

***SOUTHWESTERN
DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
1976***

OCTOBER 8-9-10

THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
LEXINGTON, TENNESSEE

1976
MINUTES
Of The

One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Annual Session

Southwestern District Baptist Association

Held With

SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Henderson County, Tennessee

OCT. 8, 9, 10, 1976

OFFICERS

Eld. C. F. Carter, Moderator	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Eld. Mitchell Rayburn, Ast. Moderator	Camden, Tenn.
Bro. Ray Smith, Clerk	Camden, Tenn.
Bro. Harold Carver, Assistant Clerk	Millington, Tenn.

NEXT MEETING

Will be held with Bible Grove Church in Henderson County, Tennessee located 6 miles North of Chesterfield, Tenn., 1977.

SERMONS

Introductory Sermon	Eld. Mitchell Rayburn
Alternate	Eld. Harold Carver
Doctrinal Sermon	Eld. E. F. Prince
Alternate	Eld. Marshal Gurley
Missionary Sermon	Eld. Rufus Chandler
Alternate	Eld. Harlon Campbell

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1976

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association came together at the appointed time of 10:00 a.m. at Lexington, Tennessee, Henderson County, meeting with the 2nd Baptist Church for another session making this the one hundred twenty eighth time this body has convened together in fellowship, by singing for the first two songs, "When We All Get to Heaven, Heaven's Jubilee." Prayer was offered by Bro. T. L. Campbell.

Bro. C. F. Carter the moderator of the association made a few welcoming remarks and then the body was called to order and ready to transact such business that needs to come before the body.

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

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

Appointed Bro. Jimmy Bennett to keep a record of the deceased as the letters are read.

Then Bro. Carter read the first seven verses of the 5th chapter of Ecclesiastes. Appointed Bros. Larry Johnson, Earl Martin, W. J. Smith as Finance Committee.

The various churches were asked to file their letters with the clerk and after doing so, all but four filed. The reading clerks read the letters until 11:00 o'clock hour and then the moderator asked for a song and the body stood and sang, "Since He Gave Me This Heart of Love." Then Bro. E. F. Prince took the stand being the appointee of a year ago to preach the introductory sermon. He took the stand and made some remarks and read the 3rd chapter of Jonah taking for a text, "Repentance", and after leading the body in a word of prayer and took as a foundation the 41st verse of the 12th chapter of Matthew; and delivered a wonderful message on the subject that a man has to repent in order to be saved, and then Bro. Rayburn took the stand and made a number of remarks that was enjoyed by all. The body stood and sang some good songs giving both men a hand of endorsement and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Bro. Harold Carver.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a fine lunch prepared by the church and friends at the noon hour the body came together by singing, "Won't It Be Wonderful There"; "We'll Work Til Jesus Comes"; "Beautiful"; "The Old Rugged Cross". Bro. Rayburn, the assistant moderator took the stand in the absence of Bro. Carter who had to leave to conduct a funeral and called for prayer by Bro. Roger Fowler. He read from the 16th verse through the 21st verse of 22nd chapter of Revelations. The body was then declared ready for business and the reading of the letters was resumed until finished except for the four letters that did not represent.

Moderator called for petitionary letters and there were none.

Time for the election of moderator and clerk for another year. Bro. C. F. Carter being the only one nominated for moderator was elected unanimously. Bro. Mitchell Rayburn was elected unanimously as assistant moderator. Bro. Ray Smith was elected unanimously for clerk for another year and Bro. Harold Carver was elected unanimously as assistant clerk.

Motion and second for the association to meet with Bible Grove Church located 6 miles north of Chesterfield, Tenn., in Henderson County for the year 1977.

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 Place to Hold Next Meeting
 Appointing Brothorn to Preach Annual Sermon
 Appointing Various Committees
 Call for Correspondence and Invite Messengers to Seats
 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
 Votes of Thanks
 Votes of Thanks
 Missionary Sermon, 11:00 a.m.
 Address of Moderator
 Song and Parting Hand

Churches And Messengers

Bethel	Bros. Robert Noles, Jimmy Bennett
Bible Grove	Bros. Connie Hatch, Denver McCoy
Caledonia	Bros. Detroy Allen, Glynn Williams
Center Point	Bros. J. P. Forrest, Adrain Moore
Concord	Bros. W. J. Smith, Sis. Judy McLean
Cross Roads	Bros. Onus Higdon, Roger Fowler
Ephesus	Bros. Ira Bunn, Sis. Minnie Bunn
Independent	Bros. Ray Smith, Weldon Chandler
Landmark	Bros. Edward Kirk, Charles Connell
Marlsboro	Bro. J. L. Smothers
Mixie	Bros. Joe Walker, Wendell Boyd
Mt. Pisgah	Bros. Covie Brewer, Jack Myracle
New Bethel	Bros. Fentrice McClead, E. F. Prince
New Cross Roads	Bro. Sam Lankford, Sis. Sam Lankford
New Franks Chapel	
New Hope	Bro. Clifford Carrington, Sis. Clifford Carrington
New Liberty	Bro. Larry Johnson
New Spring Hill	Bro. Robert Lee Owens, F. A. Taylor
New Prospect	Bro. Geo. L. Haggard
Oak Grove	Bro. Brice Eubanks, Rufus Chandler
Old Union	By Letter Only
Pleasant Grove	Bro. and Sis. C. C. Fiddler
Pleasant Hill	Bro. and Sis. John Hedges
Pleasant Ridge	Bros. E. O. Cole, L. T. Wright
Pleasant Valley	Bro. Raymond, Sis. Betty Hargis
Rushing Creek	
Shiloh	Bros. Larry Pritchard, Virgil Hedgepath
2nd Baptist, Lexington	Bros. Earl Martin, Oscar Jowers
Westport	Bro. Charles Simmons
Yuma	Bro. J. F. Gooch

Directory of Churches And Officers

Bethel—

PASTOR—E. J. Baker, Washington St., Camden, Tenn. 38320

CLERK—Jimmy Bennett, RFD, McKenzie, Tenn. 38201

TREASURER—Clyde McCormick, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344

Bible Grove—

PASTOR—Earl Owens, Lexington, Tenn. 38351

CLERK—Cloudy Woods, Lexington, Tenn. 38351

TREASURER—Rayburn Woods, R.F.D. 2, Lexington, Tenn. 38351

Caldonia—

PASTOR—Clarence Hall, Jr., Como, Tenn. 38223

CLERK—Glynn Williams, McKenzie, Tenn. 38201

TREASURER—Detroy Allen, McKenzie, Tenn. 38201

Center Point—

PASTOR—J. P. Forrest, Buena Vista, Tenn.

CLERK—Norman Hilliard, 144 Glenwood Dr., Bruceston, Tenn. 38317

TREASURER—S. A. Moore, RFD 1, Buena Vista, Tenn. 38318

Concord—

PASTOR—Billy Joe Hilliard, Box 84, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342

CLERK—Jerry Dodd, R.F.D. 1, Cedar Grove 38321

TREASURER—Herbert Brewer, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344

Cross Roads—

PASTOR—Marshal Gurley, 4022 Kerwin, Memphis, Tenn. 38128

TREASURER—Jan Jordon, RFD 3, Camden, Tenn. 38320

CLERK—Ted Rayburn, R.F.D. 3, Camden, Tenn. 38320

Ephesus—

PASTOR—Harlon Campbell, Paris, Tenn.
 CLERK—Kathy Kee, RFD 1, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342
 TREASURER—Clyde Forrest, RFD 6, Paris, Tenn.

Independent—

PASTOR—F. L. Ray, Alta Loma Road, Goodlettsville, Tenn.
 CLERK—Ray Smith, 177 Westview Ave., Camden, Tenn. 38320
 TREASURER—Buford Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344

Landmark—

PASTOR—Harold Carver, 6175 Royal Mews, Millington, Tenn. 38053
 CLERK—Gary Kirk, 3339 Justing, Memphis, Tenn. 38127
 TREASURER—Nickey L. Gurley, 5160 Craigmont Dr., Memphis, Tenn.

Marlsboro—

PASTOR—Marshal Gurley, 4022 Kerwin, Memphis, Tenn. 38128
 CLERK—Charles Swearingen, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342
 TREASURER—Wayne Turner, Box 57, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342

Mixie

PASTOR—Wendell Boyd, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342
 CLERK—Mary Simmons, RFD 1, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342
 TREASURER—Mary Simmons, RFD 1, Hollow Rock, Tenn. 38342

Mt. Pisgah—

PASTOR—Mitchel Rayburn, Camden, Tenn. 38320
 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. 38344
 CLERK—Ray L. Brewer, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344
 TREASURER—Ernie Davis, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344

New Frank's Chapel—

PASTOR—John Hedges, Camden, Tenn. 38320
 CLERK—Mrs. Lloyd Baucum, Holladay, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Mrs. Elvie Trimble, Holladay, Tenn.

New Hope—

PASTOR—C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344
 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, Tenn.

New Spring Hill—

PASTOR—Robert Lee Owens, Paris, Tenn.
 CLERK—Clarence Depriest, 943 Lexington St., Huntingdon
 TREASURER—Clarence Depriest, 943 Lexington St., Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344

New Prospect—

PASTOR—Hal Abbott, RFD 2, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—Wm. Dewey Johnson, RFD 1, Parsons, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Wren Johnson, RFD 2, Parsons, Tenn.

Oak grove—

PASTOR—Harlon Campbell, Paris, Tenn.
 CLERK—J. L. Cole, Buena Vista, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Blanche Birdwell, Buena Vista, Tenn.

Pleasant Grove—

PASTOR—T. L. Campbell, McKenzie, Tenn.
 CLERK—Guy Moore, RFD 2, Parsons, Tenn.
 TREASURER—O. R. Bradfield, Wildersville, Tenn.

Pleasant Hill—

PASTOR—Robert Noles, McKenzie, Tenn.
 CLERK—Willie Umstead, Camden, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Leabern Mitchell, Camden, Tenn.

Pleasant Ridge—

PASTOR—Mitchel Rayburn, Camden, Tenn.
 CLERK—Travis Nance, RFD 1, Bruceton, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Stanley Williams, Bruceton, Tenn.

Pleasant Valley—

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

Rushing Creek—

PASTOR—Onus Higdon, Bruceton, Tenn.
 CLERK—Larry Rushing, Camden, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Danny Seaton, Camden, Tenn.

Shiloh—

PASTOR—Earnie Broadway, Scotts Hill, Tenn.
 CLERK—Virgil Hedgepath, RFD 1, Buena Vista, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Joe Price Cary, Holladay, Tenn.

Second Baptist, Lexington—

PASTOR—Robert Gant, Perryville, Tenn.
 CLERK—Erby Bradfield, Box 482, Lexington, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Hearl Myracle, RFD '3, Lexington, Tenn.

Westport—

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

Yuma—

PASTOR—C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344
 CLERK—Roger Hollowell, Yuma, Tenn.
 TREASURER—Billy M. Gooch, Westport, Tenn.

Old Union—

PASTOR—Lawton Brewer, Huntingdon, Tenn.
 CLERK—Lloyd Aultry, RFD 1, Westport, Tenn. 38387
 TREASURER—James Cooper, Holladay, Tenn.

Baptist Old Ministers And Orphans Home

Lafayette, Tennessee

FINANCIAL REPORT

Period Oct. 1, 1975-Sept. 30, 1976

Cash in bank October 1, 1975

\$8,820.12

Receipts:

Donations	\$12,519.93
Rent	630.00
Tobacco	2,578.59
Corn	658.77
Co-op Dividend	33.33
Fertilize (Superintendent's part)	42.50
Children's Vacation Repay-Warren Mary Martha	300.00
Refund for Roofing	23.53

Total Receipts

\$16,786.65

Total Funds Available

\$25,606.77

Expenditures:

Supplies	\$64.40
Doctors & Medicine	379.17
Insurance	337.00
Salaries	4,300.00
Audit - 1975 - NO CHARGE	
License	2.00
Petty Fund	324.16
Hired Labor	725.93
Food	3,287.88
Termite Treatment	92.50
Tobacco Division	1,719.04
Farm Expenses	697.49
Clothing	817.06
Utilities	1,220.17
Telephone	154.34
Repairs	477.47
Piano Lessons	89.49
Daily Paper & Year Book	46.95
Mileage Expenses	94.00
Heifers for Gregory Children	593.27

Total Expenditures

15,422.32

Balance Per Bank Statement, Citizens Bank,
Lafayette, Tennessee, Sept. 30, 1976

\$10,184.45

This is an unaudited Financial Statement

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

Historical Table

Before 1846, this was part of the Western District Association. The Western District Association was organized in 1822 and is one of the oldest Associations in the state. From this, we go back into North Carolina and West Virginia where they were colonies under England. It was in these colonies that the Baptist patriot, Patrick Henry, defended the Baptist preachers before the colonial officers who were appointed by England, and it was here in these colonies that we find Thomas Jefferson who wrote the Declaration of Independence, making inquiry about the Government of Baptist Churches and Associations that he might get a model after which to assist in forming the Government of the United States. The oldest Baptist Association in the United States is the Philadelphia Association which has done more for Missions than perhaps any other.

DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH	MODERATOR	CLERKS
1846—Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1847—Mt. Pisgah, Henderson County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1848—Ramble Creek, Benton County	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
1849—Pleasant Hill, Benton County	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
1850—Hopewell, Henderson County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1851—New Prospect, Decatur County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1852—Beaver Dam, Benton County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1853—Union, Benton County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1854—Bible Union, Carroll County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1855—Concord, Carroll County	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
1856—Pleasant Grove, Henderson County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1857—Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
1858—Union, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
1859—Holly Springs, Henderson County	J. P. Arnold	B. W. Foster
1860—Ramble Creek, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	J. P. Doherty
1861—New Prospect, Decatur County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1862-1864—No Association during the Civil War		
1865—Union, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
1866—Salem, Decatur County	J. P. Arnold	B. W. Foster
1867—Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	W. Pugh	Geo. Hollowell
1868—Ephesus, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1869—Concord, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1870—Chalk Hill, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1871—New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1872—Mt. Nebo, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1873—Marlboro, Carroll County	Geo. Hollowell	J. H. Thomas
1874—New Hope, Carroll County	J. H. Park	J. H. Thomas
1875—Tom's Creek, Perry County	J. W. Brewer	J. F. Rogers
1876—Rushing Creek, Benton County	J. Richardson	J. F. Rogers
1877—Oak Grove, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1878—New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1879—Bethel, Carroll County	J. C. Park	J. F. Rogers
1880—Wildersville, Henderson County	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
1881—Ramble Creek	J. P. Arnold	D. J. Allen
1882—Cross Roads, Benton County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1883—Prospect, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1884—Sardis Ridge, Decatur County	Geo. Hollowell	D. J. Allen
1885—Concord, Carroll County	Geo. Hollowell	C. H. Rogers
1886—Trace Creek, Humphreys County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1887—Liberty, Carroll County	J. C. Park	J. C. Park

1888—Unity, Benton County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1889—Holly Springs	J. F. Rogers	D. J. Allen
1890—Mt. Nebo, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1891—Rushing Creek, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1892—New Hope, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1893—Chalk Level, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1894—Mt. Comfort	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1895—Flatwoods, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1896—Marlboro, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1897—Bethel, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1898—Shiloh, Carroll County	N. L. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1899—Pleasant Hill, Benton County	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1900—Salem, Decatur County	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1901—Chalk Hill, Benton County	N. L. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1902—Cross Roads, Benton County	E. Z. Newsom	C. H. Rogers
1903—New Prospect, Decatur County	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1904—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	C. E. Butler
1920—Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1921—Ephesus, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
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—Bruceton, 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 Franks 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
1973—Pleasant Ridge, Benton County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1974—New Cross Roads, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1975—Cross Roads, Benton County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1976—Second Baptist, Lexington	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 is 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 reprovved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

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

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

Constitution

Article 1. The Association shall be called the SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, known as an advisory council.

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

Article III. The messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence which shall state their appointment as 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 his 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, comes to all that believes.

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

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

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

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

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of His church and the advancement of God's kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in His providence may give them ability.

15. We believe that God calls men, by His Spirit, to preach the Gospel, and that it is the duty of the individual thus called to study to show himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His church—baptism and the Lord's Supper; that baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and believers only are capable of rightfully receiving the ordinances, that baptism precedes 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.

Memory Of Our Sainted Dead

BETHEL—

Sis. Dovie Futrell

NEW HOPE—

Bro. Eugene Morris

BIBLE GROVE—

Sis. Mondie Wood

NEW HOPE—

Sis. Ollie Kirby

Sis. Ester Kirby

CALEDONIA—

Sis. Attris Owens

NEW PROSPECT—

Bro. Milford Haynes - Deacon

CONCORD—

Sis. Annie Kirby

Sis. Emmie Mitchell

OAK GROVE—

Bro. Rupert Robison

CROSS ROADS—

Sis. Clara N. Kee

Bro. Alvin Kee

OLD UNION—

Bro. Marvin Cooper - Deacon

PLEASANT GROVE—

Bro. . Y. Mincey

EPHESUS—

Bro. Garland Crews

Bro. Charles Massey

Sis. Erdie Forrest

PLEASANT HILL—

Bro. Otis Higdon

Bro. Clyde Butler

INDEPENDENT—

Bro. Walter Cary

Bro. Hubert Herrington

PLEASANT RIDGE—

Bro. Homer Douglass

Bro. William Allen Kee

MT. PISGAH—

Bro. Richard Woods

Bro. Graden Whitaker

Sis. Zula Watson

RUSHING CREEK

Bro. Tommy Wright

NEW BETHEL—

Sis. Ima Wallace

Sis. Una Perry

WESTPORT—

Bro. Ben Crider

Bro. Irvin Reed

YUMA—

Bro. Willie B. Hollowell

Bro. Greg Reed

Bro. Robert Ridings

NEW CROSS ROADS—

Bro.. Wrenie Smith - Deacon

Sis. Edna Cole Hudson

Motion and second for Mitchell Rayburn to preach the Introductory Sermon and Bro. Harold Carver, the Alternate.
 Motion and second for Bro. E. F. Prince to preach the Doctrinal Sermon and Bro. Marshal Gurley as alternate.
 Motion and second for Bro. Rufus Chandler to preach the Missionary Sermon and Bro. Harlon Campbell as alternate.
 Bros. Leonard Wright, Rufus Chandler, Roger Fowler were appointed as committee on various topics.
 Other churches and associations represented at our session were Harold Carman, Wiseman Association; F. L. Ray, Wiseman Association.
 After announcements and requests were heard from, motion and second to adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning.
 Dismissed by Bro. F. L. Ray of Wiseman Association.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association came together again at 10:00 by singing, "I'll Be A Friend to Jesus", "The Eastern Gate." The moderator welcomed everyone and read from the 13th through the 20th verse of the 16th chapter of Matthew and then the body went to the Lord in prayer led by Eld. H. C. Vanderpool of the Wiseman Association. The body was then declared ready for business... First, called for the letters of the churches that had not reported. Motion and second to adopt the letters as read. Carried.

The roll call was made of the messengers present and their names recorded for the minutes. Forty-nine were present.

Motion and second was made for the chairman to be allowed ten minutes and all others five minutes to speak on the various topics.

Report on Missions read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. John Hedge, Weldon Chandler.

Report on Christian Education and Sunday Schools read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Oneal Cole, Mitchell Rayburn, Charles Moore, Larry Johnson, Joe Walker.

The 11:00 o'clock hour arrived and motion and second was made to leave the subject open until after the noon hour. The body stood and sang, "He Set Me Free". Bro. Harlon Campbell was presented to the body as he was appointed to deliver the Doctrinal Sermon. He took the stand and made a number of remarks reading the first ten verses of the fourth chapter of Proverbs and took for a text, "Sound or Good Doctrine", and delivered a wonderful message, bringing to our minds the true teaching of the Lord, pertaining to salvation, the church, and our duty to live by the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Bro. Robert Noles then took the stand and read the first nine verses of the 28th chapter of Isaiah and the 16, 17, 18th verses of the seventh chapter of John and made a number of statements to further endorse this great message. The body stood and sang, "Amazing Grace", and other songs giving the brethren the right hand of endorsement and also extending to each other the hand of fellowship.

Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Eld. F. L. Ray.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another fine meal at the noon hour, the body assembled again by singing, "Victory in Jesus", "When We All Get to Heaven".

The moderator made some comments and read the first five verses of the

seventh chapter of Matthew and we were led in prayer by Bro. E. J. Baker.
 Visiting brethren were recognized and their churches or associations - Eld. William House of Siloam Association, Eld. H. C. Vanderpool of Wiseman Association, Bro. Ernest Cole of Wiseman Association and Eld. Frank Massey of Siloam Association.

Moderator directed the topics to continue with the subject under consideration before the 11:00 o'clock hour Christian Education and Sunday Schools and this was spoken to by Bros. Harold Carver, Rufus Chandler Roger Fowler, Earl Martin.

Report on Prayer Meeting read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Robert Lee Owens, Charles Connell, Sam Lankford, F. L. Ray, Connie Hatch.

Report on Obituaries read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. J. F. Gooch, E. F. Prince, Charles Moore.

Report on Church Discipline read, adopted and spoken to by Bro. Wendell Boyd.

Report on Temperance and Morality read and adopted and spoken to by Bros. Robert Gant, J. P. Forrest.

Report on Financing the Lord's Work read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. E. F. Prince, Ray Smith, John Hedges, Rufus Chandler, Adrain Moore,

Report on Correspondence read, adopted and spoken to by Ray Smith.
 Called for new business.

Letter was read from Stoddart Street Baptist Church stating they were dropping out of our fellowship because of them not believing what we practice and believe.

Motion and second that the Orphan Home report be spread upon the pages of the minutes after it was read.

Motion and second to take up public offering for the Orphans Home and amount received was \$307.00.

Motion and second to elect Ray Smith for another three year term as trustee to the Orphans Home.

Motion and second that the matter of preachers and deacons having more than one living wife brought to the attention of the association by the New Spring Hill Church be referred back to each church for action and brought back to the association in 1977.

After announcements - motion and second made to adjourn until 10:00 A.M., Sunday morning.

Dismissed by Bro. William House of the Siloam Association.

SUNDAY MORNING

The association came together again at 10:00 A.M. by singing, "I'll Fly Away", "The Gloryland Way", then the moderator took the stand and after some remarks read from the 8th chapter of Act's of the Apostles the first 24 verses and brought to our minds a number of sound thoughts regarding the teachings of this great apostle. Led in prayer by Bro. Harold Carman, Jr.

The body stood and sang, "Bearing A Cross to Win the Crown", "I'll Live On", "I Have Somebody With Me".

The body was then called to order and the finance committee reported Minute fund \$441.50, clerk \$226.00, Orphans Home Churches \$154.60 and \$327.00 from public offering for the home. Total collection - \$1149.10.

Motion and second to adopt Financial report as read and release the committee from their duty this year.

Called for the reading of the minutes and motion and second was made to adopt them as read.

The vote of thanks was read by the clerk and motion and second was made to

adopt and place upon the pages of the minutes.

The body stood and sang, "Where the Soul Never Dies".

The clerk then made some remarks about the finances of association and expressed sincere thanks to 2nd Baptist Church for their love and kindness during this session and also asked forgiveness for any errors that may appear in the minutes.

The moderator then presented Bro. Raymond Hargis who was selected a year ago to deliver the Missionary Sermon and he made some remarks and read the last two verses of the 28th chapter of Matthew and used for a text, "Our Responsibility", and made us aware of our responsibilities as a church and also as individuals to the Lord our Saviour who gave the commission to the church to carry it to all the world. Bro. Harlan Kirby took the stand and made a good number of remarks along the same line admonishing we Christians to discharge our duties.

Then the body stood together and gave these brethren and each other the right hand of fellowship, while singing, "Just inside the Eastern Gate".

Then after some announcements and requests - Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Dismissed by Bro. C. F. Carter.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Another bountiful meal was served by the host church and community the body came together again by singing, "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Love Lifted Me". The Rhodes family sang a number and then the Ambassadors sang a number that was truly enjoyed by all. The moderator read from Matthew gospel, the third chapter from the seventh verse and also the 16th and 17th verses making some wonderful remarks about baptism. Then the body was led in prayer by Bro. Edward Kirk.

Motion and second for Bro. Harold Carmen, Jr. of the Wiseman Association and a missionary set aside by Lafayette Baptist Church to go to Japan in January, 1977.

The body stood and sang, "If Jesus goes with me, I'll Go Anywhere", and then Bro. Carman took the stand and made some remarks and read from the fifth chapter of John from the first through the ninth verse, and used for a text, "Rise Take Up Thy Bed and Walk", and by the Lord's help, delivered a wonderful spirit-filled message that was enjoyed by all evidenced by their expression of love. The body stood and sang a number of songs giving Bro. Carman the right hand of endorsement and encouragement and extending a fellowship handshake to each other.

Motion and second that this association go on record as supporting Bro. Harold Carman as a foreign missionary and that the messengers go back to their churches and insist that they support him. His mailing address is Eld. Harold Carman/Karuizawa Machi P.O. Box 1/ Nagano-Keh/ Karuizawa, Japan 389-01.

Motion and second that the body stand and give him a public offering and the amount received was \$280.00.

After some announcements motion and second was made to adjourn to meet with Bible Grove Baptist Church on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1977.

The body sang, "God Be With You Until We Meet Again".
Dismissed by Bro. Larry Johnson.

Clarence Carter, Moderator
Ray Smith, Clerk

VOTE OF THANKS

We the messengers from the churches making up this great association would like at this time to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to 2nd Lexington Baptist Church and this community, their friends from other churches for the wonderful meals that we have all enjoyed, but above everything for the spirit of love and the fine fellowship we have enjoyed for these three days. The deacons of this host church are to be commended for their every act of kindness and for having gone out of the way to make everyone feel comfortable and at ease and for this we thank God for you all.

Both our natural and spiritual bodies have been filled to the brim with natural and spiritual food. We hope by your church hosting this body that it has given your members some enlightenment on the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and each and everyone will be strengthened along with every individual present. We ask God to continue to bless each of us until we meet again at our next year's session and if not that may God grant that not one person who has heard the gospel this week fail to be with us in gloryland.

May God continue to bless each of you until we meet again with Bible Grove Baptist Church, Henderson County, beginning on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1977.

Ray Smith, Clerk

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We, your committee on missions submit the following report: The word mission means the act of sending or state of being sent with certain powers, especially to propagate religion; embassy; delegation, commission; a series of special religious services.

St. John 1:6-"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John". St. John 3:17-"For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved". St. John 20:21-"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me even so send I you". Matthew 28:19, 20-"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever, I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Amen.

We believe that the Missionary Baptist Church is the church, Christ set up during His personal ministry and gave the commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel, which Paul said in Romans 1:16-"is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth". Acts 1:8-"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We believe God calls men to preach. The church is the only organization that has the authority to send them out. God help us to always contend for these truths.

Committee: John Hedges

Weldon Chandler

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

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

In this evil day that we live, we feel that Sunday School is becoming more important to our church and community than ever before. It is the only opportunity

that some children will ever have to hear about Jesus Christ and His mission on earth. Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it". We believe that Christian education should start at home especially for the very young. Unfortunately all children do not have Christian parents. When I was a child, our public schools offered some help, but that has been discontinued and the responsibility is upon the church. We as the church have the responsibility to provide teachers that are well versed in sound doctrine.

Committee: E. O. Cole
Larry Johnson

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We, your committee on Prayer Meeting submit the following report:
We believe that before a person can pray he must be in the spirit and attitude of prayer. Romans 8:26, 27-"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: For we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God". And this fellowship can be obtained, and maintained by humbling ourselves before God. James 4:10-"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up". Psalm 34:17-"The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles".

We believe all our churches need more Prayer Meetings, because this is the greatest way we have of getting leadership and guidance from our Heavenly Father, who holds all power in Heaven and earth.

The great apostle Paul in I Timothy 2:8-"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." Jesus said on one occasion, "My house shall be called a house of Prayer".

Committee: Robert Lee Owens
Charles Connell

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, the committee on Obituaries submit the following report:
Most every church letter that was read yesterday carried the records of death, of one or more church members.

Because of sin, death entered into the world. We must all die, but Psalms 116:15, says "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints". We believe those who die in Christ, have an eternal rest with Him. We miss our loved ones who leave our church, especially those who were active in the Lord's work. May we as Christians lead others to Christ and fill the empty places left behind by departing loved ones.

Committee: Covie Brewer
J. F. Gooch

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE

We, your committee on church discipline submit the following:
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.

Matthew 18:15, 20 — James 5:20

As stated in II Thessalonians 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: Wendell Boyd
Richard Wilholte

REPORT ON FINANCING THE LORD'S WORK

We, your committee on financing the Lord's work submit the following report:
We should upon the first of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him that there be no gatherings when I come. I Corinthians 16:2, "The greatest work and the most important is the Lord's work and the great work of his church is to see that the gospel is preached as He commanded in Matthew 28:19 20. In I Corinthians 9:7, 9-"The apostle Paul referred to the present and back to law not to muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. I Timothy 5:18-"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. 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 should support the needs of the church with our means as we promised cheerfully and for the glory of God.

Committee: E. F. Prince
Ray Smith

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND MORALITY

Temperance means being temperate or moderate, self-restraint in conduct, expression and to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks. Morality is the moral quality or character of a person. We can prove whose side we are on, while we live on this earth. Matthew 5:16-"Jesus said, let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which are in Heaven". St. John 15:4-"Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Committee: Oscar Jowers
J. P. Forrest

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

The committee on Correspondence submit the following:
Our association for these past 128 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 and individual Christians and pray together that by our united efforts we may become stronger in the faith 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 Saviour 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 Bible Grove Baptist Church, Henderson County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1977.

Committee: Ray Smith

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- Bible Grove—**
Connie Hatch, RFD 2, Lexington, Tenn. 38351
- Center Point—**
Bobby Hilliard, Bruceton, Tenn.
Charles A. Moore, Buena Vista, Tenn.
- Concord—**
Jerry Ray Dodd, Cedar Grove 38321
Lathon McLean, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344
Donnie Baucom, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344
Lonnie Baucom, Huntingdon. 38344
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- Ephesus—**
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- Mt. Pisgah—**
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- New Bethel—**
Dewey Owen, Henry, Tenn.
Virgil Wallace, Clarksville, Tenn.
- New Frank Chapel—**
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- New Spring Hill—**
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Churches	Church Day	Baptism	Letter & Restoration	Total	Letter & Exclusions	Deaths	Total	Membership	Revivals	Observed Lord's Supper	Repairs & Janitor Fees & Fuel	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Gifts To Orphanages	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Minute Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	1-3	0	4	4	2	1	3	178	1	2	1273.07	3571.00	631.04	100.00	-0-	-0-	15.00	5539.11
Bemis Chapel	Did not send letter or messengers																	
Bible Grove	1-3	6	0	6	2	1	3	185	2	1	619.20	2429.94	925.50	51.00	-0-	-0-	20.00	4025.64
Caledonia	All	2	0	2	2	1	3	73	1	1	65.30	1405.00	383.22	40.00	-0-	-0-	20.00	2483.52
Center Point	All	0	1	1	2	0	2	71	1	1	46.82	690.78	560.00	25.00	284.50	-0-	20.00	2022.10
Concord	All	5	10	15	3	2	5	167	3	2	3552.00	2629.60	766.00	360.00	1438.18	75.00	25.00	8820.78
Cross Roads	2-4	7	1	8	6	3	9	179	1	1	3763.08	3064.76	700.06	80.00	30.00	-0-	15.00	7637.90
Ephesus	2-4	0	0	0	0	3	3	50	1	1	-0-	606.75	341.69	-0-	-0-	-0-	5.00	948.44
Independent	2-4	0	0	0	2	2	4	118	1	2	2379.09	2264.00	709.50	100.00	1154.44	200.00	20.00	6807.03
Landmark	All	2	3	5	1	0	1	96	1	1	-0-	2104.65	2943.05	132.00	-0-	-0-	18.75	5179.70
Marlsboro	All	3	6	9	0	0	0	110	1	1	4312.23	2562.00	1489.38	50.00	-0-	-0-	6.00	8413.61
Mixie	All	3	1	4	3	0	3	96	1	1	34.00	1346.29	674.08	50.00	160.00	-0-	15.00	2264.37
Mt. Pisgah	2	3	2	5	0	2	2	100	1	1	929.62	642.50	586.36	50.00	-0-	-0-	15.00	2208.48
New Bethel	2-4-5	1	4	5	1	2	3	140	1	0	1371.57	1475.30	423.00	49.00	-0-	-0-	15.00	3633.89
New Cross Roads	2-4	0	0	0	0	2	2	128	1	2	1279.88	2717.26	446.50	75.00	-0-	-0-	20.00	4518.64
New Frank's Chapel	1-3	0	1	1	3	0	3	55	1	1	390.21	814.52	-0-	20.00	-0-	-0-	15.00	1224.73
New Hope	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	146	1	1	340.79	1428.40	251.16	-0-	-0-	-0-	10.00	2020.35
New Liberty	2	0	0	0	2	2	4	104	1	3	263.43	752.00	164.00	-0-	559.00	-0-	10.00	1738.43
New Spring Hill	All	3	1	4	3	0	3	40	2	1	1200.00	113459	200.00	-0-	720.70	-0-	10.00	3255.29
New Prospect	2-4	0	1	1	1	1	2	185	1	1	685.15	1213.83	92.64	33.60	-0-	-0-	12.25	2025.22
Oak Grove	1-3	0	1	1	1	1	2	115	1	1	763.19	984.18	172.73	78.15	49.20	-0-	10.00	2047.47
Old Union	2-4	0	0	0	3	1	4	52	1	1	68.70	-0-	57.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	7.00	125.70
Pleasant Grove	2-4	0	0	0	0	1	1	79	1	1	165.00	1382.81	240.13	25.00	-0-	-0-	10.00	1812.94
Pleasant Hill	1-3	0	5	5	7	2	9	244	1	1	724.27	1124.75	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	25.00	1849.08
Pleasant Ridge	All	4	3	7	5	3	8	121	1	1	300.00	4155.00	763.66	-0-	217.76	-0-	15.00	5436.42
Pleasant Valley	All	0	0	0	14	0	14	18	1	2	2383.85	1820.00	1929.32	100.00	-0-	-0-	10.00	6233.17
Rushing Creek	All	4	0	4	0	1	1	155	2	1	120.00	3825.00	510.00	-0-	40.00	300.00	10.00	4795.00
Shiloh	1-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	1	1	412.33	898.02	140.45	-0-	223.75	30.50	12.50	1705.05
2nd Baptist-Lexington	All	1	0	1	6	0	6	146	1	1	1831.85	2931.82	829.40	300.00	1125.22	-0-	20.00	7018.29
Stoddert St. Jackson	Did not send letter or messengers																	
Tom's Creek	Did not send letter or messengers																	
Westport	1-3	0	0	0	2	2	4	124	1	1	447.59	1083.00	436.95	50.00	-0-	-0-	20.00	2017.54
Yuma	1	0	1	1	4	3	7	193	2	1	273.21	1269.25	580.35	78.00	-0-	-0-	15.00	2200.81

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CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS & POSTOFFICES	TEACHERS & OFFICERS	ENROLLMENT	GIFTS & EXPENSES
Bethel	Lewis Carter, Huntingdon, Tn.	8	161	409985
Bible Grove	Connie Hatch, Wildersville, Tn.	7	134	87046
Caldonia	Blake Mull, McKenzie, Tn.	14	60	60984
Center Point	Ray Taylor, Bruceton, Tn.	6	60	78861
Concord	John Cole, RFD 1, Huntingdon, Tn.	8	149	426086
Cross Roads	Billy Jordon, Camden, Tn. RFD 3	16	51	65405
Independent	Ray Smith, Camden, Tn.	12	131	143099
Landmark	Clanton Kirk, 3782 Dogmin Memphis ..	13	57	142582
Marlsboro	George Carter, Vale, Tn.	7	59	-0-
Mixie	Leonard Brinkley, Hollow Rock, Tn. ..	12	50	36524
New Bethel	R. C. Perry, McKenzie, Tn.	6	28	31502
New Cross Roads	Hulon Neeley, Huntingdon, Tn.	9	71	205273
New Frank's Chapel	Paul Tubbs, Parsons, Tn.	8	25	3740
New Hope	Roy Hatch, Yuma, Tn.	4	36	9640
New Liberty	John S. Williams, Cedar Grove, Tn.	5	55	27632
New Spring Hill	F. A. Taylor, Huntingdon, Tn.	9	38	11620
New Prospect	Johnny Renfro, Holladay, Tn.	12	57	12675
Oak Grove	Howard Hampton, Buena Vista, Tn.	7	42	15022
Old Union	James Cooper, Holladay, Tn.	5	30	21650
Pleasant Grove	Willie Woods, Wildersville, Tn.	5	55	47015
Pleasant Hill	Willie Umstead, Camden, Tn.	5	21	27784
Pleasant Ridge	E. O. Cole, Bruceton, Tn.	7	50	41371
Pleasant Valley	Mike Hargis, Washington, Ill.	6	45	25048
Rushing Creek	Everett Greer, Camden, Tn.	8	80	107297
Shiloh	Larry Pritchard, Wildersville, Tn.	3	-0-	800
2nd Baptist Lexington	Oscar Jowers, Lexington, Tn.	11	119	61445
Westport	Roscoe Renfro, Westport, Tn.	8	45	23863
Yuma	Roger Hollowell, Yuma, Tn.	9	60	149437