

1949

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDREDTH AND ONE ANNUAL SESSION

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

CROSS ROADS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Camden, Benton County, Tennessee

OCTOBER 7, 8, 9, 1949

OFFICERS

Eld. E. F. Prince, Moderator.....Hollow Rock, Tenn.
Eld. John Hedge, Asst. Moderator.....Camden, Tenn.
Eld. T. L. Campbell, Clerk.....Huntingdon, Tenn.
Bro. Dorsey Dameron, Asst. Clerk.....Yuma, Tenn.

NEXT SESSION

Will be held with Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church,
four miles North of Chesterfield, Henderson County, be-
ginning on Friday, before the Second Sunday in October,
1950, at 10 O'clock a. m.

SERMONS

Introductory Sermon.....Eld. John Hedge
AlternateEld. E. L. Hampton

Missionary Sermon.....Eld. Clarence Carter
Alternate.....Eld. E. L. Hampton

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 7, 1949

1. The Southwestern District Association met with Cross Roads Baptist Church, Benton County, Tennessee, pursuant to adjournment.
2. In singing "Amazing Grace."
3. Were then led in prayer by Bro. Onnie Blankenship.
4. The Moderator read Psalms 24th chapter. After a short talk by the Moderator the body was called ready for business.
5. The Moderator appointed pastor and deacons of host church on Divine Service.
6. Appointed brethren, Dorsey Dameron, Robert Noles, Martin May as Finance Committee.
7. Appointed Eld. Clarence Carter and Bro. Robbie Norwood as reading clerks.
8. The hour having arrived for preaching the Introductory Sermon.
9. The appointee, Bro. T. L. Campbell, acting as clerk, so Bro. A. U. Nunnery was selected to preach.
10. The body sang, "A Soul Winner For Jesus."
11. Bro. A. U. Nunnery read a few verses in Jude and then led in prayer. Text, Jude 3: "Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints."
12. Body sang, "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago," and a hand was extended to Bro. A. U. Nunnery.
13. Called for announcements. Motion and second to adjourn one hour for refreshments. Dismissed by Bro. W. A. Moody.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

14. After a bountiful dinner prepared by the church and community, the body came together by singing, "I'll Meet You In the Morning." Bro. Robert Noles led the body in prayer.
15. The Moderator made a short talk and declared the body ready for business. Bro. Hampton was appointed reading clerk in the absence of Bro. Carter.
16. Call for Petitionary Letters. White Chapel, 5 miles north of Jackson and Bolen's Chapel, Lexington, presented their letters of admission.
17. Which by motion and second was received.
18. A motion and second to go into election of Moderator and Clerk. Eld. E. F. Prince was chosen Moderator, T. L. Campbell, Clerk; Eld. John Hedge, Assistant Moderator, Bro. Dorsey Dameron, Assistant Clerk.
19. Motion and second that the body sing a song and have prayer in memory of Bro. Scott Brinkley. The body sang, "Precious Memories," then Bro. Dorsey Dameron led in prayer.
20. There was a motion and second that this Association give Enon and Wiseman Association, each, one-third interest in The Old Ministers and Orphans Home. This motion carried unanimously.
21. There was a motion and second that the Trustees of the Old Ministers and Orphans Home meet with representatives of Enon and Wiseman Association and draw up by-laws and deed according to the act of this body.
22. Bro. John Hedge, Lusk Brown and E. O. Bond were appointed nominating committee.
23. Motion and second to select place for next session. Bible Grove was choice of the body.
24. Appointed Eld. John Hedge to preach Introductory Sermon with Eld. E. L. Hampton, alternate.
25. Motion and second to adjourn until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.
27. Dismissed by Elwood Carver.

SATURDAY MORNING

28. The body came together by singing "Camping In Canaan." Were then led in prayer by Eld. E. H. Martin.
29. The Moderator read 55 chapter of Isaiah and made a short talk.
30. The Moderator declared the body ready for business.
31. Called for reports on topics.
32. Motion and second to give chairman ten minutes, all others 5 minutes.
33. There was a motion and second that we take up an offering for Old Ministers and Orphans Home, and we received \$62.98.
34. Motion and second that we adjourn one hour for refreshments. Benediction by Eld. L. H. Brown.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

35. After a bountiful dinner the body came together by singing "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."
36. Eld Mitchell Rayburn led the body in prayer.
37. The Moderator made a short talk and declared the body ready for business.
38. There was a motion and second to read reports on topics and pass them without discussion that we might give Eld. E. H. Martin more time to preach.
39. Read and adopted all topics.
40. Call for new business. There was a motion and second that the body appoint Elders L. H. Brown, E. F. Prince, A. U. Nunnery to help the prepare the resolution.
42. A motion and second that the clerk draw-up a resolution in memory of Bro. Scott Brinkley and put his picture in the Minutes.
43. By motion and second called for report of Finance Committee. Minute Fund \$134.16.
44. Home Missions \$6.00; Orphans Home \$38.68.
45. Time having arrived for sermon by Eld. E. H. Martin. He was seated in a chair in front of the stand, read some Scriptures from 3rd chapter of John and preached a soul-stirring sermon. The body sang a song and gave Bro. Martin a hand of endorsement and as the congregation came by they laid \$50.00 on the table for him.
46. There was a motion and second that the Trustees of the Orphans Home meet with the Trustees of the Enon and Wiseman Associations and select from the seven present Trustees, whatever number than Enon and Wiseman Trustees may suggest.
47. Motion and second to adjourn until 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Benediction by Bro. Frank Deeter.

SUNDAY MORNING

48. The body came together by singing "I'll Fly Away."
49. Prayer by Bro. Ray Smith.
50. Moderators read some Scripture from 14th Chapter of St. John. After a short talk by Moderator he declared the body ready for business.
51. A motion and second that we enter in the Minutes that Cross Roads Church has been organized 100 years.
52. Minutes read and adopted.
53. The body sang "All Alone."
54. Eld. John Hedge read Luke 1: 5-21, then used Matthew 28:19-20. His subject: "Go," and preached a good message and the Association closed to meet with Bible Grove in Henderson county on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1950.
55. Dismissed by Eld. T. L. Campbell.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

We your Committee on Benevolence submit the following: To care for those in need and distress is a Scriptural principle. We feel it our duty as Christians to care for those who cannot care for themselves. Especially poor orphan children, and aged ministers who have given their lives for the glory and honor of God. We have in our bounds The Baptist Old Ministers and Orphans Home which is supported by the Baptist Churches and people of our country. James 1:27 says "Pure Religion and undefiled: Before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world." —Committee: Glennie Quinn, James Cooper. Spoken to by Bro. Quinn, Bro. Hopper.

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; He 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 persons. 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 cannot 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 unto all the world." We recommend that churches of this body 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 ring in our hearts and minds, "Go - Ye."

COMMITTEE.

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 EDUCATION

Education is information, knowledge, obtained through the five senses, but especially those of seeing and hearing, and knowledge thus obtained begins soon after birth and continues to the end of life's journey. Therefore, it is clearly evident that the environments in which we live and the sources of our information are of vital importance, and in order for said condition to be possible it is of utmost importance that family life, community and government conditions, and the influence of churches, as "cities on a hill," all be in harmony with God's will and purpose, and with His Word multiplied centuries before Christ was born, civilization and education had been developed in Egypt to the extent that our best educated people of today have

not attained to and thus can only ponder at some of their achievements, and such is also true as to the wonderful progress in education, architecture, art, etc., of the four world empires of "Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece and Rome," but also all those empires and their accomplishments were without the knowledge of the religion of the only True God. Therefore about all that remains of their worldly splendor, knowledge and achievements, is fragments of their successes, and today we should solemnly and seriously take heed and restore our educational system and back the attitude of putting christian principles first and churches in a general way need to place more emphasis, than is now manifest, on the last part of Christ's Commission to His Churches "Teaching Them to Observe All Things Whatsoever I Have Commanded You."

COMMITTEE — J. ROBT. PASCHALL

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg to submit the following report: We believe that every community should have an Evergreen Sunday School, and the parents should take their children and not just send them. We think by doing so they will become christians at an earlier age. By carrying them to Sunday School their minds will be on the things of God and not on the world. We find the blessed Word says "Bring A Child Up in the Nature and Admonition of the Lord and 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 and our everyday life. We find in the juvenile courts there is a small number of children who were raised in the Sunday School that commit crime. Sunday School makes us better men and women. 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 today as long ago people breaking the Sabbath Day even church members at worldly gatherings when they should be at church or Sunday School. So lets all examine ourselves and see if we think God is pleased with our lives.

COMMITTEE: H. M. BOND; W. R. COLE.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We, your committee on Prayer Meeting, submit the following. We believe all christians should assemble once a week or more in prayer meeting because Jesus tells us to pray without ceasing. Peter, therefore, was kept in prison but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him, Acts 12-5. God's Word tells us "If my people which are called by My Name shall humble themselves and pray and seek My Face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins and will heal their land. 2. Chron. 7.14.

COMMITTEE: BRO. LUSKY BROWN, MITCHELL RAYBURN.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: We believe the Baptist Church is God's lighthouse, and that we, as such, should walk as children of light, and that we should be pure from any kind of strong drink. We also believe that we should teach our children that it is a crime to in any way assist in such an ungodly thing. We also believe that we should teach them to lay down our politics when we go to the polls to vote and vote for the man whom we believe will stand with God's people against strong drink. Strong drink, as we know it, is wrecking homes, damning souls, destroying health and lives. We believe that we should stop talking so much about it and go to doing something about it.

COMMITTEE: W. H. HOPPER, DORSEY DAMERON.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We believe parents should be very careful what kind of literature we have in our homes for our children to read. There is so much unsound literature put out that will poison the minds of our children. We should direct their minds to the Bible first of all, then we recommend good, sound Baptist papers such as the Independent Baptist Voice and The Forerunner which contains the truth and the truth makes us free and free indeed.

COMMITTEE: EDD COOPER, FLOYD COLE.

REPORT OF BRO. FRED L. JORDAN, TREASURER, BAPTIST OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHANS HOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1949:

INCOME

Cash received from churches and individuals up to and including 10-1-49	\$5,800.50
Food, clothing, Xmas goods etc., donated	844.98
Cash in bank October 1, 1948	253.98
Total to be accounted for	\$6,899.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Grocery, feed, gasoline, hardware, etc.	1,820.80
Dry goods, shoes, etc.	204.23
Telephone expenses	19.44
Seed, fertilizer, lime, etc., 1948 and 1949	727.67
Electricity	77.20
Truck repair	314.15
Labor	571.94
Insurance for three years	97.50
Repair on house, furnishings, drugs, etc.	318.26
Postage	11.00
Haircuts for boys	8.80
Burials dues	9.15
Food, clothing, Xmas goods used	884.98
Unpaid Supt. Salary for 1948	600.00
Supt. from Oct. 1, 1948 to Sept. 1, 1949	1,100.00
Season on five calves	7.50
Dry cleaning for children's clothing	8.80
Cash in Bank October 1, 1949	158.04
Total Disbursements	\$6,899.46

OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES

One month's salary to Supt. unpaid	100.00
To P. D. Barnes, gasoline, groceries, feed, etc.	212.48
Benton county co-op store, seed, lime and fertilizer	161.25
Dardin Lumber Co., material	54.40
Total	\$ 528.13

Respectfully submitted, This October 1, 1949

Fred L. Jordan, Treasurer; Ed Cooper, Supt.

FARM REPORT

Submitted by Edd Cooper, Supt. Old Ministers and Orphans Home for the year ending October 1, 1949:

We have planted 40 to 50 acres of corn, 20 acres of which is fair, and the remainder is practically lost due to excess rain.

We have 20 to 25 acres of cotton which will make about one-half crop due to excess rain and ravages of the boll weevil.

Our hay is good. The 15 acres making about 700 bales; 3-4 acres sweet potatoes making 35 bushels; 3-4 acre Irish potatoes making 30 bushels.

We have 5 milch cows, ranging in age from 3 to 6 years; one bull coming two years old; 19 head of hogs.

Have sold farm produce, cattle and hogs to the amount of \$1,622.98 since October 1, 1948 to October 1, 1949. We have four acres of fresh sown alfalfa. We have spread over 70 loads of barnyard fertilizer on the farm during the year.

This October 1, 1949.

EDD COOPER, Supt.

REPORT ON BARN BUILDING FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance in bank Nov. 7, 1948	21.20
Received at Association	10.00
October 15, J. L. Merrick	30.00
November 1, Caledonia	32.33
December 14, New Prospect Church	19.00
Mrs. R. E. Gray, Troy, Tenn.	1000.00

\$1112.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Note at Bank of Camden	750.00
Balance	\$62.59
Transferred to general funds	

F. L. JORDAN, Treasurer of Barn Building Funds.

VOTE OF THANKS

We, as members and messengers of the S. W. D. Association, express our appreciation to pastor and members of Cross Roads 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: T. L. CAMPBELL

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

	By Letter
1. Atkins Chapel	Onie Blankenship, Estelle Blankenship
2. Bolens Chapel	V. L. Wood, Ollie Lewis
3. Bible Grove	C. F. Carter, Robert Noles
4. Bethel	John Grissom, R. R. Hastings
5. Caledonia	Dewey Waugh, Martin May
6. Concord	Rod V. Umstead, Wallace Floyd
7. Chalk Hill	J. R. Hicks, Leskie Pierce
8. Cross Roads	Joe Evans, Ralph Gullledge
9. Cedar Hill	Cecil Brown, Luther Hastings
10. Ephesus	Mrs. M. D. Ashby, Mrs. L. N. Peebles
11. Eagle Creek	Elwood Carver, Linnie Carver
12. Marlboro	Brother and Sister Leon A. Franks
13. Flatwoods	G. C. Parish, Leon A. Franks
14. Mt. Comfort	Dorsey Dameron, Covie Brewer
15. Mt. Pisgah	

16. Mixie	Bob Simmons, Sister Neal Thomas
17. New Bethel	Horace Vaughn, Warren Owens
18. New Cross Roads	T. L. Campbell, Austin Johnson
19. New Prospect	M. E. Gibson, Guy Moore
20. New Hope	Bro. and Sister Neal Hollowell
21. New Liberty	Homer Williamson, Luther Gurley
22. New Spring Hill	Maxie Patterson, Robert Bedwell
23. Old Union	Glennie Quinn, James Cooper
24. Orthodox	L. H. Brown, O. E. Azbill
25. Oak Grove	John Brown, Robbie Norwood
26. Pleasant Hill	Noah Jordan, James Abbott
27. Pleasant Grove	A. J. Tolley, Audrey Tolley
28. Rushing Creek	Bro. and Sister Buford Sparks, Jr.
29. Pleasant Ridge	N. C. Williams, H. M. Bond
30. Shiloh	Howard Pritchard, James Fullerton
31. Yuma	Jim Robinson, George Robinson
32. Westport	Sam Smith, Curtis Rogers
33. Whites Chapel	Bro. and Sister Jim Ringold

MINISTERIAL LIST

Name and Church	Postoffice
Birch, H. S., Yuma	Westport, Tenn.
Brewer, Eather, Mt. Arant	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.
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.
Wood, E. G., Natchez Trace	Wildersville, Tenn.
Quinn, Glennie, Old Union	Holladay, Tenn.
Fuller, George, Eagle Creek	Eagle Creek, Tenn.
Smith, Silas, New Prospect	Holladay, Tenn.
Hooper, W. H., New Hope	Jackson, Tenn.
Hampton, E. L., Orthodox	Bemis, Tenn.
Pratt, Ellis, White Chapel	Bemis, Tenn.

LICENTIATES LIST

Name and Church	Postoffice
Abbott, J. D., Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Abbott, James, Pleasant Hill	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Bawcom, S. E., New Prospect	Old Hickory, Tenn.
Cole, Floyd, Pleasant Hill	Bruceton, Tenn.
Noles, Robert, Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Simpson, Ebern, New Spring Hill	Cedar Grove, Tenn.
Taylor, T. L., New Bethel	McKenzie, Tenn.
Rogers, Clint, Mt. Comfort	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Dameron, O. L., Mt. Pisgah	Yuma, Tenn.
Rayburn, Mitchell, Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.
Deeter, Frank, Ephesus	Mansfield, Tenn.



BRO. SCOTT BRINKLEY

May God comfort the hearts of the bereaved and console them by his Divine Grace.

Bro. Scott Brinkley was born in Carroll County, Tenn.

He was converted as a young man and united with Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

In 1927 he was ordained to the Deaconship filling this place with credit to himself and to the cause.

In 1930 he was elected Clerk of this Association and served until death.

In 1913 he was married to Miss Hassie Parish. To this union was born six children.

He was a good man, honest and upright in his dealings with his fellowman and devoted to his church, his pastor and to the work of God.

Truly his church and this Association have lost one of their most devoted members.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

CALADONIA	MT. COMFORT	OAK GROVE
Mrs. B. H. Allen	C. F. Bateman	Alonzo Norden
Mrs. J. L. Browning	W. N. Hampton	W. S. Brinkley (D)
	Marion Hatch	Addie Smothers
CONCORD	NEW BETHEL	
W. J. Bates	Jennie Rigsby	Mattie Jones
	John Bawcom	Florence Nolen
CHALK HILL		PLEASANT HILL
Mrs. M. J. Dye	Joe McDaniel	D. B. Furr
	Vader Nash	Florence Smith
CROSS ROADS	NEW CROSS ROADS	PLEASANT GROVE
J. L. Kirk (D)	S. A. Pettigrew	W. C. Lindsey (D)
Lee Jones	Olin Wood	Kern Hodge
	Burlie Bateman	
CEDAR HILL	NEW PROSPECT	PLEASANT RIDGE
Billy Johnson	Genora Evans	Bud Johnson
	Victoria Quinn	
FLAT WOODS	ORTHODOX	SHILOH
Arion Oxford	Bessie Copley	Della Morris Jordan
	Romie Kennon	Tom Riggs
MARLSBORO		YUMA
Mavie Allen	J. F. Morgan	Bill Gordon
M. A. Pace		

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. F. 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. Newsom	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	D. H. Franks
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
1949	Cross Roads, Benton Co.	E. F. Prince	T. L. Campbell

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-adorning sacrifice.

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

9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are freely justified by the righteousness of Christ, which 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 Marisboro 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.

"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.

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 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.)

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Body at its regular meeting for the entire District of Tennessee that the Federal Council of Churches of Christ have not been authorized and do not represent the Southwestern District Association of Missionary Baptists of Tennessee now or at any time.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by this body that a copy of this resolution be sent to all of the Congressmen and Senators from Tennessee and to the President of the United States, so that they may be advised of the true facts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Association.

Passed at regular session on October 8, 1949 at Old Cross Roads Church, Benton County, Tennessee.

T. L. CAMPBELL,
Association Clerk

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Churches	Superintendent and Post Office	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Gifts and Expenses
Bolens Chapel.....	Ethel Sparks, Lexington, Tenn.....	5	22	\$ 12.40
Bethel.....	Robert Noles, McKenzie, Tenn.....	7	45	40.00
Chalk Hill.....	Wallace Floyd, Camden, Tenn.....	8	138	38.48
Cedar Hill.....	J. W. Smith, Parsons, Tenn.....	7	51	71.30
Flatwoods.....	Earl Franks, Holladay, Tenn.....	7	77	23.59
Marlsboro.....	G. W. Carter, Vale, Tenn.....	6	60	88.41
Mixie.....	Mrs. Aaron Thomas, Hollow Rock, Tenn.....	5	25	19.15
New Bethel.....	Horace Vaughn, Henry, Tenn.....	5	60	45.73
New Cross Roads.....	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.....	7	39	17.21
New Prospect.....	M. E. Gibson, Holladay, Tenn.....	6		15.00
New Spring Hill.....	Wayne Bedwell, Huntingdon, Tenn.....	5	35	23.00
Old Union.....	Claude Ellis, Holladay, Tenn.....	5	20	5.00
Orthodox.....	W. B. Allen, Bemis, Tenn.....	17	130	54.35
Pleasant Grove.....	G. W. Williams, Wildersville, Tenn.....	8	70	413.26
Rushing Creek.....	H. L. Stockdale, Camden, Tenn.....	7	50	24.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	H. M. Bond, Bruceton, Tenn.....	6	75	143.18
Shiloh.....	G. W. Fullerton, Holladay, Tenn.....	3	30	10.00
Yuma.....	W. E. Hollowell, Yuma, Tenn.....	6	70	5.00
Westport.....	John Blount, Westport, Tenn.....	8		89.90
Whites Chapel.....	William White, Jackson, Rte 4.....	8		
Eagle Creek.....	G. R. Morrison, Camden, Star Route.....	6	30	

1945 STATISTICAL TABLE — SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Church Day Baptisms	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
Akins Chapel	C. D. Mullins, Pinson, Tenn.	Mrs. Rhoda Taylor, Sugar Tree	2	1	3	1	1	56	1	5	\$110.86	1.56	1.56				\$112.36
Bolen's Chapel	Onnie Blankenship, Lexington, Tenn.	Ethel Sparks, Lexington, Tenn.	24	1	25	1	1	65	1	1	77.40	108.70	1.25	12.72		6.60	228.82
Bible Grove	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	V. L. Wood, Lexington, Tenn.	4	1	5	1	1	145	1	1	200.00	24.06	2.25	20.00			254.00
Bethel	John Hedge, Camden, Tenn.	Coy Rich, McKenzie, Tenn.	1	1	2	1	1	143	1	1	218.50	194.97	1.65	15.93			513.47
Caledonia	Clarence Carter, Huntingdon	R. R. Hastings, Henry, Tenn.	4	1	5	1	1	68	1	1	25.36	143.69	3.63	75.93		83.72	507.65
Concord	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Clyde McCormick, Huntingdon	1	1	2	1	1	123	1	1	32.31	83.56	4.43	5.82		65.26	414.93
Chalk Hill	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	R. V. Umstead, Camden, Tenn.	1	1	2	1	1	123	1	1	190.02	24.05	3.65			8.00	269.52
Cross Roads	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	4	9	13	1	1	159	1	1	105.00	408.29	73.60	5.75	10.65		568.94
Cedar Hill	L. H. Brown, Bemis, Tenn.	Ralph Gullledge, Parsons, Tenn.	3	1	4	1	1	193	1	1	48.34	120.13	3.35	14.00	67.80	100.55	845.20
Ephesus	John Hedge, Camden, Tenn.	Myrtle Beeter, Mansfield, Tenn.	2	1	3	1	1	67	1	1	343.00	193.05	42.65	3.57	7.75		566.45
Flat Woods	W. A. Moody, Parsons, Tenn.	D. E. McIlwain, Rt. 3, Holladay	4	1	5	1	1	125	1	1	91.40	415.35	88.35	3.50	19.04	16.35	548.67
Marlboro	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	Gordon Allen, Bruceton, Tenn.	3	1	4	1	1	113	1	1	53.56	290.40	39.00	6.51	14.00	24.00	411.90
Mt. Comfort	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.	G. C. Parish, Westport, Tenn.	4	1	5	1	1	181	1	1	157.62	18.34	2.50				183.96
Mt. Pisgah	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	G. T. Hatch, Wildersville, Tenn.	2	1	3	1	1	133	1	1	72.28	171.42	10.60	4.60			257.70
Mixie	R. L. Myers, Mansfield, Tenn.	Mrs. Neil Thomas, Hollow Rock	1	3	4	1	1	17	1	1	1,050.48	62.10	2.50	11.00			1,123.58
New Bethel	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	R. C. Perry, Henry, Tenn.	2	4	6	1	1	162	1	1	104.68	323.78	151.17	5.00	20.00	32.74	632.27
New Cross Roads	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.	4	9	13	1	1	127	1	1	215.60	280.30	347.41	6.00			853.51
New Prospect	S. M. Smith, Holladay, Tenn.	Ray Clift, Holladay, Tenn.	2	1	3	1	1	176	1	1	9.82	314.14	23.23	4.81	40.22	12.00	399.41
New Hope	W. H. Hopper, Jackson, Tenn.	Mrs. C. E. Carrington, Westport	3	2	5	1	1	151	1	1	73.00	200.69	112.00	3.00	11.00		388.60
New Liberty	W. O. DePries, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Elizabeth Ross, Cedar Grove	1	1	2	1	1	116	1	1	2.73	230.93	3.40	3.19		48.35	285.45
New Spring Hill	L. F. Brown, Bruceton, Tenn.	Maxie W. Patterson, Huntingdon	1	3	4	1	1	70	1	1	49.70	264.32	69.61	3.66			383.63
Old Union	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Mrs. Gladys Smothers, Holladay	1	1	2	1	1	56	1	1	40.00	168.28	25.00	4.56	6.75	5.50	245.53
Orthodox	L. H. Brown, Bemis, Tenn.	O. E. Azbill, Bemis, Tenn.	all	1	6	7	1	3	266	1	2,983.44	1800.60	7.00	83.00	28.00	508.30	5,492.90
Oak Grove	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	I. L. Cole, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	11	12	1	1	5	223	1	16.20	224.00	5.00	86.90	4.00	21.10	352.26
Pleasant Hill	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	W. J. Allen, Buena Vista, Tenn.	2	7	9	1	1	179	1	1	28.50	216.55	84.71	3.50	54.29	39.25	440.32
Pleasant Grove	L. H. Brown, Bemis, Tenn.	G. W. Williams, Wildersville	1	1	2	1	1	134	1	1	727.00	303.00	166.46	5.00	67.85	180.12	1,264.43
Rushing Creek	J. R. McMillan, Huntingdon, Tenn.	R. P. Willhoit, Camden, Tenn.	4	2	6	1	1	76	1	1	150.00	300.00	2.00			25.00	475.00
Pleasant Ridge	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	J. Robert Paschall, Camden	1	3	4	1	1	147	1	1	188.17	311.57	9.37				499.74
Shiloh	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	G. W. Fullerton, Holladay, Tenn.	2	2	4	1	1	63	1	1	305.81	200.00	2.55	200.00			505.81
Yuma	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	Mrs. J. F. Gooch, Yuma, Tenn.	1	22	23	1	1	326	1	1	19.20	400.00	45.56	3.38	28.80	27.70	521.26
Westport	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	M. C. Spellings, Westport, Tenn.	2	5	7	1	1	210	1	1	91.08	320.00	67.21	5.00		118.95	597.28
White's Chapel	E. L. Hampton, Bemis, Tenn.	Mrs. Wm. White, Jackson, Tenn.	all	9	15	24	1	29	1	1	871.92	133.13	6.21				1,009.65
Eagle Creek	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Maggie Morrison, Eagle Creek	4	1	5	1	1	80	1	1	127.00		2.35		17.58	1.60	153.53