

1963

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

OLD UNION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Carroll County, Tennessee

OCT. 11-12-13, 1963

OFFICERS

Eld. T. L. Campbell, Moderator.....	McKenzie, Tenn.
Eld. Robert Noles, Asst. Moderator.....	McKenzie, Tenn.
Bro. Ray Smith, Clerk.....	Camden, Tenn.
Bro. Austin Johnson, Asst. Clerk,.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.

NEXT MEETING

Will be held with the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Henry County, Tennessee beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1964 at 10 o'clock A. M. located four miles Northwest of Henry, Tennessee.

SERMONS

Introductory Sermon.....	Eld. Ernest Woods
Alternate.....	Eld. Robert Noles
Doctrinal Sermon.....	Eld. W. H. Hopper
Alternate.....	Eld. Onus Higdon
Missionary Sermon.....	Eld. John Hedges
Alternate.....	Eld. Hal Abbot

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.
Doctrinal Sermon, 11:00 a. m.
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.

Third Day

Read and Approve Minutes.
Vote of Thanks.
Call for Report of Finance Committee.
Missionary Sermon, 11:00 a. m.
Address of Moderator.
Song and Parting Hand.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1963

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association came together at 10:00 A. M. at the beginning of the 115th annual session with Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, Benton County, Tennessee on the above date by singing "There is Power in The Blood," "The Unseen Hand," prayer by Bro. F. L. R-y of the Wiseman Association. The Moderator, Eld. T. L. Campbell read the 33rd chapter of Psalms, and after a short talk declared the body ready for business.

The moderator appointed the Pastor of the Church, Eld. Hal Abbott, and the deacons of the host church as committee on Divine Service.

Appointed Bros. Austin Johnson, Ben Noles, Howard Pritchard, as Finance committee.

Appointed Bro. Ray Smith and Sister Austin Johnson as reading clerks.

Called for reading of the letters.

After reading a large portion of the letters the time arrived for the Introductory Sermon the body stood and sang "When Morning Comes," then Eld. C. F. Carter took the stand being appointed a year ago made a few remarks and read the 16th verse of the first chapter of Romans and used for a text "The Gospel" and delivered a very powerful sermon that was enjoyed by all of God's redeemed children. Then the body stood together and sang a number of good spiritual songs and extended to him a hand of appreciation and endorsement.

Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch.

After some announcements we were dismissed by Eld. J. C. Walker, of Athens Church, Lebanon, Tennessee.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a very fine dinner prepared by the host church and community the body came together for the afternoon session by singing "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus", "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder." Led in prayer by Bro. Ernest Woods. The moderator read the first eight verses of the third chapter of Titus and made a short talk and called the body to order, ready again for the remainder of the church letters.

After the reading of the letters Flatwoods Church made a report and asked that the association grant them another year to correct their error and if not the association will withdraw fellowship from them.

Motion and second to wait on the other two churches Mt. Comfort and Humbles Chapel until tomorrow before taking action on them.

Called for petitionary letters—None.

Time having arrived to elect the officers for another year Eld. T. L. Campbell was nominated and there being no other nomination was elected by acclamation. Bro. Robert Noles was nominated and there being no other one nominated was elected unanimous. Bro. Ray Smith was elected clerk unanimous since there were no other nominations. Bro. Austin Johnson was elected assistant clerk unanimous.

Bros. W. H. Hopper, Homer Pendergrass, Oscar Jowers, were appointed committee on Divine Topics.

Eld. Ernest Woods was elected to preach the Introductory sermon for another year. Eld. Robert Noles elected alternate.

Eld. W. H. Hopper was elected to preach the Doctrinal Sermon and Eld. Onus Higdon elected as alternate.

Eld. John Hedges was elected to preach the Missionary Sermon and Eld. Hal Abbott as alternate.

Call the revising of the Ministerial List.

Reading of the Treasury Report for the old ministers and orphans home was adopted and motion and second made that it be placed in the minutes.

As this brings to a close the day's business, motion and second was made by Eld. W. H. Hopper to give Bro. J. C. Walker a visiting Bro. from Lebanon, Tennessee, time to preach as we have the time. He read the ninth verse of the 33rd Psalms and made a wonderful talk. Then the body stood and sang a number of good songs and had a good fellowship handshake.

Motion and Second to adjourn until 10:00 A. M. tomorrow.

Dismissed by Eld. J. E. McDonald.

SATURDAY MORNING

The association came together by singing "Love Lifted Me", "When All of God's Singers Get Home." Prayer by Eld. W. H. Hopper. The moderator read from the first thru sixth verse of the 12th chapter of Romans and after a few fitting remarks declared the body ready to continue with the regular order of business. Heard roll call and messengers names read and adopted.

Motion and Second to give each chairman of the various topics ten minutes and all others five minutes to speak on the subjects.

Report on Benevolence read by the clerk. Motion and Second made for it's adoption.

Report on Foreign missions adopted and spoken to by Eld. J. C. Walker.

Time having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon the body stood together and sang "Precious Memories." Then the moderator, Eld. T. L. Campbell, the appointee of a year ago for the doctrinal sermon took the stand and made a few remarks and then read the second verse of the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy, "My Doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass," and brought to our memories some wonderful truth about the Baptist and their teaching, and the authority by which they received their doctrine. Then Bro. W. H. Hopper took the stand and took up the conversation of Nehadamous and Jesus recorded in the third chapter of John's Gospel and delivered another wonderful lesson. The congregation stood together and sang a number of good songs and extended to both brethren the right hand of endorsement and appreciation.

Motion and Second to adjourn one hour for lunch. After announcements, were dismissed by Bro. Wilson Gregory of Zion Association.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The body came together after enjoying another beautiful lunch prepared by the host church and community by singing "An Empty Mansion," "Anywhere is Home." Prayer by Eld. G. S. Barton.

The moderator read from the first verse of the 13th chapter of Mark thru the eighth verse and made a few remarks and called the body to order ready to continue the business of the day.

Report on Home Missions adopted and spoken to by Bro. W. H. Hopper.

Report on Education adopted and spoken to by Bro. W. H. Brewer.

Report on Sunday School adopted and spoken to by Bro. Ernest Woods.

Report on Prayer Meeting adopted and spoken to by Bros. Austin Johnson, John Hedges.

Report on Temperance adopted and spoken to by Bros. T. L. Campbell, J. E. McDonald.

Report on Publications adopted and spoken to by Bro. C. F. Carter.

Report on Obituaries adopted and spoken to by Bros. Ray Smith, John Hedges.

Report on Correspondence adopted and spoken to by Bro. M. L. May.

The two churches that were asked a year ago Mt. Comfort and Humbles Chapel failed to correct their error and Motion and Second was made to separate them from us.

Motion and Second made to meet with New Bethel Baptist Church in Henry County, Tennessee for the year 1964.

Motion made by W. H. Hopper and Seconded to have the clerk to take from our minutes the word Delegate and replace with the word Messengers.

Motion carried with only one vote in opposition, that being the clerk.

The body stood and sang and gave a right hand of appreciation to the visitors of East Tennessee.

Motion and second to adjourn until 10:00 Sunday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. Ray Smith.

SUNDAY MORNING

The associational body came together at the 10:00 hour by singing "All Alone, and Gathering Home." Prayer by Eld. Robert Noles.

The moderator took the stand and read the 8th, 11th and 12th verse of the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy and after a short talk declared the body ready for business.

The expired time of Bro. Austin Johnson as trustee to the orphans home must be filled for another three years. Bro. Austin Johnson being the only one nominated was elected unanimously for the position.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Vote of Thanks was read by the clerk and adopted.

The Finance committee reported minute fund \$149.75, Clerk \$64.70, Orphans Home \$27.85, Total \$242.30.

The body stood together and sang a number of good songs and took up a collection for the Old Ministers and Orphans Home amount received was \$53.03.

Having finished all the business the body sang a number of good old songs, directed by Bro. Marvin Hicks before the time for the Missionary sermon, then the moderator turned the service over to Eld. Mitchell Rayburn, the one selected a year ago to deliver the message and he made a few remarks and read the 16th and 17th verse of the sixth chapter of Jeremiah and used for a text "Have we Drifted too far from the Old Landmark?", and preached a message beseeching all old time Baptist to search out the old paths and walk therein. Bro. John Hedges took the stand and delivered another brief soul stirring message that we feel was enjoyed by all.

Then the body stood together and sang "Amazing Grace", "Oh How I Love Jesus", and gave both brethren the right hand of endorsement.

Motion and Second to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Eld. Mitchell Rayburn.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another fine lunch the body came together for the closing service of this association by singing "I Am Thine O Lord", "Some Glad Day." Prayer by Bro. Murphy Hedges. After singing "I'll Fly Away", the moderator made a number of fitting remarks and called the body to order.

Motion and Second for Eld. Robert Noles and Onus Higdon to preach for us. The Congregation sang "He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me," then Bro. Noles took the stand and made a few remarks and read the 26th and 27th verse of the first chapter of Genesis and used for a subject "Man", and delivered a fine message. Then Bro. Onus Higdon took the stand and read from the 10th thru the 13th verse of the 16th chapter of St. Luke gospel and used for a subject "Two Masters", and delivered another wonderful message.

After the moderator made his address the body stood and sang "When The Saints Go Marching In", and "God Be With You", and extended the right hand of endorsement to both brethren and the parting hand was extended to all.

Motion and Second to adjourn to meet with New Bethel Baptist Church, Henry County, Tennessee for the year 1964, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October.

Dismissed by Eld. T. L. Campbell.

Signed—T. L. Campbell, Moderator
Ray Smith, Clerk

VOTE OF THANKS

We as messengers from the Churches composing the Southwestern Missionary Baptist Association would like at this time to express from the great depth of our hearts our sincere appreciation and thanks to Old Union Missionary Baptist Church and community for the wonderful dinners served and especially the fine spirit and christian affection and brotherly love that has been manifested at this session. May the Lord bless each and every one that has contributed either their money, time, food, and efforts to make this session such a success. Let each one of us leave here with a greater desire to uphold the old time way of worship, as that is the only way to please our Lord.

Ray Smith, Clerk

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

We your committee on Benevolence submit the following:

We believe in helping those that are in need and unable to help themselves, Gal. 6-10 says as we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Matt. 25-40 says "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." Let us strive to do for benefits rather than profits.

Ray Smith, Committee
V. L. Woods

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

We your committee on Foreign missions submit the following report:

We believe that Christ set up His Church, it is recorded in Matt. 16-18 when He said "Upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He gave the commission to the church Mark 16-15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We believe the old time missionary Baptist Church is the one that Christ gave the authority to and it alone has the authority to carry the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When we send someone to preach the gospel let us be sure he has the authority of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ and here preaches the gospel and not something else. Christ said in Matt. 7-15 "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothings but inwardly they are ravening wolves. There are many today being deceived because we are falling short of mission work that is preaching the gospel of the Son of God in power of the spirit of God. Let us continue in the paths of our fore fathers.

Committee: Bros. Robert Noles
Hal Abbott

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We your committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

We who are trying to stay in line with the Apostolic faith as our forefathers did and as our dear Lord commanded believe we should begin at home and then, go to the uttermost parts of the world. Our Lord was a Missionary Baptist sent from God. John was a Missionary Baptist sent from God, the Holy Spirit was a Missionary. John was a Missionary Baptist Preacher. Why not you and I be Missionary Baptist preachers, and since there is so much needed to be done around home why not begin there and then on into foreign fields.

Committee: Bros. W. H. Hopper
Mitchell Rayburn

REPORT OF EDUCATION

We your committee submit the following report:

Practical education of a wholesome type is essential. Education is obtained by applying one's self to learning. Wisdom is a direct gift from God James 1-5 "If any of you like wisdom let him ask of God." To be educated in good sound literature is very helpful and to be informed on the teachings of the Bible is exceedingly important. 2 Tim. 2-15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. As there is much unwholesome teaching by word of mouth and by publication is exceedingly important that we be fortified by prayerful study of the Bible. Eph. 6-11 "Put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil.

Committee: Bros. E. J. Baker,
W. H. Brewer

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee on Sunday School submit the following report:

In Matt. chapter 28 and verse 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Sunday School is very important in teaching young converts the Doctrines of the Church. And important in teaching lost sinners the way of Salvation. In 2nd Tim., third chapter and verse 15. 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.

E. J. Ernest Wood, Committee
Onus Higdon

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We believe that through prayer is the only means of communication between us and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. First Thes. 5-17, Pray without ceasing, Matt. 18-20, Jesus said for where two or three are gathered together in my Name there am I in the midst of them. Through prayer we can live close to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, He said draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you.

Austin Johnson, Chairman

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

Since temperance has been discussed from many angles we shall look at some of the intemperance. The most successful financiers, the greatest educators, and ablest statemen, the most skilled surgeons, all agree that intoxicating drink is harmful to the body, mind and morals of man. Strong drink weakens the mind, shatters the nerves, and causes sorrow, misery, and woe. May we raise our voice against the liquor traffic.

Committee: Bros. T. L. Campbell
Ellis Holder

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS

We your committee on Publications submit the following report:

Isaiah 34-16: Seek ye out of the book of the Lord and read no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate for my mouth it hath commanded and His spirit it hath gathered them.

John 5-39: Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me.

Acts 17-11: These were more noble than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scripture daily whether those things were so.

Romans 15-4: For what so ever things were written afore time were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. We recommend that the Bible be studied daily. We should be very careful what kind of literature our children read. We recommend the Baptist Faith and Missions, a paper published at Lebanon, Tennessee as a sound paper, and also recommend Baptist Progressor published at Lafayette, Tennessee as a good sound paper.

C. F. Carter, Committee
Ray Smith

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries submit the following report:

During the past year the Lord has called 41 brothers and sisters that will be greatly missed in the churches and our association I Thessalonian. 4:13-14: "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

By death the children of God find the gateway to an eternal heaven of joy and peace. Our deepest sympathy goes to the families and friends of our sainted dead. May we say as David did, I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. II Samuel 12:23.

Truman Hedges, Committee.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE

We your committee on Correspondence submit the following report:

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association in regular session with Old Union Missionary Baptist Church October 1963, To Our Sister Associations, We desire to keep up a friendly and brotherly correspondence with you and invite you to visit with us each and every time we are assembled as a body of Baptised believers in Christ Jesus. 11 Thess. 2-1. We beseech you brethren by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto Him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first.

M. L. May, Committee
T. L. Campbell

Other Churches and Associations represented at our Association were:

Eld. F. L. Ray, Wisemen Association;

Eld. H. P. Atnip, Siloan Association;

Eld. J. C. Walker, Athens Church;

Eld. J. E. McDonald, Dixon Creek;

Eld. Wilson Gregory, Siloan Association;

Bro. E. T. Cole, Siloan Association;

Eld. G. S. Barton, Drapers Cross Roads, Lafayette, Tenn.

Bro. and Sister, Kennie McArthur, Little Rock, Ark.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Bethel.....	Bro. Clarence Carter, Robert Noles
Bible Grove.....	By Letter
Bemis Chapel.....	Bro. and Sister Ben Noles
Caledonia.....	Bro. Jack Purvis, Connie Allen
Center Point.....	Bro. Milburn Moore
Concord.....	Bro. and Sister M. L. May
Cross Roads.....	Bro. Leslie Patterson, Onus Higdon
Ephesus.....	Bro. Jim Norwood, Ira Bunn
Flatwood.....	By Letter
Independent.....	Bro. Ray Smith
Landmark.....	Bro. Edward Kirk, Sister Edward Kirk
Marlboro.....	Bro. Auldrie Douglas, Sister Auldrie Douglas
Mixie.....	Bro. F. A. Taylor, Arlie Neely
Mt. Pisgah.....	Bro. and Sister Covis Brewer
New Bethel.....	Bro. Robert Lee Owens
New Cross Roads.....	Bro. Austin Johnson, Homer Pendtgrass
New Hope.....	By Letter
New Liberty.....	Bro. James Stewart
New Prospect.....	By Letter
New Spring Hill.....	
Oak Grove.....	Bro. Loran Butler, Sister Hazel Cole
Old Union.....	Bro. Marvin Cooper
Pleasant Grove.....	Bro. Erie Rickman, Sister Winnie Rickman
Pleasant Hill.....	Bro. Tommy Allen, John Smothers
Pleasant Ridge.....	Bro. Jimmy Hal, Leonard Hedges
Pleasant Valley.....	Bro. James Spoon, Murray Dailey
Rushing Creek.....	Bro. and Sister R. P. Wilhoite
Shiloh.....	Bro. Howard Pritchard
Second Baptist Church.....	Bro. Vernon Rhodes, Oscar Jowers
Toms Creek.....	Bro. F. M. O'Guin, Sister Valera Wilsdorf
Westport.....	Bro. and Sister Garvin Rogers
Whites Chapel.....	Bro. Ellis Holder, W. H. Hopper
Yuma.....	Sister J. F. Gooch, Bro. Walter Hollowell

Foreign Missionaries whom this association endorses, and encourages all Churches to support are:

Eld. J. Frank Carr, 63 Dosocha.....Yamaguchi, Japan
Eld. J. H. Smith, 323 Koi Naka Machi.....Hirashima, Japan

MINISTERIAL LIST

Name of Church	Postoffice
Anderson, John, Pleasant Hill.....	Argo, Ill.
Abbott, Hal, Pleasant Hill.....	Camden, Tenn.
Baker, E. J., Pleasant Ridge.....	Camden, Tenn.
Blankenship, Onnie, White's Chapel.....	Lexington, Tenn.
Brewer, E. P., Ephesus.....	Darden, Tenn.
Brewer, Lawton, Mixie.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Bolen, George, Second Baptist.....	Lexington, Tenn.
Brooks, Johnny, White's Chapel.....	Jackson, Tenn.
Campbell, T. L., Independent.....	Route 2, McKenzie, Tenn.
Carter, C. F., Bethel.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Dameron, O. V., Mt. Pisgah.....	Yuma, Tenn.
Gurley, Marshall, Landmark.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Hays, A. G., Bible Grove.....	Lexington, Tenn.
Hedges, John, Pleasant Hill.....	Camden, Tenn.
Higdon, Onus, Cross Roads.....	Bruceston, Tenn.
Hurt, Fred, Bemis Chapel.....	Bemis, Tenn.
Hopper, W. H., White's Chapel.....	391 Bolivar Hwy, Jackson, Tenn.
King, Ozro, White's Chapel.....	Pinson, Tenn.
Kirby, Harlon, Landmark.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Myers, R. L., Ephesus.....	Mansfield, Tenn.
Noles, Robert, Bethel.....	McKenzie, Tenn.
Park, E. W., Flatwoods.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Rayburn, Mitchell, Cross Roads.....	Camden, Tenn.
Thomas, Sheridan, Bible Grove.....	Peoria, Ill.

LICENTIATES LIST

Name of Church	Postoffice
Dameron, Onnie, Mt. Pisgah.....	Yuma, Tenn.
Deeber, Frank, Ephesus.....	Vale, Tenn.
Hall, Clarence, Jr., New Bethel.....	Paris, Tenn.
Hatch, Connie, Bible Grove.....	Lexington, Tenn.
Hedges, Truman, Cross Roads.....	Camden, Tenn.
Holmes, Frank, White's Chapel.....	Jackson, Tenn.
Kirksey, Harold, New Spring Hill.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Mott, J. L., White's Chapel.....	Jackson, Tenn.
Walker, Joe Neil, Cross Roads.....	Camden, Tenn.
Walker, Melvin, Cross Roads.....	Camden, Tenn.

BAPTIST OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHAN'S HOME

Lafayette, Tennessee

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR PERIOD OCT. 1, 1962 — SEPT. 30, 1963

RECEIPTS:

Rent	\$ 240.00
Donations	3734.81
Tobacco	952.46
One-half beef	60.00
Phone, Long Distance	7.72
Junk, Washer	5.00
Total Receipts	\$4999.99
Cash on Hand October 1, 1962	\$1523.84

Total Money Available \$6523.83

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries	\$1782.00
Supplies and Misc.	207.02
Repairs	306.60
Food	1252.81
Heat and Lights	397.64
Telephone	93.60
Doctor and medicine.....	64.87
Clothing	189.10
Tobacco (renters share) ..	634.98
Audit	10.00
Fertilizer and seed	377.69
Insurance (two years)	402.34
Newspaper subscription ..	19.00
Christmas gifts to children ..	15.00
Cle ring stumps from alfalfa field ..	20.00
Bond for Treasurer	10.00
Fence posts	10.50
New water heater	86.65
Fire extinguisher	49.83

Total expenditures \$5929.63

Balance \$594.20

Cash In Bank \$595.80

Cash Over \$1.00

Hobart C. Barton, Treasurer

IN MEMORY OF OUR SAINTED DEAD

BETHEL

Sister Claudie Chandler
Sister Erin Pittman
Sister Sally Ellis
Sister Mildred Smith

NEW HOPE

Sister Shondie Hester
Bro. Sam Taylor

NEW PROSPECT

Sister Minnie Allen
Sister Ellen Reed

BIBLE GROVE

Bro. Jessie Wood
Sister Leora Wood

OAK GROVE

Bro. J. L. Birdwell
Bro. Carvie Benton
Bro. E. O. Bond

CALEDONIA

Bro. Herman Blaylock
Bro. Clarence Barnhart

PLEASANT GROVE

Bro. Jim Maxwell

CONCORD

Sister Venus Street
CROSS ROADS
Bro. Fred Jordan
Bro. Clyde Hicks
Bro. Arthur Jones

PLEASANT HILL

Sister Lou Williams
Bro. Clifford Abbott, Deacon
Bro. John Noles
Sister Elen Anderson
Sister Rogena Noles

EPHESUS

Bro. T. M. Hastings, Deacon

PLEASANT RIDGE

Bro. Billie Ballard

FLATWOODS

Sister Mattie Lou Autry
Sister Allie Odle
Bro. Herman Ashby

RUSHING CREEK

Sister Gertie Sparks

INDEPENDENT

Sister John Rummage
Bro. Charlie Kirby, Deacon

SHILOH

Sister Mattie Hedge
Bro. Joe Hedge

MARLSBORO

Sister Mamie King

TOMS CREEK

Sister Dasha Bell
Bro. John R. Geon

NEW CROSS ROADS

Bro. Alanzo Murphy
Sister Eunie Hill

WESTPORT

Bro. Will Horn

HISTORICAL TABLE

Before 1846 this was part of the Western District Association. The Western District Association was organized in 1822 and is one of the oldest Associations in the state. From this we go back into North Carolina and West Virginia where 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.

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
War, 1862-1864		
1865 Union, Benton Co.....	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
1866 Salem, Decatur Co.....	W. Pugh	B. W. Foster
1867 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.....	W. Pugh	Geo. Hollowell
1868 Ephesus, Carroll Co.....	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1869 Concord, Carroll Co.....	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1870 Chalk Hill, Benton Co.....	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1871 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1872 Mt. Nebo, Carroll Co.....	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1873 Marlboro, Carroll Co.....	George Hollowell	J. H. Thomas
1874 New Hope, Carroll Co.....	J. H. Park	J. H. Thomas
1875 Tom's Creek, Perry Co.....	J. W. Brewer	J. F. Rogers
1876 Rushing Creek, Benton Co.....	J. Richardson	J. F. Rogers
1877 Oak Grove, Carroll Co.....	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1878 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1879 Bethel, Carroll Co.....	J. C. Park	J. F. Rogers
1880 Wildersville, Henderson Co.....	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
1881 Ramble Creek	J. P. Arnold	J. H. Thomas
1882 Cross Roads, Benton 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.....	J. N. Joyner.....	D. H. Franks
1917 Westport, Carroll Co.....	T. M. Boyd.....	Geo. S. Price
1918 Mt. Pisgah, Carroll Co.....	T. M. Boyd.....	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 Marlsboro, 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 Marlsboro, 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 Hedges.....	T. L. Campbell.....
1954 Mixie, Carroll County.....	John Hedges.....	Ray Smith.....
1955 Concord, Carroll County.....	John Hedges.....	Ray Smith.....
1956 Tom's Creek, Perry County.....	T. L. Campbell.....	Ray Smith.....
1957 Independent, Carroll County.....	T. L. Campbell.....	Ray Smith.....
1958 Bethel, Carroll County.....	T. L. Campbell.....	Ray Smith.....
1959 Oak Grove, Carroll County.....	T. L. Campbell.....	Ray Smith.....
1960 New Bethel, Henry County.....	T. L. Campbell.....	Ray Smith.....
1961 Center Point, Carroll County...	T. L. Campbell.....	Ray Smith.....
1962 Caledonia, Henry County.....	T. L. Campbell.....	Ray Smith.....
1963 Old Union, Benton County.....	T. L. Campbell.....	Ray Smith.....

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 reproved 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,

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY — 1963

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Offices	Teachers and Officers	Enrollment	Gifts and Expenses
Bethel.....	Clarence Woodard, Huntingdon, Tenn.	7	72	\$1183.55
Bible Grove.....	Claudy Wood, Lexington, Tenn.	7	81	171.21
Bemis Chapel.....	Carl Walker, Jackson, Tenn.	14	120	
Caledonia.....	Rufus Hastings, McKenzie, Tenn.	6	90	280.52
Center Point.....	Ray Taylor, Bruceton, Tenn.	6	52	120.00
Concord.....	E. W. Stokes, Huntingdon, Tenn.	8	95	345.41
Cross Roads.....	Elwood Howe, Camden, Tenn.	12	65	
Ephesus.....	W. L. Crews, Bruceton, Tenn.	10	51	206.96
Flatwoods.....	Seaborn Camp, Holladay, Tenn.	9	57	79.32
Independent.....	Ray Smith, Camden, Tenn.	7	70	231.74
Landmark.....	Edward Kirk, Bartlet Rd., Memphis.	6	40	258.85
Landmark.....	George Carter, Va., Tenn.	6	57	78.72
Malsboro.....	F. A. Taylor, Huntingdon, Tenn.	12	50	144.49
Mixie.....	Warren Owens, Henry, Tenn.	6	45	43.91
New Bethel.....	Hulon Neely, Huntingdon, Tenn.	6	55	176.05
New Cross Roads.....	Ray Hatch, Yuma, Tenn.	4	67	176.31
New Hope.....	Mark Bartholomew, Cedar Grove.	8	35	74.00
New Liberty.....	Marlin Dodd, Parsons, Tenn.	12	107	56.26
New Prospect.....	Edd Ellis, Holladay, Tenn.	5	25	24.24
Old Union.....	C. C. Fiddler, Wildersville, Tenn.	10	49	254.04
Pleasant Grove.....	L. O. Barcom, Camden, Tenn.	8	60	57.85
Pleasant Hill.....	H. M. Bond, Bruceton, Tenn.	7	60	122.70
Pleasant Ridge.....	James Spoon, Washington, Ill.	9	55	161.86
Pleasant Valley.....	John Archison, Camden, Tenn.	6	80	1200.00
Rushing Creek.....	A. H. Pritchard, Wildersville, Tenn.	3	25	
Shiloh.....	Herrell Myracle, Lexington, Tenn.	11	55	487.00
2nd Baptist, Lex.....	F. N. O'Guin, Linden, Tenn.	7	70	75.82
Tom's Creek.....	Max Green, Westport, Tenn.	9	75	81.10
Westport.....	Woodrow McCord, Oakfield, Tenn.	9	75	
White's Chapel.....	George Robertson, Yuma, Tenn.	8	71	259.64
Yuma.....				

1963 STATISTICAL TABLE SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Church Day Baptisms	Letter Restoration	Total	Letter Exclusions	Deaths Total	Membership	Revivals	Observance 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	
Bethel	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Coy Rich, McKenzie, Tenn.	1	2	0	2	1	4	5	160	1	2	442.28	530.00	243.00	3.50		1218.78	
Bible Grove	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Claudy Wood, Lexington, Tenn.	1	3	1	4	1	2	163	1	2	80.00	395.77	5.00			480.77		
Bemis Chapel	W. E. Pratt, Bemis, Tenn.	Frank Conavan, Bemis, Tenn.	All	7	3	10	2	0	2	134	1	1	78.67	1875.00	108.00	5.00	43.49	2147.21	
Caledonia	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	G. W. Williams, McKenzie, T.	3	0	1	1	2	3	86	1	1	76.77	354.36	266.60	3.75	22.75	48.20	772.43	
Center Point	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	John L. Moore, Buena Vista, T.	2	3	0	3	0	0	44	1	1	82.45	292.92	95.05	3.00	25.00	20.00	518.42	
Concord	Robert Noles, McKenzie, Tenn.	Paul Simpson, Huntingdon, T.	3	3	0	3	0	1	93	1	2	275.09	385.40	72.15	5.00		23.12	765.76	
Cross Roads	Robert Noles, McKenzie, Tenn.	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	4	2	5	7	4	3	7	197	1	1	1300.00	60.00	7.00			1367.00	
Ephesus	Onus Higdon, Bruceton, Tenn.	Cecil Brown, Mansfield, Tenn.	2	4	7	0	7	1	2	75	1	1	878.24	336.00	3.00			1217.24	
Flatwoods	John McCorkle, Parsons, Tenn.	Hazel Cox, Holladay, Tenn.	3	3	1	4	4	3	7	108	1	1	343.37		3.05	36.25	15.00	466.84	
Independent	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Ray Smith, Camden, Tenn.	2	4	5	2	7	5	2	7	86	1	2	1386.10	741.67	10.00	25.00	2187.77	
Landmark	Marshall Gurley, Memphis, Tenn.	Millard P. Allen, Memphis, T.	All	0	1	1	0	0	0	67	1	1	46.64	889.90	277.62	4.00	50.00	1268.16	
Malsboro	E. J. Baker, Camden, Tenn.	A. G. Douglass, Huntingdon, T.	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	4	93	1	1	373.27	541.75	68.00	5.50	14.33	1002.85
Mixie	Lawton Brewer, Huntingdon, T.	Mary Simmons, Hollow Rock, T.	1	3	9	3	12	1	0	1	80	1	1	328.96	139.86	3.55		32.48	722.60
Mt. Pisgah	E. J. Baker, Camden, Tenn.	Onnie Dameron, Yuma, Tenn.	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	110	1	1	300.00	300.80	176.00	3.00	25.00	804.80	
New Bethel	A. G. Hays, Lexington, Tenn.	Mrs. K. Perry, McKenzie, Tenn.	2	4	1	3	4	3	0	0	11	1	1	666.75	176.60	5.00		1270.17	
New Cross Roads	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	J. E. Davis, Huntingdon, Tenn.	4	10	4	14	2	4	125	2	2	799.28	532.91	247.53	5.00		25.00	1609.72	
New Hope	Ernest Woods, Lexington, Tenn.	C. E. Carrington, Westport, T.	3	6	1	7	4	2	6	165	2	1	763.60	183.15	4.00			950.75	
New Liberty	Mitchell Rayburn, Camden, T.	John Williamson, Cedar Grove.	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	118	1	1	353.00	136.00	3.00	29.72	118.75	701.34	
New Prospect	Lawton Brewer, Huntingdon, T.	William D. Johnson, Parsons, T.	2	4	1	1	2	0	2	2	193	1	1	66.54	785.91	5.70		50.80	908.95
New Spring Hill																			
Oak Grove	T. L. Campbell, McKenzie, Tenn.	J. L. Cole, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	0	2	2	3	3	6	155	1	1	86.35	400.00	5.60		15.45	507.40	
Old Union	Robert Noles, McKenzie, Tenn.	Velma Howe, Holladay, Tenn.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	1	106.40	307.58	4.10			418.08	
Pleasant Grove	T. L. Campbell, McKenzie, T.	R. L. Bradford, Wildersville, T.	3	0	0	0	5	1	6	89	1	1	106.67	412.11	62.58	5.00	127.49	713.85	
Pleasant Hill	John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.	Loye Furr, Camden, Tenn.	3	0	0	0	0	5	5	314	1	1	439.94	505.12	270.43	11.10	55.00	1281.59	
Pleasant Ridge	E. F. Prince, Bruceton, Tenn.	Stanley William, Bruceton, T.	2	4	1	0	1	0	1	137	1	1	129.30	904.50	372.79	6.00		1412.59	
Pleasant Valley	R. C. Bennett, Washington, Ill.	Thomas Abbott, Washington, Ill.	All	8	5	13	3	0	3	32	2	0	1147.19	246.20	325.00	3.00		1721.39	
Rushing Creek	J. B. McMillin, Huntingdon, T.	John Atchison, Camden, Tenn.	2	4	1	2	0	2	1	6	159	1	1	1200.00	126.00	3.00	39.50	125.00	1493.50
Shiloh	Earl Owens, Lexington, Tenn.	James G. Pritchard, Wildersville.	2	4	1	2	0	2	2	5	57	1	1	374.27	275.00	2.50			651.77
2nd Baptist	Mitchell, Rayburn, Camden, T.	Collier French, Lexington, T.	2	4	1	1	2	1	0	1	120	1	2	702.00	72.36	6.00	19.00	18.20	1051.56
Tom's Creek	M. R. Shouse, Columbia, Tenn.	Rex. Patterson, Linden, Tenn.	2	4	2	1	3	2	2	4	87	3	1	1022.86	89.14	4.00			1476.05
Westport	Ernest Woods, Lexington, Tenn.	Mrs. Clarence Williams, Westport	1	4	0	2	6	1	7	144	1	1	326.42	623.00	338.02	5.00		60.50	1352.94
White's Chapel	Onnie Blankenship, Lexington	Mr. Leonard Martin, Jackson, T.	All	0	5	5	1	0	0	175	2	1	2443.32		4.00	120.00	125.05	2693.27	
Yuma	E. F. Prince, Bruceton, Tenn.	George Robertson, Yuma, Tenn.	9	0	6	2	1	1	2	29	1	1	1096.96	159.25	4.00			155.86	