who ceased to affiliate.....	6
Total number in good standing.....	58

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 192.96
Collected during the year.....	866.57
Total.....	\$ 1,069.53

Disbursements

Building fund.....	\$586.68
Convention dues.....	17.40
Minutes of Convention.....	3.00
Other expenses.....	168.63

Total Disbursements..... \$ 775.91

Balance on hand at close of the year..... 293.62

Visits to sick, 2005 Trays to the sick 103.

Baskets to the poor 5. Visits in interest of society 2151

Amount collected by Junior Aid Society..... 36.48

Amount collected by Children Aid Society..... 33.45

Total..... \$69.93

BETHEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	5
" enrolled during the year.....	4
Total number in good standing.....	11

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 47.87
Collected during the year.....	57.96
Total Disbursements.....	105.83

Disbursements

Convention dues.....	\$ 2.00
Minutes of Convention.....	1.00
Other expenses	87.44
Total Disbursements	90.44
Balance on hand at the close of the year.....	15.39
Visits to see sick 187. Donation to the poor \$5.00	
Visits in interest of the society 14.	

DUNBARS CHAPEL

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	11
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Financial Report

Amount collected during the year.....	\$ 27.28
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Disbursements

Orphanage funds.....	5.00
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EAST NASHVILLE

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of the year.....	28
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“ enrolled during the year.....	8
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“ who ceased to affiliate.....	5
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Total number in good standing.....	31
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Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year.....	0
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Amount collected during the year.....	\$ 982.70
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Disbursement

Orphanage Campaign.....	21.00
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Convention dues.....	9.30
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Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
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Other expenses.....	145.00
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Total Disbursements.....	\$ 177.45
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Visits in interest of Society 530.

BETHLEHEM

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of the year.....	46
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“ enrolled during the year.....	6
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“ who have ceased to affiliate... ..	3
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Total number of members in good standing.....	49
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Financial Report

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$ 21.45
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Amount collected during the year.....	162.85
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Total.....	184.30
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Disbursements

Convention dues.....	\$ 5.00
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses.....	73.65
Total Disbursements	80.65
Balance on hand close of the year.....	103.65

MT. ZION

We, the Ladies Aid Society of Mt. Zion Church send greetings to the Convention, have been inactive for several years and have recently resumed our work. We have about 20 members and hope to have a full report at next annual sitting of Convention. We have recently supplied our Church with song books and have \$22.50 in the treasury.

MRS. M. J. READ, Delegate.

ASHLAND CITY

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	17
" enrolled during the year	2
Total number in good standing.....	18

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 47.64
Collected during the year.....	65.60
Total Disbursements.....	113.24

Disbursements

Convention dues.....	\$ 4.00
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses	41.55
Total Disbursements	47.55
Balance on hand at the close of the year.....	65.69
Visits to see sick 110. Trays to the sick 5	
Baskets to the poor 2.	

OAK LAWN

Our statistics are as follows:

Number of members on roll first of year.....	18
" who have died during year.....	1
" who ceased to affiliate.....	4
Total number in good standing.....	13

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year.....	\$ 360.90
Collected during the year.....	50.93
Total.....	\$ 411.83

Disbursements

Orphanage fund.....	\$ 25.00
Convention dues.....	4.20
Minutes of Convention.....	2.00
Other expenses.....	16.08
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 47.28
Balance on hand at close of the year.....	364.55
Visits to sick, 207 Flowers \$10.00	

ROCK SPRING.

Our statistics are as follows;

Number of members on roll first of year.....	41
“ enrolled during the year.....	8
“ who have died during the year...	1
“ who have ceased to affiliate...	2
Total number of members in good standing.....	46

Financial Report

Amount on hand first of the year.....	41.30
Amount collected during the year.....	\$ 55.05
Total.....	\$ 96.35

Disbursements

Convention dues.....	5.00
Minutes of Convention.....	1.00
Other expenses.....	9.75
Total Disbursements.....	\$ 15.75
Balance on hand close of the year.....	80.60
Visits in interest of Society 530.	
Visits to see thy sick 354. Trays to the sick 60	

Reports of Committees.

OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries submit the following: Since it has pleased God to take from our midst, three of our beloved workers, Mrs. Mary Balthrop, Oaklawn Society; Mrs. Ann Nicholson, Rock Spring Society; Mrs. Ruth Leigh, Cofer's Chapel. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families and Ladies Aid Societies. We trust their going away will leave an influence in their homes and societies which will linger in the hearts and lives of members, that will prove beneficial in this life and the life to come. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, Blessed be the name of the Lord."

MRS. W. E. FELTS, CHAIRMAN.

MRS. MILES GOWER

MRS. OSCAR DAVIS, COM.

Report Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions beg to submit the following:

1st. Be it resolved, by this Convention, that we express our thanks and appreciation to Bethlehem Church and community for the hospitality and entertainment we have had the pleasure of enjoying during this sitting of the Convention.

2nd. Be it resolved, by this Convention, that we set apart one week of prayer with program for things most needed in our work.

3rd. Be it resolved, that the last week in October be set apart as week of prayer for all Ladies Aid Societies, the success of the week depends upon a close cooperation with pastors.

MRS. J. E. SIMPSON

MRS. JOHN NICHOLSON

MISS ANNIE L. GOWER, COM.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

We, the committee on petitions and requests submit the following report:

We have received no petitionary letters asking for admittance into the Convention.

We have received petitions both from East Nashville and Oaklawn Churches for the next Convention each asking for the privileged of entertaining same.

PINKIE HUDGENS

MRS. C. H. GROVES, COM.

Report Adopted.

Paper, "Meeting Our Missionary Responsibility" by Mrs. J. E. Frazier. Duet, Mrs. W. M. White and Mrs. J. L. Welch.

Address, "Who Should Tithe and Why", Mrs. Fred Jackson

By motion a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. Jackson.

By motion, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Jackson, Bro. J. E. Hudgens and Bro. J. L. Welch, were requested to furnish us with written copies of their addresses, delivered at this Convention, same to be printed in booklet. All qualified members of our association are requested to hand in written copies of any valuable material that will advance the work of our denomination.

Round table discussion on "Orphanage Work".

By motion an offering was taken at this time for Bible for Miss Annie L. Gower. \$11.25 was received. Miss Gower expressed her thanks for the offering. She stated this an answer to prayer.

Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer".

Adjourned for lunch, the benediction being pronounced by Mrs. Miles Gower.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session came together at 1:30 o'clock with singing hymn No. 161, "Take the Name of Jesus With You" Devotional. Song and Praise Service.

By motion, a committee was appointed to arrange a program for monthly meetings of Ladies Aid Societies, the following were appointed, J. L. Welch, Mrs. Fred Jackson and Mrs. J. E. Frazier.

By motion it was ordered that we have space in our Society Reports for General Conference Work.

By motion it was ordered that Mrs. Fred Polston be paid \$10.00 for expenses to General Conference.

By motion Mrs. Ed Parker was elected delegate to represent the Ladies Aid Convention at the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Oak Grove Church on October 1930.

By motion the Secretary was directed to transcribe and superintend the printing and distributing the minutes. She be paid \$6.50 for her service, all expenses to be paid by the Treasurer.

By motion the Convention went into selection of place for their next annual sitting. Petitions were received from Oak Lawn and East Nashville. East Nashville was selected.

Convention Officers

By motion it was ordered that we go into election of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers elected:

President, Mrs. Fred Jackson.

Vice President, Mrs. J. L. Welch.

Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Patton.

Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alexine Slack.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Simpson.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Hudgens.

Field Worker and Organizer, Mrs. L. O. Burrows.

Departmental Superintendents

Motion was made and carried for the chair to appoint the Departmental Chairmen. The following were appointed:

"Orphanage," Mrs. C. H. Groves, Chairman

"Sunday School and League," Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Chm'n

"Temperance," Mrs. John Welch, Chairman

"Stewardship and Missions," Miss Pinkey Hudgens, Ch'm

Executive Committee

Mrs. Fred Jackson, Mrs. J. L. Welch, Miss Mary Patton.

Mrs. Ed Parker, Mrs. Fred Polston, Mrs. W. E. Felts,

Mrs. Lena Frazier, Miss Pinkey Hudgens.

Program Committee

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Fred Jackson, Rev. J. L. Welch.

A motion was made to adjourn to meet with East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday before 3rd Sunday in August 1931.

MRS. FRED JACKSON, President.

Ashland City, Tenn.

MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.

Ashland City, Tenn.

Ladies Aid Directory

SOCIETY	PRESIDENT	ADDRESS
Ashland City,	Mrs. J. E. Hudgens,	Ashland City, Tenn.
Bethel,	Mrs. Floyd Swann,	Neptune, Tenn. Route 1
Bethlehem,	Mrs. Walter Maxey,	Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1
East Nashville,	Mrs. Fred Polston,	422 Deadrick St, Nashville.
Dunbars Chapel,	Mrs. Herman Webb,	Cumberland City, R. 4
Coffers Chapel,	Mrs. W. M. White,	Nashville, Tenn.
Heads,	Mrs. Miles Gower,	Cedar Hill, Tenn. R. 5
Brandon's Chapel,	Mrs. Susie Clark,	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Oak Wood,	Miss Laura Settle,	Cedar Hill, Tenn. R. 2
Oak Lawn,	Mrs. Bailey Walker,	Thomasville, Tenn. R. 1
Mt. Zion,	Mrs. Clara Harris,	Ashland City, Tenn. R. 2
Oak Grove,	Mrs. Ella Garrett,	Charlotte, Tenn. R. 2
Shady Grove,	Mrs. J. H. Olliver,	Clarksville, Tenn. R. 4
Rock Spring,	Mrs. J. A. Jones,	Neptune, Tenn. R. 2

Departmental Superintendents

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1304 Fatherland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. J. L. Welch, 312 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Pinkey Hudgens, Ashland City, Tenn.

Mrs. L. O. Burrows, 32nd 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:

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.

General conference funds.....

E. and O. Campaign.....

Minutes of Convention.....

Convention dues.....

Other expenses.....

Total Disbursements.....

Balance on hand close of 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 thisday of.....193.....

....., President.

....., Secretary.

