

1950
MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDREDTH AND TWO ANNUAL SESSION
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH THE
BIBLE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Henderson County, Tennessee
OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 1950

OFFICERS

Eld. C. F. Carter, Moderator.....Huntingdon, 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 Republican Grove Missionary Baptist Church, two miles West of Trezevant, Carroll County, Tenn., beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1951, at 10 o'clock a. m.

SERMONS

Introductory Sermon.....Eld. A. U. Nunnery
Alternate.....Eld. E. L. Hampton
Missionary Sermon.....Eld. E. F. Prince
Alternate.....Eld. W. H. Hopper

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.

Southwestern District Baptist Association

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6, 1950

The Southwestern District Baptist Association met with Bible Grove Baptist Church, Henderson County, Tennessee, pursuant to adjournment by singing, "What A Fellowship."

Were led in prayer by Eld. C. F. Carter.

The Moderator read third chapter of I John.

After a short talk by the Moderator the body was ready for business.

The Moderator appointed pastor and deacons of host church a Committee on Divine Service.

Appointed Brethren Covey Brewer, V. L. Wood and Robbie Norwood Finance Committee.

Appointed Eld. C. F. Carter and Eld. E. L. Hampton reading clerks.

The hour having arrived for preaching the Introductory Sermon, the body sang "I'll Fly Away."

Bro. John Hedges read 6th Chapter of Matthew, beginning with verse 19, using for his subject "Putting First Things First."

Bro. E. L. Hampton, the Alternate, then took the stand and brought a short message.

The body sang, "I Feel Like Traveling On," and a hand shake was tended to Bro. Hedge and Bro. Hampton.

Called for announcements.

Motion and second to adjourn one hour.

The body sang, "Won't It Be Wonderful There."

Dismissed by Bro. James Abbott.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful dinner prepared by the host church and community, the body came together by singing "Some Day."

Prayer by Eld. Fred Hurt.

The Moderator made a short talk and declared the Association ready for business.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

Republican Grove, Tom's Creek, Oak Grove, Land Mark and Independent were received.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Lexington, Tenn., Henderson County

To the Southwestern District Association:

We desire membership in your Association upon the Articles of Faith. We believe that Christ established the church during His personal ministry. We believe there are two church ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe in the old time mourners' bench religion as practiced by our ancestors. We believe that before a person is a fit subject for Baptism, he or she must bring forth evidence of regeneration. We believe in Home and Foreign Missions. We believe in supporting the Old Ministers' and Orphans' Home.—OAK GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Lexington, Tennessee.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Huntingdon, Tennessee, Sept. 19, 1950.

Southwestern District Baptist Association,

Brethren:

We, the Independent Missionary Baptist Church, located one and one half miles South of Huntingdon, being a newly organized church and having never been a member of the Association, desire to unite with the Southwestern District Baptist Association. This being done in regular conference this 19th day of September, 1950.

BRO. ROBERT NOLES, Moderator,

H. R. SMITH, Ch. Clerk,

WALTER CAREY, Treasurer.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Petitionary Letter) Linden, Tenn., Sept. 17, 1950:

We, the Tom's Creek Baptist Church met in regular conference and after due consideration and having belonged to your association for many years, voted unanimously to ask for membership in the Southwestern District Association.

Done by order of church,
JOHN HEDGE, Moderator.
HOWELL PATTERSON, Church Clerk.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

We, the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, petition the Southwestern District Association for admittance into your body. We chose the Articles of Faith given in Pendleton's Manual. We believe in direct leadership of the Holy Spirit in the conviction and salvation of the lost. We believe Christ to be the Head of the church and the Holy Spirit its Guide.

ELD. E. F. PRINCE, Moderator,
MILLARD P. ALLEN, Church Clerk.

Motion and second to go into election of Moderator and Clerk.

Eld. C. F. Carter was elected Moderator, Eld. John Hedge, Assistant Moderator and Eld. T. L. Campbell elected Clerk and Bro. Dorsey Dameron, Assistant Clerk.

Eld. E. F. Prince, Eld. E. L. Hampton and H. M. Bond, Committee on Topics.

Voted to have next session with Republican Grove Church.

Eld. A. U. Nunnery elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. E. L. Hampton, alternate.

Eld. E. F. Prince elected to preach the Missionary Sermon, Eld. W. H. Hopper, alternate.

Visitors: Eld. E. C. Lusk, Wilson County Association; Eld. A. U. Nunnery, W. H. Brewer and G. W. Lewis, Beech River Association and Eld. John R. Clark, Martin, Tenn.

Motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock Saturday.

Dismissed by Eld. T. L. Campbell.

SATURDAY MORNING

The body came together by singing "Unclouded Day."

Led in prayer by Eld. E. H. Martin.

The Moderator read Romans, 8th Chapter, Verses 1-17, and after a short talk declared the body ready for business.

The body sang, "I'm In The Glory Land Way," and a collection was taken for the Land Mark and Independent Churches and received \$51.00 which was divided evenly between these churches.

Called for report on topics.

Motion and second to give Chairman of each topic ten minutes and all others five minutes.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Dismissed by Eld. John R. Clark.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful dinner the body came together by singing, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Prayer by Bro. Dorsey Dameron.

Motion and second that the clerk write the editor of the "Orthodox Baptist," Ardmore, Oklahoma, to correct a statement published in the said paper.

Motion and second that the death of Eld. Edd Cooper and also his picture be entered in our Minutes.

Motion and second that the clerk write the word "Benevolence" on the letter forms to be filled out by the churches.

Motion and second that Bro. F. L. Jordan read the report on Old Ministers and Orphans Home.

Motion and second and voted that this Association demand that the Trustees of the Old Ministers and Orphans Home turn over to the Clerk of this Association one-third of the money received from the sale of the Old Ministers and Orphans Home, and livestock belonging to the Home. Voted for, 21. This money to be kept in Bank of Huntingdon.

Adjournment until 10:00 a. m., Sunday.

Dismissed by Bro. C. F. Carter.

SUNDAY MORNING

The body came together by singing, "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Bro. Ray Smith.

The Moderator read St. John, 1st Chapter, and after a short talk declared the body ready for business.

Motion and second to discontinue printing the Resolution passed by the Westport Church and the one concerning the Federal Council of Churches.

The time having arrived for the Missionary Sermon, the body sang, "O How I Love Jesus."

The appointee, Eld. C. F. Carter, read John 3:16 for a text and preached a good sermon. The body sang "Amazing Grace" and a handshake was extended to Bro. Carter.

This closed a great session of the Association.

C. F. CARTER, Moderator,
T. L. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

We, your committee on Benevolence, submit the following: To care for those who are in need and unable to care for themselves; the poor, the orphans, the widows, the old ministers, that have fought the battle of faith and stood firmly for the true principles and doctrines that are taught in God's Word. This is pure religion and undefiled before God, James 1:27. Jesus said, "and the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." Mat. 25:40.

God help us Christians to discharge our duty by supporting these that have been named.

Committee: E. L. HAMPTON, J. ROBT. PASCHALL

REPORT ON SALE OF ORPHANS' HOME AND FARM**Receipts:**

Receipts from sale of Farm.....	\$8,000.00
Receipts from sale of livestock and household.....	1144.62

Total Receipts from sale of Farm and Home.....	\$9,144.62
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Payments:

One cow	185.00	185.00
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Balance on hand		\$8,959.62
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF ORPHANS HOME

From October 1, 1949 Through September 17, 1950

CASH RECEIPTS:

Cash on Hand, October 1 1949	\$ 253.98
Donations from October 1, 1949 to Sept. 17, 1950	\$3,592.52
Refund on insurance on house	42.25
Corn Bro. Cooper sold to J. V. Bridges	48.00
Refund on fertilizer from J. B. Holland	20.00
Livestock sold	298.00
Cotton sold	323.10
Brother W. R. Overton Special Xmas funds	62.00

Total Cash Receipts	4,386.79
Total Cash for the year	\$4,640.77

CASH PAYMENTS:

Labor	382.50
Groceries	1,789.50
Superintendent Salary	900.25
Clothing	115.81
School Supplies	61.78
Lumber and Labor (two outdoor toilets)	52.83
Seed, Feed, and Fertilizer \$161.25 carried over from previous year	356.59
Chickens bought	15.28
Miscellaneous	668.19
Truck Hire	30.00
Special Funds for Xmas	62.00
Telephone and Electric Bills	83.00
Two stoves and washing machine	146.50

Total Paid out for the year	4,286.15
Cash Balance on hand	354.62

LIABILITIES:

Rent on home from May 1, 1950 to Oct. 1, 1950	125.00
Salary of Superintendent	250.00

Total Liabilities	375.00
F. L. JORDAN, Treasurer	

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee on Foreign Missions: We know Christ was once here on a mission. John was also sent on a Mission and others. Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost." The angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip saying, "Arise and go toward the South." Of course it was to preach and teach the Word of God and to show them the way of salvation. We believe if all these in foreign countries could hear the Word and take it as it is, The wars would soon end if our leaders would only listen to the Word of God and heed it. We hope and pray that this association of Churches will do their part in giving for the cause so it can be taught in foreign countries. We can't all go but we can give and support with our offerings and prayers. (Name of Committee not given—Clerk).

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The God of Heaven was a Missionary in that He sent His son to this earth as a Missionary and He gave the General Commission as recorded in Matthew 28:19,20 to His Church and thus the Church is to be Missionary, and the Commission was to preach the Gospel in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth after receiving power by the Holy Ghost who as a Missionary came in demonstration and power on the day of Pentecost. As the Commission was given by Christ to His Church, therefore it was given to no other organization.

Committee J. R. CLARK,
Spoken To By J. R. Clark.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

A Sunday School should not be considered an auxiliary to the Church but a teaching service of the Church in harmony with Matthew 28:30, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We heartily recommend the Bible for the Senior and Adult grades and that we be careful as to the type of literature taught to the other grades and see especially that it is in harmony with the Bible.

Committee J. ROBT. PASCHAL, H. M. BOND, Spoken to by Committee.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS

We, your committee on prayer meetings submit the following report: We believe every church in this Association should have a prayer meeting at least once a week. Christ prayed all night the night before he organized His church, Luke 6:12. Prayer is our means of communication with the Father. The Bible says if we ask anything according to His will he heareth us. "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." Mat. 7:7. May the spirit of prayer be revived among us that we can pray an unselfish prayer that God will hear and convince our children and lost friends everywhere and save them by His grace and give us peace on earth again, if it is His will, and that we may reach the place that we can say "Not my will, but Thine be done."

Committee: E. F. PRINCE, MITCHELL RAYBURN, Spoke To by Com.

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. In our church covenant we find to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour; therefore we suggest that we try by God's help to clear our own ranks of this evil and to do all we can to clean our country also. Let us be temperate in all things.

Committee: JOHN HEDGE,
Spoken to by John Hedge, J. R. Clark and W. H. Hopper.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on Publication submit the following: We believe the Bible to be the only Book of Divine Inspiration and the most worthy of all publications. Reason why: Because Paul declares in 2 Timothy 3:15, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God," and Jesus declares in Matthew 4:4 that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. We believe that we should give it more study and meditation than any other Book because it is the inspired Word of God. David declares in Psalms 119:105, "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet and a Light unto my path. In connection with the studying of the Bible we believe we should read good sound Gospel literature and good sound Gospel papers, such as are being published by the Independent Missionary Baptist

people such as the Independent Baptist Voice. We believe that we should do all that we can to avoid unsound literature coming into our homes and our schools and our churches.

Committee: E. G. WOOD, T. L. CAMPBELL,
Spoken to by E. G. Wood.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Inasmuch as it has pleased the Almighty Father to summon from our midst, forty of our beloved brothers and sisters, and for the last time they have laid down and surrendered the working tools of life to join the Saints of Glory and within the pleasing judgment of our Heavenly Father take their place at his right hand in the Celestial City on High. And since all of these brethren were faithful in the discharge of their duties to the Church, their obligation to their fellow man and their discipleship to God, so that we feel that they will happily receive from the lips of our Heavenly Father the welcome words, "Well done good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of our Lord." Recognizing that their service to the Church and to the Southwestern District Baptist Association has been worthy and their passing will create a vacancy that cannot easily be filled and that their presence in our midst will not soon be forgotten. Now therefore be it resolved by the Southwestern District Baptist Association of Tennessee in annual session assembled on this the 6th day of October, 1950, that we express our extreme sorrow over the loss of these worthy members, and that our deepest and heartfelt sympathy be expressed to their respective families, and that a copy of this resolution of respect be spread upon the minutes of the Association.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. HURT, W. R. COLE, Com.
Spoken to By Bro. Hurt.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education submit the following: Education is knowledge and ability gained by study, example or instruction. Then Christian Education is knowledge of Christ and His doctrine and surely everyone should know all that is possible for them to know about Jesus Our Blessed Saviour. Surely we should strive to gain a greater knowledge of His doctrine, His Kingdom work, what He would have us do and how we should do it. In Second Timothy 3:15 Paul said "From a Child Thou Hast known faith which is in Christ Jesus." Christian education is the only hope for our world and the chief business of the church is to teach Christ to every man. Mark 16-16, and in Matthew 28-20 "Jesus said teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Now since Jesus has assigned the business of christian teaching to the church we believe all Baptist churches should be interested in Christian Education, and that each church should conduct at least one christian school each month.

Committee: W. H. HOPPER, JOHN R. CLARK,
Spoken to by Committee.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Bemis, Tennessee
October 2, 1950

To The Churches Of The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Assn.:

We are asking that you people be in earnest prayer unto God that He will send us a capable, efficient and worthy man for our Pastor

Sincerely,
O. C. AZBILL,
NORTH BEMIS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

RESOLUTION

Bemis, Tennessee
October 2, 1950

To The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren:

Be it known and understood that this church, formerly known as the Orthodox Missionary Baptist Church, changed the name of identity to North Bemis Missionary Baptist Church, in Conference May 7, 1950.

Be it further understood that this name change does not in any way change the fundamental principles and doctrines that TRUE INDEPENDENT MISSIONARY BAPTISTS have adhered to since the time of Christ's personal ministry on earth, which we love and teach; and will continue to do so until Jesus comes again.

Any change in the officers of our church with respect to pastor, etc., has happened since the close of our church year, August 31, 1950; therefore will not appear on the report to the Association.

Sincerely,

NORTH BEMIS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
O. C. AZBILL, Church Clerk

RESOLUTION

Huntingdon, Tenn.
October 7, 1950

We, the thirty-eight Missionary Baptist Churches, composing the Southwestern District Baptist Association, resent a statement made by the editor (Mr. James A. Hulise) of the Orthodox Baptist Paper of Ardmore, Oklahoma, in the September issue dated Sept. 15, 1950, which reads as follows: (quote): "The North Bemis Baptist Church, Bemis, Tennessee, the only strictly Independent Baptist Church in a radius of about seventy miles." (End quote). We also brand the statement as false and demand the editor to give his authority for the statement, and that a copy of this act be sent to the editor for publication.

Signed, C. F. CARTER, MODERATOR,
T. L. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

VOTE OF THANKS

We, as members and messengers of the S. W. D. Baptist Association, express our appreciation to pastor and members of the Bible Grove 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 prayers 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

Akins Chapel.....	Joe Taylor, Mrs. Rhoda Taylor
Bethel.....	C. F. Carter, E. C. Woodard
Bible Grove.....	Connie Hatch, Neal Wood
Bolen's Chapel.....	Willis Stout, Sister Neva Stout
Caledonia.....	Clarence Barnhart, Garland Crews
Cedar Hill.....	Ulas Quinn, J. W. Smith
Chalk Hill.....	Virgil Griggs, Tom Hollingsworth
Concord.....	Edd Smith, Edd Stokes
Cross Roads.....	Mitchell Rayburn, Cecil Kirby
Eagle Creek.....	M. D. Ashby, A. L. Welch
Ephesus.....	Clark Hall, Boyd Williams
Flatwoods.....	Erby Malin, Blanche Malin
Independent.....	Claud Carey, Leon Robinson
Landmark.....	A. B. Harris, Millard Allen

Marlsboro	Bro. and Sister Elwood Carver
Mixie	By Letter
Mt. Comfort	Hubert Brinkley, J. C. Brinkley
Mt. Pisgah	Lyle Hodge, Marthy Joe Hodge
New Bethel	James Hall, R. C. Perry
New Cross Roads	Austin Johnson, Ernie Davis
New Hope	W. H. Hopper and wife
New Liberty	Elston Lewelling, Joe Johnson
New Prospect	Guy Moore, Garvin Byrd
North Bemis	Arlie Duke, James R. Allen
Oak Grove No. 1	Robbie Norwood, Garvin Clark
Oak Grove No. 2	Doc Scott, Luther Garner
Old Union	By Letter
Pleasant Grove	G. W. McCoy, C. C. Feddler
Pleasant Hill	W. J. Allen, John Hedge
Pleasant Ridge	H. M. Bond, W. R. Cole
Republican Grove	Bro. and Sister E. G. Hampton
Rushing Creek	Mr. and Mrs. Buford Sparks
Shiloh	Connie Hedge, Howard Pritchard
Spring Hill	Horace Davison and wife
Tom's Creek	John R. Gean, Howell Patterson
Westport	Alton Cross, Graden Leslie
Whites Chapel	Woodrow McCord, Jim Ringold
Yuma	W. E. Hollowell, Jim Robinson

MINISTERIAL LIST

Name and Church	Postoffice
Birch, H. S., Yuma	Westport, Tenn.
Butler, Neil, Oak Grove	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Carter, C. F., Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Campbell, T. L., New Cross Roads	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Anderson, John, Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Dameron, O. V., Mt. Pisgah	Yuma, Tenn.
Franks, A. H., Flatwoods	Hot Springs, Ark.
Hedge, John, Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Myers, R. L., Ephesus	Mansfield, Tenn.
Paschall, J. R., Pleasant Ridge	Camden, Tenn.
Prince, E. F., Pleasant Ridge	Hollow Rock, Tenn.
Park, E. W., Flatwoods	Memphis, Tenn.
Martin, E. H., Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Baker, Clayton, Flatwoods	Fort Worth, Texas
Noles, Robert, Independent	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Quinn, Glennie, Old Union	Holladay, Tenn.
Fuller, George, Eagle Creek	Eagle Creek, Tenn.
Smith, Silas, New Prospect	Parsons, Tenn.
Hopper, W. H., New Hope	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Hampton, E. L., Whites Chapel	Bemis, Tenn.
Pratt, Ellis, North Bemis	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	Camden, 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.

IN MEMORY



EDGAR W. COOPER

Edgar W. Cooper was born Jan. 17, 1887 in Benton County. He was married to Mary Adeline Kee, Dec. 18, 1912. To this union four daughters were born, one daughter preceded him in death.

He was converted at an early age and joined Pleasant Hill Church and later moved his membership to Cross Roads remaining there until death. He was called to the ministry, acknowledging his call in August 1922. He was ordained June 29, 1924. He served as pastor of several churches in this Association.

He was called into service for his country, Oct. 3, 1917; serving in foreign countries until March, 1919.

He was elected Trustee of his county in 1921, serving one term.

He was elected Trustee of the Old Ministers and Orphans Home several years before being elected Supt. of the Home in January of 1943. He remained there always having the welfare of these children and others on his heart, until death.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters and nine grandchildren.

He died Dec. 8, 1949. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

BIBLE GROVE

Mrs. Comalee Wood
Mrs. Katie May Lewis

BOLEN'S CHAPEL

Mrs. Annie Gourley

CALEDONIA: Mrs. H. J. Haynes

CEDAR HILL: Billy Ivey

CHALK HILL

Mrs. Mary Lou Hollingsworth
Phoebe Melton

CROSS ROADS: Eld. Edd Cooper,

D. J. Kee, J. H. Mitchell,

W. C. Hedges, James M. Greer

EPESUS: S. P. Myers, Deacon

FLATWOODS

O. A. Odle, Marion Hayes

MARLSBORO: Betty Lee Crews

MT. COMFORT

Isa Lynlah, Sara R. Parish

MT. PISGAH: Lizzie Wood

NEW LIBERTY

Mrs. Leslie Smith
Mrs. Dollie Kirby

NORTH BEMIS

George Herriman
Clifton Butler
Fetus Duke

OAK GROVE, NO. 1

S. V. Hedgepath, Jr.

OLD UNION

A. T. Jones, Deacon
Florence Ellis

PLEASANT HILL

Verdie Higdon, Glenn Allen,
T. F. Abbott, J. L. Allen, Dea.

REPUBLICAN GROVE

Mrs. Alice Cloyd

SHILOH

W. A. Bradford, Mrs. D. C. Selph
Mrs. J. D. McCoy, W. G. Melton

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 Pleasant 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. H. Thomas
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	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	C. V. Cooper
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
1950 Bible Creek, Henderson 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 reprimanded 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, except 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 bequests 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 Marlsboro 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Churches	Superintendent and Post Office	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Gifts and Expenses
Bethel.....	Hulon Smith, McKenzie, Tenn.....	7	45	\$ 30.00
Bolens Chapel.....	Willis Street, Lexington, Tenn.....	4	30	
Cedar Hill.....	J. W. Smith, Parsons, Tenn.....	8	68	78.65
Chalk Hill.....	Wallace Floyd, Camden, Tenn.....	7	128	87.69
Eagle Creek.....	G. R. Morrison, Holladay, Tenn.....	6	36	20.00
Flatwoods.....	J. M. Cain, Holladay, Tenn.....	7	78	24.26
Landmark.....	A. B. Harris, Memphis, Tenn.....	6	45	62.86
Marlsboro.....	G. W. Carter, Vale, Tenn.....	6	60	113.18
Mixie.....	Mrs. Aslee Thomas, Hollow Rock, ..	6	25	17.00
New Bethel.....	Harris Vaughn, Henry, Tenn.....	6	57	33.00
New Cross Roads.....	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.....	7	25	25.05
New Prospect.....	M. E. Gibson, Holladay, Tenn.....	7		14.08
North Bemis.....	W. B. Allen, Bemis, Tenn.....	16	113	41.10
Oak Grove No. 2.....	Orvie L. Lewis, Lexington, Tenn.....	6	87	112.00
Old Union.....	James Cooper, Holladay, Tenn.....	9	60	73.90
Pleasant Grove.....	G. W. Williams, Wildersville, Tenn.....	9	60	73.90
Pleasant Hill.....	W. J. Allen, Buena Vista, Tenn.....	7	55	32.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	H. M. Bond, Bruceton, Tenn.....	6	65	133.05
Republican Grove.....	Brown, Foster, McKenzie, Tenn.....	9	75	84.47
Rushing Creek.....	H. L. Stockdale, Camden, Tenn.....	7	50	35.00
Shiloh.....	G. W. Fullerton, Holladay, Tenn.....	7	30	10.00
Tom's Creek.....	Howell Patterson, Linden, Tenn.....	4	60	35.00
Westport.....	Floyd Thomas, Westport, Tenn.....	8	50	78.63
Whites Chapel.....	George Laster, Jackson, Tenn.....	6	80	39.26
Yuma.....	W. E. Hollowell, Yuma, Tenn.....	8	75	30.00

1950 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	6	7	1	1	49	1	37	32	141.58	25.00	1.50					205.40
Bethel	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Coy Rich, McKenzie, Tenn.	1	6	1	7	1	1	142	1	32	24	325.00	178.69	4.00					427.93
Bible Grove	Red Hurt, Lexington, Tenn.	V. L. Wood, Lexington, Tenn.	2	4	1	5	9	10	162	1	1	1	200.00	166.00	4.00					370.00
Bolen's Chapel	Onnie Blankenship, Lexington	Mrs. Ethel Sparks, Lexington	2	4	1	5	9	10	162	1	1	1	41.00	95.50	3.45					177.46
Caledonia	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Gordon Blaylock, McKenzie	2	4	1	5	9	10	162	1	1	1	63.00	167.25	114.95	3.75			72.02	420.77
Cedar Hill	L. H. Brown, Bemis, Tenn.	Ralph Guldage, Parsons, Tenn.	3	5	1	6	4	1	193	1	1	1	188.02	400.37	38.04	5.00			81.33	712.76
Chalk Hill	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Virgil Griggs, Camden, Tenn.	1	3	1	4	1	3	121	1	1	1	702.42	401.03	4.25		77.98	44.45	1,230.13	
Concord	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Clyde McCormick, Huntingdon	2	2	1	3	5	3	116	1	2	1	146.16	253.30	32.16	4.10	10.00	70.55	576.77	
Cross Roads	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	4	16	10	1	5	6	163	1	1	1	417.17	230.00	6.30				423.47	
Eagle Creek	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Maggie Morrison, Eagle Creek	4	1	1	1	1	1	80	1	220	230	220.00	230.00	2.78		28.00		480.86	
Ephesus	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Myrtle Deeter, Mansfield, Tenn.	2	2	1	3	1	4	63	1	1	1	15.00	64.50	14.00	2.50			91.00	
Flat Woods	W. A. Moody, Parsons, Tenn.	D. E. Melliwain, Rf. J. Holladay	4	17	17	3	2	7	135	1	1	1	42.20	426.36	150.39	4.00		14.00	660.15	
Independent	Robert Niles, Huntingdon, Tenn.	H. R. Smith, Huntingdon, Tenn.	2	10	10	1	1	1	26	1	306	32	18.15	15.10	1.50				341.07	
Landmark	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	Millard P. Allen, Memphis	4	2	2	2	1	1	22	2	590	42	406.77	3.00					1,660.19	
Marlboro	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon	Elwood Carver, Vale, Tenn.	1	1	2	2	1	1	108	1	1	1	182.50	333.00	33.25	8.10	15.75	10.00	582.60	
Mixie	R. L. Myers, Mansfield, Tenn.	Mrs. Aslee Thomas, Hollow Rk.	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	1	129	60	57.20	3.10				1.17	191.07	
Mt. Comfort	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon	G. C. Parish, Westport, Tenn.	4	1	1	2	3	2	178	1	1	1	5.50	155.00	16.40	3.00			179.90	
Mt. Pisgah	Onnie Blankenship, Lexington	G. T. Hatch, Wildersville, Tenn.	2	1	3	4	4	5	138	1	1	1	25.00	200.73	10.00	3.00			238.73	
New Bethel	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	R. C. Perry, Henry, Tenn.	2	4	1	1	2	4	4	158	1	1	24.40	331.60	184.32	4.51		32.94	597.77	
New Cross Roads	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon	2	4	4	4	7	1	118	1	2	1	315.60	373.73	187.53	4.50			881.38	
New Hope	W. H. Hopper, Huntingdon	Mrs. C. E. Carrington, Westport	3	2	2	1	1	1	142	1	1	1	177.43	73.00	3.00				255.43	
New Liberty	Earl Owens, Lexington, Tenn.	Elizabeth Ross, Cedar Grove	2	1	1	1	1	1	112	1	1	1	227.55	25.00	3.00			15.00	270.60	
New Prospect	Silas Smith, Parsons, Tenn.	Ray Clift, Holladay, Tenn.	2	2	4	6	1	1	189	1	1	1	142.48	183.74	43.36	4.50			374.08	
North Bemis	L. H. Brown, Bemis, Tenn.	O. C. Azbill, Bemis, Tenn.	all	17	19	36	9	3	200	2	2618	05	1860.00	348.73	7.00	96.00	640.60	5,510.38		
Oak Grove No. 1	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	J. L. Cole, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	2	9	11	9	1	224	3	1	1	93.55	262.50	7.50	32.15	11.25		406.90	
Oak Grove No. 2	Grady Woods, Wildersville	Orvil L. Lewis, Lexington, Tenn.	4	10	1	11	1	1	201	1	1	1	15.00	142.18	39.43	1.00			217.60	
Old Union	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Reba House, Holladay, Tenn.	1	1	1	2	2	4	49	1	1	1	18.76	131.25	20.00	1.84			171.79	
Pleasant Grove	L. H. Brown, Bemis, Tenn.	G. W. Williams, Wildersville	4	3	3	3	9	9	134	1	1	1	282.96	249.41	57.75	5.00	15.00	168.70	769.82	
Pleasant Hill	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.	W. J. Allen, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	4	2	6	8	4	373	1	1	1	915.00	200.00	33.00	4.00		28.00	1,200.00	
Pleasant Ridge	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	J. R. Paschall, Camden, Tenn.	1	3	2	1	3	10	140	1	1	1	115.93	613.43	55.00	8.20	16.68		809.29	
Republic Grove	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon	E. G. Hampton, Trezevant, Tenn.	2	2	2	2	1	3	200	1	1	1	30.34	300.00	271.40	7.84	12.00	16.42	563.00	
Rushing Creek	J. B. McMillan, Huntingdon	Weldon Greer, Camden, Tenn.	4	16	1	17	2	2	77	1	1	1	30.00	300.00	75.00	2.00			407.00	
Shiloh	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	G. W. Fullerton, Holladay	1	8	8	4	8	75	1	1	200	00	175.00	2.30	20.00				397.30	
Spring Hill	L. F. Brown, Bruceton, Tenn.	Robert Bedwell, Huntingdon	1	3	4	4	9	2	11	46	1	1	29.94	178.97	103.42	3.00			315.38	
Tom's Creek	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Howell Patterson, Linden, Tenn.	3	2	2	2	1	1	73	1	1	1	291.49	116.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	426.49	
Westport	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock	M. C. Spellings, Westport, Tenn.	2	7	1	8	8	5	210	1	1	1	69.75	325.10	73.29	5.00	33.00	113.40	619.64	
White's Chapel	E. L. Hampton, Bemis, Tenn.	Mrs. Erby Gooch, Jackson	all	15	24	39	6	1	6	72	1	1	732.68	718.76	16.68	7.00	18.28	40.94	1,533.14	
Yuma	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	Mrs. J. F. Gooch, Yuma, Tenn.	1	2	2	2	7	1	8	320	1	1	49.20	313.61	3.00				365.81	