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THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church in Benton County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

2018 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -----	Eld. Bryan Oakes
Alternate -----	Eld. Andrew Stokes
Doctrinal Sermon -----	Eld. Lynn Stapleton
Alternate -----	Eld. Trey Crews

Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church History

Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church is located approximately eleven miles south of Camden in Benton County, TN. It was organized October 17, 1845 by Elders E. Autry and D. Quellin with 34 charter members. Records report that an arm was extended from Mt. Comfort Church in Carroll County, but records are not clear because some old records have been lost, and minutes were not maintained completely due to the Civil War. Pleasant Hill was originally a member of the Western District Association, which was organized in 1822, and lasted until it was dissolved in 1945. Pleasant Hill then became a member of the Southwestern District.

The land for the church was purchased on June 4th 1892 for the sum of \$18.75. It was sold by the KR Bridges and WA Brackin families for the expressed purpose of building a Baptist church. The church building was erected in 1896, and remains in good condition to this day. There have been many repairs and updates over the years, but the sanctuary remains intact.

Over the years, Pleasant Hill has had many great God-called pastors, with the current pastor being Bro. Michael Butler. The church has ordained many pastors and deacons to the full work of the Lord. Many souls have been saved under her sacred roof, and many great gospel hymns have made her walls ring. Pleasant Hill has extended an arm to organize at least three sister churches: Cross Roads in Benton County, Center Point in Carroll County and Pleasant Valley in Washington, Illinois. The Lord has blessed this old church through the years, and many people come back each year for the 3rd Sunday in May's Homecoming service.

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Order of Business

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

- Call Association to Order
- Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- Appoint Finance Committee
- Appoint Topics Committee for 2018 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 2019 Session
- Select Brethren to Preach 2019 Annual Sermons
- Introductory Sermon - 11:00 A.M.
- Call for Correspondence
- Call for Report on *As a local, visible church, how visible are we in our communities? And what are some things we can do to improve our visibility (our community outreach)?* Bro. Trey Crews & Bro. Johnny McClure
- Call for Report on *With the potential of war always present, how should Christian's be instructed on their duty to God and Country?* Bro. Dennis Lunsford & Bro. Larry Pritchard

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

- 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 of the Topics Committee
- Call for Report from Associational Missionary
- Report from Missionaries
- Doctrinal Sermon—11:00 A.M.
- Call for report on *Proper ordination practice and procedure. Answer the Who? Why? When? Where? For how long? And include an outline of typical procedure/order of ordination service.* Bro. Phillip Gullledge & Bro. Chris Wallace
- Call for the Report on *As Non-Denominational churches increase in number, and traditional worship is being abandoned, how do we maintain our relevance in this rapidly changing world?* Bro. Jeff Simmons & Bro. David Leslie
- Call for New Business
- Reading of the *Vote of Thanks*
- Song and parting hand

Elected Officers for 2017-2018

Moderator		<p>Bro. Ray Smith</p> <p>19950 East Main Street Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4717</p>	Huntingdon Church
Assistant Moderator		<p>Eld. Andrew Stokes</p> <p>310 Westport Road Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-3738 andrewstokes@att.net</p>	Bible Grove Church
Clerk		<p>Eld. Scott Carter</p> <p>400 Chickasaw Drive Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 415-1688 cell clerk@swdmmba.org</p>	Shiloh Church
Assistant Clerk		<p>Eld. Trey Crews</p> <p>45 Hwy 22 North Yuma, TN 38390 (731) 415-4745</p>	Huntingdon 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 06, 2017

The moderator called the 169th Annual Session to order and then called on Bro. Billy Moran, New Bethel Church, Siloam Association, to open this session in prayer. He asked Bro. Chris Wallace, Westport Church, to lead the singing with Sis. Sandra Forrest, Pleasant Hill Church, playing the piano. The congregation united our hearts and voices by singing “Glory to His Name,” and “When We All Get to Heaven” from the Heavenly Highway Hymns-2nd Edition.

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

Deacons Edward Ellis and Jimmy Smothers (sick and unable to attend), other members of Pleasant Hill who would assist are Bill Hargrove, Ed Hargrove, and Randy Hargrove.

He then read from Philippians 2:1-11 and reminded us that at some point, everyone is going to bow.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

2018 Topic Committee:

Bro. Lynn Stapleton (Chairman)—Huntingdon Church
Bro. Scott Carter—Shiloh Church
Bro. Ronnie Stewart—Rushing Creek Church

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Trey Crews—Huntingdon Church

Finance Committee:

Bro. Larry Pritchard— Shiloh Church
Bro. Dennis Lunsford— New Cross Roads Church
Bro. James Hicks— Pleasant Ridge Church

The moderator then asked for the clerk to read the *Rules of Decorum*.

The moderator then called for church letters. He then called for any petitioning church letters and there were none present.

Motion and second was made to seat 47 messengers for Friday’s session, **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, Bible Grove 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. Trey Crews, Huntingdon Church, was nominated as Assistant Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried.**

Bro. Bryan Oakes, Pleasant Ridge Church, 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. Andrew Stokes, Bible Grove Church, 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. Lynn Stapleton, Huntingdon Church, 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. Trey Crews, Huntingdon Church, 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.**

Six Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2018 session. A **motion and second** was made to select Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church in Benton County as the host site; **motion carried.**

The clerk read the correspondence and a **motion and second** was made to add the received correspondence in the minutes this year; **motion carried.**

The moderator asked for a song lead by Bro. Chris Wallace, Westport Church with Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, on the piano. The congregation sang “Have Thine Own Way” “He Bore It All,” and “Just A Little Talk With Jesus.”

The moderator introduced Bro. Jeff Simmons as the one chosen last year and as the former pastor of this church.

Introductory Sermon

Bro. Jeff Simmons

Bro. Jeff told about the humbling experience to be here this morning. He began by reading from Matthew 28:18-20 and how all power has been given unto him, not to us, and took for a thought “Go Ye Out and Teach All Nations”. There is something as a church we should be contending for the faith and upholding the truth. We need to teach a world that they must recognize sin and confess our sin, and ask God to forgive us for the sins we commit. He told how David acknowledged his sin before God and how we should be doing the same thing. We present ourselves before God in a humble manner because we are sinful creatures. He read from Acts 2:37 and told how they were pricked in their hearts. It may not always be a good experience to sit in a congregation to hear the truth of God and have it prick our hearts. As they were pricked, they were facing something they had not faced before. He told about a night many years ago at Westport Church where he heard the gospel and how unpleasant it was, but that it was God wanting to do a work in him. Psalms 51:5 reminds us how we were conceived in iniquity



and sin. We all sin because Adam sinned. He read Romans 7:14-15 and stated that we cannot help the fact we are sinners. No matter how much we try to get right in the sight of God, we fall short. Wrapped in this flesh, we have a desire for worldly things. None of us are good, except Jesus Christ. In Acts 2:37, they asked “what shall we do.” As a church, our purpose is to tell people what to do when they realize they are lost and how we must approach God for salvation. We must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and it must happen on His time. Many things in the Bible may not make us feel good, but it will draw us closer to God. We must present ourselves before God with fear and trembling. Why? Hebrews 10:31 tells us that “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Bro. Jeff stressed that he is the living God.

He then read from Psalms 34:18 and asked us to think about how many services we witness that has brokenness and humbleness in it. Could this be why our altars are as empty as they are? If the word of God breaks their hearts, it is not because we hate them, but because we love them. Many preachers will preach “feel good” sermons and you do not hear about sin and getting right in the sight of God. More than we want our fellow man to be happy with us, we want to be pleasing in the presence of God.

After reading and quoting more scripture, Bro. Simmons made a few closing remarks and turned the service back over to the moderator.

The moderator thanked Bro. Simmons for his message and asked to take care of some business before dismissing for lunch. The moderator asked all visitors to stand and be recognized (see page 41). The moderator then asked for a song so we could take a love offering for our Associational Missionary.

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch; **motion carried.**

Bro. Smith asked for a song and the congregation gave Bro. Simmons the right hand of Christian fellowship.

The moderator then called on Bro. Bob Vanderpool, Mt. Lebanon Church, Siloam Association, to dismiss the morning session and to ask the blessing on the food.

Friday Afternoon

The Association reconvened after a wonderful meal by the host church and began by singing “I’ll Meet You In The Morning” and “O I Want To See Him” lead by Bro. Wallace Douglas, Old Paths Church, with Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, playing the piano. The moderator asked Bro. Jimmy Allen, Bethel Church, to open the afternoon session in prayer. Afterward the moderator thanked the church for the wonderful meal prepared and read from I Corinthians 1:20-24.

The moderator called the afternoon session back together. Motion and second was made for the chairman to have ten minutes and the assistant have five minutes to discuss their topics; motion carried.

The moderator called for the topic **In a world saturated with so many Christian denominations, how is the church Jesus built identified?**

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We firmly believe that Christ established the Church while he was here on earth in his personal ministry. In Matthew 16:15 Jesus asked Peter the question, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered in Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Jesus established his Church, not on Peter as some say, but on the fact that Peter had just stated that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Things get complicated at this point, with all the different denominations in the world today each with a different doctrine. How do we recognize the Church that Jesus established? Jesus did not give it a name. He just called it the Church. Therefore there is only one true Church. We would all like to believe that our Church is the true Church serving God like the Church of Philadelphia. Revelation 3:7-13; If the truth be known, likely no Church or any denomination stands perfect in the eyes of God. Having said this, we have only one authority to search out the true Church, the word of God the Holy Bible. Let us take a look at God's word and determine the purpose of Jesus establishing his Church here on Earth. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus told his Church go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Mark 1:15 states in the words of Jesus repent ye and believe the gospel. John the Baptist when preaching and baptizing in the wilderness, told the people who came to be baptized to bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance. Therefore we know that we must preach repentance. Mark 16:16 states, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. John 3:16 reads, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God: Ephesians, 2:8. Therefore we know that we must believe in Jesus with all our faith and trust believing that he died on the cross for our sins, was buried, rose the third day and ascended back to heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God to be a mediator between us and God. We could keep quoting from the Word of God until we covered the entire Bible. We believe that we have written enough to reveal the gospel that Jesus sent his Church into the world to preach. We believe that the Missionary Baptist Church preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ that is revealed in the word of God, the Holy Bible. Having said this any church that is preaching the true gospel of salvation according to God's word can be a true church. Other doctrinal differences, no matter how much we disagree with them will not send them to hell. In a world saturated with so many Christian denominations, how is the church Jesus built identified? We cannot answer that question for a certainty. As we have already stated, we believe that the Missionary Baptist Church, or denomination if you prefer, more closely follows the teaching of God's Holy Word. The final judgment is in the hands of God.

Respectfully Submitted;
Josh Parker, Bill Cole

The topic **In a world saturated with so many Christian denominations, how is the church Jesus built identified** was read, adopted and spoken to by Brothers Josh Parker, Bill Cole, Ron Stewart, Andrew Stokes, and Lynn Stapleton.

The moderator then asked for the report on **In a culture that is increasingly hostile toward Christianity, what measures can be taken to guard against litigation?**

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Eld. Andrew Stokes & Bro. Donald Parish

Presented to the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association -
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We can all agree we are blessed to live in a country that protects and promotes religious liberty. In America today, we are no longer being thrown to lions or beheaded for our faith. In fact, in rural West Tennessee, the level of hostility we encounter is relatively mild compared to our religious forefathers and our brothers and sisters living in countries with less constitutional protection. However, we are not without persecution and difficulty. The increasing push to normalize sinful behavior has put Christian values at odds with accepted social behavior. This increases the odds of conflict and the dangers threatening those who live according to Bible teachings.

A quick internet search for lawsuits against Christians found: a Bed & Breakfast in Illinois being sued for not allowing homosexual weddings in 2011; a Lighting company in Nebraska being sued for not hiring an employee who refused to attend a company Bible Study in 2012; a florist in Washington being sued for refusing to do flowers for a same-sex wedding in 2013; a Colorado school district being sued for “Proselytizing” when they took up donations for mission trips and encouraged students to participate in 2014; and, in reverse, the D. James Kennedy Ministries suing the Southern Poverty Law Center in Alabama for labeling them a “hate group” and blocking their ability to receive charitable donations through Amazon Smile in August of this year. Each of these situations sparks heated debate and stirs strong feelings on both sides of the lawsuit.

The short answer to the question raised by the topic is - there is nothing you can do to guarantee you won't be sued. Unfortunately, this is the case for all matters civil or religious. Anyone can be sued by anyone at any time for anything. In an effort to not leave us hopeless, we will examine the subject to seek out some best practices to minimize the threat of litigation. The easiest thing to do is to simply conform to the world completely and blend into society along with all its social norms and varied customs. That should not be an option for a blood-bought child of God. God called us to be Salt and Light. (*Matthew 5:10-16*) “*A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*” (*Matthew 5:14 KJV*)

Even sinful Balaam, recognized he could not go against God just to tell Balak the prophesy he wished to hear (*Numbers 22:18*). Three Hebrew boys stood boldly against an evil edict in ancient Babylon and trusted the Lord to protect them through the fiery furnace. (*Daniel 3:16-18*) And, Daniel went willingly to the lion's den to demonstrate his allegiance unto God. We can take a powerful lesson from these situations, especially Daniel's. Even though they resisted the powers that threatened them, they did so with careful respect. In the case of Daniel, he disobeyed the law of Darius, but he did it in his own home. His persecutors had to set a trap for him and seek him out for destruction. Daniel wasn't inviting a conflict. He simply stood up for his faith when confronted. (*Daniel 6:10*)

Things don't always work out as well as they did for Daniel. There have been and will always be times God's people suffer greatly for doing the right thing. John the Baptist was a preacher of righteousness who faithfully spoke the truth.

One day he spoke honestly regarding the improper relationship of Herod with his brother's wife. This imprisonment shortly led to his death. He became the first martyr of the New Testament simply for preaching the truth. (*Matthew 14:1-4*)

However, the law can also be a protector to God's people. In the time of the Bible, just like today, the powerful opinion of the mob was overwhelming. The preaching of the Gospel was spreading throughout Ephesus. Demetrius and other silversmiths felt their trade and profit were being threatened so they stirred up the community in opposition. The local town clerk was finally able to subdue their violence and disperse the crowd by reminding them they were acting unlawfully and instructing them to approach the magistrates if they had a legitimate complaint. (*Acts 19:33-37*) Also, Paul was able to spare his own life and continue his ministry by exercising his rights and protections under the law as a Roman citizen. (*Acts 25:10-11*) The law is not all bad. As much as we have to fear, there are many more protections and securities we can rejoice to have in this country. Even more, we can receive instruction Paul gave to the Romans to be law abiding and respectful citizens. (*Romans 13:1-7*) Most laws are there for our rights and protections. We are not to be rebellious trouble makers. Like Daniel, we need only to defend our faith when called upon. The Gospel is worth dying for, but there are many matters of contention that simply don't have to be fought about.

Romans 14:15-17 But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. 16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of: 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Some threats of litigation could easily be avoided by not entangling ourselves in needless controversies and political warfare. The Kingdom of God is more important than scoring political points. The salvation of souls is more important than having someone agree with you on social debates.

2 Timothy 2:14-26 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. ...22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. 24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

One of the most damaging things to the cause of Christ is the hypocrisy of so many claiming to follow Him. Jesus rebuked the hypocrisy of the Pharisees because it frustrated Him greatly. The unbelieving public can easily see the hypocrisy of many Christians and it fuels their motivation to seek retribution.

Matthew 23:23-28 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. 24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

We are taught plainly not to conform to the world. We are even instructed not to keep company with people who live openly sinful lives (*1 Corinthians 5:9-11*). We are to harshly rebuke and withdraw fellowship from our brethren who exhibit sinful behavior. When we pick and choose which sins to condone and which sins to condemn, we invite scrutiny and set ourselves up for accusations of discrimination and bigotry.

The best hope any of us have is to simply live peaceably and well.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Remember, Christ didn't send us forth as an army of punishers. He said, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." (*Matthew 10:16 KJV*) Ultimately, we just need to do what's right and trust the Lord. As Paul instructed the Romans, "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (*Romans 12:16-21 KJV*)

We can strive for the goals set forth in God's word and prepare ourselves to be a good martyr. "Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." (*1 Peter 3:16 KJV*)

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Stokes

The 11th commandment is sometimes said to be – Thou Shalt Not Sue Thy Pastor.

It is long settled law in Tennessee that the civil courts have no authority to decide controversies involving only inner ecclesiastical matters of a church. This is a rule of Tennessee and United States Constitutional law.

Specifically, the courts will not decide a case which involves only religious policy, administration, doctrine or practice. However, the courts sometimes must become involved in church disputes to decide matters of the control and title to church property.

The courts will not exercise jurisdiction over matters of theology, church discipline, or the conformity of the members of a church to a standard of morals. Courts do not pass judgment on questions of faith.

Courts must occasionally, however, become involved in disputes involving religious organizations. Tennessee courts may address claims against churches based on negligent hiring or supervision practices or other claims arising from a failure of church actors to exercise due care which may have caused damage to another.

The question of whether a court may become involved in a church dispute often arises in a controversy about control or ownership of property. Obviously, the State has a legitimate interest in providing a forum to resolve disputes about the title to property. The courts are to resolve such disputes, whenever possible, without deciding questions of religious practice.

In cases involving a church which is governed by an episcopal or hierarchical system the courts generally defer to the decision of the highest church authority in such matters.

However, Missionary Baptist Churches are self-governing and independent. There is no church hierarchy to which the Court can defer judgment. In the case of independent congregations, like those of this association, the rights of competing factions to possess church property is governed by the same rules which govern other voluntary associations such as civic clubs.

An independent church is entitled to set rules for its own governance. In the absence of a written rule or bylaw then majority rule of members, which may be shown by long established custom, will control the title and right to use church property.

This will sometimes require a court to determine and identify those persons who are voting members of a congregation and, then, to enforce the will of the majority, to the extent that this can be done by applying neutral nonreligious legal principles. This rule of law should cause Missionary Baptist churches to place serious emphasis on maintaining an accurate official membership role.

A court cannot decide a controversy over who is a real Missionary Baptist in practice. But a court can, and sometimes must, count votes.

A court will enforce the membership rules which a congregation has properly adopted. But a court will not create rules that classify members as observant or heretical.

Donald E. Parish

The topic **In a culture that is increasingly hostile toward Christianity, what measures can be taken to guard against litigation** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Andrew Stokes, Donald Parish, Johnny Hawkins, Bryan Oakes, Dennis Lunsford, Ron Stewart, and Lynn Stapleton.

The moderator asked if there were any announcements or prayer requests before we adjourned the afternoon session. **Motion and second** was made to adjourn until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday; **motion carried**. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Hicks, Pleasant Ridge Church.

Saturday, October 07, 2017

The Association met back at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday and began the morning session with congregational singing of "I'll Fly Away," and "I'd Rather Have Jesus" lead by Bro. Randy Hargrove, Pleasant Hill Church, with Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, playing the piano. The moderator welcomed everyone to the second day of the 169th Annual Session and asked for the prayers of those present. He called on Bro. David Leslie, Oak Grove Church, to lead us in prayer.

Roll call of messengers was made with 44 messengers to be seated. **Motion and second** was made to seat these messengers; **motion carried**.

The moderator called for the report from the Finance Committee. Bro. Dennis Lunsford gave the report. **Motion and second** was made to accept this report; **motion carried**.

The moderator then read from Isaiah 55:1-13.

The time had come for the report from the Obituary Recorder. Bro. Trey Crews came to give his report. He told how many people believe ways that they think life can be extended. He read from 1 Timothy 6:15 and Matthew 23:26 where the Pharisees were worried about the outside of the platter, not the inside. As man, our sin is not on the outside, it starts within.

He also read from Romans 3:25, John 14:2, and II Timothy 4:7-8. He read the names of those from our association who have gone on to their reward this past church year, including one minister and one deacon.

The Historical Committee reported that they are regrouping.

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

The moderator asked for the Report for the Topics for the 2018 session. Bro. Randy Thompson presented the report. **Motion and second** was made to accept this report; **motion carried**.

The moderator called for the report from the Associational Missionary. **Motion and second** was made to accept his report and to thank him for his efforts and to elect him for another year; **motion carried** (*see page 27*). Bro. Smith asked if anyone else present would like to give a report on mission

work.

Bro. Scott Carter gave a report from Bro. Rick Jones and the work in the Bahamas and the work going on in Jamaica. He also reported that the work at the University of Tennessee at Martin is still ongoing and needs prayers. Bro. Khrys Paige reported about the work going on in Trinidad. He thanked everyone for their support of the work at the mission in Trinidad.

With the eleven o'clock hour near, the moderator asked for a song and we stood to sing "Won't It Be Wonderful There."

The moderator began by introducing Bro. Chris Wallace as a man that has been preaching for three years and now pastoring Westport Church.

Doctrinal Sermon *Bro. Chris Wallace*

Bro. Chris told how good it was to be here today and how he did not rest too good last night. He told how many people have regrets in their life. One of his greatest regrets is fighting his calling into the ministry for 24 years. He takes his responsibility serious and worries about failing God. He told of the honor to stand before this congregation of people.

This sermon is supposed to be about doctrine, but what drives us to that doctrine is L-O-V-E...love. He told that he had thinking about an old country song by Waylon Jennings "Luckenback Texas." One of the lines on that song talks about getting back to the basics of love. Without love we cannot serve. If we do not have love, then our doctrines are useless. He read from Matthew 24:3-13 and told how the moderator mentioned how we should not become discouraged. Bro. Wallace is fearful of the love of many waxing cold. He told how God called him to preach and how the devil would find convenient things for him to do to run from God. To wax cold means to grow cold. He illustrated how with wood heat, you had to regulate the fire or else you would awake in the morning to a heat that has grown cold. We are not called to love our brother most of the time, but all of the time. How many times do we stop and go back to our spiritual Bethel and revisit the place where the Lord saved our soul. He told how he was saved during a revival, and Bro. Kenneth Massey was preaching a message and seemed to be pointing directly at him saying if he did not get saved, he would be going to hell. Bro. Wallace told how Bro. Massey was his least favorite person that night because he had pointed out his sin. Now as a minister, he understands what it is like to have to preach things that will not be accepted by those that listen. After the Lord shed His love abroad in Bro. Wallace's heart, something was different.



As our Lord was preparing for his final moments at Calvary, he gave a new commandment to love one another. In his over 44 years of life, he has seen God's people dislike other people. The new commandment was to love your brother. How are we to do this? God is love, and he will give us an unconditional agape love for

our fellow man. We find it easy to love our natural families and those in church, but it is easy to get caught up in conflicts one with another.

He read from I Samuel 24 and told how David fled Saul and sought refuge in a cave. The devil knows how to use people to drive us to caves.

When your brothers and sisters hurt you without cause, what are we to do? First, pray for them. Secondly we should love them.

He turned to I John 4:20-21 and reminded us that if we cannot love our brother, we cannot love God. It should be recognized by others that the loving God exists amongst us and is overflowing in our midst. The church is not a building, it is the people. We should have a love amongst ourselves that overcomes all the evil that comes along. He referenced the sermon from Friday and how that we should love one another. We should love a lost and dying world enough that we are willing to go out in the world proclaiming the gospel of Jesus. How much do we love the sinners that we are willing to go out to the world and tell them about Jesus.

He read from Luke 9:1-5 and told us how we should enter the city. There are people that are not pleasant to be around, and we do not want to do what God wants us to do. He reminded us that Jonah was the same way in the fact that he did not want to go into Nineveh and preach repentance. How many opportunities do we have to witness to others about the God we know and serve. It is obvious to all of us, that the world is our enemy. He read Luke 9:51-54 and challenged us to ask if we have that same attitude. When we go knocking on the door and do not get a response, we need to keep knocking until we know that God is satisfied with our efforts.

Bro. Wallace said we need to fill our cup back up and how we should have fellowship one with another. Fellowship is not for God's need, but for ours.

He read Matthew 5:43-48 and told how we need to have completeness in our life.

He told about a time in his life he quit coming to the source, it got less and less. If we do not go back to God and keep our love renewed, it will grow cold.

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

The moderator thanked Bro. Wallace for his message and wanted us to have a song and give Bro. Chris the right hand of Christian fellowship. The congregation stood and sang while shaking hands one with another.

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch; **motion carried.**

The moderator called on Bro. Bryan Oakes, Pleasant Ridge Church, to dismiss the service and to ask the blessing on the food.

Saturday Afternoon

After a delicious meal provided by the host church, we met for the Saturday afternoon session of the 169th annual session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. The moderator asked for a song and the congregation sang “Sweet Beulah Land” and “What A Lovely Name” led by Bro. Randy Hargrove, Pleasant Hill Church and Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, playing the piano. Bro. Smith asked Bro. Kenny Sherrod to come and sing a special song. Bro. Kenny sang “I Was There When It Happened.”

The moderator thanked Pleasant Hill Church and all those who helped, for the wonderful meal and hoped this association visiting here have strengthened them as much as it has strengthen the association. He took for an afternoon session scripture reading from Matthew 5:13-16 and opened the service in prayer.

The moderator called for the report on **What is the future and importance of Sunday night services? At a time when more and more churches are discontinuing services, are Sunday night services a thing of the past?**

Our topic is a two part question. What is the future of Sunday night services and have they become a thing of the past? Before addressing these questions directly a discussion about the origin of Sunday night services would be helpful.

There is no certain event in history where one could say Sunday night services began here. However, there is evidence of Sunday night worship as far back as the Reformation. And, we should understand this custom or tradition would vary from place to place as well as from time to time. During the great awakening periods in American history there was a great upsurge in church attendance, particularly on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

In the beginning of the church age we must carefully consider when the early Christians attended worship. It is clear that the early church assembled regularly on the first day of the week. Because the Hebrew Sabbath ended at sun up on Sunday, it is likely the pagan culture of the day looked at Sunday, the first day of the week as a general work day. If that is the case then it is likely the early Christians did not meet for congregational worship until the evening. Acts 20:7 may be cited as evidence of their meeting in the evening as Paul preached until midnight. This custom may have continued many years until Christianity began to exert its influence on the customs and traditions of the time.

In our time, it is very evident that our Sunday morning worship was set to accommodate an agrarian culture. Crops could be tended to and animals fed, a necessary work on the Lord’s Day before assembling for worship at 11:00 A.M. It has been suggested that Sunday evening services were promoted to accommodate Christians during the industrial growth of our country, particularly during the World War eras. The thinking is that night services were added to make it possible for many factory shift workers to attend worship.

Ideally, it would be wonderful if the world had obeyed God from the beginning and

not worked on the Sabbath and more recently on the Lord's Day. Honoring God by keeping the Sabbath has been largely ignored by the world and in our time, even by the Christian community. Sadly, Sunday has become just another day.

At this present time, Sunday night services are on the decline and have been since the late 1900's. Reasons for the decline are many. The lifting of Sunday blue laws, the expansion of both professional and non-professional sporting events, and the general prosperity of the populace may be cited. Studies show the number one reason churches have decided not to have night services is to give families more time to spend together. Also of great concern, is the growing lack of interest in attending church among the Christian community.

It is the committee's observation that families indeed need more time together. But that time comes at the expense of the church. Our culture refuses to cut time at sporting events or ball practice and few seem willing to sacrifice time on the job for family. The most important things we can instill in our families are to make God and Christ the highest priority in life and to devote ourselves to attend worship as often as we can.

The church's greatest opportunity for evangelism is the Sunday morning service. Sunday evening services provide opportunity for more intimate worship, devotion and prayer, youth ministry and indoctrination. While many churches are healthy and growing without Sunday evening services, we believe that Sunday evening worship is of great value to the church as a whole. An additional service will not be of much help to those churches that are in decline. However, discontinuing the evening service will not induce members to observe private and personal devotion.

In these turbulent times, the believers need the fellowship and encouragement of one another more than ever. Sunday night service in addition to Sunday morning worship is not merely an alternative. It is a wonderful opportunity to worship and pray together and to grow spiritually in the Lord and develop relationships within the church family. Attending church in a consistent manner is a practice our children and grandchildren need to stand against the negative and harmful influences of this world.

In conclusion, Sunday evening service is not a biblical mandate. It's a tradition. However, Sunday evening services are of tremendous value to the church. Honoring the Lord for a whole day on Sunday helps keep the Lord's Day the Lord's Day. Too many Christians view worship as something to get out of the way so they can get on with life and living. This attitude contributes to the growing belief that worship and church attendance are not relevant anymore. Church attendance is just as relevant as it has ever been. 1 Timothy 3:15 tells us the church of the Living God is the pillar and ground of the truth. Hebrews 10:25 emphasizes that it is of the utmost importance that we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. Brethren, as the day of the Lord approaches we should treat Sunday as the first fruits of our time. And understanding our time, let us do all within our power to sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of the Church on Sunday morning and night and Wednesday night as well.

Respectfully submitted by Bro. Bryan Oakes and Bro. Lynn Stapleton

The topic **What is the future and importance of Sunday night services? At a time when more and more churches are discontinuing services, are Sunday night services a thing of the past** was read, adopted and spoken to by Brothers Lynn Stapleton, Bryan Oakes, Andrew Stokes, Johnny McClure, Anthony French, Scott Carter, Dennis Lunsford, and Ray Smith.

The moderator asked for the topic **What is the significance of “anointing with oil” in scripture and why do we (Missionary Baptists) not “anoint with oil” today? What do we do in place of that today?**

**Question for 2017 SWDMBA
By Bro. Randy Thompson & Bro. Ronnie Stewart**

Question: What was the significance of “Anointing with Oil” in Scripture and why do we (Missionary Baptists) not “Anoint with Oil” today? What do we do in place of that today?

(Mark 6:13) (James 5:14-15)

We see three parts to this question:

- 1) What “was” the significance (meaning, importance) of Anointing with Oil?**
- 2) Why isn’t the Anointing with Oil practiced among most, if not all, Missionary Baptist Churches today?**
- 3) What if anything do we do in place of Oil Anointing today?**

In answer to the first question:

- 1) What “was” the significance of Anointing with Oil?**

Anointing oil, mentioned some 20 times in Scripture, was used in several different ways. In the Old Testament it was used for pouring on the head of the high priest and his descendants and sprinkling the tabernacle and its furnishings to mark them as holy and set apart to the Lord (Leviticus 8:10-12; 30; Numbers 4:16).

In (1 Samuel 10:1) a vial of oil was poured upon the head of Saul (Israel’s first king) anointing him to be the leader of “God’s inheritance” referring to both the people of God and the Promised Land. It symbolized the presence of the Holy Spirit of God in his life. The anointing ceremony was to remind the king of his great responsibility to lead his people by God’s wisdom and not his own.

Three times it is called the "holy, anointing oil," and the Jews were strictly forbidden from reproducing it for personal use (Exodus 30:32-33). The recipe for anointing oil is found in Exodus 30:23-24; it contained myrrh, cinnamon and other natural ingredients. **There is no indication that the oil or the ingredients had any supernatural power.** Rather, the strictness of the guidelines for creating the oil was a test of the obedience of the Israelites and a demonstration of the absolute holiness of God.

Only four New Testament passages refer to the practice of anointing with oil. We can draw our conclusions from context (the setting and situation used).

In Mark 6:13, it tells us, “¹³ And they (The disciples) cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed *them*.”

In Mark 14:3-9, Mary anoints Jesus' feet as an act of worship.

In James 5:14-15, we read, “¹⁴ Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” As we read, two things were done by the elders... They prayed for the sick (Shut-in) and they anointed them with oil. **And they did both things in the name of the Lord.** That is, they knew that the Lord alone is the Healer of all sicknesses. We are not healed by our prayers, nor by oil, **but by the Lord.**

Why would Scripture instruct to anoint the sick with oil?

a. As stated earlier, Oil was believed to be a symbol of the Holy Spirit, of His presence. It was believed that the oil (its presence and placement upon the body) helped the sick to focus and concentrate upon the presence of the Holy Spirit and His power.

b. Oil was thought to be a symbol of God's care, comfort, and joy, and a symbol of His mercy to us. In Hebrews 1:8-9, God says to Christ as He returns triumphantly to heaven, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever," and God anoints Jesus "with the oil of gladness." So it was believed that the oil focused the attention and stirs the sick to believe in God's will to be merciful and His desire to fill the believer's heart with gladness in meeting their need.

So if that is how it “was” used...

2) Why isn't the Anointing with Oil practiced among most, if not all, Missionary Baptist Churches today?

Many believe this is a different day or age...we don't “Anoint” our king (President) with oil as he takes office. Nor in our ordination of ministers do we anoint them with oil as the priests were. We don't sprinkle oil in our pulpits and altar areas to mark them as holy and set apart to the Lord.

As it pertains to “Healing,” As Missionary Baptists, we hold the position; that the application of oil in James 5:14 was a symbolic act invoked in conjunction with **supernatural healing**. Believing that the “Temporary” gifts endowed upon the Apostles enabling them to do **miraculous things, miraculous healing** while anointing with oil (as we've already read about in Mark 6:13).

If this view is correct, then the act of anointing with oil would **not** be appropriate today for the simple reason that **miraculous gifts are not available to the church in this age** (1 Cor. 13:8).

3) What if anything do we do in place of Oil Anointing today?

Again, in the book of James, we read, “Is any among you sick? Let him call for the

elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up” (Jas. 5:14, 15).

The sick are still among us. Hospitals are full of those sick and suffering. If the power for healing was in a bottle of oil or a word spoken, Elders should be walking the halls carrying a small bottle of oil to anoint and pray over the sick. And before you know it...there would be no sick, no need for hospitals...There are many on the television who proclaim a healing ability or gift, yet, they are selective who and where they claim their gift and we all know the controversies that surround their practice or claims.

In Conclusion: whether anointing with oil, using prayer clothes, laying on of hands and any other number of “props,” **a sincere, prayer of faith, supported by great faith in petition to the Lord in humility, is the best way to seek the intervention of our Lord.** He is the only focus we need for the answer of prayer for physical and spiritual healing.

Submitted by:
Bro. Randy Thompson
Bro. Ron Stewart

The topic **What is the significance of “anointing with oil” in scripture and why do we (Missionary Baptists) not “anoint with oil” today? What do we do in place of that today** was read, adopted and spoken to by Brothers Randy Thompson, Ronnie Stewart, Frank Rickman, Jr., Bill Hargrove, and Scott Carter.

The moderator then called for new business.

New Business:

It was brought before the body about the possibility of recording the services on video for the website or stream live. **Motion and second** was made to live stream next years session on the website; **motion carried.**

The clerk read 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 sincere thanks and appreciation to Pleasant Hill Church in Benton County for serving as host for this session. We last met with you in 1982, and it was a pleasure for us to meet with you once again and enjoy sweet fellowship one with another.

We thank God for Bro. Jeff Simmons and his message “Go Ye Out and Teach All Nations” and for Bro. Chris Wallace and his liberty to preach “Back to the Basics” We were once again blessed with ministers being led of the Spirit.

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

I thank God for those who serve as the Finance Committee, and the Obituary Recorder, and a special thanks to Bro. Trey Crews 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 Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist 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.

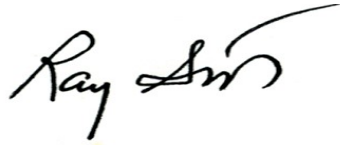
Please begin to pray for Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church as she prepares to host the Association next year.

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 Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church for the 170th annual session on October 12-13, 2018 at 10:00 am ready to receive another blessing from the Lord.

Under His wings,
Scott Carter, Clerk

Motion and second was made to adjourn until Friday morning before the second Sunday in October 2018; **motion carried.**

After a fellowship handshake, the moderator called on Bro. Rufus Chandler, Huntingdon Church, to dismiss us in prayer.



Bro. Ray Smith, Moderator



Bro. Scott Carter, Clerk

Messengers for the 169th Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday– Jimmy Allen, Larry Shands, Johnny Hawkins

Saturday– Jimmy Allen

Bible Grove:

Friday– Andrew Stokes, Melanie Stokes, Jim Towater

Saturday- Andrew Stokes, Jim Towater, Vickie Towater

Center Point:

Friday– Sharon Noles, Ricky Hilliard

Saturday- Sharon Noles, Norma Hilliard, Ricky Hilliard

Clarksburg:

Friday– LaRue Lindsey

Saturday–

Concord:

Friday–Josh Parker, Craig Orr, John W. Cole

Saturday– Dennis Stokes, Craig Orr

Cross Roads:

Friday– Kenny Sherrod, Jim Dungan, Steve Hargrove

Saturday- Kenny Sherrod

Huntingdon:

Friday- Lynn Stapleton, Trey Crews, Kenny Rush

Saturday- Lynn Stapleton, Trey Crews, Johnny McClure

Marlsboro:

Friday–

Saturday–

Mixie:

Friday–

Saturday–

New Cross Roads:

Friday– Dennis Lunsford, JoAnn Lunsford

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New Hope:

Friday– Dale Seagraves, Scott Gallimore

Saturday– Dale Seagraves, Scott Gallimore

New Spring Hill:

Friday–

Saturday– Susan Brown, Laura Hutcherson

Oak Grove :

Friday–Glenn Lewis, Jimmy Wallace, Jason Howard

Saturday–David Leslie, Loy Wallace

Old Paths:

Friday– Wallace Douglas, Sharon Douglas, Ken Carrington

Saturday–Wallace Douglas, Sharon Douglas

Pleasant Grove:

Friday– Marcus Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Frank Rickman

Saturday– Marcus Rickman, Frank Rickman, Ryne Bivens

Pleasant Hill:

Friday- Jeff Simmons, Edward Ellis, Randy Hargrove

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Pleasant Ridge:

Friday– James Hicks, Bryan Oakes, Betty Hicks

Saturday– Anthony French, James Hicks, Bryan Oakes

Rushing Creek:

Friday–Bruce Seaton, Carol Broadway, Ron Stewart

Saturday– Ron Stewart, Bruce Seaton

Shiloh:

Friday- Scott Carter, Kim Carter, Larry Pritchard

Saturday- Scott Carter, Kim Carter, Larry Pritchard

Westport:

Friday– Brenda Leslie, Chris Wallace, Carla Wallace

Saturday– Brenda Leslie, Chris Wallace, Carla Wallace

Financial Statement
2017 Minute Fund

BALANCE OCTOBER 08, 2016 \$ 4,929.18

EXPENDITURES:

First Bank (lock box) \$ 60.00

Peterson Printing (printing of minutes) \$ 997.50

National Audio (CD's) \$ 104.63

iPower (website) \$ 355.33

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2017 \$ 1,860.00

BALANCE OCTOBER 07, 2017 \$ 5,271.72

Clerk Contributions \$ 1,155.00

Associational Missionary Offering \$ 849.00

Submitted by:

Bro. Larry Pritchard– Shiloh Church

Bro. Dennis Lunsford– New Cross Roads Church

Bro. James Hicks-Pleasant Ridge Church

Missionary Report

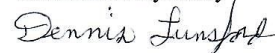
MATTHEW 6:31-33

Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we drink? Or wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Brother moderator, brothers and sister. As I look back on our journey in 2016-2017, it is with great pleasure, that we visited all the churches in our wonderful association on one or more service days. Some of our churches did not have pastors at that time and gave me the opportunity to preach, which was greatly acknowledged then and now. A few of the pastors in our association, had some health issues; that required us to seek God very diligently on their behalf along with all those sick and afflicted. These congregations used me on different occasions to supply messages by the grace of God, including preaching at their revivals. After traveling about 5200 miles and receiving love offerings of \$1252.00 which was greatly appreciated. During this last year we visited many churches not in The Southwestern Missionary Baptist Association. We pray for all our churches, that the word of God will convict and save the lost.

Psalms 23

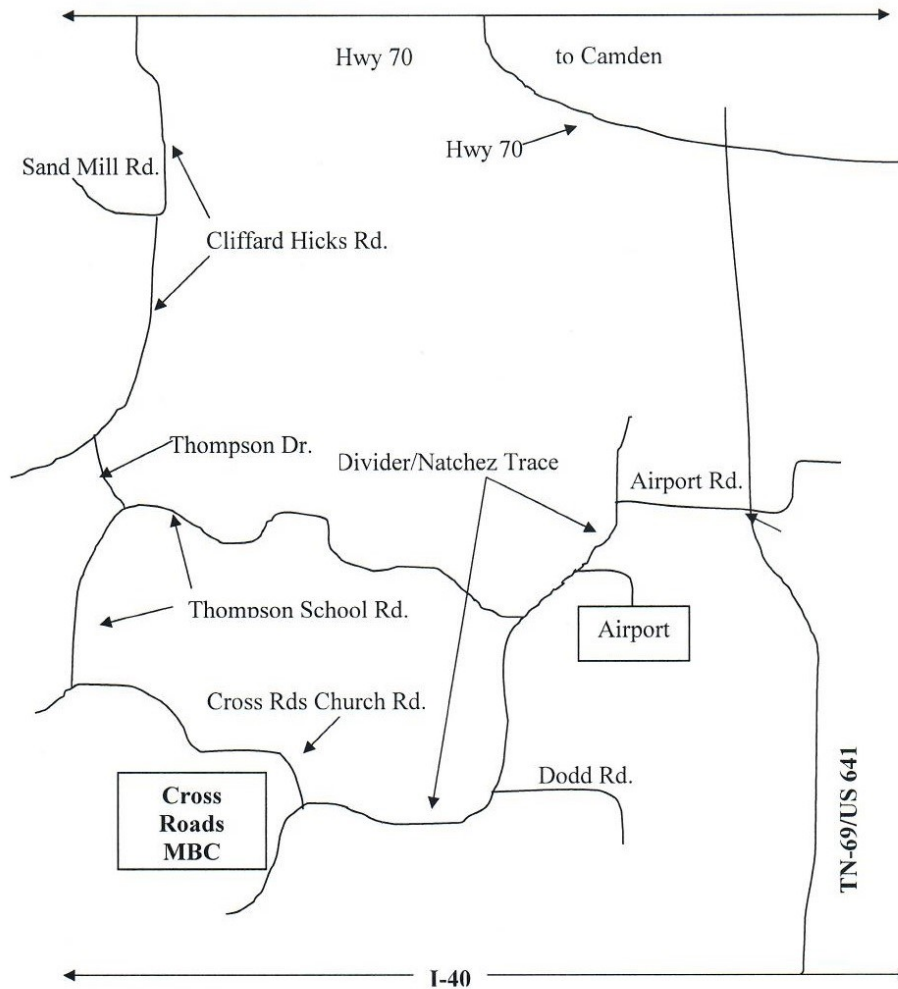
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Submitted Prayerfully



Bro. Dennis Lunsford

Direction to 2018 Session



- From I-40, take Exit 126 and go North 12.7 miles on TN-69/US641
- Turn left (West) on Airport Road across from “Steve King Trucking” (church sign on east side of road) and go .6 miles
- Turn left on Divider and Natchez Trace Road/CR-891 and go 2.1 miles
- Church is located on right at 55 Cross Roads Church Road; Camden, TN just off of Divider and Natchez Trace Road

Correspondence

Wiseman Baptist Association

To the Churches of the South Western District Missionary Baptist Association:

We pray that the Lord has blessed you richly this past year with many lives being changed by the glorious power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We were greatly blessed by the Lord during our one hundred twenty fifth annual session, which was held at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, Tennessee. Nine churches reported 51 additions in the past year, with 21 being by baptism and a total membership of 1,996.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundred twenty sixth annual session, which will begin at 10:00 AM on October 20th at Concord Missionary Baptist Church. The church is located at 604 Tyree Springs Road, in White House, TN

Brother Anthony Furguson is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon on Friday morning, and Brother Morris Watson is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday morning.

Please make your plans to attend.

In Christ's love,

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BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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March 17, 2017

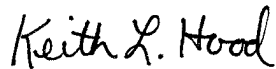
Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

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 Eighty-First Annual Session with Flat Creek Missionary Baptist Church. We had 18 churches reporting an increase of 54 with 20 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 30 with a total membership of 1,773. 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 182nd Annual Session to be held with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located east of Russellville, Alabama, on Highway 48. This session will be held October 07, 08, 09, and 10, 2017. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's love,



Keith L. Hood, Clerk

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Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

October 19, 2017

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
Brother Scott Carter

Greetings:

We want to begin this letter thanking the Lord for His many blessings since we last corresponded. It is always good to hear news of the lost being saved and additions to His churches.

The churches of the Siloam Association met the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 2017 at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church for its sixty-fifth annual session. The Lord blessed us with spiritual and instructive sermons, along with wonderful topics that were presented and discussed. The Spirit of the Lord truly met with us. We must also thank the Lord for all that were saved and those 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-sixth session at Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church located at 455 Fairfield Road, Bethpage, TN beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 5, 2018. Elder Phil Creecy is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Stephen Skinner is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Billy Moran is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning.

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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 1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351
Lunsford, Dennis, New Cross Roads -----731-968-2842
 19990 Hwy. 22 N, Wildersville, TN 38388
McDaniel, Tracy, New Cross Roads -----731-819-3545
 630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
Oakes, Bryan, Pleasant Ridge-----731-986-2347
 955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Paige, Khristopher, Pleasant Ridge
 234-236 Laltoo Trace, Penal, Trinidad West Indies
Parker, Joshua, Concord-----731-614-0379
 32365 Hwy 104 S (P.O. Box 232), Reagan, TN 38368
Rayburn, Mitchell, Cross Roads -----731-584-3500
 Camden Healthcare, Room 510
Rahn, Allan, Bethel-----618-638-4607
 2785 North Avenue, Metropolis, IL 62960
Reynolds, Ryne, Bible Grove-----
 246 Gander Valley Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
Severance, James, Marlsboro -----
 Bruceton, TN 38317
Seville, Ralph, Old Paths -----
 California
Simmons, Jeff, Pleasant Hill-----731-968-1290
 129 Windy Ridge Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
Stapleton, Lynn, Huntingdon -----731-986-2413
 106 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Stewart, Ron, Rushing Creek -----615-394-0314
 1327 Cedar Drive, Camden, TN 38320
Stokes, Andrew, Bible Grove-----731-986-3738
 310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Thompson, Randy, Cross Roads -----731-441-1729
 211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320
Todd, Jimmy, New Spring Hill -----731-415-5135
 2325 Tate School Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Wallace, Chris, Westport -----731-614-0662
 19830 Hwy 104 S, Lexington, TN 38351

Church Directory

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P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR-Clint Ezell-----731-845-6421
111 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Jeff Carter-----731-986-5496
c/o Bethel Church P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- BIBLE GROVE (Est. 1877)**
5365 Bible Grove Road, Lexington, TN 38351
PASTOR- Andrew Stokes -----731-986-3738
310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Johnny Sanders -----731-845-3838
290 Westover Road, Huron, TN 38345
- CENTER POINT-** 2225 Rowland Mill Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
PASTOR-
CLERK-Jenny Moon-----731-415-3172
108 Enterprise Street, Bruceton, TN 38317
- CLARKSBURG-**12281 Hwy 424, Clarksburg, TN 38324
PASTOR-
CLERK-Janice Boyd-----731-571-5230
220 Miller Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- CONCORD-** 3275 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR- Joshua Parker-----731-614-0379
32365 Hwy 104S (P.O. Box 232), Reagan, TN 38368
CLERK-John W. Cole -----731-986-3433
1840 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- CROSS ROADS (Est. 1849)-** -----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
PASTOR-Lynn Stapleton -----731-986-2413
106 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Ray Smith-----731-986-4717
19950 East Main St., Huntingdon, TN 38344

MARLSBORO- 25165 State Route 114 N, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
 PASTOR-Wendell Owen-----931-209-4768
 560 Sandy Point Road, Camden, TN 38320
 CLERK-Jessy Owen -----731-336-6953
 8230 Big Sandy River Road, Camden, TN 38320

MIXIE- (Est. 1948) 25860 Hwy 77, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
 PASTOR- Matthew Floyd -----731-418-1888
 135 Green Valley Road, Huntingdon TN 38344
 CLERK-Amanda Holland-----731-415-8822
 565 Chapel Hill Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344

NEW CROSS ROADS- (Est. 1903)
 2110 Long Rock Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 PASTOR-Tracy McDaniel -----731-819-3545
 630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
 CLERK-Frank Gregg -----731-986-9686
 c/o New Cross Roads Church P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344

NEW HOPE (Est. 1870)- 5315 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387
 PASTOR-Phillip Gullede -----731-847-7844
 2391 Prospect Road, Holladay, TN 38341
 CLERK-Wilma Seagraves -----731-418-0756
 P.O. Box 186, Huntingdon, TN 38344

NEW SPRING HILL-
 145 Springhill Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 PASTOR-Lathan McLean-----731-586-4404
 308 Taylor Street, Bruceton, TN 38317
 CLERK-Laura Hutcherson-----731-986-4557
 6820 Smyrna Road, Westport, TN 38387

OAK GROVE- 105 Oak Grove Church Road, Lexington, TN 38351
 PASTOR-David Leslie -----731-845-3859
 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-
 CLERK- Joyce Medlin -----901-486-2923
 1230 Cherry Road, Eads, TN 38028

PLEASANT GROVE-

Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

PASTOR- Ryne Bivens ----- 731-549-0373

2879 Holladay Road, Holladay, TN 38341

CLERK-Ernest Wood ----- 731-845-5464

375 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

PLEASANT HILL-

1675 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Camden, TN 38320

PASTOR-

CLERK-Brenda Self----- 731-441-3798

450 Blackberry Road, Camden, TN 38320

PLEASANT RIDGE (Est. 1856)

5745 Hwy 70 W, Camden, TN 38320

PASTOR- Bryan Oakes ----- 731-986-2347

955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344

CLERK-Mary Oakes ----- 731-986-2347

955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344

RUSHING CREEK-

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PASTOR-

CLERK-Howard J. Berry ----- 731-584-8258

4268 Reynoldsburg Road, Camden, TN 38320

SHILOH- 15 Shiloh Church Road, Holladay, TN 38341

PASTOR- Scott Carter ----- 731-415-1688

400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344

CLERK-Larry Pritchard ----- 731-845-5444

730 Pritchard Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

WESTPORT- 7080 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387

PASTOR- Chris Wallace----- 731-614-0662

19830 Hwy 104 S, Lexington, TN 38351

CLERK-Glynn Williams----- 731-986-5782

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Clarksburg	Janice Boyd	nieceboyd@yahoo.com
Concord	John W. Cole	jparker3191@gmail.com
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Cross Roads	Randy Thompson	crpastor@bentoncountycable.net
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New Hope	Wilma Segraves	waseagraves@gmail.com
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Pleasant Grove	Tim Lashlee	volzman53.tl@gmail.com
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Westport	Chris Wallace	gopher1972@charter.net

2018 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sunday Starting Time	Monday – Friday Starting Time
Old Paths				
Pleasant Hill	06/03/18		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
New Hope	06/10/18		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Shiloh	06/17/18		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/24/18	Brian Johnson	7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/24/18		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	07/01/18		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Westport	07/01/18		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Center Point	07/08/18		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/08/18	Andrew Stokes	7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Mixie	07/08/18		5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/08/18		7:00 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/15/18	Derrick Jowers	6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	07/15/18		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Marlsboro	07/15/18	Tony Boyd	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Cross Roads	07/22/18		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Oak Grove	07/22/18		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Clarksburg	07/22/18		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Spring Hill	07/29/18		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Rushing Creek			6:00 PM	7:00 PM

Historical Table

Before 1846, this was part of the Western District Association. The Western District Association was organized in 1822 and is one of the oldest Associations in the state. From this, we go back into North Carolina and West Virginia where they were colonies under England. It was in these colonies that the Baptist patriot, Patrick Henry, defended the Baptist preachers before the colonial officers who were appointed by England, and it was here in these colonies that we find Thomas Jefferson who wrote the Declaration of Independence, making inquiry about the Government of Baptist Churches and Associations that he might get a model after which to assist in forming the Government of the United States. The oldest Baptist Association in the United States is the Philadelphia Association which has done more for Missions than perhaps any other.

<u>DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u> ----- <u>CLERK</u>
1846-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	E. Autry -----J. P. Arnold
1847- Mt. Pisgah, Henderson County-----	E. Autry -----J. P. Arnold
1848-Ramble Creek, Benton County -----	E. Autry -----B. W. Foster
1849-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	E. Autry -----B. W. Foster
1850-Hopewell, Henderson County-----	E. Autry -----J. P. Arnold
1851-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	E. Autry -----J. P. Arnold
1852-Beaver Dam, Benton County-----	E. Autry -----J. P. Arnold
1853-Union, Benton County -----	E. Autry -----J. P. Arnold
1854-Bible Union, Carroll County -----	E. Autry -----J. P. Arnold
1855-Concord, Carroll County-----	M. S. Corbett-----J. P. Arnold
1856-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County -----	E. Autry -----J. P. Arnold
1857-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	M. S. Corbett-----J. P. Arnold
1858-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----W. C. McAuley
1859-Holly Springs, Henderson County -----	J. P. Arnold-----B. W. Foster
1860-Ramble Creek, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----J. P. Doherty
1861-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	J. P. Arnold-----Geo. Hollowell
1862-1864-----	No Association during Civil War
1865-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----W. C. McAuley
1866-Salem, Decatur County-----	J. P. Arnold-----B. W. Foster
1867-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	W. Pugh-----Geo. Hollowell
1868-Ephesus, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----Geo. Hollowell
1869-Concord, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold-----Geo. Hollowell
1870-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----G. C. Thomas
1871-New Prospect -----	J. P. Arnold-----G. C. Thomas
1872-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----Geo. Hollowell
1873-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	Geo. Hollowell-----G. C. Thomas
1874-New Hope, Carroll County-----	J. H. Park -----G. C. Thomas
1875-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----	J. W. Brewer -----J. F. Rogers
1876-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----	J. Richardson-----J. F. Rogers
1877-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold-----J. F. Rogers
1878-New Prospect -----	J. P. Arnold-----J. F. Rogers
1879-Bethel, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park-----J. F. Rogers
1880-Wildersville, Henderson County -----	J. C. Park-----J. H. Thomas
1881-Ramble Creek-----	J. P. Arnold-----D. J. Allen
1882-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
1883-Prospect, Carroll County-----	J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen

1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County ----- Geo. Hollowell-----D. J. Allen
1885-Concord, Carroll County----- Geo. Hollowell-----C. H. Rogers
1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County ----- J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
1887-Liberty, Carroll County ----- J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
1888-Unity, Benton County ----- J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
1889-Holly Springs ----- J. F. Rogers-----D. J. Allen
1890-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County ----- J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
1891-Rushing Creek, Benton County----- E. M. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
1892-New Hope, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
1893-Chalk Level, Benton County----- E. M. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
1894-Mt. Comfort----- E. M. Joyner-----C. H. Rogers
1895-Flatwoods, Benton County ----- E. M. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
1896-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
1897-Bethel, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
1898-Shiloh, Carroll County ----- N. L. Joyner -----D. J. Allen
1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County ----- W. S. Roney-----C. H. Rogers
1900-Salem, Decatur County----- W. S. Roney-----C. H. Rogers
1901-Chalk Hill, Benton County ----- N. L. Joyner -----C. H. Rogers
1902-Cross Roads, Benton County----- E. Z. Newsom-----C. H. Rogers
1903-New Prospect, Decatur County ----- E. M. Joyner-----C. H. Rogers
1904-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner-----C. H. Rogers
1905-Pleasant Grove----- E. M. Joyner-----C. H. Rogers
1906-Ramble Creek----- T. M. Boyd -----C. H. Rogers
1907-Oak Grove, Carroll County----- T. M. Boyd -----C. H. Rogers
1908-Concord, Carroll County----- T. M. Boyd -----C. H. Rogers
1909-Pleasant Ridge ----- T. M. Boyd -----C. H. Rogers
1910-Perryville, Decatur County ----- T. M. Boyd -----C. H. Rogers
1911-Unity, Benton County ----- T. M. Boyd -----D. H. Franks
1912-Chalk Level, Benton County ----- Joe N. Joyner-----D. H. Franks
1913-Holly Springs ----- J. G. Cooper -----D. H. Franks
1914-Mt. Nebo----- J. G. Cooper -----D. H. Franks
1915-Liberty, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner-----D. H. Franks
1916-Tom's Creek, Perry County----- J. N. Joyner -----D. H. Franks
1917-Westport, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd -----Geo. S. Price
1918-Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd -----L. E. Mincey
1919-Cross Roads, Benton County----- J. N. Joyner -----L. E. Mincey
1920-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County----- J. N. Joyner -----C. E. Butler
1921-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- J. N. Joyner -----C. E. Butler
1922-Eva, Benton County ----- J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
1923-Prospect, Carroll County----- J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
1924-Flatwoods, Benton County ----- J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
1925-Bunches Chapel ----- J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
1926-Oak Grove----- J. N. Joyner -----C. V. Cooper
1927-Pleasant Hill----- J. N. Joyner -----C. V. Cooper
1928-Shiloh, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd -----C. V. Cooper
1929-Bruceton, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd -----C. V. Cooper
1930-New Prospect, Decatur County ----- J. N. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1931-New Hope, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1932-New Liberty, Carroll County----- S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1933-Westport, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1934-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
1935-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County----- E. H. Martin -----W. S. Brinkley

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

1988-Center Point, Carroll County----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
1989-Mixie, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
1990-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Ray Smith
1991-Bible Grove, Henderson County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
1992-Independent, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
1993-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
1994-Clarksburg, Carroll County----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
1995-Cross Roads, Benton County----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
1996-Landmark, Shelby County----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
1997-New Hope, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
1998-Shiloh, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
1999-Concord, Carroll County----- Harold Carver-----Lee Carter
2000-Bethel, Carroll County ----- Ray Smith -----Lee Carter
2001-Old Paths, Shelby County ----- A. G. Hayes -----Lee Carter
2002-Oak Grove, Henderson County ----- A.G. Hayes -----Scott Carter
2003-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
2004-Center Point, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
2005-Bible Grove, Henderson County ----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
2006- Huntingdon, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
2007-Clarksburg, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
2008-Oak Grove, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
2009- Cross Roads, Benton County ----- Johnny Wall -----Scott Carter
2010- New Hope, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
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
2015-Huntingdon, Carroll County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
2016-Pleasant Ridge, Benton County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter
2017-Pleasant Hill, Benton County ----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter

Visitors to the 2017 Session

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Bro. Wayne Strode (Siloam Association)
Fairview Memorial, Bowling Green, KY
Bro. Tony Boyd
Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church, Mixie, TN
Bro. and Sis. Bob Vanderpool (Siloam Association)
Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Alvaton, KY
Bro. Clint Sanders
Second Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, Lexington, TN
Bro. Robert and Sister Betty Simmons
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Hollow Rock, TN

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

*addresses available upon request to clerk

Rick Jones	• Bethel	• Oak Grove
	• Clarksburg	• New Cross Roads
	• Concord	• PleasantGrove
	• Shiloh	
Eugene Brown <i>(Words of Hope)</i>	• Bible Grove	• New Hope
	• Huntingdon	• Rushing's Creek
	• Cross Roads	• Shiloh
	• Pleasant Hill	• Oak Grove
Paul Bryson	• Oak Grove	
Ministerial Alliance, Camden	• Cross Roads	• Pleasant Hill
Ministerial Alliance, Huntingdon	• Huntingdon	
Back to the Bible	• Bethel	• Pleasant Hill
Eric Hammett (Mexico)	• Center Point	
St. Jude Childrens Hospital	• Marlsboro	
Todd Marks (Peru)	• Center Point	
Khrys Paige (Trinidad)	• Bible Grove	• Pleasant Grove
	• Westport	• Pleasant Ridge
	• Shiloh	• New Hope
	• Mixie	
Shop With a Cop	• Marlsboro	
Nueva Missionary Baptist Church (Guatemala)	• Oak Grove	
Gideon Society	• Marlsboro	
Samaritan's Purse	• Huntingdon	• Cross Roads
	• Concord	• New Spring Hill
Kenya African Fund	• Huntingdon	• Rushing's Creek
	• Cross Roads	• Oak Grove
Jamaica Mission	• Bethel	• Cross Roads
	• Huntingdon	• Pleasant Ridge
	• Shiloh	• New Hope
Harvey Ambrose (Alaksa)	• Old Paths	
F.U.E.L School Lunch Program	• Cross Roads	
Hope Center	• Huntingdon	
The Place of Hope	• Huntingdon	
UT Martin Bible Study	• Huntingdon	
Owen Family Singers	• Marlsboro	

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Ministers-1 Deacons-2

Bethel		
	Sis. Violet Amidon	11/05/16
	Bro. Garlon Rich	12/12/16
	Bro. Fred Logan	01/25/17
	Sis. Louise Fuller	03/23/17
	Sis. Ann Rich	07/23/17
Bible Grove		
	Sis. Louise Wood	11/23/16
	Sis. Kaye Renfroe	08/06/17
Center Point		
	Sis. Dorothy Abbott	11/19/16
	Sis. Oleda Higdon Lawrence	04/15/17
Clarksburg		
	Bro. Ricky Baker	02/17/17
	Sis. Ondean Myracle	12/20/16
	Bro. Tommy Singleton	02/21/17
	Bro. James Taylor	02/01/17
Concord		
	Sis. Nona McDowell Moore	11/3/2016
	Bro. Lester Waugh (Deacon)	7/4/2017
Cross Roads		
	Bro. James Willard Arnold	10/25/16
	Bro. Bobby Jordan	01/05/17
	Sis. Vergie Farmer	05/14/17
Huntingdon		
	Sis. Polly Allen	12/18/17
	Sis. Morgan Fuller	01/11/17
	Sis. Myra Sue Reeves	03/18/17
	Bro. Larry Thomason	04/06/17
	Sis. Ava Haddock	05/03/17
	Sis. Sue Moody	07/25/17

New Hope		
	Sis. Lou Nell Gooch	01/21/17
	Sis. Dorothy Jean McKee	03/20/17
	Sis. Fay Nell Hatch	08/04/17
Pleasant Grove		
	Sis. Pauline McCay	09/02/17
Pleasant Hill		
	Sis. Myrtle Noles Hicks	11/16/16
	Bro. Bernice Birdwell (Minister)	07/20/17
	Sis. Ida Birdwell	09/20/17
Pleasant Ridge		
	Bro. James Nance (Deacon)	04/13/17
	Sis. Lula Douglas	05/26/17
	Sis. Sandra Smith	06/16/17
Rushings Creek		
	Sis. Maryetta Miller	01/23/17
	Sis. Mary Lou Krause	07/07/17
	Betty Sou Meredith	08/02/17
Shiloh		
	Bro. Bobby Gene Pritchard	04/20/17
Westport		
	Sis. Jeanette Miller	11/19/17
	Robert Crossett	06/09/17

Sunday School Statistical Table

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	7	54	\$5,963.82
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	16		
Center Point	Bill Noles	4	38	
Clarksburg	Roger Lindsey	16	143	\$1,623.00
Concord	Alvin Boyd	18	70	\$758.14
Cross Roads	Jim Dungan	18	90	\$1,517.09
Huntingdon	Ray Smith			\$2,500.00
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	3		\$277.95
Mixie	Johnny Whitworth	8		
New Cross Roads		5		
New Hope	Michael Montgomery	8	15	\$1,782.45
New Spring Hill				
Oak Grove	Jason Barker	18	97	
Old Paths	Keith Brewer			
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield			\$3,500.00
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	7	25	\$1,625.00
Pleasant Ridge		10	28	\$3,077.74
Rushing's Creek	Robert Deaton	3	14	\$500.00
Shiloh	Joe Cary	6		\$464.40
Westport	Jerry Singleton	13	41	
TOTALS		160	615	\$23,589.59

Statistical Table 2017

Church	Baptisms	Additions by Letter	Restorations	Total Additions	Deaths	Losses by Letter	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing
Bethel	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	158	1	0
Bible Grove	0	4	0	4	2	0	0	2		1	0
Center Point	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	94	1	0
Clarksburg	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	143	2	0
Concord	7	2	0	9	2	0	0	2	157	2	0
Cross Roads	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	193	2	0
Huntingdon	4	7	1	12	6	4	5	15	330	2	0
Marlsboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0
Mixie	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	0		1	1
New Cross Rd	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	2	2
New Hope	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	79	1	0
New Spring Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	0
Oak Grove	3	2	0	5	0	4	0	4	152	1	0
Old Paths	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	53	1	1
Pleasant Grove	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	64	1	0
Pleasant Hill	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	112	1	1
Pleasant Ridge	0	3	0	3	3	5	0	8	*84	1	1
Rushing Creek	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	73	1	0
Shiloh	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	42	1	0
Westport	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	65	1	0
TOTALS	16	28	1	43	40	24	5	69	1,892	25	6

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Financial Table 2017

Church	Expenditures	Ministireial Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	\$37,929.89	\$31,897.00	\$6,699.00	\$150	\$50	\$76,725.89
Bible Grove				\$120	\$75	\$195.00
Center Point	\$3,587.79	\$1,700.00	\$2,072.88	\$50	\$50	\$7,460.67
Clarksburg	\$23,923.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,732.00	\$80	\$50	\$28,785.00
Concord	\$12,618.92	\$2,292.60	\$2,722.98	\$100	\$50	\$17,784.50
Cross Roads	\$113,614.60	\$1,350.00	\$8,745.00	\$240	\$50	\$123,999.60
Huntingdon	\$297,354.57	\$17,615.00	\$19,325.86	\$200	\$200	\$334,695.43
Marlsboro	\$5,089.71	\$6,700.00	\$2,250.00	\$20	\$20	\$14,079.71
Mixie				\$60	\$25	\$85.00
New Cross Rds.				\$100	\$25	\$125.00
New Hope	\$10,220.78	\$3,740.00	\$6,930.97	\$48	\$50	\$20,989.75
New Spring Hill				\$32	\$20	\$52.00
Oak Grove				\$140	\$50	\$190.00
Old Paths				\$60	\$75	\$135.00
Pleasant Grove	\$7,497.00	\$900.00	\$650.00	\$100	\$100	\$9,247.00
Pleasant Hill	\$28,335.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$100	\$25	\$31,860.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$4,237.15	\$660.00	\$4,250.00	\$100	\$150	\$9,397.15
Rushing Creek	\$3,400.00	\$735.00	\$3,000.00	\$40	\$20	\$7,195.00
Shiloh	\$10,831.00	\$4,850.00	\$3,750.00	\$80	\$50	\$19,561.00
Westport				\$60	\$40	\$100.00
TOTALS	\$558,639.41	\$75,639.60	\$65,328.69	\$1,880	\$1,175	\$702,662.70