

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
1972**

**OCT. 6-7-8
THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION**

**HELD WITH
YUMA BAPTIST CHURCH
YUMA, TENNESSEE**

1972

MINUTES

Of The

One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Annual Session

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

Yuma Missionary Baptist Church

Carroll County, Tennessee

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OFFICERS

Eld. C. F. Carter, Moderator Huntingdon, Tenn.
Eld. E. J. Baker, Assistant Moderator Camden, Tenn.
Bro. Ray Smith, Clerk Camden, Tenn.
Bro. Austin Johnson, Assistant Clerk Huntingdon, Tenn.

NEXT MEETING

Will be held with Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church in Benton County, Tennessee, located six miles West of Camden, Tenn., on Highway 70, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1973.

SERMONS

Introductory Sermon Eld. E. J. Baker
Alternate Eld. T. L. Campbell
Doctrinal Sermon Eld. John Hedges
Alternate Eld. C. F. Carter
Missionary Sermon Eld. T. L. Campbell
Alternate Eld. Hal Abbott

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 Brothorn to Preach Annual Sermon
 Appointing Various Committees
 Call for Correspondence and Invite Messengers to Seats
 Appointing Place to Hold Next Meeting
 Revise Ministerial List

SECOND DAY

Call Roll and Messengers' Names
 Call for Report on Missions
 Call for Report on Christian Education and Sunday Schools
 Doctrinal Sermon, 11:00 a.m.
 Call for Report on Prayer Meetings
 Call for Report on Obituaries
 Call for Report on Church Discipline
 Call for Report on Temperance and Morality
 Call for Report on Financing the Lord's Work
 Call for Report on Correspondence
 Call for New Business

THIRD DAY

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

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met at the appointed time in regular session at 10:00 a.m. meeting with Yuma Baptist Church, Carroll County, Tennessee, to commence the one hundred twenty-fourth annual session by singing "Victory In Jesus," "I'd Rather Have Jesus." The body was led in prayer by Eld. Floyd Dennison.

The moderator took the stand and read from the 16th verse through the 26th verse of 4th chapter of St. Luke gospel and declared the body for business.

The moderator appointed the host church pastor and deacons as committee on Divine Service.

Appointed Bros. W. J. Smith, Austin Johnson, Glennie Williams as committee on finance.

Appointed Bros. Ray Smith and Harold Carver as reading clerks.

The call was then made for all the churches to file their letter with the clerk and after the letters were then read by the reading clerks. The first letter read was from White's Chapel Church stating why they were not going to represent and why the association meeting place was changed. Motion and second was made to wait until new business to take action on this matter. Then the other letters were read until the time arrived for the Introductory sermon then motion and second was made to continue with the reading of the letters until after the noon hour. The body stood and sang "Come Unto Me," then the moderator introduced Bro. Floyd Dennison and he made a few remarks and read from the 3rd chapter of Rev. beginning with the 13th verse through the last verse, and took for a text "The unconcernness of the church," brought to our minds a number of timely remarks during his message after which the body stood and sang "Jesus Saves," and other songs giving Bro. Dennison the right hand of fellowship.

Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch

Dismissed by Bro. Larry Johnson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body came together at the 1:00 hour after enjoying a fine meal prepared by the host church and friends by singing "I Love Him So," "Some Glad Day After While." The moderator read from the 12th through the 20th verse of the 1st chapter of Romans. Led in prayer by Eld. T. L. Campbell. The body was then again called to order and the reading of the letters were resumed. After reading the remainder of the letters the associational messengers voted to adopt the letters and seat the messengers.

Petitionary letters were called for and none were presented.

Time then arrived to elect moderator and clerk for another year. Bro. Carter left the room and the assistant moderator Bro. E. J. Baker took the stand and Bro. C. F. Carter, the only one nominated, was elected unanimous. Bro. E. J. Baker was elected unanimous as assistant clerk. Bro. Ray Smith was elected without opposition as clerk for another year. Bro. Austin Johnson was elected as assistant clerk.

Motion and second for the association to meet with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Benton County, Tennessee, located six miles West of Camden, Tennessee, for the year 1973.

Motion and second for E. J. Baker to preach the Introductory

sermon. T. L. Campbell as alternate.

Motion and second for John Hedges to preach the Doctrinal sermon. C. F. Carter as alternate.

Motion and second T. L. Campbell to preach the Missionary sermon. Hal Abbott as alternate.

Bros. T. L. Campbell, Edward Kirk and George Robertson were appointed as committee on various topics.

Called for revising of the ministerial list and it was approved as read.

After some announcements motion and second was made to adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. Billy Joe Hilliard.

SATURDAY MORNING

The association came together again at the 10:00 hour by singing "Since He Gave Me This Heart Of Love," "Blessed Jesus Loves You Too." Prayer by Bro. Robert Noles. The body then sang "Victory In Jesus." The moderator read from the 1st verse through the 8th verse of the 10th chapter of Luke and declared the body ready for business.

The roll call was made of the messengers.

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

Report on Missions read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Clarence Hall, Jr., Billy Joe Hilliard. Hal Abbott.

Report on Christian Education and Sunday Schools read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. John Hedges, James Spoon, Clarence Hall, Jr., Adrain Moore, Raymond Harris.

After the body sang "I Want To Know More About My Lord." The one appointed a year ago, Eld. E. F. Prince, took the stand as the time had arrived for the doctrinal sermon and made a few remarks then read from 35th verse through the 42nd verse of the 1st chapter of St. John's gospel, and from the 1st verse through the 6th verse of the 2nd chapter of 1st Peter and used for a foundation the 5th verse, "A Spiritual House," and delivered a soul stirring message that was enjoyed I feel by all of those present that had been saved, bringing to our minds the importance of the Holy Spirit being the guide of our churches and the lives of we christians. Then Bro. Marshal Gurley took the stand and made some fitting remarks along the same line.

The body then stood and sang a number of songs and gave both brethren the right hand of fellowship and endorsement.

Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Bro. Jimmy Hale.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another fine meal the body came together again by singing "I'll Have A New Life." Hide thou me." Prayer by Bro. Ray Smith. The moderator took the stand and made a few remarks and read the 28th verse through the 35th verse of the 20th chapter of Acts of the Apostles, and then declared the body ready to continue with the business of the hour.

Connie Hatch, Joe Smith.

Report on Obituaries read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Billy Joe Hilliard, Mitchell Rayburn, Ray Smith.

Report on Church Discipline read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. T. L. Campbell, Hal Abbott, E. F. Prince, Ellis Holder, James H. Renfro.

Report of Temperance and Morality read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. T. T. Wright, Adrain Moore, E. F. Prince.

Report on Financing the Lord's work read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. E. F. Prince, Connie Hatch, Rufus Chandler.

Report on Correspondence read, adopted and spoken to Bro. Ray Smith.

Call for new business. Motion and second to elect Bro. Austin Johnson as trustee to the orphans home for another term of three years.

Motion and second to withdraw fellowship from White's Chapel Church at their request.

Motion and second to place the orphans home report on the pages of the minutes.

Motion and second to take a public offering for the orphans home. Amount received \$203.00.

After some announcements motion and second was made to adjourn until 10:00 tomorrow.

Dismissed by Bro. George Robertson.

SUNDAY MORNING

The association again assembled at the appointed time of 10:00 by singing "I'll Fly Away." "Since He Gave Me This Heart Of Love." Prayer by Bro. Edward Kirk. The moderator read from the 17th chapter of St. John gospel beginning at the 1st verse through the 26th verse and then declared the body ready for business.

The finance committee reported—minute fund \$321.00, clerk \$169.25, Orphan Home public offering \$203.00, Orphans Home from churches \$190.00. Total \$883.25.

The minutes were read and motion and second were made to adopt them as read.

The vote of thanks was read and adopted.

Time having arrived for the Missionary sermon the moderator asked the body to stand and sing "I Feel Like Traveling On," and then Bro. Onus Higdon being the one selected a year ago to preach the Missionary sermon took the stand and after some remarks read the last five verses of the 28th chapter of St. Matt. gospel and delivered a good message on the subject of "Missionaries," and then Bro. Harlon Kirby took the stand and read the first five verses of the 2nd chapter of 1st Cor. and added a number of timely remarks to what Bro. Higdon had said. The body then stood and gave both men the right hand of endorsement.

Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch

Dismissed by Bro. Max Cammiller

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another fine meal the body came together for the final session by singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," "When They Ring The Bells Of Heaven." Prayer by Bro. Harlon Campbell.

The body sang "Just Over In The Glory Land," and read the 2nd Epistle of John and called the body ready to continue with the business at hand.

Motion and second for Bro. Rufus Chandler to bring the message for the afternoon. The body rendered another song along with Bro. Chandler's son singing a song. Then Bro. Rufus Chandler took the stand and made a few remarks and read from the 23rd verse through the 31st verse of the 14th chapter of St. John's gospel and went to the Lord in prayer and took for a text "Peace," and delivered a very spiritual message that I feel was enjoyed by all present. The moderator brought some timely thoughts to our minds along the same line and delivered his final address by reading the 1st and last verses of the 8th chapter of Romans.

After some remarks by some of the brethren the body stood and gave Bro. Chandler the right hand of endorsement and extended the parting hand to each other.

Motion and second to close this session of the association until Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1973, when we will meet with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Benton County, Tennessee.

Dismissed by Bro. Sam Lankford.

Clarence Carter, Moderator
Ray Smith, Clerk

VOTE OF THANKS

We the messengers from the churches of this great association would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Yuma Baptist Church and community for the fellowship we have enjoyed here these last three days. The visitors of other churches have expressed their thanks for the fine and bountiful meals that have been served for the satisfaction of our natural bodies, but above all for the spirit of Christ that we have enjoyed. We hope by this gathering that your church has been enlightened and strengthened along with each church represented. We pray that God will continue to bless each of us until we meet again and I trust he will keep us to meet again with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1973.

Ray Smith, Clerk

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We your committee on missions submit the following:

Proverbs 29:18, Where there is no vision the people perish. We thank God that He so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son to suffer, bleed and die for our sins. John 3:16, Jesus Christ was a missionary that was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Phil. 2:8, We believe that this same Jesus called out and ordained His church to be missionaries. John 15:16, Therefore Christ gave the com-

about Jesus. Acts 8:26, Peter seen a vision, and was sent to the Gentiles. Acts chapter 10, Paul seen a vision. Acts 16-9, People in Macedonia needed to hear the gospel of the Son of God. Now we find in our church covenant these words, to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations. We should check our church records for the past year on this matter for we are called Missionary Baptist.

Clarence Hall, Jr.
Billy Joe Hilliard

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Christian Education and Sunday Schools submit the following:

Proverbs 22:6, Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Christian education should begin at home. When the children are small and their minds are not filled with the things of old satan as soon as they are old enough to carry any where carry them to church and Sunday School where the Bible is taught in its purity.

Sunday School is a part of the church in its teaching capacity. Parents have a great responsibility. Bringing up children in this world so full of sin. If we don't teach them the way of the Lord, satan and his forces sure wont.

II Tim :3:16-17, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works, therefore let us see to it that the scriptures are taught in the way they should be. They will make people wise unto salvation.

John Hedges
E. F. Prince

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We your committee on prayer meeting submit the following:

We believe that through prayer is the only means of communication between us and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I 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." Matt: 21-22, "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing ye shall receive." James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be healed." The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Through prayer we can live close to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He said, "Draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you."

Committee: George Robertson, Onnie Damers

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee on obituaries submit the following:

In the last twelve months fifty-three members of the churches affiliated with the Southwestern District Association have been called

home to be with the Lord. Their passing has brought great sorrow to their loved ones, their church and the association on their part.

Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment," Psalm 23:4, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." I Thessalonians 4:14-15-16, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." Psalm 23:6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Committee: Billy Joe Hilliard, Mitchell Rayburn

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE

We your committee on church discipline submit the following report:

Church discipline means to correct any member who walks disorderly and if he refuses to be corrected to exclude him from the fellowship of the church. As Paul states in II Thes: 3:6, "Now we commend you brethren in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly and not after the tradition which he received of us." Let us preach and practice church discipline.

Committee: T. L. Campbell, Hal Abbott

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND MORALITY

We your committee on Temperance and Morality submit the following:

Temperance a self reformatory word. As we pass through this life we should limit ourselves as to what we need and not all together what we want. II Peter 1:6, "And to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience Godliness. God's earth and all that is in it was put here for our enjoyment." Acts 24:25, "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come."

As children of God we should use temperance in what we say about or to others. Strong drink has no place in anyone life, but we as christian it is our duty to talk to those that do use it, and with God's help through our earnest prayers is the best answer.

Morality—It is our duty to live a life before the world that all may know and to realize the high standard of living. Romans 6:12, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Christians should be separate and apart from the world. Heed not to the worldly things for the lust thereof leadeth to destruction. God's holy white city is our destiny. That straight and narrow way will lead us to that everlasting city that He has gone to prepare for us." Lord help us to be more worthy to call upon thee that

we might be more concerned about lost people, and that our light might brighter glow before others that they might see Jesus in us.

Matt: 4-10, "Get thee hence satan for it is written thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve."

Committee: L. T. Wright

REPORT ON FINANCING

We your committee on financing the Lord's work submit the following:

We see a great need today for reminding ourselves again of the great price that was paid for redemption. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made your overseer, to keep the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood." Acts 26:28, I Cor: 6-20 7-23, "Because of His great love He paid the price for our redemption. The greatest assembly in the world is the church of the living God the pillar and ground of the truth called out by Christ himself and commissioned by Christ who is the head of the church." Matt: 28:19-20 He gave the commission when we first give over ourselves. We will give of our means that God has entrusted us with when we realize the need for the support of the ministry of the pure gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we look around us and so many lost and on their way to hell, so many in trouble and sorrow, the greatest work in the world is preaching the gospel. This is given to the church. The preacher is the called spokesman. "But this I say He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly. He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully, II Cor: 9-6, When we have a great love for Christ, the church, our brethren, and lost mankind we will give cheerful. Cor: 9-7, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work. II Cor: 9-8.

Committee: E. F. Prince, Connie Hatch

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

The committee on correspondence submit the following:

Our association for these past 124 years has always desired to have a friendly and brotherly correspondence with other association and churches that believe the same doctrine that we believe and this is still just as true for the future. This association believes in the independence of each and every church that make up this body. We do not believe the association has any power to adopt any rule that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches, however we also believe we can advise churches belonging to it and we may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly and are not separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly and are not staying with true Baptist principles and doctrine. The association is a means whereby churches come together with one purpose in mind to fellowship together as churches and individual christians and pray together that by our united efforts we may become stronger in the faith and doctrine of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If your

hurch believes this as we do, we desire for you to worship with us and fellowship together and invite you to come visit with us at our next session that will be held with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Benton, County, Tennessee, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1973.

Ray Smith, Committee

Other Churches and Associations Visiting Our Session Were

Bro. Elmer Lee Wood, Mays Chapel, Henderson County.
Bro. L. G. Richardson, Elks Creek Baptist Church, Stewart County.
Bro. Jimmy Hale, Erin, Tenn.
Bro. John Powers.
Bro. Eugene Blankenship, Chalk Hill, Benton County.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bemis Chapel—

Ellis Holder, 333 Bolivar Hwy., Jackson, Tenn. 38301

Cross Roads—

Melvin Walker, RFD 2, Camden, Tenn. 38320.

Ephesus—

Frank Deeter, RFD 1, Vale, Tenn. 38386.

Bible Grove—

Connie Hatch, RFD 2, Lexington, Tenn. 38351.

Mt. Pisgah—

Onnie Dameron, Yuma, Tenn.

Terry Brewer RFD 1, Wildersville, Tenn. 38388.

Fixie—

Joe Walker, Mansfield, Tenn. 38236.

New Bethel—

Milford Todd, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344.

Old Union—

Wendell Boyd, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342.

Pleasant Hill—

Houston Hedges, RFD 3, Camden, Tenn. 38320.

Leaborn Mitchell, RFD 3, Camden, Tenn. 38320.

J. P. Forrest, Buena Vista, Tenn.

Washing Creek—

John H. Greener, New Johnsonville, Tenn. 37134.

Stoddert Street, Jackson—

Clyde Hampton, Lexington St., Jackson, Tenn. 38301.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Bethel—

C. L. Carter, 276 Mebanewood Drive, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344.
Robert Noles, RFD 1, McKenzie, Tenn. 38201.

Bemis Chapel—

Floyd Dennison Jackson, Tenn. 38301.

Bible Grove—

A. G. Hayes, Weaver Street, Lexington, Tenn. 38351.

Caledonia—

E. F. Prince, 4243 Forrest Ave., McKenzie, Tenn. 38201.
Clarence Hall, Sr., Como, Tenn. 38223.

Center Point—

Billy Joe Hilliard Box 84, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342.
James Higdon, Box 133, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342.

Cross Roads—

Truman Hedges, RFD 3, Camden, Tenn. 38320.
Mitchell Rayburn, RFD 3, Camden, Tenn. 38320.
Onus Higdon, 213 Laurel St., Bruceton, Tenn. 38317.

Ephesus—

R. L. Myers, Mansfield, Tenn. 38236.

Independent—

T. L. Campbell, RFD 2, McKenzie, Tenn. 38201.

Landmark—

M. H. Gurley, 4022 Kerwin, Memphis, Tenn. 38128.
H. G. Kirby, 3883 Trufant, Memphis, Tenn. 38128.

Mt. Pisgah—

E. P. Brewer, Wildersville, Tenn. 38388.
Lawton Brewer, Jones St., Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344.

New Hope—

Johnnie Hedges, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344.

New Liberty—

James Stewart, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344.

New Spring Hill—

Robert Lee Owens, 1415 McFadden St., Paris, Tenn.

Pleasant Hill—

John Hedges, RFD 3, Camden, Tenn. 38320.
Hal Abbott, RFD 2, Camden, Tenn. 38320.
Gilbert Holland, RFD 3, Camden, Tenn. 38320.

Pleasant Ridge—

E. J. Baker, 183 Washington, Camden, Tenn. 38320.

Pleasant Valley—

Raymond Hargis, 3010 Springfield Road, East Peoria, Ill. 61611.

Second Baptist, Lexington—

George E. Bolen, Lexington, Tenn. 38351.
Robert Sessions, Lexington, Tenn. 38351.

Stoddert St., Jackson—

Johnny Brooks, 600 Springdale, Orlando, Fla.
Gilford Maness, 157 Liddan St., Jackson, Tenn. 38301.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Bethel	Bros. Robert Noles, C. F. Carter
Bemis Chapel	Bros. Hermon Boyd, Ellis Holder
Bible Grove	Bros. Connie Hatch, Leonard Wood
Caledonia	Bros. Clarence Hall, Jr., G. W. Williams
Center Point	Bros. James Higdon, Adrain Moore
Concord	Bros. W. J. Smith, Sis. Jane Simpson
Cross Roads	Bros. Cecil Kee, James Walker
Ephesus	Bro. and Sis. Burdett Deeter
Independent	Bros. Ray Smith, T. L. Campbell
Landmark	Bros. Harold Carver, Edward Kirk
Marlboro	Sisters Sadie Wilson, Bessie Allen
Marxie	Bro. Garvin Renfro, Sis. Virginia Renfro
Marlboro	Bros. Ricky Lewis, Onnie Dameron
New Bethel	Bros. Fentress McClead, T. K. Perry
New Cross Roads	Bro. and Sis. Austin Johnson
New Franks Chapel	Bros. Paul Tubbs, Joe E. Smith
New Hope	Bro. and Sis. Freeman Umstead
New Liberty	Bros. James S. Stewart, Charles Wall
New Spring Hill	Bro. Robert Bedwell, Sis. Shirley Rummage
New Prospect	Bros. Milford Haynes, Edwin Gibson
Oak Grove	Bros. Rufus Chandler, Onus Rogers
Old Union	Bro. Lloyd Autry
Pleasant Grove	Bros. E. Rickman, C. C. Fiddler
Pleasant Hill	Bros. Hal Abbott, John Hedges
Pleasant Ridge	Bros. E. O. Cole, L. T. Wright
Pleasant Valley	Bros. Raymond Hargis, James Spoon
Pushing Creek	Bros. Richard Wilhoite, Duell Brewer
Shiloh	Sisters Pauline Hall, Vonell Pritchard
Second Baptist, Lexington	Bro. and Sis. Oscar Bowers
Stoddert St., Jackson	Letter only
Tom's Creek	Letter only
Westport	Bros. Ira Holladay, Clyde Smothers
Yuma	Bros. J. F. Gooch, George Robertson

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES AND OFFICERS

Bethel—

PASTOR—C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.
 CLERK—Coy Rich, RFD, McKenzie, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Clyde McCormick, Huntingdon, Tenn.

Bemis Chapel—

PASTOR—Floyd Dennison, RFD 5, Jackson, Tenn.
 CLERK—Robert L. Buckingham, Bemis, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Carl E. Walker, P. O. Box 94, Bemis, Tenn.

Bible Grove—

PASTOR—Earl Owens, Lexington, Tenn.
 CLERK—Cloudy Woods, Lexington, Tenn.
 TREASURER—R. V. Woods, Lexington, Tenn.

Caledonia—

PASTOR—Clarence Hall, Jr., Como, Tenn.
 CLERK—Glynn Williams, McKenzie, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Detroy Allen, McKenzie, Tenn.

Center Point—

PASTOR—James Higdon, Hollow Rock, Tenn.
 CLERK—Earnestine Higdon, Hollow Rock, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Adrain Moore, RFD 1, Buena Vista, Tenn.

Concord—

PASTOR—Billy Joe Hilliard, Hollow Rock, Tenn.
 CLERK—Paul Simpson, Huntingdon, Tenn.
 TREASURER—W. J. Smith, Huntingdon, Tenn.

Cross Roads—

PASTOR—Robert Noles, McKenzie, Tenn.
 CLERK—Darel Smothers, Camden, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Thelma Kee, Camden, Tenn.

Ephesus—

PASTOR—John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—Myrtle Deeter, Vale, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Burdett Deeter, RFD, Mansfield, Tenn.

Independent—

PASTOR—Mitchell Rayburn, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—Ray Smith, 177 Westview Ave., Camden, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Buford Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.

Landmark—

PASTOR—Onus Higdon, 213 Laurel St., Bruceton, Tenn.
 CLERK—Harold D. Carver, 4645 Craigmont Dr., Memphis, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Nickey L. Gurley, 5160 Craigmont Dr., Memphis.

Marlboro—

PASTOR—Robert Noles, McKenzie, Tenn.
 CLERK—Mrs. John Wilson, Bruceton, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Wayne Turner, Hollow Rock, Tenn.

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PASTOR—Hal Abbott, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—Mary Simmons, RFD 1, Hollow Rock, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Mary Simmons, RFD 1, Hollow Rock, Tenn.

Mt. Pisgah—

PASTOR—E. J. Baker, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—Onnie Dameron, Yuma, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Onnie Dameron, Yuma, Tenn.

new Bethel—

PASTOR—E. F. Prince, McKenzie, Tenn.
 CLERK—Mrs. T. K. Perry, McKenzie, Tenn.
 TREASURER—James Malone, RFD 2, Henry, Tenn.

new Cross Roads—

PASTOR—C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.
 CLERK—Harlon Campbell, Paris, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Ernie Davis, Huntingdon, Tenn.

new Frank's Chapel—

PASTOR—Billy Joe Hilliard, Hollow Rock, Tenn.
 CLERK—Mrs. Lloyd Baucum, Holladay, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Mrs. Elvie Trimble, Holladay, Tenn.

new Hope—

PASTOR—Mitchell Rayburn, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—Mrs. C. E. Carrington, Huntingdon, Tenn.
 TREASURER—C. E. Carrington, Huntingdon, Tenn.

new Liberty—

PASTOR—Clarence Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.
 CLERK—John D. Williams, RFD 1, Cedar Grove, Tenn.
 TREASURER—James Sidney Bartholomew, RFD, Cedar Grove.

new Spring Hill—

PASTOR—Robert Lee Owens, Paris, Tenn.
 CLERK—Robert Bedwell, Huntingdon, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Shirley Rummage, Milan, Tenn.

new Prospect—

PASTOR—Billy Joe Hilliard, Hollow Rock, Tenn.
 CLERK—Wm. Dewey Johnson, RFD 1, Parsons, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Milford Haynes, Parsons, Tenn.

Oak Grove—

PASTOR—Mitchell Rayburn, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—J. L. Cole, Buena Vista, Tenn.
 TREASURER—L. L. Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.

Old Union—

PASTOR—Hal Abbott, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—Bobby Crossett, Huntingdon, Tenn.
 TREASURER—James Cooper, Holladay, Tenn.

Pleasant Grove—

PASTOR—John Hedges, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—R. L. Bradfield, Wildersville, Tenn.
 TREASURER—O. R. Bradfield, Wildersville, Tenn.

Pleasant Hill—

PASTOR—T. L. Campbell, McKenzie, Tenn.
 CLERK—Willie Umstead, Camden, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Leabern Mitchell, Camden, Tenn.

Pleasant Ridge—

PASTOR—E. J. Baker, Bruceton, Tenn.
 CLERK—Travis Nance, RFD 1, Bruceton, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Paul Holland, Camden, Tenn.

Pleasant Valley—

PASTOR—Raymond Hargis East Peoria, Illinois.
 CLERK—Jim Dailey, East Peoria, Illinois.
 TREASURER—Murry Dailey, Washington, Illinois.

Rushing Creek—

PASTOR—Dennis Reeves, Lexington, Tenn.
 CLERK—Duel G. Brewer, Camden, Tennessee.
 TREASURER—Cecil Sparks, Camden, Tennessee.

Shiloh—

PASTOR—Earnie Broadway, Scotts Hill, Tenn.
 CLERK—James G. Pritchard, Wildersville, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Joe Price Cary, Holladay, Tenn.

2nd Baptist, Lexington—

PASTOR—T. L. Campbell, McKenzie, Tenn.
 CLERK—Cecil H. McPeake, Lexington, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Hearl Myracle, Lexington, Tenn.

Stoddert St., Jackson—

PASTOR—E. L. Hampton, 801 East Chester St., Jackson, Tenn.
 CLERK—H. C. Harris, Jr., 252 Airways, Jackson, Tenn.
 TREASURER—H. C. Harris, Jr., 252 Airways, Jackson, Tenn.

Tom's Creek—

PASTOR—N. O. Wharton, Finger, Tenn.
 CLERK—Rex Patterson, RFD 5, Box 124, Linden, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Rex Patterson, RFD 5, Box 124, Linden, Tenn.

Westport—

PASTOR—E. F. Prince, McKenzie, Tenn.
 CLERK—Brenda Leslie, Westport, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Ira Holladay, Huntingdon, Tenn.

Yuma—

PASTOR—Billy Joe Hilliard, Hollow Rock, Tenn.
 CLERK—George Robertson, Yuma, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Billy M. Gooch, Westport, Tenn.

BAPTIST OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHANS HOME

Lafayette, Tennessee

FINANCIAL REPORT

Period

Oct. 1, 1971 — Sept. 30, 1972

Cash in Bank October 1, 1971 \$ 4,742.59

Receipts:

Donations	\$12,585.66
Rent	480.00
Tobacco	1,354.68
Corn	126.03
Coop Dividend	3.72
Fertilize	27.46
Vacation Repayment	400.00

Total Receipts \$14,977.55

Total Funds Available \$19,720.14

Expenditures:

Childrens Vacation	\$ 500.00
Hired Labor	1,504.99
Licenses	2.00
Hospital Trips (Mileage)	78.00
Salaries	2,800.00
Petty Fund	223.58
Food	2,327.16
Clothing	296.75
Utilities	987.71
Repairs	1,725.19
Supplies	244.95
Insurance	287.00
Doctors and Medicine	192.26
Tobacco Division	903.06
Farm Expense	547.06
Music Lessons	131.60
Telephone	81.03
Daily Paper and Yearbook	31.30

Total Expenditures \$12,863.64

\$ 6,856.50

Balance Per Bank Statement, Citizens Bank,

Lafayette, Tennessee, Sept. 26, 1972

\$ 6,857.13

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This is an unaudited Financial Statement

Hal D. Howser, Public Accountant
William Carroll Barton, Treasurer

IN MEMORY OF OUR SAINTED DEAD

Bethel—

Sis. Maggie Fuller
Bro. James Norwood
Sis. Velma DeMoss

Bemis Chapel—

Sis. Evelyn Crouch
Sis. Eva Riggs

Bible Grove—

Eld. Veal Wood
Sis. Artie Wood

Caledonia—

Bro. Connie Allen, Deacon
Bro. Tom Owens

Center Point—

Bro. Parker Rummage

Concord—

Sis. Pearl Simpson

Cross Roads—

Sis. Tennie Douglass
Sis. Alice Loveall
Bro. Erbie Malin, Deacon

Ephesus—

Brf. J. O. Simmons

Independent—

Sis. Essie Wilson
Bro. Thurman Kee

Landmark—

Sis. Lydia Cooper

Marlboro—

Bro. Loyd Jones
Bro. Alga Allen

Mt. Pisgah—

Bro. O. P. Robertson
Bro. J. S. Horn
Bro. E. J. Bruce
Bro. J. L. Robertson

New Bethel—

Bro. Johnny Perry
Sis. Bessie Douglass
Bro. Estes Hall, Deacon

New Frank's Chapel—

Sis. Lizzie Boyd

New Liberty—

Sis. Lilly Duncan
Sis. Lonie Dees

New Spring Hill—

Bro. Leon Younken
Sis. Ethel Bedwell

Oak Grove—

Sis. Hester Cary
Sis. Gladys Birdwell

Pleasant Grove—

Bro. Jimmy Hearrington
Bro. Philip Bradfield, Deacon
Sis. Verna Wicks
Sis. Delta Moore

Pleasant Hill—

Sis. Leala Drinkard
Sis. Ludie Norwood
Sis. Bertha Norwood
Sis. Mattie Noles
Bro. Wilburn Spence

Shiloh—

Bro. Howard Pritchard, Deacon
Bro. Con Hedge
Bro. James L. Ritter

2nd Baptist, Lexington—

Sis. Ruby Joyner
Bro. John S. Stubblefield

Tom's Creek—

Sis. Lizzie Stevens
Sis. Nettie Patterson

Westport—

Bro. Ira Tucker, Deacon
Bro. Arch Norden

Yuma—

Sis. Ruth Hollowell

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
846 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
847 Mt. Pisgah, Henderson County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
848 Ramble Creek, Benton County	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
849 Pleasant Hill, Benton County	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
850 Hopewell, Henderson County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
851 New Prospect, Decatur County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
852 Beaver Dam, Benton County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
853 Union, Benton County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
854 Bible Union, Carroll County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
855 Concord, Carroll County	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
856 Pleasant Grove, Henderson County ..	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
857 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
858 Union, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
859 Holly Springs, Henderson County ..	J. P. Arnold	B. W. Foster
860 Ramble Creek, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	J. P. Doherty
861 New Prospect, Decatur County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
No Association during the Civil War 1862-1864		
865 Union, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
866 Salem, Decatur County	W. Pugh	B. W. Foster
867 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	W. Pugh	Geo. Hollowell
868 Ephesus, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
869 Concord, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
870 Chalk Hill, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
871 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
872 Mt. Nebo, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
873 Marlboro, Carroll County	Geo. Hollowell	J. H. Thomas
874 New Hope, Carroll County	J. H. Park	J. H. Thomas
875 Tom's Creek, Perry County	J. W. Brewer	J. F. Rogers
876 Rushing Creek, Benton County	J. Richardson	J. F. Rogers
877 Oak Grove, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
878 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
879 Bethel, Carroll County	J. C. Park	J. F. Rogers
880 Wildersville, Henderson County	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
881 Ramble Creek	J. P. Arnold	D. J. Allen
882 Cross Roads, Benton County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
883 Prospect, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
884 Sardis Ridge, Decatur County	Geo. Hollowell	D. J. Allen
885 Concord, Carroll County	Geo. Hollowell	C. H. Rogers
886 Trace Creek, Humphreys County ..	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
887 Liberty, Carroll County	J. C. Park	J. C. Park
888 Unity, Benton County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
889 Holly Springs	J. F. Rogers	D. J. Allen
890 Mt. Nebo, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
891 Rushing Creek, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
892 New Hope, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
893 Chalk Level, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
894 Mt. Comfort	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
895 Flatwoods, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
896 Marlboro, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
897 Bethel, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
898 Shiloh, Carroll County	N. L. Joyner	D. J. Allen
899 Pleasant Hill, Benton County	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
900 Salem, Decatur County	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
901 Chalk Hill, Benton County	N. L. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
902 Cross Roads, Benton County	E. Z. Newsom	C. H. Rogers
903 New Prospect, Decatur County	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
904 Ephesus, Carroll County	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 County	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1908 Concord, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1909 Pleasant Ridge	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1910 Perryville, Decatur County	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1911 Unity, Benton County	T. M. Boyd	D. H. Franks
1912 Chalk Level, Benton County	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 County	S. W. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1916 Tom's Creek, Perry County	J. N. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1917 Westport, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	Geo. S. Price
1918 Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	L. E. Mincey
1919 Cross Roads, Benton County	J. N. Joyner	L. E. Mincey
1920 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1921 Ephesus, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1922 Eva, Benton County	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1923 Prospect, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1924 Flatwoods, Benton County	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 County	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1929 Bruceston, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1930 New Prospect, Decatur County	J. N. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1931 New Hope, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1932 New Liberty, Carroll County	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 County	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	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1942 New Cross Roads, Carroll County ..	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1943 New Bethel, Henry County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1944 Westport, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1945 Marlboro, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1946 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1947 Pleasant Grove, Henderson County ..	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1948 Old Union, Benton County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1949 Cross Roads, Benton County	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
1964 New Bethel, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1965 Rushing Creek, Benton County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1966 Westport, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1967 New Prospect, Decatur County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1968 Ephesus, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1969 Concord, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1970 New Frank's Chapel, Decatur Co....	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1971 Landmark, Shelby County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1972 Yuma, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	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, which shall state their appointment as messengers, 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 messengers.

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 that all newly constituted churches petitioning for union with us shall have full right to vote for Moderator and Clerk, and nothing shall be construed as to prohibit them from voting.

Article VIII. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall 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 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 be reported at the next association and entered upon the Minutes.

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 Word and Holy Spirit; and this Triune God is the only object of religious and true God; and there are three persons in this One God—the Father, the 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 believes 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.

CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY 1972

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS	ENROLLMENT	GIFTS AND EXPENSES
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Bethel	Lewis Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	8	122	1726.45
Bern's Chapel	Slater Knott, Bern's, Tenn.	16	80	273.70
Bible Grove	Connie Hatch, Wildersville, Tenn.	6	123	225.00
Caledonia	Glynn Williams, McKenzie, Tenn.	12	60	723.66
Center Point	Ray Taylor, Bruceton, Tenn.	6	40	321.80
Concord	Paul Simpson, Huntingdon, Tenn.	8	129	2960.16
Cross Roads	Perrin Deaton, Camden, Tenn.	14	85	1831.53
Ephesus	Garland Crews, Bruceton, Tenn.	6	22	33.21
Independent	Ray Smith, Camden, Tenn.	12	102	1250.00
Landmark	Charles A. Connell, 4517 Angel Ave., Memphis	17	70	688.34
Marlsboro	George Carter, Vale, Tenn.	4		181.65
Mixie	F. A. Taylor, Huntingdon, Tenn.	12	50	550.17
New Bethel	R. C. Perry, McKenzie, Tenn.	6	25	63.00
New Cross Roads	Hulon Neely, Huntingdon, Tenn.	6	54	1419.44
New Frank's Chapel	Paul Tubbs, Parsons, Tenn.	10	35	64.00
New Hope	Roy Hatch, Yuma, Tenn.	4	30	80.21
New Liberty	John D. Williamson, RFD 1, Cedar Grove, Tn.	5	50	438.16
New Prospect	Irvin Smith, RFD 2, Holladay, Tenn.	13	105	97.75
Oak Grove	Howard Hampton, Buena Vista, Tenn.	5	48	2115.75
Old Union	James Cooper, Holladay, Tenn.	7	42	652.43
Pleasant Grove	C. C. Fiddler, Lexington, Tenn.	7		281.18
Pleasant Hill	L. V. Lesley, Bruceton, Tenn.	10	55	818.16
Pleasant Ridge	L. T. Wright, Camden, Tenn.	7	65	680.22
Pleasant Valley	Mike Kneer, Washington, Ill.	8	45	318.75
Rushing Creek	R. A. McMurtry, Camden, Tenn.	8	84	1192.29
Shiloh	Larry Ray Pritchard, Wildersville, Tenn.	4		
2nd Baptist, Lexington	Oscar Jowers, Lexington, Tenn.	11	91	441.45
Stoddert St., Jackson	Bobby Moore, Highland St., Jackson, Tenn. .	8	40	45.00
Tom's Creek	F. M. O'Guin, RFD 2, Linden, Tenn.	7	100	393.85
Westport	Norman D. Leslie, RFD 1, Westport, Tenn. .	10	60	354.86
Yuma	George Robertson, Yuma, Tenn.	7	55	426.00

1972 STATISTICAL TABLE — SOUTHWESTERN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Church Day	Baptisms	Letter Restoration	TOTAL Letters And Exclusions	Deaths	1972 TOTAL	Membership	Revivals Observed	Lord's Supper	Repairs, Fuel, Janitor, Etc.	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial	Gifts To Orphanages	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Minute Fund	GRAND TOTAL
BETHEL.....	1-3	6	2	8	6	3	9	174	1	2	3246.05	1514.00	670.50	102.00	.00	10.00	5537.55
BEMIS CHAPEL.....	All	2	2	4	5	2	7	155	1	1	1248.58	6100.00	406.29	156.38	132.75	10.00	9997.93
BIBLE GROVE.....	1-3	4	3	7	4	6	10	203	1	1	1452.80	1154.75	161.20	.00	.00	10.00	2778.75
CALEDONIA.....	1-3	2	3	5	1	3	4	92	1	1	3174.10	789.50	261.50	37.50	.00	15.00	4277.60
CENTER POINT.....	All	1	1	2	2	3	6	67	1	1	949.97	328.06	161.66	25.00	.00	9.00	1473.69
CONCORD.....	3	18	5	23	0	1	1	138	1	2	5601.65	731.00	845.08	167.00	269.00	15.00	7628.73
CROSS ROADS.....	2-4	4	2	6	1	4	1	189	1	1	198.39	1544.33	413.33	.00	.00	10.00	2168.05
EPHESUS.....	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	55	1	1	210.33	631.44	77.66	15.00	.00	5.00	982.43
INDEPENDENT.....	2-4	1	3	4	2	4	1	117	1	2	2490.09	1706.60	290.50	100.00	204.50	20.00	4801.19
LANDMARK.....	All	3	0	3	7	1	8	86	1	1	437.67	2218.82	944.85	191.76	.00	16.00	3809.10
MARLBORO.....	1-3	0	1	1	1	2	3	99	1	1	125.65	1374.40	241.70	150.00	.00	5.00	1896.75
MIXIE.....	2-4	2	4	6	2	0	2	96	2	1	54.50	749.53	517.0	25.00	.00	10.00	1356.03
MT. PISGAH.....	2	2	0	2	4	4	8	102	1	1	60.00	464.50	164.60	50.00	.00	10.00	769.10
NEW BETHEL.....	2-4-5	4	2	6	3	3	6	140	1	1	532.52	1254.50	204.00	.00	.00	5.00	1996.02
NEW CROSS ROADS.....	2-4	0	0	0	2	0	2	119	1	2	5722.01	2030.91	250.00	70.70	.00	10.00	8083.62
NEW FRANK'S CHAPEL.....	2-4	0	1	1	4	1	5	53	1	1	241.35	440.25	41.25	.00	.00	5.00	727.85
NEW HOPE.....	3	3	2	5	6	0	6	163	1	1	5400.00	1022.15	164.35	.00	.00	7.00	6593.54
NEW LIBERTY.....	2	0	0	0	1	2	3	111	1	1	2152.94	733.00	164.00	.00	248.00	5.00	3302.94
NEW SPRING HILL.....	2-4	1	1	2	0	2	2	44	1	1	.00	293.27	141.45	.00	.00	8.00	442.72
NEW PROSPECT.....	1	2	2	4	1	0	1	185	1	1	285.26	807.55	114.25	37.85	.00	11.00	1255.91
OAK GROVE.....	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	127	1	1	168.01	588.66	.00	.00	26.51	10.00	793.18
OLD UNION.....	1-3	1	0	1	10	0	10	66	3	0	117.70	444.94	60.50	14.15	.00	8.00	645.29
PLEASANT GROVE.....	4	0	1	1	0	4	4	80	1	1	145.25	441.50	223.00	.00	155.42	5.00	970.77
PLEASANT HILL.....	3	5	7	12	2	5	7	268	1	1	788.92	682.59	.00	.00	69.00	10.00	1550.57
PLEASANT RIDGE.....	All	2	1	3	1	0	1	119	1	1	2564.73	4898.04	505.73	50.00	150.39	.00	8183.89
PLEASANT VALLEY.....	All	0	0	0	3	0	3	38	1	2	299.83	1468.50	403.50	50.00	.00	5.00	2228.83
RUSHING CREEK.....	All	1	0	1	1	0	1	152	2	1	786.28	3294.77	180.24	.00	.00	100.00	4371.39
SHILOH.....	3	1	0	1	0	3	3	33	1	1	31.75	392.31	38.00	.00	.00	2.00	464.06
2nd BAPTIST, Lexington.....	2-4	4	3	7	0	2	2	141	1	1	3496.65	1366.73	409.37	40.00	128.11	15.00	5455.86
STODDERT ST., Jackson.....	All	3	12	15	6	0	6	97	3	2	237.00	1315.00	230.00	40.00	287.00	65.00	2184.00
TOM'S CREEK.....	All	13	4	17	2	2	4	150	2	1	2409.10	2174.16	655.44	.00	.00	10.00	5248.70
WESTPORT.....	1-3	2	1	3	0	2	2	146	1	1	470.91	928.50	21.00	50.00	.00	15.00	1483.41
YUMA.....	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	195	1	1	475.06	1009.49	96.10	80.32	.00	10.00	1667.97