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THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Westport Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2011, at 10:00 A.M.

2011 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -----	Eld. Greg Jones
Alternate -----	Eld. Jimmy Stewart
Doctrinal Sermon -----	Eld. Rufus Chandler
Alternate -----	Eld. David Leslie

New Hope Church History

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1870. The church house was built in 1872. The first sermon was preached by Elder J.W. Brewer. He was appointed as Moderator. The first church clerk was R.C.A. Thomason. Church was held on the third Saturday evening of the month. On Saturday, September 7, 1873, the members voted on and moved to change service time to eleven o'clock. The church burned on October 17, 1943. Judah Gooch and children donated the land to rebuild the church at the current location. Sunday School was organized in October, 1958. New Hope Baptist Church burned a second time in September, 1992. While the new building was being built, services were held in the fellowship hall that had been saved from the fire. Through many donations from members, fellow churches, and the community as a whole, the building was able to be replaced. Services were able to be held in the new building in November, 1994. A baptistry was built in the new church, but many still choose to be baptized in the nearby Maple Lake. Many improvements have been made since that completion. Most recently being the addition on the fellowship hall in 2008 and the blacktopping of the parking lot in September, 2010.



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Order of Business

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011

- Call Association to Order
- Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- Appoint Finance Committee
- Appoint Topics Committee for 2011 Session
- Appoint Obituary Recorder
- Reading Of the Rules of Decorum
- Call For Reception of Church Letters
- Call for Petitioning Church Letters
- Roll Call of Messengers
- Elect Moderator, Clerk, and Assistants
- Select Host Church for 2012 Session
- Select Brethren to Preach 2012 Annual Sermons
- Introductory Sermon - 11:00 A.M.
- Call for Correspondence
- Call for Report on *God's way of salvation versus man's way that is being taught and preached today*
- Call for Report on *What is the Deacon's role in the ministry and the edification of the church?*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011

- Roll Call of Messengers
- Call for report of Finance Committee
- Call for report of Obituary Recorder
- Call for report of Historical Committee
- Call for report on *People care more about what will make them a monetary profit instead of a godly prophet*
- Doctrinal Sermon—11:00 A.M.
- Call for Report of the Topics Committee
- Call for the Report on *(current event)*
- Call for Report from Associational Missionary
- Call for New Business
- Reading of the *Vote of Thanks*
- Read and approve minutes by clerk
- Song and parting hand

Elected Officers for 2010-2011

Moderator		<p>Bro. Ray Smith</p> <p>19950 East Main Street Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4717</p>	Huntingdon Church
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Friday, October 8, 2010

On a beautiful fall morning, the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met for the 162nd annual session in accordance to adjournment at the previous session in 2009.

The service began with singing from the Heavenly Highway Hymns #119 “Are You Washed in the Blood” and “I’ll Have a New Life” lead by Bro. Travis Nance, Pleasant Ridge Church, with Sis. Jo Ann Lunsford, New Cross Roads Church, on the piano.

The moderator, Bro. Johnny Wall, called the session together and thanked New Hope Church for opening her doors for this body of churches. He asked for the prayers of the people to pray for New Hope that she will be blessed for hosting this association. He called on Bro. Lynn Breeden, Yuma Church, to open the service in prayer.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Pastor and Deacon Body of New Hope Church

Finance Committee:

Bro. Michael Butler-New Prospect
Bro. Jimmy Bennett-Bethel Church
Bro. Lester Waugh-Concord Church

2011 Topic Committee:

Bro. Robert Simmons (Chairman)-Center Point Church
Bro. Rufus Chandler-Concord Church
Bro. Toby Swinford-Westport Church

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Allen Maness-New Prospect Church

The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum. Afterward, the moderator then called for the individual church letters.

The Moderator invited any non-member churches present that wished to petition for membership to come forth at this time. There were no petitioner churches for this session.

The Roll Call of Messengers was made and 70 messengers were seated by **motion and second; motion carried.**

Due to additional correspondence from Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church, a resolution was read to be included in this year’s correspondence in the minutes of the permanent record of this session. **Motion** (Bro. James Severance) and **second** (Bro. Rufus Chandler) was made to include this resolution; **motion carried.**

Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church, was nominated as Mod-

erator. Bro. Johnny Wall, New Bethel Church was also nominated as moderator. **Motion and second** was made that nominations cease and take a vote; **motion carried.** The assistant moderator, Bro. Andrew Stokes assumed the position of moderator for the voting process. Bro. Stokes asked all those in favor of Bro. Ray Smith to stand; thirty stood. He asked all those in favor of Bro Johnny Wall to stand, twenty-nine stood in favor of Bro. Johnny Wall. Bro. Ray Smith was elected by the majority vote.

The newly elected moderator, Bro. Ray Smith assumed the role as the moderator.

Bro. Andrew Stokes, Clarksburg Church, was nominated as Assistant Moderator, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried.**

Bro. Scott Carter, Shiloh Church, was nominated as Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried.**

A **motion and second** was made to elect Bro. Clint Sanders, Pleasant Ridge Church, as the assistant clerk; **motion carried.**

Six Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2011 session. A **motion and second** was made to select Westport Church as the host site; **motion carried.**

Bro. Greg Jones was nominated to preach the Introductory Sermon, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried.**

Bro. Jimmy Stewart was nominated to be the alternate for the Introductory Sermon, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried.**

Bro. Rufus Chandler was nominated to preach the Doctrinal Sermon and being the only one nominated a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried.**

Bro. David Leslie was nominated to be the alternate for the Doctrinal Sermon, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried.**

With the 11:00 hour here the moderator asked for a song to be sung while Bro. Robert Simmons came to give the introductory sermon. The congregation stood and sang "I'll Fly Away."

Bro. Simmons came before the body and told of the privilege to be here today and for being chosen last year. He said he had a message we all stand in need of. He told how a few weeks ago the thought entered his heart about "Finding Favor In the Sight of the Lord." This morning we all need to find favor with the Lord. He began reading in Romans 4:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of

Introductory Sermon
Bro. Robert Simmons

the glory of God.” Over a few more chapters, the Bible says in Romans 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and, death by sin; and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned.” He read from II Corinthians 4:3-6. In these scriptures we see a great need. There is a great need to all those here at New Hope. This message is to us as well as the world.



Who is it that needs the Lord the most?

We all do! We all sin and come short of the glory of God. Thanks be to God that he sent his only begotten son to redeem us from that sin. He referred to Acts where there were many believers as well as unbelievers. This is still true today. We need to be a vessel that brings honor and glory to our Lord.

We are to serve the Lord with our whole heart. We need to follow the spirit of God.

In Daniel 1:8, Daniel as one of the prophets purposed that he would not defile himself. We need to be careful in our daily lives because the devil is trying to plant seeds in our hearts that make us sin. We need to be vessels that bring honor to the Lord. Because of the actions of Daniel we later read where he developed an excellent spirit. Every time we stand to preach, or speak to the lost, we need to have an excellent spirit that would bring honor and glory. We want the world to have that excellent spirit and beware of that lion that is trying to destroy.

He then told about one that did find favor with the Lord. He read Luke 1:26-28. Our desires should be one that finds favor with the Lord. His desires are not to be polluted, but to find favor with the Lord. Mary had spent her life trying to do right to God, and God saw favor in her to send his son Jesus to her.

With Joseph, we find that God showed favor to him. In the sight of the Lord where do we stand? If we closed our eyes in death, what have we left undone? We would all find ourselves falling short. We all fall short, but thanks be to God we can find favor with the Lord through his son Jesus. We need to forsake the world and follow the Lord.

We need to edify the Lord because judgment is coming, and we are all going out to eternity. Some will go to everlasting life and some to everlasting destruction.

This nation as we see it needs favor with the Lord. Although some do not want it, we as God's children do want favor with God. Some ways, things have not changed. He referred to II Chronicles 7:14.

There is a storehouse of blessings that God wants to give, but we must meet those guidelines. As with Noah wanting to find favor with God by doing all God asked of Him, so must we being lead by the spirit of God.

After a few closing remarks about his desires for us all to prosper by finding favor with God, he turned the service back over to the moderator.

With a few minutes left the messengers agreed to recognize the visitors present (see p. 39).

The moderator asked Bro. Johnny Wall if he wanted to say a few things since he served as the moderator this past year. Bro. Wall told the association he loved them dearly and wanted nothing but love and unity among our churches. He told about being saved under the preaching of Bro. Clarence Carter, and how he was the moderator and he could not stand in his shoes. Being saved under his preaching makes his roots deep in this association.

After a few remarks by the moderator, he called for a song so we could give the right hand of Christian fellowship to Bro. Robert Simmons.

After the fellowship handshake and announcements, a **motion and second** was made to adjourn one hour for lunch; **motion carried**. The moderator called on the host pastor, Bro. John D. Small, to dismiss the service and ask the blessing on the food.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful and bountiful meal provided by the host church, the moderator asked Bro. Travis Nance and Sis. Jo Ann Lunsford to come and lead the congregation. The congregation began the afternoon session by singing “When My Savior Reached Down” and “When God Dips His Love in My Heart”. He thanked New Hope Church for their hospitality so far and then read from Psalms 133:1 and called on Bro. David Leslie, Oak Grove Church in Henderson County, to lead us in prayer.

Motion and second was made to allow the chairman to have ten minutes to speak on their subject and the assistant five minutes; **motion carried.**

The moderator called for the report on *Discuss Scriptural teaching on the necessity of the drawing of the Father (John 6:44) and Godly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10) in salvation. Include the worlds carnal approach versus the Spiritual minded approach (Romans 8:6)*

Part I: Discuss scriptural teachings on the necessity of the drawing of the Father

John 6:44 “No man can come unto me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up in the last day.

In this discussion we will try to point out the scriptural teachings on the necessity of the drawing of the Father. As shown in John 6:44 it is apparent that mankind cannot go to Jesus at any time in self-will. An individual must first be drawn by the Father. Jesus says also in John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the light: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” In these two scriptures we find that at no time can a lost individual go to the Father of Jesus Christ in self will. This is also discussed in Romans 9:16, “So then it is not of him that willeth, nor him that runneth, but God that showeth mercy.” Even more, Ephesians 2:8-9 says, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast.” As we now understand, self-will and earthly works do not result in salvation.

We begin to wonder exactly how that door to our salvation is opened. In Isaiah 55:6, the scripture says “Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.” With this scripture, we realize that we must “seek the Lord” through prayer, and “while He is near” raises these ques-

tions: When is He near? When can He be found? And When can we seek him and call upon Him for our salvation? In II Corinthians 6:2, "For He saith, I HAVE HEARD THEE IN A TIME ACCEPTED, AND IN THE DAYS OF SALVATION I HAVE SECURED THEE: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of Salvation." In studying these scriptures we find there is a time set aside for each individual when GOD shall draw them unto repentance. How will God "draw" a sinner into repentance? The Holy Spirit is the tool that God the Father uses to "draw" an individual unto repentance of sin and compel them to call upon Him for salvation. What is the importance of the drawing power of God through the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit reveals to a sinner's heart their lost condition through the preaching of God's word. "So faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." As previously discussed, we cannot obtain salvation through our own works or through any self-willed actions or decisions. Therefore, the drawing power of the Holy Spirit becomes our ONLY way to God the Father for salvation.

Part II: Godly Sorrow

II Corinthians 7:10, "*For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*"

We have seen how it takes the Holy Spirit to draw an individual unto God, but this is not the only act or work of the Holy Spirit. In John 16:8-9, Jesus is speaking of the comforter, which is the Holy Spirit he said, "And when he is come he will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of justice. Of sin, because they believe not on me." In the Webster dictionary, "reprove" is a verb meaning: to blame, to charge, to convince, to refute, to disapprove, to excite a sense of guilt. To reprove is a form of guilt which is Godly sorrow. II Corinthians 7:10, "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

When the Father calls a sinner unto repentance, they must acknowledge and confess their sins unto God. King David in Psalms 32:5 says, "I acknowledge my sins unto thee and mine iniquities have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah." In this verse we find that King David acknowledged his sin unto God, but in verses 3-4 we find that Godly sorrow had already set into David's heart prior to his confes-

sion of all his sins unto God. He said at the end of verse five that God had forgiven him of his sins. He approached God in prayer with a humbled heart. Isaiah 66:2 "For all those things hath my hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." Another example of Godly sorrow working repentance is Ahab when he "rent his clothing and put sackcloth upon his flesh and fasted and laid in sackcloth and went softly. And the word of the Lord came to Elijah seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? Because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days." Yet another example of Godly sorrow and repentance would be Jonah's humble prayers while in the belly of the whale. All of these men in their times of desperation cried out humbly to God in repentance.

In salvation, there must be true heart-felt repentance of sin and fear of separation. Lost individuals must hear that without repentance there is no salvation, and without salvation there is eternal separation from God. Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment." This begins the separation process for lost individuals. Those that die lost and undone without God will then face the second death which is the eternal separation forever (Luke 16:26). Revelation 20:14-15, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Oh, what sorrow shall surely be felt in that day.

Part III: Worlds carnal approach versus the Spiritual minded approach

Romans 8:6 "for to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

The Greek language teaches us that "carnally" is *born of natural generation. The physical nature of man as subject to suffering. The earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God.* When we look at this definition, we see that man has a part of him that causes suffering. When salvation is something done carnally, they not only will suffer in this life, but in death too. When salvation is obtained by carnal means, this is not what God is pleased with (he opposes). Many people that have a carnal salvation (or a decision), where are they three months after this profession? True repentance and salvation will also

bring with it a change of life. Those that have a carnal approach to salvation are not having life altering experiences. Many of those with a carnal approach to salvation cannot produce fruits of salvation. Their lives before this experience and after this experience are the same. When a person is born again from above, we know his life and nature will be changed. (Ezekiel 36:26-27; John 15:5).

Charles Finney, the 19th Century evangelist, changed the meaning of salvation from Biblical "conversion" to the empty carnal "decisionism." The repentance that does not include sincere sorrow for sin is not the saving grace that is wrought by the Holy Spirit.

With carnal approach to salvation, repentance is being left out. Many define this as "feeling sorry". If you ask someone if they repent, they may reply, "Yes, I feel sorry for what I do and my sins." True repentance is turning and forsaking sin. Isaiah 55:7, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Cain no doubt felt sorry about his sin, but did not show true repentance. There is no repentance in feeling sorry. Repentance is not even just having fear. Fear is one thing, but the Holy Spirit revealing sin in the heart of individuals is the only way to salvation. The problem with those having a carnal approach to salvation is they lead others down that road too. Many have been convinced that a carnal salvation is good enough to get to heaven. Dear friends, if you do not have something in your heart it is time to make things right with God. (Romans 10:10).

The Greek language also teaches us "death" is *a region enveloped in the darkness of ignorance and sin*. In ignorance today the world has developed a carnal approach to salvation.

When reading Romans 1:16 Paul was preaching a gospel that went against everything that the Jews (who did not believe the gospel in that it declared the one who died in Nazareth as the Messiah) and to the Greeks (who did not agree with gospel because it declared Jesus was God in the flesh). The gospel we preach today of a heart felt salvation instead of a carnal approach will not be accepted by the world, but we must be willing to carry it to them. Paul knew that the gospel he preached would be ridiculed and rejected unless the Holy Spirit

of God is with him and moves on their hearts (not carnal minds). Phillipians 1:14, “and many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.” As stewards of the truth, we must be confident in a heart felt salvation versus the world’s carnal approach. The word confident means *to suffer one’s self to be persuaded; seek to win one*. Is the world being persuaded in their carnal minds by man or in their hearts by the Spirit of God? Is a lost world being carnally won over by man, or bought with a price by the blood of the lamb?

We must be careful to not conform our gospel to the carnal approach to salvation that is being taught today. We do not modify it, water it down or do anything to it to make it more appealing to men or carnal church members. We cannot afford to take the edge off the blade so that our approach to salvation might be more accepted by the world. If we are going to make anything accommodating, let’s make the gospel we preach accommodating to our Lord and savior. We are not here to please men or to tickle their ears; we are here to preach the gospel.

Spiritually minded means *sometimes referred to in a way which emphasises his personality and character*. The term basically means to have a mind oriented specifically toward the things of God. After we are saved, we are changed. We go from having carnal fleshly desires and leadership, to leadership of the Holy Spirit of God. The scripture in Romans 8:6 teaches us that whatever we desire is a reflection if we are true Christians. Phillipians 3:18-19, “(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)”

It is the hope and prayer of this committee that all present and all our family and friends have a deep rooted salvation and not a carnal approach.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Bro. Scott Carter & Bro. Toby Swinford

The report *Discuss Scriptural teaching on the necessity of the drawing of the Father (John 6:44) and Godly sorrow (2 Corinthis*

ans 7:10) in salvation. Include the worlds carnal approach versus the Spiritual minded approach (Romans 8:6) was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Scott Carter and Toby Swinford.

The moderator then called for the report on *On the subject of regeneration, what is the meaning of John 3:5, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." What is the birth of water referring too?*

We the committee on the topic of the subject of regeneration, what is the meaning of John 3:5, "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." What is the birth of water referring?

In the beginning of the conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus uses Nicodemus's previous knowledge of his natural birth and explain the concept of a spiritual birth. Nicodemus was having a hard time understanding the spiritual birth and asked how this was possible? Jesus knew that Nicodemus understood his natural birth and how is heritage linked him to the Pharisees. He like the Apostle Paul would have had a pedigree that anyone would envy. He too was a Hebrew of the Hebrews and ruler of the Jews. However Jesus was not so much concerned about his natural birth but rather was teaching that he must be "born again" or be regenerated by the Spirit. Even prior to the Nicodemus episode the Pharisees came to John the Baptist bragging of being of Abraham's seed. The Pharisees no doubt knew the scriptures but at the heart of the matter assumed that their natural bloodline would exempt from needing Jesus as a Savior.

As with any verse or passage, we must first recognize what the verse teaches by thoroughly studying what we know the Bible teaches on the subject elsewhere. In the case of water baptism and salvation, the Bible is clear that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not by works of any kind, including water baptism (Ephesians 2:8-9). So, any interpretation which comes to the conclusion that water baptism, or any other act, is necessary for salvation, is a flawed interpretation. This passage is talking about how a person is born again or how a person is regenerated. Many commentators have ideas about the water referring to water baptism. We believe that Jesus' explanation is always better than man's explanation.

It is important to know that in the beginning of the book of John, prior to chapter 3, the letter is explaining the origin and purpose of the Messiah. John also paints a picture of the divine Savior as well as depicts his humanity to mankind. John the Baptist was one whose

mission was to prepare the way for the Christ.

In the conversation Jesus has with Nicodemus. He spoke to Nicodemus in accordance to the Pharisee's teaching- to be born of water meant to be born physically. This is shown by Nicodemus remark who thought to be born again meant a physical birth "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born? In verse 5, Jesus proceeds to say, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nicodemus believed like the other Jews that because he was born a Jew, studied God's Word, prayed, visited the temple and kept God's ordinances that he should automatically enter into the kingdom of God. However, Jesus explains this is not enough. In verse 6, Jesus Himself interprets the water as flesh or a physical birth "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Jesus says of being born of water is to be born of the flesh. Jesus explains the difference, telling Nicodemus you have already had a physical birth, you are in need of another birth "Marvel not that I said to you, 'Ye must be born again", literally from the Spirit above to enter the kingdom of God. You must be born again "that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." The new birth from above is a second birth which gives us eternal life. Notice also that the new birth is invisible. Jesus explains in v.8 that the wind blows where it listeth. It is not from the fleshly water but of the Spirit that a man may receive eternal life. Literally in the Greek it means to be born from above. Again notice that Nicodemus was having trouble understanding the flesh from the Spirit.

John 1:33 teaches us that John came baptizing with water but Jesus came to baptize with the Holy Ghost. The flesh and the spirit are two totally different things. So there is a birth of the flesh and another birth of the Spirit that comes from God.

The term born of water is used only once by John but the term born of God or of the Spirit is found in many of John's writings.

I John 4:7: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God"

I John 5:1: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him."

I John 5:4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith"

I John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for His seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
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In John 3:3, the term “born-again” literally means “to be born from above.” Regeneration is by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is an unseen work, like the wind blowing where it listeth, that one receives when they believe, they are then sealed with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13).

While this report does not teach water baptism is required for salvation, we should recognize the importance of baptism. Baptism is the outward expression of what God has done in the heart of an individual. Jesus teaches us the importance of baptism by his own baptism not to become the Son of God but to show the world that he was the Messiah sent from God to save his people from their sins. Titus 3:5 teaches that salvation is not and never will be accomplished by works of righteousness which we have done, but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Eld. Clint Sanders
Eld. Trey Crew

The report on *the subject of regeneration, what is the meaning of John 3:5, “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” What is the birth of water referring too?* was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Clint Sanders, Kenneth Massey, and Robert Simmons

With some time left in the afternoon, we gave time for the missions report.

Bro. Rick Jones came forth and told how thankful he was for the churches here, and the work they are supporting in Jamaica. He told how the church in Jamaica has been able to get the roof back on, and some work done to the church since the fire and some work being done at Warsop. He told of all the work going on in Jamaica and the group from this area that went down there to build some pews for the work there. He asked the people to continue to pray for the efforts going on there.

Bro. Eugene Brown came to give a report on the Words of Hope Ministry and told about how they are preaching to 142 countries. He told about the DVD's made by Words of Hope with messages on them about "Family" and "The Church". It is his prayer that this ministry will continue on after his life is over.

Motion and second was made to adjourn today's session until 10:00 am Saturday; **motion carried.**

Bro. Lynn Stapleton wanted to acknowledge the presence of Sis. Opal Dameron. This past year she turned 100 and is still an active member of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church and regularly attends this association meeting.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jeff Elliott.

Saturday, October 9, 2010

We gathered in accordance to adjournment to yesterday's motion at 10:00 A.M. ready to serve the Lord once again. Bro. Larry Pritchard, Shiloh Church, lead the singing with Bro. Lee Carter, Huntingdon Church, on the piano. We began with singing #252 "The Glory Land Way" and #304 "I Want to Know More About My Lord".

The moderator welcomed all and told of his thanks for all God's blessings and called the association to order and called on Bro. Arzell Douglas to lead us in prayer.

The roll call of messengers listed 65 messengers present and seated for voting. **Motion and second** was made to seat these messengers; **motion carried.**

The moderator then read from Colossians 1:14-19.

The Moderator called for the committee reports.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported collections of the Minute Fund of \$2,666.00, and the Clerk Fund of \$1,340.00 giving a total of \$4,006.00. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 9, 2010 is \$1,837.89. A **motion and second** was made to approve this report, release the committee and extend our thanks to them for a job well done; **motion carried.**

Report of Obituary Recorder

Bro. Allen Maness came and said that 42 from this association have left the walks of this life. We usually look as death as a bad thing, but in reality it is a glorious thing. He read the list of the names of those who have died and then read from Job 14:14-16. He then turned to Job 19:25-26 and finished with John 11:23-26

Motion and second was made to accept this report; **motion carried.**

Report of Historical Committee

The Clerk gave an update on the progress so far and that most of the minutes are in electronic format. He also reported checking with some publishers on the options available at the time the book is ready for print.

Call for the report on *How does scripture refute (disprove, prove false) the idea/belief that the saved can be lost (lose their sal-*

vation) John 10:27-30; and numerous other scripture verses?

How does scripture refute, disapprove, or prove false the idea that the saved can be lost, (lose their salvation)? What does John 10:27-30 and other scriptures on the subject say?

First, we have to recognize that there are many religions today that teach those who have been saved by the grace of God can lose their salvation. Henry Schilling, the author of "The Gift of gods" states that "People are educated into eternal security, just as atheists are educated into atheism." According to Daniel Steele, former President of Syracuse University the doctrine of eternal security of the believer completely destroys the distinction between right and wrong, and removes all motives to abstain from sin. A Methodist minister by the name of Jeff Paton argues that the teaching of eternal security is a blanket for an individual to be comfortable in living a sinful life but yet active in religion. The last quote is often spoken of by opponents to eternal security that a saved individual can live anyway he desires and go to heaven.

Before we can fully understand the doctrine of eternal security, we must first recognize, as Ephesians 2: 8-10 teaches, that the gift of salvation is of God and not man. First, a sinner must understand that man cannot save himself nor can any other man through some religious act save him. Salvation is only through a born again, (born above experience) to which the Alpha and Omega is God. So, therefore, if the gift of salvation is God's to give, He must be the One to secure or give assurance of such a salvation. Hebrews 7:25 tells us "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." The word uttermost comes from a Greek word, panteles which means completely. Does this scripture not refute the argument that one can be saved and then lose their salvation? It does so by clearly showing that when God saves an individual he does it completely and forever with no room for error.

John 10:27-30 says this, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My father which gave them me is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." In

this scripture Jesus lays out a relationship between himself and his elect, or the children of God. To obtain the full context of the relationship you must read the entire 10th chapter of John. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and those who have humbled themselves when the Holy Spirit convicted them of their sins and followed after the Holy Spirit for salvation are the sheep. This verse makes clear that the sheep, (you and I who have been born again) will hear his voice and will recognize and be obedient. Not only that but Jesus makes clear the very promise that we are discussing today, in that when a lost soul trust in him for salvation, they are now the possessor's of eternal life. Not that they shall inherit eternal life but that they are now the owner's of certain privilege. Jesus goes on to say that the child of God shall never perish and no man can pluck them out of my hand. The question is then asked "What sin can man commit that God would release him from his hand?" Not one. It would be impossible because if that in fact were true then this verse would be a lie. The Holy Scriptures do not lie. Jesus says in the next verse that not only can no man pluck his sheep from his hand but also the Father's hand. So for someone to commit a sin and pluck themselves from the hand of Christ they would also have to pluck themselves from the hand of God the Father.

There are many people who believe that they can work their way to heaven. Have you ever heard this statement? "We are all trying to get to the same place". An individual can try to get to heaven all they want but their righteousness is only as good as filthy rags. Philippians 1:6 says, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." This verse of scripture is strong proof against the false theory that an individual can lose their salvation. Paul says here to the Church of Philippi to be confident of this very thing. What "thing" was he talking about? He had witnessed on a missionary journey the salvation of their souls and the witness to which they had begun to express. Satan was trying to oppose their work as he does with all God's work and Paul was giving them a word of encouragement. Let's pause and meditate on his statement, he hath begun a good work in you and will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. The salvation to which had happened to the people at Philippi was

built upon a rock. The storms of life may come and the winds blow strong against you but because your salvation is anchored in the rock it will not fall but will remain standing.

Ephesians 1: 13-14 states, “ In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise. Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” What are these verses saying? Under the inspiration of God, Paul was addressing the Church of Ephesus and to us today stating that God initiates the gift of salvation through the word of truth. It also states “in whom ye trusted”. How did you know who to trust? It was through the Holy Spirit’s convicting power that draws us to Jesus. Acts 16:31, states, “Believe, (Greek word-pisteuo-to trust) on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” This is only one of many scriptures that are found throughout the Bible that teach the same doctrine. Ephesians 1:14 states after you believed or trusted “ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise”. Do you see what Paul was saying? God himself is the seal! In the Bible, a seal signifies three things: 1) Ownership, 2) A finished transaction, 3) Security.

1 Peter 1: 3-5 states, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” You are kept by the power of God through the entirety of salvation: 1) Past-Time and Place, 2) Present-continuing process of sanctification, 3) Future-When Christ Returns. The doctrine of eternal security is repeated and re-innerated by Paul throughout the Book of Acts in regards to the time and place to which God revealed to him he was a sinner and Paul obeyed/trusted in the Lord for Salvation.

The wonderful doctrine of sanctification, (Present) is also expressed in the eternal security of the believer as God continues to teach His child to grow in holiness. This point is crucial as it refutes the world-

ly teaching that those who believe in the security of the believer can go out and live a life full of sin. We have to remember that God knows that it is our nature to sin. However, after salvation it shouldn't be our desire to live in sin. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 states, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Why does the scripture say that our body should be kept holy? Brother and Sister, it is God's desire that this earthly tabernacle be kept under subjection and not to lust away after the sin of this world. Let me make it clear God's Spirit resides in the soul. The soul is the part of man that is made whole at salvation. But Praise be unto Our Father, we can cry Abba Father, that through the keeping of our soul this body of clay can please God. Galatians 5:17, 18 states, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." This scripture states that if you have been saved, you will sin because you are in the flesh but brethren you will not obey sin. You will not live in disobedience to God's law because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He will enlighten you, shed light upon the darkness that your flesh lust to and the child of God will turn away. Furthermore it will not be burdensome for you to turn from sin. You won't turn away from sin just because it is your duty but because you desire to turn away! In conclusion, there are many different scriptures that re-iterate or prove the security of the believer to which describes the FUTURE of the Salvation of the Soul Which Never Dies.

John 10:28 "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

Philippians 1:6 "That he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"

Ephesians 1:13d and 14 "ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of his glory."

1 Peter 1: 4 and 5 "To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be reveled in the last time."

The Best is Yet To Come, Amen.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brother Arzell Douglas
Brother David Leslie

The report on *How does scripture refute (disprove, prove false) the idea/belief that the saved can be lost (lose their salvation) John 10:27-30; and numerous other scripture verses?* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bro. David Leslie.

With the 11:00 hour here, the moderator asked for a **motion and second** to suspend the topic to the afternoon session; **motion carried**. Bro. Smith asked Bro. Tracy McDaniel to come to prepare for the doctrinal sermon. The congregation stood and sang “I’ll Live In Glory” lead by Bro. David Bond, Oak Grove Church (CC), with Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, on the piano.

Doctrinal Sermon

Bro. Tracy McDaniel

The moderator introduced the one to preach today as the former pastor of Oak Grove (CC) for 10 years and asked everyone to pray for him. Bro. Tracy told how it was a privilege to preach here today and that he has never had the privilege to preach to so many preachers. He said he was not here because he was the best, but because God had called him. He told of yesterday and Bro. Simmons being nervous and he assured him that he is more nervous than that. He said he felt small and that all he knew was Jesus and him crucified and that he will save. He said he did not think you could preach the gospel without preaching doctrine. He told about growing up he heard the gospel and that he did not know doctrine.

II Corinthians 4:3 “If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost.” As he grew in the word, he began to see who he was. His eyes were opened to things that once confused him and they became clear, and he became convinced we are the true church of God.



Anything but the complete truth is not the gospel. He turned to Jude and told all those saved have something in common.

There is no way to cover all the gospel, but today we will cover the heart of it; unless the pangs of hell get hold of us we will perish. Not everyone knows about the doctrines of Christ. He told about a conversation he had with someone that had lost someone close to them, and how he felt responsible to tell them if they did not have the pangs of hell hold of them and get saved by God's grace; then he did not make heaven his home. You and I are saved by the grace of God, and we do not have anything to do with the grace part. We have to come to the place where God extends faith to us that draws us to him. God's spirit brought us to a place where we could become children of God. He read in Jude v. 1-4 and told how if salvation could be lost, he would have lost his. He continued to read about a common salvation, and how we should earnestly contend for the faith (the doctrine) which was once delivered by the saints. The things of God must be learned, and they must be taught by the great teacher. We contend for this faith because men have crept in, they have done this always, still do, and will always try to creep in. Our nation is going to hell in a basket, not weaved with wood, but religion.

Bro. McDaniel told how since 1994 he has been preaching the gospel and that when he takes his last breath, his preaching will profit him nothing.

He told how some may think he is always telling his experience, but that is the main thing he has to preach about. He then read from Joshua 24:14.

Bro. McDaniel said that if you got it, you should be able to tell it. This salvation better bring joy and peace to your heart. As a child, he knew the truth because God had revealed it to him. It was the Lord that brought the pangs of hell to him and brought conviction, and also brought peace from those things. He had never experienced it, but he knew it was real. He is thankful nobody told him he had done all he could do to get up. He said there are those that are sincere, but know nothing about the truth. We as vessels of the Lord need to be carrying the gospel to a world that knows not the truth of God. He referred to Baal and the contest on Carmel. People have faith, through faith they will make it home, fly through the air, but faith without the promise of God is nothing. The people on Carmel cried out to their God, but the vessel of truth was present. Elijah knew that his God would answer.

How do we know this doctrine is true? At Carmel they started cutting themselves and blood starting gushing out, they were serious. Are we serious today? Hell is enlarging daily because people are not taking the gospel serious. Somehow we have come to a point that we hold back the truth for the sake of violating someone's rights. There is only one way to be a Christian nation, not just calling it one, but by being one. We have a country full of religious people, but not Christians.

He referenced how Israel did not have the power to get away from the Egyptians; God would have to be the one to do it. Lost people need to know that this is still true today in that they must be saved by the power of God. Nobody will be in hell because there is a shortage of grace. There is an abundance of grace and mercy, and we must be willing to let them take us to the place where we can find the Lord. He referred to Israel standing at the Red Sea and how Pharaoh was following after them. Not only was it Pharaoh, but also bondage. Moses told the people, that they had to rely on God to deliver them from the enemy who was pursuing them. We need to remember, God has to come looking for you. When God came to Bro. McDaniel's heart, he did not like it, but it brought him to the truth.

Who are we? We are the vessels to carry the truth to a lost world.

After a few closing remarks, he turned the service back over to the moderator.

After turning the service back over to the moderator, Bro. Smith asked for a song and for the congregation to give Bro. McDaniel the right hand of fellowship.

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch; **motion carried.** We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bryan Oakes, Bethel Church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another bountiful meal, we began the afternoon session by singing "He Set Me Free" led by Bro. Mitchell Whitworth, Huntingdon Church, accompanied by Bro. Lee Carter, Huntingdon Church, on the piano.

After the singing Bro. Small wanted to thank the ladies for all their work at this session and looking forward to meeting at Westport next year.

The moderator read from Colossians 3:12-17 and asked Bro.

Charles Connell, New Liberty Church, to lead us in prayer.

After the prayer the body stood and sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop" while taking an offering for the associational missionary, with a collection of \$550 being received.

The topic that started before the doctrinal sermon, was resumed at this time.

The report on *How does scripture refute (disprove, prove false) the idea/belief that the saved can be lost (lose their salvation) John 10:27-30; and numerous other scripture verses?* was spoken to by Bros. Lynn Stapleton, Clint Sanders, Jimmie Hale Jr., Jimmy Stewart, Scott Carter, Brian Hampton, Rufus Chandler, Royce Renfroe and Charles Connell.

Call for the report on (current event) *We Have Left Our First Love*

"We Have Left Our First Love"

Today, as in days gone by, Christians of our generation have freely walked away from the One who provided the key to eternal life. (*"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."* ~Revelation 2:4~) The power of our churches is hindered because we have left our first love. (*"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."* ~Isaiah 53:6~) (*"Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith."* ~I Timothy 5:12~)

The Bible tells us, in the fourth chapter of Ephesians, about Paul dealing with those individuals who left their first love in Ephesus. John dealt with this issue, through the words of Christ, also to the church at Ephesus in the second chapter of Revelation. This is an issue that still occurs in the day in which we live. In the following lines, we will explore current examples of this condition in the **church**, in the **world**, and in the **home** as well as mention some of the scriptural remedies.

IN THE CHURCH

Our relationship with God has been hindered first of all because of our slackness in church worship. We don't attend services on a regular basis. This includes Sunday school. Another problem is that we don't use

our voices in service to Him. Once where testifying was the norm and shouting was an acceptable practice, church has now become a very silent place. Also absent is the affirmation by congregational members saying "amen".

Another omission is when saved individuals don't go to the altar. We encourage the lost to go to the altar, but it is a resource that those that are saved should also utilize. Another sad occurrence is when we walk out of the church doors and leave God in the pews. We don't invite Him to be part of our daily lives and our daily walk. We need to be a shining light in a dark world. Christians should reflect the goodness of God's grace in their life by their words and by their deeds.

"Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

~Jeremiah 31:10~

IN THE WORLD

There are many things in our daily lives that we put ahead of God. We allow our jobs to be more important than serving God. It, in a sense, becomes an idol when we are all consumed with our job. Another activity that has become more time consuming is sports whether we are watching or participating in the game. An area that is also put first is our family. It is hard to understand this concept, but the Bible clearly states that God is to be second to no one or nothing else.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

~Exodus 20:3-6~

Another hindrance to our relationship with God is coveting. So many times we see something that is our neighbor's and we think we need it, too. That is covet-

ing which is clearly against the word of God.

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

~Exodus 20:17~

IN THE HOME

Another place where God is not invited is into our homes. This is possibly the most detrimental of them all. We don't take the time to pray as our forefathers did. A line of communication needs to be fostered and practiced daily with our Heavenly Father. The Bible is growing dusty on the shelf in our homes because we don't read and study God's word as we should. It has been said that dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives.

RESULTS OF LEAVING OUR FIRST LOVE

Forgoing a close relationship with God will have many negative effects. It will hinder the lost from being saved as well as cause discord among the brethren.

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

~Ephesians 4:1-3~

WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE

Knowing all of this, we must realize that we can't do it by ourselves. God helps us to fight the spiritual battles in our lives.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel

*of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, where-
with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the
wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the
sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying
always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,
and watching thereunto with all perseverance and sup-
plication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may
be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly,
to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I
am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak
boldly, as I ought to speak."*

~ Ephesians 6:10-20~

*"And even things without life giving sound,
whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in
the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or
harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,
who shall prepare himself to the battle? "*

~I Corinthians 14:7-8~

GOD HAS MADE A WAY

God has made it clear in His word that He is true to his promises. If we desire to change our ways and repent, He will abide with us.

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

~Revelation 2:5~

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

~ II Chronicles 7:14~

*"If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, re-
turn unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abomina-
tions out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. And
thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judg-
ment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless
themselves in him, and in him shall they glory. Break
up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.
Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the
foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabit-
ants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire,*

and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities."

~ Jeremiah 4:1-5~

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

~Matthew 23:37~

"But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

~I Timothy 6:11-12~

The report *We Have Left Our First Love* was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Kevin Hollingshead, Rufus Chandler, and Lynn Stapleton.

Associational Missionary Report:

Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. told of the joy to be at the association again this year. He read from Psalms 127:1 and how we as God's servants must let God do the building. It is not his desire to take credit; he wants credit to go to God.

After a few remarks he gave the following report:

Brother Moderator, Brothers and Sisters,

It is such a great blessing to be able to attend this 162nd Annual Session of the Southwestern District Baptist Association.

I thank God for the great privilege I have had this year serving as Associational Missionary. I have been able to visit all 27 associational churches one or more times.

I visited 19 non-associational Baptist Churches as listed below:

Visited 21 church revivals and traveled 3,378 miles. Re-

ceived church offerings of \$565 and association offering of \$631.61 for a total of \$1,196.61.

I want to thank you for electing me to serve as Associational Missionary. I also want to thank each church for the gracious welcome you gave me. I know it was by the grace of God that I was able to do this. Psalms 124:8, "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

Humbly Submitted: God bless each of you.
Eld. Rufus L. Chandler
Eld. Kevin Hollingshead Respectfully Submitted,
 Jimmie Hale, Jr.

Motion and second was made to approve this report and elect him for another year and to include it in the minutes; **motion carried.**

Call for Report on Topic Committee

The topic committee made the following recommendations:

Subject # 1:

In the time period we are living in we hear much about accepting the Lord or making a decision to be saved, in St. John, chapter 3, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night inquiring about salvation. Jesus answered him in verse 7, saying "Marvel not, that I said unto thee, ye must be born again." Discuss God's way of salvation versus man's way that is being taught and preached today.

Subject # 2:

What is the Deacon's role in the ministry and the edification of the church? (Acts 6:30)

Subject # 3:

People care more about what will make them a monetary profit instead of a godly prophet. (Malachi 3:8)

Carroll County:

- Calvary
- Humbles Chapel
- County line
- McAuley Chapel
- Mt. Comfort

Benton County:

- Fairview
- Decatur County:
- Sardis Ridge
- Tomlin Chapel

Henderson County:

- Cedar Hill
- Central Grove
- Mt. Moriah
- Mt. Pisgah
- Mazies Chapel
- Old Bethel
- Old Jacks Creek
- Natchez Trace
- Ridge Grove
- Spring Hill
- Union Hill

Subject # 4:

Topic “Current Topic to Be Announced”

A motion and second was made to accept these recommendations; **motion carried.**

Call for New Business

1. Discussion was given on the resolution presented to the body during the Friday session. After much discussion **motion and second** was made to drop the resolution for this year; **motion carried.**
2. Bro. Andrew Stokes asked the clerk to send a letter to Bro. Dwen Gritton (Jamaica) inviting him to the United States. **Motion and second** for the clerk to send correspondence; **motion carried**
3. The clerk stood and gave discussion about the decrease in the number of churches reporting the pastor’s salary. **Motion and second** was made to delete this information from the minutes; **motion carried.**
4. The clerk also discussed a letter from Landmark Church stating that they had joined with Old Paths Church. **Motion and second** was made to accept this letter and add this correspondence to the minutes; **motion carried.**

Vote of Thanks

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, its officers, and the messengers of this association wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to New Hope Church in Carroll County for serving as host for this session. We last met with you in 1997, and it was a pleasure for us to meet with you once again and enjoy sweet fellowship one with another.

We thank God for Bro. Robert Simmons and his message “Finding Favor in the Sight of the Lord” and Bro. Tracy McDaniel for his message “Common Salvation”. We were again blessed with ministers of the gospel who follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We pray that God will bless them and their families for their continued work in the ministry.

I once again give thanks to the Topic Committee for their selecting the topics and the ones to prepare/present them. May we use this information for the spiritual growth of us all. Thank you for selecting topics that are food to our souls and that make us stronger in the army of the Lord. We are looking forward to hearing the topics next year.

I thank God for those who serve as the Finance Committee, and the Obituary Recorder, and a special thanks to Bro. Clint Sanders for serving as the assistant clerk. These brethren make the work of the Clerk much easier.

May our Moderator and Assistant Moderator receive many blessings from God for their efforts to serve this association.

Our appreciation is offered to the members and friends of New Hope Church for the food provided both days. The food was delicious as always, and the efforts of service did not go unnoticed.

Again, we see evidence of Christ's love for us being shown through the efforts of the Church.

As plans are underway for next year's sessions, may we all pray God's will be done with us all, as individual church members, as individual churches and as a united group of churches.

Please begin to pray for Westport Church as she prepares to host the Association next year.

I anxiously await, if it be God's will, the next session and look forward to meeting with all of you as we gather together at Westport Missionary Baptist Church for the 163rd annual session on October 7-8, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. ready to receive another blessing from the Lord.

Praising Him,
Scott Carter, Clerk

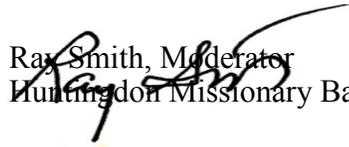
The Clerk read the Vote of Thanks. A **motion and second** was made to adopt; **motion carried.**

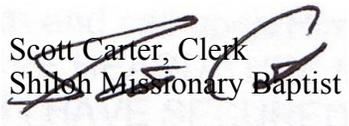
The minutes of the two days proceedings was read by the Clerk. A **motion and second** was made to accept and record the minutes as read by the Clerk; **motion carried.**

We closed by having a handshake while singing many wonderful songs in the Lord's Spirit and a few closing comments.

A **motion and second** was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October 2011, at 10:00 A.M. at Westport Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, TN; **motion carried.**

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Brian Hampton, Oak Grove (CC) Church.


Ray Smith, Moderator
Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church


Scott Carter, Clerk
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Messengers Seated for the 162nd Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday- Jimmy Bennett, Glenn Baker, Bryan Oakes
Saturday- Jimmy Bennett, Glenn Baker, Bryan Oakes

Bible Grove:

Friday- Jason Howard, Johnny Sanders, Randy Wood
Saturday- Randy Wood, Louise Wood

Caledonia:

Friday- letter only
Saturday- letter only

Center Point:

Friday- Bill Noles, Earnestine Higdon, Jenny Moon
Saturday- Earnestine Higdon, Jenny Moon

Clarksburg:

Friday- Patricia Holt, Andrew Stokes, Melanie Stokes
Saturday- Andrew Stokes, Melanie Stokes, Jeff Reed

Concord:

Friday- Rufus Chandler, Lester Waugh, Dennis Stokes
Saturday- Rufus Chandler, Lester Waugh, Dennis Stokes

Cross Roads:

Friday- Jackie Wimberly, Nelson Cole, Randy Thompson
Saturday- Jackie Wimberly, Nelson Cole, Randy Thompson

Ephesus:

Friday- Norman Hillard, William Umstead
Saturday- Norman Hillard, William Umstead

Huntingdon:

Friday- Lynn Stapleton, Ray Smith, Lee Carter
Saturday- Lynn Stapleton, Ray Smith, Lee Carter

Marlsboro:

Friday- Melvin Walker, Jim Severance
Saturday- Jim Severance

Mixie:

Friday- Johnny Whitworth, James Fowler, Don Renfroe
Saturday- James Fowler, Don Renfroe, Royce Renfroe

New Bethel:

Friday- Edward Malone, Jeff Lamb
Saturday- Jeff Lamb, Roy Owen

New Cross Roads:

Friday- Dennis Lunsford, JoAnn Lunsford, Elizabeth Mason
Saturday- Dennis Lunsford, JoAnn Lunsford, Jeff Bryant

New Hope:

Friday- Dale Seagraves, John D. Small, Scott Gallimore

Saturday- Dale Seagraves, John D. Small, Scott Gallimore

New Liberty:

Friday- Tim Sellers, Ed Harris, Jimmy Stewart

Saturday- Tim Sellers, Ed Harris, Jimmy Stewart

New Prospect:

Friday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard, Allen Maness

Saturday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard, Allen Maness

New Spring Hill:

Friday- letter only

Saturday- Karen Williams, James Williams

Oak Grove – CC:

Friday- Brett Hampton, Brian Hampton, David Bond

Saturday- Brett Hampton, Brian Hampton, David Bond

Oak Grove – HC:

Friday- Glenn Lewis, David Leslie, Goy Williams

Saturday- Glenn Lewis, David Leslie, Goy Williams

Old Paths:

Friday- Kenneth Carrington, Vernon Lewelling

Saturday- Vernon Lewelling, Wallace Douglas

Pleasant Grove:

Friday- Frank Rickman, Marcus Rickman, Robert Tolley

Saturday- Frank Rickman, Marcus Rickman

Pleasant Hill:

Friday- Edward Ellis, Bill Hargrove, Trey Crews

Saturday- Edward Ellis, Bill Hargrove, Trey Crews

Pleasant Ridge:

Friday- James Nance, Travis Nance, Barbara Nance

Saturday- James Nance, Clint Sanders

Rushing's Creek:

Friday- Patsy Dickey, Danny Seaton

Saturday- Michael Boshers

Shiloh:

Friday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, Judy Pritchard

Saturday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, Judy Pritchard

Westport:

Friday- Brenda Leslie, Jerry Dodd, Greg Jones

Saturday- Brenda Leslie, Jerry Dodd, Greg Jones

Yuma:

Friday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, Ronnie Breeden

Saturday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks

VISITORS TO 2010 ASSOCIATION SESSION

Bro. Eugene Brown, Hendersonville, Tennessee
McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Kenneth Massey, Nashville, Tennessee
Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Brian Johnson, White House, Tennessee
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Bro. Rick & Sis. Linda Jones
Missionaries to Jamaica

Bro. Larry Martin & Sis. Pattie Higdon, Camden, Tennessee
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Bruceston, Tennessee

Bro. Jeff Elliott, Bowling Green, KY
Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church
Siloam Association

Bro. Jeff Simmons
Bolens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Lexington, TN

Financial Statement
2010 Minute Fund

Balance October 10, 2009 **\$ 1,602.09**

Expenditures:

National Audio (purchase & duplication of cd's)	\$ 612.80
Domain (website)	\$ 107.40
First Bank (lock box)	\$ 60.00
Peterson Printing (printing of minutes)	\$ 1,650.00

Contributions:

Minute Fund 2010	\$ 2,666.00
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Balance October 9, 2010 **\$ 1,837.89**

Clerk Contributions \$ 1,602.09

Submitted by:

Bro. Lester Waugh - Concord Church
Bro. Jimmy Bennett - Bethel Church
Bro. Michael Butler - New Prospect Church

Correspondence

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF THE
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO
THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE
OFFERED BY
HUNTINGDON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
AT THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SECOND MEETING

Whereas, the articles of faith of this grand old Association have been universally adopted and adhered to by our member churches these many years, and that article one provides that the Holy Scriptures are the Words of God and our only rule of faith and practice.

Whereas, Matthew 22:21 records the instructions of our Lord Jesus Christ, to “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Whereas, based on the commands of Holy Scripture, we Baptists were instrumental in the creation of a charter of American government that secured religious freedom for all its citizens

Whereas, President Thomas Jefferson’s letter to the Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut written in 1802 defines our ancient Baptist conviction that a ‘wall of separation’ should exist between church and state.

Whereas, the use of personal opinion regarding matters of partisan politics by members of this Association is inappropriate, divisive and a hindrance to the fulfillment of the Great Commission given in Matthew 28.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association to affirm its cherished Baptist convictions of religious and political liberty for all its members, and that it hold in disfavor the actions of any member who seeks to bring another member into disrepute based solely on political differences.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Clerk shall cause this resolution be made available to any member of this Association and that it be published in the minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by the members, deacons and messengers of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church this 8th day of October, 2010.

BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**Keith L. Hood - Clerk
428 Rainbow Drive
Double Springs, AL 35553
(205)489-2343**

September 13, 2010

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

We trust everything is going well with you and your lost are being saved. We also trust God is continuing to bless you.

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Seventy-Fourth Annual Session with Flat Creek Missionary Baptist Church. We had 26 churches reporting an increase of 87 with 37 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 86 with a total membership of 2,714. We still need to see many souls saved for the Lord.

We are truly thankful for the visitors that were able to be with us. We invite each one to join us for the 175th Annual Session to be held with Tuscumbia Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Colbert County, Alabama. The church is located south of Tuscumbia, Alabama, just west of U.S. Highway 43 on Tuscumbia Valley Road. This session will be held October 09, 10, 11, 12, 2010. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's love,



Keith L. Hood, Clerk

Keith Prince - Moderator
124 County Road 165
Moulton, AL 35650

Billy Myrick - Vice Moderator
202 W. Douglas Street
Sheffield, AL 35660

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

May 10, 2010

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
Brother Scott Carter

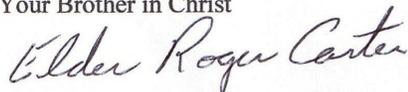
Greetings:

As we come close to the time for the next associational meetings, our hope and prayer is that God has richly blessed each church in your association. As always we are thankful to hear of souls being saved and members being blessed by the spirit of the Lord.

The churches of the Siloam Association met in October of 2009 at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church for its fifty-seventh annual session. The churches brought with them good news of 66 who professed of being saved during the past year, along with many other blessings from God. The Lord also blessed the association with another church that joined. The spirit of the Lord was apparent throughout the association.

Lord willing, the fifty-eighth session of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will meet at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church located at 6659 Galen Road Lafayette, TN beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday October 1, 2010. Elder Dee Russell is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder G.W. Knight is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Rick Huff is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning. We invite you to attend the upcoming session as we worship our Lord and Savior and fellowship with our sister churches. A copy of the 2009 Siloam minutes is enclosed.

Your Brother in Christ



Elder Roger Carter, Clerk
Siloam Missionary Baptist Association
1434 Alvaton Greenhill Road
Bowling Green, KY 42103

Wiseman Baptist Association

David C. Woodard, Clerk
310 Draper Circle
Goodlettsville, TN 37072
Phone (615) 669-4329
davidc.woodard@gmail.com

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association,

Greetings from the churches in the Wiseman Baptist Association. We pray that the Lord has blessed you richly this past year with many lives being changed by the glorious power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We were greatly blessed by the Lord during our one hundred and nineteenth annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association, which was held at Longview Missionary Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tennessee. Nine churches reported 46 additions in the past year, 38 being by baptism, with a total membership of 1,880.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundred and twentieth annual session on October 21-22 at 10AM, which will be held at:

Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church
316 Fortress Blvd
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37128

Elder Philip Church is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon on Friday morning, and Elder Bobby Mullins is schedule to preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday morning. Please make your plans to attend.

In Christ's love,



David C Woodard, Clerk

September 25, 2010

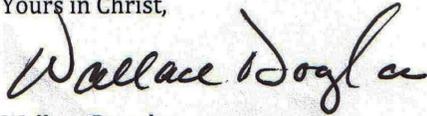
Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
Attention: Bro. Scott Carter, Clerk

Dear Association,

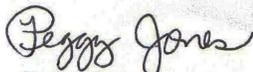
This is to inform you that members of Landmark Missionary Baptist Church held a final business meeting on June 12, 2010. At that meeting the members voted unanimously to merge Landmark with Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church in Collierville, Tennessee.

Please remove Landmark from the listing of Association Churches. All correspondence regarding Landmark should be directed to Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, 10940 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN 38017.

Yours in Christ,



Wallace Douglas
Moderator



Peggy Jones
Church Clerk

Licensed Ministers

- Avery, George, New Liberty** -----731-986-8528
1130 Poplar Springs Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- Beecham, Brian, Bible Grove** -----731-614-3287
5555 Darden-Christian Chapel Road, Darden, TN 38328
- Boyd, Tony, Mixie** -----731-243-3136
PO Box 97, Henry, TN 38231
- Butler, Michael, New Prospect**-----731-733-1583
156 Cub Creek Hall Road, Parsons, TN 38363
- Douglas, Gary, New Prospect** -----731-986-4262
7360 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387
- Hale, Joe, Clarksburg**-----731-968-5298
22784 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
- Holland, Kevin, Mixie**
565 Chapel Hill Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- Owen, Dewey, New Bethel**
35 West College Street, Henry, TN 38231
- Quinn, Terry, New Prospect** -----731-852-2933
499 Oakwood Drive, Decaturville, TN 38329
- Sellers, Trent, New Liberty**-----731-535-3176
1260 Christian Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321
- Smith, Danny R., New Prospect** -----731-845-5414
1701 New Safford Road, Parsons, TN 38363
- Williams, Kevin, New Prospect**-----731-358-5701
495 Darden Road, Darden, TN 38328
- Woods, Wesley, Huntingdon** -----731-614-5991
89 Bradley Drive. Lexington, TN 38351

Ordained Ministers

- Ambrose, Harvey, Old Paths**-----907-398-6195
Alaska
- Bartholomew, Jeremy, New Prospect** -----731-249-5890
104 Forest Cove, Lexington, TN 38351
- Birdwell, Bernice, Pleasant Hill** -----731-987-2790
3130 New Bethel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321
- Boyd, Johnny, Yuma**-----731-586-2981

650 Hollowell Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
Bryant, Jeff, New Cross Roads -----731-986-2576
299 G Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Carter, Scott D., Shiloh -----731-986-4701
400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Chandler, Rufus, Concord -----731-986-4227
47 Wendy Lane, Yuma, TN 38390
Crews, Trey, Pleasant Hill -----731-415-4745
45 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
Dodd, Jerry, Westport -----731-987-2698
1600 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321
Douglas, Arzell, Cross Roads -----731-584-8027
587 Crossroads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
Gurley, Marshall, New Liberty -----731-986-5363
6325 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387
Halter, Phillip, Bible Grove -----731-986-4319
595 Halter Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Hale, Jr., Jimmie, Clarksburg -----731-968-5298
22790 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
Haskins, Brett, Ephesus
10558 Eastern Shaw Blvd. Apt. 824, Spanish Ft., Al 36527
Hayes, Brian, Bible Grove -----731-845-5120
5800 Bible Grove Road, Lexington, TN 38351
Hedges, Truman, Cross Roads -----731-584-7875
620 Jacqueline Circle, Camden, TN 38320
Hilliard, Billy Joe, Center Point -----731-586-4671
360 Ellis Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
Hollingshead, Kevin, Huntingdon -----731-986-0586
880 Roan Creek Road, Yuma, TN 38390
Holt, Jim, New Spring Hill -----731-986-2415
820 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Hopper, Jack, Marlsboro -----731-586-7902
100 Hemlock, Bruceton, TN 38317
Jones, Greg, Westport -----731-967-5195
117 Lindsey Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
Kirby, H. G. (Pete), New Hope -----731-986-4346
RFD, 1, Westport, TN 38387
Leslie, David, Oak Grove (HC) -----731-967-8776
1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351
Lunsford, Dennis, New Cross Roads -----731-968-2842
19990 Hwy. 22 N, Wildersville, TN 38388
Maness, Allen, New Prospect -----731-986-4595
4610 Hwy 424, Cedar Grove, TN 38321

Maness, Tim, New Liberty-----731-847-6454
 1005 Myracle Town Road, Darden, TN 38328
McDaniel, Tracy, Oak Grove (CC) -----731-235-2498
 630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
McLean, Lathan, Yuma -----731-986-9793
 6355 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387
Moore, Randy, Caledonia-----731-415-3987
 1702 Stonewall McKenzie, TN 38201
Oakes, Bryan, Bethel-----731-986-2347
 955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Rayburn, Mitchell, Cross Roads -----731-584-8255
 3450 Divider/Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320
Rahn, Allan, Bethel-----618-524-9865
 2785 North Avenue, Metropolis, IL 62960
Reynolds, Ryne, Bible Grove-----731-695-2941
 49 Bellwood Cove, Jackson, TN 38305
Sanders, Clint, Pleasant Ridge-----731-695-3194
 44 Greenbriar, Lexington, TN 38351
Severance, Jim, Marlsboro
 197 Pine Street N, Bruceton, TN 38317
Simmons, Robert, Center Point -----731-986-3375
 425 Clarksburg Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Small, John D., New Hope -----731-968-9887
 1030 Expressway Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388
Stapleton, Lynn, Huntingdon -----731-986-2413
 106 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Stewart, James S., New Liberty -----731-986-4292
 7890 Hwy 22, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Stokes, Andrew, Clarksburg -----731-986-3738
 310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Swinford, Toby, Westport -----731-986-6096
 790 Damron Road, Yuma, TN 38390
Thompson, James Randy, Cross Roads-----731-279-4738
 211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320
Wall, Johnny, New Bethel -----731-987-2597
 100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348

Church Directory

- BETHEL**- 65 Bethel Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR-Bryan Oakes -----731-986-2347
955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Jeff Carter-----731-986-5496
c/o Bethel Church P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- BIBLE GROVE**- 5365 Bible Grove Road, Lexington, TN 38351
PASTOR– Brian Hayes-----731-845-5120
5800 Bible Grove Road, Lexington, TN 38351
CLERK-Johnny Sanders -----731-845-3838
290 Westover Road, Huron, TN 38345
- CALEDONIA**- 9405 Hwy 140, McKenzie, TN 38201
PASTOR-
CLERK-Carl Hall -----731-352-3909
115 Linden Street, McKenzie, TN 38201
- CENTER POINT**- 2225 Rowland Mill Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
PASTOR– Billy Joe Hilliard-----731-586-4671
360 Ellis Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
CLERK-Bill Noles -----731-586-7117
307 Gov. Browning Street, Bruceton, TN 38317
- CLARKSBURG**-12281 Hwy 424, Clarksburg, TN 38324
PASTOR-Andrew Stokes -----731-986-3738
310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Jerry McDaniel-----731-986-2402
12455 Hwy. 424, Yuma, TN 38390
- CONCORD**- 3275 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR-
CLERK-John W. Cole -----731-986-3433
1840 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- CROSS ROADS**-----731-584-7665
55 Crossroads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
PASTOR– James Randy Thompson-----731-279-4738
211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320
CLERK-Todd Kee-----731-441-0885
3895 Divider/Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320
- EPHESUS**- 2895 Ephesus Church Road, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
PASTOR– Toney Wiggins -----731-243-3236
5410 Henry Midway Road, Henry, TN 38231

CLERK-Kathy Kee-----731-986-5023
485 Timber Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344

HUNTINGDON-----731-986-4192
11110 Lexington Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344

PASTOR-Lynn Stapleton -----731-986-2413
106 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344

CLERK-Ray Smith-----731-986-4717
19950 East Main St., Huntingdon, TN 38344

MARLSBORO- 25165 State Route 114 N, Hollow Rock, TN 38342

PASTOR-Jack Hopper-----731-586-7902
100 Hemlock, Bruceton, TN 38317

CLERK-Norma Walker -----731-586-7730
24675 Hwy. 114 N, Hollow Rock, TN 38342

MIXIE- 25860 Hwy 77, Hollow Rock, TN 38342

PASTOR-
CLERK-Kim Kee-----731-695-7480
716 Dunlap Street, Paris, TN 38242

NEW BETHEL- 4440 Henry Midway Road, Henry, TN 38231

PASTOR-Johnny Wall -----731-987-2597
100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348

CLERK-Johnny Lee-----731-642-5472
2335 Herrondale East Road, Henry, TN 38231

NEW CROSS ROADS-
2110 Long Rock Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344

PASTOR-Jeff Bryant -----731-986-2576
299 G Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344

CLERK-Frank Gregg -----731-986-9686
c/o New Cross Roads Church P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344

NEW HOPE- 5315 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387

PASTOR-John D. Small-----731-968-9887
1030 Expressway Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

CLERK-Scott Gallimore -----731-586-4454
603 Cheatham Street, Bruceton, TN 38317

NEW LIBERTY-Cedar Grove, TN 38321

PASTOR – Tim Maness-----731-847-6454
1005 Myracle Town Road, Darden, TN 38328

CLERK-Tim Sellers-----731-986-5172
P.O. Box 1044, Huntingdon, TN 38344

NEW PROSPECT- 849 Prospect Road, Holladay, TN 38341

PASTOR- Allen Maness -----731-986-4595
4610 Hwy. 424, Cedar Grove, TN 38321
CLERK-Michael Haggard -----731-847-7383
2622 Cedar Hill Road, Parsons, TN 38363

NEW SPRING HILL-
145 Springhill Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR-Lathan McLean-----731-986-9793
6355 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387
CLERK-Laura Hutcherson-----731-986-4557
6820 Smyrna Road, Westport, TN 38387

OAK GROVE- 3045 Dollar Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
PASTOR-Johnny Boyd-----731-586-2981
650 Hollowell Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
CLERK-Ronnie Hampton-----731-333-1769
500 Oak Street, Hollow Rock, TN 38342

OAK GROVE- 105 Oak Grove Church Road, Lexington, TN 38351
PASTOR-David Leslie -----731-967-8776
1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351
CLERK-Jimmy Wallace-----731-967-9794
20465 Hwy. 104 S, Lexington, TN 38351

OLD PATHS-10540 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN 38017
PASTOR- Randall Woods-----731-968-7544
17180 Natchez Trace Road, Lexington, TN 38351
CLERK-Joyce Medlin -----901-465-5699
1230 Cherry Road, Eads, TN 38028

PLEASANT GROVE-
Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388
PASTOR-
CLERK-Ernest Wood-----731-845-5464
375 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

PLEASANT HILL-
1675 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
PASTOR-Trey Crews-----731-415-4745
45 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
CLERK-Jimmy Smothers -----731-584-6625
135 Smothers Buena Vista Road, Camden, TN 38320

PLEASANT RIDGE- 5745 Hwy 70 W, Camden, TN 38320

PASTOR- Clint Sanders-----731-695-3194
44 Greenbriar, Lexington, TN 38351
CLERK-Travis Nance -----731-586-7637
1640 Bruceton-Vale Road, Bruceton, TN 38317

RUSHING'S CREEK-
4005 Rushing Creek Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
PASTOR-Arzell Douglas -----731-584-8027
587 Crossroads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
CLERK-Howard J. Berry -----731-584-8258
4268 Reynoldsburg Road, Camden, TN 38320

SHILOH- 15 Shiloh Church Road, Holladay, TN 38341
PASTOR- Scott Carter-----731-986-4701
400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Larry Pritchard -----731-845-5444
730 Pritchard Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

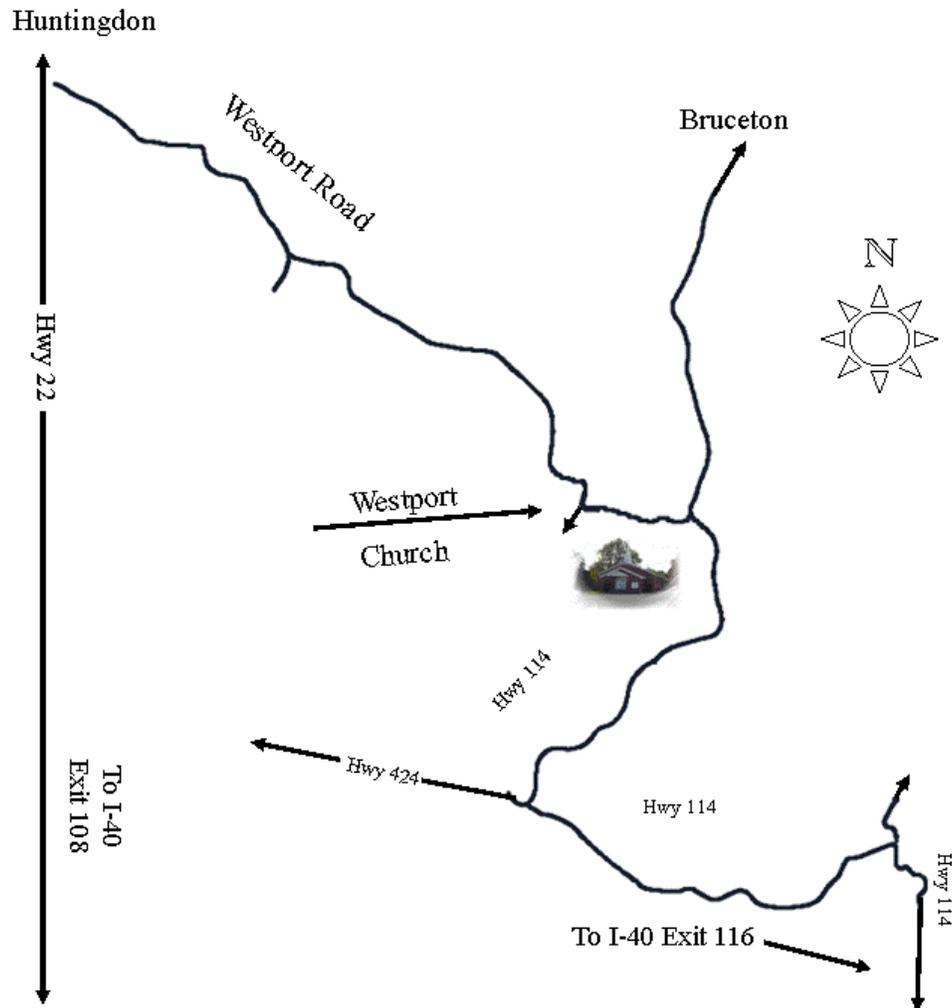
WESTPORT- 7080 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387
PASTOR- Greg Jones-----731-967-5195
117 Lindsey Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
CLERK-Glynn Williams -----731-986-5782
335 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344

YUMA-16210 Hwy 424, Yuma, TN 38390
PASTOR-
CLERK-Lynn Breeden -----731-986-5596
689 Yuma Road, Yuma, TN 38390

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Bethel	Jeff Carter	jeffjd@charter.net
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Clarksburg	Roger Lindsey	customtoolinc@bellsouth.net
Clarksburg	Jerry McDaniel	jmcdaniel@cavalry.com
Concord	John W. Cole	johnwcole@bellsouth.net
Cross Roads	Todd Kee	tkee@bentoncountycable.net
Cross Roads	Randy Thompson	jamesrthompson@bentoncountycable.net
Cross Roads	Lisa Hicks	CRSecretary@bentoncountycable.net
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Huntingdon	Lynn Stapleton	lynstap@bellsouth.net
Mixie	Kim Kee	renfroেকে@yahoo.com
New Hope	Scott Gallimore	seg672002@yahoo.com
New Liberty	Tim Sellers	tsellers@prairiefarms.com
New Prospect	Bill Smith	wjsfay@TDS.net
New Spring Hill	Susan Brown	susanbrownrn@yahoo.com
Oak Grove (HC)	Jimmy Wallace	jimmy.wallace@ymail.com
Old Paths	Joyce Medlin	joyce@danstewartrealtors.com
Pleasant Grove	Ernest Wood	elwood@netease.net
Pleasant Hill	Jimmy Smothers	bettiejsmothers@gmail.com
Pleasant Ridge	Clint Sanders	sandersclinton@hotmail.com
Pleasant Ridge	Sandra Wilson	sandrawilson@charter.net
Rushing Creek	Bruce Seaton	bseaton2006@bellsouth.net
Shiloh	Larry Pritchard	larryrp@TDS.net
Westport	Glynn Williams	gandlw71@hotmail.com
Yuma	Ronnie Breeden	RDJT63@bellsouth.net

Directions to 2011 Session Westport Missionary Baptist Church



- ⇒ From Hwy 22 south of Huntington, turn east onto Westport Road
- ⇒ Go 7 miles eastward, and stay on Westport Road
- ⇒ **Note:** while on Westport Road, there is a “Y” at 3 miles; stay to left on Westport Road
- ⇒ The church is located on the left in Westport

2011 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sun. Night Start Time	Monday – Friday Start Time
Old Paths				
New Hope	05/29/11		7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Ephesus	06/12/11		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Shiloh	06/19/11		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/26/11		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/26/11		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	07/03/11		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Westport	07/03/11		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Concord	07/10/11		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Center Point	07/10/11		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Caledonia	07/10/11	Phillip Halter	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Mixie	07/10/11		5:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/10/11		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/17/11	Clint Ezell	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	07/17/11		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Marlsboro	07/17/11		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	07/17/11	Derrick Jowers	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Yuma	07/17/11		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Clarksburg	07/24/11	Lynn Stapleton	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Cross Roads	07/24/11	Don Watts	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Bethel	07/24/11	Clint Ezell	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
New Spring Hill	07/24/11		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Oak Grove (HC)	07/24/11		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Prospect	07/31/11		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Oak Grove (CC)	08/07/11		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Liberty	08/14/11	Paul Cofer	7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Rushing's Creek	09/11/11		6:00 PM	7:00 PM

Historical Table

Before 1846, this was part of the Western District Association. The Western District Association was organized in 1822 and is one of the oldest Associations in the state. From this, we go back into North Carolina and West Virginia where 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 is the Philadelphia Association which has done more for Missions than perhaps any other.

<u>DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u> ----- <u>CLERK</u>
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 County -----	E. Autry -----J. P. Arnold
1857-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	M. S. Corbett-----J. P. Arnold
1858-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----W. C. McAuley
1859-Holly Springs, Henderson County -----	J. P. Arnold-----B. W. Foster
1860-Ramble Creek, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----J. P. Doherty
1861-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	J. P. Arnold-----Geo. Hollowell
1862-1864--No Association during Civil War	
1865-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----W. C. McAuley
1866-Salem, Decatur County-----	J. P. Arnold-----B. W. Foster
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-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	Geo. Hollowell-----G. C. Thomas
1874-New Hope, Carroll County -----	J. H. Park -----G. C. Thomas
1875-Tom's 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. H. Thomas
1881-Ramble Creek-----	J. P. Arnold-----D. J. Allen
1882-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
1883-Prospect, Carroll County-----	J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen

1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County ----- Geo. Hollowell-----D. J. Allen
1885-Concord, Carroll County----- Geo. Hollowell-----C. H. Rogers
1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County ----- J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
1887-Liberty, Carroll County ----- J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
1888-Unity, Benton County ----- J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
1889-Holly Springs ----- J. F. Rogers-----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-----C. H. Rogers
1895-Flatwoods, Benton County ----- E. M. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
1896-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
1897-Bethel, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
1898-Shiloh, Carroll County ----- N. L. Joyner -----D. J. Allen
1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County ----- W. S. Roney-----C. H. Rogers
1900-Salem, Decatur County----- W. S. Roney-----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
1916-Tom's Creek, Perry County----- J. N. Joyner -----D. H. Franks
1917-Westport, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd -----Geo. S. Price
1918-Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd -----L. E. Mincey
1919-Cross Roads, Benton County----- J. N. Joyner -----L. E. Mincey
1920-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County----- J. N. Joyner -----C. E. Butler
1921-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- J. N. Joyner -----C. E. Butler
1922-Eva, Benton County ----- J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
1923-Prospect, Carroll County----- J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
1924-Flatwoods, Benton County ----- J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
1925-Bunches Chapel ----- J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
1926-Oak Grove----- J. N. Joyner -----C. V. Cooper
1927-Pleasant Hill----- J. N. Joyner -----C. V. Cooper
1928-Shiloh, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd -----C. V. Cooper
1929-Bruceton, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd -----C. V. Cooper
1930-New Prospect, Decatur County ----- J. N. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1931-New Hope, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1932-New Liberty, Carroll County----- S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1933-Westport, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1934-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1935-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County----- E. H. Martin -----W. S. Brinkley

1936-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner-----W. S. Brinkley
 1937-Cedar Hill, Decatur County ----- S. W. Joyner-----W. S. Brinkley
 1938-Concord, Carroll County----- S. W. Joyner-----W. S. Brinkley
 1939-Yuma, Carroll County----- S. W. Joyner-----W. S. Brinkley
 1940-Caledonia, Henry County----- S. W. Joyner-----W. S. Brinkley
 1941-Oak Grove, Carroll County----- W. H. Hopper -----W. S. Brinkley
 1942-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- W. H. Hopper -----W. S. Brinkley
 1943-New Bethel, Henry County----- W. H. Hopper -----W. S. Brinkley
 1944-Westport, Carroll County ----- W. H. Hopper -----W. S. Brinkley
 1945-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner-----W. S. Brinkley
 1946-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County----- E. F. Prince -----W. S. Brinkley
 1947-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County ----- E. F. Prince -----W. S. Brinkley
 1948-Old Union, Benton County ----- E. F. Prince -----W. S. Brinkley
 1949-Cross Roads, Benton County----- E. F. Prince -----T. L. Campbell
 1950-Bible Grove, Henderson County ----- C. F. Carter -----T. L. Campbell
 1951-Republican Grove ----- C. F. Carter -----T. L. Campbell
 1952-Pleasant Hill, Benton County ----- C. F. Carter -----T. L. Campbell
 1953-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- John Hedges-----T. L. Campbell
 1954-Mixie, Carroll County ----- John Hedges-----Ray Smith
 1955-Concord, Carroll County----- John Hedges-----Ray Smith
 1956-Tom's Creek, Perry County----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1957-Independent, Carroll County ----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1958-Bethel, Carroll County ----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1959-Oak Grove, Carroll County----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1960-New Bethel, Henry County----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1961-Center Point, Carroll County----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1962-Caledonia, Henry County----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1963-Old Union, Benton County ----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1964-New Bethel, Henry County----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1965-Rushing Creek, Benton County----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1966-Westport, Carroll County ----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1967-New Prospect, Decatur County ----- T. L. Campbell-----Ray Smith
 1968-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- C. F. Carter -----Ray Smith
 1969-Concord, Carroll County----- C. F. Carter -----Ray Smith
 1970-New Frank's Chapel, Decatur County -- C. F. Carter -----Ray Smith
 1971-Landmark, Shelby County----- C. F. Carter -----Ray Smith
 1972-Yuma, Carroll County----- C. F. Carter -----Ray Smith
 1973-Pleasant Ridge, Benton County----- C. F. Carter -----Ray Smith
 1974-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- C. F. Carter -----Ray Smith
 1975-Cross Roads, Benton County----- C. F. Carter -----Ray Smith
 1976-Second Baptist, Lexington----- C. F. Carter -----Ray Smith
 1977-Bible Grove, Chesterfield----- M. Rayburn-----Ray Smith
 1978-New Bethel, Henry County----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1979-Independent, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1980-Bethel, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1981-Landmark, Shelby County----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1982-Pleasant Hill, Benton County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1983-New Prospect, Decatur County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1984-Concord, Carroll County----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1985-Oak Grove, Henderson County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1986-New Liberty, Carroll County----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1987-Westport, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith

1988-Center Point, Carroll County----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1989-Mixie, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1990-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
 1991-Bible Grove, Henderson County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
 1992-Independent, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
 1993-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
 1994-Clarksburg, Carroll County----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
 1995-Cross Roads, Benton County----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
 1996-Landmark, Shelby County----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
 1997-New Hope, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
 1998-Shiloh, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
 1999-Concord, Carroll County----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
 2000-Bethel, Carroll County ----- Ray Smith -----Lee Carter
 2001-Old Paths, Shelby County ----- A. G. Hayes -----Lee Carter
 2002-Oak Grove, Henderson County ----- A.G. Hayes -----Scott Carter
 2003-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
 2004-Center Point, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
 2005-Bible Grove, Henderson County ----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
 2006- Huntingdon, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
 2007-Clarksburg, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
 2008-Oak Grove, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
 2009- Cross Roads, Benton County----- Johnny Wall-----Scott Carter
 2010- New Hope, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter

Rules of Decorum

- ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- ARTICLE 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present providing nothing be so construed as to prohibit newly constituted churches petitioning for admission from voting.
- ARTICLE 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any messenger not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made the same day, but at no subsequent term.
- ARTICLE 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.
- ARTICLE 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened to 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 is made it shall be decided by the members rising.
- ARTICLE 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise 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 departs from the subject or makes personal reflection.
- ARTICLE 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.
- ARTICLE 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.
- ARTICLE 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority vote of the members present, except in the reception of the churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required.
- ARTICLE 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.
- ARTICLE 11. The appellation of "brethren" shall be used by the mem-

bers in addressing each other.

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

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

ARTICLE 14. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a finance committee to keep up with the moneys during the association, to make their report when called upon and to turn the moneys received over to the Clerk.

Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

Constitution

- ARTICLE I. The Association shall be called *Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association*, known as an advisory council.
- ARTICLE II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such church 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 shall state their appointment as messengers, 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 three messengers.
- ARTICLE V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons for their failure at the next Association, and if any church fails for two consecutive meetings, the Association shall send a committee to inquire into their state.
- ARTICLE VI. 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, as soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their member's names enrolled, provided, also that all newly constituted churches petitioning for union with us shall have full right to vote for Moderator and Clerk, and nothing shall be construed as to prohibit them from voting.
- ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches. It shall however be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may

separate from 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 for help from her sister churches, or may present the case to this body for advice. Such cases must be presented in the letters of correspondence, stating the reason why it had not or could not 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 ordained ministers and deacons to examine the individuals and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the gospel which shall be reported at the next association and entered upon the Minutes.

ARTICLE XII. The minutes of this 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 has finished all its business.

ARTICLE XIII. The Clerk shall read the Rules of Decorum on the first day of each Association meeting.

Articles of Faith

1. **We believe** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments 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; and there are three persons in this one God - the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit; and this Triune God is the only object of religious worship and adoration, and that all worship paid anything less 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 sinful and depraved; and as 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 provided a way of Salvation, would 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 uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfection, in 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 efficacious plea He makes before the throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-adorning sacrifice.
8. **We believe** the Holy Spirit - the third person in the Trinity - is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making 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 comes to all that

- believe.
10. **We believe** that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and 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 properly 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 His 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 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 ordained 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 of whom it is especially enjoined to make known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Savior pledges His presence to the end of the world.

Missions Supported

*addresses available upon request to clerk

Rick Jones (<i>Jamaica</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethel • Bible Grove • Clarksburg • Concord • New Hope • New Liberty • Oak Grove (CC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove (HC) • New Cross Roads • New Prospect • Pleasant Ridge • Shiloh • Westport • Yuma
Eugene Brown (<i>Words of Hope</i>) www.wordsofhope.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Grove • Concord • Huntingdon • Cross Roads • Mixie • Oak Grove (CC) • Oak Grove (HC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hope • New Bethel • Rushing Creek • Shiloh • Westport • Pleasant Hill
Kevin Holland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixie
Paul Bryson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove (HC) 	
Ministerial Alliance, <i>Camden</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant Hill
Ministerial Alliance, <i>Huntingdon</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon 	
Back to the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethel • Cross Roads • New Liberty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Bethel • Bible Grove • Pleasant Hill
Jimmy Hammett (<i>Mexico</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Point 	
African Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove (HC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads
St. Jude Children Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlsboro 	
Todd Marks (<i>Peru</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Point 	
F.U.E.L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads 	
Khrys Paige (<i>Trinidad</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant Ridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Grove
New Liberty Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Liberty 	
Jimmie Hale Jr. <i>Association Missionary</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Prospect 	
Guatemala Mission – Eld. J. Hunton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove (HC)
Carl Perkins Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concord 	
Murfresboro MBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon 	
Macedonian Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads 	
Upper Spotsylvania Missionary Baptist Building Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads 	
Gideon Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlsboro 	
Benton County Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixie 	

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Bethel

Bro. William Baker----- 11/05/2009
 Sis Dora Seratte----- 02/11/2010
 Sis. Dorothy Neisler----- 05/12/2010
 Sis. Verdie Taylor ----- 06/12/2010

Bible Grove

Bro. Paul Nowell ----- 12/11/2009

Center Point

Bro. Martin “Poodle” Watson ----- 07/02/2010

Clarksburg

Bro. Wendell Todd ----- 10/15/2009
 Sis. Wilma Grant ----- 11/03/2009
 Sis. Jane Dodd ----- 11/06/2009
 Bro. Donald Halter ----- 02/16/2010
 Bro. O’Neal Hart ----- 03/01/2010
 Bro. Stanley Gooch----- 04/24/2010
 Sis. Lorene Halter ----- 05/20/2010

Concord

Sis. Ruth Simpson Davis ----- 03/23/2010

Cross Roads

Bro. Perrin Deaton (deacon) ----- 11/20/2009
 Sis. Eileen Arnold ----- 11/22/2009
 Sis. Geraldine Howe ----- 12/08/2009
 Sis. Oma Kirk Kee ----- 07/08/2010

Huntingdon

Sis. Nell Taylor ----- 11/22/2009
 Sis. Frankie Pais ----- 02/06/2010
 Sis. Alma Bond ----- 02/09/2010
 Bro. Gene Wilkes----- 06/04/2010

Marlsboro

Sis. Bertha Smothers ----- 10/02/2010

New Bethel

Bro. Edward Owens ----- 03/18/2010

New Hope

Bro. Bruce Floyd ----- 04/2010

New Liberty

Bro. John Williamson (deacon) -----	12/20/2009
Bro. Edward Tucker-----	06/13/2010
New Prospect	
Bro. Narl Johnson -----	05/25/2010
Bro. George Lindsey -----	01/27/2010
Bro. Johnny Hawkes -----	09/20/2010
New Spring Hill	
Sis. Linda Smothers -----	04/26/2010
Oak Grove (HC)	
Sis. Pearl Tate -----	11/20/2009
Old Paths	
Bro. Rex Carrington (deacon)	
Pleasant Hill	
Bro. Leon Norwood (deacon)-----	01/25/2010
Bro. Onus Junior Rogers -----	01/22/2010
Sis. Lucinda (Cindy) Douglas -----	01/26/2010
Rushing's Creek	
Bro. Alton R. Berry -----	10/27/2009
Bro. Allen J. Holland-----	02/01/2010
Shiloh	
Bro. Wallace Webb-----	04/17/2010
Westport	
Bro. Tommy Woodard-----	05/02/2010
Yuma	
Bro. Huley Pritchard -----	01/20/2010
Sis. Marie Hodge -----	07/09/2010

Sunday School Table

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	7	69	\$4,986.33
Bible Grove	Walden Blankenship	12		\$16,412.00
Caledonia		2	6	\$84.63
Center Point	Bill Noles	5	38	
Clarksburg	Josh Milam	34	43	\$1,522.01
Concord	Bobby Derryberry	18	70	\$866.94
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	14	60	\$1,395.00
Ephesus	Norman Hilliard	5	25	\$1,346.70
Huntingdon	Ray Smith			\$2,552.88
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	5	40	\$156.27
Mixie	Johnny Whitworth	6	25	
New Bethel	Edward Malone	6		
New Cross Roads	Jeff Bryant	8		
New Hope	H.G, (Pete) Kirby	5	35	\$738.24
New Liberty	Daniel Tucker	9		
New Prospect	George Haggard	8	84	\$933.56
New Spring Hill	Susan Brown	2		
Oak Grove - CC	Brian Hampton	8	31	\$421.48
Oak Grove - HC	Glenn Lewis	11	68	
Old Paths	Wallace Douglas	12		
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	10		\$2,438.00
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	5	15	\$765.48
Pleasant Ridge	Anthony French	8	40	\$4,314.06
Rushing's Creek	Everett Greer	2	22	\$2,140.75
Shiloh	Joe Cary	3		\$190.00
Westport	Glynn Williams	13	42	\$4,464.00
Yuma	David Cary	10		
TOTALS		228	713	\$45,728.33

Statistical Table

Church	Baptisms	Additions by Letter	Restorations	Total Additions	Deaths	Losses by Letter	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing
Bethel	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	4	177	2	0
Bible Grove	6	3	0	9	1	1	0	2	223	1	0
Caledonia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5 *	38	0	0
Center Point	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	89	1	1
Clarksburg	2	0	0	2	7	2	0	9	167	1	1
Concord	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	145	2	0
Cross Roads	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	5	194	2	0
Ephesus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	1	0
Huntingdon	9	6	0	15	4	2	0	6	300	2	0
Marlsboro	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	38	1	0
Mixie	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	109	1	1
New Bethel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	72	1	0
New Cross Rds.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	87	2	2
New Hope	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	113	1	1
New Liberty	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	2	137	1	1
New Prospect	0	12	0	12	3	0	0	3	145	1	0
New Spring Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	0
Oak Grove (CC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	1	1
Oak Grove (HC)	3	2	0	5	1	0	0	1	162	2	0
Old Paths	1	34 **	0	35	1	0	0	1	56	1	0
Pleasant Grove	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	62	1	0
Pleasant Hill	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	131	1	1
Pleasant Ridge	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	59	1	1
Rushing's Creek	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	81	1	0
Shiloh	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	43	1	0
Westport	1	1	0	2	1	4	0	5	79	1	0
Yuma	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	169	1	0
TOTALS	31	32	0	97	41	17	1	58	3010	32	10

*Caledonia reports four moved membership without letter

**Old Paths received 34 members by letter when merging with Landmark

Financial Table

Church	Expenditures	Pastor's Salary	Ministireal Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	\$21,718.20		\$1,358.00	\$7,272.00	\$200	\$50	\$30,598.20
Bible Grove		\$17,135.00	\$2,009.00	\$15,360.00	\$200	\$50	\$34,754.00
Caledonia	\$19,318.00	\$1,054.00	\$3,175.00	\$0.00	\$35	\$10	\$23,592.00
Center Point	\$5,571.36		\$2,300.00	\$609.90	\$50	\$25	\$8,556.26
Clarksburg	\$10,920.03	\$21,390.25	\$100.00	\$12,775.99	\$150	\$50	\$45,386.27
Concord	\$7,240.73	\$14,423.51	\$3,108.00	\$4,174.58	\$120	\$50	\$29,116.82
Cross Roads	\$117,087.00	love offering	\$3,370.00	\$7,708.00	\$240	\$35	\$128,440.00
Ephesus	\$12,190.42	\$1,800.00	\$2,350.00	\$720.00	\$60	\$25	\$17,145.42
Huntingdon	\$255,960.86	\$47,320.00	\$16,875.00	\$3,200.00	\$100	\$75	\$323,530.86
Marlsboro	\$4,763.36	\$9,567.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,038.00	\$36	\$20	\$16,424.36
Mixie	\$9,901.73	\$5,673.75	\$3,636.00	\$1,420.00	\$80	\$25	\$20,736.48
New Bethel	\$5,779.46	\$7,650.00	\$1,350.00	\$5,573.89	\$45	\$25	\$20,423.35
New Cross Rds.					\$100	\$25	\$125.00
New Hope	\$9,015.02	\$11,219.12	\$3,963.00	\$5,221.94	\$80	\$50	\$29,549.08
New Liberty					\$200	\$200	\$400.00
New Prospect	\$7,424.35	\$13,904.20	\$4,503.24	\$720.00	\$100	\$30	\$26,681.79
New Spring Hill	\$2,252.57	\$1,323.34	\$332.00		\$40	\$15	\$3,962.91
Oak Grove (CC)	\$5,018.68	\$11,068.00	\$225.00	\$1,523.00	\$80	\$30	\$17,944.68
Oak Grove (HC)					\$100	\$50	\$150.00
Old Paths					\$75	\$75	\$150.00
Pleasant Grove	\$1,440.00	\$6,393.00	\$682.00		\$100	\$100	\$8,715.00
Pleasant Hill	\$40,802.87	\$12,863.00	\$2,298.00	\$1,200.00	\$75	\$25	\$57,263.87
Pleasant Ridge	\$16,563.91		\$1,300.00	\$7,796.08	\$140	\$150	\$25,949.99
Rushing's Creek	\$4,753.46	\$13,870.50	\$558.00	\$3,445.00	\$50	\$20	\$22,696.96
Shiloh	\$3,514.00	\$18,720.00	\$2,851.00	\$2,100.00	\$80	\$50	\$27,315.00
Westport	\$39,706.00	\$8,667.00	\$2,208.00	\$883.00	\$80	\$30	\$51,574.00
Yuma					\$50	\$50	\$100.00
TOTALS	\$600,942.01	\$224,041.67	\$59,551.24	\$82,741.38	\$2,666	\$1,340	\$971,282.30

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