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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 9, 1953

The Southwestern District Baptist Association met with Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church, Carroll County, Tennessee, pursuant to adjournment by singing "I Am Thine O Lord."

We were led in prayer by Bro. Ray Smith.

The Moderator read Eph. 6:10-20 and made a short talk, then declared the body ready for business.

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

Appointed Brethren J. B. Woodward, John Hedge, Bob Perry as Finance Committee.

Appointed Bro. Max Carrington, Bro. Ray Smith as reading clerks.

Call for reading of letters.

Time having arrived for the Introductory Sermon, the body sang "At The Cross" and Bro. Fred Prince took the stand and read from the First Chapter of Eph. beginning at the 17th Verse. Then he led the body in prayer. Choosing the 22nd verse for a foundation his subject was "The Authority of The Church." He preached a good sermon.

The body sang "When We All Get To Heaven," and gave Bro. Prince the hand of endorsement.

Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Bro. Robert Noles.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful dinner the body came together by singing "Oh I Want To See Him."

Led in prayer by Bro. H. E. Hayes.

Continued calling for and reading letters.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

Humbles Chapel asked for admittance into the Association but didn't have Petitionary Letter.

Motion and second that Humbles Chapel bring Petitionary Letter on Saturday.

Motion and second that we rescind Article 46 page 6 of 1931 Minutes and receive Clarksburg Church into Association. This motion failed to pass.

Time having arrived to elect Moderator and Clerk—there was a motion and second to go into election of Moderator.

Bro. John Hedge was elected Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, Assistant Moderator.

Bro. T. L. Campbell was elected Clerk, Bro. John L. Moore, Assistant Clerk.

Bros. Mitchell Rayburn, M. B. Hicks, Gray Brown appointed as Committee on Topics.

The body voted to meet with Mixie Baptist Church in 1954.

Bro. Clarence Carter was elected to preach Introductory Sermon; Bro. J. D. Abbott, alternate.

Bro. James Abbott elected to preach the Missionary Sermon; Bro. Mitchell Rayburn, alternate.

Motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock Saturday.

Dismissed by Bro. Clarence Carter.

SATURDAY MORNING

The body came together at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning by singing "Lily Of The Valley."

Led in prayer by Bro. C. D. Barton.

Song, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm."

The Moderator read six verses from Jude and made a short talk, then declared the body ready for business.

Humbles Chapel presented their Petitionary Letter which was read and the body voted unanimously to receive them into the Association.

There was a motion that the chairman on the Topics be allowed ten minutes, all others five minutes.

Report on Benevolence—spoken to by Bro. James Abbott, Bro. E. T. Prince, Bro. C. D. Barton.

Report on Home Missions—spoken to by H. R. Smith, W. H. Hopper, Bill Brewer, J. D. Abbott, John Hedge, E. H. Martin, G. C. Parish.

Report on Education—spoken to by J. R. Paschal, H. E. Hayes, Buford Hampton, W. H. Hopper.

Report on Foreign Missions—spoken to by Bro. E. F. Prince.

Report on Sunday School—spoken to by Brethren J. R. Paschal, Mitchell Rayburn, E. F. Prince, Guy Moore, C. D. Barton.

Motion to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Bro. Silas Smith.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The body came together by singing "How Firm A Foundation."

We were led in prayer by Bro. Rufus Myers.

The Moderator declared the body ready for business.

There was a motion and second that we divert from the regular order of business to hear the Financial Report of the Orphans Home by Bro. J. E. McDonald.

Motion and second to vote at this time on the proposed amendment to the by-laws of the Old Ministers and Orphans Home. This passed by a large majority.

Motion and second that this body rescind the act that was passed in 1951 concerning the Orphans Home, and support the Orphans Home. Passed by a large majority.

Motion and second that we elect three Trustees to govern the Home.

Ray Smith, elected for three years.

Bro. John Hedge elected for two years.

Bro. T. L. Campbell, elected for one year.

Report on Prayer Meeting—spoken to by Brethren R. L. Myers, H. E. Hayes, Neal Butler, W. H. Hopper, E. H. Martin, Jordan Smothers, Mitchell Rayburn.

Report on Temperance—spoken to by Bro. E. H. Martin, Neill Butler.

Report on Publications by Bro. Bill Brewer.

Report on Correspondence read by H. E. Hayes.

Motion and second that the messengers recommend to the churches that they send the Associational Clerk a contribution for his services.

The body voted not to change the time of meeting from Friday to Wednesday.

Motion and second that the Finance Committee make their report.

Motion to adjourn until 10 o'clock Sunday.

Dismissed by Lawton Brewer.

SUNDAY MORNING

The body came together by singing "Just Over In The Glory Land."

Led in prayer by Bro. Homer Pendergrass.

The Moderator read from 12th Chapter of Romans—made a short talk and declared body ready for business.

Time having arrived for the Missionary Sermon, Bro. John Hedge took the stand and read Acts 1:1-8 verses, choosing for a subject "Missions In General."

Bro. Hedge brought a soul-stirring message.

The body sang "Amazing Grace" and gave Bro. Hedge the right hand

of endorsement and parting hand.

This bringing to close another session of Southwestern District Baptist Association.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Mixie Missionary Baptist Church in 1954.

The Finance Committee reported \$140.00 Minutes Fund; \$5.00 Foreign Missions.

Dismissed by Bro. Tom Hastings.

JOHN HEDGE, Moderator,
T. L. CAMPBELL, Clerk,

We, the members of Humbles Chapel Missionary Baptist Church are petitioning to join the Southwestern District Baptist Association.

We believe that Christ is the head of the church and there is no other way that man might be saved except by the shed blood of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We believe in the old time heartfelt, blood-bought salvation, being saved by the Grace of God.

This being voted upon in church conference the 26th day of September, 1953.

Bro. Robert Noles, Moderator,
Sister Ruby Christian, Clerk

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

We, your committee, on Benevolence: We believe that Benevolence is a great work in the Lord shewing forth the spirit of Christ. Galatians 5-22-23 says "But the fruits of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Against such there is no law." Let us consider one another to provoke into love and to good works, Hebrews 10-24, because James 1-27 says to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. Let us not love in word but in deeds and truth helping those who are in need showing kindness and tenderness to the aged brethren who have fought the battle of faith and having compassion on those who are in need.

JAMES ABBOTT,
J. D. ABBOTT,

Spoken to by James Abbott, E. D. Prince, C. D. Barton.

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 Doctrines? 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 of 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.

E. F. PRINCE

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We believe in Home Missions, first, because we believe that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, was a true missionary. He taught His Church first to do mission work at Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. We as Missionary Baptists fail a number of times of living up to our name. We beg the churches of this Association to look upon the field that is already white for the harvest and the laborers are so few, and come together in one accord and do our best for the Lord here in our own country while we have the time and opportunity. May the Lord give us that true Missionary spirit and His leadership to lead us that we might win a great number to Christ while we have this great privilege.

H. R. SMITH.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

To educate is import knowledge to; to instruct; to train.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

In a general way education begins in early childhood and continues throughout life, therefore wholesome environment and processes of training are of utmost importance and it is very essential that our schools use good sound text books.

Of course education begins in home life, therefore it is exceedingly important that parents give suitable training both by word and example.

In connection with other good sound literature much more emphasis should be manifested on teaching the Bible.

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and has been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 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." 1 Tim. 3: 14, 15.

"And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up, xxx and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." Deut. 6:9.

J. ROBT. PASCHAL.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following: We believe every church should have Sunday School and should teach the Bible or some good sound literature that is sound as the Bible. We believe the Sunday School should have teachers that are born of God and not afraid to teach nothing but Jesus and Him crucified. We believe we should encourage people to go to Sunday School and hear the Word of God taught.

Committee: Clarence Carter.

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.

We believe that Prayer is the key that will unlock heaven's door. 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 hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved.

R. L. MYERS

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

I, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report: Temperance is defined by Webster as follows: Habitual moderation or the exercising of restraint. I believe that by knowing the accepted meaning of the word we may better understand the following:

In First Corinthians, the Ninth Chapter and 24th through 27th verses we find, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receive the prize? So run that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly, so fight I, not as one that beateth the air, but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

Again in 1st Peter 1, 11 we read: "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul. And the 9th verse of Jude reads: "Yet Michael the Archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."

In conclusion, I believe that according to the above quoted Scriptures and others, we as Christian people should practice temperance in all our dealings with one another.

FRANK DEETER.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We recommend and urge that everyone more prayerfully read and study God's Word for it is The Book of All Books and any good literature that is in harmony with the teaching of God's Word.

We believe that reading good articles of doctrine and a close study of Scriptures with it will prove great blessings to Homes and also to individuals.

We therefore recommend and urge that parents see to it that their children have good sound literature to read and to encourage to read the Bible more and more.

Committee: M. P. ALLEN, W. H. (BILL) BREWER

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

The Southwestern District Baptist Association in regular session with Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church, Oct. 9-11, 1953: To our sister Association, a heartfelt greeting. We desire and endure to keep up brotherly love and christian fellowship, one toward another. Let us as children of God strive to keep down envy and strife and hard feelings among christian men and women is our heart's desire. We trust that the spirit of meekness will forever well abide with all Associations that contending for the truth and old land mark as our Lord and our forefathers laid for us. Our next session will be held with Mixie Missionary Baptist Church Carroll County, in 1954, beginning on Friday at 10:00 a. m., before the Second Sunday in October in 1954. You have a cordial welcome to attend.

A. G. HAYES.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Atkins Chapel	Joe Taylor, Mrs. Rhoda Taylor
Bethel	Lucian Demoss, Hulon Smith
Bible Grove	V. L. Wood, A. G. Hayes
Bemis Chapel	Herman Boyd, Harvey Kirk
Caledonia	Willie Wallace, Clarence Barnhart
Concord	Doy Smith, Sister Doy Smith
Cross Roads	Mitchel Rayburn and wife
Eagle Creek	Gertrude Peebles, Margrett Peebles
Ephesus	L. W. Forrest, Clark Hall
Flatwoods	L. D. Barnett and wife
Independent	Ray Smith, Robert Noles
Land Mark	Allen Jordan, M. P. Allen
Marlsboro	Huston Summers, Buford Carver
Mixie	Walter Vancleave, R. B. Robison
Mt. Comfort	G. C. Parish, Arthur Hicks
Mt. Pisgah	Lawton Brewer, Dorsey Dameron
New Bethel	R. C. Perry, Claude Malone
New Cross Roads	Bro. and Sister Homer Pendergrass
New Hope	Lonnie Robinson, Max Carrington
New Liberty	Melvin Gurley, Lora Johnson
New Prospect	Silas Smith, Guy Moore
Oak Grove	Neal Butler, John Brown
Old Union	Edd Ellis, James Cooper
Pleasant Hill	Edd Kee, Noah Jordan
Pleasant Ridge	J. R. Paschal, W. R. Cole
Republican Grove	Gray Brown, John I. Barker
Rushing Creek	Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rushing
Shiloh	Connie Hedge, Erin Hedge
New Spring Hill	Vester Barrow, Jack DePriest
Toms Creek	Mr. and Mrs. Howell Patterson
Westport	Ira Tucker, Buford Horn
White's Chapel	W. W. McCord, George Lassiter
Yuma	H. D. Miller, W. E. Hollowell
Center Point	Orvil Higdon, Adrian Cary
Humble's Chapel	Weldon Chandler, James Jordan

MINISTERIAL LIST

Name and Church	Postoffice
Martin, E. H., Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Carter, C. F.	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Hays, A. G., Bible Grove	Lexington, Tenn.
Rayburn Mitchel, Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.
Myers, L. R., Ephesus	Mansfield, Tenn.
Franks, A. H., Flatwoods	Hot Springs, Ark.
Park, E. W., Flatwoods	Memphis, Tenn.
Noles, Robert, Independent	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Dameron, O. V., Mt. Pisgah	Yuma, Tenn.
Taylor, Claud, New Bethel	Detroit, Michigan
Joyner, Newt, New Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.
Campbell, T. L., New Cross Roads	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Hopper, W. H., New Hope	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Smith, Silas, New Prospect	Parsons, Tenn.
Quinn, Glennie, Old Union	Holladay, Tenn.
Hedge, John, Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Anderson, John, Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.

HISTORICAL TABLE

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

DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH	MODERATOR	CLERKS
1846 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1847 Mt. Pisgah, Henderson Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1848 Ramble Creek, Benton Co.	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
1849 Peasant Hill, Benton Co.	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
1850 Hopewell, Henderson Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1851 New Prospect, Decatur Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1852 Beaver Dam, Benton Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1853 Union, Benton Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1854 Bible Union, Carroll Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1855 Concord, Carroll Co.	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
1856 Pleasant Grove, Henderson Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1857 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
1858 Union, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
1859 Holly Springs, Henderson Co.	J. P. Arnold	B. W. Foster
1860 Ramble Creek, Benton Co.	J. P. Arnold	J. P. Doherty
1861 New Prospect, Decatur Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
No Association during the Civil War, 1862-1864		
1865 Union, Benton Co.	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
1866 Salem, Decatur Co.	W. Pugh	B. W. Foster
1867 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	W. Pugh	Geo. Hollowell
1868 Ephesus, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1869 Concord, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1879 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
1878 Bethel, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	J. F. Rogers
1880 Wildersville, Henderson Co.	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
1881 Ramble Creek	J. P. Arnold	J. H. Thomas
1882 Cross Roads, Benton County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1883 Prospect, Carroll County	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 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 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
1953 Ephesus, Carroll County	John Hedge	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 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 reprovved 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 1. 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, redeeming 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 Saviour 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, Tenn.	8	52	\$198.05
Itemis Chapel.....	Roy Butler, Bemis, Tenn.	8	95	
Caledonia.....	Connie Allen, McKenzie, Tenn.	10	57	121.14
Eagle Creek.....	G. R. Morrison, Holladay, Tenn.	6	40	38.20
Ephesus.....	Frank Deeter, Mansfield, Tenn.	5	35	12.25
Fiatwoods.....	E. A. Franks, Holladay, Tenn.	8	70	64.51
Independent.....	H. R. Smith, Huntingdon, Tenn.	5	35	83.46
Land Mark.....	Allen Jordan, 3063 Morningside, Memphis, Tenn.	7		44.56
Marisboro.....	George Carter, Vale, Tenn.	6	57	266.58
Mixie.....	Bob Simmons, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	7	20	24.47
New Bethel.....	Warren Owens, Henry, Tenn.	6	38	35.00
New Cross Roads.....	S. B. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.	6	28	85.84
New Prospect.....	M. E. Gibson, Holladay, Tenn.			21.70
Pleasant Hill.....	C. A. Abbott, Buena Vista, Tenn.	11	55	65.24
Pleasant Ridge.....	H. M. Bond, Bruceton, Tenn.	6		53.59
Republican Grove.....	Brown Foster, Trezevant, Tenn.	14	100	199.90
Rushing Creek.....	R. P. Wilhoit, Camden, Tenn.	6	60	60.00
Shiloh.....	Lewis Harris, Holladay, Tenn.	5	40	15.00
New Spring Hill.....	Donnie Baker, Jr., Huntingdon, Tenn.	5	35	50.00
Tom's Creek.....	Howell Patterson, Linden, Tenn.	4	50	35 00
Westport.....	Floyd Thomason, Westport, Tenn.	7	75	142.00
Whites Chapel.....	W. C. Michael, Oakfeld, Tenn.	7	33	34.19
Yuma.....	W. E. Hollowell, Yuma, Tenn.	9	91	117.36
Center Point.....	John L. Moore, Buena Vista, Tenn.	8	49	

1933 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
1st Year Chapel	Jessie Dodd, Parsons, Tenn.	Mrs. Rhoda Taylor, Sugar Tree	2	1	3	3	8	13	49	1	2	2,722.32	228.00	\$45.78	\$45.00	\$1.00	---	---	---	\$3,106.10
2nd Year Chapel	C. F. Carter, Huntington, Tenn.	Mr. Rich. McKenzie, Lexington, Tenn.	1	1	3	3	8	13	49	1	2	2,722.32	228.00	\$45.78	\$45.00	\$1.00	---	---	---	\$3,106.10
3rd Year Chapel	C. F. Carter, Huntington, Tenn.	Claydy Wood, Lexington, Tenn.	3	7	1	4	1	67	1	1	1,446.65	810.00	180.00	5.00	---	---	---	---	---	\$2,436.65
4th Year Chapel	John Hedger, Camden, Tenn.	Sam Lee Garrett, McKenzie, Tenn.	2	4	2	3	3	73	1	2	27.17	243.45	28.75	5.50	---	---	---	---	---	\$27.17
5th Year Chapel	E. J. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	Sam Lee Garrett, McKenzie, Tenn.	4	10	5	15	8	210	164	1	1	29.00	240.00	50.00	2.16	---	---	---	---	\$29.00
6th Year Chapel	Robert Niles, Huntington, Tenn.	Mr. J. R. Keen, Camden, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	59	1	1	13.00	132.56	20.35	2.70	---	---	---	---	---	\$13.00
7th Year Chapel	Neal Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Myrtle Decker, Springfield, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	59	1	1	64.57	520.50	20.79	3.25	---	---	---	---	---	\$64.57
8th Year Chapel	R. E. Pettigrew, Parsons, Tenn.	D. E. McIlwain, Holaday, Tenn.	1	3	1	7	1	135	1	1	567.23	520.07	20.79	3.25	---	---	---	---	---	\$567.23
9th Year Chapel	W. Bartholomew, Parsons, Tenn.	M. J. Smith, Huntington, Tenn.	2	4	5	1	6	3	56	1	2	574.50	10.50	2.50	25.00	---	---	---	---	\$574.50
10th Year Chapel	C. F. Carter, Huntington, Tenn.	M. P. Allen, 2nd Pkwy, Memphis	2	2	1	3	1	120	1	1	49.95	246.22	67.72	5.50	---	---	---	---	---	\$49.95
11th Year Chapel	E. J. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	Mr. Aslee Thomas, Hollow Rock	4	4	4	8	7	1	150	1	1	55.00	205.51	38.00	4.00	---	---	---	---	\$55.00
12th Year Chapel	J. D. Abbott, Camden, Tenn.	Mr. C. Parth, Westport, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	583.40	446.00	149.47	5.01	27.00	---	---	---	---	\$583.40
13th Year Chapel	O. H. Hopper, Lexington, Tenn.	Mr. C. Perry, Henry, Tenn.	2	4	1	1	1	125	1	1	207.47	383.22	108.07	4.00	25.00	---	---	---	---	\$207.47
14th Year Chapel	T. L. Campbell, Huntington, Tenn.	Mr. C. E. Carrington, Westport	2	6	2	8	2	1	128	1	2	75.00	204.00	25.00	2.50	---	---	---	---	\$75.00
15th Year Chapel	Karl Owens, Lexington, Tenn.	Mr. C. E. Carrington, Westport	2	2	3	6	4	2	185	1	1	53.70	215.57	32.65	3.10	---	---	---	---	\$53.70
16th Year Chapel	Silas Smith, Parsons, Tenn.	J. L. Cole, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	1	1	2	2	2	206	1	1	27.24	153.18	16.20	3.12	---	---	---	---	\$27.24
17th Year Chapel	Neal Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Mr. G. Ellis, Westport	1	3	3	3	3	5	52	1	1	25.00	300.93	16.20	4.00	---	---	---	---	\$25.00
18th Year Chapel	John Hedger, Camden, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	3	4	1	5	19	6	23	133	1	1	27.29	300.93	16.20	4.00	---	---	---	\$27.29
19th Year Chapel	J. D. Abbott, Camden, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	213.90	278.00	3.56	5.50	---	---	---	---	---	\$213.90
20th Year Chapel	J. H. McMillan, Huntington, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	229.62	300.00	63.00	3.00	---	---	---	---	---	\$229.62
21st Year Chapel	Neal Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	3	2	1	4	3	5	67	1	1	12.56	279.45	174.87	3.89	---	---	---	---	\$12.56
22nd Year Chapel	James Abbott, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	3	2	1	4	3	5	67	1	1	18.00	325.97	174.87	3.89	---	---	---	---	\$18.00
23rd Year Chapel	John Hedger, Camden, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	2	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	606.00	668.00	78.94	3.00	---	---	---	---	---	\$606.00
24th Year Chapel	E. J. Prince, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	2	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	24.82	117.50	254.16	1.00	---	---	---	---	---	\$24.82
25th Year Chapel	Onie Plunkership, Lexington, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	15	1	16	3	1	4	240	1	1	100.00	369.26	226.57	4.00	---	---	---	\$100.00
26th Year Chapel	A. U. Nunney, Parsons, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	4	2	1	13	1	1	1	1	944.79	132.20	11.16	1.75	---	---	---	---	---	\$944.79
27th Year Chapel	Robert Niles, Huntington, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	2	7	13	20	1	1	29	1	1	89.00	144.76	11.16	3.00	---	---	---	---	\$89.00
28th Year Chapel	John L. Moore, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Ed. R. Kees, Buena Vista, Tenn.	2	7	13	20	1	1	29	1	1	144.76	11.16	3.00	---	---	---	---	---	\$144.76