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OF THE  
Southwestern District Baptist  
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# Order of Business

## First Day

1. **Introductory Sermon, 10:00 a. m.**
2. **Call Association to Order.**
3. **Appoint Committee on Preaching-**
4. Appoint Committee on Minute Fund.
5. Reading Church Letters.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
8. Call for Correspondence and invite Messengers to Seats.
9. Appointing- Various Committees.
10. Appointing Place to Hold Next Session.
11. Appointing Brethren to Preach Annual Sermons.
12. Revise Ministerial List.

## Second Day

13. Call Roll and Messenger's Names.
14. Call for Chairman's Report on Education.
15. Call for Report on Sunday School.
16. Call for Report on Prayer Meeting.
17. Call for Report on Publication.
18. Call for Report on Temperance.
19. Call for Report on Obituaries.
20. Call for Report on Orphans' Home.
21. Call for Report on Missions.
22. Call for Report on Correspondence.
23. New Business.
24. Reading and Correcting Minutes.
25. Vote of Thanks.

## Sunday

26. Missionary Sermon at 11 : 00 a. m.
27. Address of Moderator.
28. Song and Parting Hand.
29. Benediction and Adjournment.

# Proceedings

## First Day—Opening Session.

Friday Morning, Oct. 8, 1915.

The messengers of the Southwestern District Baptist Association assembled with Liberty church, Carroll Co., Tenn., to hold their sixty-seventh annual session. Engaged in singing, "Glory to his name." The Moderator read part of the 10th chapter of Romans, and was led in prayer by Bro. M. B. Smith. Then sang "How Firm a Foundation."

By motion the Introductory Sermon was deferred until 11 a. m.

The Moderator appointed the pastor and deacons of Liberty church a committee on "Divine Service." Brothers T. M. Boyd and G. A. Bryant were appointed reading clerks. E. T. Butler, J. D. Birdwell, and Joe Joyner a committee on Finance, and J. E. Black was asked to receive the money from the churches as to Benevolence.

The letters from the various churches were read and their statistic recorded. At 11 a. in. engaged in singing, "How Firm a Foundation. "

Bro. S. W. Joyner read part of the 26th chapter of Acts, and led in prayer. The Introductory Sermon was then preached by Bro. S. W. Joyner in his usual very earnest manner from Matt. 3:8, his subject being, " Bring therefore fruits meet for Repentance " and was followed by Bro. T. M. Boyd with some very appropriate remarks. While singing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand " the sermon was endorsed by a hearty handshake.

Bro. S. W. Joyner announced that there would be dinner prepared near by for all present. By motion adjourned until 1 P. M. Benediction by J.M. Anderson.

### Evening Session

The Association re-assembled at 1 P. M. and engaged in singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and was led in prayer by Bro. George Green.

The Moderator announced the body ready for business. The following brethren were recognized as visiting brethren from their respective Associations and invited to seats in our body. Bro. W. M. Woods, Beech River Association, Bro. George Green, Missionary of Southern Baptist Convention to "West Africa" Bro. John M. Anderson, Nolachucky Association, Sister Mina Crocker, Weakley Co. Association, Bro. M. L. Bullington, Weakley Co. Association, Bro. T. F. Moore, West Ky. Association, representing the " Baptist Flag," Bro. Eli Wright, Beulah Association, Bro. M. B. Smith, William Cary Association, Bro. W. J. Stewart, of Nashville, representing the "Baptist Orphans' Home," Bro. M. E. Wooldridge, Beulah Association, representing "Hall-Moody Institute," and Bro. J. W. Gillon, of Nashville, secretary and treasurer of the State Mission Board.

Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk. The Moderator asked Bro. T. M. Boyd to take the vote for Moderator, and Bro. G. A. Bryant to take the vote for Clerk. The names of the churches were called and the messengers came forward and voted, which resulted in the election of Bro. S. W. Joyner, Moderator, and D. H. Franks was re-elected Clerk.

" Trace Creek church " having petitioned for admission to Judson Association, by vote was discontinued from the list of churches of this Association. May God's richest blessings rest upon Trace Creek church and the Association to which it now belongs.

Proceeded to select a place to hold next session of this body, which resulted in the choice of Tom's Creek church, Perry Co. Tenn.

The Moderator appointed Brethren W. H. H. Yates, Jim Hauley, R. H. Hollinsworth, T. M. Boyd and J. N. Joyner a Nominating Committee.

The various committees were announced by the nominating committee as follows:

On Education : T. M. Boyd, C. A. Taylor and R. H. Hollinsworth.

On Sunday School : A. J. Utley, C. Hammett and D. C. Selph.

On Prayer Meeting : E. G. King, W. H. Thomas and G. A. Harn,

On Publication : Ben Johnson, H. L. C. Jones and J. P. Roberts Jr.

On Temperance : E. T. Butler, L. O. Gooch and J. C. Hauley.

On Obituaries : W. H. H. Yates, J. C. Taylor and J. W. Hendrex.

On Orphan's Home : J. E. Black, R. E. Pettigrew and W. J. Dodd.

On Missions: J. B. Chandler, W. I. Alien and W. J. Kee.

On Correspondence : G. A. Bryant, Rachel Peebles, J. P. Roberts Jr.

Brethren were elected to preach the annual sermons as follows: T. M. Boyd to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday at 10 a. m. with J. G. Cooper, alternate; T. M. Boyd to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m., with J. G. Cooper, alternate.

By motion Dr. George Green addressed the Association in behalf of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in West Africa.

By motion Dr. George Green (at Liberty church) on Friday night exhibited his magic lantern pictures, representing the manners and customs of the people, and the progress of the missionary work in West Africa.

Motion to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

Benediction by T. F. Moore.

### Second Day—Morning Session, Oct. 9, 1915.

The Association re-assembled at 9:30 a. m. and engaged in singing " We are Traveling on to God, " and was led in prayer by Bro. W. S. Phillips. The Moderator read the 23rd Psalm, and was led in prayer by Bro. J. M. Anderson. The Moderator announced the body ready for business.

Clerk called roll of churches and messengers names. By motion the speeches of the chairmen of committees be limited to 10 minutes and other speeches to 5 minutes.

The committee on Education made their report, and was spoken to by T.

M. Boyd, M. E. Wooldridge, J. M. Anderson, J. W. Gillon, D. C. Selph and G. A. Bryant, and was adopted as follows:

If in the course of centuries the Baptist confronted one problem greater than all others, it is the cause of Christian Education, The old adage, "The use of knowledge is power." is a true saying. We need an educated ministry that we may be better equipped to teach. We need to know more than we teach. No one desires to draw the well dry every time he lets the bucket down, and with our four schools, Hall Moody, Martin, Tenn., Union University, Jackson, Tenn., Tenn. College, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Carson & Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. It is not wise for our ministers to remain ignorant or to suffer our children to grow up in ignorance with the above mentioned schools in connection with the many public schools that we have access to, thereby reaching all the rising generation, at this critical period. Brethren let's awake to the great importance of Christian Education. T. M. Boyd, R. H. Hollinsworth and C. A. Taylor, Com.

Committee on Prayer Meeting made their report and was spoken to by E. G. King, W. H. Thomas, E. M. Joyner, T. F. Moore, J. W. Gillon, J. N. Joyner, and J. C. Cooper and was adopted as follows:

Prayer is the source through which all blessings from our Heavenly Father flow, and is the life of the church, and the power of the church. We believe we should not only have prayers at church but also at home. Our Savior prayed much, the church in the days of the Apostles prayed and gained the victory and if we do the work of our Lord we must pray much E. G. King, W. H. Thomas and George Harn, committee.

It was announced that Bro. W. H. H. Yates would preach in the grove. The congregation stood and sang, "Jesus lover of my Soul."

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report and was spoken to by M. E. Wooldridge, T. F. Moore, J. W. Gillon, D. C. Selph, W. J. Stewart and G. A. Bryant, and was adopted as follows:

We recommend to the churches of this Association the importance of a well organized Sabbath School as being one of the means of teaching the minds of the young, as well as the old ones, the truths as they are laid down in the Bible. We recommend the Bible as the standard guide and text book, with the literature of sound Baptist doctrine. We further recommend that our best talents in the churches be elected as superintendents and teachers. Our observation has been that churches having good Sunday Schools generally report more additions by experience and baptism than those that have none. We therefore urge that all churches in this Association organize and keep up a good Sunday School and by so doing we believe that we can add greatly to the upbuilding of God's love here on earth. A. J. Utley, J. C. Hammett and D. C. Selph, committee.

Committee on Publication made their report and was spoken to by J. N. Joyner, J. K. Black, E. M. Joyner, M. L. Bullington and George Green and was adopted as follows:

In these days of public schools nearly every one can read and is going to read something. What they read becomes food for the mind and goes to help form character to a large extent. It then becomes very important that they should read and assimilate something that would build for Christian character; therefore we recommend that each family keep and read good books and papers, and most especially do we recommend that parents keep good books for their children to read. We recommend, first, the Bible, the greatest of all books; second, the books and other literature of our "Publication Society"; third, our papers, Baptist and Reflector, of Nashville, Tenn.; Baptist Builder, of Martin, Tenn.; and Baptist Flag, of Fulton, Ky., and all other good Baptist papers. J. N. Joyner, E. T. Butler, committee.

Motion to adjourn one hour for dinner.

Benediction by W. H. H. Yates.

### **Evening Session.**

The Association re-assembled at 1 P. M. and sang "Amazing Grace, and was led in prayer by E. M. Joyner. The Moderator announced the body ready for business.

It was announced that Sister Ething would address the Ladies in the grove at 1:15 P. M. on the work of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Committee on Obituaries made their report as follows: Since our last annual meeting in 1914 the Lord has called from among us 39 of our beloved brothers and sisters to that home prepared for his people. While we sorrow over their departure we are sure they are with Jesus, where there will be no more death and we trust it will be the means of us living more devoted to God and in love with each other. W. H. H. Yates, J. W. Hendrex, J. C. Taylor, committee.

Committee on Orphans' Home made their report and was spoken to by W. J. Stewart and E. M. Joyner and was adopted as follows .

We learn from the report of Rev. W. J. Stewart, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, that the Home is in a prosperous condition and the number of orphan children that need the benefits and training the Home furnishes is constantly increasing, therefore the demand for regular and liberal contributions from our churches is the great need of the Home. We, in view of these facts would urge each church to take one or more collections every year for the support and carrying out the work of said Home. J. Edward Black, R. E. Pettigrew and W. J. Dodd, committee. While engaged in singing "What a Friend we have in Jesus," a collection of \$8.55 was taken for the Home.

Committee on Temperance made this report and was spoken to by D. C. Seph, J. J. Davis and E. M. Joyner, and was adopted as follows:

It goes without saying that the use of any kind of intoxicants is one of the worst habits any person could form. There are thousands of young men carried to ruin and degradation every year due to the use of strong drink. It is now acknowledged by all intelligent thinking people that Intoxicating liquors have ruined the lives of more young men, and destroyed the happiness in more homes than any other evil now existing.

It is a tool by which the Devil causes woe and misery in every home that is so unfortunate as to become it's victim. We who claim to be Christian men and women should do everything in our power to discourage the use and sale of this deadly poison. This can be done to a marked degree by watching the company our children keep, and see to it that they associate with no one having bad habits, and perhaps more so by exercising great care in selecting those who shall make our laws.

There should be no time lost in getting all law abiding citizens to stand together against the making of any kind of liquor that intoxicates and makes criminals out of so many of our would be noble boys and young men. J. P. Roberts, Ben Johnson, and H. L. C. Jones, committee.

Committee on Missions made their report and was very warmly and enthusiastically spoken to by J. W. Gillon, M. B. Smith, J. N. Joyner, E. M. Joyner, George Green, J. M. Anderson, J. G. Cooper, D. C. Seph, W. H. H. Yates, and S. W. Joyner, in regard to ways and means of doing mission work, and was adopted as follows.

We believe in missions both home and foreign; we believe that if we are prayerful and true to God, he will direct our minds in the way we should give. We recommend that all Baptists give for missions through either the Gospel or Board plan. We as a committee recommend the Gospel plan. J. B. Chandler, W. J. Kee, and W. I. Allen, committee.

Committee on Correspondance made their report, and was adopted as follows:

The Southwestern District Baptist Association in session with Liberty Church, Carroll county, Tenn., Oct. 8, 9, 10, 1915. To our sister associations send Christian greetings. Our present session is well attended. Among our visiting brethren whom we heartily welcome as corresponding messengers are: M. E. Wooldridge, of Hall-Moody Institute, Martin, Tenn.; J. W. Gillon, of Nashville, Tenn.; John M. Anderson, Morristown, Tenn.; Dr. George Green, our missionary to Africa; W. J. Stewart, from the "Baptist Orphans Home," and T. F. Moore, of Fulton, Ky. We desire to keep up a friendly brotherly correspondence with all other "Missionary Baptist Associations." Therefore we kindly ask that any of our members attending your session shall be received as corresponding messengers. Our next session will be held with "Tom's Creek Church," Perry County Tenn., 2 miles east of Densons Landing, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1916, at which time and place we hope to hear from you by letter or messenger. All persons desiring conveyance from the above named landing will please notify the clerk, J. P. Roberts, Jr., Britts Landing, Tenn., Route 1. G. A. Bryant, Rachel Peebles, John P. Roberts, Jr. committee.

The Finance Committee reported that they had received from the churches as Minute Fund \$36.65.

The following is the report of the Treasury of the Executive Board of the Association.

RECEIPTS

S. B. Ogle, retiring Treasurer -	\$ 76.80	
T. M. Boyd -	- - - -	10.60
J. G. Cooper -	- - - -	9.15
Flat Woods Church by J. G. Cooper -	2.00	
Unity church by J. G. Cooper -	- - - - -	2.00

Total - - - -	
\$100.55	

DISBURSEMENTS

S. B. Ogle missionary work - -	\$ 15.00
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J. G. Cooper, missionary work	-	-	15.00
H. L. C. Jones, missionary work	-	-	15.00
Printing	-	-	3.00
Balance in hands of treasurer	-	-	52.55
Total	-	-	\$100.55

By motion the clerk was instructed to have as many Minutes printed and distributed to the churches as the money will pay for, and that he be allowed \$15 for his services.

The Moderator appointed the following "Executive Board":

Eld. Joe N. Joyner, Chairman, Westport, Tenn.

W. I. Allen, Huntingdon, Route 2, Tenn.

W. H. Thomas, Westport, Route 1, Tenn.

Ben Johnson, Cedar Grove, Tenn.

Jim Hauley, Camden, Tenn.

Eld. T. M. Boyd was elected as Messenger to the "State Convention" which meets at Springfield, Tenn., Nov. 17-19, 1915. By motion adjourned until 10 a. m. Sunday. Benediction by J. G. Cooper.

### Sunday Morning, Oct. 10, 1915.

The Association met promptly at 10 o'clock and engaged in a "Sunday School Mass Meeting" conducted by Bro. G. A. Bryant. Bro. Bryant laid great stress on "Teaching the Word of God in Sunday School." Other interesting talks were made by Bro. Joe N. Joyner and Bro. J. G. Cooper.

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolve, that we as Messengers and Visitors of this Association wish to extend our thanks to the members of Liberty Church and surrounding country for their kind treatment of us during the sitting of this body.

The "Missionary Sermon" was preached by Bro. J. G. Cooper in his very earnest manner. Text: Duet, xxxii. 23. Subject: "Their rock is not as our rock our enemies themselves being judges." At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for Associational Missions of \$7.17 and was given to Liberty church to assist in finishing their house of worship.

Bro. T. M. Boyd preached in the grove at the same hour.

The Moderator made a very touching address.

By motion adjourned to meet with Tom's Creek Church, Perry Co., Tenn., on Friday at 10 a. m. before the second Sunday in October 1916.

Then sang and took the parting hand.

Benediction by Eld. E. M. Joyner.

ELD. S. W. JOYNER, Moderator.

D. H. FRANKS, Clerk.

## Constitution.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Southwestern District Baptist Association, known as an advisory council.

Article II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such churches as may belong to this union to represent them in body.

Article III. The Messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment as delegates, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.

Article IV. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to two delegates.

Article V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons of their failure at the next Association; and if any church fails for two successive meetings the Association shall send a committee to inquire into their state.

Article VII. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by messenger and letter, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Article VII. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, so soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their members' names enrolled, provided, also, that all newly constituted churches petitioning for union with us shall have a full right to vote for Moderator and Clerk, and nothing shall be

construed as to prohibit them from voting.

Article VIU. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of churches. It shall, however, be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it. or it may be separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

Article. IX. The Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such contributions as they may think proper.

Article X. Any church of this union having a difficulty that she cannot settle may call help from other sister churches, or may present the case to this body for advice. Such cases must be presented in the letters of correspondence, stating the reasons why it had not or could be decided by the church.

Article XI. When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, they may call from two or more churches for the aid of their ministers, and other members, such as the church may deem most suitable, to examine the individuals, and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the Gospel to the churches, which will be reported at the next Association and entered upon the minutes.

Article XII. This Association may correspond by letter and by delegates with the Baptist Convention of the State, and with such Associations as she may deem most conducive to the general interest of Zion.

Article XIII. The minutes of the Association will be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and clerk before the session rise. And no Association shall adjourn unless in extraordinary cases, until it him finished all its business.

Article XIV. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; that there are three persons in this one God—the father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and this triune God is the only object of religious worship and adoration, and that all worship paid anything else in the name of God is idolatry and abomination in his sight.
3. We believe that God created man good and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became both sinful and depraved, and a natural consequence, that his posterity by ordinary generations are involved in all the consequences of his fall.
4. We believe that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition, and, unless God himself had provide a way of salvation, that all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because all have sinned.
5. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon himself our nature, yet without sin, honored law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death; being risen from the dead is now enthroned in heaven, and untiring in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all sufficient Savior.
6. We believe that fallen man has nothing, and can do nothing, of himself, to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hopes of pardon, justification, redemption and sanctification are derived alone from the merits of Christ.
7. We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man: that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the officious plea he makes before the throne in our behalf is built upon his own and all-adoring sacrifice.
8. We believe the Holy Spirit the third person in the adorable trinity—is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in waking the Gospel plain and acceptable.
9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are freely justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all and upon all that believe.
10. We believe that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth shall never finally be lost.
11. We believe that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ who give evidence of a change of heart, and have been regularly baptized.
12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men, distinct from the body, but that it is left with the whole church.



13. We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's Day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation and labor, except so much as is devoted to works of necessity and mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of His church and the advancement of God's kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God, in His providence, may give them ability.

15. We believe that God calls men, by His Spirit, to preach the Gospel, and that it is the duty of the individual thus called, to study to show himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His church—baptism and the Lord's Supper—that baptism is immersion in water, in the name Of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and believers only are capable of rightfully receiving the ordinances; that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper, and none but baptized ministers have any right to administer them.

17. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.

18. We believe that the Gospel, with all its obligations, privileges and blessings, has been committed to the church on whom it is especially enjoined to make it known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Savior pledges His presence to the end of the world.

### **RULES OF DECORUM.**

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot, provided nothing be so construed as to prohibit newly constituted churches petitioning for admission from voting.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made in the same day, but at no subsequent term.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members so as not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he arises to speak he shall call another brother to take the chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

Art. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflection.

Art. 7. No person shall speak more than once on any subject until all who wish to speak have an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the Association.

Art. 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of the churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required.

Art. 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

Art. 11. The appellation of brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

Art. 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

## Financial Statistics as to Benevolence.

CHURCHES	Asso Missions	Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Educa.	Orphanage	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Totals
Aikin Chapel	\$	\$	\$	\$1 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1.00
Bethel	10 21	25 84						36 05
Concord					5 00			5.00
Flat Woods	2 10	9 25	5 10	2 10	2 10	2 10	2 10	24.85
Holly Springs	1 15			2 05				3.20
Huntingdon				5 00	37 50	62 05	93 70	198.25
Marlboro	1 05							1.05
New Prospect	2 00			4 35	4 00	4 00	3 75	18.10
Oak Grove	3 75							3.75
Prospect					3 00	3 50	3 00	9.50
Unity	2 50			2 50	2 50	2 50		10.00
Westport				2 22		9 90	8 60	20.72
Mt. Nebo							8 13	8.13



## SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

NAME OF CHURCH	No. of months School runs	Enrollment	Average Attendance	No. of Teachers	No. of Officers	Contribution to Support of School	School gave to other objects	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT AND KIND OF LITERATURE USED
Aikin Chapel	3	38		3	5	\$	\$	Silis Bawcum—Bible.....
Birdsong		15						E. C. Bomer—S. B. C.....
Friendship								
Flat Woods	9	69		4	4			R.E. Pettigrew—S.B.C.
Huntingdon	12	104		1		70 00	10 00	J. B. Gilbert—S. B. C.....
New Prospect	6	40						
Prospect	12	65	47	5		20 00		C.N. McMackins—S.C.B
Mt. Nebo	3	95		1	1	3 50		G. A. Bryant—S. B. C.
Westport	12	63	25	3		29 95	2 78	J. C. Medlin
Chalk Level		30		2				A. V. Hardin—S. B. C.....

## Historical Table.

Before 1854 this was a part of the Western District Association. The Western District Association was organized when all West Tennessee was called the Western District. This, then, is a part of the oldest Association in West Tennessee, the Holston Association being the oldest Association in the State--in fact, being older than the State of Tennessee, having already held its 128th Annual Session, organized before the State of Tennessee. From this we go back into North Carolina and Virginia when they were colonies under England. It was in these colonies that the Baptist patriot, Patrick Henry, defended the Baptist preachers before the colonial officers who were appointed by England, and it was here in these colonies that we find Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence, making inquiry about the government of Baptist churches and associations, that he might get a model after which to assist in forming the government of the United states. The oldest Baptist Association in the United States. The oldest Baptist Association in the United States is the Philadelphia Association, which has done more for Missions than perhaps any other. The oldest endowed school in existence in the United States is Brown University, once Rhode Island College, and which has always been a Baptist school.

DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH	MODERATORS	CLERKS
1846, Mt. Comfort, Carroll county ....	E. Autry.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1847, Mt. Pisgah, Henderson county..	E. Autry.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1848, Ramble Creek, Benton county..	E. Autry.....	B. W. Foster.....
1849, Pleasant Hill, Benton county ....	E. Autry.....	B. W. Foster.....
1850, Hopewell, Henderson county ..	E. Autry.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1851, New Prospect, Decatur county ..	E. Autry.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1852, Beaver Dam, Benton county.....	E. Autry.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1853, Union, Benton county.....	E. Autry.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1854, Bible Union, Carroll county ..	E. Autry.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1855, Concord, Carroll county.....	M.S.Corbett.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1856, Pleasant Grove, Henderson cou	E. Autry.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1857, Mt. Comfort .....	E. Autry.....	J. P. Arnold.....
1858, Union, Benton county .....	M.S.Corbett.....	W.C.McAuley.....
1859, Holly Springs, Henderson count.	J. P. Arnold.....	W.C.McAuley.....
1860, Ramble Creek, Benton county ..	J. P. Arnold .....	J. P. Doherty.....
1861, New Prospect, Decatur county..	J. P. Arnold.....	B. W. Foster.....
1865, Union, Benton county .....	J. P. Arnold.....	B. W. Foster.....
1866, Salem, Decatur county .....	W. Pugh.....	Geo. Hollowell.....
1867, Mt. Comfort, Carroll county ..	W. Pugh.....	Geo. Hollowell.....
1868, Ephesus, Carroll county .....	J. P. Arnold.....	Geo. Hollowell.....
1869, Concord, Carroll county .....	J. P. Arnold.....	Geo. Hollowell.....
1870, Chalk Hill, Benton county.....	J. P. Arnold.....	G. C. Thomas.....
1871, New Prospect.....	J. P. Arnold.....	G. C. Thomas.....
1872, Mt. Nebo, Carroll county .....	J. P. Arnold.....	Geo. Hollowell.....
1873, Marlboro, Carroll county .....	Geo. Hollowell.....	J. H. Thomas.....
1874, New Hope, Carroll county .....	J. C. Park.....	J. H. Thomas.....
1875, Toms Creek, Perry county .....	J. W. Brewer.....	J. F. Rogers.....
1876, Rushing Creek, Benton county..	J. Richardson.....	J. F. Rogers.....
1877, Oak Grove, Carroll county.....	J. P. Arnold.....	J. F. Rogers.....
1878, New Prospect .....	J. P. Arnold.....	J. F. Rogers.....
1879, Bethel, Carroll county .....	J. C. Park.....	J. F. Rogers.....
1880, Wildersville, Henderson county	J. C. Park.....	J. F. Rogers.....
1881, Ramble Creek .....	J. P. Arnold.....	J. H. Thomas.....
1882, Cross Roads, Benton county ..	J. C. Park.....	J. H. Thomas.....
1883, Prospect, Carroll county.....	Geo. Hollowell.....	D. J. Allen.....
1884, Sardis Ridge, Decatur county....	Geo. Hollowell.....	D. J. Allen.....
1885, Concord, Carroll county .....	J. C. Park.....	D. J. Allen.....
1886, Trace Creek, Humphreys count.	J. C. Park.....	D. J. Allen.....

## Historical Table--Continued.

DATE AND CAURCH HELD WITH	MODERATORS	CLERKS
1887, Liberty, Carroll county .....	J. C. Park.....	C. H. Rogers...
1888, Unity, Benton county .....	J. C. Park.....	D. J. Allen.....
1889, Holly Springs .....	J. C. Park.....	D. J. Allen.....
1890, Mt. Nebo, Carroll county .....	J. C. Park.....	D. J. Allen.....
1891, Rushing Creek, Benton county..	E. M. Joyner..	D. J. Allen.....
1892, New Hope, Carroll county .....	E. M. Joyner..	D. J. Allen.....
1893, Chalk Level, Benton county .....	E. M. Joyner..	D. J. Allen.....
1894, Mt. Comfort.....	E. M. Joyner..	D. J. Allen.....
1895, Flatwoods, Benton county .....	E. M. Joyner..	C. H. Rogers...
1896, Marlboro, Carroll county.....	E. M. Joyner..	D. J. Allen.....
1897, Bethel, Carroll county.....	E. M. Joyner..	D. J. Allen.....
1898, Shiloh, Carroll county .....	W. S. Roney...	D. J. Allen.....
1899, Pleasant Hill, Benton county ...	W. S. Roney...	C. H. Rogers...
1900, Salem, Decatur county .....	N. L. Joyner...	C. H. Rogers...
1901, Chalk Hill, Benton county.....	N. L. Joyner...	C. H. Rogers...
1902, Cross Roads, Benton county.....	E. Z. Newsom..	C. H. Rogers...
1903, New Prospect, Decatur county..	E. M. Joyner..	C. H. Rogers...
1904, Ephesus, Carroll county .....	E. M. Joyner..	C. H. Rogers...
1905, Pleasant Grove .....	E. M. Joyner..	C. H. Rogers...
1906, Ramble Creek .....	T. M. Boyd.....	C. H. Rogers...
1907, Oak Grove, Carroll county.....	T. M. Boyd.....	C. H. Rogers...
1908, Concord, Carroll county .....	T. M. Boyd.....	C. H. Rogers...
1909, Pleasant Ridge .....	T. M. Boyd.....	C. H. Rogers...
1910, Perryville, Decatur county.....	T. M. Boyd.....	C. H. Rogers...
1911, Unity, Benton county .....	T. M. Boyd.....	D. H. Franks..
1912, Chalk Level, Benton county.....	Joe. N. Joyner	D. H. Franks..
1913, Holly Springs .....	J. G. Cooper...	D. H. Franks..
1914, Mt. Nebo .....	J. G. Cooper...	D. H. Franks..
1915, Liberty, Carroll county .....	S. W. Joyner...	D. H. Franks..

## Ministerial List.

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	POST-OFFICE AND STATE
Aikin Chapel	S. A. Pettigrew	Holladay, Tenn.
Bethel	E. H. Martin	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Concord	J. N. Joyner	Westport, Tenn.
Concord	W. S. Phillips	Westport, Tenn.
Concord	W. S. Brewer	Westport, Tenn.
Camden	L. R. Watson	Camden, Tenn.
Chalk Level	G. R. Roberts	Johnsonville, Tenn.
Chalk Hill	W. H. H. Yates	Camden, Tenn.
Eagle Creek	D. D. Boyd	Coxburg, Tenn.
Flatwoods	L. H. Franks	Holladay, Tenn., Route 3
Flatwoods	E. M. Franks	Holladay, Tenn., Route 3
Flatwoods	R. E. Pettigrew	Holladay, Tenn., Route 3
Flatwoods	A. H. Franks	Britt's Landing, Tenn.
Mt. Nebo	J. M. Rogers	Jackson, Tenn.
Mt. Nebo	W. D. R. Palmer	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Friendship	H. L. C. Jones	Beardstown, Tenn.
Friendship	Thomas Parks	Beardstown, Tenn.
Mt. Comfort	C. T. King	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Marlboro	J. E. Arnold	Hollow Rock, Tenn.

### Ministerial List--Continued.

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	POST-OFFICE AND STATE
New X Roads	S. W. Joyner	Post, Tenn.
New Prospect	J. I. Joyner	Darden, Tenn.
Oak Grove	T. M. Boyd	Westport, Tenn.
Prospect	J. G. Cooper	Hollow Rock, Tenn.
Pleasant Hill	J. J. Allen	Powderly, Texas
Pleasant Hill	Joseph Allen	Camden, Tenn.
Rushing Creek	J. T. Sparks	Camden, Tenn.
Sardis Ridge	P. J. King	Parsons, Tenn.
Shiloh	D. C. Selph	Yuma, Tenn.
Westport	E. M. Joyner	Westport, Tenn.
Licentiate.		
Chalk Hill	E. Dyer	Camden, Tenn.
Mt. Nebo	Lelan Sedberry	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Rushing Creek	G. W. E. Herron	Camden, Tenn.
Salem	A. L. Jordan	Parsons, Tenn.
Sardis Ridge	J. H. Crowell	Parsons, Tenn.
Sardis Ridge	G. H. King	Parsons, Tenn.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	Church Day	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Minute Fund	
Akin Chapel	E. M. Franks	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	28	50	
Bethel	S. H. Allen	3	13	1	1	1	1	1	165	2 00	
Birdsong		4					9			50	
Buncbes Chap	T. M. Boyd	1					1		16	50	
Concord	J. N. Joyner	3	2	2			1		142	1 50	
Chalk Hill	E. H. Martin	4	1	9			1	2	110	1 50	
Cross Roads	E. H. Martin	1	4	1			1	1	108	1 00	
Chalk Level	J. W. Joyner	4	7	1			1		119	1 50	
Cedar Hill	J. B. Hayse	3	3				1	6	67	80	
Camden	J. W. Joyner	2	4	1			1		78	1 00	
Ephesus											
Eagle Creek	D. D. Boyd	1							100	1 00	
Flat Woods	J. G. Cooper	3	7	1	1	2			113	1 50	
Franks Chapel	C. T. King	2	2	2					24	1 00	
Friendship	H. L. Jones	3	3	3			2		19	35	
Holly Springs	C. T. King	1	5	3			2		106	1 00	
Huntingdon	M. B. Smith								113	2 00	
Liberty	W. S. Phillips	2		2			10		1	81	1 00
Mt. Comfort	E. M. Joyner	4	16	1	2				228	1 00	
Marlboro	E. H. Martin	3		2	1		2		1	46	1 00
Mt. Nebo	C. M. Simmons			1					4	231	1 50
New Prospect	J. G. Cooper	1	7				7	4	163	1 50	
New Hope	T. M. Boyd	3	5				2	3	181	1 00	
New X Roads	S. W. Joyner	4					6		46	50	





# STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3.

CHURCHES	CHROH CLERK AND P. O.	MESSENGERS
Akin Chapel.....	Lora Bawcum—Sugar Tree	E. O. Hampton, S.A. Pettigrew.
Bethel.....	H. E. Britt—Huntingdon	J. B. Chandler, Will Smith.....
Birdsong.....	G. O. Tippett—Holiday	Will Massy, Frank Trout.....
Bunches Chapel.....	W. C. Bussell—Parsons	No Messengers
Concord.....	W. P. King—Westport	J. N. Joyner, W. O. Gooch
Chalk Hill.....	J. C. Hendon—Eva	W. H. H. Yates, J. C. Hawley
Cross Roads.....	Walter Kee—Camden	Walter Kee, D. J. Allen
Chalk Level.....	J. T. Prince—Camden	C. A. Taylor
Cedar Hill.....	W. H. Gullede—Parsons Rt. 2.	A. J. Utley
Camden.....	A. J. Utley—Camden	Rachel Peebles
Ephesus.....	W. J. Burns—Mansfield	R. E. Pettigrew, D. H. Franks.
Eagle creek.....	Rochel Peebles—Coxburg	W. J. Dodd
Flatwoods.....	D. H. Franks—Holiday Rt. 3.	H. L. C. Jones, M. D. Harris.
Franks chapel.....	Gray Ballinger—Holiday	W. E. Hollowell, C. C. Derbery..
Friendship.....	Nora Harris—Beardstown	J. E. Black
Holly Springs.....	W. E. Hollowell—Yuma	W. N. Johnson, Joe Hopper
Huntingdon.....	R. F. Dilday—Huntingdon	W. H. Thomas.....
Liberty.....	B. N. Johnson—Cedar Grove	J. R. Weeks
Mt. comfort.....	H. J. Parish—Westport	G. A. Bryant
Marboro.....	J. R. Weeks—Vale	J. C. Taylor, J. W. Hendrix
Mt. Nebo.....	C. T. Smith—Buena Vista	E. G. King
New Prospect.....	J. A. Quinn—Parsons	S. W. Joyner, W. J. Kee.
New Hope.....	C. Horn—Yuma	
New X Roads.....	W. J. Kee—Huntingdon	

# STATISTICAL TABLE No. 4.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERK AND P O	MESSENGERS
Oak Grove -----	W. S. Brinkley—Westport Rt 1	T. M. Boyd, Dossy Birdwell
Pleasant Ridge -----	J. P. Jordan—Zack	No Messengers.
Pleasant hill -----	W. J. Allen—Camden	W. J. Allen, T. F. Abbott
Perryville -----	O. C. Kirksey—Perryville	No Messengers.
Prospect -----	C. N. McMackins—Hollow Rock	J. G. Cooper
Ramble creek -----	J. B. Cheatham—Bigsandy	J. B. Rushing
Rushing creek -----	G. W. E. Heron—Camden	J. R. Hollinsworth.
Salem -----	A. L. Jordan—Parsons	A. L. Jordan
Shiloh -----	J. F. Morris—Yuma	Curlis Hammett, G. F. Bradford
Sardis Riege -----	G. H. King—Parsons	No Messengers.
Toms creek -----	J. P. Roberts, Jr.—Britts Ldg	J. P. Roberts, Jr
Union -----	J. C. McAuley—Halladay	No Messengers.
Unity -----	W. C. Council—Holladay	No Messengers.
westport -----	W. G. Sanders—Westport.	E. T. Butler, G. A. Harn

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