

**MINUTES
of the
84th Annual Session
of the
CUMBERLAND DISTRICT
WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**

**Convening at
Hendersonville Free Will Baptist Church
Hendersonville, Tennessee
August 28, 2004**

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**Proceedings of the 84th Annual Session
Of the
Cumberland District Women Active for Christ
August 28, 2004**

The 84th annual Cumberland District Women Active for Christ (CDWAC) convened at Hendersonville Free Will Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tennessee on August 28, 2004. Carol Sue Elliott, Hendersonville WAC President, welcomed the 82 attendees. Worship leader Sharon Parker led the congregational singing, accompanied by Elizabeth Hodges, pianist and Alice Stinson, organist.

Special Music, "Let Me Touch Him," was presented by the Hendersonville women's trio (Elizabeth Hodges, Nell Moore and Alice Stinson) followed by a message by Debbie Burden. Debbie made comparisons of our theme, "Great Expectations," to the Olympians who have high hopes of winning a medal. She also compared it to the character, Pip, in the literary classic, *Great Expectations*, who placed his hopes and dreams in money and education but found they didn't satisfy. She pointed out that our hopes must be placed in Christ alone, who can truly satisfy.

Debbie presented the story of David, chosen by God to be the king, and told how he experienced unrealized expectations as...

- *he waited for his place on the throne.

- *he dealt with the women in his life.

- *he was disappointed by his children.

- *he was unable to build the temple.

David's confidence was not only IN God but it WAS God as mentioned in the Psalms. She reminded us that there are no unrealized expectations in God.

Debbie spoke about the Passover and how the Jews brought a sacrifice for their sins each year, but their real expectations were in the coming Sacrifice. She mentioned how Simeon went to the temple each year to make a sacrificial offering but always looked forward with great expectations to the coming Christ until his hopes were finally realized in Christ the Savior.

Debbie reminded us not to put our trust in people, in money or in self, but to put our trust in God alone. He is our only hope for getting through this life as well as for the life to come. She encouraged us not to lose sight of the goal but to grab hold of the blood-stained cord and hang on until He comes.

Following the message, Sarah Fletcher gave the **WNAC Report** in a PowerPoint presentation. She reviewed our...

Purpose: Helping women understand and fulfill their place in the great commission through the home, the church, the community and around the world.

Program: Our WORK with projects, such as the mission house, provision closet, WORSHIP at the National Convention, Retreats, etc., and our WITNESS through local outreach, Foreign Student Scholarship Fund, missions giving and more.

Position: Discussion of WNAC finances, how it is funded and what women can do to help.

Plan: Ways to meet the needs of a changing world, changing women, and changing ministry. She stated that if WNAC does not make changes we would be left behind.

Prayer: For missionaries, projects (such as 50/50 project) and for the world.
Following the PowerPoint presentation, an offering of \$346.55 was received for WNAC.

Delegates were seated.

Barbara Nicholson, CDWAC President, appointed committees before dismissing everyone for a generous and delicious brunch provided by the Hendersonville women.

Business session was reconvened with congregational singing lead by Sharon Parker.

MSC to accept the **Credentials Committee** report given by Yvonne Hampton (see committee reports, page two for complete report).

MSC to accept the **Secretary's report** given by Yvonne Hampton (see committee reports, page three for complete report).

MSC to accept the **Registration Committee** report given by Cheri Ham (see committee reports, page three for complete report).

MSC to accept the **Resolutions Committee** report given by Elizabeth Hodges (see committee reports, page three for complete report).

MSC to accept the **Plan of Work Committee** report given by Mary Ruth Wisheart (see committee reports, page four for complete report).

MSC to accept the **Finance Committee** report, given by Gladys Gragg (see committee reports, page four for complete report).

TWAC report given for information by Dr. Mary R. Wisheart (see committee reports, page four for complete report).

Nominating Committee members for 2004-2005 were elected by the delegates. They are as follows: Myra Austin, Elizabeth Hodges, and Diane Willey.

Normally the TWAC Nominating Committee is elected at the annual meeting but since the TWAC will not meet in 2004, each district was asked to send a representative. MSC to send Carol Reid as CDWAC representative to the TWAC Nominating Committee.

Following the business the women were encouraged to attend and participate in the Gospel Sing, a fund-raiser for the WNAC National Office. There was a discussion about the possibility of the CDWAC sponsoring a bar-b-cue dinner prior to the Gospel Sing on September 25, 2004, at the Good Springs church. It was decided instead that each women's group would try to sponsor a dinner, craft fair or some other fund raiser in their own church and bring the money to the Gospel Sing for support of the WNAC office.

MSC to adjourn. Closed in prayer by Barbara Nicholson.

REPORTS

Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee, wish to submit the following report. According to Article 4 of the Constitution and Article 4, Sections 1 & 2 of the Bylaws the following auxiliaries are eligible to be seated in the Cumberland District Women Active for Christ.

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Cornerstone (Murfreesboro)
Cross Timbers
Donelson
East Nashville
Faith
Fellowship
Good Springs
Head's
Hendersonville
LaVergne

Loyal Chapel
Mt. Zion
Olivet
Pardue Memorial
Richland
Shady Grove
Trinity
Unity (Murfreesboro)
West End
Woodbine

Respectfully Submitted, Geneva Walker, Yvonne Hampton

Secretary's Report

Twenty-four women's groups reported this year including Pardue Memorial and Richland churches that have been inactive for a while. Our enrollment for 2003-2004 was 322. According to your reports, we gained 22 members and lost 30, leaving a total of 304. However, our treasurer says she collected dues for 322 members. This total includes the Unity church at Murfreesboro which is reporting for the first time with 12 dues paying members.

Note: Some groups did not report new or lost members. Not all groups sent in their Annual Report. The membership reflects those paying dues.

Respectfully submitted, Yvonne Hampton, Secretary

Registration Committee

We the Registration Committee, submit the following report:

Women's groups represented.....	17
District officers present.....	7
Local presidents present.....	0
Delegates present.....	38
Visitors present.....	<u>20</u>
Total Registration.....	82

Respectfully submitted, Cheri Ham, Leigh Binkley

Resolutions Committee: Appreciation/Petitions and Requests

We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following for your consideration:

1. Be it resolved that \$50 honorariums be given to the editor of *Chimes*, the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer.
2. Be it resolved that the 85th Annual Convention be held August 27, 2005, at LaVergne FWB Church and the Spring Workshop/Retreat held at Montgomery Bell State Park on March 25-26, 2005.
3. We wish to express our appreciation to the following: (a) the Hendersonville women for hosting this meeting and providing a delicious brunch and the music. (b) Debbie

Burden for her challenge to us from God's Word. (c) Sarah Fletcher for sharing the ministry of WNAC in a PowerPoint presentation. (d) each of the CDWAC officers for their labor of love throughout this year.

4. Be it resolved that the women of the Cumberland District demonstrate their involvement in the community and the world by registering and voting in the November elections.
5. Be it resolved that the CDWAC sponsor a Gospel Sing to support special denominational ministry needs as determined by the officers.

Respectfully submitted, Myra Austin, Carol Reid, Dana Weeks

Plan of Work Committee

We, the Plan of Work Committee, suggest the following projects for the year:

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| August: | WNAC Emphasis Month Offering |
| September: | Rest of the Family Offering for WNAC/Executive Office, Master's Men/Retirement & Insurance/Commissions/NYC |
| October: | Student Loan |
| November: | National Home Missions (Pre-Thanksgiving Offering) |
| December: | Free Will Baptist Bible College |
| January: | Enlistment and Support for TWAC |
| February: | Foreign Student Scholarship |
| March: | State Project (Jonathan Snows in Japan) |
| April: | Foreign Missions (Pre-Easter Offering) |
| May: | Trula Cronk Home for Children (Mother's Day Offering) |
| June: | Cumberland Youth Camp |
| July: | Optional |

Respectfully submitted, Mary R. Wischart, Beverly Riggs, Tina Moser, Carolyn Lane.

Finance Committee:

We, the Finance Committee, have checked the treasurer's records and find the entries reported to be in accordance with the District Constitution and Bylaws.

1. We have examined the treasurer's report, which shows a balance of \$1,710.81 as of July 31, 2004.
2. We recommend that the entire morning offering of \$346.55 plus \$53.45 from the treasury (making a total of \$400) to be sent to the WNAC office.
3. We recommend that \$100 be given to our speaker Debbie Burden as an honorarium.

Respectfully submitted, Gladys Gragg, Myrtle Reeds, Laura Beem.

The Tennessee Women Active for Christ report

Dr. Mary R. Wischart reported the following for information: TWAC voted to combine the state convention with the state retreat which meets every other year. In accordance with the CDWAC's request, there will continue to be an officer's meeting at the state meeting in November. This November, Rebecca Pugh will speak to the women who attend the state meeting. At the state meeting in October 2005, officers for the next two years will be elected.

CDWAC TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1, 2003 - July 31, 2004

Balance Forward August 1, 2003		\$975.25
CDWAC Receipts		
Offering - CDWAC Convention	520.00	
Offering - Gospel Singing	1,111.00	
Bank Charge Refund	30.00	
Retreat Registration	1,510.00	
Offering - Spring Retreat	961.00	
Refund - Montgomery Bell - Spring Retreat	100.00	
Local WAC Receipts	13,975.99	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$18,207.99</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$19,183.24</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Bank Fees	34.00	
Check Order - AmSouth Bank	24.87	
Honorariums	850.00	
District Officers	150.00	
Convention Speaker (Teresa Snow)	300.00	
Retreat Speakers (4)	400.00	
TWAC-Jonathan & Teresa Snow	1,631.00	
Cheri Ham (Mailing Chimes)	68.82	
Montgomery Bell - Retreat Registration	200.00	
Hendersonville FWB Church - Convention supplies	25.00	
WNAC OFFICE	5,835.87	
Dues 2003-2004 (313 @ \$10.00 each)	3,130.00	
Co-Laborer Fund	1,629.50	
Emphasis Month Offering	447.12	
Foreign Student Scholarship	369.25	
Rest of the Family	230.00	
Provision Closet	30.00	
MEMORIAL STUDENT LOAN	151.50	
FOREIGN MISSIONS	2,621.77	
General Fund	100.00	
Laura Belle Barnard Offering	919.00	
Missionary Accounts	1,237.77	
Tennessee Walk-A-Thon	365.00	
HOME MISSIONS	3,485.00	
General Fund	103.00	
Lizzie McAdams Offering	513.00	
Missionary Accounts	1,869.00	
Clayton Hampton Land Fund	1,000.00	
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	904.35	
General Fund	100.00	
Paul Ketterman Memorial Offering	779.35	
Organ Fund	25.00	
FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES	408.00	
CUMBERLAND YOUTH CAMP	512.00	
TWAC DUES & Offerings	78.25	
STATE PROJECT - Jonathan Snow Family	642.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$(17,472.43)</u>
BALANCE IN BANK AS OF July 31, 2004		<u>\$1,710.81</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Gragg
CDWAC Treasurer

**Constitution
of the
Cumberland District Women Active For Christ**

With the aim to involve every woman in the Cumberland District churches in some phase of group/auxiliary work, thus helping her to fulfill her place as given by Christ in the Great Commission, we adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws:

Article I

The name of this organization shall be the Cumberland District Women Active For Christ (CDWAC).

Article II

The purpose of this convention shall be to bring the women of each local church together for the purpose of fellowship, sharing of information, and encouraging one another in the work of the Lord.

Article III

The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, field worker, missions study chairman, missions prayer chairman, and missions action chairman. These shall constitute the executive committee, five of whom shall be a quorum for the transacting of business.

Article IV

This convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention, together with local president and two delegates (duly accredited by the Credentials Committee) from each local group/auxiliary.

If there are two groups/auxiliaries—the general director and two delegates from each group/auxiliary would be allowed to vote.

Article V

At least one annual session of the convention should be held for the election of officers and transaction of business. Semi-annual or quarterly meetings may be held at the discretion of the convention.

Notification of meetings shall be mailed to local presidents fifteen days before the date of meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I

Section 1. President—The president shall preside over all meetings and serve as chairman of the executive committee, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee together when necessary, be an ex-officio member of all committees, see that reports are made promptly to the state, and perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Section 2. Vice President—The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president, or by her request, and otherwise assist her in the oversight of the general work.

Section 3. Secretary—The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the convention and executive committee meetings and preserve all valuable papers and turn same over to her successor in office. She shall also send a report to the state convention. The secretary shall also serve as historian keeping a historical record, submitting historical information to the state secretary annually.

Section 4. Treasurer—The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention and shall pay same out only when authorized by the convention. She shall keep an accurate account and shall give a written report of all funds received and disbursed at each meeting of the convention. The treasurer shall also send an annual report to the state treasurer. She shall encourage support of missions through the WNAC Gift Plan, individual giving, and special offerings.

Section 5. Field Worker — The field worker shall have charge of all field work pertaining to, or necessary to, the promotion of the work of the convention. She should visit local groups/auxiliaries, perhaps teach study courses, and help in the organizing of new groups/auxiliaries.

Section 6. Mission Study Chairman — She shall work with the local chairmen through personal contact or correspondence and shall secure the cooperation of the local chairmen in encouraging and promoting study groups in their churches.

Section 7. Mission Prayer Chairman — She shall work with the local chairmen to promote family altars, special seasons of prayer, prayer retreats, and the prayer fellowship through local groups/auxiliaries. She shall offer them periodic suggestions for the promotion of family altars and other prayer endeavors, and encourage them to keep current missionary requests before their group/auxiliary.

Section 8. Mission Action Chairman — She shall promote mission action projects on local level through world-wide levels. She shall encourage each local mission action chairman to involve as many women in her church as she can in active participation in community missions, for example, Bible study groups, child evangelism efforts, door-to-door visitation, hospital visitation.

Article II

The general officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee, and 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 annual convention.

The general officers shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are installed.

Article III

The general officers shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their official duties subject to approval by the executive committee and presented in writing to the CDWAC treasurer. All field promotional work is subject to the district executive committee, who should approve work done by district officers in the interest of district work as well as expense for same. Other appropriations may be decided upon by the convention.

Article IV

Section 1. Executive Committee – The executive committee shall hold meetings for the transaction of business and to prepare the program for the annual meeting of the convention. It shall maintain an oversight of the work at large, having authority to call extra sessions of the committee when necessary and act for the convention concerning any matter, and to fill vacancies occurring between elections. A proxy may act for a member provided she has written authority from the member for whom she acts.

Section 2. Resolutions Committee – A resolution committee of five members shall be appointed by the president as needed. This committee will also include the petitions and requests committee and the appreciation committee.

Section 3. Plan of Work Committee – A plan of work committee shall be appointed by the president. This committee plans the monthly plan of work.

Section 4. Nominating Committee – The nominating committee shall be composed of members who are delegates nominated from the floor and elected by the body at its annual meeting. This committee shall select the slate of officers for the convention and present it for adoption.

Section 5. Credentials Committee – The secretary shall be the chairman of the credentials committee, and other members may be appointed by the president. This committee examines the reports of the representing groups/auxiliaries to see if fees are paid and if reports are in order. New groups/auxiliaries organized since the last district convention, which desire to become members of the convention, are examined by this committee and passed upon.

Section 6. Finance Committee – The finance committee shall be appointed by the president. This committee audits the financial records of the year and reports on same to the convention.

Section 7. Registration Committee – Members of this committee may be appointed by the president as needed. This committee registers those in attendance as the convention may desire.

Article V

Section 1. A membership fee in the amount of \$10.50 per active member shall be paid to the CDWAC treasury by July 31. Of this amount the CDWAC treasurer will send \$10.25 to the Tennessee Women Active for Christ (TWAC) treasury. The remaining \$.25 shall be retained in the CDWAC treasury. Twenty-five cents shall be retained in the TWAC treasury, and the remaining \$10 sent to Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC).

Section 2. It is suggested that each group/auxiliary send the following amounts to the CDWAC treasury any time during the fiscal year (8/1-7/31. This is to be retained in the district treasury.

Per Group/Auxiliary Per Year

\$5 *Chimes*
\$5 CDWAC Convention Fee
\$5 CDWAC Minutes
\$1 TWAC Minutes
\$1 WNAC General Fund
Total Per Year \$17

Per Person Per Year

\$10.50 Dues
\$5 Emphasis Offering
(A little over \$1.29 per month)

Group/Auxiliary Per Month

\$10 WNAC (\$120 total for year)

Article VI

The CDWAC shall submit a treasurer's report and secretary's report to the TWAC in accordance with the State Constitution and By-Laws. (The CDWAC shall receive a like report from each local group/auxiliary by July 31.)

Article VII

The desired financial program for WNAC is mission's offerings following each special season of prayer, Co-Laborer offerings, annual gifts to WNAC general fund, the Student Loan Fund, and other gifts designated by the convention.

Article VIII

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting of the Cumberland District Women Active for Christ.

