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OFFICERS FOR 1956-57

President Mrs. Christine Boyd

2218 Crestmoor Road, Nashville, Tennessee

Vice-President Mrs. J. B. Smith

1407 Calvin Street, Nashville, Tennessee

Youth Chairman Mrs. Avis Sublette

2123 Abbott Martin Road, Nashville, Tennessee

Study Course Chairman Mrs. Esterlene Barnett

Chapmansboro, Tennessee

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman Mrs. Robert King

Cedar Hill, Tennessee

Personal Service Chairman Mrs. Robert Shockey

Route #4, Ashland City, Tennessee

Recording Secretary Mrs. Robert Hill

2507 Flamingo Drive, Nashville, Tennessee

Asst. Recording Secretary Mrs. Paul Inbody

Pleasant View, Tennessee

Corresponding Secretary Patsy Swann

3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee

Treasurer Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson

3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee

Executive Secretary Mrs. Marie Felts

Route #1, Joelton, Tennessee

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-sixth annual session of the Cumberland District Auxiliary Convention convened with West Nashville Free Will Baptist Church on August 22, 1956, at 9:00 A.M. The convention was called to order by Mrs. J. B. Smith, vice-president.

Theme: "Our need for such a time as this"

Song Director: Rev. Sammy Wilkinson

Pianist: Mrs. Pauline Morris

Organist: Miss Peggy Williams

The morning session was opened with prayer by Mrs. Smith, followed by congregational singing of "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was offered by Rev. John Vick.

Devotional thoughts were brought by Mrs. Robert Shockey, reading Ephesians 6:13, "Take the whole armour of God," as a text.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. June Wilkinson and Miss Patsy Swann, singing, "Cleanse Me."

Mrs. Fannie Polston led the convention in prayer for Mrs. Docia Felts who was ill at this time.

Mrs. Ressie Bailey of West Nashville Auxiliary welcomed the convention and Mrs. Kenneth Walker of Shady Grove gave the response.

The following number from each auxiliary answered roll call.

Ashland City	10	Olivet	23
Bethlehem	6	Shady Grove	4
Bible College	5	Sylvan Park	10
Cofer's Chapel	8	Trinity	5
East Nashville	5	West Nashville	10
Good Springs	7	Oaklawn	3
Head's	8	Oakwood	7
Loyal Chapel	1	Donelson	5
New Hope	5	Bethel	4
Visitors		7	

A motion was made and carried that Good Springs be allowed to appoint two delegates from their auxiliary. Names of all delegates were read and delegates were properly seated.

The following committees were appointed:

Digest:

Mrs. Robert Hill
Mrs. J. E. Frazier
Mrs. Robert Owens

Petitions and Requests:

Mrs. H. B. Sloan
Mrs. Ken Walker
Mrs. Luther Reed

Resolutions:

Mrs. Smith Crockerell
Mrs. Esterlene Barnett
Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson

Finance:

Mrs. Christine Boyd
Mrs. Hazel Felts
Mrs. Mat Maxey

The following were nominated from the floor to serve on the nominating committee:

Mrs. Nannie Walker
Mrs. H. W. Christian

Mrs. Avis Sublette
Mrs. Richard Parnham

Mrs. Lucille Jinnette

Motion made and carried that the five named serve on the nominating committee.

A motion was made and carried that four auxiliaries, Bethel, Oakwood, Oaklawn and Donelson, be accepted into the District Convention.

Motion made and carried that the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wilkinson, be excused for the purpose of ordering flowers to be sent to Mrs. Docia Felts, since this was the first convention Mrs. Felts had not attended in thirty-six years.

Mr. Wilkinson led the congregation in singing "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus."

In the absence of Mrs. William Hill, the report of the president was given by Mrs. Leroy Forlines, "Our Need for Such a Time as This Through Leadership." This was given as information for the body.

Reports were given by departmental chairmen as follows:

"Our need for such a time as this through enlistment," Mrs. J. B. Smith. Mrs. Smith asked that her complete report be accepted later.

"Our need for such a time as this through Youth Training," Mrs. Avis Sublette who asked that her full report be accepted later.

Solo by Patsy Swann, "Then Jesus Came."

"Our need for such a time as this through studying and teaching," Mrs. Esterlene Barnett. Motion made and carried to accept this report.

"Our need for such a time as this through effective programs," by Mrs. Eula Reed for Mrs. Lillian Binkley, program-prayer chairman. Motion made and carried to accept this report.

"Our need for such a time as this through personal soul-winning," by Patsy Swann for Mrs. J. B. Hall, personal service chairman. Motion made and carried to accept this report.

"Our need for such a time as this through effective publicity," Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson. Motion made and carried to accept this report.

A duet was rendered by Christine Boyd and Kenneth Riggs, singing, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow," accompanied by Mrs. Riggs at the piano.

"Our need for such a time as this through our gifts," report given by Mrs. Christine Boyd, treasurer. Motion made and carried that late dues of two auxiliaries be added to the years receipts. Motion made and carried that the report of the treasurer be adopted.

A special feature in the form of a pageant, entitled, "The King's Highway," was presented by members of the Olivet Woman's Auxiliary, YPA, GTA, YAA and Story Hour Group.

Rev. Luther Reed led the morning dismissal prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of choruses led by Mr. Wilkinson. Afternoon devotions were given by Mrs. H. W. Christian, who read as her text, Acts 17:6, Romans 18:20 and 28:32. Prayer was offered by Rev. Don Hill.

A special number in song, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," was rendered by Sammy Wilkinson, Bob and Don Hill.

A motion was made and carried to accept the complete report of the enlistment and the youth chairman.

Oral greetings were given by ministers present at the convention as follows:

E. A. Craft, Sylvan Park; Robert Hill, Trinity; Sammy Wilkinson, Palmer Memorial; Luther Reed, Oakwood; Robert King, Head's; Don Hill, Oaklawn; Robert Shockey, Bethlehem; Kenneth Walker, Shady Grove; and John Boyte.

The following were present at the convention:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Mrs. H. B. Sloan.....Executive Secretary-Treasurer

STATE OFFICERS

Mrs. Avis Sublette.....President
Mrs. Christine Boyd.....Executive Secretary
Mrs. Eugene Taylor.....Recording Secretary
Mrs. J. E. Frazier.....Treasurer
Mrs. Nellie King.....Enlistment Chairman

Special recognition was given fourteen auxiliary members present who have been in auxiliary work thirty-five years or longer. They were:

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. Pinky Christian, Mrs. Mat Maxey, Mrs. W. M. White, Mrs. Mary Welch, Mrs. John Boyte, Mrs. Nannie Williams, Mrs. Briley, Mrs. John Nicholson, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Mary Teasley, Mrs. Fannie Smith and Mrs. J. B. Smith. Honorable mention was made of Mrs. J. E. Hudgins, a shut-in. A basket of flowers was sent to her.

Special prayer was offered at this time for auxiliary members who were sick, and others. Those named were Mrs. Hudgins, Mrs. Docia Felts, Mrs. Julia Hill, Mr. Cliff Hagewood and Mr. Holt.

A motion was made, properly sustained and carried that special plans be made to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this District Convention in 1957.

BUSINESS SESSION

The report of the Digest Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Petitions and Requests was read and adopted.

The report of the committee, appointed at the 1956 convention, to revise the constitution and by-laws, was read. The suggested constitution and by-laws were read.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read. A motion was made and carried that this report be adopted and voted on item by item.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 1.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 2.

Motion made and carried to rescind the action of item number 3.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 4.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 5.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 6.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 7.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 8.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 9. This motion did not receive a majority vote.

Motion made and carried to adopt item number 10.

A rising vote of thanks was given the West Nashville Church and Woman's Auxiliary for its generous hospitality, per item number 10.

The report of the finance committee was read and adopted by proper vote.

The report of the nominating committee was adopted as read by the proper vote.

A motion was made, properly sustained, and carried to adopt the proposed constitution and by-laws.

A rising vote of thanks was given to those who served in any capacity during the convention.

The final report of the nominating committee was read and Mrs. M. H. Felts was elected to fill the office of Executive Secretary, per Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution.

The installation service was conducted by Mrs. Viva Lee Raymer. Mrs. Raymer presented each officer with a Bible bearing a marked Scripture text to aid her in carrying out the duties of office. Mrs. Nannie Walker sang "Face to Face" and Rev. Robert Hill led the dedicatory prayer.

The convention came to a close with the congregation singing, "God Be With You".

Signed,

MRS. ROBERT C. HILL,
Recording Secretary

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

Report of Enlistment Chairman

From August 1, 1955, to August 1, 1956

A. Enlistment and Promotion Statistics:	
1. Number members on roll beginning of year	351
2. Number new members	46
3. Number active members	333
4. Number members lost	5
B. Enlistment work to win new members:	
1. Members making phone calls	255
2. Members making personal visits	162
3. Members mailing letters or cards	193
C. Enlistment work done to bring back absentees:	
1. Members making phone calls	187
2. Members making personal visits	184
3. Members mailing letters or cards	42
4. Number leaflets and papers distributed	407
5. Number on roll July 31, 1956	363
6. Average Attendance	22
D. Convention Report	
1. Number of churches having Auxiliaries	16
2. Number of Auxiliaries first of year	14
3. Number of new Auxiliaries organized	4
4. Total number of Auxiliaries this year	20

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. B. SMITH,
 Enlistment Chairman

REPORT OF YOUTH CHAIRMAN

Number YPA's organized	16
Number reporting	16
Number members beginning of year	173
Number members won during year	82
Total number members end of year	255
Number GTA's at beginning of year	57
Number won during year	54
Total members at end of year	111
Number GTA's organized	10
Number YAA's organized (Olivet Church)	1
Number members	12

(Age group just older than GTA's)

Special activities (GTA, YPA and YAA combined).

A new organization is welcomed into the Youth work this year: The YAA. This group is just above the age for YPA but too young for the adult group. Olivet reports this is working very well for its church.

The Youth Groups report the following work during the past year: Visited the sick and shut-ins; carried food and clothing to those in need; distributed leaflets to publicize church meetings; held youth revivals; had Study Courses on Missions, Stewardship; study of Manual; aided college students; helped in labor on church; aided in organizing other YPA's; attended and sponsored CYA meetings; aided in membership drives; held Seasons of Prayer; GTA's made gifts for Mother's day; saved stamps and sent to aid Missionaries; held Bible Verse contests; aided in vacation Bible Schools; Linen Showers for Missions; Socials; assisted in Church Library; bought signs for church yard, church yard lights and bulletin boards.

I have written 34 letters and 10 post cards, made 3 long distance phone calls, attended 19 District meetings connected with Youth Groups, assisted in organizing two YPA's and one GTA, conducted Essay Contest for District.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. AVIS SUBLETTE
District Youth Chairman

REPORT OF STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN

No. Auxiliaries reporting	11
I. No. auxiliaries studying Manual of methods and Youth Manual	10
II. No. of Mission Study Classes held	7
Attendance	247
III. No. stewardship classes	7
Attendance	338
IV. No. Evangelism Courses	6
Attendance	228
V. No. study courses on prayer	5
Attendance	107

BOOKS STUDIED

- I. Manual of Methods
 - YPA Manual
- II. Evangelism
 - 1. Personal Soul Winning by Evans
 - 2. Bible
 - 3. Scripture Memorizing and Successful Personal Work
 - 4. Film on Soul Winning
- III. Prayer
 - 1. Bible
 - 2. How to Pray by Torrey

3. Power Through Prayer
4. Types of prayers and results

IV. Stewardship

1. "Stewardship for Women"
2. Bible
3. All of Mine for Him
4. Marching with Youth
5. Sermon

V. Missions

1. Sand and Stars by Ruth Stull
2. Dand Trula gave lecture and showed films
3. Bible
4. Go Home and Tell Thy Friends by Damon C. Dodd
5. Mission Program by College Students
6. "Beautiful on the Mountains"
7. General study of Free Will Baptist Missionaries
8. YPA lecture on Home Missions

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ESTERLENE BARNETT,
Study Course Chairman

REPORT OF PROGRAM-PRAYER CHAIRMAN

I have enjoyed the privilege of trying to serve as Program-Prayer Chairman. I commend each local chairman for their cooperation.

During the year, I have mailed and distributed fifty report blanks and received thirty reports.

I have attended three executive meetings.

Number of auxiliaries observing Weeks of Prayer 12

Amount of self-denial offerings resulting from weeks
of prayer \$274.82

Number of family altars reported 60

Number observing prayer fellowship 72

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LILLIAN BINKLEY,
Program-Prayer Chairman

REPORT OF PERSONAL SERVICE CHAIRMAN

A. Soul-winning efforts

1. Personal contacts 365
2. Cottage prayer meeting attended 268
3. Souls won 88

B. Community Missions

1. Visited Sick	815
2. Cards sent	551
3. Garments, trays, baskets to needy	411
4. Participated in Red Cross 44 W.C.T.U. work	103
5. Distributed Bibles 21; Tracts	202
6. Showers for needy	4
7. Clothes reported at cost for needy	\$ 14.00
8. Money to needy	\$ 22.00
9. Quilts to needy	2
10. Members reporting help to needy	5
11. Flowers given	17
12. Gifts reported in cost	\$ 12.26

C. Orphanage Work

1. Clothing, equipment, furnishings, commodities, and coupons	\$349.00
2. Items given	250

D. Ministerial relief

1. Sent cards or letters to aged ministers and families	21
2. Given gifts	21
3. Gifts reported in cost	\$ 8.00

It has been a joy and a privilege to work with each of the local chairmen. My one regard is that, because of added responsibilities, I was unable to devote the time and attention to the work. I pray God's richest blessing upon the one who will follow me.

During the year I sent thirty-six letters to the local chairmen and received twenty-five replies. Expenses during the year for stamps and envelopes were \$1.35.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. B. HALL, JR.

Personal Service Chairman

REPORT OF PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

1. Articles sent to religious or secular papers, bulletins, etc.	26
2. Posters made, 1. Personal invitations sent	33
3. Denominational papers subscribed to:	
1. Contact	113
2. Free Will Baptist	27
3. Free Will Baptist Gem	1
4. Others	2
Workshop programs printed (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer)	800
Programs mailed to persons on program	35
Convention programs printed	200

Quarterly report blanks printed _____450

Quarterly reports mailed to corresponding secretaries _____ 34

I have attended five executive committee meetings and three workshops.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SAMMY WILKINSON,
Corresponding Secretary

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Number of auxiliaries reporting 18.

Number "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries 1, No. "B" 3, No. "C" 0.

I. Enlistment Department

1. Enrollment at beginning of convention year 347, present enrollment 363.
2. Number new members 64, number lost 46, average attendance 246.

II. Youth Department

1. Number Youth Organizations: G.T.A. 10; Y.P.A. 16; B.A. ____; Y.A.A. 1.
2. Total membership: G.T.A. 111; Y.P.A. 255; B.A. ____; Y.A.A. 12.
3. Number stewardship declamation contests held 3.
4. Number vacation Bible schools assisted 12.
5. Number active church libraries 2.
6. Number Bible college students assisted 76.
7. Other activities: Church activities, evangelism groups, showers for missionaries.

III. Study Course Department

- | 1. Courses Conducted | Attendance |
|----------------------|------------|
| Missions, 10 | 165 |
| Stewardship, 8 | 134 |
| Manual, 11 | 120 |
| Evangelism, 10 | 145 |
| Prayer, 12 | 151 |
2. Number weeks of prayer conducted 34.
 3. Number daily Bible readers 13.

IV. Program-Prayer Department

1. Number special programs held 37.
2. Number weeks of prayer conducted 34.
3. Total amount self-denial offering resulting from weeks of prayer \$214.84.
4. Total number family altars 101.
5. Total number members observing prayer fellowship 94.

V. Personal Service Department

1. Number making soul-winning efforts 225.
2. Number souls won 54.
3. Number active in community missions 221.
4. Total value of all contributions to children's homes \$771.81.

VI. Publicity Department

1. Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist papers 150.
2. Number articles written for publication 76.
3. Other publicity work done: Church bulletins, cards, posters.

VII. Personal Gifts: (Contributions through other channels) Special offerings:

Missions	\$463.12
Free Will Baptist Bible College	172.80
Children's Home	259.31
Superannuation	32.00
Other	400.26

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT HILL
MRS. ROBERT OWEN
MRS. J. E. FRAZIER

REPORT OF PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

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

Oakwood, Oaklawn, Bethel and Donelson Woman's Auxiliaries request that they be accepted into the Cumberland District Auxiliary Convention.

The following churches asked to entertain the Workshops:

Fall Trinity
Spring New Hope

Ashland City Woman's Auxiliary asked to be hostess to the Cumberland District Convention in 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. KEN WALKER
MRS. LUTHER REED
MRS. H. B. SLOAN

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it Resolved:

1. That each auxiliary be requested to send an appointed representative to our district workshops.

2. That the number of workshops be reduced to two unless the president deems it necessary to call another.

3. That each local auxiliary officer have the power to vote in each business session of the district convention and workshops. (Please note: A motion was made, sustained and carried that this item be rescinded.)

4. That in consideration of our responsibility in helping to support our own state children's home at Greeneville, Tennessee, we accept for a united orphanage project, the supplying of towels and sheets to this home along with a regular offering sent monthly for groceries, etc., and that the towel and sheet shower be given at the prayer season held for home mission work in December.

5. That each local auxiliary close its record books on July 30th of each year and only those reports sent to convention officers on or before August 10th will appear in the annual convention reports.

6. That a year's supply of quarterly report blanks be sent to each local officer at the beginning of the year.

7. That our study course be more uniform and that a suggested calendar be worked out by our district study course chairman so that each auxiliary will be having the same study course during the same month.

8. That the pageant "The King's Highway" be presented to the W.N.A.C. literature chairman to be printed in the 1958 year book.

9. That this district notify the W.N.A.C. president that we do not accept our quota of their tent-raising fund project because the woman's auxiliary is not a church extension organization. (Please note: A motion was made and sustained that this item be adopted. Motion failed to receive a majority vote.)

10. That this convention give a rising vote of thanks to West Nashville Church for its generous hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SMITH CROCKERELL

MRS. E. J. BARNETT

MRS. SAMMY WILKINSON

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Be it Resolved:

1. That each local auxiliary be asked to send \$5.00 annually for minutes.

2. That this convention adopt for 1956-57 special project the supplying of needed books to the Free Will Baptist Bible College which is striving to become an accredited institution at the earliest possible date and to aid in the work each local Auxiliary be requested to send in at least \$12.00 as her share of the \$240.00 library fund: all funds to be sent to the district treasurer, and she be chairman of this project.

3. That each district officer be reimbursed the amount spent for stationery and postage in promoting the District work and the Enlistment Chairman be given 5c per mile for travel expenses in promoting the enlistment of new auxiliaries.

4. That an award of \$5.00 or a gift the equivalent thereof be pre-

sent to the auxiliaries having all nine officers present at any workshop or convention.

5. That the district treasurer be authorized to pay the remainder on the minutes from our district treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTINE BOYD
HAZEL FELTS
MAT MAXEY

REPORT OF REVISION COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The committee appointed by this body to revise the constitution and By-Laws desire to present the following document for your approval:

Respectfully submitted,
MARY A. WELCH
AVIS SUBLETTE
MRS. J. E. FRAZIER

Note: The adopted Constitution and By-Laws are printed at the back, following reports.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Nominating Committee, wish to submit the following names for the District Officers for the coming year:

President: Mrs. Christine Boyd
Vice-President: Mrs. Nannie Smith
Youth Chairman: Mrs. Avis Sublette
Study Course Chairman: Mrs. Esterlene Barnett
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Robert King
Personal Service Chairman: Mrs. Robert Shockey
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Robert Hill
Assistant Recording Secretary: Mrs. Paul Inbody
Corresponding Secretary: Patsy Swann
Treasurer: Mrs. June Wilkinson
Delegates to State Convention: Marjorie June Ellis
Mrs. J. B. Bloss
Mrs. Virginia Herron
Mrs. Henry Read
Mrs. Robert Hill

Delegate to Cumberland District Ass'n: Mrs. Lillian Binkley
To fill the new office of Executive Secretary, Mrs. Marie Felts.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. MARVIN WALKER
MRS. H. W. CHRISTIAN
MRS. AVIS SUBLETTE
MRS. FLORENCE PARNHAM
MRS. LUCILLE JINETTE

LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Ashland City	Mrs. Agnes Frazier, Ashland City, Tenn.
Bethel	Mrs. Kathryn Christy, Neptune, Tenn.
Bethlehem	Mrs. Robert Shockey, Ashland City, Tenn.
Bible College	
	Miss Olena Filkins, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Cofer's Chapel	
	Miss Hattie Pack, 1718-A Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Donelson	Mrs. Louise Owen, 1417 McGavock Pike, Nashville, Tenn.
East Nashville	
	Mrs. Wm. Suffridge, 2502-B Acklen Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Goodsprings	Mrs. Helen Inbody, Rt. 1, Pleasant View, Tenn.
Head's	Mrs. Esterlene Barnett, Chapmansboro, Tenn.
Loyal Chapel	Mrs. H. B. Sloan, Woodlawn Dr., Nashville, Tenn.
New Hope	Mrs. Marvin Walker, Rt. 2, Joelton, Tenn.
Oaklawn	Mrs. Nathan Barnett, Chapmansboro, Tenn.
Oakwood	Mrs. Luther Reed, Ashland City, Tenn.
Olivet	Mrs. Hyman Welch, Rt. 1, Guthrie, Ky.
Portland	Mrs. Harold Harrison, 102 Portland Blvd., Portland, Tenn.
Shady Grove	Mrs. Allen Smith, Rt. 2, Clarksville, Tenn.
Sylvan Park	Mrs. W. G. Boyd, 2218 Crestmoor Rd., Nashville, Tenn.
Trinity	Mrs. Rose Davis, 1810 14th Ave., No., Nashville, Tenn.
West Nashville	
	Mrs. Jess Bailey, 4703 Wyoming Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Woodbine	Mrs. Grace Edwards, 2222 Wickson Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

	October 1955	January 1956	April 1956	July 1956
Ashland City	6	4	5	
Bethel				3
Bethlehem	15	5	8	
Bible College	6	5	4	1
Cofer's Chapel				5
Donelson		4		
East Nashville	4	6	11	1
Goodsprings	6	6	21	8
Head's	3	6	4	4
Loyal Chapel		21	5	1
New Hope	14	4	10	7
Olivet	10		7	27
Portland	2	3	3	2
Shady Grove	8	3	4	5
Sylvan Park	16	8	12	6
Oakwood	5	4	5	4
Friendship	6	3	3	
Oaklawn	7	5	4	4
Mt. Zion			2	

CONSTITUTION
of the
CUMBERLAND DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
of the
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Preamble

We, the women of the churches connected with the Cumberland District Association of Free Will Baptists, desirous of developing and stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of the local churches within this association, and wishing to aid in promoting more effectively the cause of Christ along all lines of Christian women's endeavors, do organize and adopt the following constitution:

Article I.—Name

This organization shall be known henceforth as the Cumberland Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists.

Article II.—Purpose

The twofold purpose of this organization shall be:

Section 1. To distribute missionary information and to stimulate by prayer, study groups, and missionary activities a greater united effort for missions in the local communities.

Section 2. To secure the earnest, sympathetic, and systematic co-operation of women and young people in collecting and raising money for missionaries and their work.

Article III.—Membership

Section 1. The membership of this convention shall consist of all local auxiliaries that, from time to time, upon approval by the district credentials committee, shall become members of this body.

Section 2. Representation:

Each local woman's auxiliary holding membership in this convention shall be entitled to one delegate. The officers of this convention together with the local presidents and the delegates duly accredited by the district credentials committee, shall be entitled to vote.

Article IV.—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this convention shall be a president, a vice-president, executive secretary, treasurer, recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, corresponding secretary, youth auxiliary chairman, study course chairman, stewardship-prayer chairman, and personal service chairman. These shall constitute the district executive committee, seven of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. All officers and duly accredited delegates shall be members in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church and active members of a local woman's auxiliary.

Article V.—Elections

All officers shall serve from a term of two years. They shall be nominated by a nominating committee and then elected by acclamation unless there are other nominations. In case of more than one nominee for any particular office, a vote will be taken on each. All elections shall be held at the closing business session of the convention.

Article VI.—Annual Meeting

This convention shall hold its regular meeting annually at a time and place fixed by the previous session, or by the executive committee. Special meetings may be held providing the president of each local woman's auxiliary has been properly notified at least 15 days before the date set for the meeting. Two-thirds of the local auxiliaries legally represented shall constitute a quorum for any special meetings. Semi-annual workshop meetings may be held at the discretion of the president.

Article VII.—Finances

Section 1. Thirty cents (.30) per active member shall be paid yearly to the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention for membership and representation fee.

Section 2. The desired plans for giving in the Woman's Auxiliary are (1) Mission offerings following each of the three special weeks of prayer, and (2) the Co-Laborer offerings received and disbursed monthly.

All auxiliary offerings for **every cause** should be sent promptly and regularly through the prescribed auxiliary channels; that is, local treasurer to district treasurer, district to state, and state to W. N. A. C.

Article VIII.—Reports

Record of all work done shall be kept by each officer of this convention and a report of same sent to the district recording secretary on a statistical blank like those printed in the annual W. N. A. C. year book, at least ten days before the annual convention meets in regular session.

Article IX.—Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment be presented in writing at the first official session of the convention and acted on during the closing session.

BY-LAWS

Article I.—Duties of Officers

Section 1. The **president** shall plan for and preside over all executive committee meetings and regular meetings of this convention; appoint committees as needed; be ex-officio member of all standing committees; call for quarterly reports of all standing committee chairmen; stay in close touch with the executive secretary and through her with each local auxiliary, keeping the local auxiliary up to date on state and national promotional plans for all committees. She shall highlight the annual district meeting to the state Woman's Auxiliary while in session.

Section 2. The **vice-president** acts for the president in her absence; performs the duties of enlistment chairman, helping to organize new auxiliaries in the convention district. During the district convention, the vice-president serves as chairman of the registration committee.

Section 3. The **executive secretary** is the convention "saleslady", the contact woman between the convention as a whole and the local auxiliary. She keeps the convention and local auxiliaries mutually informed of activities. She advises and confers with the local auxiliaries on policies and plan of work which she is obligated to keep constantly before the women of the convention area by means of standard charts or other devices she may arrange. She should know every phase of W. N. A. C. work thoroughly, yet not act as a "know-all".

The executive secretary is chairman of the Plan of Work Literature Committee. As such it shall be her duty to collect and arrange as a tentative plan of work, all the plans and recommendations sent in to her by each district department chairman prior to the regular annual meeting of executive committee. If and when approved by the executive committee, they then become a recommended plan of work to be presented to the convention for adoption. Her duty as literature chairman is to subscribe to and read W. N. A. C. publications, denominational papers and magazines and devise ways and means (1) for arousing local auxiliary interest in W. N. A. C. publications, and (2) for securing every subscription possible to F. W. B. papers and magazines. Strive for 100% Manual and Year Book subscribers in every local auxiliary.

Section 4. **Recording Secretary** keeps accurate minutes of all meetings; prepares the annual statistical report of this convention which she sends to the State Auxiliary Recording Secretary at least ten (10) days before the date of the state meeting; preserves all valuable papers and turns them, along with all convention records, over to her successor in office.

Section 5. **Assistant Recording Secretary** serves as chairman of the Credentials Committee, and in the absence of the recording secretary; she shall serve in her place.

Section 6. **Corresponding Secretary** is chairman of publicity and has charge of all correspondence pertaining to the work of the convention; sends public notice of all meetings to the public presses serving the district; reports items of interest to the W. N. A. C. column in "Contact" and other denominational publications as desired; prepares attractive posters for convention displays and exhibits on the plan of work, F. W. B. missionary fields and workers, T. P. A. declamation contest and essay, etc.

Section 7. **Treasurer** keeps accurate records of all money handled, disbursing it promptly as authorized by the convention; keeps before each local auxiliary the conventions financial plans and the goals set for the year. Reports progress toward these goals frequently. The treasurer must be bonded and her accounts and all funds must be audited annually.

The convention year shall terminate and all books of the treasurer shall be closed on July 30th.

Section 8. **Youth Auxiliary Chairman** shall have general over-

sight of the youth auxiliary organizations within the district. She shall devise ways and means of enlisting and promoting youth auxiliary work throughout the district. She shall work these plans through the local youth chairman with whom she cooperates in annual youth camp work and daily vacation Bible schools among the unchurched. Whenever possible, she should visit every church in the interest of the missionary education of Free Will Baptist young people, and also to enlist them for Free Will Baptist colleges for Christian training. She shall have charge of the annual declamation and essay contests as set up by the W. N. A. C.

Section 9. Mission Study Chairman devises plans and sets goals for convention study courses, workshops, etc. She shall study duties as outlined in the W. N. A. C. Manual and follow suggestions; study books that are suggested in the W. N. A. C. Year Book; inform local study course chairman on mission study goals and plans for year; read current mission books and plan attractive ways to keep them before local auxiliaries as an incentive for more reading circles.

Section 10. Stewardship-Prayer Chairman sets goals for the three seasons of prayer offerings and Co-Laborer offerings; cooperates with local chairman in planning challenging seasonal weeks of prayer programs and in collecting the mission offerings requested with each; plan with study chairman for the study of a stewardship book. Tithe and enlist other women and young people in tithing. Plan with local chairman for a fine minutes presentation of stewardship of possessions at local meeting quarterly. Promotes family altars.

Section 11. Personal Service Chairman plans and directs through the local P. S. chairman the assigned benevolent activities; leads the local chairman in helping make survey of community to see needs there for Christ; assists them in directing the local women in mission activities according to their needs and talents, planning definitely for each month's activity; keep the purpose of soul-winning-giving self and not money paramount in the lives of the members; keep constantly in touch with local personnel service chairmen and work in cooperation with their plans.

Article II.—Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee

1. Membership of the executive committee is made up of the general officers, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. Duties of the executive committee are as follows:

- (1) Be responsible for formulating policies and programs of the convention.
- (2) Be responsible for the conduct of annual meeting and the preparation of the program for same.
- (3) Bring recommendations and a yearly plan of work to the regular annual session of the convention for consideration and adoption.
- (4) Make written reports through each of its committee chairmen at the annual session of the convention, what has been

done toward carrying out through the local auxiliaries the objects of this organization.

3. **Meetings** of the executive committee shall be held at least twice during the year. The first meeting held as soon after the annual convention as possible at which plans are made for carrying out the convention's plan of work adopted for the ensuing year. The second meeting held at least ten (10) days preceding the annual convention at which yearly reports, recommendations, etc., are prepared. At such other times during the year as the welfare of the cause may demand extra meetings may be called at the discretion of the president. Any member absenting herself from three meetings in succession may be dropped from the committee and her successor elected. No meeting of the executive committee shall be legal unless at least seven (7) members or their proxies are present. All members must have had 10 days' written notice of the meeting.
4. **Proxy** cannot be another officer of the convention, but any officer may send a proxy who shall be an active member of a local woman's auxiliary. Proxy must be written authority from the member for whom she acts.

Section 2. Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members from different local auxiliaries. All are to be nominated from the floor and elected by the body at each annual meeting. This committee is retained for the entire year to fill any vacancy occurring during the year. Each interim nominations will, of course, be upon approval of the executive committee. It shall be responsible for nominating officers at the time of the regular election and for making nominations of vacancies occurring during the year. It shall meet at least one month before the annual convention, at which meeting each committee member submits a list of nominees for each office. The committee chooses from this list one person well qualified for each office. Then the consent of each person to serve is obtained before presenting the committee's report at the annual convention. Nominations from the floor are always permissible.

Section 3. Credentials—The assistant recording secretary shall be chairman of the credentials committee and other members may be appointed by the president. This committee shall study the district reports and make its report to the state body before delegates are seated.

Section 4. Finance—The treasurer shall be chairman of the finance committee, and other members may be appointed by the president. The members appointed by the president audits the financial records of the year and reports on same to the Body. All appropriations and expenses of the officers may be decided upon by the finance committee, and passed upon by the convention.

Section 5. Registration—The vice-president shall be chairman, and other members may be appointed by the president. This committee registers every convention officer, every delegate, auxiliary, minister, visitor, and any other the convention may desire. The report shall include this and other information as desired.

Article III.—Departmental Promotional Work

At the earliest possible date following the adjournment of the annual convention, each district department, or committee chairman shall call all like chairmen of each local auxiliary within the convention to come together at some central location for a meeting at which plans and policies and goals are set up for the year's work in harmony with those adopted at the convention. Together there; they devise ways and means of presenting and carrying out their plan of work for the ensuing year.

For instance, it shall be the duty of the district convention's vice-president to share enlistment ideas and plans with the vice-presidents of local auxiliaries whom she has called together in a committee meeting as soon as possible after the convention adjourns. This same principle applies to all other departments of the convention.

The district chairmen shall originate and direct the plan of work in their respective departments in harmony with the W. N. A. C. chief aims and the district and state convention's adopted plans of work. These plans shall be arranged and presented to the executive secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the regular annual meeting of the district executive committee. Approved plans will then become recommendations to the convention for consideration and adoption by the Body while in session.

Each department chairman shall devise ways and means of promoting her respective department of work throughout all the local auxiliaries within the district securing materials and helps from the state and national chairmen of her department; shall have charge of all work pertaining to, or necessary to the promotion of her special phase of the convention's plan of work; shall be expected to attend all executive committee meetings.

For the annual report, each department chairman will secure and compile informative and inspirational facts from local chairmen concerning her department's activities during the year that will make interesting and helpful historical records to be printed in the district minutes. A second district wide committee meeting held at a central location at which achievements, etc., for year are presented and together compiled by the committee for its annual convention report, could prove to be a most revealing and helpful session. This meeting should be held as soon after July 30th as is possible or at least 15 days before the annual session of the convention.

Article IV.—Amendment

These by-laws may be amended according to article IX under the Constitution.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION--1955-56

RECEIPTS

AUXILIARIES	Co-Laborer Fund	Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible College	Visual Aid Project	Superannuation	College Library Fund	Calvary Sewing Machine	African Babies Milk Fund	India Woman	Calvary Fund	Hersey Fund	Cronk Fund	Youth Encampment	Minute Money	Convention Dues	Totals
Asland City	\$ 11.60	\$ 23.53		\$ 5.33	\$ 18.80	\$ 5.00		\$ 2.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 22.00		\$ 3.83	\$ 60.30		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.30	\$ 199.24
Bethlehem		24.00		6.00	12.00	5.00										3.00	4.90	54.90
Bible College						5.00										5.00	5.10	5.10
Cofers Chapel	60.00	24.00														5.00	9.00	91.00
Donelson				15.00	25.00	5.00										5.00	2.70	2.70
East Nashville	30.00	24.00	15.00			5.00										5.00	7.50	167.52
Friendship	1.00					5.00										3.00	6.00	102.00
Goodsprings	24.00	37.00	37.00	7.76	6.00	5.00		6.00						5.00		5.00	6.00	77.57
Heads	33.00		8.81	15.00		5.00									11.01	3.00	4.50	24.50
Loyal Chapel			5.00		30.00	5.00											7.50	140.51
New Hope	60.00			6.94													3.00	6.94
New Hope YPA				8.92													5.10	11.92
Oaklawn																	5.10	5.10
Oakwood	86.00	25.00	25.50	13.50		5.00	10.00						12.00			5.00	4.20	186.20
Olivet				12.00														12.00
Olivet YPA				12.00														12.00
Olivet YAA				13.00		5.00												18.00
Portland				16.00		5.00										2.50	2.70	220.20
Shady Grove	36.00	12.00	14.00	10.00	10.00	5.00					144.00					5.00	9.30	95.76
Sylvan Park	48.00	10.00	5.00	11.46		5.00	5.00									5.00	6.60	46.60
Trinity				10.00			5.00									3.00	5.00	13.00
West Nashville	5.00		1.00															1.00
Woodbine																		
TOTALS	\$394.60	\$193.53	\$111.31	\$153.41	\$101.11	\$55.00	\$15.00	\$8.00	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$144.00	\$3.83	\$72.30	\$46.02	\$16.01	\$49.50	\$32.50	\$1,506.76

Bal. on Hand
 Aug. 1, 1955

561.64

Total Disbursements
 Bal. on Hand Aug. 1, 1956

2,068.40

1,548.03

\$ 520.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. J. E. Frazier	
Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 259.73
Children's Home	191.58
Home Missions	111.31
Foreign Missions	133.41
Bible College	101.80
Superannuation	15.00
College Library Fund	33.00
Calvary Sewing Machine	25.00
African Babies Milk Fund	22.00
India Bible Woman	144.00
Calvary Fund	3.83
Hersey Fund	72.30
Cronk Fund	46.02
Youth Encampment	16.01
Visual Aid Program	50.00
Representation to State for 333 Members	66.60
Avis Sublette	
For C.Y.A. Treasury	25.00
Youth Chairman Expenses	10.61
Sylvan Park Auxiliary	
Convention Attendance	5.00
Lorene Miley	
Love Offering	25.00
President's Expenses	3.12
Gulford Walker	
Expenses to State	4.00

Geneva Walker	
Personal Service Chm., Expenses	2.00
Christine Boyd	
Play Books for Workshop	3.90
Treasurer Expenses	7.68
East Nashville Church	
Corresponding Sec. Expenses	3.12
Dan and Trula Cronk	
CYA Offering	36.12
Mrs. Nannie Smith	
Enlistment Chm. Expenses	6.44
Vandy Printing Company	
275 Minutes	89.45
Bethlehem Auxiliary	
Workshop Attendance	5.00
New Hope Auxiliary	
Workshop Attendance	5.00
Sylvan Park Auxiliary	
Workshop Attendance	5.00
	<u>\$1,548.03</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Christine W. Boyd, Treas.

