

1948

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

OLD UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Holladay, Benton County, Tennessee

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 1948

OFFICERS

Eld. E. F. Prince, Moderator.....	Hollow Rock, Tenn.
Eld. Neil Butler, Asst. Moderator.....	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Bro. W. S. Brinkley, Clerk.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Eld. T. L. Campbell, Asst. Clerk.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.

NEXT SESSION

Will be held with Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church, Benton County, Five Miles Southwest of Camden, Tennessee, Beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1949, at 10 O'clock a. m.

SERMONS

Introductory Sermon.....	Eld. T. L. Campbell
Alternate.....	Eld. Clarence Carter
Missionary Sermon.....	Eld. L. H. Brown
Alternate.....	Eld. John Hedges

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call Association to Order.
 Appoint Committee on Divine Service.
 Appoint Finance Committee.
 Appoint Reading Clerks.
 Receiving Church Letters.
 Introductory Sermon, 11:00 a.m.
 Call for Petitionary Letters.
 Elect Moderator and Clerk.
 Call for Correspondence and Invite Messengers to Seats.
 Appointing various Committees.
 Appointing Place to Hold Next Meeting.
 Appointing Brethren to Preach Annual Sermons.
 Revise Ministerial List.

Second Day

Call Roll and Messengers' Names.
 Call for Report on Benevolence.
 Call for Report on Foreign Missions.
 Call for Report on Home Missions.
 Call for Report on Education.
 Call for Report on Sunday Schools.
 Call for Report on Prayer Meetings.
 Call for Report on Temperance.
 Call for Report on Publications.
 Call for Report on Obituaries.
 Call for Report on Correspondence.
 Call for New Business.
 Read and Approve Minutes.
 Vote of Thanks

Third Day

Call for Report of Finance Committee.
 Missionary Sermon, 11:00 a.m.
 Address of Moderator.
 Song and Parting Hand.

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1948

1. The Southwestern District Association met with Old Union Baptist Church, Benton County, Tennessee, pursuant to adjournment.
2. In singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."
3. The Moderator read 46 Psalms. Bro. Turner Jones led body in prayer.
4. After a short talk by Moderator called body ready for business.
5. The Moderator appointed Pastor and Deacons of host church on Divine Service.
6. Appointed Brethren Audran Gooch, Willie Allen and Jordan Smothers — Finance Committee.
7. Appointed Eld L. H. Brown, Eld. Clarence Carter reading clerks.
8. Called for reading letters.
9. The honor having arrived for Preaching Introductory Sermon.
10. The body sang, "We Will Work Till Jesus Comes."
11. Eld. Neil Butler, the appointee took the stand and read 2nd Titus. Eld. T. L. Campbell led the body in prayer.
12. And took for his subject "Sound Doctrine" and in his usual way preached a real Bible Sermon which lifted our souls. Eld. Clarence Carter, the alternate gave a talk.
13. We stood and sang, "How Firm a Foundation" and gave a hand shake of endorsement.
14. Motion and second adjourn one hour for refreshments. Called for announcements. Bro. Neil Butler to preach at Flatwoods Church tonight. Benediction by Eld. John Hedges.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

15. After a bountiful dinner prepared by the church and community, the body came together by singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Dorsey Dameron led body in prayer.
16. The Moderator gave a short talk and declared the body ready for business. Finished reading letters.
17. Called for Petitionary Letters. When Mixie Church, Hollow Rock presented a letter of admission.
18. Which by motion and second was received. The body took collection to help the new organized church. Collected \$45.39.
19. By singing "What A Fellowship."
20. The moderator called for visitors.
21. By motion and second go into election of Moderator and Clerk. Eld. E. F. Prince was chosen for Moderator, W. S. Brinkley, Clerk, Eld. Neil Butler, Assistant Moderator, Eld. T. L. Campbell, Assistant Clerk.
22. Called for Correspondence and invite Messengers to seats with us.
23. The Moderator appointed J. L. Smothers, H. M. Bond and John Hedges, nominating committee.
24. Motion and second to select place for next session. When Old Cross Roads, Benton County, was choice of the body.
25. Appoint some one to preach Introductory Sermon, T. L. Campbell with Clarence Carter, alternate.
26. Select some one to preach Missionary Sermon, L. H. Brown with John Hedges, alternate.
27. Revise ministerial list.
28. By motion and second receive report of nominating committee and discharge them.
29. Motion and second adjourn to 10 o'clock Saturday morning.
30. Called for announcements. Eld. Neil Butler to preach at Flatwoods tonight.
31. Dismissed by Eld. T. L. Campbell.

SATURDAY MORNING

32. The body came together by singing in "Gethsemane Alone."
33. The moderator read 2nd chapter of 1st Corinthians. Eld. E. H. Martin led body in prayer.
34. The Moderator gave a good talk and declared the body ready for business.
35. Called for Roll of Churches and Messengers.
36. Called for reports on topics.
37. Motion and second give chairman 10 minutes, all others five minutes.
38. Motion and second adjourn one hour for refreshments. Benediction by L. H. Brown.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

39. After a real dinner the body came together by singing "We Will Work Till Jesus Comes."
40. Eld. Neil Butler led body in prayer.
41. After talk by Moderator the body then sang, "My Heavenly Home" and took collection for Eld. E. H. Martin, \$51.21 collected.
42. The Moderator declared body ready for business.
43. Read and adopted all topics.
44. Called for new business.
45. By motion and second called for financial committee. Minute Fund \$124.34.
46. Home Missions \$20.00 given to Eld. E. H. Martin.
47. Motion and second adjourn to 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Benediction by John Brown.

SUNDAY MORNING

48. The body came together according to adjournment by singing, "No Tears in Heaven."
49. Buford Hampton led body in prayer. Moderator read 23d Psalms and declared body ready for business.
50. Read and adopted minutes.
51. Elder A. U. Nunnery not being present, Rev. Lusky Brown, the alternate took the stand. The body sang, "Just Over in the Glory Land." Eld. Edd Cooper led body in prayer.
52. Eld. Brown read 3rd Chapter of Matthews, took for his subject, "Why I Believe in the Old Time Way" and preached a real God given message and the Association closed to meet with Old Cross Roads, Benton County on Friday before 2nd Sunday in October, 1949. We had the greatest revival I ever witnessed in the Association, shouting and praising the Lord.

Dismissed by Floyd Cole.

Signed

E. F. PRINCE, Moderator.

W. S. BRINKLEY, Clerk.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

We your committee on Benevolence submit the following:

We believe that Benevolence begins at home, because Paul said: 1 Cor. 7-8, "Let the husband render unto the wife due Benevolence and likewise unto the husband."

Webster said: the meaning of Benevolence is kindness, kind deed, and charity.

We believe that we as churches and preachers should carry out Benevolence and prove to the orphans, widows, and aged ministers that we have the spirit of God. May we as God's children get behind this cause with our prayers and means.

Committee: C. F. CARTER.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report:

We believe Christ came on a mission bringing good news to us. Also, we believe John the Baptist was sent on a mission.

Mark 16-15 'the Lord said go ye (talking to the Church) therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost. In this world go ye and teach (or preach) to every creature.' We believe that includes every race, as all are God's creation. God is no respecter of person. God gave it to the Church then, and it is still their duty to go. We should all realize, if we are borned again Child of God and a member of his body (Church), the word go ye is to us. If we can not go we can support the ones that do go with our means and prayers. Also we believe in it being carried on here at home. A mighty good place to start is at home, then we should not be a quitter until we have done what the Lord said: "go ye into all the world." We recommend that churches of this Association put forth a greater effort for the causes of Jesus Christ and the salvation of the lost than we ever have before, that the world might hear the Gospel. We believe that all must first hear the Gospel. "How can they hear without a preacher and how can they preach except they be sent."

So we should let the words ever ring in our hearts and minds "go-ye."

Committee: M. L. MAY, W. J. SMITH.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg to submit the following report: We believe in home missions and foreign missions, also we believe that Christ taught the church to do mission work while He was here on earth. We find in St. Matthew 28-19,20, that Christ gave the commission to all: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Also, St. Luke 1-15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We also believe in direct missions from the church to the mission worker.

Committee.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian Education, beg to submit the following: the dictionary says that education is the training of the mental or moral power, the knowledge and ability gained by such training as people lives on in the world. They are gradually educated. Some more than others. Therefore, since education is a mental training or knowledge gained, then the kind of training or knowledge is a great importance. Education without christianity is most likely to be a menace to civilization and Christianity, therefore it should behoove Baptists to be obedient to Christ's command. Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, Matthew 28-20.

Committee, MICHAEL RABORN, ALVIN KEE.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report: We believe a community where there has always been a lively Sunday School will send out better preachers, church members, neighbors, businessmen and statesmen. Sunday School we believe is a fine place for parents, to take their children. It is not enough just to send them. We find in lots of communities there is no Sunday School at all. There we find youth unlearned, unconcerned of the word of God, their minds are on the things of the world. We find the blessed word says bring a child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. When they are old they will not depart. We as parents have a great responsibility on us, to set the right example before our youth. They are watching us. Sunday School helps to make better men and women for the world tomorrow. We believe we are living in a time when the word of God ought to be taught as never before. We know there are countries where it is not taught or even known. We find two of the greatest sins in the long ago was idolatry and breaking the Sabbath Day.

Committee.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We your committee on Prayer Meeting submit the following. We believe all Christians should assemble once a week for prayer meeting. It is the means we have of communicating with and keeping in touch with God and Jesus taught us to pray lest we enter into temptation. Daniel prayed and God delivered him from the Den of Lions. Certainly we as individual churches and, as churches, and as a nation should be much in prayer to God.

Committee, L. B. FRANKS, ARLAND OXFORD.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance submit the following report: Pro. 20-1. Wine is a mocker strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived by it is not wise in. 1st St. Corinthians, 6-10. No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God. We believe that intoxicating drinks are directly or indirectly to blame for most all of the horrible crimes committed in our land. We know that God's word condemns drinking and we believe that God's people should be total abstainers from strong drinks of any kind.

Committee, T. L. CAMPBELL, L. H. BROWN.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

We your committee on Correspondence submit the following: We should always recognize our visitors from other Associations of same faith and order, thereby keeping in touch with preachers belonging to other Associations who sometimes serve other churches as pastor. We should also keep in touch with each other in this great work.

Committee, DORSEY DAMERON.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We your committee on Publications submit the following report: We believe the Bible to be the only book of Divine Inspiration, and the most worthy of all publications. We believe we should give it more study and meditations than any other. We believe we should read every good sound tract and paper we can get and teach our children to read them also. Be careful that no unsound literature be permitted to enter our home. Good sound gospel literature helps us to live a more christian life and helps to inform us about the Brethren in general. They carry sound inspiring articles of the Bible doctrine. They are truly educating for us and our children. We recommend the Forerunner and Independent Baptist Voice a sound missionary Baptist papers to read from time to time.

Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries submit the following report: During this Associational year, the death angel has visited a number of our homes and called 30 of our members from the walks of men of which our hearts are made sad but God giveth and taketh away, but blessed be the name of the Lord. But God has appointed unto man once to die and after death the judgment but God has made it possible through the death of Christ that the dead will hear His voice and live for ever.

Committee, FLOYD COLE, E. F. PRINCE.

HOME MISSIONARY REPORT

Of W. J. Herndon preached 34 messages at 24 different churches and mission points, attended 11 funerals, assisted 5, heard my pastor preach 22 sermons, heard 23 other preachers preach 43 messages, attended 15 revivals, preached some in 4 of them, visited 10 Sunday Schools, visited 10 sick people, drove approximately 1107 miles to places where I preached, had eight conversions, total offering \$129.35.

W. J. HERNDON.

REPORT OF R. L. MYERS, HOME MISSIONARY

Dear Brethren and Sisters: The Lord called me and I was sent out by Ephesus Church as Home Missionary. I ask you all to pray that I might continue in the work of the Lord. Report as following: I was sent by the church the 2nd Sunday in June 1948. Since that time I have preached 16 sermons and help to organize one true Baptist Church. Received from Ephesus Church \$19.00, Mixie Church \$4.50, total \$23.50.

R. L. MYERS.

REPORT OF ELDER ED COOPER, SUPT. BAPTIST OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHANS HOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1948**Income**

Cash received from churches and individuals up to and including	
October 1, 1948.....	\$5,133.11
Food, clothing, Xmas goods, etc., donated.....	659.97
Balance in Bank, October 7, 1947.....	244.22
Total to be accounted for.....	\$6,037.30

Disbursements

Grocery and feed bill from October 7, 1947 to October 1, 1948.....	\$1,876.72
Clothing, etc.....	388.61
Telephone expense.....	25.93
Seed, fertilizer and lime.....	237.12
Electricity.....	52.38
Truck repairs.....	295.66
Labor.....	317.74
Repairs on house.....	64.69
Postage.....	18.00
Frigidaire.....	446.13
To F. L. Jordan on barn expense.....	151.00
Hair cuts for the boys.....	9.05
Burial dues.....	16.00
Food, clothing Xmas goods used.....	659.97
Cash on hand.....	253.32
Unpaid balance on Supt. Salary (1947).....	615.00
Supt. salary October 1, 1947 to April 1, 1948.....	600.00
Miscellaneous.....	9.96
Total Disbursements.....	\$6,027.30

FARM REPORT

Unpaid balance Supt. Salary.....	\$ 600.00
To. P. D. Barnes for feed and groceries.....	238.00
To H. Bradley for insurance.....	97.50
To F. L. Jordan for fertilizer, seed peas, etc.....	321.33
Total Liabilities.....	\$1,256.83
This October 1st, 1948.....	ED COOPER, Supt.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF FARM OPERATIONS

For the year ending Oct. 1, 1948—Old Ministers' and Orphans' Home, Camden, Tennessee

We have about 70 acres of corn for the year estimated yield 2100 bu. We have about 45 acres of hay of which we have baled 1400 bales of Jap, grasses and Alfalfa. In addition we have about 300 bales of Soy beans to bale.

We have about 20 acres of cotton, some good and some common. This is hard to estimate. 7 acres of table and cow peas estimated at 100 bu. The sweet potato crop is no good. Irish potatoes 40 bu. and we planted 3 sacks of late potatoes, but did not get a good stand. We have 7 young cows (milk cows); 33 coming 2 year old heifers; one coming 1 yr. old heifer; 3 coming 1 yr. old male calves. 25 head of hogs; 9 killing hogs; 2 sows, 10 shoats and 4 pigs—lost all chickens but 7.

We canned this year 1600 quarts of fruit and vegetables, meats, etc. We have sowed 3 acres of white clover and 1 acre of alfalfa.

This Oct. 1, 1948.

ED COOPER, Supt.

REPORT ON BARN FUNDS AT ORPHAN'S HOME

Receipts

Bal. in Bank, Oct. 7, 1947.....	\$ 24.70
Donations from Oct. 7, 1947 to Oct. 7, 1948.....	371.54
Total Receipts.....	\$396.24

Disbursements

Lumber for another shed.....	\$ 36.00
Hinges and nails.....	16.30
Roofing.....	50.24
Interest on Note.....	22.50
Payment on Note.....	250.00
Total.....	\$375.04
Bal. in Bank.....	\$ 21.20
Bal. on Note.....	\$750.00
New Bethel \$21.30—\$10.00 on barn, remainder on home.	

F. L. JORDAN, Trustee of Barn Building Funds

LIST OF VISITORS

Eld. G. G. Joyner, Ruth Carrington, Eld. W. A. Moody, Beech River Association; Eld. Lusk Brown, Carroll-Benton Association.

VOTE OF THANKS

We as members and messengers of the S. W. D. Association express our appreciation to pastor and members of Old Union Church and community for their sweet fellowship and for their bountiful lunches served each day. We especially appreciate the warm spiritual messages by the speakers and for the progress being made. We extend thanks to everyone who has contributed to the pleasure and success of this meeting.

Committee, W. S. BRINKLEY

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

1. Akins Chapel.....	Mrs. Roda Taylor and Joe Taylor
2. Bible Grove.....	By Letter
3. Bethel.....	W. A. Smith and Clarence Carter
4. Caledonia.....	W. M. Kirksey and Clarence Barnhart
5. Concord.....	Martin May and W. S. Smith
6. Chalk Hill.....	Roy Umstead and Tom Hollingsworth
7. Cross Roads.....	Alvin Kee and Mitchell Raborn
8. Cedar Hill.....	Ralph Gullede and wife
9. Ephesus.....	J. P. Simmons and Cecil Brown
10. Flatwoods.....	L. B. Franks and Arland Oxford
11. Marlboro.....	C. C. McMackins and E. F. Boyd
12. Mt. Comfort.....	Onnie Brinkley and C. L. Sanders
13. Mt. Pisgah.....	Dorsey Dameron and wife
14. Mixie.....	Neil Thomas and wife
15. New Bethel.....	Horace Vaugh and Harris Dinkins
16. New Cross Roads.....	T. L. Campbell and H. G. Haywood
17. New Prospect.....	M. E. Gibson and wife
18. New Hope.....	Mr. B. A. Gooch and wife
19. New Liberty.....	By Letter
20. New Spring Hill.....	Wayne Bedwell and Jack DePriest
21. Old Union.....	Curtis Hampton and Edd Ellis
22. Orthodox.....	Eld. L. H. Brown and James E. Brown
23. Oak Grove.....	C. E. Butler and Buford Hamilton
24. Pleasant Hill.....	T. J. Smothers and Floyd Cole
25. Pleasant Grove.....	G. W. Williams and A. J. Tolley
26. Rushing Creek.....	By Letter
27. Pleasant Ridge.....	E. F. Prince and H. M. Bond
28. Shiloh.....	Holland Pritchard and Lewis Harris
29. Yuma.....	Desmond Miller and wife
30. Westport.....	John Blount and Sam Smith

MINISTERIAL LIST

Name and Church	Postoffice
Birch, H. S., Yuma.....	Westport, Tenn.
Brewer, Eather, Mt. Pisgah.....	Darden, Tenn.
Brown, L. H., Orthodox.....	Bemis, Tenn.
Butler, Neil, Pleasant Hill.....	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Carter, C. F., Bethel.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Campbell, T. L., New Cross Roads.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Anderson, John, Pleasant Hill.....	Camden, Tenn.
Cooper, Edd, Cross Roads.....	Camden, Tenn.
Dameron, O. V., Mt. Pisgah.....	Yuma, Tenn.
Franks, A. H., Flatwoods.....	Hot Springs, Ark.
Herndon, W. J., Pleasant Ridge.....	Camden, Tenn.
Hedge, John, Pleasant Hill.....	Camden, Tenn.
Myers, R. L., Ephesus.....	Mansfield, Tenn.
Paschal, J. R., Pleasant Ridge.....	Camden, Tenn.
Pettigrew, S. A., New Cross Roads.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Prince, E. F., Pleasant Ridge.....	Hollow Rock, Tenn.
Park, E. W., Flatwoods.....	Jackson, Tenn.
Martin, E. H., Bethel.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Baker, Clayton, Flatwoods.....	Forth Worth, Texas
Baker, Norman, Flatwoods.....	Jackson, Tenn.
Quinn, Glennie, Old Union.....	Holladay, Tenn.
Wood, E. G., Mt. Pisgah.....	Wildersville, Tenn.
Fuller, George, Eagle Creek.....	Eagle Creek, Tenn.

LICENTIATES LIST

Name and Church	Postoffice
Abbott, J. D., Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Bawcum, S. E., New Prospect	Old Hickory, Tenn.
Noles, Robert, Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Nanny, J. C. Ephesus	McKenzie, Tenn.
Simpson, Ebern, New Spring Hill	Cedar Grove, Tenn.
Taylor, T. C. Caledonia	McKenzie, Tenn.
Rogers, Clint, Mt. Comfort	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Pratt, Ellis, Orthodox	Bemis, Tenn.
Hampton, Edgar, Orthodox	Bemis, Tenn.
Dameron, O. L., Mt. Pisgah	Yuma, Tenn.
Rayburn, Mitchell, Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

BETHEL—1 Eva Crews	NEW HOPE—3 Eliza Cary Mrs. Lawrence Rush Mr. John Horn	OLD UNION—1 Sister Gertrude Neal
CROSS ROADS—2 Mrs. J. Howard Kee Mrs. Bud Mitchell	CONCORD—1 S. R. Simpson	PLEASANT GROVE Mrs. Flavia Williams
CHALK HILL—1 J. N. Reeves (D)	NEW BETHEL—2 Mrs. Malcom Milan Dudley Wallace	RUSHING CREEK—1 W. A. Sparks
MT. COMFORT—2 Pearlie Hall Earnest Bailey	EAGLE CREEK—2 Mrs. Sallie Peebles A. J. Goodman (D)	SHILOH—2 Earl Webb D. B. Webb
MARLSBORO—1 Mrs. Lillie Sills	PLEASANT HILL—5 Malinda Melton Athelar Kee Bess Norwood Mrs. L. D. Norden Nancy Douglass	WESTPORT—2 J. C. McAuley (D) Mrs. Bettie Hicks
NEW CROSS ROADS H. A. Bell Mary Dickerson Sister S. A. Anderson	YUMA—2 Will Hatch Bud Roberson (D)	

(D)—Deacon

HISTORICAL TABLE

Before 1846 this was a part of the Western District Association. The Western District Association was organized when all West Tennessee was called the Western District. This then, is a part of the oldest Association in the State—in fact, being older than the State of Tennessee, having already held its 134th Annual Session, organized before the State of Tennessee. From this we go back into North Carolina and West Virginia, when they were colonies under England. It was in these colonies that the Baptist patriot, Patrick Henry, defended the Baptist preachers before the colonial officers who were appointed by England, and it was here in these colonies that we find Thomas Jefferson who wrote the Declaration of Independence, making inquiry about the Government of Baptist Churches and Associations, that he might get a model after which to assist in forming the Government of the United States. The oldest Baptist Association in the United States is the Philadelphia Association which has done more for Missions than perhaps any other. The oldest endowed school in existence in the United States is Brown University, once Rhode Island College, and which has always been a Baptist school.

DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH	MODERATOR	CLERKS
1846 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1847 Mt. Pisgah, Henderson Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1848 Ramble Creek, Benton Co.	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
1849 Peasant Hill, Benton Co.	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
1850 Hopewell, Henderson Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1851 New Prospect, Decatur Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1852 Beaver Dam, Benton Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1853 Union, Benton Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1854 Bible Union, Carroll Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1855 Concord, Carroll Co.	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
1856 Pleasant Grove, Henderson Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1857 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
1858 Union, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
1859 Holly Springs, Henderson Co.	J. P. Arnold	B. W. Foster
1860 Ramble Creek, Benton Co.	J. P. Arnold	J. P. Doherty
1861 New Prospect, Decatur Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
No Association during the Civil War, 1862-1864		
1865 Union, Benton Co.	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
1866 Salem, Decatur Co.	W. Pugh	B. W. Foster
1867 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	W. Pugh	Geo. Hollowell
1868 Ephesus, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1869 Concord, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1870 Chalk Hill, Benton Co.	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1871 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1872 Mt. Nebo, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1873 Marlboro, Carroll Co.	George Hollowell	J. H. Thomas
1874 New Hope, Carroll Co.	J. H. Park	J. H. Thomas
1875 Tom's Creek, Perry Co.	J. W. Brewer	J. F. Rogers
1876 Rushing Creek, Benton Co.	J. Richardson	J. F. Rogers
1877 Oak Grove, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1878 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1879 Bethel, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	J. F. Rogers
1880 Wildersville, Henderson Co.	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
1881 Ramble Creek	J. P. Arnold	J. H. Thomas
1882 Cross Roads, Benton Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1883 Prospect, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1884 Sardis Ridge, Decatur Co.	George Hollowell	D. J. Allen
1885 Concord, Carroll Co.	George Hollowell	D. J. Allen
1886 Trace Creek, Humphreys Co.	J. C. Park	C. H. Rogers
1887 Liberty, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen

1888 Unity, Benton Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1889 Holly Springs	J. P. Rogers	J. C. Park
1890 Mt. Nebo, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1891 Rushing Creek, Benton Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1892 New Hope, Carroll Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1893 Chalk Level, Benton Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1894 Mt. Comfort	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1895 Flatwoods, Benton Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1896 Marlboro, Carroll Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1897 Bethel, Carroll Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1898 Shiloh, Carroll Co.	N. L. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1899 Pleasant Hill, Benton Co.	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1900 Salem, Decatur Co.	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1901 Chalk Hill, Benton Co.	N. L. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1902 Cross Roads, Benton Co.	E. Z. Newsum	C. H. Rogers
1903 New Prospect, Decatur Co.	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1904 Ephesus, Carroll Co.	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 Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1908 Concord, Carroll Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1909 Pleasant Ridge	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1910 Perryville, Decatur Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1911 Unity, Benton Co.	T. M. Boyd	D. H. Franks
1912 Chalk Level, Benton Co.	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 Co.	S. W. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1916 Tom's Creek, Perry Co.	T. M. Boyd	D. H. Franks
1917 Westport, Carroll Co.	T. M. Boyd	Geo. S. Price
1918 Mt. Pisgah, Carroll Co.	J. N. Joyner	L. E. Mincey
1919 Cross Roads, Benton Co.	J. N. Joyner	L. E. Mincey
1920 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1921 Ephesus, Carroll Co.	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1922 Eva, Benton Co.	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1923 Prospect, Carroll Co.	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1924 Flatwoods, Benton Co.	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 Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1929 Bruceton, Carroll Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1930 New Prospect, Decatur Co.	J. N. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1931 New Hope, Carroll Co.	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1932 New Liberty, Carroll Co.	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 Co.	E. H. Martin	W. S. Brinkley
1936 Marlboro, 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	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1942 New Cross Roads, Carroll Co.	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1943 New Bethel, Henry Co.	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1944 Westport, Carroll Co.	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1945 Marlboro, Carroll Co.	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1946 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1947 Pleasant Grove, Henderson Co.	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1948 Old Union, Benton Co.	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley

RULES OF DECORUM SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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

Article 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot, 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 member 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 shall 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 open 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 depart from the subject or make 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 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 members in addressing each other.

Article 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be re-proved 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 may deem it necessary.

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

CONSTITUTION

Article I. The Association shall be called the SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, known as an advisory council.

Article II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such 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 delegates, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.

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

Article V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons 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, so soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their member's names enrolled, provided, also shall not 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 such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

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

Article X. Any church of this union having a difficulty that she cannot settle may call help from 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 ministers, and other members, such as the church may deem most suitable, to examine the individuals and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the gospel to the churches, which shall or it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; and there are three persons in this one God—the Father, the Word and Holy Spirit; and this Triune God is the only object of religious worship and adoration, and that all worship paid anything less in the name of God is idolatry and abomination in His sight.

3. We believe that God created man good and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became sinful and depraved; and as a natural consequence, that his posterity by ordinary generations are involved in all the consequences of his fall.

4. We believe that man, by nature has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition, and unless God Himself had provided a way of salvation, that all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because all have sinned.

5. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His Death; being risen from the dead, is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with

Divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

6. We believe that fallen man has nothing, and can do nothing, of himself, to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hopes of pardon, justification, redemption and sanctification are derived alone from the merits of Christ.

7. We believe that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the efficacious plea He makes before the throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-adorned sacrifice.

8. We believe the Holy Spirit—the third person in the Trinity—is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the Gospel plain and acceptable.

9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are freely justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is all and upon that believes.

10. We believe that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall never finally be lost.

11. We believe that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ who give evidence of a change of heart, and have been regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in hands of any one man, or number of men, distinct from the body, but that it is left with the whole church.

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

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

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

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

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

18. We believe that the Gospel with all its obligation, 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.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF DECORUM OF THE BAPTIST OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHANS HOME, CAMDEN, TENNESSEE

Article 1.—Object and purpose.

Section 1. The object of this Institution is to care for and support aged ministers, ministers wives, dependent widows of ministers, and orphan and half orphan children. To effect this benevolent design the management of this Institution shall accept donations and shall hold and administer property thus acquired according to the expressed wish of the donors, when such wishes are not inconsistent of the regulations of the Institution. When no specific wish is expressed by the donors the funds and property given shall be held and administered according to the regulations of the Home. Donations and bequeaths with the view of becoming permanent investments shall be securely guarded, and shall be used only for such purposes as may be indicated by the donor.

Section 2. Orphan children of either sex of the white race may be admitted into this Institution, and shall be retained, not only with the view of giving them comfortable support, but further, of according them such literary, industrial, vocational and Christian training as will fit them for self support and good citizenship.

Article 2.—Reception of children, aged Ministers, ministers' wives, and widows of Ministers.

Section 1. It shall be the policy of the Home to receive destitute children when orphan or half orphans.

Section 2. The religious faith of parentage of children applying for admission into the Home shall not be considered as a bar to their admission into this Institution.

Section 3. No child abnormal in body or mind shall be admitted into the Home as an inmate.

Section 4. No child shall be brought to the home until after due notice that the application has been accepted has been received by those in charge of such a child. All children approved by the management of the Home, to enter the Home, must be delivered to the Home free of cost to the Institution.

Section 5. No child over fourteen years of age will be received into the Home, and those under two years old will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent and Matron.

Section 6. No child shall be received into the Home except by legal consignment, acknowledged before a notary by the legal custodian of the child, and in all regular instances the application for admission into Home must be indorsed by a Missionary Baptist Church that will certify personal knowledge of conditions and worthiness of the applicant, except when applicant is known personally to the management of the Home.

Section 7. Such destitute ordained Ministers, Ministers' Wives or Widows who are not abnormal in body or mind, are properly recommended by a Missionary Baptist Church, or are personally known by the management to be worthy applicants may be received into the Home.

Article 3.—Children going out of the Home.

Section 1. Eighteen years shall be the age limit to the residence of a child in the Home. It shall be the policy of the Home to keep in touch with, and to advise and assist in all helpful ways, those who go out from the Institution to seek a higher education or to enter business. No child shall be dismissed from the Home at the age limit until some definite place of abode and work is secured.

Section 2. It shall be the practice of the Home not to engage in the practice of having children adopted, but to keep them in the Home until they are able to provide a livelihood for themselves.

Article 4.—Board of Managers.

Section 1. The Managers shall consist of seven Trustees.

Section 2. The Trustees shall be chosen from the various Churches composing the Southwestern District Baptist Association, and shall serve indefinitely.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees must always consist of members who are SOUND and FAITHFUL supporters of the TRUE Doctrine and practice of the Direct Missionary Baptist.

Section 4. Should a vacancy occur in the Board of Trustees, the remaining Trustees may select a member to fill such vacancy.

Article 5.—Meetings, Quorum.

Section 1. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be annual, special and called. The first Thursday following the annual meeting of the Southwestern District Baptist Association shall be a permanent fixed date for the annual meeting of the Trustees.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be held at the place and at the time agreed upon by the Chairman, and five members shall constitute a Quorum. It shall require a majority of the Board of Trustees to constitute a quorum for the purpose of the purchasing or the selling of property.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board of Managers may call a meeting at any time as necessity may demand, and five shall constitute a quorum, such meetings to be at any place convenient.

Article 6.—Election of Officers.

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall annually elect from their number a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, an Assistant-Secretary, and also a Superintendent, but who is not required to be one of their number. When agreeable with the Trustees, and the Superintendent, the Superintendent shall be the Treasurer of the home also. The wife of the Superintendent shall be the Matron of the home. In case of death or resignation on the part of any one of the Trustees, a successor to fill such a vacancy shall be selected by the remaining Trustees. Should any member of the Board of Trustees become unloyal or prove to be unsound in the faith the remaining members shall call for his resignation, and if necessary they may declare his place vacant by a majority vote of the remaining members and select his successor immediately.

Section 2. Should either the Superintendent or the Matron become unloyal to the regulations of the home, or should they prove to be untrue to the faith of Direct Missionary Baptist, it shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to call for their resignation and if necessary they may declare their place vacant by a majority vote of the Trustees, and select their successors immediately.

Article 7.—The Chairman.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to attend and preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, and perform all other such duties as his office requires. In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman shall perform all the duties of the Chairman.

Article 8.—The Secretary.

Section 1. The Secretary shall keep in a well-bound volume a correct record of all the proceedings of the Board of Trustees. He shall

preserve all papers committed to his charge, and give notice of all meetings of the Board of Trustees. At the termination of his office, he shall deliver to his successor all books, records, and papers pertaining to his office. In the absence of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary shall perform all the duties of the Secretary.

Article 9.—The Treasurer

Section 1. The Treasurer who may or who may not be the Superintendent shall keep a full and complete record of all properties, such as Deeds, evidences of debt, and moneys belonging to the Institution. He shall keep in a well-bound volume accurate and detailed accounts of all moneys and property received by him and of his Disbursements and Investments, and at each annual meeting, and oftener, if required, make a detailed report of his transactions. He shall report to the Board of Trustees at each meeting the aggregate receipts and itemized list of his disbursements since the previous meeting of the Board of Trustees. His books shall be audited at least once a year. The condition of the Bond shall be for the honest and faithful discharge of his office.

Section 2. All money, or property, belonging to the Institution, and in the custody of the Treasurer, may be kept by him in such bank or banks as the Board of Trustees may designate. At the close of his term he shall turn over to his successor, all books and records pertaining to his office, and all money, other property, deeds, etc., belonging to the Institution.

Article 10.—The Superintendent.

Section 1. The Old Ministers and Orphans Home shall be under the supervision and management of a general officer to be called the Superintendent of the Home.

Section 2. He shall reside at or in close proximity to the Home as the Trustees may provide.

Section 3. He shall have charge of all buildings, furniture and other such property belonging to the Institution, and shall use care and diligence in preserving the same from injury or loss. He shall, with the Trustees, have charge of the construction of all improvements directed to be made.

Section 4. He shall, with the approval of the Trustees, have power to select and appoint all necessary employees of the Institution, and to prescribe their duties, and to dismiss the same for valid cause, provided no office shall be created by him.

Section 5. He may, with the concurrence of the Trustees, receive into the Institution such applicants as the regulations embrace within the scope of its benefactions.

Section 6. He shall, as far as practical, keep a correct record of the names, ages, parentage, etc., of the inmates received into the Home and the localities from which they come, and the day of their admission and removal.

Section 7. As it is the design of this Institution to provide, for those who come under its care, a plain and substantial maintenance under conditions favorable to their health and happiness and the growth of children. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to observe such watchful supervision over their diet, clothing, exercise, and the general sanitary needs of the Institution as may be necessary to these ends.

Section 8. As it is the object of this Institution to afford all the influence and impress of a Christian Home, the Superintendent will be expected to observe and maintain such regulations and standards in the daily life of the household as will be most conducive to these ends.

Regularity, promptness, and system in the daily life of the inmates should be prime requisites, and respect for authority, obedience to regulations, reverence for character and for sacred institutions of all kinds, should be enjoined and make all-persuasive principles of the Institution. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to afford the inmates the best religious privileges, and as far as possible to lead the children to become Christians, and in a general way teach them the Bible.

Section 9. As it is the object of this Institution to send forth such children as may be committed to its care, prepared for self-support and independence in life, and to become useful members in society, it shall be the aim and endeavor of the Superintendent that they may be taught in the elementary branches of literature and to see that the children are trained to various arts of industry, as their ages, capacities, and facilities provided by the cooperation of the Trustees may justify.

Section 10. He shall report from time to time to the Trustees as to the conditions and needs of the home, and shall encourage such cooperation and assistance in the responsible duties of his office as they may be able to give. At the close of each associational year he shall submit a general report in writing, which shall be laid before the Trustees, and read at the Southwestern District Baptist Association.

Article 11.—Religious Faith of Employees.

Section 1. The Superintendent, all Matrons, Housekeepers, Teachers and other administrative employees of the Home must be members, in good standing, of Missionary Baptist Churches of the Direct Missionary Baptist faith.

Article 12.—Amendments.

Section 1. No amendments to the above By-Laws that shall have a tendency to deviate from the faith and practice of Direct Missionary Baptist shall ever be made by any group including the messengers of the Southwestern District Baptist Association, or any committee or otherwise.

Section 2. No further By-Laws shall be written, nor shall the above By-Laws be amended until authorized by a two-third majority vote of the Messengers in regular annual session of the Southwestern District Baptist Association, and such authorization must not conflict with the regular faith and practices of Direct Missionary Baptist.

The above By-Laws were read and adopted by the following Board of Trustees, (who were selected by the Southwestern District Baptist Association while in regular session at the Marlboro Baptist Church, Vale, Tenn., October 13, 1945, and who were authorized by the Messengers of the said Association to draft and approve new By-Laws for the future government of the Baptist Old Ministers and Orphans Home, Camden, Tenn.) in special meeting at the Baptist Old Ministers and Orphans Home, Camden, Tenn., October 24, 1945:

GUY MOORE, Chairman
F. L. JORDAN, Asst. Chm.
A. J. TALLEY
R. R. HASTINGS
T. L. CAMPBELL, Secretary
L. H. BROWN, Asst. Sec.

Members of the Westport Baptist Church called upon legislative leaders to clean up entertainment establishments in a resolution passed at the conference of that group:

The resolution follows:

"We, the membership of Westport Baptist Church, a collective group of Christian individuals, appreciating fully the complete separation of church and state, but appreciating further the common aim of a Christian citizenship and a law abiding citizenship to secure and establish for the youth of our county, state and nation a security from the seducing influence of certain legal and illegal practices, do petition the law enforcing powers of our county to accept the cooperation of our group in banishing from our county the sale of all intoxicating drink by individuals, licensed beer dealers, road houses and club houses.

"We further petition our legislative representatives to seek the enactment of legislation which would prohibit the licensing of club houses for public dancing for profit. All such places to be licensed only to civic or community groups for mutually maintaining entertainment to which the general public is not invited without membership in the respective groups.

"We further petition our legislative representatives to seek the enactment of legislation which would prohibit the erection of billboards along our public highways carrying advertisements of intoxicants or other products containing habit forming drugs which have a tendency to weaken the physical body; or which carry pictures of a lewd or obscene nature.

"We further petition our legislative representatives to seek the enactment of legislation which would prohibit opening of the theaters of our county for other than sacred services at any hour on Sunday.

"We appeal to our congressional representatives to seek the establishment of a board of censors with authority to prohibit indecent advertising in pictures or writing, in our nationally circulated magazines and if such a board is in existence that they seek to enforce action.

"We further appeal to our congressional representatives to seek the enforcement of a more rigid censorship on the motion picture films produced for showing in the theaters of our nation; that a more wholesome standard of decency in costuming and action in pictures be established.

"We appeal to the Christians of our country to pledge themselves to non-attendance at all places of questionable amusement until a more righteous standard of morals has been established.

"We petition those in charge of plans for our county fair and annual homecoming that they seek to prohibit all games of chance and side shows of questionable character.

"We believe the above mentioned practices to be influences for evil which will weaken the physical and moral character of our youth and the Christian stamina of our nation to that extent that they constitute an immediate threat to the security of our nation. We pledge our support, moral and active, to any move toward the abolition of such evils.

"We invite the cooperation of all religious groups in a crusade for the safety of our youth, the security of their future and the promotion of Christian society. We urge that all religious groups publicly declare their convictions.

"L. H. Brown, Moderator,
Graden Odle, Clerk."

(Resolution adopted by the Westport Baptist Church in conference assembled Sept. 8, 1946.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Churches	Superintendent and Post Office	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Gifts and Expenses
Bethel.....	Robert Noles, Huntingdon, Tenn.....	7	35	\$ 35.00
Cross Roads.....	Mitchell Rayborn, Camden, Tenn.....	6	50	
Chalk Hill.....	Wallace Floyd, Camden, Tenn.....	7	119	40.00
Cedar Hill.....	J. W. Smith, Parsons, Tenn.....	6	40	34.80
Ephesus.....	Billie Myers, Mansfield, Tenn.....	6	35	4.85
Flatwoods.....	E. A. Franks, Holladay, Tenn.....	7	85	27.45
Marlsboro.....	G. W. Carter, Vale, Tenn.....	6	60	125.45
New Bethel.....	B. H. Dinkins, Henry, Tenn.....	6	50	33.00
New Cross Roads.....	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.....	7	34	
New Prospect.....	Edd Gibson, Holladay, Tenn.....	6		
New Spring Hill.....	Wayne Bedwell, Huntingdon, Tenn.....	6	50	34.00
Old Union.....	Claud Ellis, Holladay, Tenn.....	6	25	7.00
Orthodox.....	Buford Allen, Bemis, Tenn.....	16	87	48.91
Pleasant Grove.....	G. W. Williams, Wildersville, Tenn.....	10	70	450.81
Pleasant Ridge.....	H. M. Bonds, Bruceton, Tenn.....	5		73.64
Rushing Creek.....	H. G. Stockdale, Camden, Tenn.....	7	60	50.00
Shiloh.....	G. W. Fullerton, Holladay, Tenn.....	4	40	3.00
Westport.....	John Blount, Westport, Tenn.....	9		85.10
Yuma.....	Riley Allen, Huntingdon, Tenn.....	7	60	45.00

1948 STATISTICAL TABLE — SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Church Day		Letter Restoration	Total	Letter Exclusions	Deaths	Total	Membership	Revivals	Observances L. S.	Repairs, Fuel, Janitors, Etc.	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Incidentals	Printing of Minutes	Gifts to Orphanages	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Grand Total of all
			Baptisms	Restoration																
Akins Chapel	C. D. Mullins, Pinson, Tenn.	Mrs. Rhode Taylor, Sugar Tree	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	1	1	1	\$ 125.24	\$ 37.50	\$ 1.50				\$ 164.24
Bible Grove	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	V. L. Wood, Lexington, Tenn.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	153	1	1	1	220.00	102.25	5.00	10.00			338.25
Bethel	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Coy Rock, McKenzie, Tenn.	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	139	1	1	1	196.25	106.67	5.00			12.50	320.42
Concord	Clarence Carter, Huntingdon	Clyde McCormick, Huntingdon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	115	1	1	1	33.53	186.47	45.49	3.83	18.67	63.10	347.26
Cross Roads	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	149	1	1	1	283.94	75.00	4.25	3.75			335.75
Caledonia	Clarence Carter, Huntingdon	Rufus Hastings, Henry, Tenn.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	73	1	1	1	112.50	143.00	126.79	4.20	3.00	156.20	625.74
Chalk Hill	Clarence Carter, Huntingdon	Wallace Floyd, Camden, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	127	1	1	1	63.00	335.60	126.82	2.40		99.94	716.46
Cedar Hill	W. A. Moody, Parsons, Tenn.	Ralph Guldage, Parsons, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	201	1	1	1	272.73	351.00	123.00	3.11		100.00	846.73
Eagle Creek	Paul Hall, Camden, Tenn.	Margaret Morrison, Eagle Creek	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	76	1	1	1	150.00		1.25		28.21		245.51
Ephesus	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Myrtle Beeter, Mansfield, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	1	1	1	17.85	108.50	12.37	3.25	8.40		150.47
Fiat Woods	W. A. Moody, Parsons, Tenn.	D. E. McIlwain, Rt. 3, Holladay	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	118	1	1	1	114.35	442.98	103.43	2.50	43.90	11.00	717.80
Marlboro	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	Elwood Carver, Vale, Tenn.	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	116	1	1	1	201.00	119.13	4.78				380.15
Mt. Comfort	Lucky Brown, Bruceton, Tenn.	G. C. Parish, Westport, Tenn.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	191	1	1	1	2.64	134.26	32.36	2.75		24.90	194.66
Mixie	R. L. Myers, Mansfield, Tenn.	Mrs. Neil Thomas, Hollow Rock	all	3	4	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1			1.25	73.35			74.60
Mt. Pisgah	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	G. T. Hatch, Wildersville, Tenn.	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	146	1	1	1	6.00	171.67	6.50	4.00	29.00		216.57
New Bethel	Clarence Carter, Huntingdon	G. C. Perry, Henry, Tenn.	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	159	1	1	1	136.75	240.25	216.94	5.00	57.11	31.20	664.83
New Cross Roads	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	1	1	1	258.63	418.83	57.75	5.00		6.50	740.93
New Prospect	C. L. Haggard, Holladay, Tenn.	Ray Clift, Holladay, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	187	1	1	1	176.00	450.00		4.25			630.25
New Liberty	Oscar DePriest, Huntingdon	Elizabeth Ross, Cedar Grove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	173.30	83.75	2.60		8.94	31.68	297.37
New Hope	W. H. Hopper, Jackson, Tenn.	Mrs. C. E. Carrington, Westport	3	12	1	1	1	1	1	143	1	1	1	350.00	150.00	105.00	5.00	7.50		612.50
New Spring Hill	Lucky Brown, Bruceton, Tenn.	Maxie W. Patterson, Huntingdon	3	17	1	1	1	1	1	36	1	1	1	84.63	168.75	88.35	5.00	14.50		356.61
Old Union	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Glady C. Allen, Holladay, Tenn.	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	58	1	1	1	6.50	119.26	32.45	3.00	10.61		168.83
Orthodox	L. H. Brown, Jackson, Tenn.	B. C. Arbill, Bemis, Tenn.	all	3	11	1	1	1	1	272	1	1	1	3121.80	1,800.00	170.92	7.00	73.00	31.00	5,717.57
Oak Grove	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	C. L. Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	218	1	1	1	200.00		6.20	111.47			311.47
Pleasant Hill	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	W. J. Allen, Buena Vista, Tenn.	2	25	7	1	1	1	1	369	1	1	1	24.70	165.00	57.00	6.75	82.71	38.50	383.14
Pleasant Grove	L. H. Brown, Jackson, Tenn.	G. W. Williams, Wildersville	4	3	9	1	1	1	1	142	1	1	1	162.71	334.75	61.62	5.00	27.00	120.25	606.35
Pleasant Ridge	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	J. Robert Paschall, Camden	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	43.00	301.25	180.75	6.00	11.00		596.04
Pushing Creek	J. D. McMillin, Huntingdon	R. T. Willhoit, Camden, Tenn.	4	24	3	1	1	1	1	90	1	1	1	60.00	250.00	103.00	3.00	7.00		420.00
Shiloh	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	M. W. Fullerton, Holladay, Tenn.	3		3	1	1	1	1	64	1	1	1	150.00		5.00				153.90
Westport	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	G. C. Spellings, Westport, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	207	1	1	1	79.00	250.75	32.50	5.00	24.00	147.45	624.51
Yuma	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	Mrs. J. F. Gooch, Yuma, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	208	1	1	1	155.20	250.00	40.00	3.00	41.43	33.00	621.53