

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
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**THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL SESSION**

**HELD WITH
PLEASANT RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
CAMDEN, TENNESSEE**

1973

MINUTES

Of The

One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church

Benton County, Tennessee

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OFFICERS

Eld. C. F. Carter, Moderator.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Eld. Mitchell Rayburn, Ast. Moderator.....	Camden, Tenn.
Bro. Ray Smith, Clerk.....	Camden, Tenn.
Bro. Austin Johnson, Assistant Clerk.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.

NEXT MEETING

Will be held with New Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, Tennessee, located three and one-half miles northeast of Huntingdon just off Northwood Drive, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1974.

SERMONS

Introductory Sermon.....	Eld. Hal Abbott
Alternate	Eld. Robert Noles
Doctrinal Sermon	Eld. Lester Campbell
Alternate	Eld. Wendell Boyd
Missionary Sermon	Eld. Onus Higdon
Alternate	Eld. Mitchell Rayburn

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 1973

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 came together for the beginning of the one hundred twenty fifth annual session at 10:00 A.M. at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Benton County, Tennessee by singing "Blessed Jesus Loves You To", "Have you really been a friend to Him?" Prayer by Bro. Larry Johnson. The body stood and sang "When We All Get To Heaven". The moderator then took the stand and made some welcoming remarks and read the 14th through the 23rd verse of the 24th chapter of Joshua, and declared the body ready for business.

The moderator appointed the host church pastor, Bro. E.J. Baker and the deacons as committee on Divine service.

Appointed Bros. Austin Johnson, Glennie Williams and Larry Johnson as committee on Finance.

Appointed Bro. Harold Carver and Sis. Alene Johnson as reading clerks.

The moderator then called for the churches to come forward and file their respective letters with the clerk, and after the filing of same the reading clerks began reading of the letters and they read until the 11:00 hour arrived and this being the time set aside for the Introductory sermon the moderator asked the congregation to stand and sing "Try Jesus", and then Bro. E.J. Baker being the one appointed a year ago to preach the Introductory sermon took the stand and after making a few remarks read the 29th verse of the 1st chapter of St. John gospel and then led the body in prayer. Taking for a text, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world", and delivered a very heart warming message that was truly enjoyed by all present. The body then stood and sang a number of songs giving the right hand of endorsement.

After some announcements, motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch. Dismissed by Bro. Clarence Hall, Jr.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying a bountiful lunch prepared by the host church and community and friends, the body came together again by singing "I'll Fly Away", "Some Day", and then the moderator took the stand and read all the 3rd chapter of 2nd Peter and then called for Bro. Robert Noles to lead in prayer. The body was then called back to order and asked that the reading of the letters be resumed. After the reading of the letters the associational messengers voted to adopt the letters as read and seat the messengers.

Petitionary letters were called for and none were received.

Time having arrived to elect moderator and clerk for another year. Bro. C. F. Carter left the room and the assistant moderator, Bro. E. J. Baker took the stand and asked for nomination for moderator and Bro. Carter being the only one nominated was elected unanimous. Motion and second to elect Bro. Mitchell Rayburn, assistant moderator. Bro. Ray Smith was elected unanimous as clerk and Bro. Austin Johnson as assistant clerk.

Motion and second for Bro. Hal Abbott to preach the Introductory Sermon and Bro. Robert Noles as alternate.

Motion and second for Bro. Lester Campbell preach the Doctrinal sermon and Bro. Mitchell Rayburn as alternate.

Bros. John Hedges, Onus Higdon, Lucian Demoss were appointed as committee on various topics.

Motion and second for the association to meet with New Cross Roads Church in Carroll County located three and one-half miles Northeast of Huntingdon just off Northwood Drive for the year 1974.

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

..M. Saturday morning.

The body stood and sang and extended a fellowship handshake to each other.

Dismissed by Bro. J.P. Forrest.

SATURDAY MORNING

The association assembled at 10:00 A.M. for the second day of this session by singing "The Old Country Church on the Hill, Jesus Wept". Prayer by Bro. Harlon Campbell. The moderator then read the 2nd Epistle of John and declared the body ready to continue with the business of the day.

The roll call was made of the messengers.

Motion and second to allow ten minutes to the chairman and five minutes on the various topics to be discussed.

Report on missions read and adopted and spoken to by Bros. Wendell Boyd, E. P. Brewer, Hal Abbott, Rufus Chandler, John Hedges, E. F. Prince, J. P. Forrest, Eugene Lankinship.

Motion and second to extend the topics for discussion until after the noon hour.

Time having arrived for the Doctrinal sermon the body stood and sang "The sweetest Song I Know", and Bro. John Hedges the appointee from a year ago to bring the sermon took the stand, made a few remarks and read the 18th verse of the 16th chapter of St. Matthew, then after going to the Lord in prayer took for a subject, "Are we as old time Missionary Baptist, The Church That Jesus Set Up?", and referred to several other scriptures and brought to our minds the teachings of the Bible that Jesus set up His church and the churches composing this association are still standing for the same doctrine that He taught, and made it very clear that these churches are the ones that have the responsibility of continuing these teachings.

The moderator called for the body to stand and sing giving Bro. Hedges the right hand of fellowship and endorsement.

After some announcements, motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Bro. Max Carrington.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying the wonderful meal at the lunch hour the body came together by singing "I See Jesus". Prayer by Bro. Earl Martin. The moderator read the 1st 8 verses from the 4th chapter of 2nd Timothy. Then the quartet from the host church sang "What A Day That Will Be", and by request Sis. Sandra Wilson sang a solo "Amazing Grace". Then the moderator asked that the topics be discussed.

Motion and second made to pass the subject of missions for the sake of time.

Report on Christian Education and Sunday Schools read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Earl Martin, E. J. Baker, John Hedges, Harold Carver, Adrain Moore, Charles Moore.

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Report on Prayer Meeting read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Rufus Chandler, Hal Abbott, Harlon Campbell, Lawton Brewer.

Report on Obituaries read, adopted and spoken to by Bro. Hal Abbott.

Report of Church Discipline read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Robert Noles, Onus Higdon, Hal Abbott.

Report on Temperance and Morality read, adopted and spoken to by Bro. Truman Hedges.

Report on Financing the Lord's Work read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Edward Kirk, F.L. Ray, Ray Smith, Robert Noles, John Hedges.

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

Call for new business. Motion and second to elect Bro. Ray Smith as trustee to the Orphans Home for a three year term. Motion and second to adopt the report of the Orphans home and place on the pages of the minutes.

Motion and second to take a public offering for the orphans home. Amount received was \$164.70, while the body stood and sang a number of songs.

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

Dismissed by Bro. James Spoon.

SUNDAY MORNING

The association again assembled on Sunday morning for the closing day of this 125th annual session by first singing "Happy Day". Prayer by Bro. George Robertson. The moderator read the 6th chapter of Ephesians from the 11th through the 20th verse, and after some announcements the body was called to order to continue with the business of the hour.

The finance committee reported minute fund \$312.80, clerk \$161.50, Orphans Home by churches \$235.00, Public offering \$164.70. Total \$874.00.

Motion and second was made to adopt the financial report as read.

Called for the reading of the minutes and they were adopted as read.

Motion and second for the clerk to place on the minutes the same vote of thanks that was used last year. With some time left before the Missionary sermon the moderator called on the local church singers to render some number and it was certainly enjoyed by all.

The moderator then called for Bro. T.L. Campbell the one selected to preach the Missionary sermon to come forward and take charge of the service.

Bro. Campbell then took the stand and made a few fitting remarks and then he read the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel from the 1st through the 6th verse and using a number of bible characters showed without any doubt that God has always had missionaries to fulfill his great promise and would always continue to call men that will have the grace of God in their hearts and will be missionaries forever until he sees fit to say it is enough and sound the trumpet and time shall be no more. He also brought to our attention the simple plan of salvation that it is by Grace ye are saved and not by any of our good works, it is a gift of God. That the blood of Jesus Christ is the only means of remission of our sins. From the expression on the faces of the redeemed the body surely enjoyed this great message and amens were heard throughout the message.

The body then stood and sang giving Bro. Campbell the right hand of endorsement. Motion and second was made after some announcements to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Bro. Glennie Williams.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

After another bountiful lunch that was enjoyed by the body we assembled at the 1:00 hour for the closing service by singing "I'll meet you in the morning", "Will My Mother Know Me There?". Prayer by Bro. Onus Higdon. The moderator took the

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stand, read the 1st eleven verses of the 5th chapter of Romans, and then declared the body ready for business.

Motion and second for Bro. Harlan Campbell to deliver the message for the afternoon. The quartet from the host church returned and rendered another number while he was making himself ready for the service.

Then Bro. Harlan Campbell took the stand and after some remarks read the first 16 verses of the 1st chapter of Romans and then led the body in prayer, and took for a subject the 16th verse. "The Gospel of Christ", and delivered a soul stirring message on the power of the gospel of Christ as it is the power of God unto salvation unto everyone that believeth and the body showed their love and endorsement of him by giving him the right hand of endorsement along with the parting hand as the body stood and sang a number of songs.

After several testimonies and announcements, motion and second was made to close this session and adjourn to meet with New Cross Roads Baptist Church, Carroll County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1974, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Dismissed by Bro. Wendell Boyd.

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 Pleasant Ridge 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 New Cross Roads Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1974.

Ray Smith, Clerk

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We your committee on missions report the following:

We believe Christ was sent on a mission. John 6:38, For I Came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. St. Luke 19:10, For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Hebrews 2:14, Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil. 1 John 3:8, He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil. Matt. 5:17, Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. John 10:14-18, I am the good shepherd and know my sheep and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep and other sheep I have, which are not of his fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay it down myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received from my Father.

Wendell Boyd, Committee
J. P. Forrest

Southwestern District Baptist Association REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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

Christian Education is most important in this day in which we live because we don't have prayer and bible reading in our public schools any more. We should study to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth, that we might grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. That we might warn others not to believe every spirit, but to try the spirits to see if they be of God. 2nd Timothy 3:16, All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine and reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Therefore we recommend that in all our teaching we be sure that it is backed up by the scripture.

Sunday School being a part of the church is a teaching capacity it is vitally important that we teach the scriptures in its purity. We should spend more time on our knees asking God to give us an understanding of things that should be taught that would be pleasing to him. It should be our desire to always be doing His will.

Committee: Earl Martin
Weldon Chandler

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We your committee on Prayer Meeting submit the following:

We believe that prayer is a request to God in the name of Christ by the spirits help. Many miracles happen in the old testament by prayer and faith in God. Daniel prayed three times a day. Daniel's 6-10, Because of this faith in prayer and true devotion to the living God he delivered from the den of lions. James 5-14-18, Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him. 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. Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Matthew: 18-20, For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.

Acts 16: 25-26, And at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed. Christ taught while here on earth, Matthew: 26-41, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation, the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Even Christ himself prayed while here on earth in the garden of Gethsemane. Matthew: 26-39, He prayed, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will but as thou wilt". Matthew: 21-22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Committee: Rufus Chandler
E. J. Baker

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee on obituaries submit the following:

In the last twelve months thirty-three members of the churches affiliated with the

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Southwestern District Association have been called home to be with the Lord. Their passing has brought great sorrow to their love ones, their church and the association on their part.

Revelations 14: 13, And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. Job 14: 14, If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, til my change come. Isaiah 57:

The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and meriful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from evil to come.

John 14: 3 and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Committee: Hal Abbott
Clarence Hall, Jr.

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE

We your committee on Church Discipline submit the following:

We believe that failure to enforce discipline has been a hinderance to many of our churches. Romans 16: 17, Mark them that cause division contrary to the doctrine. Ephesians: 5-11, Have no fellowship with the unfruitful workers of darkness but rather reprove them. We also believe the church should be kept clean. We also believe that forgiveness is a part of discipline. When a church member acknowledges his wrong it is the duty of the church to forgive and restore him into full fellowship. 1st. Thessalonians 5: 14, Now we exhort you brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

Committee: Robert Noles
Onus Higdon

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND MORALITY

We your committee on Temperance and Morality submit the following:

The word Temperance means being temperate or moderate, self-restraint in conduct, expression, indulgence of the appetite etc., total abstinence from alcoholic liquors. The people who make up our old time missionary baptist churches agree that we should abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks. Paul stated in Romans 14: 21, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak."

Morality is the moral quality or character of a person. Proverbs 22: 1, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold." Proverbs 16: 32, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty: and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

We need to go back and pick up some of our forefathers moral standards. Paul stated in Romans 12: 1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Committee: Truman Hedges
L. T. Wright

REPORT ON FINANCING

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

We would say to you today and to ourselves have we as a whole helped finance the Lord's work as we should? When we think of the price Jesus paid for salvation. Matthew 26: 28, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the

remission of sins." Acts 20: 28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." We find in the scriptures that we should offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God's service, also give of our means as God has let us prosper.

Corinthians II, 8: 12, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. Corinthians II, 9: 7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. We would call your attention to the vows you made when you united with the church that you would support it with your prayers, presence and means as best you could. We should pray and let God's spirit lead us. We believe that if we want the blessings of God we will support the God called ministers better so that they could put more time to preaching the gospel, by this maybe more sinners would be converted and this would be the best payoff of all. May God bless is our prayer.

Committee: Edward Klirk
Harold Carver

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

The committee on correspondence submit the following:

Our association for these past 125 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 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 church 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 New Cross Roads Baptist Church, Carroll County, Tennessee, on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1974.

Ray Smith, Committee

Other Churches and Associations Visiting Our Session Were

Bro. F.L. Ray, Wiseman Association
Bro. Jimmy Hale, Erin, Tenn.
Bro. Eugene Blankenship, Chalk Hill, Benton County.

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Terry Brower RFD 1, Wildersville, Tenn. 38388.

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Bert Goble, RFD 2, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344

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Virgil Wallace, Clarksville, Tenn.

New Cross Roads—
Harlon Campbell, Paris, Tenn.

New Frank Chapel—
Joe Edward Smith, Holladay, Tenn.

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

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Bob Laxton, Linden, Tenn.
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Bible Grove—
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Mt. Pisgah—
E. P. Brewer, Wildersville, Tenn. 38388.
Lawton Brewer, Jones St., Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344.

New Spring Hill—
Robert Lee Owens, 1415 McFadden St., Paris, Tenn.
Jimmy Leslie, McKenzie, Tenn.

Oak Grove—
Weldon Chandler, Huntingdon, Tenn.

Old Union—
Wendell Boyd, Hollow Rock, Tenn.

Pleasant Hill—
John Hedges, RFD 3, Camden, Tenn. 38320.
Hal Abbott, RFD 2, Camden, Tenn. 38320.

Pleasant Ridge—
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CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

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Bible Grove.....	Bro. Leonard Wood - Sis. Leonard Wood
Caldonia.....	Bros. Clarence Hall, Jr. - A. W. Williams
Center Point.....	Bros. Charles Moore - S. A. Moore
Concord.....	Bro. and Sis. E. W. Stokes
Cross Roads.....	Bros. Mitchell Rayburn - Onus Higdon
Ephesus.....	Bros. Garland Crews - Burdett Deeter
Independent.....	Bros. Ray Smith - Alma Ross
Landmark.....	Bros. Marshall Gurley - Harold Carver
Marlsboro.....	Bro. Buford Carver - Sis. Sadie Wilson
Mixie.....	Bros. Charlie Smith - Floyd Mann
Mt. Pisgah.....	Bros. E. P. Brewer - Lawton Brewer
New Bethel.....	Bros. Ray Peebles - Fentress McCloud
New Cross Roads.....	Bro. and Sis. Austin Johnson
New Franks Chapel.....	Bros. Edd Tubbs - Paul Tubbs
New Hope.....	Bro. and Sis. C. E. Carrington
New Liberty.....	Bros. James S. Stewart - Larry Johnson
New Spring Hill.....	Sis. Vera Boyd - Bro. Gene Rummage
New Prospect.....	Bro. Edwin Gibson - Sis. Deana Gibson
Oak Grove.....	Bros. Elmer Hampton - Weldon Chandler
Old Union.....	Bro. Wendel Boyd
Pleasant Grove.....	Bros. E. Rickman - A. T. Tolley
Pleasant Hill.....	Bros. Hal Abbott - John Hedges
Pleasant Ridge.....	Bros. L.T. Wright - Randal Smith
Pleasant Valley.....	Bro. and Sis. Mike Kneer
Rushing Creek.....	Bro. Gerald Seaton - Sis. Floye Markham
Shiloh.....	Sis. Lucille Webb - Sis. Pauline Hall
Second Baptist, Lexington.....	Bros. Earl Martin - Oscar Jowers
Stoddert St. Jackson.....	Bro. and Sis. E. L. Hampton
Toms Creek.....	Bros. N.O. Whorton - Elby Parker
Westport.....	Bro. Buford Horn
Yuma.....	Bros. J. F. Gooch - George Robertson

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Ephesus—	PASTOR—John Hedges, Camden, Tenn. 38320 CLERK—Myrtle Deeter, Vale, Tenn. 38386 TREASURER—Clyde Forrest, Paris, Tenn.
Independent—	PASTOR—Robert Noles, McKenzie, Tenn. RFD 1, 38201 CLERK—Ray Smith, 177 Westview Ave., Camden, Tenn. 38320 TREASURER—Buford Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344
Landmark—	PASTOR—Onus Higdon, 213 Laurel St., Bruceton, Tenn. CLERK—Harold D. Carver, 4645 Craigmont Dr., Memphis, Tenn. TREASURER—Nickey L. Gurley, 6160 Craigmont Dr., Memphis
Marlsboro—	PASTOR—Marshal Gurley 4022 Kerwin, Memphis, Tenn. 38128 CLERK—Mrs. John Wilson, Bruceton, Tenn. 14750 Pine St. 38317 TREASURER—Wayne Turner, Hollow Rock, Tenn. Box 57 38342

Southwestern District Baptist Association
BAPTIST OLD MINISTERS
AND ORPHANS HOME
Lafayette, Tennessee
FINANCIAL REPORT
Period
Oct. 1, 1972-Sept. 30, 1973

Cash in Bank October 1, 1972 \$ 6,857.13

Receipts:	
Donations	\$ 10,940.26
Rent	480.00
Tobacco	1,651.61
Corn	277.66
Coop Dividend	5.34
Fertilize (Superintendent's part)	23.75

Total Receipts \$13,378.52

Total Funds Available \$20,235.65

Expenditures:

Bond for Treasurer	\$ 25.00
Supplies	16.50
Doctors & Medicine	737.45
Insurance	287.00
Salaries	2,975.00
Audit	10.00
Appliances & Household Furnishings	632.90
License	2.00
Petty Fund	210.87
Hired Labor	218.11
Food	2,421.00
Heifer for Eddie Troup	250.00
Termite Treatment	170.00
Mileage (For Hospital Trips)	25.00
Tobacco Division	1,001.03
Farm Expenses	701.50
Clothing	374.44
Utilities	834.44
Telephone	92.75
Repairs	198.44
Piano Lessons	164.57
Daily Paper & Yearbook	31.30

Total Expenditures \$11,379.56

Balance Per Bank Statement, Citizens Bank,
Lafayette, Tennessee, Sept. 30, 1973 \$ 8,856.09

This is an unaudited Financial Statement

Hal D. Howser, P. A.
William Carroll Barton, Treasurer

IN MEMORY OF OUR SAINTED DEAD

Bemis Chapel

Sis. Eva Belew
Sis. Roy Butler
Bro. L. J. Ross
Bro. Marshall Crooch
Bro. Jerald Kennon

Oak Grove

Sis. Mertie Hargrove
Bro. Howard Joyner
Sis. Gertie Butler

Bible Grove

Bro. Oscar Lee Wood
Bro. Johnny Watson
Sis. Myrtle Wood
Bro. Albert Wood

Old Union

Sis. Linda Carol Odle
Bro. James Crafton

Pleasant Grove

Sis. Nannie Bradfield

Caledonia

Sis. Hermon Blaylock

Pleasant Hill

Bro. John Furr
Bro. Clarence Clark

Concord

Bro. Dewey Waugh

Rushing Creek

Sis. Irene Greer
Bro. Eubert Greer

Cross Roads

Bro. Jester Fowler

Shiloh

Bro. Oron Webb
Sis. Della McCay

New Cross Roads

Sis. Clarence Bell

Second Baptist, Lexington

Sis. Cecil McPeako
Bro. Luther Booth

New Hope

Bro. Grayden Robinson
Bro. Neil Hollowell

Westport

Sis. Verlie Boyd
Sis. Lenora Williams

New Liberty

Bro. Garver Kirby

Yuma

Sis. Vernie Robertson

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 to write the Declaration of Independence, making inquiry about the Government of this 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
46 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
47 Mt. Pisgah, Henderson County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
48 Ramble Creek, Benton County	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
49 Pleasant Hill, Benton County	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
50 Hopewell, Henderson County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
51 New Prospect, Decatur County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
52 Bever Dam, Benton County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
53 Union, Benton County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
54 Bible Union, Carroll County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
55 Concord, Carroll County	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
56 Pleasant Grove, Henderson County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
57 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
58 Union, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
59 Holly Springs, Henderson County	J. P. Arnold	B. W. Foster
60 Ramble Creek, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	J. P. Doherty
61 New Prospect, Decatur County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
No Association during the Civil War 1862-1864		
62 Union, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
63 Salem, Decatur County	W. Pugh	B. W. Foster
64 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	W. Pugh	Geo. Hollowell
65 Ephesus, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
66 Concord, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
67 Chalk Hill, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
68 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
69 Mt. Nebo, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
70 Marlboro, Carroll County	Geo. Hollowell	J. H. Thomas
71 New Hope, Carroll County	J. H. Park	J. H. Thomas
72 Tom's Creek, Perry County	J. W. Brewer	J. F. Rogers
73 Rushing Creek, Benton County	J. Richardson	J. F. Rogers
74 Oak Grove, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
75 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
76 Bethel, Carroll County	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
77 Wildersville, Henderson County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
78 Ramble Creek	J. P. Arnold	D. J. Allen
79 Cross Roads, Benton County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
80 Prospect, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
81 Sardis Ridge, Decatur County	Geo. Hollowell	D. J. Allen
82 Concord, Carroll County	Geo. Hollowell	C. H. Rogers
83 Trace Creek, Humphreys County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
84 Liberty, Carroll County	J. C. Park	J. C. Park
85 Unity, Benton County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
86 Holly Springs	J. F. Rogers	D. J. Allen
87 Mt. Nebo, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
88 Rushing Creek, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
89 New Hope, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
90 Chalk Level, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
91 Mt. Comfort	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
92 Flatwoods, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
93 Marlboro, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
94 Bethel, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
95 Shiloh, Carroll County	N. L. Joyner	D. J. Allen
96 Pleasant Hill, Benton County	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
97 Salem, Decatur County	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
98 Chalk Hill, Benton County	N. L. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
99 Cross Roads, Benton County	E. Z. Newsom	C. H. Rogers
100 New Prospect, Decatur County	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
101 Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers

1006 Pleasant Grove	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1006 Ramble Creek	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1007 Oak Grove, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1008 Concord, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1009 Pleasant Ridge	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1010 Perryville, Decatur County	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1011 Unity, Benton County	T. M. Boyd	D. H. Franks
1012 Calk Level, Benton County	Joe N. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1013 Holly Springs	J. G. Cooper	D. H. Franks
1014 Mt. Nebo	J. G. Cooper	D. H. Franks
1015 Liberty, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1016 Tom's Creek, Perry County	J. N. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1017 Westport, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	Geo. S. Price
1018 Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	L. E. Mincey
1019 Cross Roads, Benton County	J. N. Joyner	L. E. Mincey
1020 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1021 Ephesus, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1022 Eva, Benton County	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1023 Prospect, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1024 Flatwoods, Benton County	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1025 Bunches Chapel	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1026 Oak Grove	J. N. Joyner	C. V. Cooper
1027 Pleasant Hill	J. N. Joyner	C. V. Cooper
1028 Shiloh, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1029 Bruceton, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1030 New Prospect, Decatur County	J. N. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1031 New Hope, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1032 New Liberty, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1033 Westport, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1034 Ephesus, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1035 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	E. H. Martin	W. S. Brinkley
1036 Marlboro, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1037 Cedar Hill, Decatur County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1038 Concord, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1039 Yuma, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1040 Caledonia, Henry County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1041 Oak Grove, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1042 New Cross Roads, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1043 New Bethel, Henry County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1044 Westport, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1045 Marlboro, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1046 Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1047 Pleasant Grove, Henderson County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1048 Old Union, Benton County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1049 Cross Roads, Benton County	E. F. Prince	T. L. Campbell
1050 Bible Grove, Henderson County	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1051 Republican Grove	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1052 Pleasant Hill, Benton County	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1053 Ephesus, Carroll County	John Hedges	T. L. Campbell
1054 Mixie, Carroll County	John Hedges	Ray Smith
1055 Concord, Carroll County	John Hedges	Ray Smith
1056 Tom's Creek, Perry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1057 Independent, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1058 Bethel, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1059 Oak Grove, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1060 New Bethel, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1061 Center Point, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1062 Caledonia, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1063 Old Union, Benton County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1064 New Bethel, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1065 Rushing Creek, Benton County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1066 Westport, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1067 New Prospect, Decatur County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1068 Ephesus, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1069 Concord, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1070 New Frank's Chapel, Decatur Co.	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1071 Landmark, Shelby County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1072 Yuma, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1073 Pleasant Ridge, Benton 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 1973	TEACHERS & OFFICERS	ENROLLMENT	GIFTS & EXPENSES
Bethel	Lewis Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	8	130	\$1736.05
Bemis Chapel	Slater Knott, Bemis, Tenn.	27	70	328.41
Bible Grove	Leonard Wood, Chesterfield, Tenn.	6	134	362.00
Caledonia	Wayford Washburn, Jr., McKenzie, Tenn.	14	60	770.48
Center Point	Ray Taylor, Bruceton, Tenn.	8	50	140.30
Concord	Bill Cole, Huntingdon, Tenn.	8	133	2972.84
Cross Roads	Perrin Deaton, Camden, Tenn.	16	85	1444.04
Ephesus	Garland Crews, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	3	24	73.82
Independent	Ray Smith, Camden, Tenn.	12	118	2020.24
Landmark	Jessie Allen, 777 Avon, Memphis, Tenn.	12	70	847.67
Marlboro	George Carter, Mansfield, Tenn.	4	57	144.82
Mixie	Clarence DePriest, Huntingdon, Tenn.	12	50	260.41
New Bethel	R. C. Perry, McKenzie, Tenn.	6	25	80.35
New Cross Roads	Hulon Neely, Huntingdon, Tenn.	12	67	710.23
New Franks Chapel	Paul Grubbs, Parsons, Tenn.	10	30	34.00
New Hope	Roy Hatch, Yuma, Tenn.	4	36	316.58
New Liberty	John Williamson, Cedar Grove, Tenn.	6	50	302.20
New Spring Hill	Lindy Boyd, Huntingdon, Tenn.	5	17	41.20
New Prospect	Irvin Smith, Holladay, Tenn.	13	105	106.50
Oak Grove	Howard Hampton, Buena Vista, Tenn.	7	47	989.86
Old Union	James Cooper, Holladay, Tenn.	7	48	229.39
Pleasant Grove	C. C. Fiddler, Lexington, Tenn.	6	40	455.58
Pleasant Hill	Willie Umstead, Camden, Tenn.	10	55	249.95
Pleasant Ridge	L. T. Wright, Camden, Tenn.	8	65	780.40
Pleasant Valley	Mike Hargis, Washington, Ill.	5	30	275.00
Rushing Creek	L. A. McMurtry, Camden, Tenn.	8	84	1263.76
Shiloh	Larry Ray Pritchard, Holladay, Tenn.	1		
2nd Baptist, Lexington	Oscar Jowers, Lexington, Tenn.	11	97	1221.95
Stoddert St., Jackson	Murry Boone, Jackson, Tenn.	30	45	173.00
Tom's Creek	F. M. O'Guin, Linden, Tenn.	7	100	295.02
Westport	Norman Leslie, Westport, Tenn.	8	45	250.00
Yuma	George Robertson, Yuma, Tenn.	9	60	558.19

1973 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 Help	Gifts To Orphanages	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Minute Fund	GRAND TOTAL
BETHEL	1-3	2	1	3	0	0	0	177	1	12	2491.98	1840.50	434.87	96.93	00	00	10.00	4874.30
BEMIS CHAPEL	All	6	14	20	5	5	11	164	1	12	10017.81	6500.00	218.12	138.60	48.69	979.99	10.00	17913.21
BIBLE GROVE	1-5	0	0	0	4	4	8	191	1	1	1408.00	1209.75	322.00	00	256.00	00	10.00	3205.75
CALEDONIA	1-3	1	0	1	0	1	1	50	1	1	843.34	798.00	299.82	48.90	00	00	15.00	1802.76
CENTER POINT	All	1	0	1	0	0	0	67	1	1	935.41	111.75	338.71	25.00	00	00	10.00	1440.87
CONCORD	2-3	4	1	5	0	1	1	241	1	12	464.93	905.00	603.93	170.00	760.13	00	15.00	2918.99
CROSS ROADS	2-4	0	1	1	0	1	1	184	1	1	3812.03	1692.84	822.62	00	00	00	10.00	6047.39
EPHESUS	2-2	1	0	1	0	0	0	56	1	1	431.53	767.93	98.07	16.00	00	00	5.00	1516.53
INDEPENDENT	2-4	2	1	3	0	0	2	118	1	12	3435.60	1784.50	639.00	100.00	453.11	00	20.00	6437.21
LANDMARK	All	1	0	1	0	0	0	87	1	1	968.59	3906.89	1472.92	182.09	00	00	12.00	6542.43
MARLSBORO	1-2	0	0	0	1	0	0	93	1	1	263.60	1565.45	488.63	150.00	00	00	6.00	2375.60
MIXIE	2-4	0	3	3	5	0	5	94	1	1	00	753.88	413.08	60.00	00	00	10.00	1246.96
MT. PISGAH	2-4	0	0	0	3	0	3	99	1	1	00	601.00	189.71	50.00	00	00	10.00	850.71
NEW BETHEL	2-4	0	0	0	6	0	6	134	1	1	588.06	1211.00	303.00	51.00	84.08	00	5.00	1317.49
NEW CROSS ROADS	2-4	5	5	10	0	1	1	129	1	12	980.38	2295.48	324.50	50.00	00	00	10.00	3660.36
NEW FRANKS CHAPEL	2-4	0	0	0	2	1	3	51	1	1	110.68	00	00	00	00	00	3.00	113.68
NEW HOPE	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	157	1	1	00	637.93	1144.82	00	00	00	8.00	2350.47
NEW LIBERTY	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	109	1	1	1157.50	878.05	100.12	00	734.56	00	5.00	2675.58
NEW SPRING HILL	All	2	2	4	1	0	1	43	1	1	5304.83	733.71	00	00	00	00	8.00	5544.54
NEW PROSPECT	1-3	0	0	0	2	0	2	183	1	1	607.63	930.06	63.70	18.00	00	00	12.00	1631.41
OAK GROVE	1-4	3	3	6	3	3	6	127	1	1	3018.16	691.96	00	00	178.59	00	10.00	3988.63
OLD UNION	1-3	0	1	1	1	2	3	63	1	2	162.83	385.27	14.16	00	00	00	5.80	568.06
PLEASANT GROVE	4	1	0	1	1	1	2	79	1	1	820.50	550.74	248.51	00	122.28	00	5.00	1847.03
PLEASANT HILL	3	0	0	0	3	2	5	263	1	1	316.60	872.42	00	00	00	00	10.00	1199.02
PLEASANT RIDGE	All	1	1	2	1	0	1	120	1	1	949.93	4373.04	635.50	00	169.50	00	15.00	6079.97
PLEASANT VALLEY	All	1	2	3	0	0	0	41	1	1	2918.37	1781.00	597.00	120.00	00	00	10.00	5408.37
RUSHING CREEK	All	3	3	6	8	2	8	153	2	1	146.69	3593.74	543.86	00	00	100.00	10.00	4789.29
SHILOH	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	33	1	1	584.50	596.73	15.25	00	00	00	5.00	1201.48
2nd BAPTIST, Lexington	1-2-4-5	0	1	1	2	2	4	134	1	1	1120.00	1836.39	229.12	50.00	00	00	15.00	3250.51
STODDERT ST., Jackson	1-3	0	0	0	1	0	0	99	1	1	374.77	2400.00	391.00	00	160.00	225.00	5.00	3520.77
TOM'S CREEK	All	9	3	12	0	0	0	161	1	1	1000.52	2251.09	537.84	00	230.00	430.00	10.00	4839.45
WESTPORT	1-3	2	0	2	7	2	9	139	1	1	667.05	1052.55	98.40	50.00	68.50	00	10.00	1942.50
YUMA	1	6	2	8	1	1	2	201	1	1	941.53	1213.50	248.00	115.00	00	00	10.00	2527.83