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to be held with Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

2015 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -----	Eld. Trey Crews
Alternate -----	Eld. Jeff Simmons
Doctrinal Sermon -----	Eld. Josh Parker
Alternate -----	Eld. David Leslie

Bible Grove Church History

During the 1860's, a shelter was built by O.M. Wood and others, near where the present church now stands, for the worship of our Lord. Later on, a small log house was built. In the 1870's, a church was organized. It was one of the eight charter members of the Beech River Baptist Association. The other members were Chapel Hill, Ridge Grove, Fellowship, Jacks Creek, Piney Creek, Mt. Ararat, and Bible Hill.

On November 8, 1877, deeds were made to members of the church consisting of 2 plots. This is recorded in book #4, page 272, Henderson County Registrars Office, Lexington, Tennessee. S.E. plot to be used for a burying ground for all wishing to bury there. N.W. plot was designated for a church building. This land was given to the brothers and sisters and their successors forever.

The charter members were as follows: Wesley Blankenship, Clark Blankenship, Elijah Derryberry, Brother Hopper, Green Scates, Larkin Lindsey, Henry Wood, Riley Wood, Houston Wood, Osborn Wood, Nancy Ann Wood Lewis, and Billy Blankenship.

The Sunday School was organized on the third Sunday in January, 1958. The first Sunday School rooms were built in January, 1970. Additional Sunday School rooms and bathrooms were added to the building in the spring of 1979.

The fellowship hall footing was dug on January 1, 1989; completed in April, 1989.

The church sanctuary was renovated during the winter of 1998. During this renovation, the church met in the fellowship hall. Upon completion of the sanctuary renovation, a new addition of Sunday School rooms was added to the back of the church building and a new front porch was added.

The fellowship hall was renovated during the fall and winter of 2004.

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Order of Business

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2015

- Call Association to Order
- Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- Appoint Finance Committee
- Appoint Topics Committee for 2015 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 2016 Session
- Select Brethren to Preach 2016 Annual Sermons
- Introductory Sermon - 11:00 A.M.
- Call for Correspondence
- Call for Report on *Characteristics of Effective Church Membership* (Bro. Andrew Stokes and Bro. Jerry Dodd)
- Call for Report on *Financing the Lord's Work* (Bro. Lynn Stapleton and Bro. Clint Sanders)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

- 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 *Importance of the Family and Its Contributions to the Local Church* (Bro. Bryan Oakes and Bro. Truman Hedges)
- Doctrinal Sermon—11:00 A.M.
- Call for Report of the Topics Committee
- Call for the Report on *Is Sunday School Still Relevant Today?* (Bro. David Leslie and Bro. Chris Wallace)
- Call for Report from Associational Missionary
- Report from Missionaries
- Call for New Business
- Reading of the *Vote of Thanks*
- Song and parting hand

Elected Officers for 2014-2015

Moderator		<p>Bro. Ray Smith</p> <p>19950 East Main Street Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4717</p>	Huntingdon Church
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Assistant Clerk		<p>Eld. Clint Sanders</p> <p>76 Farmington Cove Lexington, TN 38351 (731) 695-3194 mtsclint@tds.net</p>	Pleasant Ridge Church
Associational Missionary		<p>Eld. Dennis Lunsford</p> <p>19990 Hwy 22 North Wildersville, TN 38388 (731) 968-2842</p>	New Cross Roads Church

Friday October 10, 2014

On a rainy day, we met at Bible Grove Church for our 166th Annual Session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. The moderator welcomed everyone and asked Sis. Rebecca Watson, Bible Grove Church, on piano with Bro. Johnny Sanders, Bible Grove Church, to lead us in a song. The congregation sang “Everybody Will Be Happy Over There” and “I’ll Have A New Life.”

Bro. Ray Smith welcomed everyone to the 166th annual session and asked for everyone to be in prayer for this session the next two days. Bro. Smith opened the session in prayer. He then read from Psalms 34:1-22 and asked God’s blessings on the reading of His word.

The Moderator asked the clerk to read the Rules of Decorum.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Host Committee of Bible Grove Church; Brothers Randy Wood, Johnny Sanders, Brian Beecham, Jerry Neal Wood, Clois Wood, Jim Towater. It was the desires of the church that God would bless this association and also to pray for them as they search for a pastor.

Finance Committee:

Bro. Johnny Sanders – Bible Grove Church
Bro. Larry Pritchard – Shiloh Church
Bro. Dennis Lunsford – New Cross Roads Church

2014 Topic Committee:

Bro. David Leslie (Chairman) - Oak Grove Church
Bro. Clint Sanders – Pleasant Ridge Church
Bro. Randy Thompson – Cross Roads Church

Obituary Recorder:

Rufus Chandler-Mixie Church

Call was made for church letters. After roll call of messengers, **motion and second** was made to seat 47 messengers; **motion carried.**

The association then moved in to the election process.

Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church, was nominated as Moderator. **Motion and second** was made that nominations cease and elect by acclamation; **motion carried.**

Bro. Ray Smith assumed the role as the permanent moderator.

Bro. Andrew Stokes, Concord 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.**

Bro. Clint Sanders, Pleasant Ridge Church, was nominated as Assistant Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried.**

Three Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2015 session. A **motion and second** was made to select Huntington Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County as the host site; **motion carried.**

Bro. Trey Crews 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. Jeff Simmons 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. Josh Parker 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 near, the moderator asked for a song to be sung while Bro. Clint Sanders came to give the introductory sermon. The congregation stood and sang “When He Reached Down His Hand For Me.”

The moderator took a minute to welcome the visitors present to the session (see p. 31)

The moderator introduced Bro. Clint Sanders as the pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church and the one selected last year to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Introductory Sermon

Bro. Clint Sanders

Bro. Sanders took the stand and told how good it was to be here today. Coming back to Bible Grove brought back lots of memories. It was at this church he was raised, saved, and called to preach. The first time he was asked to preach at the association was when we met at Bible Grove Church. The brick and mortar is not what



makes this place special, it is the people of God that makes it what it is today.

He asked for the prayers of the people. It definitely is trying times in our churches. As children of God, we need to lean on the Lord. He read from Psalms 11:1-7 and took a thought from verse 3. If we ever feel like we are helpless, we feel like David did with others out there waiting with bows wanting to do us harm. The Psalmist asked a good question, if our foundation is destroyed, then what can we do? Some have accepted the mentality that this is the times we live in, and we might as well surrender and accept it. Many people get saved, join the church, then allow their foundations to be shaken and are not found serving the Lord. Everything that we feel is right, is being shaken right down to the very core. David asked the question, what will happen if the foundations are completely destroyed. We do not pay much attention to the foundation until we feel like the foundation is going to be tested in a storm. We live in a time where we want to be accommodating to everyone. Much of what we accommodate, we are compromising. We can never compromise the truth of God's word. Many times we feel like the Psalmist and want to run away and hide. David was ready to run and hide, but God used him to lead the children of Israel to some of the most promising times in their history. Many people out there are still looking for true peace.

What are we going to do if the foundations are destroyed? He read from II Tim 2:14-19 and told how thankful he was that the foundation of God standeth sure. God has established a foundation in many things, including marriage. Today we are seeing the foundations shaken. These problems are not going to be fixed with legislation, but with a nation that return to God. Paul is telling young Timothy not to be shaken by these things. Should we be concerned at the deterioration of our society? The word of God has been around much longer that America has been. That is why we should depend on it more than anything else. He read in Psalms 78:6-9 and reminded us that there is power in the word of God and that we should continue to declare it and carry it to this world. When you see many people that have gotten out of church, you will notice that there is not a fire deep down in them anymore. Why? Because we look at all these chaotic things that we have no control over and allow them to harm our foundation.

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

The moderator called for a song so we could give the right hand of Christian fellowship to Bro. Sanders.

Motion and second was made to dismiss one hour for lunch; **motion carried.** The moderator asked Bro. Randy Thompson, Cross Roads Church, to dismiss the morning session and to ask the blessing on the food.

Friday Afternoon

Bro. Ray Smith welcomed everyone back, and thanked the host church for the wonderful lunch served.

Bro. Smith asked Bro. Johnny Sanders to come lead the singing and Sis Rebecca Watson to play the piano. We united our hearts and voices in singing “Amazing Grace” and “What A Savior.”

The moderator then called on Bro. James Hicks, Pleasant Ridge Church, to begin the afternoon in prayer.

The moderator read II Peter 3:9-18 and called the session back to order.

The moderator asked the clerk to read any correspondence. The clerk read correspondence from Big Bear Creek Association, Wiseman Association, Siloam Association, and Victory Missionary Baptist Church. See p. 35 for letters

The moderator asked the Associational Missionary, Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr., to give a report. He told he visited 20 of the 21 churches, and apologized for not being able to make them all. He was warmly welcomed in each church and he was thankful for the kindness given to him. Outside of the Association, he visited 11 other churches.

He was thankful for the opportunity to be the Associational Missionary, but he felt like the time had come to elect someone else. **Motion and second** was made to accept his report and thank him for the job he has done; **motion carried**

The moderator called for the report *Do Our Traditions Line Up With Scripture?*

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association 2014

Topic #1

“Do Our Traditions Line Up With Scripture?”

Committee: Bro. Zach Goodwin; Bro. Randy Thompson

Our first decision with this question was to take a position on the word “traditions.”

Are we talking about the “traditions” of our society and families...or are we talking about the “traditions” of our churches; of our faith as Missionary Baptists. We decided on the latter of the two...

Next we needed to better understand what these traditions are.

Traditions are defined by Merriam-Webster as: a way of thinking, behaving, or doing something that has been done by people in a particular group, family, society, etc., for a long time.

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The definition is broadened to mean:

- an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior (as a religious practice or a social custom)
- the handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another with or without written instruction.

That prompted the question, is there a difference between Tradition and Doctrine?

Doctrine is defined by Merriam-Webster as: a set of ideas or beliefs that are taught or believed to be true. They are a position or the body of principles in a system of belief:

Our 18 Articles of Faith for example, we would consider to be our “Doctrines.” It is an extraction of Biblical principles or Doctrines in a concise format that define our beliefs. They are taught and believed to be true and provable by the Holy Bible.

There is in our opinion, a major difference between Tradition and Doctrine, in that: Doctrine should never be compromised, watered down, changed or eliminated from our teaching and preaching in our churches. Tradition on the other hand can from time to time be altered, changed, even discontinued or even added “IF” there is a determined benefit to the objectives and goals of a given church.

For our topic, we tried to draw a distinction between those Doctrinal issues (Salvation, Baptism, Security of the Believers and so on) and focus on what we believe to be “Traditions” by definition.

With that being said, our challenge was to determine some of our “Traditions” and decide if they “line up” or align with Scripture.

Some Examples of “TRADITION” (and keep in mind that not all of our churches practice all of these, but many do), could be such things as:

1. The tradition of an Easter egg hunt at the church for the children at Easter time.
2. The tradition to give thanks before we start eating.
3. The tradition of holding a Vacation Bible School each year.
4. The tradition of a Christmas Program annually.
5. The tradition of Sunday school before worship service.
- 6) The tradition of our service times and their frequencies.
- 7) The tradition of our “Southern Gospel” music in our services.
- 8) The tradition of our ministers performing marriage ceremonies in our churches, and with whom they are performed.

I am sure while I have been reading this list you have thought of others in your own minds. Perhaps our tradition of Homecoming or the way people dress for worship...

So the question to be answered is, “Do Our Traditions Line Up with Scripture?”

Based on the ones I just mentioned, I’d have to say, No, yes, yes, yes, yes, no, no, and lastly, no and yes...well, maybe we need to dig a little deeper...

We believe a key question in the things we do at our churches should always be, “What is the value of this activity or this function, to our services, to our church? Does it, or how does it, promote Christ?” Does it produce a “Spiritual” or “Secular” result?

Jesus said in **(Matthew 15:9 (KJV))** “⁹ But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.”

The Pharisees were teaching the traditions of men as doctrine. The Pharisees knew a lot about God, but they didn’t know God. This is the same trouble we can get into if we take the attitude of “That’s how it has always been done, or everyone else does it that way.” We must be careful to not teach “tradition” as doctrine. The washing of hands and laws that pertained to the Sabbath were often twisted and taken out of context from the scriptures.

Jesus again speaking in **(Mark 7:8 (KJV)) records,** “⁸ For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.”

The Pharisees added hundreds of their own rules and regulations to God’s holy laws and tried to force people to follow them. Jesus condemned this as hypocrisy. It is dangerous to set up non-biblical standards for others to follow. **We are to look to Christ for our standards...** We do not believe God is against having traditional elements in the church, but do believe He is against His church teaching the traditions of “Man” as doctrine. This kind of hypocrisy will turn people away from the real truth.

We don’t have time to address all of the traditions we mentioned in great detail, but let’s take a look starting with:

1. The tradition of an Easter egg hunt at the church for the children at Easter time.

Should Churches and Christians Participate in Easter Egg Hunts?

That will be for each church to decide...but the truth is, the Easter Bunny and (by extension) the Easter egg hunt tradition stem from pagan origins acknowledging the Goddess of fertility (you can research that for yourselves) and find out how such a pagan symbol come to be associated with a religious holiday.

From a biblical perspective, it's clearly wrong for anyone to worship false gods or goddesses — or to encourage the worshiping of false deities. Anyone who participates in an Easter egg hunt (a tradition that began sometime in the 1500s, we believe) with the intent of worshipping a false deity is guilty of idolatry. **However, this is not what happens in most Easter Egg Hunts in the United States today – and certainly not in those egg hunts sponsored by our churches.** No false deity is worshiped. In fact, in the case of church-sponsored Easter Egg Hunts, the kids who participate are taught that Easter is about Jesus Christ and His resurrection. **Christ is exalted.**

The Apostle Paul used false religions to point people to the Truth, namely Christ. At his Mars Hill sermon (see Acts 17), Paul tells the people of Athens that he perceives they are a “religious people” in light of their many idols, and then he points to one with an inscription to “THE UNKNOWN GOD,” and says he wants to tell them about that One! Paul used their idolatry as a frame of reference to help him connect with them, so he might more effectively share the Good News of Jesus Christ. In (1 Corinthians 8), Paul urged the Corinthian Christians to ease off battles they were having over whether it was proper for Christians to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols. In that passage, Paul says that there's nothing inherently sinful with a Christian eating meat that's been offered to an idol because the “idol is nothing.” In other words, the whole religion and belief system surrounding the idols to which the meats were being offered was, in reality, meaningless. Christians are at liberty then, Paul teaches, to eat meat offered to idols, but they must be careful not to cause their brothers or sisters in Christ to stumble into sin. While the issue of eating meat offered to first century idols is different from churches holding Easter egg hunts today, many of their respective aspects are the same, the principles of Paul's teachings are very much applicable.

The bottom line in all this is that God looks at the heart. “If” a Christian participates in an Easter Egg Hunt with the intention of worshipping or honoring pagan goddesses, an obvious sin has occurred. “If” a church sponsors an Easter Egg Hunt without using it as

a tool to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, an opportunity has been missed. **Although there is no scriptural support for the act of egg hunting**, each church must decide if it is harmful or sinful for a child collect plastic eggs to get candy or for a church using an egg hunt as an outreach tool for evangelism. God looks at the heart. We should do the same.

2. Next, the tradition to give thanks before we start eating.

We wondered how many today are carrying out this practice, this “Tradition” today in their homes, restaurants and other places they eat... We do believe this is a practice that “ALL” Christians should be practicing and teaching in their homes.

(Deuteronomy 8:10) say: “¹⁰ When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.” The Israelites were to bless (give thanks) to the Lord for providing for their needs to and in the Promised Land. This was a time of prayer, but it was also a warning not to forget God when their / our needs and wants were / are satisfied. We are to let our table prayers serve as constant reminders of the Lord’s goodness to us and our duty to those less fortunate.

(Ephesians 5:20) “²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;” **(1 Thessalonians 5:18)** “¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

We believe this tradition lines up with Scripture and we should all strive to better fulfill it in our lives.

For the sake of time and space in the Association book, we are going to combine the following “traditions:”

- 3. The tradition of holding a Vacation Bible School each year.**
- 4. The tradition of a Christmas Program annually.**
- 5. The tradition of Sunday school before or after worship service.**

Although two of these are annual events and the other a weekly event, although each year they have different themes or lessons... there is a commonality between them. A purpose and a goal that is trying to be achieved. **What is it? It is a means to communicate the Gospel Message to children and adults alike.**

(Proverbs 22:6 (KJV) say:

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

This is probably the best-known proverb on the rearing of children; however, it is often misunderstood. It states a simple truth that parents must remember as they teach and discipline their children: it is the duty of parents to start their children on the right path of life.

There are only two possible paths mentioned in the Bible: **the path of righteousness and wisdom** that leads to life and **the path of wickedness and foolishness** that leads to death. The right way, or the way *[a child] should go*, is obviously the way of righteousness.

We realize that only parents can start a child in the right way—the path of righteousness. And that parents are to begin their training in the earliest years of a child's life. **It begins at home first**, then continues on in and through the church and the programs mentioned.

Of course, each child must choose whether or not to take the right path. People may depart or get off of the right path in life, but children who are taught the right way by godly parents can never completely depart from that *training*. They may choose not to live by it, but they cannot get away from it entirely. The training they received is permanently inscribed on their hearts and minds. Even in old age they will remember what their parents taught them. **When parents teach their children to live righteously, they instill in them something that will stay with them their entire lives.**

(Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (KJV) express how important it is to teach our children the things of God.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

⁵ And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

⁶ And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

⁷ And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

We believe these traditions line up with Scripture, but each church must decide if they are the right tools, programs for them to share and instill the gospel message.

6) How about the tradition of our service times and frequencies. (Hebrews 10:25) instructed...

²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The meaning of this exhortation is that Christians are to assemble together...for worship, for prayer, for the study of God's Word, for ministry and witnessing.

Christians need each other—we need the presence, fellowship, strength, encouragement, care, and love of each other. **The frequency and starting times should be left to the individual church.** See (Luke 4:16; Luke 24:52-53; Acts 2:46; Acts 3:1; Acts 13:14 and others) where men of faith made a point to be in the Lord's house at all different times.

The important thing is to have a genuine desire to be in church with the right attitude of heart. Scripture uses words like gladness, loved, seek after, chooseth, blessed...

The Psalmist said, "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness" (Palm 84:10).

Whatever times services start, on whatever days a church chooses to meet, especially the Sabbath, **may we be found saying**, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD" (Psalm 122:1).

We believe Scripture supports our need to be in service when the doors are open.

7) The tradition of our "Southern Gospel" music in our services.

For this tradition, we will encourage everyone to reread the topic in last year's meeting that addressed "The positive and negative influences of different genres on Christian Music" by Bro. Trey Crews.

Music has a definite scriptural basis as a part of our heritage and tradition inside and outside of our churches (consider the many Psalms) ... (Psa. 95:1) says, "O come, let us sing unto Lord: let us make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation," but it does not "label" our singing to be exclusively, "Southern Gospel." Again, each church must decide what best fits their mode of worship.

8) Lastly, the tradition of our ministers performing marriage ceremonies in our churches, and with whom they are performed.

We believe this is an example where we are called upon to do things that Christ never did to our knowledge. We know he attended a wedding...but have no record that he officiated one (I suppose that is because His number one priority was the preaching of the Gospel...perhaps a lesson for us in that). Although marriage ceremonies today are very different than the old Jewish traditions...**we do believe that God established proper relations to be between "a Man and a Woman."** He ordained that they leave father and mother and the two become one. Again, this issue of "whom" is to be married is well documented in previous association questions.

Since God established marriage, and brought the man and woman together, we believe that the tradition of performing marriages in the church does align with scripture.

Titus warning against false teachers said, (**Titus 1:13 (KJV)**)
“¹³ This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;”

How do we know if a person or a church truly loves the Lord? If they love the Lord, they will keep the commandments of Jesus and will teach and practice that which is clearly backed / supported by scriptural demands. If they do not love the Lord (or maybe we should say, truly know the Lord, like the Pharisees) they will teach traditions, man’s commandments, and make them appear as God’s Will. Traditions and commandments of men are what hung the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. The religion of that day is what drove the nails through the hands of the Son of God (although in doing so, it also fulfilled the divine plan of God). If the Bible teaches that we should do something a certain way, then that is the way we should do it, regardless of the tradition or the way the majority does it. When men disagree with the Bible, (**Romans 3:4 (KJV)**) says, “⁴ God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.”

We suppose the Conclusion of this matter is going to be....that each church will have to draw their own conclusion about “Traditions” practiced. Each church will have to decide; “Are traditions in the church a good thing or a bad thing? Should they be continued or discontinued?”

As our Sister churches consider their “Traditions,” as do we in our own churches; we should be respectful that they have gone through the same **prayerful process** concerning their traditions that we have, and not allow our churches to make differences in the practice of traditions a point that would hinder our fellowship together.

(Colossians 2:8 (KJV) tells us, “⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

Prayerfully Submitted,

Elder Zach Goodwin
Elder Randy Thompson

Motion and second was made to give each chair man ten minutes to speak, and five minutes for the rest; **motion carried.**

The report on ***Do Our Traditions Line Up With Scripture*** were read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Randy Thompson, Zack Goodwin, David Leslie, Clint Sanders, Andrew Stokes, and Randy Wood.

Bro. Eugene Brown gave a brief report on the *Words of Hope Ministry.*

Bro. Scott Carter gave a brief report of the wishes of Bro. Rick Jones to be here this year and that there are some good things going on in Jamaica.

With no other business, **motion and second** was made to adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Saturday; **motion carried.** We closed with a fellowship handshake with Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. to thank him for his work as an associational missionary.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Eugene Brown, McFerrerin Missionary Baptist Church

Saturday, October 11, 2014

In accordance to adjournment on Friday afternoon, we reconvened at 10:00 a.m. to continue the 166th annual session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. The congregation began by singing “The Dearest Friend I Ever Had” and “Just A Little Talk With Jesus” led by Bro. Johnny Sanders, Bible Grove Church with Sis. Rebecca Watson, Bible Grove Church, playing the piano.

The moderator welcomed everyone back to the second day of the association and hoped that everyone had an enjoyable time so far. In accordance of the Rules of Decorum, we opened the session in prayer led by Bro. Lynn Stapleton, Huntingdon Church.

Bro. Smith read from Ephesians 2:1-13 and thanked everyone for being present for the second session. He asked for prayers on his behalf and on the behalf of all the officers.

Roll call of messengers was made. **Motion and second** was made to seat the 39 messengers present; **motion carried.**

Report from the Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee reported collections of the Minute Fund of \$2,023.00, and a Clerk Fund of \$1,080.00 giving a total collected of \$3,103.00. The current balance as of October 11, 2014 is \$3,513.04. **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 from the Obituary Recorder:

Though the death of our loved ones brings sorrow to us as family members and as church members, those of us who are living are strengthened by death. We see the promises of God sure and steadfast being brought to fruition.

Isaiah 57:1 reads as follows: “The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.”

While we may grieve for our own loss as our loved ones are called from this world, surely we must not grieve that they have been called “away from the evil to come” on this earth to the very presence of God. After a number of words of warning to the wicked in verses 3-14, Isaiah returns to the blessed state of the saints in a verse that seems to have one end anchored in this world and the other in Heaven:

“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” (Isaiah 57:15)

Those who have entered into the presence of God have forever left the state of contrition of this world and now reside in the presence of a people of sweet humility.

May we who have been temporarily left behind be reminded of the words of Jesus to His disciples when they rejoiced that “even the devils are subject unto us.”

“Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven.” (Luke 10:20)

Let us rejoice in the sure and steadfast hope of joining these who have departed our midst for that much better place in the presence of the “high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy.”

Psalm 116:15

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Revelation 14:13

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

⁵⁵ O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

It has be heart rendering to read the names of those sainted dead that has passed this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother Rufus L. Chandler

Motion and second was made to accept this report; **motion carried**. See p. 59 for list

Report from the Historical Committee:

Bro. Clint Sanders reported that he contacted MTSU and that this was not a project that they would be able to help with. Bro. Sanders was asked to contact other universities to see if they could help with the endeavor.

The moderator called for the report on *The Teachings and Practices of Repentance, is it still relevant today?*

Teaching and practice of repentance and is it still relevant today?

The practice of repentance is, as we all know is a turning from sin, and turning to God. The thought is, what happens when repentance is not practiced.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, the Lord shows us what can happen when his people repent. The scripture reads: 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 forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

As we all should know that we so desperately need is a turning back to God and this is impossible without genuine repentance.

An Old Testament case of repentance is that king David in Psalms 51 verse3 says: for I acknowledge my transgression and my sin is ever before me. King David's repentance brought a restoration of the joy of his salvation. We as Gods people need to realize that our sin and disobedience to God brings God's wrath and judgments upon an individual's life or upon a country as a whole.

We have to realize that God is our only hope, for healing in this land, and the only way that can happen is if his chosen people repent.

A New Testament key note of repentance is the preaching of John the Baptist. Matthew 3:2 says: Repent for the kingdom of

Heaven is at hand. Our teaching of repentance is just like the teaching of John, without repentance, one will not be saved.

Jesus taught in his ministry the same teachings that we teach. Jesus said in Mark 1:15: The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand: Repent ye and believe the gospel.

From day to day and year to year the things of this world changes, but the word of God will never change, and it will always be relevant form one to repent through Godly sorrow and have that born again experience.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Hayes

The report on *The Teachings and Practices of Repentance, is it still relevant today* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Brian Hayes, Lynn Stapleton, Rufus Chandler, Trey Crews, Ronnie Stewart, Clint Sanders, Dennis Lunsford, Adam Allen, Scott Carter, Ray Smith, and Eugene Brown.

With the 11:00 hour here, the topic was suspended to the afternoon session.

In a sweet spirit, the congregation sang “The Sun’s Coming Up.”

The Moderator introduced Bro. Bryan Oakes as the current pastor at Bethel Church and the former pastor of the host church.

Doctrinal Sermon

Bro. Bryan Oakes

Bro. Bryan began by telling of the privilege of being back at Bible Grove and at the association once again.

He read from Romans 13:11-14 and lead the congregation in prayer. He told of being ashamed for what he has done for the Lord in comparison to what He has done for us. It was Jesus who was falsely accused, carried to the courtyard to suffer, so that we all might be healed by his stripes. The Lord went to Golgotha to pay our debt, which was a debt that we could not repay. His prayer was that each of us would search our heart to how we all serve the Lord. Our service to the Lord ought to be giving him our everything. Paul is encouraging a life of spiritual purity. The dispensation of grace is about to end, and the time for the Lord’s return is soon. He took for a thought “It’s Time to Wake Up; Jesus Is Coming Again (Soon).”



We see all around us that the devil has many neglecting our responsibilities to our families, churches, communities, etc. We as

children of God have fallen to these lies and excuses and taken hold of them. He feared the church as a whole has become complacent and content with how things are.

In Matthew 25 Jesus gives a parable of the 10 virgins. Five of these were wise and five of them were foolish (5 saved and 5 lost). The scripture tells that as they slumbered and slept, the bridegroom tarried. The lost were not concerned about their soul enough to do anything about it. One day, the cry was made, "Behold the bridegroom cometh," and it was time to go out to meet him. One day we all shall go to meet the bridegroom. None of us know the day nor the hour that he is going to come back. There will be a time when we will not be able to be a witness to others, a time to invite others to church, to labor for God. There is coming a time where we will have no more opportunities to serve him. Many say they are unable to stand and testify, but none of us are able to do anything without the moving of the Holy Ghost. How often does the devil tell us we cannot do anything, and how often do we believe him?

Are we living in the last days? Are we seeing the great falling away the Bible foretells us will happen? It is hard to see churches that should be filled with loving people, not able to get along. The church should be filled with people who have a burden for others. Jesus said the world would know us by the love that we show to the world. Whether we admit it or not, we may be the only Bible that others read.

Paul says we are ambassadors for him. As ambassadors, we are official representatives for him.

Bro. Bryan referenced Acts 17 and the unbelieving Jews who knew about a gospel that was turning the world upside down.

He read Hebrews 12:1.

Bro. Bryan also read from Revelation 2:4 and explained how John told the Christians at Ephesus they had left their first love. Has anyone here drifted from that first love?

He referenced Revelation 3:15 and stated that the Laodicean were lukewarm, neither hot nor cold. Do we still have that fire we had the moment he saved our soul. Has our passion for the Lord faded? It's easy to allow the passions of this world to enter our hearts and distract us from what God would have us to do. Jesus is standing at the door of our hearts knocking wanting to be the Lord of our life.

He closed in Acts 4:31 and told how his prayer was for a shaking and to speak with boldness.

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

Bro. Smith thanked Bro. Bryan for his message and asked for us to sing a song and offer him the right hand of Christian fellowship.

After the fellowship handshake, the moderator asked Bro. Dennis Lunsford, New Cross Roads Church, to dismiss us in prayer and to ask the blessing on the food.

Saturday Afternoon

We reconvened after a wonderful meal provided by the host church and began by singing “Sweet Beulah Land” led by Bro. Johnny Sanders, Bible Grove Church, with Sis. Rebecca Watson, Bible Grove Church, on the piano.

The moderator began by telling how his grandson had been unable to raise his hand due to a brain tumor. He told how they started singing this song (his favorite) and he raised his hand and left this world. Bro. Smith expressed what a comfort it is to know we have a better place awaiting us.

He thanked Bible Grove Church for the wonderful food and their hospitality these two days. He called on Bro. Andrew Stokes, Concord Church, to lead us in prayer.

The moderator read from Psalms 121:1-8 and called for the continuation of the topic started before the Doctrinal Sermon.

We continued to discuss *The Teachings and Practices of Repentance, is it still relevant today*. The topic was spoken to by Bro. Andrew Stokes. **Motion and second** was made to pass on the subject; **motion carried**.

The moderator called for the report on *What Does “Missionary” Mean to Missionary Baptist?*

What does “Missionary” mean to Missionary Baptists?

What does the term missionary mean? Simply stated, it is a person that has been sent by a church into an area to carry on evangelism or other activities such as education or hospital work. While this definition is an accurate one, it does not show us the character of the person or the church that sent them. If we then assume that person and church as having selfless and caring characters, we lose sight of the leadership of the Holy Spirit and God’s will within the mission itself. The purpose of this topic is to explore what missionary means to us.

As we begin our study, we must understand that the need for being missionary minded was not present before sin entered the world through the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Once sin was imputed, God himself taught us of accountability, grace, mercy and forgiveness sacrificially through the shedding of blood. These teachings

were then given to us not only by prophets of old, but also through the laws of God which He freely gave. If we seek to fully comprehend the meaning of a missionary, then we must first realize that as aforementioned it was God who gave us knowledge, the prophets, His laws, and then His only begotten son. In Romans 7:12, we find that the law of God is holy, just and good; and in Galatians 3:24 its' purpose is to bring us unto Christ. Therefore we can surely say that Christ is God's fulfilment of love by the shedding of His blood on the cross of Calvary as well as His desire to reconcile us to Him when a person is saved. For we love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19. Acquainting ourselves with this love is of necessity in becoming a proper missionary.

Upon reflection of the life of Jesus Christ, we see that in John 6:38 He testified that it was not His will He sought to complete, but rather the will of God who sent Him. It is not God's will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2nd Peter 3:9. Upon His crucifixion in John 19:30 Jesus stated "it is finished", referring to the completion of God's will. Later, at the ascension, Jesus testified that all power in heaven and earth had been given to Him. He then commanded us as His Church to go out unto all nations preaching the word of God and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. It can then be said that Jesus certainly gave us the plan by which to follow when attempting to become suitable missionaries.

It is our responsibility first as individuals then as churches to always follow God's word and the examples of Christ, who is the express image of God, leaning on His understanding and not our own. Jesus commanded His church to carry out the great commission, which is accomplished by the work of individuals called out for that purpose. Acts 13:1-3. An individual must always follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit which will bring them closer to Christ and better enable them to let their light shine to bring Christ to the lost and dying world. Before a church sends a missionary or even considers supporting one, the church must determine what that person believes and plans to teach thereby confirming that biblical truth is to be conveyed. Over the last 2,000 years many people have sought their own will and way, which has caused confusion and led to separation within the fellowship of God's people. As this has progressed several different variations of belief, even within our own denomination, now exist. If we are to be proper missionaries, then we must cling to every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Duet. 8:3 thereby holding fast to the truth of God's gospel.

To be an acceptable missionary the character of a person must reflect God's love through them by following the examples and attitude of Christ. This can also be said of the church that sends a person or group into a mission field. What does missionary mean to us? Truly, that whether a person is carrying out a mission from God themselves or a church supporting someone, the leadership of the Holy Spirit sent by God is crucial.

Humbly submitted,
Jeff Simmons
Brian Beecham

The topic *What Does "Missionary" Mean to Missionary Baptist* was read, adopted and spoken to by Brothers Jeff Simmons, Brian Beecham, Anthony French, Andrew Stokes, David Leslie

The moderator then called for the report *How do we combat the Anti-Christian influences in religion and this world?*

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

Combating anti-Christian influence in the church.

My goal, in writing this is to give a better understanding of how we can combat the different social influences effecting our churches. This is important so the church can regain its rightful place as the major influence in society, family, and work places. If we examine these three areas in our life, I think we will find that there are other mediums which influence us, one of these is mass media.

Mass Media can no longer be looked upon as just a system designed to entertain us, but must be considered as a social institution. A social institution that has replaced the church as the means in which society forms its virtues. This change is problematic because media was never intended to serve as a social institution. Mass Media's primary objective is to make money and entertain causing films, television programs, and websites to produce content based on the size of the audience they can gather, instead of presenting truths that are fundamental to a society's virtue. This makes the public's reliance on social media a dangerous thing, and it puts media at odds with the Church.

Church is the traditional means in which a society gains its virtues. Church virtues can be considered better than mass media be-

cause they are not based on monetary gain. This means that the message of churches has a bias for truth and not money. Church also furnishes a better set of role models than that of mass media. Church role models are people in the church that present to us the image of Christ. Role models in our society are largely based on what mass media presents to us. Role models become ingrained into our society and the society becomes the image of that model.

For a church to combat mass media influences, it must provide three essential things. One, church must offer a buffer from society. The atmosphere in a church should provide us with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Second, the church must offer a safe haven to exchange ideas. The truth of the word of God is never stagnant and preaching should never become stagnant either. Third, the church must control deviant behavior of its members. The actions of its members must be in accordance to the Word of God.

Submitted by Adam Allen

The topic *How do we combat the Anti-Christian influences in religion and this world* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Adam Allen, Ronnie Stewart, Trey Crews, and Walden Blankenship. **Motion and second** was made to pass; **motion carried.**

The moderator called for the **Report of the Topic Committee.** The topic committee the following topics for the 2015 session.

Topic Committee:

1. Characteristics of Effective church membership; Bro. Andrew Stokes and Bro. Jerry Dodd
2. Financing the Lord's Work; Bro. Lynn Stapleton and Bro. Clint Sanders
3. Importance of the family and its contributions to the local church; Bro. Bryan Oakes and Bro. Truman Hedges
4. Is Sunday School still relevant today? Bro. David Leslie and Bro. Chris Wallace

A motion and second was made to accept these topics and the ones assigned to do them; **motion carried.**

The moderator asked if anyone else wanted to give a report on missions. Bro. Khrys Paige told how thankful he was to be present with all these Missionary Baptist preachers. In Trinidad, he is the only Missionary Baptist preacher on the whole island. Since last year he was able to buy 100 chairs, song books, and a portable sound system. He told that he has been blessed to travel to 21 churches while here in the US. He has been able to get the necessary monies to pay off a debt that is owed on the building the mission meets in. He

asked for the prayers of the people as he continues to spread the gospel throughout the island.

New Business:

1. **A motion and second** was made to elect Bro. Dennis Lunsford to serve as the Associational Missionary for the upcoming year; **motion carried.** Bro. Lunsford thanked the association for their confidence they had put in him and asked that we pray for him.
2. Bro Andrew Stokes reminded everyone about the association website and encouraged each church to use the space available for audio sermons.

The moderator asked for the *Vote of Thanks*.

Vote of Thanks

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, its officers, and the messengers of this association wish to extend our

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 Bible Grove 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 Huntingdon Missionary Baptist 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 Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church for the 167th annual session on October 9-10, 2015 at 10:00 am ready to receive another blessing from the Lord.

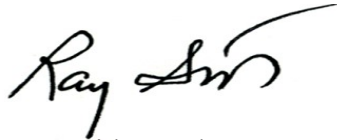
Until He Returns,
Scott Carter, Clerk

The clerk read the vote of thanks. **A motion and second** was made to adopt this letter; **motion carried.**

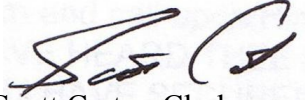
Following the vote of thanks, the moderator asked for a fellowship handshake and for all the ministers to come up front for the fellowship handshake.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church in Huntingdon, TN; **motion carried.**

We were then dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ronnie Stewart, Rushing Creek Church.



Ray Smith, Moderator
Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church



Scott Carter, Clerk
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Visitors to the 2014 Session

- Bro. Eugene Brown (Wiseman Association)
McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, TN
- Bro. Kenneth Massey (Wiseman Association)
Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, TN
- Bro. Zack Goodwin
Chalk Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Camden, TN
- Bro. Steven Wright, Memphis, TN
- Bro. Khrys Paige
Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church/Trinidad

Messengers for the 166th Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday– Jimmy Allen, Johnny Hawkins, Joe Rich
Saturday– letter only

Bible Grove:

Friday– Randy Woods, Johnny Sanders, Brian Beecham
Saturday- Randy Woods, Johnny Sanders, Brian Beecham

Caledonia:

Friday– letter only
Saturday– letter only

Center Point:

Friday– Earnestine Higdon, Eugene Abbott, Dorothy Abbott
Saturday- Earnestine Higdon, Eugene Abbott, Dorothy Abbott

Clarksburg:

Friday- Jeff Reed
Saturday– Jeff Reed

Concord:

Friday–John W. Cole, Rosalind Cole
Saturday– John W. Cole, Rosalind Cole, Dennis Stokes

Cross Roads:

Friday– Steve Hargrove, Phillip Scurlock, Kenny Sherrod
Saturday- Steve Hargrove, Phillip Scurlock, Kenny Sherrod

Huntingdon:

Friday- Lynn Stapleton, Trey Crews, Kenny Rush
Saturday- Lynn Stapleton, Trey Crews, Joe Glisson

Marlsboro:

Friday- letter only
Saturday– letter only

Mixie:

Friday– Rufus Chandler, Don Renfroe, Royce Renfroe
Saturday- Rufus Chandler, Johnny Whitworth, Royce Renfroe

New Cross Roads:

Friday– Keith White, Kim White, JoAnn Lunsford
Saturday– Keith White, Kim White, JoAnn Lunsford

New Hope:

Friday– Dale Seagraves
Saturday– Dale Seagraves

New Spring Hill:

Friday– letter only
Saturday– letter only

Oak Grove :

Friday–Goy Williams, David Leslie, Jason Howard

Saturday–Goy Williams, Jason Howard, Jason Barker
Old Paths:
 Friday– Vernon Lewelling, Ken Carrington, Norman Medlin
 Saturday–Ken Carrington
Pleasant Grove:
 Friday- Max Bradfield, Gerri Bradfield, Chealsie Rickman
 Saturday– letter only
Pleasant Hill:
 Friday- Bill Hargrove, Waymon Umstead, Nita Umstead
 Saturday- Bill Hargrove, Waymon Umstead, Nita Umstead
Pleasant Ridge:
 Friday– Clint Sanders, James Hicks, Betty Hicks
 Saturday– Clint Sanders, Anthony French
Rushing’s Creek:
 Friday–Bruce Seaton, Carol Broadway
 Saturday– Ron Stewart
Shiloh:
 Friday- Scott Carter, Kim Carter, Larry Pritchard
 Saturday- Scott Carter, Kim Carter, Larry Pritchard
Westport:
 Friday– Brenda Leslie, Jerry Dodd
 Saturday– Brenda Leslie, Jerry Dodd

Financial Statement
2014 Minute Fund

First Bank (lock box)----- \$2,661.54

EXPENDITURES:

First Bank (lock box)----- \$60.00
 Peterson Printing (printing of minutes)----- \$1,111.50

CONTRIBUTIONS:

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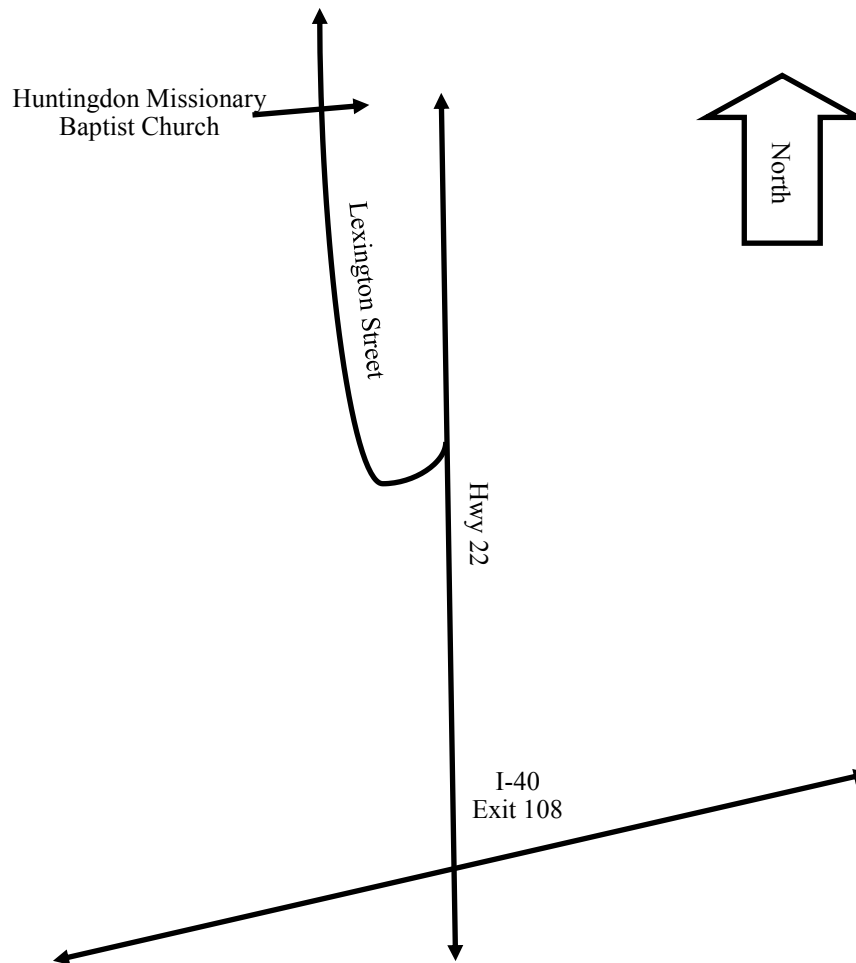
BALANCE OCTOBER 11, 2014 ----- \$3,513.04

Clerk Contributions----- \$ 1,080.00

Submitted by:
 Bro. Larry Pritchard – Shiloh Church
 Bro. Johnny Whitworth – Mixie Church
 Bro. Johnny Sanders – Bible Grove Church

Direction to 2015 Session

- ⇒ From I-40, take Exit 108 and go North 13 miles on Hwy 22.
- ⇒ Upon entering Huntingdon, there is a sign that reads “Welcome to Historic Huntingdon” on the right.
- ⇒ Turn left onto Lexington Street.
- ⇒ The church is located on the right.
- * ***11110 Lexington Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344***



Correspondence

Wiseman Baptist Association

Brother Scott Carter, Clerk
Southwest District Missionary Baptist Association
400 Chickasaw Drive
Huntingdon, TN 38344

August 1, 2014

Churches of the Southwest District Missionary Baptist Association:

We pray that the Lord has blessed you richly this past year with the salvation of souls and 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 twenty second annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association, which was held at Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church in Pleasant Shade, Tennessee. Nine churches reported 79 additions in the past year, 30 being by baptism, with a total membership of 1,941.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundred twenty third annual session which will be held October 24th and 25th at Three Springs Baptist Church at 1440 Three Springs Road Bowling Green, KY 42104. Services will begin each day at 10:00 AM.

Brother Danny Raines is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon on Friday, and Brother Paul Patterson is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday. Please make your plans to attend.

In Christ's love,

Jeremy Wilson, Clerk
1119 Bennington Place
Franklin, KY 42134

BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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April 30, 2014

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

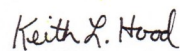
We trust everything is going well with you and your lost are being saved. We also trust God is continuing to bless you.

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Seventy-Eighth Annual Session with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. We had 19 churches reporting an increase of 42 with 17 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 138 with a total membership of 1,714. 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 179th Annual Session to be held with Alva Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located east of Russellville, Alabama, on Highway 77. This session will be held October 11, 12, 13, 14, 2014. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

A copy of this year's minutes has been enclosed.

In Christ's love,



Keith L. Hood, Clerk

Johnny Hood - Moderator
11630 County Road 7
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Billy Myrick - Vice Moderator
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Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

August 25, 2014

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
Brother Scott Carter

Greetings:

The 2014 associational meetings will be beginning soon and we are thankful for the good news of souls being saved and the spirit of the Lord pouring out His blessings upon the churches in your association.

The churches of the Siloam Association met the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 2013 at Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church for its sixty-first annual session. The Lord poured His blessings out on those in attendance for the three sessions we met. We are thankful for the news of those who were saved and the good number of people who joined the churches that make up the Siloam Association.

We invite you to come and fellowship with the Siloam Association as we meet for the sixty-second session at Old Union Missionary Baptist Church located at 714 Old Union Church Road, Bowling Green KY beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday October 3, 2014. Elder Wayne Deering is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Ivan Smith is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Berlon Roy is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning. A copy of the 2013 Siloam minutes is enclosed.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless all of His churches and that His word will go out to the lost people of this world and many will be saved.

Your Brother in Christ

Elder Roger Carter, Clerk
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 100 Hemlock, Bruceton, TN 38317
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 117 Lindsey Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
Leslie, David, Oak Grove -----731-845-3859
 1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351
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 19990 Hwy. 22 N, Wildersville, TN 38388
McDaniel, Tracy, New Cross Roads -----731-819-3545
 630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
Oakes, Bryan, Bethel-----731-986-2347
 955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
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Rahn, Allan, Bethel-----618-524-9865
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Reynolds, Ryne, Bible Grove-----731-614-2473
 8 Birdsong Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
Sanders, Clint, Pleasant Ridge-----731-695-3194
 76 Farmington Cove, Lexington, TN 38351
Severance, James, Marlsboro -----731-586-3502
 197 Pine Street N, Bruceton, TN 38317
Seville, Ralph, Old Paths
 California
Simmons, Jeff, Pleasant Hill-----731-968-1290
 129 Windy Ridge Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
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, Ronnie, Rushing Creek -----615-394-0314
 1327 Cedar Drive, Camden, TN 38320
Stokes, Andrew, Concord -----731-986-3738
 310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Thompson, Randy, Cross Roads -----731-441-1729
 211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320
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 17180 Natchez Trace Road, Lexington, TN 38351

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- BIBLE GROVE-** 5365 Bible Grove Road, Lexington, TN 38351
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290 Westover Road, Huron, TN 38345
- CALEDONIA-** 9405 Hwy 140, McKenzie, TN 38201
PASTOR- Jim Holt -----731-986-9374
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CLERK-Carl Hall -----731-352-3909
115 Linden Street, McKenzie, TN 38201
- CENTER POINT-** 2225 Rowland Mill Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
PASTOR- Gary Douglas (Interim) -----731-415-2235
7360 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387
CLERK-Jenny Moon-----731-415-9189
108 Enterprise Street, Bruceton, TN 38317
- CLARKSBURG-**12281 Hwy 424, Clarksburg, TN 38324
PASTOR-
CLERK-Lindsey Cobb (Interim)-----731-986-2160
105 Crum Road, Yuma, TN 38390
- CONCORD-** 3275 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR- Joshua Parker-----731-615-0379
175 Stonehedge Drive, Lexington, TN 38351
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- Randy Thompson -----731-441-1729
211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320
CLERK-Todd Kee-----731-441-0885
3895 Divider and Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320
- HUNTINGDON**-----731-986-4192
11110 Lexington Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344
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 24675 Hwy. 114 N, Hollow Rock, TN 38342

MIXIE- 25860 Hwy 77, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
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 47 Wendy Lane, Yuma, TN 38390
 CLERK-Amanda Holland-----731-415-8822
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 630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
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NEW HOPE- 5315 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387
 PASTOR-Phillip Gullede -----731-847-7844
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 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
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PLEASANT GROVE-
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1675 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Camden, TN 38320

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PASTOR- Clint Sanders ----- 731-695-3194

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2015 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sunday Starting Time	Monday – Friday Starting Time
Old Paths	06/07/15		5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	06/07/15		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
New Hope	06/14/15		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Shiloh	06/21/15		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/28/15	Randy Thompson	7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/28/15	Derrick Jowers	6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	07/05/15		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Westport	07/05/15		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Caledonia	07/12/15	Robert Simmons	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Center Point	07/12/15		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/12/15		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Mixie	07/12/15		5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/12/15		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/19/15		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	07/19/15		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Marlsboro	07/19/15		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Cross Roads	07/26/15	Kenneth Massey	6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Oak Grove	07/26/15		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
New Spring Hill	07/26/15		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Clarksburg	07/26/15			
Rushing Creek	09/13/15		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
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 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
 2011- Westport, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
 2012-Oak Grove, Henderson County ----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
 2013-Concord, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
 2014-Bible Grove, Henderson 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 re-proval 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. II Tim. 3:16-17; II Tim. 3:15; Prov. 30:5-6; Rom. 2:12; Phil. 3:16; I John 4:1.

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. John 4:24; Ps. 83:18; Heb. 3:4; Rom. 1:20; Jer. 10:10; Ex. 15:11; Ps. 147:5; Isa. 6:3; I Pet. 1:15-16; Rev. 4:6-8; Mark 12:30; Rev. 4:11; Matt. 10:37; Jer. 2:12-13; Matt. 28:19; John 15:26; I Cor. 12:4-6; I John 5:7; John 10:30; John 5:17; John 14:23; John 17:5 & 10; Acts 5:3-4; I Cor. 2:10-11; Phil. 2:5-6; Eph. 2:18; II Cor. 13:14; Rev. 1:4-5.

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. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 1:31; Ecc. 7:29; Acts 15:26; Gen. 2:16; Gen. 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 5:15-19; John 3:6; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Isa. 53:6; Gen. 6:12; Rom. 3:9-18; Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 1:18-32; Rom. 2:1-16; Gal. 3:10; Matt. 20:15; Ezek. 18:19-20; Rom. 1:20; Rom. 3:19; Gal. 3:22.

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. Eph. 2:5; Matt. 18:11; I John 4:10; I Cor. 3:5-7; Acts 15:11; John 3:16; John 1:1-14; Heb. 4:14; Heb. 12:24; Phil. 2:6-7; Heb. 2:9&14; II Cor. 5:21; Isa. 42:21; Phil. 2:8; Gal. 4:4-5; Rom. 3:21; Isa. 53:4-5; Matt. 20:28; Rom. 4:25; Rom. 3:21-26; I John 4:10; I John 2:3; I Cor. 15:1-3; Heb. 9:13-15; Heb. 1:8; Heb. 1:3; Col. 3:1-4; Heb. 7:25; Col. 2:9; Heb. 2:18; Heb. 7:26; Ps. 89:19; Ps. 45.

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. Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Luke 14:17; Rom. 16:26; Mark 1:15; Rom. 1:15-17; John 5:40; Matt. 23:37; Rom. 9:32; Pro. 1:24; Acts 13:46; John 3:19; Matt. 11:20; Luke 19:27; II Thess. 1:8.

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. John 6:44; John 6:65; Acts 16:14; Psalms 34:18; II Cor. 7:10; Acts 9:5; Acts 3:19; Acts 8:22; Luke 15:7

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. I Thess. 4:3; I Thess. 5:23; II Cor. 7:1; II Cor. 13:9; Phil. 3:12-16; John 2:29; Rom. 8:5; Eph. 1:4; Pro. 4:18; II Cor. 3:18; Heb. 6:1; 1I Peter 1:5-8; John 3:6; Phil. 1:9-I 1; Eph. 1:13-14; Phil. 2:12-13; Eph. 4:11-12; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18; II Cor. 13:5; Luke 11:35; Luke 9:23; Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:18; Eph. 4:30.

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. John 8:31; I John 2:27-28; I John 3:9; I John 5:18; I John 2:19; John 13:18; Matt. 13:20-21; John 6:66-69; Job 17:9; Rom. 8:28; Matt. 6:30-33; Jer. 32:40; Ps. 121:3; Ps. 91:11-12; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:12-13; Jude 24-25; Heb. 1:14; II Kings 6:16; Heb. 13:5; I John 4:4.

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. I Cor. 1:1-3; Matt. 18:17; Acts 5:1 I; Acts 8:1; Acts I 1:31; I Cor. 4:17; I Cor. 14:23; III John 9; I Tim. 3-5; Acts 2:41-42; II Cor. 8:5; Acts 2:47; I Cor. 5:12-13; I Cor. 11:2; II Thess. 3:6; Rom. 16:17-20; I Cor. 11:23; Matt. 18:15-20; I Cor. 5:6; II Cor. 2:7; I Cor. 4:11; Matt. 28:20; John 14:15; John 15:12; I John 4:21; John 14:21; I Thess. 4:2; II John 6; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:7; I Cor. 14:12; Phil. 1:27; I Cor. 12:14; Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23; Acts 15:22; I Tim. 3; Titus I.

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. Acts 20:7; Gen. 2:3; Cor. 2:16-17; Mark 2:27; John 20:19; I Cor. 16:1-2; Ex. 20:8; Rev. I:10; Ps. 118:15,24; Isa. 58:13-14; Isa. 56:2-8; Heb. 10:24-25; Acts 11:26; Acts 13:44; Lev. 19:30; Ex. 46:3; Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2-3; Ps. 26:8; Ps. 87:3; Heb. 4:3-11.

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. Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:5-6; John 3:22-23; John 4:12; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:12; Acts 16:32-34; Acts 18:8; Acts 10:47-48; Gal. 3:26-28; Rom 6:4; Col. 2:12; I Peter 3:20-21; Acts 12:16; Acts 2:41-42; I Cor. 11:26; Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; I Cor. 11:28; I Cor. 5:1-8; I Cor. 10:3-32; I Cor. 11:17-32; John 6:26-71.

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

Rick Jones (<i>Jamaica</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethel • Clarksburg • Concord • New Hope • Cross Roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove • New Cross Roads • Pleasant Ridge • Shiloh
Eugene Brown (<i>Words of Hope</i>) www.wordsofhope.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Grove • Huntingdon • Cross Roads • Pleasant Hill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hope • Rushing's Creek • Shiloh • Oak Grove
Paul Bryson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove 	
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant Hill
Eric Hammett (<i>Mexico</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Point 	
African Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove 	
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"> • Bethel • Bible Grove • Concord • Westport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixie • Pleasant Ridge • New Hope • Shiloh
Shop With a Cop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlsboro 	
Nueva Vida Missionary Baptist Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove 	
Carl Perkins Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concord 	
Gideon Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlsboro 	
Samaritan's Purse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon 	
Kenya Africa Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushing's Creek

**In Memory of Our Sainted Dead-39
(Three Deacons)**

Bethel

Bro. Roy Fuller	10/13/13
Bro. Joe Thomas Murphy	03/17/14
Bro. Richard Dwight Carter	07/09/14
Bro. John Edwin Douglas	09/09/14

Bible Grove

Bro. Lynn Hodge	10/18/13
Bro. Roger Lynn Wood	10/19/13
Sis. Maxine Barker	10/19/13
Sis. Margie Hayes	11/30/13
Sis. Doris Wood	03/26/14
Bro. Ted Martin	08/28/14
Sis. Orita Hatch Hopper	09/04/14

Center Point

Bro. Charles Patterson	05/10/14
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Clarksburg

Sis. Doris Pritchard	11/08/13
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Concord

Bro. Bill Gant	02/10/14
Sis. Martha McDowell Smith	08/31/14

Cross Roads

Sis. Othene Trull	04/22/14
Sis. Brenda Kalas	06/16/14
Bro. Jimmy Arnold	08/13/14

Huntingdon

Sis. Lisa Haywood	12/19/13
Sis. Alene Carter	02/05/14
Sis. Dorthy Edwards	08/19/14

Mixie		
	Sis. Tammy Grayson	06/17/14
	Sis. Donna Hayes	03/23/14
New Cross Roads		
	Sis. Frances Pinkley	12/24/13
New Hope		
	Bro. C.L. Kelly	06/10/14
	Sis. Faye Kelly	01/17/14
Oak Grove		
	Bro. Leo Davis (Deacon)	01/15/14
	Sis. Marie Segó	05/25/14
	Sis. Shirley Blankenship	09/21/14
Old Paths		
	Sis. Sue Brewer	
Pleasant Hill		
	Sis. Edwina Butler Prince	06/20/14
	Sis. Omega Butler Britton	07/06/14
	Sis. Arabia Butler Drinkard	08/25/14
Pleasant Ridge		
	Sis. Edith Marie Haskins	03/02/14
	Bro. Edgar Oneal Cole (Deacon)	03/26/14
Rushing's Creek		
	Sis. Clara Webb	07/15/14
Shiloh		
	Bro. Virgil Hedgepath (Deacon)	11/27/13
Westport		
	Sis. Evelyn McNatt	04/25/14
	Sis. Mary Ann Dodd	07/23/14

Sunday School Statistical Table

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	7	60	\$5,779.82
Bible Grove	Johnny Sanders			
Caledonia		1	8	\$108.00
Center Point	Bill Noles	5	38	
Clarksburg	Jeff Reed			
Concord	Keith Trevathan	19	70	\$1,020.00
Cross Roads	Jim Dungan	14	80	\$1,655.38
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	12	169	\$2,091.08
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	5	38	\$414.13
Mixie	Johnny Whitworth	8		
New Cross Roads		5		
New Hope	Michael Montgomery	7	15	\$505.96
New Spring Hill	Susan Brown	2		
Oak Grove	Chris Wallace	14	97	
Old Paths	Keith Brewer			
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	10		
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	4	20	
Pleasant Ridge	Anthony French	9	30	\$2,326.27
Rushing's Creek	Ron Stewart	3		\$684.72
Shiloh	Joe Cary	5		\$428.80
Westport	Jerry Singleton	12	38	\$2,533.00
TOTALS		136	619	\$17,547.16

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	169	2	0
Bible Grove	4	1	0	*7	7	5	0	12	205	1	0
Caledonia	2	3	0	**9	0	0	0	0	17	1	0
Center Point	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	1	87	1	0
Clarksburg	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	161	1	0
Concord	2	1	0	3	2	0	1	3	150	2	0
Cross Roads	5	1	0	6	3	0	0	3	202	2	0
Huntingdon	9	11	0	20	3	4	0	7	345	2	0
Marlsboro	0	*2	0	2	0	0	0	0	40	1	0
Mixie	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		1	1
New Cross Rds.	0	1	0	***2	1	2	0	3	77	2	2
New Hope	2	0	0	2	2	1	2	5	90	1	1
New Spring Hill	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	16	1	0
Oak Grove	5	3	0	8	3	0	1	4	164	1	0
Old Paths	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	52	1	1
Pleasant Grove	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	63	1	0
Pleasant Hill	0	4	0	4	3	0	0	3	123	1	0
Pleasant Ridge	0	0	0	0	2	2	#2	6	##82	1	1
Rushing's Creek	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	###76	1	0
Shiloh	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	41	1	0
Westport	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	67	1	0
TOTALS	33	30	0	54	38	22	4	66	2069	26	6

* Two joined by statement of faith

** Four joined by statement of faith

***One by statement

at their request

41 active

Rushing's Creek note on letter - only 30 active members

Financial Table

Church	Expenditures	Ministireial Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	\$20,090.63	\$5,086.00	\$7,043.00	\$150	\$50	\$32,419.63
Bible Grove				\$120	\$75	\$195.00
Caledonia	\$9,335.25	\$700.00	\$500.00	\$30	\$10	\$10,575.25
Center Point	\$3,673.45	\$850.00	\$753.56	\$50	\$50	\$5,377.01
Clarksburg				\$150	\$50	\$200.00
Concord	\$7,948.00	\$1,691.00	\$2,717.00	\$120	\$50	\$12,526.00
Cross Roads	\$131,781.03	\$3,598.00	\$6,400.00	\$240	\$50	\$142,069.03
Huntingdon	\$421,175.65	\$16,593.00	\$16,325.00	\$200	\$100	\$454,393.65
Marlsboro	\$2,703.00	\$5,570.00	\$1,382.00	\$20	\$20	\$9,695.00
Mixie				\$60	\$30	\$90.00
New Cross Rds.				\$100	\$25	\$125.00
New Hope	\$12,860.43	\$10,950.00	\$3,883.82	\$80	\$50	\$27,824.25
New Spring Hill	\$4,327.50			\$28	\$10	\$4,365.50
Oak Grove				\$120	\$50	\$170.00
Old Paths				\$75	\$75	\$150.00
Pleasant Grove	\$4,062.00	\$7,083.00		\$100	\$100	\$11,345.00
Pleasant Hill		\$2,279.50	\$1,450.00	\$100	\$25	\$3,854.50
Pleasant Ridge	\$9,956.53	\$1,700.00	\$6,605.00	\$100	\$150	\$18,511.53
Rushing's Creek	\$4,503.18	\$903.00	\$2,814.00	\$40	\$20	\$8,280.18
Shiloh	\$7,316.50	\$525.00	\$5,605.00	\$80	\$50	\$13,576.50
Westport	\$7,363.00	\$1,786.00	\$1,034.00	\$60	\$40	\$10,283.00
TOTALS	\$647,096.15	\$59,314.50	\$56,512.38	\$2,023	\$1,080	\$766,026.03

