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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.
Appointing various Committees.
Call for Correspondence and Invite Messengers to Seats.
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 12, 1951

The Southwestern District Baptist Association met with the Republican Grove Baptist Church, Trezevant, Tenn., pursuant to adjournment by singing, "What A Friend."

Were led in prayer by Eld. E. H. Martin.

The Moderator read part of the 8th Chapter of Romans.

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

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

Appointed Brethren Eskue Hollowell, Allen Jordan and James Abbott as Finance Committee.

Appointed Eld. E. F. Prince and Bro. Jack Barnes as Reading Clerks.

The hour having arrived for the Introductory Sermon, the congregation sang "Amazing Grace," then Eld. A. U. Nunnery took the stand and read a portion of the 3rd Chapter of Revelations. His subject was "Hold Fast," and he delivered a good spiritual message.

The body sang a song and had a handshake.

There was a motion and second to adjourn until 1 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful dinner prepared by the host church and community, the body came together by singing "I'll Be Somewhere Listening."

Led in prayer by Eld. E. L. Hampton.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

Bemis Chapel was the only church that petitioned for membership.

Bro. O. C. Azbill objected on the grounds that Bemis Chapel was not spiritually organized.

Motion and second for North Bemis and Bemis Chapel each to select a representative to represent them in the discussion on whether or not Bemis Chapel was spiritually organized. Bro. O. C. Azbill was selected to represent North Bemis, and Bro. W. H. Hopper to represent Bemis Chapel; each being allocated thirty minutes. This question to be decided by the majority vote of the messengers present.

After the discussion, 28 voted to receive Bemis Chapel and 2 opposed. These two were from North Bemis.

Motion by W. H. Hopper and second by E. L. Hampton that we bring charges against North Bemis Baptist Church for unscriptural practice and demand that they apologize to us at our next regular session. Twenty voted for the motion and two opposed.

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

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

Eld. J. R. Paschal, John Abbott, Eld. James Abbott were appointed as a Committee on Topics.

It was voted to hold next session with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Eld. E. F. Prince was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. E. Hampton, Alternate.

Eld. W. H. Hopper was elected to preach the Missionary Sermon; Eld. John Hedge, Alternate.

Motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed by Eld. E. F. Prince.

SATURDAY MORNING

The body came together by singing, "I'll Fly Away."
Then we were led in prayer by Bro. Hulon Bond.

The Moderator read some Scripture from 1st Chapter of John and made a short talk and declared the body ready for business.

Call for Report on Topics.

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

Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Eld. C. F. Carter.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a good dinner we came together by singing, "Precious Name."

The body was led by prayer by Eld. T. L. Campbell.

After a talk by the Moderator, he declared the body ready for business.

There was a motion and second that we read the report on all topics and adopt them as read so that we might give Eld. E. H. Martin time to preach.

Motion and second that the Clerk write a topic on Correspondence.

There was a motion and second that our Home Missionaries make their reports to the church where they hold membership, and if the church adopts their reports, then the church can send them to the Association.

There was a motion and second that we take up a love offering for Bemis Chapel and Land Mark and \$47.12 was received.

There was a motion and second that the By-Laws of the Old Ministers and Orphans Home be left out of our Minutes.

Motion and second that we rescind the act of asking the Trustees of the Old Ministers and Orphans Home to give to us one-third of the money received from the sale of the Old Ministers and Orphans Home.

RESOLUTION

We, the Messengers of the churches composing the Southwestern District Baptist Association, in regular session this October 13, 1951, do hereby declare by majority vote that we do not own or have any part whatsoever in a home known as Baptist Old Ministers and Orphans Home located about two and one-half miles out of Lafayette, Tennessee, on the Scottsville road in Macon County, Tennessee, because of Baptist principles which we have stood for through the years.

Whereas, the Trustees of the Old Ministers and Orphans Home, which was located near Camden, Tennessee, and composed of three Trustees from the Southwestern District Baptist Association, and three Trustees each from the Enon and Wiseman Baptist Associations, sold the said Home without any authority whatsoever from our churches which compose our Association.

Furthermore, said Trustees ignored the action of our Association on October 7, 1950, in regular session, to return one-third of what this Home brought to the Clerk of our Association for disposal by the Churches of our Association. At which time the money was not spent, but was in a bank at Camden, Tennessee, but has been spent since then on said Home in Macon County, Tennessee and this was done without any authority from our Association and this action was untrue to Baptist principles.

Moved that a copy of this resolution, signed by the Moderator and Clerk of this Association, be mailed to the Chairman of the Trustees of the Baptist Old Ministers and Orphans Home.

The time having arrived for Eld. E. H. Martin to preach, he read a part of the 18th Chapter of Jeremiah, and preached a good spiritual sermon. After sermon the body sang a song and a handshake was extended to Brother Martin. Also, a love-offering was given him and he received \$45.50.

Motion and second to adjourn until 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Dismissed by Eld. John R. Clark.

SUNDAY MORNING

The body came together by singing, "Won't It Be A Wonderful There." Led in prayer by Bro. Junior Hall.

The Moderator read Isaiah 55 and made a short talk and declared the body ready for business.

Motion and second that we accept Bro. James A. Hulse's apology.

Motion and second that we have a Testimonial Service, having about 20 minutes before time for Missionary Sermon.

The time having arrived for the Missionary Sermon, the body sang, "I'll Fly Away." Eld. E. F. Prince, the appointee, led in prayer, and read Mark 16:15, and Matthew 28:18-20, and preached a powerful sermon.

Motion and second to sing a song and extend to Bro. Prince the handshake of endorsement.

This brought to a close another great session of the Southwestern District Baptist Association.

Motion and second to adjourn to meet with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Benton County, Tennessee, on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1952.

C. F. CARTER, Moderator

T. L. CAMPBELL, 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. Thus the Church is to be Missionary, and the Commission was to preach the Gospel in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth after receiving power from 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.

ROBT. NOLES

E. F. PRINCE

E. H. MARTIN

VOTE OF THANKS

We, as Members and Messengers of the Southwestern District Baptist Association, express our appreciation to the members of Republican Grove Church and community for their sweet fellowship and for their bountiful dinners served each day. We extend thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success of this meeting.

T. L. CAMPBELL

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following report: We believe that we should teach our children to read God's Word and that no literature should be read by them except that which is supported by the Word of God. As we are in that day that our Dear Lord said would come, when false prophets should arise and deceive many (Matt. 24:11) we believe that we should ask God for grit and grace to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the Saints (Jude 3) and condemn every false statement in any literature. We believe we should check our Sunday School books very closely and, if any untrue statement be found, we should condemn it publicly. We believe that we are in a day when we must stand firm for the Doctrines as did our forefathers, and the pioneers of country, many of them who died at the stake.

God help us to study His Word, and teach it to our children. We know our sound papers, such as the "Independent Voice," or any other sound paper. Let us support all good editors and pray for them. W. H. HOPPER.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

John The Baptist was a Missionary Baptist preacher, who was sent of God to preach and practice Missionary Baptist Doctrine. The Old Testament prophets foretold that John The Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, would prepare the material of which Jesus built His Church. John pointed lost souls to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Both Jesus Christ and John first made, and then baptized disciples. John The Baptist baptized all the Apostles; and Jesus Christ the Head and Founder of the Church was baptized by John The Baptist in the River Jordan.

Out of the material John thus prepared, Jesus built His Church, which is the pillar and the ground of the truth. Our Lord gave the great, age-lasting, world-wide commission to His Church to preach the Gospel to all nations, to every creature. Thus make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. If our God were not a Missionary God, why did He send John The Baptist to preach and to practice Missionary Baptist Doctrine? If Jesus Christ were not a missionary, why did He come from Heaven to earth to seek and to save the lost? If the Church Jesus Christ built is not the Missionary Baptist Church, why did Christ build with material that John The Baptist prepared? Since God's love is world-wide and Jesus Christ died for every man, and as Head over the Church He built, commands us to preach the Gospel to all nations. Let us as Missionary Baptists ever be found so doing 'till our Lord comes. JOHN R. CLARK.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We, your Committee on Prayer Meeting, submit the following report: We know that prayer is the most important thing. If it had not been for prayer we would not have been saved.

We believe every church, every home and every community should have a prayer meeting.

We find the Bible teaches us as parents to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. (Prov. 22:6).

"Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father, which is in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

JOHN ANDERSON

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: In Gal. 5: 22-23, we find that the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Against such there is no law. The Church being the body of Christ, a city set on a hill, a lighthouse. We recommend that we as a people of the Missionary Baptist faith, be temperate in all things, keep ourselves clear from strong drinks, and do what we can to get it out of our country away from our children.

JOHN HEDGES
E. L. HAMPTON

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: A Sunday School is the Church teaching in harmony with Matthew 28:30: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We recommend the Bible for the Adult classes and we should be very careful as to the type of literature taught in the other grades and see especially that it is in harmony with the Bible. We trust that we as churches may be more conscious of the need to study to show ourselves a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

E. F. PRINCE
JAMES ABBOTT

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following: Consider the power and cunningness of the devil. Do not underestimate your enemy's power and influence. Should we not be able to outwit these evil scenes composed and proposed by the devil? Certainly we must! We are saved to serve, and as Christian people we believe we should put forth a greater effort than ever before to gain a greater Christian Education. Man can have all the knowledge of God that he is able to attain and yet there is more. Words cannot explain, nor thoughts understand.

As God-loving people, if we do not sponsor Christian Education with greater efforts than those efforts of Satan, how shall we mark the deceiver?

ANDREW PLUNKETT
ORIN BAKER

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, the Committee on Obituaries, submit the following: God in His great wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst twenty-eight of our beloved sisters and brothers. Our loss is their eternal gain. Since death is abroad in our land, we must be submissive to His will. These that have passed from our midst will be missed in the church, in which they held their membership, and in their community and Association. We know that they are resting from their labors and their works do follow them. May our deepest and heartfelt sympathy be expressed to their respective families.

ROY BUTLER
COVIE BREWER

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 orphans, the widows, the poor, the Old Ministers who have fought the battle of faith, and stood firmly for the true principles and doctrine that is taught by the Word of God. 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." (Matt. 25:40).

MITCHELL RAYBURN
JOE KEE

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

The Southwestern District Baptist Association, in regular session with Republican Grove Church, Oct. 1951. To Our Sister Associations, Greetings. We desire to keep up a friendly and brotherly correspondence with you. Our next session will be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Benton County, Tenn., beginning on Friday at 10 o'clock A. M., before the Second Sunday in October, 1952. You have a cordial invitation to attend. T. L. CAMPBELL.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, submit the following report: Minute Funds \$158.49; Home Mission \$44.32; Old Ministers and Orphans Home \$6.

ESQUE HOLLOWELL
ALLEN JORDAN
JAMES ABBOTT

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

	By Letter
Akins Chapel	Herman Boyd, Ray Butler
Bemis Chapel	Max L. Bennett, Hulon Smith
Bethel	Vealer Wood, Ollie Lew's
Bible Grove	Onnie Blankenship, Estelle Blankenship
Bolens Chapel	Rufus Hastings, Tilman Matheney
Caledonia	Wallace Floyd, Alvin Corbitt
Chalk Hill	Dewey Waugh, Paul Simpson
Concord	Noah Johnson, Boo Kee
Cross Roads	A. L. Welch, Mrs. L. N. Peebles
Eagle Creek	Rufus Myers, Clark Hall
Ephesus	Ezra Cox, Ethel Cox
Flatwoods	Weldon Chandler, Sam Allen
Independent	Allen Jordan, Jack Barnes
Land Mark	Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Carver
Marisboro	John H. Abbott, C. N. Thomas
Mixie	Onie Hicks, G. C. Parish
Mt. Comfort	A. G. Brewer, J. L. Robertson
Mt. Pisgah	Jim McPeak, Warren Owen
New Bethel	T. L. Campbell, R. L. Hill
New Cross Roads	W. H. Hopper, C. E. Carrington
New Hope	Billie Meals, Joe Kirby
New Liberty	Silas Smith and Wife
New Prospect	O. C. Azbill, A. M. Duke
North Bemis	Elmer Hampton, Edwin Butler
Oak Grove No. 1	By Letter
Oak Grove No. 2	Curtis Hampton, Clyde Jackson
Old Union	G. W. Williams, A. M. Johnson
Pleasant Grove	John Hedge, John Anderson
Pleasant Hill	John Hedge, John Anderson
Pleasant Ridge	Mrs. Oeta Brockman, Mrs. Nova Thomason
Republican Grove	Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sparks
Rushing Creek	By Letter
Shiloh	J. V. Barrow, Graden Roberson
New Spring Hill	John R. Geans, Howell Patterson
Tom's Creek	John Blount, Graydon Odle
Westport	E. L. Hampton, Andrew Plunkett
Whites Chapel	H. S. Burch, W. E. Hollowell
Yuma	

MINISTERIAL LIST

Name and Church	Postoffice
Abbott, J. D., Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Abbott, James, Pleasant Hill	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Anderson, John, Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Baker, Clayton, Flatwoods	Elvins, Mo.
Birch, H. S., Yuma	Westport, Tenn.
Butler, Neill, Oak Grove No. 1	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Campbell, T. L., New Cross Roads	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Carter, C. F., Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Dameron, O. V., Mt. Pisgah	Yuma, Tenn.
Franks, A. H., Flatwoods	Hot Springs, Ark.
Hampton, R. H., Republican Grove	Trezevant, Tenn.
Hampton, E. L., Whites Chapel	Bemis, Tenn.
Hedge, John, Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Hopper, W. H., New Hope	Huntingdon, Tenn.

Joyner, Newt, New Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.
Martin, E. H., Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Myers, R. L., Ephesus	Mansfield, Tenn.
Noles, Robert, Independent	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Park, E. W., Flatwoods	Memphis, Tenn.
Paschall, J. R., Pleasant Ridge	Camden, Tenn.
Pratt, W. E., Bemis Chapel	359 N. Royal St., Jackson, Tenn.
Prince, E. F., Pleasant Ridge	Hollow Rock, Tenn.
Quinn, Glennie, Old Union	Holladay, Tenn.
Vandiver, Herschel, North Bemis	Selmer, Tenn.

LICENTIATES LIST

Name and Church	Postoffice
Arnold, B. B., Republican Grove	Trezevant, Tenn.
Azbill, O. C., North Bemis	Bemis, Tenn.
Cole, Floyd, Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Dameron, O. L., Mt. Pisgah	Yuma, Tenn.
Deeter, Frank, Ephesus	Mansfield, Tenn.
Hall, Clarence, Jr.	Henry, Tenn.
Hatch, Connie, Bible Grove	Wildersville, Tenn.
Plunkett, Andrew, Whites Chapel	R. F. D. 4, Jackson, Tenn.
Rayburn, Mitchell, Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.
Rhodes, Walter, North Bemis	Camden, Tenn.
Rogers, Clint, Mt. Comfort	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Taylor, T. C., New Bethel	Henry, Tenn.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

BEMIS CHAPEL	NEW LIBERTY
Mrs. Julia Robison	Mrs. Matilda Kee
CHALK HILL	NORTH BEMIS
Mrs. Ara Hollingsworth	Jessie Boyd
Nan Overfield	Mrs. Myrtle Davis
BETHEL	OAK GROVE NO. 2
John McCain	John Blankenship
John W. DeMoss (D)	PLEASANT HILL
CONCORD	George Noles
Bertha Hilliard	Martin Umstead
CROSS ROADS	SHILOH
William J. Hamilton	Whitley Bradford
EPHESUS	Roy B. Cary
Mrs. Zinkie Simmons	Mrs. Bell Cary
MT. COMFORT	TOMS CREEK
Sammie Pritchard	Albert Baars
Mrs. Duncie Ellis	WESTPORT
Mrs. Willie Odell	J. B. Petty
Homer Horn	Mrs. Ella Phillips
NEW CROSS ROADS	YUMA
G. H. Jordan	Maude Rainey
Malcome Lewis	Ector Todd
NEW HOPE	
Mrs. Callie Horn	
Mary Ann Winters	

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 patriarch, 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 school, once Rhode Island College, and which has always been a Baptist school.

DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH	MODERATOR	CLERKS
1849/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/Pearson 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/Bewer 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
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	R. W. Foster
1860/Ramble Creek, Benton Co.	J. P. Arnold	J. P. Doberty
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	R. 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	Geo. Hollowell
1871/New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1872/Mt. Nebo, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1873/Mariboro, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1874/New Hope, Carroll Co.	J. H. Park	J. H. Thomas
1875/Toni's Creek, Perry Co.	J. W. Brewer	J. P. Rogers
1876/Rushing Creek, Benton Co.	J. P. Rogers	J. P. Rogers
1877/Ok Grove, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	J. P. Rogers
1878/New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	J. P. Rogers
1879/Bethel, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	J. P. Rogers
1880/Wildersville, Henderson Co.	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
1881/Ramble Creek	J. H. Thomas	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.	J. C. Park	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	U. 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	D. J. Allen
1895/Flatwoods, Benton Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1896/Mariboro, 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/Pearson Hill, Benton Co.	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1900/Salem, Decatur Co.	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1901/Chalk Hill, Benton Co.	N. L. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1902/Cross Roads, Benton Co.	E. Z. Newsum	C. H. Rogers
1903/New Prospect, Decatur Co.	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1904/Ephesus, Carroll Co.	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1905/Pearson Grove	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1906/Ramble Creek	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1907/Ok Grove, Carroll Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1908/Concord, Carroll Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1909/Pearson Ridge	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1910/Perryville, Decatur Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1911/Unity, Benton Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
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.	T. M. Boyd	D. H. Franks
1916/Toni'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/Ok Grove	J. N. Joyner	C. V. Cooper
1927/Pearson 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.	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1931/New Hope, Carroll Co.	J. N. 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/Mariboro, 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/Ok Grove, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1942/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/Mariboro, Carroll Co.	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1946/Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1947/Pearson 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	W. S. Brinkley
1950/Bible Grove, Henderson County	C. F. Carter	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, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Churches	Superintendent and Post Office	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Gifts and Expenses
Bemis Chapel	Roy Butler, Bemis	8	52	\$11.19
Bethel	Hulon Smith, McKenzie	7	45	33.47
Bolens Chapel	Willie Stout, Lexington	8	36	16.47
Caledonia	Clarence Barnhart, McKenzie	7	45	48.94
Chalk Hill	Alvin Corbitt, Camden	7	120	90.38
Cross Roads	Perrin Deaton, Camden	12	51	39.51
Eagle Creek	G. R. Morrison, Camden	7	40	32.00
Flatwoods	J. M. Cain, Holladay	7	74	41.39
Independent	Jack Barnes, 4125 Philw'd A, M'mphis	5	36	259.09
Landmark	H. R. Smith, Huntingdon	5	35	75.00
Marlsboro	G. W. Carter, Vale	6	45	46.48
Mixie	Aslee Thomas, Hollow Rock	8	25	15.00
New Bethel	Harris Vaughn, Henry	6	45	38.42
New Cross Roads	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon	7	30	54.99
New Prospect	M. E. Gibson, Holladay	6		15.00
North Bemis	W. B. Allen, Bemis	9	100	54.00
Oak Grove No. 2	Dayton McDaniel, Lexington	6	4	42.75
Old Union	James Cooper, Holladay	4	25	10.36
Pleasant Grove	A. M. Johnson, Lexington	9	70	42.61
Pleasant Hill	Edward Oxford, Buena Vista	12	50	55.00
Pleasant Ridge	H. M. Bond, Bruceton	6		118.10
Republican Grove	Brown Foster, McKenzie	10	95	237.31
Rushing Creek		8	70	28.00
Shiloh	Lewis Harris, Holladay	11	30	10.00
Tom's Creek	Howell Patterson, Linden	4	50	40.00
Westport	Floyd Thomason, Westport	7	75	80.00
Whites Chapel	Woodrow McCord, Rfd 4, Jackson	6	50	32.58
Yuma	W. E. Hollowell, Yuma	9	90	125.00

1951 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	2	1	1	49	1	\$	\$ 42.00	\$41.00	\$1.00				\$ 84.00
Bemis Chapel	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Frank Canavan, Bemis, Tenn.	2	2	1	1	61	1	2,323.64	645.00	347.50	5.00				3,326.14
Bethel	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Coy Rich, McKenzie, Tenn.	1	1	2	5	141	1	130.20	240.00	138.00	4.00				528.40
Bible Grove	Fred Hurt, Bemis, Tenn.	Connie Hatch, Wildersville	1	1	1	1	165	1	35.00	260.00	223.20	3.25				406.20
Bolen's Chapel	Onnie Blankenship, Lexington	Mrs. Ethel Sparks, Lexington	2	2	12	12	73	1	32.25	264.00	32.00	2.85				329.25
Calcedonia	W. H. Hopper, Huntingdon	James L. Washburn, McKenzie	4	3	6	6	73	1	159.70	206.00	151.00	4.83	108.00		120.00	744.70
Chalk Hill	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Virgil Griggs, Camden, Tenn.	2	2	1	4	117	1	147.60	303.42	91.40	3.25		75.99		681.31
Concord	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Clyde McCormick, Huntingdon	3	3	1	4	113	2	106.15	264.60	95.49	3.46			10.31	476.55
Cross Roads	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	4	4	2	2	163	1		481.15		6.00				487.15
Eagle Creek	R. E. Pettigrew, Parsons	Maggie Morrison, Eagle Creek	4	4	3	3	77	1		240.00	100.00	2.03			12.83	352.83
Epheus	Glennie Quinn, Holladay	Myrtle Deeter, Mansfield, Tenn.	2	2	4	4	62	1	15.00	94.65	44.50	3.05				159.15
Flat Woods		D. E. Mellwain, Rt. 3, Holladay	4	4	7	7	140	1	84.94	121.02	198.38	3.56	12.00	12.03		466.37
Independent	Robert Noles, Huntingdon, Tenn.	H. R. Smith, Huntingdon, Tenn.	2	2	12	12	42	1	548.00	114.94	123.90	3.00				786.84
Landmark	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	M. P. Allen, 362 E. Hwy, Memp's	4	4	2	2	24	1	10.50	478.15	254.77	2.50				743.44
Marlboro	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon	Elwood Carver, Vale, Tenn.	1	1			108	1		320.00	9.00	8.61			22.26	351.70
Mixie	H. S. Burch, Westport, Tenn.	Aslee Thomas, Hollow Rock	3	3	2	2	24	1	124.85	118.78	52.02	3.53			30.88	317.95
Mt. Comfort	H. S. Burch, Westport, Tenn.	G. C. Parish, Westport, Tenn.	4	4	1	1	166	1		146.22	53.21	3.75				188.67
Mt. Pisgah	Onnie Blankenship, Lexington	R. T. Hatch, Wildersville, Tenn.	2	2	2	2	133	1		182.90	16.95	4.00				206.85
New Bethel	W. H. Hopper, Huntingdon	G. C. Perry, Henry, Tenn.	2	2	4	4	157	1	605.97	306.05	176.86	7.95			14.76	1,103.58
New Cross Roads	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon	4	4	2	6	117	2	85.07	339.50	27.03	5.85				517.19
New Hope	W. H. Hopper, Huntingdon	Mrs. C. E. Carrington, Westport	3	3	3	3	135	1		175.00	40.00	3.46				215.00
New Liberty	Earl Owens, Lexington, Tenn.	Elizabeth Ross, Cedar Grove	2	2	3	2	114	1	362.41	305.00		4.25			50.80	722.46
New Prospect	Silas Smith, Parsons, Tenn.	Ray Clift, Holladay, Tenn.	2	2	4	4	183	1	26.80	245.57		4.00				272.17
North Bemis	Fred Hurt, Bemis, Tenn.	R. L. Buckingham, Bx 286, Bemis	All	6	12	18	71	2	1,382.61	1,067.50	773.00	5.00	26.00	104.20	510.06	3,877.43
Oak Grove No. 1	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	J. L. Cole, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	1	3	3	8	1	13.00	228.50		7.20	19.45	9.30		307.25
Oak Grove No. 2	Grady Wood, Lexington, Tenn.	Orvil L. Lewis, Lexington, Tenn.	4	4	1	6	151	1	303.55	143.15		50	6.00		46.80	406.50
Old Union	Glennie Quinn, Holladay	Reba Howe, Holladay, Tenn.	1	2	2		51	1	31.20	158.33	68.05	1.75				249.33
Pleasant Grove	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	G. W. Williams, McKenzie	4	4	3	3	126	1	199.66	204.58	14.56	3.00				408.80
Pleasant Hill	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon, Te	W. J. Allen, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	1	3	3	4	2	15.00	248.60	55.60	3.65				346.80
Pleasant Ridge	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	J. R. Paschall, Camden, Tenn.	1-3	1	2	3	5	1	51.42	572.66	76.31	6.50				705.33
Republic Grove	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon	E. G. Hampton, Trezevant, Ten	2	2	14	8	217	1	2,677.00	276.00	24.36	7.40			22.12	2,999.48
Rushing Creek	J. D. McMillian, Huntingdon	L. F. Stockdale, Camden, Tenn.	4	4	3	7	1	1	20.00	300.00	95.60	2.05		91.50	32.00	538.50
Shiloh	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	G. W. Fullerton, Holladay	3	2	3	3	1	3	4	210.54		2.25				210.50
Spring Hill	Fred Hurt, Bemis, Tenn.	J. V. Barrow, Huntingdon				4	1	5	34	45.22	110.35	46.25	2.45			193.85
Tom's Creek	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Howell Patterson, Linden, Tenn.	3	3	1	4	2	1	3	73	21	4	5.00			563.19
Westport	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock	M. C. Spellings, Westport, Tenn.	2	6	6	6	2	8	708	71.30	406.00	66.24	5.00		108.65	946.29
White's Chapel	E. L. Hampton, Bemis, Tenn.	Mrs. Erby Gooch, Jackson	All	1	4	3	16	60	1	306.52	1,072.50	143.96	3.00		10.00	1,532.98
Yuma	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	George Robertson, Yuma, Tenn.	1	10	10	12	2	14	316	73.00	338.27	4.04				413.31