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**THE NEXT MEETING**

to be held with Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

2020 SERMONS

<b>Introductory Sermon</b> -----	Eld. Phillip Gullette
<b>Alternate</b> -----	Eld. Josh Parker
<b>Doctrinal Sermon</b> -----	Eld. Ryne Bivens
<b>Alternate</b> -----	Eld. Trey Crews

## Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church History

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church is rich in history spanning over one-hundred and forty six years. The church was first organized on April 21, 1873 with seven original members. In 1880 the original church building burned down and a new facility was built within two months.

The church records reflect that Bro. O. M. Wood was elected the first pastor of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church serving three and half years. In August of 1901, twenty believers were baptized after a very spiritual revival, to the present date the largest numbers of converts baptized at one time.

The current sanctuary was built in 1954, Sunday School rooms were added in 1979 and the fellowship building added in 1994.

Listed below are the names of the pastors over the last seven decades and approximate dates of service.

Brother Earl Owens, 1955-1985

Brother Fred Prince, January 1986-May 1986

Brother Calvin Perrigo, June 1986-January 1994

Brother JR Mullins, October 1994-December 1996

Brother William House, January 1997-September 1997

Brother Stephen Skinner, October 1997-December 2000

Brother David Leslie, January 2001-2018

God has blessed the meeting of the local church at Oak Grove with the addition of many souls over the years. May God give us the grace to be vessels of use until he returns.

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## Order of Business

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2020

- Call Association to Order
- Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- Appoint Finance Committee
- Appoint Topics Committee for 2021 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 2021 Session
- Select Brethren to Preach 2021 Annual Sermons
- Introductory Sermon - 11:00 A.M.
- Call for Correspondence
- Call for Report on *The Necessity of Marriage Counseling*. Lynn Stapleton and Andrew Stokes
- Call for Report on *The Importance of studying his word through Bible Study and Sunday School* Scott Carter and Larry Pritchard

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020

- 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
- Report from Missionaries
- Doctrinal Sermon—11:00 A.M.
- Call for Report on *Fasting- Is it relevant and should we do it?* Josh Parker and Dennis Stokes
- Call for Report on *What the Sabbath? Has It Changed?* Ron Stewart and Kenny Medlin
- Call for New Business
- Reading of the *Vote of Thanks*
- Song and parting hand

## Elected Officers for 2019-2020

<b>Moderator</b>		<p><b>Bro. Ray Smith</b></p> <p>19950 East Main Street Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4717</p>	Huntingdon Church
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<b>Assistant Clerk</b>		<p><b>Eld. Trey Crews</b></p> <p>45 Hwy 22 North Yuma, TN 38390 (731) 415-4745</p>	Huntingdon Church

Friday October 11, 2019

We met together on a cloudy fall day at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church for the 171<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. The moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, called the meeting together and asked Bro. Billy Moran, Fairview Memorial Church in Bowling Green, KY, to open our session in prayer. Bro. Smith asked Bro. Craig Wallace, Oak Grove Church, and Bro. Steve Lewis, Oak Grove Church, to lead the congregation in some songs. We began by singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Bro. Smith then asked Bro. Kenny Sherrod, Cross Roads Church, to sing a special. He came and sang "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me." The congregation continued by singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus." Bro. Smith read from II Peter 1:2-8.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

**2019 Topic Committee:**

Bro. Ron Stewart (Chairman) - Cross Roads  
Bro. Bryan Oakes - Pleasant Ridge  
Bro. Marcus Rickman - Pleasant Grove

**Obituary Recorder:**

Bro. Andrew Stokes - Bible Grove Church

**Finance Committee:**

Bro. Larry Pritchard - Shiloh Church  
Bro. Jason Howard - Oak Grove Church  
Bro. Dennis Stokes - Concord Church

**Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:**

The moderator asked Bro. Jason Howard, to introduce this committee. He asked the deacons to stand and be recognized. The following deacons were introduced: Brothers Jason Howard, Ernie Gibson Jr., Glenn Lewis, and Jimmy Wallace.

Clerk read *Rules of Decorum*

Call for church letters was made and a call was made for petitioning churches; none came.

Roll call with 36 messengers

**Motion and second** was made to seat these messengers; **motion carried.**

The association then moved in to the election process.

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

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

Bro. Andrew Stokes, 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.**

The moderator asked for a song and for us to collect an offering for our Associational Missionary. The congregation stood and sang “I’ve Got that Old Time Religion in My Heart.”

**Motion and second** was made to approve the topic committee; **motion carried.**

Four churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2020 session. A **motion and second** was made to select Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County as the host site; **motion carried.**

Bro. Phillip Gulledge, New Hope 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. Josh Parker, Concord 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. Ryne Bivens, Pleasant Grove 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.**

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 congregation stood and sang “Blessed Assurance” before turning the service over to Bro. Andrew Stokes for the Introductory Sermon.

### **Introductory Sermon**

Bro. Andrew Stokes

Bro. Andrew Stokes came before the body and told of his thankfulness for these churches and for the privilege of being here today. He turned to Psalm 133 and read all three verses, and titled his message “Beat That Drum.”

He told how he was raised to believe that the association



is a wonderful thing because we dwell together in unity. How blessed are we and how strong are we knowing that there are people that believe like we do, and willing to stand toe to toe with one another to fight the battles. He read from Psalm 36:5-12 and told how that as Christians, we have so much to rejoice over, and we should know where our strength comes from. His prayer was that we would all draw strength from each other these two days and take it back to our churches. He read from Psalm 36:9 and talked about how we should all desire to see more of God. God is powerful, and we should desire more and more of him. We are bound together by something powerful.

He read from Exodus 34:29-35 and told how Moses came down and told the others what God told him. The whole time, Moses did not know it, but he was glowing because he had been in the presence of God. Moses had to cover his face, not for himself, but because others could not look upon him. Do we ever wonder why others cannot look upon us? It is because they cannot look upon the brightness of God. Bro. Andrew's prayer was that each of us would start to glow from this meeting and take that back to our churches.

Bro. Stokes read from John 17 and told us it is special because it is Jesus speaking about us. In John 17:11 and told us there is a recurring theme throughout the scripture, it is that God was united. Unity comes from God, division comes from the devil. He told how verse 11 says "that we all may be one." Are we one with Christ? As parents, we should find our greatest joy to see our children getting along and working together.

He closed with Luke 24:31 and pointed out that it was necessary for Jesus to leave, but that we would be receiving another comforter. Of the many reasons for Jesus appearance was to bring peace (verse 36). We should all be enjoying peace with the Lord one with another. After a few closing remarks, he turned the service back over to the moderator.

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

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

The moderator then called on Bro. James Hicks, Pleasant Ridge Church, to dismiss the morning session and to ask the blessing on the food.

## Friday Afternoon

After a wonderful meal from Oak Grove Church, we met for the afternoon session. The congregation began by singing “I Want To Know More About My Lord,” and “Jesus, Hold My Hand” led by Bro. Craig Wallace, Oak Grove Church, with Bro. Steve Lewis, Oak Grove Church, playing the piano. Bro. Smith called the session together and asked Bro. Bob Vanderpool, Mt. Lebanon Church, Siloam Association, to open the afternoon in prayer.

The moderator asked for all visitors to stand and be recognized (see p. 56)

**Motion and second** was made to allow ten for the chairman, and all others allowed five minutes to discuss the topics; **motion carried.**

The moderator called for the report on **To what extent can technology be used in worship?**

### **To what extent can technology be used in worship?**

**The short answer is:** To the extent a church feels it is a benefit or enhancement to their worship service without being a stumbling block and without creating dissonance within the congregation. However, this may not be an easy thing to determine. If you asked 100 congregants, you would likely receive different answers based on the demographic you surveyed (For example: young vs. old, regular attenders vs. visitors and so on).

**Of course we realized we needed more of an answer than that...**

**So to answer this question, let's first be clear on terminology.**

**The definition of “Extent” is:** The scope, the amount, the range or magnitude over which something extends. I think we would all agree that we are talking about the amount of or to what degree we should have technology present in a worship service.

**The Definition of Technology is:** A way of accomplishing a task especially using technical processes, methods, or knowledge.

**The Definition of Worship is:** Religious practice offered in reverence and devotion toward God. For purposes of this discussion, I am going to broadly interpret this as any organized service we conduct. We are also including evangelism in its forms for purposes of our discussion.

**Technical definitions aside,** what's really being asked is “how” are we as Missionary Baptists going to sanction or allow the use of technology in our services, our studies, and various other programs of the church (i.e. Bible Studies, VBS, Christmas programs, special singings etc.).

As we consider this topic, we should keep in mind that each of our Churches is an independent body; meaning the decisions of or for that church is determined by that

body of believers). We must be careful not to judge **a sound Bible believing, grounded in the faith Church** by the technology they choose to use to enhance their worship services just because we don't, or don't want to, use it in ours.

The apostle Paul said in Romans 14:13, **"Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way"**.

Some churches have been using technology in their churches for various services for years, others are just introducing new technologies. New Technology is being developed all the time, so as a church, we are making conscious decisions on whether or not to utilize them. **For example:**

**P.A. Systems (Public address systems)** have been around awhile. We've gone from nothing but a preacher trying to preach really loud so all could hear, to a simple microphone system (with an individual behind a large sound board in a specially built "sound room"), to wireless systems with digital voice enhancement run by an individual from his seat in the congregation using an IPAD. This is a perfect example of where any individual church is today. I know churches at every point on this spectrum.

We now have available **Assisted Listening devices** for those with hearing impairments who might have otherwise skipped services because they didn't feel involved and could not hear what was going on.

Congregants now have access to Bibles on electronic devices such as **I-Pads and Smart Phones**, and the ability to access scripture as quickly as the preacher mentions it.

Some churches are using **Projectors & Screens** for multiple purposes. In the sanctuary, screens might be used for welcome messages, to display the words to songs or scriptures used during the message, announcements and so on. Other churches only use these during services like VBS, Sunday school, Christmas Programs or other services where they are useful. (I.e. Missionary Presentation).

**CD / Music players** aid in special singing services. At Cross Roads, our Christmas music is downloaded to a computer, and piped through our sound system. This allows the song leader to readily flip from song to song, change the tempo of the song, or the key the song is performed in. Technology today also allows us to utilize electric instruments in our services like electric guitars and organs.

Through the use of **Multi Media** such as Facebook or church websites, churches are offering live feeds of services, recorded sermons online, church beliefs, announcements, calendars of events and so forth. The Southwestern District Association has its own website where it posts historical records of the minutes, sermons, a directory of churches and links to them, among other things.

Some churches have **copy machines, Wi-Fi capabilities, computers, printers** and other office machines.

Not a fan, but some churches use **theater type lighting effects (colors and strobes)**

**and smoke machines** as part of their music programs (none in our association that I know of).

And, it's sad to say, but **Security System** technology has become necessary in many of our churches. We use cameras, alarm systems and other forms of security technology to protect our property and members.

We're sure there are other forms of technology that we haven't addressed here, and that you have probably thought of. For sure, there are new technologies on the horizon that none of us have thought of, but may be faced with. Much of which is over our heads...Some of us have to ask our children or grandchildren how to use our new smartphone!

Every week at Cross Roads MBC, we produce a bulletin. One of our youth, 17 yr. old Bro. Chris Buchanan, wrote an article about how technological mediums have nullified the minimal aspects of personal accessibility in witnessing. (By the way, those are his words not mine...) He also said in his article (and I'm quoting here) "Man is now unbound in how far his voice can echo across the free world...we now have multiple means of evangelism. The opportunity to personally speak to others about the Gospel has by no means passed us by, but we must also be able to take up the fight on another front—a **digital front**. Victories were never kept by always using the same tactic under the impression that, 'It worked last time, let's do it again!'" End quote....

You know how kids are today, they can play a computer game with someone anywhere in the United States and abroad. Bro. Chris has used this technology to witness about his Jesus. Chris expressed wisdom beyond his years... and he obviously is a very capable writer at 17!

In his article, Brother Chris actually presented both sides of one aspect of the technology argument. And we want to take that further.

As Brother Chris said, through the use of computers and social media, we can reach a whole new audience. We have opportunity to witness to friends and loved ones we don't often see, and even total strangers. We can share links to sermons, church beliefs, pictures of our church activities to others who may be seeking a home church thereby encouraging them to visit and worship. This can be done quickly, simply, without a lot of effort. **On the other hand, using this technology doesn't put a face on our witness.** It lacks the personal, emotional connection to another human being. You can't see or feel a person's passion through an e-mail. So although technology in evangelism can be expedient, **it should never be a replacement for one-on-one witness and communication.**

The use of screens in churches is becoming more popular, and those who advocate the use (besides those advantages already mentioned), argue that they elevate worshipers' heads out of hymnals and up toward the front which amplifies the volume during the songs. Screens also free the worshipers' hands, encouraging praise. Screens are easier for those with weak eyes to see. The words in hymnals for people with sight issues often blend in with the musical staff. For those visiting, or the unchurched, screens remove the learning curve required to read music, some people are just visual learners. Screens can also eliminate the need for a printed bulletin, since announcements and welcomes can be visually presented. If scripture

verses are presented on the screen, congregants can more easily keep up with those referenced in the sermon. For special occasions, like VBS or missionary presentations, it eliminates having to provide printed material or set up a heavy, bulky, manual screen. Proponents would argue that worship is the same, that simply adding screens has no negative spiritual effect.

Opponents argue that simply by having screens visible on the wall, they affect the worship and the reception of the sermon. They argue that images on the screen distract and interrupt the focus on the message. That the technology becomes the focus of attention, instead of it merely being in the background. Congregants eyes are naturally drawn to the changing pictures, and their mind may wander to real life places or times, wonder what scene will be next, notice how often the scene changes, look for errors or typos etc. Having to prepare what appears on the screen does not allow for representation of spontaneous changes, led by the spirit. From a music standpoint, opponents argue that not having the musical notes on the screen, limits the service to songs the congregation knows how to sing, rather than learning something new using music they can read and follow. They will say that there is something sacred, traditional and moving about holding a hymnal in your hand.

This same argument is made for holding a physical bible in your hand, rather than using a smart phone or tablet. Although these electronic devices are more portable and faster to use, the congregant loses the chance to learn their bible, where specific scriptures are, underline favorite verses, make notes in the margin, and make that bible their “own”. Electronic devices often fail...mad scrambles can take place in a pulpit for a bible in the case of a power outage knocking out the church’s wireless capability.

### **So, how much should a church use technology?**

In the days of the early church, Christians partook of the Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7), prayed (1 Corinthians 14:15–16), sang (Ephesians 5:19), read Scriptures (Colossians 4:16), and gave offerings (1 Corinthians 16:2). Basically, they used whatever they had that would honor God the most. There was nothing in their worship practices that is a direct rebuke to the use of modern technology.

In order to discover if we should use technology in worship, we must know what the purpose of worship is. The Bible gives guidelines in Hebrews 10:19–25:

*“<sup>19</sup> Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; <sup>21</sup> And having an high priest over the house of God; <sup>22</sup> Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;); <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: <sup>25</sup> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*

In a church worship service, then, we are commanded to:

1. Draw near to God with a sincere heart, in full assurance of faith
2. Hold fast the profession of our faith, of our hope, without wavering
3. Consider one another to promote “love and good works or deeds”
4. We are to exhort or encourage one another

**These should be the basic qualifiers for technology in worship.** If technology can draw the church closer to God in faith, remind individuals of the hope that lives in them, encourage them to serve others, and generally exhort God’s people, then it is appropriate.

**At the same time,** we must consider the needs and convictions of the people in the church. It is not loving to indulge in technology if it does not serve the needs of others. There is nothing sinful about modern technology. Using a device to project lyrics on a screen is not wrong. However, some congregations—and individuals within other congregations—prefer to use hymnals. There is nothing wrong with either preference. There should be peace within the body, and we are all called to make every effort, “*Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*” (Ephesians 4:3). Dialogue, wisdom, and compromise are needed in churches dealing with this issue.

**Our worship is to be God-focused,** and it follows that everything in our worship services should be designed to promote a focus on God, and it should be edifying to the body. The apostle Paul stated, “<sup>23</sup> All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. <sup>24</sup> Let no man seek his own, but every man another’s wealth.” (1 Corinthians 10:23–24).

Romans 12:10 says, “*Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*” This is a good filter for every aspect of technology in worship. Is the audio too loud? Too soft? Are the sermon or song lyrics available in print form for those who need them? It is a sign of love and maturity to give up personal preferences in such trivial matters if another option will bless someone else.

**To conclude,** it is impossible to give specific, universal guidance as to the use of technology in worship services. Those mentioned are some basic ideas to consider. The purpose of the worship service is to learn about God, worship Him, and build up the church. It is not to entertain a passive crowd or to be “edgy” for the sake of “edginess.” In choosing technology, it is important to consider the needs and expectations of the congregation and then to serve one another in love. If technology can accomplish that, we are free to use it. If not, we should prayerfully consider what would best honor God and benefit the people in the church. To quote an article I read while researching this topic, it said “Technologies cannot guarantee that congregants will be a church, only that they can do church.”

Respectfully submitted by:  
Bro. Randy Thompson and Bro. Ron Stewart

The topic **To what extent can technology be used in worship** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Randy Thompson, Ron Stewart, Ernie Gibson, Jr., Jason Howard, Tony Boyd, and Kenny Medlin.

The moderator called for the topic of **Outside of a personal testimony of salvation and baptism, are there requirements for active church membership**

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When an individual receives Salvation by Grace and presents themselves for membership, they are often asked by the pastor, “Do you promise to support this church with your prayers, presence and means?” Answering that question in the affirmative takes a brief moment to pledge a lifetime of duty. The whole duty of a child of God is contained within the sixty-six books of the Bible. The Church Covenant also serves as a brief summary of a member’s duties and responsibilities. A lifetime of study and patient attention to the leadership of the Holy Spirit should be anyone’s reasonable effort. We will condense those responsibilities for the purpose of this report to discuss the requirements for active church membership after a personal testimony of salvation and scriptural baptism.

First, the active church member should pray. Prayer is communicating with our Lord and Savior. No one is saved without prayer and no one can serve the Lord or the church very well without regular and sincere prayer. You should pray for your church as a whole and the individual members as the need arises. Significant prayer can be devoted to the leadership of the church in earnest expectation for the Lord to send strength, wisdom and guidance for the blessings of all. When there are sick and hurting among the members, an extra effort for prayer should be given with compassion and faith. Jesus set an incredible example with His prayer life. The fourth paragraph of the Church Covenant admonishes us, “. . .to remember each other in prayer”. (Luke 18:1; Luke 21:36; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Second, it really goes without saying, but an active member is required to be present. This would seem like the easiest requirement. Yet, it is sometimes the most difficult for some to accomplish. Members should be more than just a name on a roll. It is shameful to attend so infrequently people question whether you are a member or a visitor. The active church member should maintain a habit of regular attendance. This helps increase the bond of love among the members; advances the knowledge and doctrinal understanding of the member and promotes prosperity and spirituality within the church. You can’t serve very well if you’re not there. It lifts the Spirit of the service to see as many members as possible in attendance. Sunday morning services aren’t the only times attendance is a blessing. Every meeting of the church should be devotedly supported. In particular, business meetings of the church are best served by a full representation of the members of the body. It is difficult for a small group within the church to make decisions that represent the whole. Revivals bless more of the church if they are there to be revived. Vacation Bible School, Bible Study and Prayer Meetings all excel in blessings the more members make it a point to be there and show their support. (Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:25)

The next requirement is the most difficult to discuss but no less necessary to fulfill. The Bible speaks directly about the need and purpose of tithes and offerings in the Old and New Testament. An active member should provide their means to the work of the church with a cheerful heart and for the right reasons. Finances are required to take care of regular maintenance and utilities for the building. However, the church should be equipped to look beyond its own walls. A church well supported financially can consider the special needs of the community, such as families in need and special situations. The second paragraph of the Church Covenant



compels us, "...to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel through all nations." (Leviticus 27:30; 2 Chronicles 31:5-10; Malachi 3:8; Luke 11:42; Acts 4:34-35)

Another requirement of an active church member is a singular command of our Lord and Savior. There are two ordinances within the church. The first ordinance, baptism, is only to be administered once. The second is to be participated in regularly for the remainder of the believer's life. The Lord's Supper is a powerful, spiritual experience of whom only baptized believers can participate. It is a time of deep reflection on the sacrifice of Jesus. It should be used as a time of sacred worship and self examination of the believer's relationship with the Lord. Churches vary in their frequency of administration. The member should be devoted to attend whenever their church provides the opportunity. Devotion to this ordinance will promote greater spiritual health for the believer and a healthier church body as a whole. (Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 1 Corinthians 11:26-28)

Lastly, the active church member is required to be "active". In order for you to be considered an active member, you must take an active role in the church assembly. You are not there just to fill a seat. You should be an active participant wherever the Holy Spirit leads. An active member must be ready and willing to serve when called upon by your church body. This applies to any job, no matter the size of said position. This active Christian service will overflow from the church into your family and public life. As Paul addressed the church in Rome, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1 KJV)"

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brother Chase Milam  
Elder Andrew Stokes

The topic **Outside of a personal testimony of salvation and baptism, are there requirements for active church membership** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Andrew Stokes, Chase Milam, Ernie Gibson, Jr., Ron Stewart, and Ray Smith.

After a few announcements, we adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. The moderator asked Bro. Phillip Gullede, New Hope Church, to dismiss us in prayer.

Saturday, October 12, 2019

We met together on a cool fall day at Oak Grove Church for the second day of the 171<sup>st</sup> annual session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. The service began with the congregation singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Craig Wallace, Oak Grove Church, with Bro. Steve Lewis, Oak Grove Church, playing the piano. The moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, welcomed everyone to the session today and told of his thankfulness for the beautiful day we are enjoying. He called the session together and called on Bro. Lynn Stapleton, Huntingdon Church, to lead us in a word of prayer. We continued singing "Just Over In The Glory Land" and "Heaven's Jubilee"

Bro. Smith read from Nahum 1:3-7. He reminded us that we need to know God in this sense so that we might enjoy his blessings.

Roll call was made and 38 messengers were seated for the Saturday session.

**Report from the Finance Committee:**

Bro. Larry Pritchard presented the report and a **motion and second** was made to accept this report; **motion carried.**

**Report from the Obituary Recorder:**

Bro. Andrew Stokes read some scripture and told how we can rejoice in the victory that we have in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. He then read the names of those who have passed away since our last session and asked for a moment of silence in their memory. He closed by leading us in prayer.

**Report from Historical Committee:**

The committee reported that progress was still being made on scanning and archiving minutes from previous sessions.

**Report from Topics Committee:**

The Necessity of Marriage Counseling - Lynn Stapleton and Andrew Stokes  
The Importance of studying his word through Bible Study and Sunday School -  
Scott Carter and Larry Pritchard  
Fasting- Is it relevant and should we do it? - Josh Parker and Dennis Stokes  
What is the Sabbath? Has It Changed? - Ron Stewart and Kenny Medlin

**Motion and second** was made to accept these topics; **motion carried.**

**Report from the Associational Missionary:**

Bro. Dennis Lunsford gave the following report.

As the year from 2018-2019 began we went forth with great expectations, of the Lord. We were privileged to visit many of the churches in Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. Some of the churches were not visited and we apologize for lack of time and effort on our part. We also try to pastor a church two Sunday's monthly. After traveling many miles this year and being blessed in so many ways, we want to thank everyone for their prayers and the offerings of monetary were received. Revivals were great as we witnessed the Power and Grace of

God as he saved Souls that just a few seconds before were doomed for hell.

At this I want to thank everyone in the association for their support, and to let them know I will be resigning this position at the end of this conference. It has been a joy to have worked with all the churches in this capacity. I ask that you pray for me and my family as I seek the will of God in our lives. Whatever God has in store for us we pray for his leadership and his will to be done in all our lives.

Our parting word's come from the Book of I Corinthians Chapter 3 verses 5-7  
Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed,  
even as the Lord gave to every man.  
I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.  
So then neither is he that planted any thing, neither he that watereth; but God  
that giveth the increase.

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

The moderator asked Sis. Joann Lunsford to come and sing a special. She began by telling how she loves the Lord and how thankful she was for saving her soul. She told her thankfulness of her husband and his willingness to do what the Lord would have him to do. After a few more words, she sang "A Shepherd In Search of a Lamb."

Bro. Smith asked for a congregational song before the sermon. The congregation stood and sang "Praise Him! Praise Him" before turning the service over to Bro. Randy Thompson.

### **Doctrinal Sermon**

Bro. Randy Thompson

Bro. Thompson began by telling of the pleasure of meeting together with Oak Grove, and he was thankful for the wonderful day we got to enjoy yesterday. He told how blessed he was, as the song proclaims, til I wake up in the morning til I lay my head to rest, I am blessed.

He took for a text John 3:1-3, 14-15 and told how John 3 sets forth the conditions for salvation. He referenced last years sermon where it was mentioned where of the 31,000 verses, there is one that stands out John 3:16. He wanted to add to that John 14:6 and told he did not have a new message (thank the Lord). One way has not change nor ever will. His prayer was that we would never compromise the doctrinal truth that there is only one way. We need to be clear on who needs to be saved, everyone is a sinner. Matthew 7:13 warns us that there is a way that ends in destruction, but verse 14 of that chapter tells us there can be a different way we can go. These scripture are not saying it is hard, it is not impossible, it is saying it is the only way. In John 10, Jesus refers to himself as the door. Although most all of those present may be saved, there very well may be someone present that needs to be saved. What better association meeting could we have than for someone to find their path while we were having our meeting?



In his text, he told about a man that came with questions and wanting some an-

swers. Maybe there is someone here that is searching for answers too. Nicodemus knew that Jesus was the one sent by God. They had seen and heard of the miracles that he had performed. Jesus was revealing to Nicodemus that he was in need of a savior and there was only one way to heaven; a new birth. This message still needs to be taught. He read I Timothy 2:3 and stated how God desires that everyone might find the way. In verse 5 of that chapter, we understand that there is only one God and there is only one mediator between God and man. Verse 6 tells us that Jesus paid the ultimate price for each of us. God sent his son in the fullness of time. In Luke 19:10, we find that Zacchaeus had trouble getting to Jesus. Bro. Randy told how we all have obstacles, but how do we overcome those obstacles? Nicodemus was not saved by his heritage, but by the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus it would be a spiritual experience. Satan had done a good job of blinding people from the scripture (and still doing so).

Our world is shifting on their ideas of sin and their idea of what should and should not be accepted. As Christians, we need to warn a lost world that if they die lost in their sin, they will go to hell. Having a religious background will not save you, but Jesus can. Nicodemus's religious background and raising was not good enough. He had to shift his confidence from works to grace. After we are saved, that is where our works come in. Every unsaved person experiences conviction before they can be saved. We all know and understand that you cannot be saved unless you have been convicted by the Holy Spirit of God. We have to see ourselves in that way before we can call on him to help us and save us. God does not need to change, we do. He was thankful today for the saving grace of God that can and will change us.

He read from Numbers 21 and told how they realized the condition they were in and the fact they needed a savior. Not everyone looked to the serpent that had been lifted up. There are many people that are not looking to Jesus to save their soul. He told how Nicodemus could be saved one way, and one way alone. He had to surrender to the truth that Jesus had revealed to him. If there is anyone unsaved here today, you are going to trust Jesus and Jesus alone. Bro. Thompson believed it was possible for someone to know that you are unsaved and in need of a savior. You know the trouble you are in and the needs in your life. Jesus is the only way, the only way.

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

The moderator asked for report from Missionaries. Bro. Scott Carter gave a report on what is going on in Jamaica and the work at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Bro. Ray Smith reported on various missions going on in our churches. The host church, Oak Grove, told about a local food mission they are involved in.

Bro. Smith thanked Bro. Randy for his message and asked for a song so we could give him the right hand of fellowship as well as Bro. Dennis Lunsford for his service as Associational Missionary.

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

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ron Stewart, Cross Roads Church.

## Saturday Afternoon

After a delicious meal from Oak Grove Church, we began the service by singing “Pray The Clouds Away” led by Bro. Craig Wallace, Oak Grove Church, with Bro. Steve Lewis, Oak Grove Church, playing the piano. The moderator thanked the host church for the meal and welcomed all back. He asked Bro. Tyler Kemp, Southside Church, Bethel Association, to lead us in prayer.

The moderator asked Bro. Steve Lewis to sing a special. He came and sang “It’ll Be Worth It After All.” He then asked Bro. Kenny Sherrod to sing a song “I Pressed Through The Crowd.” Afterward, the moderator read from Colossians 3:12-17.

The moderator called for the report on **Define real worship versus religious entertainment.**

### **Real Worship Versus Religious Entertainment**

The Church that Jesus established during his personal ministry was intended to be a place of sacred worship, service, and prayer unto our Lord. This principal was established as Christ overthrew the money changers in the temple of God, proclaiming; "Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves (Mark 11:17). The Church was, and still is intended by God to be a sacred place, untouched by the temporal and shallow ideologies and inventions of the world. However, there has been an ever increasing dialogue among contemporary Christians about how to worship in God's house. There is a growing emphasis by the Church to design services that reach the "unchurched" with "seeker friendly services". These so called services seek to appeal to and attract those that might not otherwise choose to come to church. To be clear, there is nothing wrong with attracting people to church. This is God's will. However, if the means to get them to Church violate the standards of God's word and what is acceptable, it has become sin. The greatest tool in this movement has been to entertain, rather than educate people about Jesus Christ and the Gospel. It is essential to understand that not all forms of worship are acceptable unto God. Some assume that if God's name is attached, the motive and means must be acceptable. This is just not true. In Matthew 15:7-9, Christ rebuked individuals for worshipping Him in vain. They had a form of worship, but God rejected it. In this report, we will examine what "real worship" is, as well as what it is not.

There is no clearer definition of true worship in the Bible other than the account of Jesus and the woman at the well (John4:22-24). Jesus stated that "true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." According to Christ, real worship begins with the Spirit. "God is a Sprit: and they that worship him **must** worship him in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). The word must leaves no room for debate about what is acceptable in the eyes of God regarding worship. If the Spirit is not there, it is unacceptable. What is done in a service is to be inspired **by** God. As Gamaliel said in Acts 5:38-39, "if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it." Being lead of the Spirit to perform the will of God is the central theme of true worship. Unfortunately, many have rejected this notion, and now seek to appeal to the desires and preferences of men. This is done under the guise of attracting nonbelievers into the church. Just because people are more comfortable in the world, does not mean we need to bring the world into the Church. There is only one message that will save an individual lost in their sin: the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel had enough power to draw 3,000 souls to repentance and salvation on the Day of Pentecost. It was able to draw them then, and it is full able to do the same today. If our Churches are weak, we need not blame the world or the Word. The world has always been sinful, and the Word hasn't changed or lost its power. If we worship the Lord in spirit and truth, we will be blessed and prosper one way or another.

Jesus also stated that true worshipers would worship God in truth. One aspect of truth implies that there is sincerity in our actions, character and utterance. True worship implies that what we do, who we are inside, and what we say are sincerely for the purpose of praising and worshiping the almighty God. Any other motive to perform a "worship" service is in vain. A litmus test for any service is the answer to the following question. Who is this worship service for? Are we sincerely and earnestly seeking to lift up our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Remember what Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32). Certainly He was speaking of the time when he would be lifted up on the cross from the earth. However, we also know that lifting up the name of Jesus in worship will be a beacon for lost souls seeking peace in a troubled world. So called worship services today outwardly appear to be for God's glory. These services, predicated on the preferences of men and their perceived

gain from such service are vain and sinful in nature. Seeking only to entertain non-believers rather than feed them with the precious word of God defeats the purpose of the Church Jesus established. Nowhere in the scriptures do you find that it is the responsibility of the Church to entertain people with a view to winning them to Christ. This is simply not a function of the Church. The need is biblical doctrine instilled into the hearts of individuals so deeply that we have churches full of members who are on fire for the Lord, and not the temporal satisfaction of worldly inventions.

Contemporary Christianity wants to assume there is a debate about what acceptable service entails. The "old ways" are now viewed as obsolete and ineffective. In response, individuals have flooded Churches with ideas to make the world feel more welcome in the sanctuary. In reality, according to God's word, the only acceptable service is worship grounded in the Spirit and in Truth. There is no greater and acceptable welcome for an individual into a place of worship than to be greeted with the precious bread of life which offers peace and security to all that would believe. In the world, we are bombarded with forms of entertainment around every corner that offer a temporary satisfaction and enjoyment. The Church was meant to provide more than that. Humanity needs everlasting peace and satisfaction, not temporal entertainment. In conclusion, the world will pass away and all that is in it. It is the responsibility of the Church to provide humanity with something more and something better. The Word that was inspired by God to save the lost souls of men, has been, and always will be able to draw them unto the altar of mercy where eternal salvation awaits. We need not try to appeal to the natural lust of the flesh, but rather seek the transformation of lost souls through the power of spiritual and truthful worship as was intended by our Father in Heaven in the beginning. God bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted by Brother Clint Ezell and Brother Jimmy Allen

The topic **Define real worship versus religious entertainment** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Clint Ezell, Jimmy Allen, Lynn Stapleton, and Ron Stewart.

The moderator called for the report on **What are the benefits of biblical marriage and family?**

### **The Benefits of Biblical Marriage and Family**

As we draw nigh to 2000 years into the church age, the world seems less and less concerned with what the Word of God tells us, and seemingly refuses to acknowledge the Lord at all as they laugh and scorn at the principles of His Word. Though this has always been the case, the silence of God's people seems to open up the way for the progression of the ways of darkness and rebellion against God. We believe the foundation of society starts with individual families, and that foundation can be affected from generation to generation, depending on whether a particular family holds to the principles of the Word of God or not. Further, it is crucial that Christians understand what the Holy Bible teaches in regards to the role each family member plays from the parents to the children, and what benefits may come from trusting the Word of The Lord.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, there are over 2 million marriages in the United States. The average of marriages per 1000 people is 6.9. On the contrary, there are just over 750,000 divorces in the U.S, while the rate per 1000 people is 2.9; between the years of 2016-2017, the United States saw a steady incline of divorces causing a decrease in marriages. Roughly 15,000 less marriages took place in 2017 than in 2016. As the world

What are some of the benefits of a Biblical Marriage? There are many that are enjoyed by both believes and unbelievers. God uses the analogy of marriage between a man/woman throughout the scripture to explain many things. First, He uses this analogy to explain his relationship with his own peculiar people. The Apostle Paul uses marriage to explain to the church at Ephesus the relationship between Christ and his Church. If God chooses to use the marriage between man and woman to compare to Christ/Church relationship, we must see the importance of a Biblical Marriage. The world we live in today has tried to water down the sanctity of Marriage. Second, according to Hebrews 13:4- Marriage is honorable unto all and the bed undefiled. According to the scriptures sex was one of the benefits of a married couple. This is one of the topics that have been laughed at in the culture we live in today. But we must see the importance of remaining chaste or unmarried until the marriage is instituted. The writer stated that the bed is undefiled only unto those that are married. 1 Corinthians 7:2-3 states "Nevertheless to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."

Thirdly, Marriage is a divine institution given by God unto mankind. Genesis 2:18-25 states clearly that God formed man out of the dust of the earth and put him into the Garden of Eden. "*And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*" The latter part of the chapter gives the account of woman being formed and the two cleaving to one another, becoming one flesh. Marriage is something that should not be taken lightly. To enjoy the full benefits of marriage it must be divinely instituted and favored by God. We believe for a Marriage to be Biblical, God must do the leading by his



Spirit for two to be joined together properly. We find in Genesis 24:14 that Abraham's servant has been sent on a mission to find Isaac a wife. The servant begins to pray unto the LORD "*and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink: and she shall say drink and give thy camels to drink also; let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac.*" We see that the LORD appointed the woman named Rebekah for Isaac. If we are to enjoy the fruitfulness of marriage it needs to be divinely appointed! Lastly, the LORD uses the analogy of marriage to explain the most important thing of being born again! The scripture speaks of marriage as two leaving their mother and father and becoming one flesh. According to the scripture, when we are born again we become joined with Christ as one!

The Lord said the father is the head of the household. With this duty comes great responsibility. He is to lead the family in their spiritual devotions, to see that the family regularly attends and supports a spiritually sound and independent Church, where which his children may have the opportunity to be truly Saved. He is to Love his wife as Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it (Eph. 5:25). He is to provide discipline to his children as it is needed, to train them up in the way they should go, so when they are old they will not depart from it. Proverbs 23:13 says *Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell...* Not to be their friend as the world would say, but to be their earthly father, ever replicating the Love that Our Heavenly Father has for His children. For Ephesians 12:5 says, *My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou are rebuked of him. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.* So it is very important that a child understands the source of discipline and the outcome a father desires from rendering discipline to his children, as Our Heavenly Father is the best disciplinarian. It is vital that we men be consumed with the Word of God and the Holy Ghost so we may educate our children, live and walk by humble example, and provide leadership to our families.

The mother has a special role in the family. We find the virtues of a Godly woman in Proverbs 31. Pro 31:10- *Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.* As the father takes on more of the discipline role, the mother is a comforter to her household. She makes sure her household is taken care of before she seeks to take care of herself. Prov 31:14-15; 27"*She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.* (27)-*She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.*" The biggest role given unto woman is childbearing. We see in the book of Genesis, after the curse was placed upon mankind, that women were given to role bring forth children in sorrow. Later on in the Scriptures, it is written she shall be saved in childbearing. We believe this means that our Savior would be born of a woman, saving whomsoever will believe! The

best thing a mother can do for her children is found in Proverbs 31 as well. “Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. If the mother teaches her children by example her life will be blessed by the LORD!

A child should live his/her childhood and adolescence being obedient to their parents, showing them respect. *Honor thy father and thy mother. For this is the first commandment with promise, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.* That alone is the duty of a child. Solomon speaking to his son said in Proverbs 23, *if thy heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice. Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.* Notice Solomon said the way, not thine way. What is the way? Jesus said, *I am the way the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.* Every child is a gift and some children are not dealt the best hand in life. However, God has His divine purpose for everything under the sun that men should fear before Him. God can make something good out of an unfortunate situation. And the Bible also teaches us that younger generations have suffered for what their fathers had done before them. Notwithstanding, God in His infinite pity and loving kindness may send his grace and mercy to individuals as He sees fit. God said in Exodus 20:5-6 *I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.*

The father and husband, wife and mother, and child each have their duty and responsibility to play in the family, just as each Child of God has their duty in an independent body of believers in a Church. But being a part of a family is not a job; rather it is a way of life. God has every intention for us to enjoy our families, to laugh with our families, to support one another with comfort, and to love one another unconditionally. *For this is the message that ye have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another* (1 John 3:11). God’s image of what a family is and should be is clearly defined in His Infallible Word and has a sure foundation of unconditional love, For He first loved us. It is without a doubt that the benefits of a biblical marriage and family, founded upon the truth of God’s Word and motivated by pure faith and hope in His reward, are Love, Joy, and Peace.

Humbly Submitted,  
Eld. Ryne Bivens  
Bro. Marcus Rickman

The topic **What are the benefits of biblical marriage and family** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Ryne Bivens, Marcus Rickman, Trey Crews, Scott Carter, Dennis Stokes, Ernie Gibson Jr., Andrew Stokes, Phillip Gulledege, Clint Ezell, Ray Smith, and Dennis Lunsford.

Call was made for new business.

**Motion and second** was made to allow churches to send monies for the Associational Missionary along with the Minute Fund and Clerk Fund; **motion carried.**

**Motion and second** was made to include Old Fashion Gospel Hour letter read during correspondence.

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 Oak Grove Church in Henderson County for serving as host for this session. We last met with you in 2012, 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. Andrew Stokes and his message from Psalm 133 “Beat That Drum” and for Bro. Randy Thompson and his liberty to preach “One Way.” We were once again blessed with ministers being lead 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 Oak Grove 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.

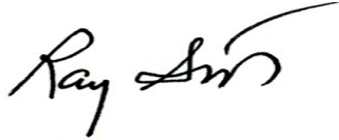
As plans are underway for next year’s sessions, may we all pray God’s will be done with us all, as individual church members, as individual churches and as a united group of churches.

Please begin to pray for Concord 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 Concord Missionary Baptist Church for the 172<sup>nd</sup> annual session on October 09-10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. ready to receive another blessing from the Lord.

Under His wings,  
Scott Carter, Clerk

After a few closing remarks, we had a parting handshake. **Motion and second** was made to dismiss until the next session; **motion carried**. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Scott Carter, Shiloh Church.



Bro. Ray Smith, Moderator

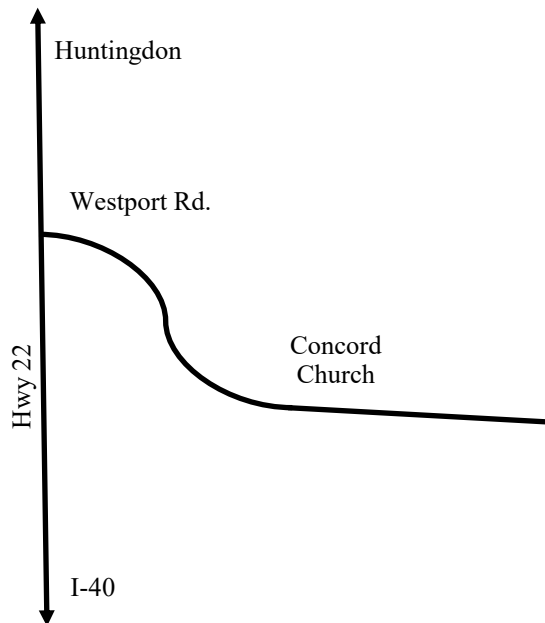


Bro. Scott Carter, Clerk

## Directions to the 2020 Session

South of Huntingdon, turn off Hwy 22 and travel 3.3 miles on Westport Road until you reach the church

3275 Westport Rd, Huntingdon, TN 38344



## Messengers for the 171st Annual Session

### **Bethel:**

Friday– Jimmy Allen  
Saturday– Jimmy Allen, Clint Ezell

### **Bible Grove:**

Friday– Andrew Stokes, Melanie Stokes, Randy Wood  
Saturday– Andrew Stokes, Randy Wood

### **Center Point:**

Friday– Jenny Moon, Norma Hilliard  
Saturday– Jenny Moon, Norma Hilliard, Wesley Grooms

### **Clarksburg:**

Friday–  
Saturday–

### **Concord:**

Friday–Russell Tucker, Dennis Stokes, Alvin Boyd  
Saturday– Russell Tucker, Dennis Stokes, Alvin Boyd

### **Cross Roads:**

Friday– Dwayne Cole, Steve Markham, Myron Kirk  
Saturday– Dwayne Cole, Steve Markham, Myron Kirk

### **Huntingdon:**

Friday– Trey Crews, Lynn Stapleton, Kenny Rush  
Saturday– Trey Crews, Lynn Stapleton, Kenny Rush

### **Marlsboro:**

Friday–  
Saturday–

### **Mixie:**

Friday–  
Saturday–

### **New Cross Roads:**

Friday– Dennis Lunsford, JoAnn Lunsford  
Saturday– Dennis Lunsford, JoAnn Lunsford

### **New Hope:**

Friday– Jacob Middleton, Phillip Gulledege  
Saturday– Jacob Middleton, Phillip Gulledege, Michael Montgomery

### **New Spring Hill:**

Friday–  
Saturday–

### **Oak Grove :**

Friday–Jimmy Wallace, Jason Howard, Ernie Gibson, Jr.  
Saturday–Jimmy Wallace, Jason Howard, Ernie Gibson, Jr.

### **Old Paths:**

Friday– Ron Stewart, Kenny Medlin, Ken Finley  
Saturday–Ron Stewart, Kenny Medlin, Ken Finley

**Pleasant Grove:**

Friday– Marcus Rickman, Tim Lashlee

Saturday– Marcus Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Ryne Bivens

**Pleasant Hill:**

Friday– Edward Ellis, Janell Ellis

Saturday– Janell Ellis, Sandra Forrest

**Pleasant Ridge:**

Friday– James Hicks, Betty Hicks, Judy French

Saturday– Judy French, Shirley Arnold, Mary Jo Holland

**Rushing Creek:**

Friday–Bruce Seaton, Carol Ann Broadway

Saturday–

**Shiloh:**

Friday- Scott Carter, Kim Carter, Larry Pritchard

Saturday- Scott Carter, Kim Carter, Larry Pritchard

**Westport:**

Friday–

Saturday–

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**Financial Statement**

**2019 Minute Fund**

BALANCE OCTOBER 13, 2018 \$ 5,539.24

EXPENDITURES:

First Bank (lock box)	\$ 60.00
Peterson Printing (minutes)	\$ 997.50
National Audio (CD's)	\$ 82.85
iPower (website)	\$ 355.33

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2019	\$ 1,837.00
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BALANCE OCTOBER 12, 2019 \$ 4,043.56

Clerk Contributions	\$ 1,230.00
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Associational Missionary Offering	\$ 645.00
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Submitted by:

Larry Pritchard-Shiloh Church

Dennis Stokes-Concord Church

Jason Howard-Oak Grove Church

## Missionary Report

When the year of 2017-2018 began for us as Missionary for the Southwestern Missionary Baptist Association we went forth with an urgency, to tell about the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During the year we were privileged to visit all churches on one or more occasions. WE also visited and preached at some churches not members of our association. After traveling a little over 5000 miles the year has come to an end. Donations were received from places we visited, in the amount of \$1300.00 dollars which was used entirely to further the spread of the gospel by myself. The offerings were greatly appreciated! During the revival season we thank the LORD of Heaven for every soul that was convicted of their sins and drawn to an altar by love and saved by his Grace.

St. Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. This I have tried to do for many years. I pray God will impress upon more churches to use the office of the Associational Missionary for more than just a visitor.

Submitted in the Love of God

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Lunsford".

Bro.Dennis Lunsford

## Correspondence

### **Wiseman Baptist Association**

To the Churches of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

We trust you have received many blessings from the Lord this past year.

We were greatly blessed by the Lord during our one hundred twenty seventh annual session, which was held at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Goodletsville,, Tennessee. Eight churches reported 38 additions in the past year, with 16 being by baptism and a total membership of 1892.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundred twenty eighth annual session, which will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday and Saturday October 25 and 26,2019. at Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church. The church is located at 1440 Three Springs Road in Bowling Green,KY..

Brother Jesse Miller is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon on Friday morning, and Brother Brian Johnson is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday morning.

Please make your plans to attend.

In Christ's love,

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# *Siloam Missionary Baptist Association*

January 20, 2020

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association  
Brother Scott Carter

Greetings:

We would like to begin by thanking the Lord for His many blessings He has bestowed on each of us since the last time we corresponded. We are always thrilled to hear of the lost being saved and additions to the Lord's churches.

The churches of the Siloam Association met the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 2019 at Harvest Missionary Baptist Church for its sixty-seventh annual session. Grace Missionary Baptist Church and Old Path Missionary Baptist Church also worked with Harvest to host the Siloam Association. The Spirit of the Lord truly met with us and provided spirit filled sermons and wonderful topics that we pray will be helpful and encouraging to all in the days to come. 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 at Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Bowling Green Kentucky for the sixty-eighth session on October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 beginning at 10a.m. Elder Michael Reid is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Don Curtis is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Kenneth Summers is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning. We also invite everyone to check out the Siloam Association website [www.siloamassociation.com](http://www.siloamassociation.com) as we have uploaded Associational minutes back to 2002 and audio content beginning with 2015 session.

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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## Old Fashion Gospel Hour

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September 20, 2019

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

Dear Brethren,

The Old Fashion Gospel Hour telecast has been broadcasting the gospel for over forty years, and earlier this year we began broadcasting the program each Sunday at 6:00 a.m. on Jackson TV, WBBJ ABC and CBS. It was the only Sunday morning time available, but hopefully we will be able to get a later time period.

Recently Louisville, KY churches decided to record local programs at Becker Drive Missionary Baptist Church to be aired in Louisville. They will record the services and upload the files to our site, and we will prepare the program with closed caption and provide broadcast quality videos to the Louisville TV station.

All work is provided by volunteers, and no one is paid for working on the Old Fashion Gospel Hour program. We have been recording the programs in our Hartsville, TN studio for over thirty years. We typically record four programs on the third and fourth Sundays of January through May, September and October. We began recording in high definition (HD) (1080x1920) in late 2010.

If any Missionary Baptist Churches in your Association desire to appear on the WBBJ Old Fashion Gospel Hour program, we would be pleased to broadcast your churches instead of the churches we now air. This is not a solicitation for money, and we would help, without charge to you, in any of the following ways:

**In The Studio** - If your churches travel to Hartsville, we would record six churches on a Saturday. We would add closed captioning, prepare broadcast quality videos and submit to WBBJ.

**We Travel** - We would come to a church with good lighting in your area and record six churches on a Saturday or four programs on a Sunday afternoon, add closed captioning, and prepare the broadcast quality video to air on WBBJ.

**You Record** - If you record and upload HD videos of your programs to our site, we would prepare the programs with closed captioning and prepare a broadcast quality video to submit to WBBJ. This is the same process as the Louisville churches.

**You Develop a Complete Process** - Initially you could start recording the videos, and we would prepare the final video to submit to WBBJ. When you desire, we would then assist you in developing a complete process for you to record, edit the videos, add closed captioning, prepare the broadcast quality video and submit the video to WBBJ. There would be no charge for our assistance to you.

We desire to assist in any way we can to broadcast the gospel in your area. If any church is interested in any of the above arrangements, please let us know.

In His Name,

**OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR**



Elder Ottis Jones, Coordinator

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- CONCORD (Est. 1846)**- 3275 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344  
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## 2020 Summer Revival Schedule

<b>Church</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Revival Helper</b>	<b>Sunday Starting Time</b>	<b>Monday – Friday Starting Time</b>
Old Paths				
Pleasant Hill	06/07/20	Tony Boyd	6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
New Hope	06/14/20		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Shiloh	06/21/20		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/28/20	Scott Carter	7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/28/20		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	06/28/20		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Westport	07/05/20		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Mixie	07/12/20		5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Center Point	07/12/20		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/12/20		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/12/20		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Cross Roads	07/12/20	Arzell Douglas	6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Bethel	07/19/20		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Bible Grove	07/19/20	Derrick Jowers	7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Marlsboro	07/19/20	Michael Butler	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Oak Grove	07/26/20		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Clarksburg	07/26/20		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Spring Hill	07/26/20		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Rushing Creek	9/13 to 9/16		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
<b>1862-1864-----</b>	<b>No Association during Civil War</b>
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  
 2018-Cross Roads, Benton County----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter  
 2019-Oak Grove, Henderson County ----- Ray Smith -----Scott Carter

## Rules of Decorum

- ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- ARTICLE 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present providing nothing be so construed as to prohibit newly constituted churches petitioning for admission from voting.
- ARTICLE 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any messenger not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made the same day, but at no subsequent term.
- ARTICLE 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, so as not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he arises to speak he shall call another brother to take the chair.
- ARTICLE 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened to discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays and if a call is made it shall be decided by the members rising.
- ARTICLE 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflection.
- ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than once on any subject until all who wish to speak have an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.
- ARTICLE 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the Association.
- ARTICLE 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority vote of the members present, except in the reception of the churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required.
- ARTICLE 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
- ARTICLE 11. The appellation of "brethren" shall be used by the mem-

bers in addressing each other.

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

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

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

### **Church Covenant**

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

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

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

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

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

## Constitution

- ARTICLE I. The Association shall be called *Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association*, known as an advisory council.
- ARTICLE II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such church as may belong to this union to represent them in body.
- ARTICLE III. The messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence which shall state their appointment as messengers, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.
- ARTICLE IV. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three messengers.
- ARTICLE V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons for their failure at the next Association, and if any church fails for two consecutive meetings, the Association shall send a committee to inquire into their state.
- ARTICLE VI. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by messenger and letter, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.
- ARTICLE VII. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their member's names enrolled, provided, also that all newly constituted churches petitioning for union with us shall have full right to vote for Moderator and Clerk, and nothing shall be construed as to prohibit them from voting.
- ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches. It shall however be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may



separate from churches as are known to walk disorderly.

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

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

ARTICLE XI. When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, they may call from two or more churches for the aid of their ordained ministers and deacons to examine the individuals and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the gospel which shall be reported at the next association and entered upon the Minutes.

ARTICLE XII. The minutes of this Association will be read, corrected, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rise. And no Association shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

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

## Articles of Faith

**I. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice.** (Proverbs 30:5-6; 2 Samuel 23:2; John 5:38-39; John 12:47-48; Romans 1:16; Romans 3:4; Galatians 1:8-9; Philippians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:1; Revelation 22:18-19)

**II. 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 the 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.** (Exodus 15:11; Exodus 20:3; Psalms 83:18; Psalms 147:5; Isaiah 6:3; Jeremiah 2:12-13; Jeremiah 10:10; Matthew 10:37; Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:30; John 4:24; John 5:17; John 10:30; John 14:23-28; John 15:26; John 17:5, 10; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 1:20; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 2:18; Philippians 2:5-6; Hebrews 3:4; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 John 5:7; Revelation 1:4-5; Revelation 4:6-8; Revelation 4:11)

**III. 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.** (Genesis 1:27, 31; Genesis 2:16; Genesis 3:6-24; Genesis 6:5-6; Genesis 6:12; Psalms 51:5; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 4:22; Ezekiel 18:19-20; Matthew 20:15; John 3:6; Acts 15:26; Romans 1:18-32; Romans 2:1-16; Romans 3:10-19; Romans 5:12-19; Romans 8:7; Galatians 3:10; Galatians 3:22; Ephesians 2:1-3; Titus 3:3)

**IV. 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.** (Psalms 45; Psalms 89:19; Isaiah 42:21; Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 18:11-14; Matthew 20:28; John 1:1-14; John 3:16-18; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:10-26; Romans 4:25; Romans 5:12, 19; 1 Corinthians 3:5-7; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:22; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:5-9; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 2:9; Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 1:3,8; Hebrews 2:9,14,18; Hebrews 4:14; Hebrews 7:25-26; Hebrews 9:13-15; Hebrews 12:24; 1 John 2:3; 1 John 4:5-10)

**V. 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.** (Proverbs 1:24; Isaiah 55:1; Matthew 11:20; Matthew 23:37; Mark 1:15; Luke 14:17; Luke 19:27; John 3:19; John 5:40; Acts 13:46; Romans 1:15-17; Romans 5:19; Romans 9:32; Romans 16:26; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Hebrews 2:9-10; Hebrews 5:1-10; Hebrews 6:16-20; Hebrews 7:11-28; Revelation 22:17)

**VI. 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.** (Isaiah 64:4-8; Daniel 9:18-19; Zechariah 3:1-5; John 3:36; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Acts 10:42-43; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 John 5:11-12; Revelation 20:15)

**VII. 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.** (Psalms 45:6; Psalms 89:19; Isaiah 53:4-5; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Timothy 2:3-6; Hebrews 1:3, 8; Hebrews 2:9; Hebrews 2:14; Hebrews 2:18; Hebrews 4:14; Hebrews 7:25-26; Hebrews 9:13-28; Hebrews 12:24; 1 John 2:1-3; 1 John 4:10)

**VIII. 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.** (Psalms 34:18; Luke 15:7; John 6:44; John 6:65; John 14:16-18; John 14:25-26; John 15:26-27; John 16:7-14; Acts 3:19; Acts 8:22; Acts 9:4-5; Acts 16:14; Romans 8:16; 2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 John 2:20)

**IX. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are freely justified by the righteousness of Christ, which comes to all that believe.** (Proverbs 4:18; Matthew 26:41; Luke 9:23; Luke 11:35; John 3:6; Acts 13:38-39; Romans 8:5-15; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Corinthians 13:5-9; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 1:3-14; Ephesians 4:11-12,30; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 1:9-11; Philippians 2:12-13; Philippians 3:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Hebrews 6:11; 1 Peter 1:5-8; 1 Peter 2:2; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 2:24-29)

**X. 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.** (2 Kings 6:16; Job 17:9; Psalms 16:10-11; Psalms 91:11-12; Psalms 121:3; Psalms 125:1; Jeremiah 32:40; Matthew 6:30-33; Matthew 13:20-21; John 4:14; John 6:66-69; John 8:31; John 13:18; Romans 8:28,35-39; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 4:30; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 1:14; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 2:19,27-28; 1 John 3:9; 1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:18; Jude 24-25)

**XI. 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.** (Matthew 3:7-17; Matthew 18:15-20; Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:15,21; John 15:12; Acts 2:37-38,41-42,47; Acts 8:1,36-38; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 14:23; Acts 15:22; Acts 16:30-33; Acts 19:1-7; Romans 16:17-20; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 4:11,17; 1 Corinthians 5:6,12-13; 1 Corinthians 11:2,23-26; 1 Corinthians 12:14; 1 Corinthians 14:12; 2 Corinthians 2:7; 2 Corinthians 8:5; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:7; Philippians 1:1,27; 1 Thessalonians 4:2; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 1 John 4:21; 2 John 6; 3 John 9)

**XII. 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.** (Matthew 16:16-19; Matthew 18:15-20; Acts 14:23; Acts

15:22; Romans 16:17-20; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 1 Corinthians 5:6, 12-13; 1 Corinthians 11:2, 23; 1 Corinthians 12:14; 1 Corinthians 14:12; 1 Corinthians 14:26-33; 2 Corinthians 8:5; Galatians 6:2; Philippians 1:27; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 1 Timothy 5:21)

**XIII. 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.** (Genesis 2:3; Exodus 20:8; Exodus 35:2-3; Leviticus 19:30; Psalms 26:8; Psalms 118:24; Isaiah 56:2-8; Isaiah 58:13-14; Matthew 28:1; Mark 2:27-28; John 20:19-20; Acts 11:26; Acts 13:44; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Hebrews 4:3-11; Hebrews 10:24-25; Revelation 1:10)

**XIV. 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.** (2 Kings 5:11, 13; Jonah 3:4-5; Psalms 94:11-13; Mark 16:15; Acts 8:31; Acts 11:29-30; Romans 10:13-17; Romans 12:13; Romans 15:25-27; 1 Corinthians 1:17-18, 21; 1 Corinthians 9:9-14; 2 Corinthians 8:13-15; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; Titus 1:2-3; 1 Peter 1:25; 1 John 3:17)

**XV. 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.** (1 Samuel 3:4, 10; Acts 13:2-3; Acts 16:10; Acts 20:27; Romans 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:17; 1 Corinthians 1:23-29; 2 Corinthians 4:1-7; 2 Corinthians 6:3-4; Galatians 1:10-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:6; 1 Timothy 4:12-16; 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 6:1-2; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:9-10; 1 Peter 5:1-3; 2 Peter 1:10)

**XVI. 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.** (Matthew 3:5-6; Matthew 26:26-29; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 3:13-14; Mark 14:22-25; Mark 16:16; Luke 22:14-20; John 3:22-23; John 4:1-3; John 6:26-71; Acts 2:38,41-42; Acts 6:6; Acts 8:12,36-39; Acts 10:47-48; Acts 14:21-23; Acts 16:32-34; Acts 18:8,24-28; Romans 6:4; 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:3-32; 1 Corinthians 11:17-32; Galatians 3:26-28; Colossians 2:12; Titus 1:5; 1 Peter 3:20-21)

**XVII. 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.** (Job 19:25-27; Ecclesiastes 3:17; Daniel 12:1-2; Malachi 3:18; Matthew 13:41-43; Matthew 13:49-50; Matthew 24:30-31; Matthew 24:35-44; Matthew 25:31-33; Matthew 25:46; Luke 14:13-14; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:19; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Peter 2:9; 2 Peter 3:11-12; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 20:11-12)

**XVIII. 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.** (Proverbs 1:24; Isaiah 55:6-7; Matthew 11:20-24; Matthew 23:37; Matthew 24:14; Mark 1:15; Mark 13:9-11; Mark 16:15; Luke 19:27; John 3:19; John 5:39-40; Acts 13:46; Romans 1:15-17; Romans 9:32-33; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-12; 2 Timothy 1:7-10; Revelation 14:6-7).

## Missions Supported

\*addresses available upon request to clerk

<b>Rick Jones</b>	• Bethel • Clarksburg • Concord	• Shiloh • New Cross Roads • Oak Grove
<b>Eugene Brown</b> ( <i>Words of Hope</i> )	• Bible Grove • Cross Roads • New Hope • Oak Grove	• Pleasant Hill • Rushing's Creek • Shiloh • Huntingdon
<b>Paul Bryson</b>	• Oak Grove	
<b>Ministeral Alliance, Camden</b>	• Cross Roads • Pleasant Ridge	• Pleasant Hill
<b>Ministeral Alliance, Huntingdon</b>	• Huntingdon	
<b>Back to the Bible</b>	• Bethel	• Pleasant Hill
<b>Eric Hammett</b> ( <i>Mexico</i> )	• Center Point	
<b>St. Jude Childrens Hospital</b>	• Marlsboro	
<b>Todd Marks</b> ( <i>Peru</i> )	• Center Point	
<b>Khrys Paige</b> ( <i>Trinidad</i> )	• Bible Grove • Mixie • Westport	• Shiloh • Pleasant Ridge • New Hope
<b>Shop With a Cop</b>	• Marlsboro	
<b>Nueva Missionary Baptist Church</b>	• Oak Grove	
<b>Second Harvest Food Bank</b>	• Huntingdon	
<b>UT Martin Bible Study</b>	• Huntingdon	
<b>Gideon Society</b>	• Marlsboro	
<b>Samaratin's Purse</b>	• Huntingdon • Cross Roads	• New Spring Hill
<b>Kenya African Fund</b>	• Cross Roads • Oak Grove	• Huntingdon • Shiloh
<b>Jamaica Mission</b>	• Bethel • New Hope • Shiloh	• Cross Roads • Huntingdon
<b>Owen Family Singers</b>	• Marlsboro	
<b>Harvey Ambrose</b> ( <i>Alaksa</i> )	• Old Paths	
<b>F.U.E.L School Lunch Program</b>	• Cross Roads	
<b>Place of Hope Ministries c/o Mike Cope</b>		• Huntingdon
<b>Hope Center Ministries McEwen Sponsorship Fund</b>		• Huntingdon
<b>Gregory McClerkin-Hope for Sudan:</b>		• New Spring Hill

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Deacon-2, Minister-2**

**Bethel**

Bro. John Carter	05/13/19
Bro. Leon Oakes	07/02/19
Sis. Dorothy Carter	09/17/19
Bro. Richard Amidon	09/27/19

**Bible Grove**

Bro. Bruce Woods	09/11/19
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**Center Point**

Bro. Jerry King (Deacon)	12/15/18
Bro. Elvis Hampton	01/27/19
Sis. Addie Jo Patterson	<u>06/06/19</u>
Bro. W.T. Dillingham	<u>09/21/19</u>

**Clarksburg**

Sis. Vonell Douglas Smith	<u>04/20/19</u>
Bro. Jimmie Hale Jr. (Minister)	08/08/19

**Concord**

Bro. Dean Floyd	11/19/18
Sis. Sara Orr	2/2/2019

**Cross Roads**

Sis. Debbie Townsend	10/22/18
Bro. Mitchell Rayburn (Minister)	12/21/18
Bro. Clellan Douglas	05/18/19
Sis. Geneva Douglas	03/20/19
Bro. Jack Farmer	07/06/19
Bro. Darel Smothers	02/27/19

**Huntingdon**

Bro. Joe Reaves	10/15/18
Sis. Hattie Robinson	11/27/18
Bro. Wilson Therrell	12/20/18
Sis. Faye Ellis	07/30/19

<b>Marlsboro</b>	Bro. Billy Stepp	08/2019
<b>New Cross Roads</b>	Sis. Rita Dugger	02/12/19
	Sis. Helen Baker	04/03/19
<b>New Hope</b>	Sis. Angie Hodge Horn	04/2019
<b>Oak Grove</b>	Sis. Rue Jones	01/16/19
	Sis. Estelle Scott	02/09/19
	Bro. Jack Lewis	07/17/19
<b>Pleasant Hill</b>	Sis. Onelia Kirk	04/01/19
<b>Pleasant Ridge</b>	Earnestine (Tina) Holland	12/03/18
<b>Shiloh</b>	Bro. John Pace	01/03/19
<b>Westport</b>	Bro. Glynn Williams (Deacon)	03/09/19

**Visitors to the 2019 Session**

Bro. Tony Boyd  
 Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church, Mixie, TN

Bro. Bob & Sis. Rebecca Vanderpool (Siloam Association)  
 Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Alvaton, KY

Bro. Billy Moran (Siloam Association)  
 Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY

Bro. Mark Horton (Bethel Association)  
 Southside Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN

Bro. Tyler Kemp (Bethel Association)  
 Southside Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN



## Sunday School Statistical Table

Church	Superintendent	Teachers &	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	7	51	\$6,584.73
Bible Grove	Chase Milam	8		
Center Point	Daniel Cooley	5	38	
Clarksburg	Tommy Altom	17	50	\$3,233.00
Concord	Alvin Boyd	16	50	\$2,607.88
Cross Roads	Jim Dungan	18	92	\$1,300.00
Huntingdon	Ray Smith			\$3,100.00
Marlsboro		3		
Mixie	Johnny Whitworth			
New Cross Roads		7		
New Hope	Michael Montgomery	7	14	\$961.26
New Spring Hill				
Oak Grove	Ernie Gibson	18	97	
Old Paths	Keith Brewer			
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield			
Pleasant Hill	Pete Hargrove	6	25	\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge	Anthony French	10	23	\$3,277.76
Rushing's Creek				
Shiloh	Joe Cary	6		\$683.00
Westport	Jerry Dodd	6	37	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>134</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>\$22,047.63</b>

## Statistical Table 2019

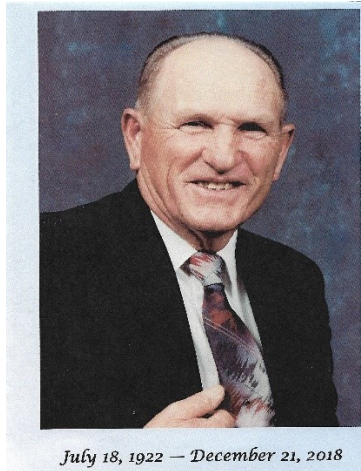
Church	Baptisms	Additions by Letter	Restorations	Total Additions	Deaths	Losses by Letter	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing
Bethel	1			1	4	1		5	156	2	0
Bible Grove	1			1	1	3		4		1	
Center Point	9	5		14	4			4	106	1	1
Clarksburg	1			1	2		1	3	131	1	0
Concord	2			2	2	1		3	144	2	0
Cross Roads	3	2		5	6			6	192	2	0
Huntingdon	5	5		10	4			4	336	2	0
Marlsboro			1	1	1	1		2	43	1	0
Mixie				0				0		1	
New Cross Rds.				0	2			2	75	2	2
New Hope	3	6		9	1			1	84	1	
New Spring Hill				0		1		1	14	1	
Oak Grove	3	1		4	3			3	159	1	
Old Paths				0				0		1	
Pleasant Grove	1	1		2				0	66	1	
Pleasant Hill				0	1			1	113	1	1
Pleasant Ridge				0				0	83	1	
Rushing Creek				0		2		2		0	
Shiloh	3			3	1			1	43	1	0
Westport	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	60	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	32	21	1	54	33	13	1	47	1,805	24	4

\* 41 Active

## Financial Table 2019

<b>Church</b>	<b>Minute Fund</b>	<b>Clerk Fund</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Ministireial Help</b>	<b>Mission Support</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Bethel</b>	\$160	\$50	\$69,404.66	\$3,169.00	\$6,170.00	\$78,953.66
<b>Bible Grove</b>	\$120	\$75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195.00
<b>Center Point</b>	\$50	\$50	\$5,620.00	\$650.00	\$1,300.16	\$7,670.16
<b>Clarksburg</b>	\$80	\$50	\$13,218.00	\$28,625.00	\$7,023.00	\$48,996.00
<b>Concord</b>	\$100	\$50	\$29,342.88	\$2,093.00	\$1,524.40	\$33,110.28
<b>Cross Roads</b>	\$240	\$50	\$152,000.00	\$2,600.00	\$9,200.00	\$164,090.00
<b>Huntingdon</b>	\$200	\$200	\$295,101.62	\$15,300.50	\$33,985.00	\$344,787.12
<b>Marlsboro</b>	\$25	\$25	\$5,739.58	\$5,800.00	\$1,210.00	\$12,799.58
<b>Mixie</b>	\$40	\$25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
<b>New Cross Rds.</b>	\$100	\$25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
<b>New Hope</b>	\$48	\$50	\$10,134.19	\$2,298.00	\$7,732.20	\$20,262.39
<b>New Spring Hill</b>	\$24	\$20		\$0.00		\$44.00
<b>Oak Grove</b>	\$140	\$50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
<b>Old Paths</b>	\$75	\$75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
<b>Pleasant Grove</b>	\$125	\$125	\$4,542.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$6,042.00
<b>Pleasant Hill</b>	\$100	\$25	\$26,429.00	\$850.00	\$1,200.00	\$28,604.00
<b>Pleasant Ridge</b>	\$50	\$200	\$6,850.22	\$800.00	\$3,180.00	\$11,080.22
<b>Rushing Creek</b>	\$40	\$20	\$10,282.67	\$400.00	\$2,147.00	\$12,889.67
<b>Shiloh</b>	\$80	\$50	\$10,892.00	\$1,200.00	\$7,400.00	\$19,622.00
<b>Westport</b>	\$80	\$40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$1,877	\$1,255	\$639,556.82	\$65,035.50	\$82,071.76	\$789,796.08

## Elder Mitchell Rayburn



On December 28, 2018, Elder Mitchell Rayburn, a dear member of Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church, was carried home to be with the Lord at the age of 96. He was laid to rest at Cross Roads Cemetery, next to his wife of 74 years, Sister Betty Lee Coleman Rayburn. Brother Rayburn's funeral was attended by many of his preaching brethren who spoke of his devotion to the ministry for over 70 years. During this ministry, Brother Rayburn pastored many churches, held countless revivals, and saw many souls find Jesus precious to their souls. The Lord has called his faithful servant home to rest, and his family and friends will miss him; but he is rejoicing with those gone before, and awaits the rest of us in his long home.

Brother Rayburn is survived by a son, Phillip Ted (Carolyn) Rayburn; a brother, Joseph David (Delana) Rayburn; and a sister, Sarah Katherine Douglas, all of Camden, TN. At the time of his passing he was also survived by 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren; and the number continues to grow.

Along with his parents, Thomas Riley Rayburn, and Sarah Bell Mitchell Rayburn, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Lee Coleman Rayburn; a daughter, Billie Carol Rayburn Hodge; a son, Adrian Jerry Rayburn; sisters Opal Mae Daniel, Georgia Greene Bailey, and Effie Christine Luttrell; and brothers Jessie Freeman Rayburn, Duriod Leslie Rayburn and Vernon Lee Rayburn.

## **Elder Jimmie Hale**

May 26, 1926-August 8, 2019

Bro. Hale was born May 26, 1926 in Yuma, Tennessee to the late James Homer Hale of Carden Bottom, Yell County Arkansas, a blacksmith and farmer, and Bertha Lee McArthur of Westport, Carroll County, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years Joy Hale who passed away February 25, 2015; three brothers Arvie (Anita), Ozlee (Audrey), Freamon (Billie) and one sister Artie Todd (Vester).

Mr. Hale was drafted at 18, left home in senior year of high school and served in US Army WWII European Theater in various countries and was a T4 Sergeant with 341<sup>st</sup> Quartermaster Depot Company; attended several colleges for courses and training: West TN Business College, Jackson, Tennessee, Bethel College, McKenzie, Tennessee, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee, State Technical Institute, Memphis, Tennessee; Worked as an Electrician at Chrysler Corp. in Dayton, Ohio, Teller and Bookkeeper at Farmers Bank in Parsons, Tennessee, retired from Tennessee Valley Authority as an Administrative Services Supervisor with 37 years of company service for New Johnsonville, Allen and Cumberland City Fossil Plants.

He was raised as a devoted Old Time Missionary Baptist and remained an active member his entire life becoming an ordained minister in his later years and was the Associational Missionary for many years; enjoyed working outdoors farming and gardening. He was also an avid deer hunter and enjoying hunting for relics and collecting antiques; He never met a stranger and very much enjoyed socializing with his family, friends and new acquaintances.

Mr. Hale is survived by his children Roy Steven Hale (Nancy) of Hernando, Mississippi, Joseph Martin Hale (Regina) of Parker's Crossroads, Tennessee and Rebecca Jean Williams of Trezevant, Tennessee; grandchildren Jesse Williams, Steven Williams, Callie Hale, Carrie Hull and Jacob Plunk and his sister-in-law Anita Hale of McKenzie, Tennessee.

