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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.

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1952

The Southwestern District Association met with Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Benton County, Tennessee, pursuant to adjournment by singing "What A Friend."

We were led in prayer by Eld. T. L. Campbell.

The Moderator read 2 Tim., 4th Chapter 1-8 verses. The Moderator made a short talk; then called the body to order.

The Moderator appointed the Pastor and Deacons to the host Church as committee on Divine Service.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Martin May, Bro. J. R. Paschal, Bro. Jordan Smothers as Finance Committee.

Bro. John Hedge and Bro. Fred Prince appointed as Reading Clerks.

Called for Letters from the Churches.

Time having arrived for Introductory Sermon, the body sang "Amazing Grace" and Bro. E. F. Prince took the stand. He read the entire Fifth Chapter of Galatians and then led us in prayer. His text was 1st Verse 5th. Chapter of Galatians, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." His subject was "Liberty."

After the sermon the body stood and sang "When We All Get To Heaven" and gave Bro. Prince the right hand of indorsement.

Motion to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Bro. Harvey Kirk.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful dinner prepared by the host church the body came together by singing "Home Of The Soul."

Then we were led in prayer by Bro. Robert Noles.

The Moderator called the body to order.

There was a motion to withdraw fellowship from North Bemis Church, for pulpit affiliations with other denominations, until they come before the Association and apologize. This motion carried 31 for and none against.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

Center Point Baptist Church, South of Bruceton, Tenn., petitioned to enter our Association and were received unanimously. Motion to take up a free-will offering for Center Point. The body stood and sang "Tolling On," while Bro. J. C. Parish and Bro. John Hedge took up the offering and they receive \$71.65.

Time having arrived for the election of Moderator and Clerk:

Bro. C. F. Carter and Bro. E. F. Prince were nominated for Moderator, with Bro. Carter being elected.

Bro. John Hedge was elected Assistant Moderator. Motion to elect Clerk, and Bro. T. L. Campbell was elected by a standing vote.

Bro. John L. Moore was elected Assistant Clerk.

It was voted to hold next session with Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church. Eld. E. F. Prince was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. James Abbott, alternate. Eld. John Hedge was elected to preach the Missionary sermon; Eld. Robert Noles, alternate.

Bros. J. D. Abbott, Clyde McCormick and Robert Noles were appointed as a Committee on Topics.

Motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock, Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Eld. C. F. Carter.

SATURDAY MORNING

The body came together by singing "This World Is Not My Home."

Then we were led in prayer by Bro. Calvin Gregory.

The Moderator read the 8th Chapter of Romans and declared the body ready for business.

we are not bigger Baptists than we are missionaries. We believe in being led by the Spirit of God, if we as churches would come together in one accord touching and agreeing on a thing and pray to God for leadership, he would open up a field for us to work and that might be in our own homes and churches in the next year and awake us out of our sleep to our duty. Our youth needs the Gospel. The church must send it out or God is not pleased with it. Our home missionary work should be remembered by our churches at all times. We recommend that churches of this Association put forth a greater effort on home mission in the future.

M. L. MAY
J. E. SMITH

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We your committee on Education submit the following: Education is knowledge gained by study. 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, His doctrine and kingdom's work, and what he would have us do and how to do it. Second Tim. 3-15, 16, 17, and from a child that has known the holy scripture which are able to make the wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for corrections, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. May we, as churches of this Association, ever teach the Bible and contents earnestly for what it teaches.

JOHN HEDGE
E. F. PRINCE

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday School, submit the following report: We believe that we should put forth a greater effort to carry our children to Sunday School and see that they are taught the true principles of the Bible. Then we will be carrying out one of the great commissions that Jesus gave to the church when he said teach them to observe all things what so ever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you all ways even unto the end of the world. We should study to show ourselves approved unto God; workmen that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth, 2nd Timothy 2-15, and pray that we might be led by the spirit, that we might teach the things that would be pleasing to God.

CLYDE McCORMICK
JAMES MALONE

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Matthew 16, 19, and I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. We believe that prayer is the keys that will unlock heaven's door. We believe that every church should carry on with Prayer meeting services. St. Luke 19, 46, My House is the House of Prayer. Our Prayer Meetings should recall to our hearts and minds Romans 10, 1, Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance submit the following: In First Peter 1-5-8 we read "Add to your Faith, Virtue; Virtue, Knowledge; Knowledge, Temperance; Temperance, Patience; and to Patience, Godliness; for if these things be in you and abound they make you that you shall not be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We recommend that we as a body of people of the Missionary Baptist Faith teach Temperance for the welfare of our churches.

ROBERT NOLES
WELDON CHANDLER

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Good sound wholesome publications are a tremendous influence for good; however publications that are unsound religiously, morally, or otherwise, are a real curse to humanity.

The right type of publications are a real blessing to church life, family life and to encourage good citizenship; therefore we should prayerfully read and study the Bible and read other good sound literature.

Paul wrote to Timothy to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, but show profane and vain babblings; for they will increase to more ungodliness."

"And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make the wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Our beloved Saviour said "Search the Scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me."

It is of vital importance that children as well as adults, be encouraged to read good wholesome literature, and especially as our nation is being flooded with not only many types of false religious literature but also literature that is unwholesome morally and intellectually and a curse to family, community, and national life. Therefore, we prayerfully recommend that we be much more careful in selecting the right type of publications to read and to study.

Committee:
J. ROBERT PASCHAL

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, the Committee on Obituaries, submit the following: God in His great wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst thirty-seven 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 who 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.

ELD. E. L. HAMPTON
BRO. J. T. SMOTHERS

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

The Southwestern District Baptist Association in regular session with Pleasant Hill Church October, 1952:

To Our Sister Associations: Greetings. We desire to keep up a friendly and brotherly correspondence with you. Our next session will be held with Ephesus Baptist Church, Carroll County, Tenn. You have a Cordial Invitation to attend.

T. L. CAMPBELL

VOTE OF THANKS

We as members and messengers of The Southwestern District Baptist Association express our appreciation to the members of Pleasant Hill Church and community for their sweet fellowship and for the bountiful dinners served each day. We extend thanks to everyone who has contributed to the success of this meeting.

T. L. CAMPBELL

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

	By Letter
Atkins Chapel	Bro. C. F. Carter, Coy Rich
Bethel	A. G. Hays, V. P. Wood
Bible Grove	Ben Nolen, Roy Butler
Bemis Chapel	Argo Riggsby, Connie Allen
Caledonia	Martin May, J. Ed Smith
Concord	Cecil Kee, Leskie Pierce
Cross Roads	Gertrude Peebles, Margrette Peebles
Eagle Creek	Billy Myers, Frank Deeter
Ephesus	Leonard Cox, Hazel Cox
Flat Woods	Weldon Chandler, Robert Noles
Independent	Millard P. Allen, Monder Allen
Land Mark	Milburn Higdon, Edna Higdon
Marlsboro	Bob Simmons, John H. Abbott
Mixie	Roy Hall, J. C. Brinkley
Mt. Comfort	A. G. Brewer, Onnie Dameron
Mt. Pisgah	R. C. Perry, James Malone
New Bethel	T. L. Campbell, Amos Williams
New Cross Roads	Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hollowell
New Hope	Joe W. Johnson, Elston Lewelling
New Liberty	Silas Smith and wife
New Prospect	E. O. Bonds, William Edwards
Oak Grove No. 1	Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lewis
Oak Grove No. 2	Marvin Cooper, Elwood Ellis
Old Union	T. J. Smothers, L. R. Jordan
Pleasant Hill	N. C. Williams, J. Robt. Paschal
Pleasant Ridge	Jodie H. Ervin, A. L. Brockman
Republican Grove	Lola Seaton, Beulah Wilhoite
Rushing Creek	Howard Pritchard, Connie Hedge
Shiloh	Fred Allen, Bert Cross
New Spring Hill	C. W. Gean, Howell Patterson
Tom's Creek	Alton Cross, Ira Tucker
Westport	Earline Faulkner, Betty Cash
White's Chapel	W. E. Hollowell, Demon Miller
Yuma	John E. Moore, John L. Moore
Center Point	

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.;	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.
Hedge, John; Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Hopper, John; Pleasant Hill	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Joyner, Newt; New Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.
Martin, E. H.; Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Myers, R. L.; Ephesus	Mansfield, Tenn.
Noles, Robert, Independent	McKenzie, Tenn.

Park, E. W.; Flatwoods	Memphis, Tenn.
Prince, E. F.; Pleasant Ridge	Hollow Rock, Tenn.
Paschal, J. R.; Pleasant Ridge	Camden, Tenn.
Quinn, Glennie; Old Union	Holladay, Tenn.
Rayburn, Mitchell; Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.
Vandiver, Herschel; North Bemis	Selmer, Tenn.

LICENTIATES LIST

Name and Church	Postoffice
Arnold, B. B.; Republican Grove	Trezevant, Tenn.
Cole, Floyd; Cross Roads	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	Jackson, Tenn.
Rhodes, Walter; North Bemis	Jackson, Tenn.
Rogers, Clint; Mt. Comfort	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Taylor, T. C.; New Bethel	Henry, Tenn.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

BETHEL	NEW PROSPECT
Mrs. Laura McCollum	Mrs. Mollie Haynes
CALEDONIA	Mrs. Ellen Byrd
B. H. Allen	OAK GROVE NO. 1
CONCORD	Tom Drinkard
Mrs. Louise Newsom	Mrs. Bettie Butler
CROSS ROADS	OAK GROVE NO. 2
Mrs. Mary Bridges	Mrs. Gerthie Blankenship
MARLSBORO	OLD UNION
Bro. C. C. McMackin	Jonah French
MT. COMFORT	PLEASANT HILL
Mrs. Mavis Pritchard	Mrs. Adie Boyd
Mrs. Ida Hollowell	Mrs. Genetta Umstead
Mrs. Bell Cary	Carlos Wimberly
NEW BETHEL	REPUBLICAN GROVE
C. E. Nash	Carl Yates
W. Z. Nash	Mrs. Rosie Bryant
Vester Wallace	RUSHING CREEK
Minnie Irby	Mrs. Cordelia Sparks
NEW HOPE	J. A. Sparks
Willie E. Gooch	SHILOH
Herman Gooch	Seibel Hedge
Mrs. Nellie Moody	TOM'S CREEK
Mrs. Lilly Kirksey	Bernard Patterson
Mrs. Annie Russell	WESTPORT
NEW LIBERTY	L. B. Hall
Mrs. Ada Williamson	Ray Kelly
Mrs. Nancy Grogan	
Lonnie Murphy	

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. F. Rogers
1880 Wildersville, Henderson Co.	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
1881 Ramble Creek	J. P. Arnold	J. H. Thomas
1881 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	A. H. Franks
1926 Oak Grove	J. N. Joyner	C. V. Cooper
1927 Pleasant Hill	J. N. Joyner	C. V. Cooper
1928 Shiloh, Carroll Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1929 Bruceeton, 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 Grove, Henderson County	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1951 Republican Grove	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1952 Pleasant Hill, Benton County	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell

RULES OF DECORUM SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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

Article 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot, providing nothing be so construed as to prohibit newly constituted churches petitioning for admission from voting.

Article 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made the same day, but at no subsequent term.

Article 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, so as not to vote, unless his vote shall be necessary to decide the question. If he arises to speak he shall call another brother to take the chair.

Article 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be open to discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays and if a call is made it shall be decided by the members rising.

Article 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflection.

Article 7. No person shall speak more than once on any subject until all who wish to speak have an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Article 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the Association.

Article 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of the churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required.

Article 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

Article 11. The appellation of brethren shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION

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

Article II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such church as may belong to this union to represent them in body.

Article III. The messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence, which shall state their appointment as delegates, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.

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

Article V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons for their failure at the next Association, and if any church fails for two consecutive meetings, the Association shall send a committee to inquire into their state.

Article VI. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by messenger and letter, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Article VII. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, so soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their member's names enrolled, provided, also shall not at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches. It shall, however, be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

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

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

Article XI. When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, they may call from two or more churches for the aid of their ministers, and other members, such as the church may deem most suitable, to examine the individuals and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the gospel to the churches, which shall or it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

5. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His Death; being risen from the dead, is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Churches	Superintendent and Post Office	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Gifts and Expenses
Bethel.....	Hulon Smith, McKenzie, Tennessee.....	7	52	\$54.40
Bemis Chapel.....	Roy Butler, Bemis, Tennessee.....	8	75	48.19
Caledonia.....	Rufus Hastings, Henry, Tennessee.....	6	48	14.50
Cross Roads.....	Perrin Deaton, Camden, Tennessee.....	14	62	130.25
Eagle Creek.....	G. R. Morrison, Camden, Tennessee.....	6	40	30.00
Flatwoods.....	Earl Franks, Holladay, Tennessee.....	7	77	47.97
Independent.....	H. R. Smith, Huntingdon, Tennessee.....	5	40	173.98
Land Mark.....	Allen Jordan.....	6	34	180.71
Marlboro.....	George Carter, Vale, Tennessee.....	5	45	74.22
New Bethel.....	Harris Vaughn, Henry, Tennessee.....	6	40	56.33
New Cross Roads.....	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tennessee.....	6	23	74.90
New Prospect.....	M. E. Gibson, Holladay, Tennessee.....	6	55	20.00
Oak Grove No. 2.....	Dayton McDaniel, Lexington, Tenn.....	6	75	40.00
Old Union.....	James Cooper, Holladay, Tennessee.....	5	20	9.00
Pleasant Hill.....	C. A. Abbott, Buena Vista, Tennessee.....	8	50	47.20
Pleasant Ridge.....	H. M. Bond, Bruceton, Tennessee.....	6		62.21
Republican Grove.....	Willie B. Foster, Trezevant, Tennessee.....	7	130	145.06
Rushing Creek.....	R. P. Wilhoite, Camden, Tennessee.....	7	70	30.00
Shiloh.....	Lewis Harris, Holladay, Tenn.....	5	40	10.00
New Spring Hill.....	Donnie A. Baker, Huntingdon, Tenn.....	8	35	30.00
Tom's Creek.....	Howell Patterson, Linden, Tennessee.....	4	50	40.00
Westport.....	Floyd Thomason, Westport, Tennessee.....	7	75	150.00
Whites Chapel.....	Claude Michael, Oakfield, Tenn.....	6	29	35.30
Yuma.....	W. E. Hollowell, Yuma, Tennessee.....	9	91	147.13

1932 STATISTICAL TABLE SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Church Day	Baptisms	Letter Restoration	Total	Letter Exclusions	Deaths	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. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Mrs. Rhoda Taylor, Sugar Tree	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bethel	Earl Owens, Lexington, Tenn.	Coy Rich, McKenzie, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	143	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bible Grove	John Hedge, Camden, Tenn.	Connie Hatch, Wildersville	1	1	1	1	1	1	171	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bemis Chapel	W. H. Hopper, Huntingdon	Frank Canovan, Bemis, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,306.25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Caledonia	James Abbott Buena Vista, Te	James L. Washburn, McKenzie	1	1	1	1	1	1	39.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Concord	Neal Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	E. W. Stokes, Huntingdon, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	50.45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cross Roads	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	316.80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Eagle Creek	Maggie Morrison	Maggie Morrison	1	1	1	1	1	1	240.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ephesus	Glennie Quinn, Holladay	Myrtle Deeter, Mansfield, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	13.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Flat Woods	R. E. Pettigrew, Parsons, Tenn.	D. E. McIlwain, Holladay	1	1	1	1	1	1	43.70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Independent	Robert Niles, McKenzie, Tenn.	H. R. Smith, Huntingdon, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	215.15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Landmark	K. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	M. P. Allen, 3622 Pkwy., Memp's	1	1	1	1	1	1	576.79	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marlboro	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon	Edwood Carver, Vale, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	306.81	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mixie	H. S. Burch, Westport, Tenn.	Aslee Thomas, Hollow Rock	1	1	1	1	1	1	143.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Comfort	H. S. Burch, Westport, Tenn.	G. C. Parish, Westport, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	162.71	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Pisgah	Onnie Blankenship, Lexington	Onnie Dameron, Yuma, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	239.32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Bethel	W. H. Hopper, Huntingdon	R. C. Perry, Henry, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,917.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Cross Roads	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon	1	1	1	1	1	1	72.90	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Hope	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	Mrs. C. E. Carrington, Westport	1	1	1	1	1	1	345.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Liberty	Earl Owens, Lexington, Tenn.	Lara Johnson, Cedar Grove	1	1	1	1	1	1	258.15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Prospect	S. M. Smith, Parsons, Tenn.	Ray Clift, Holladay, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	34.74	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oak Grove No. 1	Neal Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	J. L. Cole, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	15.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oak Grove No. 2	Glennie Quinn, Holladay, Tenn.	Orvil L. Lewis, Lexington, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	60.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Old Union	Glennie Quinn, Holladay, Tenn.	Willie G. Ellis, Westport	1	1	1	1	1	1	18.50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Hill	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon	W. J. Allen, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	44.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pleasant Ridge	John Hedge, Camden, Tenn.	J. R. Paschall, Camden, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	125.42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Republic Grove	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon, Te	E. G. Hampton, Trezevant, Ten	1	1	1	1	1	1	26.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rushing Creek	J. B. McMillian, Huntingdon	L. F. Stockdale, Camden, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	34.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shiloh	Neal Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	J. W. Fullerton, Holladay, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	200.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Sp'g Hill	James Abbott, Buena Vista	Mrs. Wayne Bedwell, Huntingd	1	1	1	1	1	1	47.13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tom's Creek	John Hedge, Camden, Tenn.	Howell Patterson, Linden, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	376.15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Westport	E. F. Prince, Hollow Rock	M. C. Spellings, Westport, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	105.20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
White's Chapel	Onnie Blankenship, Lexington	Mrs. Guy Faulkner, Oakfield, T.	1	1	1	1	1	1	134.17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yuma	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	G. Robertson, Yuma, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	90.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Center Point	Mitchell Rayburn, Camden, Tenn	John L. Moore, Bruceton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Cedar Hill, No Report.
Pleasant Grove, No Report.