

MINUTES
of the
FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
of the
TENNESSEE
WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

when convened at
Cookeville Free Will Baptist Church
Cookeville, Tennessee
November 11, 1997

The 1998 session will be held
November 10, 1998
at
First Free Will Baptist Church
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REGISTRANTS TO 1997 TWAC

National Officers: Mary Wisehart, WNAC Executive Secretary/Treasurer, TWAC historian; Marjorie Workman, vice president.

State Officers: Dawn Sweeney, president; Rebecca Pugh, vice president; Anne Worthington, secretary; Gladys Gragg, treasurer; Myrtle Reeds, Betty Mutchler, field workers.

District Officers:

Cumberland: Lilly Duncan, Barbara Nicholson

Union: Betty Hall, Arlene Farley

District Delegates:

Cumberland: Maxine Wagner, Laura Beem, Willa Johnson, Yvonne Hampton, Martha Harris, Delois Loveless, Laura Thigpen

Union: Alice Estepp, Roberta Estepp, Pearl Morgan, Jewel Sweeney

Local Delegates (without district): Juanita Rodgers (Cookeville)

Local Presidents:

Cumberland: Sammie Montgomery, Cofer's Chapel; Vernie Hersey, Smyrna

Union: Merle Archer, Oak Grove
West: Mary Walkley, Liberty
Cookeville: Regina Harris

Local Delegates:

Cumberland: Suzanne Franks, Franklin

Missionaries: Tanya Hart; Debbie Anderson, Côte d' Ivoire; Pat Franks, Brazil; Geneva Poole, Brazil; Annette Aycock, appointee to Brazil

Visitors: LaCrecia McFaddin, First, Madisonville, Union; Dean Lee, Post Oak Shade, Stone; Mrs. Henry Brewington, Post Oak Shade, Stone; Katherine McDonald, Cross Timbers, Cumberland; Mila Laughlin, Phipps Bend, Union; Jean Arrowwood, Hot Springs, Union; Alice Buckner, Cookeville, Liberty; Dora Byrd, First, Madisonville, Union; Shirley Heck, Oak Grove, Union; Geraldine Billingsley; Madge Crain, Limestone, Union; Ruth Gober; Cindy Walker, First, Knoxville, Union; Debi Paramore, Cookeville, Liberty; Louise Bohannon, Cookeville, Liberty; Edith Hensley, Wooddale, Union; Mary Greer, Keystone, Jack's Creek; Ann Revis, Watauga Valley, Jack's Creek; Edna Dyer, Wooddale, Union; Phyllis Brummitt, Limetone, Union; Linda McCreless, Cookeville, Liberty; Phyllis Gaw, Cookeville, Liberty; Fannie Mae Harris, Cookeville, Liberty; Marie Johnson, Cookeville, Liberty; Rebecca Stewart, Ashland City, Cumberland; Imogene Noe, Ashland City, Cumberland; Emma Sanders, Ashland City, Cumberland; Laura Edna Kenemer, Dalton, GA; Frances Walker, Pardue Memorial, Cumberland; Gusta Walker, Cookeville, Liberty; Joyce Reese, Pardue Memorial, Cumberland; Ollie Mae Baggett, First, Dickson, Cumberland; Wanda McKinney, Fair Haven, Toe River; Pam Rodgers, Cookeville, Liberty; Joyce Nelson, Post Oak Shade, Stone; Khristi Pugh, Liberty, Millington; Mildred Daniel, Smyrna, Cumberland

**Proceedings of the 52nd Annual Session
of the
Tennessee Women Active for Christ Convention**

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Women Active for Christ convened November 11, 1997, at Cookeville Free Will Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tennessee. The convention theme was "Who Then Is Willing," with I Chronicles 29:5b as the scripture text. Seventy-four were in attendance.

President Dawn Sweeney opened the session with a welcome and prayer.

Dawn appointed the following committees and they were dismissed to meet:

Credentials: Anne Worthington

Registration: Myrtle Reeds, Gusta Walker, Gladys Haney

Finance: Gladys Gragg, Maxine Wagner, Arlene Farley
Resolutions: Betty Mutchler, Delois Loveless, Laura Thigpen, Pearl Morgan, Sammie Montgomery, Betty Hall

Debi Paramore opened the morning session by having the congregation sing "Praise Him, Praise Him." Pam Rodgers accompanied on the piano and Connie Maddux on the organ.

Cookeville auxiliary president Regina Harris welcomed everyone and led in prayer.

Juanita Rodgers and Connie Maddux sang "People Need the Lord." Khristi and Rebecca Pugh then presented the heart-stirring monologue, "The Pearl of Great Price," emphasizing the fact that one must give God everything. Dawn read the words to the song titled, "Here Am I, Send Me."

Tanya Hart, MK (missionary kids) care-giver, shared her personal testimony and her burden for missionary children. She has launched a new mission work, that of ministering to MKs. She is responsible for a 12-phase program aimed at ministering to all F.W.B MKs. The purpose of the MK ministry is to provide an effective multi-phase program to minister to every age group of F.W.B MKs. It is designed to encourage Mks, provide information and gain an understanding of the different aspects of an MK. Tanya has developed newsletters for the younger and older MKs and has subscribed to helpful magazines for them. She has also set up an MK provision closet. For further information she can be contacted at 919/746-7322 or 919/746-2144 or by e-mail: Thart@coastalnet.com.

After Tanya's report Dawn called the convention to order. The first item of business was the reading of the credentials committee's report by Anne Worthington. Motion, second and carried (MSC) to accept the report and seat the delegates. (See credentials report.) Anne also read the secretary's report. It was received as information. (See secretary's report.)

Gladys Gragg gave the treasurer's report. MSC to receive the report. (See treasurer's report.)

Mary Ruth Wisheart, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC) gave the WNAC report. (See WNAC report.)

Middle Tennessee TWAC Field Worker Myrtle Reeds reported. Due to sickness East Tennessee Field Worker Debbie Mitchell mailed in her report. (See Field Workers' reports.)

Dawn at this point recognized the following missionary appointees: Annette Aycock (Brazil) and Debbie Anderson (Côte d' Ivoire). She also recognized missionaries Pat Franks (Brazil) and Geneva Poole (Brazil). Dawn especially welcomed Joan Gardner who is recovering from a long illness.

Reporting continued with the following reports: Resolutions, Delois Loveless; Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Kevin Trimble; Registration, Gladys Haney; and Finance, Gladys Gragg. The reports were received and voted on. (See reports.)

In final business Merle Archer gave the nominating committee report. MSC

to nominate by acclamation. (See nominating committee report)

Delois Loveless gave a brief challenge to the new officers and led in prayer.

The delegate sign-up sheets for the WNAC convention in Tulsa were passed and the business session recessed at 11:05 a.m.

The worship hour began at 11:15 a.m. with a welcome by Dawn, and prayer for Dan and Trula Cronk by Thurman Pate. Cindy Maddux led the congregation in singing "At Calvary" and "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go." Dawn mentioned the convention theme and read the theme scripture. The offering, totaling \$489.60, was received. Laura Thigpen led in prayer. The Cookeville Women's Choir then sang "Take Me Lord" and "Send a Rainbow of Your Spirit."

Dawn introduced speaker Eddie Payne, Support Coordinator for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. Eddie read I Chronicles 29:1-18. His sermon was titled, "Our Willingness to Be Obedient." He noted that David's intent in building the temple was to make God known throughout the nations of the world. His was a missionary focus with the temple as the focal point. David gave liberally. The temple was to honor God and the people gave willingly and zealously.

In closing the congregation sang "Have Thine Own Way" and an altar call for consecration was given.

Just before the service closed at 12:25 p.m. the congregation gave retiring Executive Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ruth Wisehart the right hand of fellowship.

TWAC Annual Banquet

One hundred-eleven men and women met in the Cookeville Free Will Baptist gymnasium to hear Pat Franks, missionary to Brazil, speak on "Who Then Is Willing." Pam Rodgers offered special music.

TWAC Field Workers' Reports

Middle Tennessee - As field worker for Middle Tennessee, I have mailed letters to each auxiliary in the Cumberland District and made telephone calls to local groups advising them of various happenings.

I have also served as field worker for the Cumberland District and as secretary and treasurer for my local group. I have taught one manual study.

I attended the Cumberland District meeting and retreat, the WNAC convention in Cincinnati, the state retreat at Gatlinburg and the meetings of my local WAC group.

I trust this has been a good year for you. May we all do our best this coming year to get more of our women involved in the work.

Respectfully submitted, Myrtle Reeds, TWAC Field Worker

East Tennessee - Through the writing of many letters and phone calls, the Lord has opened the way for me to present Women Active for Christ to two

groups in the Johnson City area. I have encouraged them to become members at the state and national levels.

I have served as local Women Active for Christ president at the Central Quarterly level and attended our women's conferences. I attended the Union Association Women Active for Christ. I also attended the state retreat in Gatlinburg and presided over our local Limestone Retreat.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Mitchell, TWAC Field Worker

West Tennessee - No Report.

TWAC State Retreat

One hundred forty-one women met September 25-27, 1997, at the Holiday Inn Sun-Spree Resort in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, for the TWAC retreat.

The theme was "The Triumphal March." The scripture references were II Corinthians 2:14a; I Corinthians 15:57; I John 4:4; I John 5:4 and Deuteronomy 33:27a.

The music was coordinated by Jill Ketteman. Debbie Mouser played the piano and Susan Forlines led the singing.

Fun time featured a fashion show narrated by Debbie Mitchell.

On a more serious note, Laura Thigpen presented a monologue entitled "By Life or By Death." It was about the life and death of John and Betty Stam.

Speaker topics included triumph over fear, depression, suffering, loneliness, and stress. The featured speakers were Mary Walkley, Beverly Riggs, Sammie Montgomery, Yvonne Hampton and Elizabeth Hodges. Francis Shelley closed out the retreat by speaking on love.

An offering of \$1,281.21 was received for the Seminary of the Cross in Reynosa, Mexico.

WNAC Report

Greetings from the WNAC national office.

1997 CONVENTION

At the convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, we carried out the theme "Expanding Knowledge." The seminar concentrated on the need for Bible study and methods of Bible study with Lorene Miley and Debe Taylor. The state leaders meeting involved four women, Gwen Hendrix, Diana Bryant, Delois Loveless and Wanda Powell, giving ideas for Field Workers, having good programs, keeping the women's interest in the meetings and enlisting more women in the work.

The convention passed resolutions to give a \$1,000 scholarship to Silas in Côte d'Ivoire, and to support Tanya Hart's ministry for MKs.

The highlight of the convention was THE PARADE OF BOOKS. Books by

fourteen Free Will Baptist authors were reviewed briefly on Tuesday afternoon. Most of the books were on sale at the WNAC booth.

The convention elected the following officers: President, Everyl Getz; Vice President, Marjorie Workman; Secretary, Diana Bryant; and members of the Executive Committee, Debbie Burden, Debe Taylor, and Joanne King.

LOCAL GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP

The annual report for 1997 shows 660 local groups with 7,138 members and 15 Actionette groups with 93 members. The state of Tennessee had 39 local groups with 524 members.

In 1996, we received requests from 51 new and reorganizing groups including one from Tennessee. Since the beginning of 1997 we received 39 requests for new and reorganizing groups including four from Tennessee.

NATIONAL GROUPS

On February 18, 1997, the Côte d'Ivoire women elected officers for their first national women's organization. We now have six national Free Will Baptist women's organizations: USA, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Brazil and Côte d'Ivoire.

FINANCES

The General Fund giving is about \$2,000 short of what it was last year. The hope is that some day The Rest of the Family Offering will help to take care of WNAC's expenses so that the office will not need the Emphasis Month Offering. Last year, however, The Rest of the Family Offering to WNAC was \$845.29. The Emphasis Month Offering was \$11,478.82. So you see, we cannot depend on The Rest of the Family Offering to take care of WNAC's expenses at this time.

TENNESSEE CONTRIBUTIONS In 1996:

General Fund	\$3,715.40
Emphasis Offering	1,891.75
Dues	5,082.00
Endowment Fund	75.00
Rest of the Family	322.29
Together Way	455.28
Foreign Student Scholarship	509.20
Provision Closet	221.46
Foreign Missions	13,041.89
Home Missions	5,847.60
Mission Objectives	1,142.26
Student Loan	136.00
Colleges	3,129.25
Total Giving	\$35,569.38

Tennessee was **FIRST** in giving to the *CoLaborer* Offering, **FIRST** in giving to the Emphasis Offering and **FIRST** in total giving to WNAC. We appreciate your support for the WNAC office. Please continue to support your office.

In our Endowment Fund we have a little over \$9,000. The Endowment Fund is a way to give that will continue as long as WNAC continues. Please encourage your women to give to the Endowment Fund.

CREATIVE ARTS

Ruth Ann Hall from East Nashville church won third place in the poetry division.

NEW MATERIALS

The **1998 Yearbook** is for sale for \$6.00. It contains more helps and more materials for publicity and enlistment.

We have a new play book called **MOTHER'S DAY MEDLEY** (\$3.00).

Patty McCullough has agreed to coordinate materials for teens and younger women. We are looking forward to having materials published someday soon.

Also Available: Booklets on the life of Lizzie McAdams to use in promoting Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer and offering for Home Missions (\$1.50).

Ball point pens with WNAC logo (\$2.00). Good for personal use or as gifts.

NEW TECHNOLOGY IN THE WNAC OFFICE

We now have voice mail, E-Mail and access to the Internet. WNAC should have a web page soon.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Ridgecrest retreat is scheduled for September 24-26, 1998. We hope to see many of you there.

The 1998 convention meets in Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 13-14. Take notice that the convention is one week earlier than usual. The theme for 1998 is "Living Sacrifices," Roman's 12:1-2.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER

*For future events.

*For sufficient, consistent monthly support.

*For the Executive Committee's search for an Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

*For the national office staff, Mary Wisehart, Yvonne Hampton, Suzanne Franks, Martha Harris and Patty McCullough.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Children's Home Report

Functioning specifically as an orphanage when it first opened in 1939, Free Will Baptist Family Ministries (FWBFM) now gives abused and neglected children hope in Christ and helps them become productive members of society. Ministering to the individual needs of children and families, FWBFM has four separate divisions with their own unique outreach.

1. **Trula Cronk Home for Children** - Five long-term houses for boys and girls.
2. **P.A.T.H. Shelters** - One short-term house for boys.
3. **The Stanley Foster Care Program** - Placement of children into Christian homes off campus.
4. **The Oaks Family Conference Center and Camp** - Serving children and families through youth camps, seminars, family retreats, etc.

We have literature and videos (free of charge) that can further explain each of these four divisions and their role in this child-care ministry. You may request this information by calling or writing to our office.

The following are the priorities of this child-care ministry.

- ▶ To maintain a Christian family atmosphere where each child can feel safe, loved and accepted.
- ▶ To present the love of Christ in word and deed in hopes each child will accept Christ as Lord and Savior.
- ▶ To counsel each child with their particular needs, including learning to put the past in its proper perspective and gain a new optimism for the future.
- ▶ To teach the Word of God as the rule for a successful Christian life.
- ▶ To make every administrative and household decision based upon what is in the best interest of each individual child.
- ▶ To encourage each child to fulfill God's will for life concerning school, college, marriage, occupation, etc.
- ▶ To teach each child the importance of becoming good citizens in their community.
- ▶ To stress the fact that they will become role models for other children to follow.

The children's Christmas wish lists can be obtained by calling 423/639-9449.

Our newsletter, "Home News," is a monthly publication of FWB Family Ministries, Inc., containing updates on the ministry, plus prayer requests, stories about our children, and much more. This newsletter is available at no cost to anyone who requests it.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. James Kilgore, Executive Director

TWAC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee submits the following report:

1. Reports received from 3 district and 1 local auxiliary(ies) have been examined and found to be in order, and it is recommended that their delegates be seated. These are Cookeville local auxiliary, Cumberland District, Union District and West Tennessee District.
2. It is also recommended that delegates who register properly from any local church affiliated with the various bodies of the TWAC be seated.
3. It is further recommended that this report be adopted, and that all registered auxiliary delegates, along with the district officers, local presidents and officers of this body, be seated as the voting body of this convention.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Worthington, Recording Secretary

Secretary's Report

Forty auxiliaries reported with an enrollment at the beginning of the year of 524. The present enrollment is 508. This number reflects those paying dues.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Worthington, Recording Secretary

Registration Committee

We, your Registration Committee, wish to make the following report:

State Officers	6
District Officers	6
National Officers	2
Local Presidents	5
Ministers	0
Missionaries	5
Visitors	36
District Delegates	13
Local Delegates	1
Total Registered	74

Respectfully submitted, Myrtle Reeds, Gusta Walker, Gladys Haney

Resolutions Committee

We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to recommend the following:

1. PLAN OF WORK

January	Enlistment & Support
February	Foreign Student Scholarship Fund
March	State Project (see below)
*April	Foreign Missions (Pre-Easter Offering)
May	Mary Ruth Wisehart's Retirement Offering
June	Local Projects
July	Provision Closet
August	WNAC Emphasis
*September	Rest of Family Offering (Executive Office/WNAC/Master's Men/Retirement & Insurance/Commissions/NYC)
October	Medical Postage Supply Expenses
*November	National Home Missions (Pre-Thanksgiving Offering)
*December	Free Will Baptist Bible College (Paul Ketteman Offering)
* Incorporates The Together Way Plan adopted by the National Association	

2. We recommend that the 1997-98 state project be as follows: to set a goal of \$3,600 to be divided as indicated below.

- ▶ \$1,200 for the National Office building indebtedness.
- ▶ \$1,200 for the Memphis Home Missions project (Cordova area, Rev. Tim Osborn).
- ▶ \$1,200 for the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries (Stanley Foster Care).

The money is to be collected by May 31, 1998.

3. Be it resolved that we express our appreciation and thanks to the following:

- ▶ To the Cookeville Women Active for Christ for hosting the TWAC convention and for planning and preparing for the lovely banquet.
- ▶ To the banquet speaker, Pat Franks, missionary to Brazil.
- ▶ To each officer and to those who had a part on the program.
- ▶ To the morning speaker, Eddie Payne, Support Coordinator, Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions.

4. Be it resolved that the secretary and treasurer be paid \$100 each for the clerical work involved in these offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Mutchler
Pearl Morgan
Betty Hall
Sammie Montgomery
Laura Thigpen
Delois Loveless

Finance Committee

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

1. We have examined the treasurer's report, which shows a balance as of November 10, 1997, to be \$2,282.22.
2. Within 90 days following the adjournment of the session, 150 copies of the 1997 minutes are to be printed and distributed according to the district membership, and that one copy per district and state convention officer be mailed to her.
3. That \$1,000 each be given to the convention speakers Eddie Payne and Pat Franks.

Respectfully submitted,
Gladys Gragg
Arlene Farley
Maxine Wagner

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 31, 1996 - November 10, 1997

Balance forwarded November 1, 1996		\$2,244.16
STATE RECEIPTS		
Banquet Tickets/ State Meeting	909.00	
Offering - State Meeting	400.34	
Registration State Retreat	3,725.00	
Offering State Retreat	1,281.21	
State Minutes	27.75	
TWAC Dues	133.50	
General Fund	118.98	
DISTRICT RECEIPTS	33,601.88	
Cookeville Local	2,559.00	
Cumberland	15,481.12	
Union	13,889.71	
West Tennessee	1,672.05	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$40,197.66</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$42,441.82</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Honorariums	200.00	
Banquet Meal/State Meeting	600.00	
Banquet Room Rental/State Meeting	85.00	
Mileage (Executive Committee)	398.00	
Minutes Printing	126.65	
Postage (includes packages sent to hospital in Ivory Coast)	191.60	
State Retreat (Gatlinburg)	1,997.21	
State Retreat Song Sheets	20.84	
Total WNAC Office	9,560.51	

Dues 1997 (508 @ 10.00)	5,080.00	
CoLaborer	1,843.70	
Emphasis Month Offering	1,496.33	
Foreign Student Scholarship	590.48	
Rest of The Family Offering	317.00	
Provision Closet	163.00	
Endowment	70.00	
Memorial Student Loan		35.00
Foreign Missions		15,346.11
General	888.23	
Laura B. Barnard Offering	1,654.60	
Missionary Accounts	12,803.28	
Home Missions		7,567.55
General	537.01	
Lizzie McAdams Offering	2,331.71	
Missionary Accounts	4,698.83	
FWBBC		3,042.86
General	2,493.51	
Library	120.00	
Paul Ketteman Offering	429.35	
FWB Family Ministries		684.60
Cumberland Youth Camp		303.67
Total Disbursements		\$40,159.60
Balance as of 10/31/97		\$2,282.22

- The \$2,000 given to the speakers at the 1996 State Meeting is included in the Foreign Missions Disbursements (\$1,000 each to Debbie Griffin and Paul Gentuso).
- The State Project (\$1,000 each to Sam and June McVay, David and Annette Aycock, and Jim and Karen Cowart) is included in the Foreign Missions Disbursements.
- The \$1,281.21 offering from the TWAC retreat is included in the Home Missions Disbursements (designated for the Seminary of the Cross in Mexico).
- The \$178.77 for medical postage to the hospital in Doropo is included in receipts from the districts.
- A total of \$15,260.35 was reported from the districts as non-cash gifts or gifts sent direct.

Respectfully submitted, Gladys Gragg, Treasurer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Treasurer - Gladys Gragg

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**1998 TENNESSEE DELEGATES
 To The
 WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION
 Tulsa, Oklahoma
 July 14, 1998**

Cumberland

Laura Thigpen
 Laura Beem
 Maxine Wagner
 Barbara Nicholson
 Delois Loveless
 Anne Worthington

Union

Betty Hall
 Anna Harris
 Arlene Farley
 Judy Castle
 Jean Arrowwood
 Winona Riggs

Cookeville

Gladys Haney

Dawn Sweeney will serve on the WNAC Nominating Committee.

TWAC Nominating Committee Guidelines

General Provisions for the Committee

Members of the nominating committee are elected by the state convention to serve one year. (The nominating committee shall be composed of members who are delegates nominated from the floor and elected by the body at its annual meeting.)

The president of the Convention will serve as an ex-officio member of the nominating committee. The committee must meet and send a proposed slate of officers to the TWAC president by September 30.

General Considerations for Presenting Names to the Committee

In addition to the qualifications and duties listed in the Constitution for TWAC officers, the nominating committee members should consider the following:

Consider as many different areas of the state as possible in electing officers. Of course it is impossible for every local auxiliary to be represented by a state officer, but sections of the state should be considered. Consider the person's qualifications and participation in Woman's Auxiliary.

As a name is presented to the committee for nomination, a list of qualifications and participation in local, district, and state auxiliary work should be presented.

Particular Considerations for Selecting Officers

The nominating committee should consider the following when approving nominees for the slate of officers.

Any person nominated for a state office should be:

1. Active in local and district auxiliary work.
2. Willing and able to attend district and state conventions, executive committee meetings, and workshops and retreats.
3. Able to communicate effectively.
4. Prepared to plan, evaluate and interpret the TWAC program to others.
5. Poised, able to accept criticism, utilize it and keep on working.
6. Flexible, willing to change, grow and improve.
7. Tolerant, respecting the opinions of others and being aware of the diversity among us.

CONSTITUTION TENNESSEE WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Preamble

Believing that a bond of union and fellowship among Free Will Baptist Women of Tennessee will achieve greater success in all their efforts which are put forth in the various districts throughout the state, through a state organization, thus further combining our auxiliary work with a view to unity of purpose in promoting more effectively the cause of Christ along all lines of Christian Women's endeavors, we do organize and adopt the following constitution for our better government.

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as Tennessee Women Active for Christ.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this convention shall be to bring the women of each district convention together for fellowship, sharing information, transacting business pertaining to the promotion of mission work in general, and encouraging one another in the work of the Lord.

Article III - Membership

Section 1: This convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention together with district officers, ten district delegates (duly accredited by the credentials committee), local auxiliaries representing without a district, and local presidents. Two additional delegates from each local auxiliary may be qualified to vote by paying a registration fee of \$1.00 each. Local auxiliaries without districts may have two delegates plus the president.

Section 2: Local Woman's Auxiliaries representing directly to this body shall send ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) per member for membership and

convention representation fee.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1: The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and three (3) field workers (one each from East, Middle and West Tennessee). These shall serve on the state executive committee together with three members elected by the convention as desired. Five of these shall compose a quorum.

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 - Meetings

The annual meeting shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous annual meeting or by the executive committee.

Article VI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the convention by a two-thirds vote of members present.

BY-LAWS

Article I - Duties of Officers

Section 1: President - The president shall preside over all meetings, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee together when necessary, be ex-officio member of all committees, serve as chairman of the executive committee, see that reports are made promptly to the national secretary 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 work in general.

Section 3: Secretary - The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the convention and executive committee meetings, preserve all valuable papers and turn same over to her successor in office, and make an annual report to the national secretary on a form available from the WNAC office. She shall compile the districts' slates of officers and addresses immediately after the convention. She shall also send a slate of state officers and addresses to the national executive secretary. She shall also serve as historian keeping an historical record and submitting historical information to the national executive secretary annually.

Section 4: Treasurer - The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention and shall pay out same only when authorized by the convention. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account and shall give a written report of all funds received and disbursed at each annual meeting of the convention. She shall also send an annual report to the WNAC executive secretary-treasurer at least ten days before the end of the fiscal year. She shall encourage support of missions through the WNAC Gifts Plan, individual giving and special offerings. The convention year shall terminate and all books of the treasurer be closed October 30.

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 and keep the national program before the district officers.

Article II - Elections

The general officers shall serve a term of two years, shall be nominated by a nominating committee and shall be 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 III - Expenses

An appropriation toward the expenses, postage and stationery for officers may be decided upon by the convention. All field promotional work is subject to the state executive committee, who should approve all work done by state officers in the interest of state work, as well as expense of the same.

Article IV - Committees

Section 1: Executive Committee - The executive committee shall be composed of the five officers and three members elected by the convention. Five of these shall compose a quorum. They shall hold meetings for the transaction of business as often as necessary. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to maintain an oversight of the work at large. They shall act for the convention when necessary. They shall prepare the program for the regular meeting of the convention.

Section 2: Resolutions Committee - A resolutions committee of five members shall be appointed by the president as needed.

Section 3: Nominating Committee - The nominating committee shall be composed of at least one member from each district convention, to be nominated from the floor and elected by the body at its annual meeting.

Section 4: Credentials Committee - The secretary shall be chairman of the credentials committee, and other members may be appointed by the president.

Section 5: 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 6: Registration Committee - Members as needed may be appointed by the president to serve on this committee. This committee registers those in attendance as the convention may desire.

Article V - Fees and Reports

Section 1: Ten dollars and twenty-five cents (\$10.25) per active member shall be paid yearly to the Tennessee Women Active for Christ for membership and convention representation. An additional one dollar (\$1.00) from each local auxiliary shall be paid for TWAC minutes.

Section 2: Local auxiliaries, in sections of the state where there is no district convention, shall send ten dollars and twenty-five cents (\$10.25) to the Tennessee Women Active for Christ for membership and convention representation.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of each body directly affiliated with the Tennessee Women Active for Christ to send a report to the state secretary

by October 30.

Article VI - Gifts

The desired plans for giving in the Woman's Auxiliary are mission offerings following each special season of prayer, *CoLaborer* offerings, gifts to WNAC general fund, the Memorial Student Loan Fund and other gifts designated by the Convention.

Article VII - Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting of the State Auxiliary Convention.

