

1999 MINUTES

OF THE

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION**

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

**CONCORD
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

OCTOBER 8-9, 1999

THE NEXT MEETING

will be held with Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2000, at 10:00 AM located on Old 22 Road North of Huntingdon, TN.

2000 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -----	Eld. Chris Solomon
Alternate -----	Eld. Johnny Wall
Doctrinal Sermon -----	Eld. Stephen Skinner
Alternate -----	Bro. Trey Crews

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2000

Call Association to Order
Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
Appoint Finance Committee
Appoint Topics Committee for 2001 Session
Appoint Obituary Recorder
Reading Of the Rules of Decorum
Call For Reception of Church Letters
Call for Petitioning Church Letters
Roll Call of Messengers
Elect Moderator, Clerk, and Assistants
Select Host Church for 2001 Session
Select Brethren to Preach 2001 Annual Sermons
Introductory Sermon – 11:00 AM
Call for Correspondence
Call for Report on Heaven
Call for Report on Hell
Call for Report on Importance of Church Membership
Call for Report on Church Discipline

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2000

Roll Call of Messengers
Call for Report of Finance Committee
Call for Report of Obituary Recorder
Call for Report of Topic Committee
Call for Report of Historical Committee
Call for Report on Need for an Associational Missionary
Doctrinal Sermon – 11:00 AM
Call for Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptist
Call for Report on Christian Sabbath
Call for New Business
Reading Of the Vote Of Thanks
Read and Approve Minutes by Clerk
Song and Parting Hand

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1999-2000

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BETHEL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1999

On Friday October 8, a beautiful day made by God, the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met for her one hundred fifty-first annual sessions with Concord Missionary Baptist Church. We began by singing, "Send the Light," "On the Jericho Road," and "Victory in Jesus" led by Bro. Charles Connell, Old Paths Baptist Church, accompanied by Sis. Teresa Tucker, Concord Baptist Church, on the piano.

The Moderator, Bro. Harold Carver, called the Association to order, for her 151st annual session and offered a special welcome to each and everyone who had gathered together for this session today. He asked that we pray for the presence of the Lord to be with us on this occasion. He read 1 Peter 4:7-10 as a devotional reading and after a few remarks called upon Bro. Dwight Haskins, Clarksburg Baptist Church, to lead us in prayer.

Bro. Carver thanked Concord Baptist Church for her willingness to serve as host Church for this session. The Association last met with this wonderful church in 1984. He introduced the pastor and deacon body present to assist any as needed.

The Moderator made the following appointments:
Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Pastor and Deacon Body of Concord Church
Finance Committee:

Bro. Larry Pritchard – Shiloh Church
Bro. Lynn Breeden – Yuma Church
Bro. Daniel Gant – Clarksburg Church

2000 Topic Committee:

Bro. Lynn Stapleton – Independent Church
Bro. Larry Johnson – New Liberty Church
Bro. Bryan Oakes – Bible Grove Church

Obituary Recorder

Bro. Robert Simmons – Westport Church
The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum.

The call for church letters was made and they were presented to the Clerk. The Moderator invited any non-member churches present that wished to petition for membership to come forth at this time. There were no petitioner churches for this session.

The Roll Call of Messengers was made and 53 messengers were seated by motion and second. Motion carried.

The Association entered into the election process for the coming year. Bro. Harold Carver was nominated as moderator, and being the only one nominated, a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Ray Smith was nominated as assistant moderator, and being the only one nominated, a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Lee Carter was nominated as clerk, and being the only one nominated, a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Scott Carter was nominated as assistant clerk, and being the only one nominated, a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Eight churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2000 session. A motion and second was made to select Bethel Baptist Church as the host site. Motion carried.

Bro. Chris Solomon was nominated to preach the Introductory Sermon and being the only one nominated a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Johnny Wall was nominated to be the alternate for the Introductory Sermon, and being the only one nominated, a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Stephen Skinner was nominated to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, and being the only one nominated a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Trey Crews was nominated to be the alternate for the Doctrinal Sermon and being the only one nominated a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

The Moderator asked for a song and the body sang, "My God Is Real." Bro. Lynn Stapleton was introduced as the one chosen last year to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Bro. Stapleton took the pulpit and described the great privilege he had to stand and speak for the Lord. He thanked Concord Church for the invitation to be with them during this meeting. He also described how strong his desire was to preach the Word of God and how intense he felt to do the very best that he could.

He read from Acts 9:10-16. He told of his call to the ministry in 1977. In 1982, he received a phone call from a member of the Church in Detroit asking if he would consider serving as their pastor. Just before this time, he felt that God had already convinced him that he needed to get his house in order and prepare to move. We as individuals normally ask ourselves why me when we feel God has tapped us for a responsibility. It is difficult to argue with God about his choices.

His thought for this sermon is "Why Not Me." We should consider that we should be ready to serve God in any way that He sees fit. We must first all strive to study and understand the Word of God. What we need today is to align our thoughts with God's thoughts. Who truly understands the doctrine of "election?" He stated he was still trying to understand why he was chosen to preach. We cannot consider that God has chosen us for a responsibility because of some inherent values from ourselves, but he has chosen us because it is His Will. We must strive to trust the Lord in His choices. We do not know what God is thinking, such as why Jesus chose John to be the caretaker of His mother, Mary, or why Judas was selected as one of the twelve. We must continue to realize that we just don't have the understanding necessary to fully comprehend, but we must have the faith to believe that God's will is the only way.

When God chose Saul to be a minister of the Gospel, Ananias was unsure of being involved in this. It required him to have faith in God in order for God's will to be done. Even though this man Saul was considered an enemy of the Church, God set him aside to bear the Gospel before the Gentiles. Consider the results of God's choice. Paul's ability to set aside the yoke of Jewish traditions and carry forth the Gospel to places that the other apostle's would never dare to go.

In Trenton, there is a teapot collection to be viewed. The most exquisite teapots can be found. But these teapots are useless for the purpose they were made. We as man must make sure that we are not useless for the purpose we were made. We must desire to serve God and be willing to be his instrument useful to the spreading of the Gospel. We must be willing to open our mouths and speak the Word of God and allow His Spirit to work toward the salvation of the lost. We are God's elect chosen, not by our works of righteousness, but by His Grace for a purpose. We must be an appropriate vessel for the work of the Lord.

When we are asked to serve the Church, or Sunday School, or Association in some fashion we should not ask why me, but consider why not me. We must approach everything we

do with an attitude of by the help of God, I will do. We must trust the Lord that he will help us in all that we do. We need to worry more about the lost that are dying and going to Hell, than the issue of Y2K. We need to glorify and honor God in all things.

At the close of his message, Bro. Stapleton was given the right hand of fellowship and encouragement for his efforts while the body stood and sang many good spiritual songs.

A motion and second was made to adjourn till 1:00 PM for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. A. G. Hayes, Bible Grove Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled after enjoying a most wonderful lunch prepared by the host church and friends and sang "I'll Live in Glory" and "That's Why I Love Him So." We were led by Bro. Charles Connell, Old Paths Baptist Church, accompanied by Sis. Teresa Tucker, Concord Baptist Church, on the piano. The Moderator stood and thanked Concord for the plentiful food provided for lunch today. He read from James 5:7-9. He asked Bro. Jimmy Stewart, New Liberty Baptist Church, to lead us in prayer.

We took a moment to recognize visitors to this meeting. Please refer to the Table of Contents for the list of visitors to the 1999 session.

The Moderator called for any correspondence. The Clerk read letters received from sister Associations. A motion and second was made to adopt these letters and enter them into the minutes. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to allow ten minutes for chairmen and five minutes for all others as time limits for speaking on a subject. Motion carried.

Report on Cohabitation of Unmarried People

We find in Hebrews 13:4 that "Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." The word "marriage" in the Greek is **gamos** {gam'-os} Its meaning is 1) a wedding or marriage festival, a wedding banquet, a wedding feast. 2) marriage, matrimony. The word "honourable" in the Greek is **timios** {tim'-ee-os} Its meaning is 1) as of great price, precious 2) held in honour, esteemed, especially dear. From the beginning of creation God has ordained the marriage union as the basis for the family structure. (Genesis 2:24) We see from observing the scriptures that marriage has been a public ceremony and celebration down through the ages. We find that our Lord performed one of His first miracles at a "marriage" feast. (John 2:1-9) According to the Apostle Paul, the relationship between the Church and the Lord is likened unto a husband / wife relationship. (Ephesians 5:22-32) This demonstrates an exclusive relationship that is Holy in nature. To live outside the right way that God has given us is sinful and unholy in nature. If "marriage is honourable," inference is made that to live together in an unmarried state is shameful and sinful. Until recent years, to publicly declare that two people are "living together" outside of the bonds of marriage has been a shame and disgrace. There was a time, not long ago, when such things were deemed immoral. Statistics show according to the U.S. Census Bureau, unmarried couples account for over 4 million households in the U.S., nearly ten times the number in 1960. Today in the U.S., 1 in 3 single women choose to live with their partners before marriage, compared to 1 in 10 in the 1950's. Today, 50% to 80% of couples coming for marriage in first world countries are living together before marriage. Nearly 50% of those in their 20's and 30's cohabit. Cohabitation has

become the normative experience today. The risk of divorce after living together is 40 to 85% higher than the risk of divorce after not living together. In other words, those who live together before marriage are almost twice as likely to divorce than those who did not live together. Cohabitation of unmarried couples is a contributing factor to the high rate of divorce in the country today.

God ordained marriage for the purpose of procreation. Genesis 1:27-28 tells us God created them male and female. He gave man and woman a command to be fruitful and multiply and to replenish the earth. Genesis 2:24 says ²⁴Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. In this verse we can see the fullness of the family unit. We see that a man is raised by his father and mother, but then there comes a proper time when he should leave that family unit and establish his own family. The pattern is not to leave the father and mother and take up cohabitation with a woman, but he is to take a “wife.” The word “cleave” means to “stay with.” This was the intent of God from the beginning. (Matthew 19:4-9) Hebrews 13:4 tells us that the bed is “undefiled” in the marriage union. This indicates that sexual activity outside the marriage union is corrupt and defiled in the sight of God. God created man and woman with a need for one another. God has also furnished a way for our needs to be met. (1 Corinthians 7:1-5) After God created man and woman, He gave them dominion and instruction as to what they were to do to fulfill His will. In Genesis 1:31 God said in relation to His work on the sixth day; ³¹And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. God said it was “very good.” Mankind has defiled that which God established for the good of His creation. Men and women should take note also that in Hebrews 13:4 there is a consequence for those who live in defilement. The verse says; “whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” The word “whoremongers” in the Greek is **pornos {por’-nos}** It means a man who indulges in unlawful sexual intercourse, a fornicator. The terms “whoremongers” and “adulterers” are used to describe those who do not live according to the marital laws of God.

In a scriptural union of a man and woman we see the solid family unit, a man, a woman, and their children. We see commitment, concern for the spouse and children, a dedication to endure all hardships for the sake of the family. In a cohabitation situation we usually see the opposite results. Cohabitation of unmarried couples is one more weakening of the moral fiber of a nation. It is in opposition to Biblical instruction for healthy societies. The all wise God of creation has given mankind good instructions, but man seems to continue to reject and ignore sound counsel.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Johnny Wall
Bro. Phillip Halter

The report on Cohabitation of Unmarried People was read, adopted and spoken to by
Bros. Johnny Wall, Phillip Halter, and Scott Carter.

Report on Right and Wrong Role Models

From our beginning much of what we learn is through imitation of others. For example, as infants we learn the complexities of spoken language principally by imitation of what is heard. Because the advertisement writers on New York’s Madison Avenue believe that we imitate

others throughout our lives, they provide an abundance of role models for us to emulate. Corporations pay celebrities (role models) millions to influence consumer behavior in specific ways.

Our Creator, in establishing the family, provided the first and most influential role models. What can influence child development more than parental example? Children commonly develop behavior similar to that of their parents. Perhaps the greatest advantage that parents can provide for their children is not a luxurious lifestyle or an education, but a good role model. Today, a child with two God-fearing, loving parents grows up in rare luxury.

As children grow they must develop their own identities and at some point will, by God's own design, emancipate themselves from their parent's influence ("Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother," Genesis 2:24). While that early influence is not void ("Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6), they often turn more and more to non-parent role models. This is a vulnerable time for young people; they are learning to choose between right and wrong role models.

Wrong role models will always be present! Satan provides them in abundance and wide variety. However, in His Son, God has provided the perfect role model; "for even here unto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:" (I Peter 2:21). Christ, having suffered all things such as we—but without sin—is therefore truly the perfect role model. A role model sanctioned by God Himself.

While God's people will never be perfect role models, for the sake of the next generation, must be good role models. The Apostle Paul knew what it was to be a good role model: "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." (Philippians 4:9) One generation's failure to provide good role models is manifested in the next generation.

Young people often use their peers as role models. While Satan uses this behavior to promote the follies of youth, the practice also places young Christians in a good position to influence their peers. God expects even babes in Christ to be good role models. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12).

The Word of God provides the principles by which we should live. How well those principles are observed determines the degree of blessedness or happiness achieved in life (Matthew 5:1-12). A right role model is one whose life illustrates those principles; a wrong role model is one whose life rejects God's grace and follows nature to destruction and death. We must carefully choose our role models and emulate only those which are congruent with the instruction of our loving God. A professing Christian is obligated to be a right role model. We should diligently study and follow the perfect example provided by our Lord Jesus Christ—consequently becoming a right role model for others.

Submitted by,

Bro. Stephen Skinner

Bro. David Leslie

The report on Right and Wrong Role Models was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bro. Stephen Skinner, David Leslie, and Rufus Chandler.

Report on Should Devil Worship Alarm Us

Should satan worship alarm us?

Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes!

When we speak of satan worship, we are talking about any form of worship except the worship of the true and living God. Jesus said in Mark 12:30 "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." Jesus also said in Matthew 12:30 "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

Deuteronomy 18: 10-13 "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God."

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet. 5:8). There is a growing number of people today that don't believe in the existence of a personal God or devil, but many do believe in a universal power that can be tapped into at will, manipulated, and can be used for either good or evil.

There are no statistics to prove anywhere in the United States or the world that this type of worship (satanic) is wide spread. But, it is the opinion of the experts that it is more wide spread than what we think or know. Not only is satanic worship a problem here, but its a growing problem in other parts of the world also. Around the middle of the 1960's there was a dramatic upsurge in satanic worship. At one point the church of satan claimed over 10,000 members. When the satanic bible was first published it out sold the Holy Bible 2 to 1 in many parts of America and 10 to 1 on some college campuses. How serious is it? A fourth grade teacher asked her students to write a short essay on what they would most like to do to celebrate Halloween. Eighty (80) percent of her nine (9) year olds expressed the wish to kill somebody. And these are just a few of the startling facts.

Some experts say a child is turned to satanism initially because of an emotional reason. Today we have more and more children being raised in single parent homes or where the head of the home, the father, is not taking the fatherly role. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." With teenagers the appeal is toward rebellion, the appeal is to do whatever will drive the parents crazy. They want to supernaturally get back at their parents and it has been found that many teenagers wanted to do it that way.

Another reason many are turned to satanism is the Church has not met the needs of the children. They have not seen the supernatural power of God in the Church. They have not seen the love of Christ among God's people. Because of these things we have a epidemic of young people participating in some strata of satanism. Now that doesn't mean that all are out there

sacrificing human beings, but they may be doing rituals that require mutilation or animals and or other criminal activities.

There are many reason why people get involved in satanic worship. Some have a desire for divine like power. Another reason people get involved in satanism is LUST.

1. Lust for power.
2. Lust for sexuality
3. Lust for money.
4. A spiritual lust – A desire to reach into the unknown.

Still other just want to be loved and accepted for who and what they are. Another reason and one of the ways of recruiting people into satanic worship is by offering drugs, alcohol and sex in order to entice people into their realm. The main theme of satanism is “Do What You Want.” They cater to the needs and wants of people in order to get them involved.

The main teaching of satanism is that satan had a part in creating the world with God. And he was wrongfully thrown out of Heaven when he asked for equal power along with Jehovah God. And that one day he (satan) would regain his rightful place. So he has to make his army bigger. So the more recruits there are in satanism and the occult on earth the quicker his army would grow and then he would take over and overthrow Christ and the Christian Church.

Youth are the main targets of satanist. Today it is apparent that satanist are trying to get children at a very young age. They are trying to destroy the innocence. It is done partially through the use of the media. Through the use of cartoons that have the idea that there is good magic and bad magic, and it is okay as long as you use the good magic. Children are being programmed into Occult practices by the cartoons and games and stories they see on television. Some of the cartoons are He-man, Shera, and the Thunder Cats; some of the games are Dungeons and Dragons and the Ouiga Board; and demonic characters are sold as toys and so on. It all seems harmless and fun and even exciting, but it is destroying our children, the next generation. Ultimately the purpose of satanism is to commit atrocities against the Christian’s God, His laws, and His most precious creation, mankind. Satanism is the reversion and perversion of Christian symbolism.

Because satanism is by nature clandestine, it’s hard to estimate the numbers of people involved. Not all satanic groups are involved in criminal behavior. But with increasing frequency, law enforcement agencies in North America and Western Europe are receiving similar reports of criminal activity. Satanically inspired child pornography and ritual abuse, animal mutilation, human sacrificial murders, cannibalism, rape, sodomy, desecration of graves and of Christian churches are just some of the findings. It is believed that the growing number of children missing today may be associated with satanic and occult worship. They may have been abducted, sold and or murdered as sacrifices in some type of satanic service. Are human beings being sacrificed – YES!

Whether we, as Christians or the public, choose to believe in the frightening growth of satanism or not, the fact is that it is real. There is a highly organized network of satanist operating in America and Europe today. They seem to be respectable members of society and are integrated into all professions and walks of life. There are different types of satanist, but the real satanist, the hard core satanist, are those involvevd in criminal activity and for that reason they are going to look as normal as possible. The better to be able to deceive you. They are doctors, lawyers, teachers, priest, and even clergy. They are often people who are in positions of great influence over small children. The higher officials in the public organizations do not want to acknowledge that this is occurring. We need to lift this veil of misunderstanding and realize that this is a problem to be dealt with, it’s not just going to go away.

The worshipping of satan is not a crime in the United States. It is protected by law under the First (1st) Amendment. It is the crime that is illegal. Satanism is an appalling evil, its about murder, its about child abuse, its about sexual abuse, it is no joke it must be taken serious and must be dealt with.

We as parents and grandparents need to spend quality time with our children and encourage others to do the same. We need to show our children that we love them and care about them. We also believe that the Church should want to spend more time with its youth and other children in the community also. They need to know that we care and that we will always be there, if and when they need us. We need to teach them right from wrong and show them that we love them. If we don't, then we can rest assured that someone will. Believe it or not! If we don't handle this now properly in our Churches by teaching our Christian children where their protection lies, where their faith is, who is satan, and where he is in position to the Christian Gospel then we will render the next generation useless in defeating this problem that is now escalating. May God bless and use each of us to reach our children and others before it's to late!

Prayerful Submitted

Bro. Bryan L. Oakes

Bro. Derrick Jowers

Some warning signs to look out for:

1. If a perfectly healthy child suddenly changes dramatically in his behavior.
2. A child goes missing for long periods of time, at certain times or days. And can't tell you where they have been.
3. A child begins to show signs or suspicions of drug or alcohol abuse.
4. A change in personality, aggression, rebelliousness against parents, difficulty sleeping, temper tantrums, or a desire to stay in their room all the time.
5. Pay attention to notebooks, what they are drawing or reading.
6. Look into their rooms. What type of toys (idols) posters, games, etc. Do they have ritual paraphernalia, skulls, or other satanic emblems.
7. See what type of music they are listening to, (Heavy metal and so on).
8. Be aware of the type of clothes the child wants to wear.

The Report on Should Devil Worship Alarm Us was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Bryan Oakes, Derrick Jowers, Chris Solomon, and Dennis Stokes.

Report of Innovations in the Lord's Supper

ORIGIN, ORIGINAL-ACT. –CHRIST THE ORIGINATOR

THE FOREMAT OF THIS SUBJECT WILL BE FROM THE 12TH CHAPTER OF EXODUS:

“TYOLOGICALLY WE SEE JESUS IN THIS CHAPTER”

(VERSE 1).....GOD spake unto Moses and Aaron. (verse 3).....God said, speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel. (verse 4)..... According to your household, if one household be to small, then share with another. (5)....Your lamb shall be without blemish, (verse 7) Israel was instructed what to do (Jesus has instructed the Church what to do in regards to his supper) with the BLOOD, and the FLESH, (verse 12)...For I will PASS through land of EGYPT THIS night. I AM THE LORD. (verse 13) “Here we see the promise” AND THE BLOOD SHALL BE UNTO YOU A TOKEN UPON THE HOUSES WHERE YOU ARE, AND WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I WILL PASS OVER YOU. (VERSE 14).. AND THIS DAY SHALL BE UNTO YOU FOR A MEMORIAL, AND YE SHALL KEEP IT A FEAST TO THE LORD THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS.

EXODUS 12:13

“CHRIST OUR PASSOVER”

The annual feast of the Passover commemorated the birth the nation of Israel and her deliverance from Egypt. Typologically, it pointed forward to the greater deliverance **from** the bondage of sin to be provided by the Messiah. In the Passover, a lamb without blemish was selected and killed. The blood was then applied to the doorpost (door-jam) of the homeland the lamb was roasted and eaten with unleaven bread and bitter herbs **ILLUSTRATION..When John the Baptist introduced Jesus to the nation of Israel, he recognized Christ as fulfillment of the typical Passover lambs; “BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD” (JOHNI:29,36)**

APPLICATION: The Christian not only recognizes the typological fulfillment of the Passover sacrifice by Christ, but also his own responsibility to “keep the feast” (supper) by living a sincere and truthful life. (I Cor. 6-8... YOUR GLORYING IS NOT GOOD, KNOW YE NOT THAT A LITTLE LEAVEN LEAVENETH THE WHOLE LUMP. (V-7) Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as you are unleaven. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. (v-8) Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (Titus 2: 11-14) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto al men..v-12... Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously. And godly, in this present world. (v-13).. looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God. And our savior Jesus Christ. (v14)... Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

JESUS TAKEN THE MATERIALS FROM THE JEWISH PASSOVER

.....TO INITIATE HIS OWN PASSOVER... THE LORD’S SUPPER

MATTHEW 26:26

AND AS THEY WERE EATING, JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND BLESSED IT, AND BREAK IT, AND GAVE IT TO THE DISCIPLES, AND SAID TAKE EAT, THIS IS MY BODY.

VERSE 27

AND HE TOOK THE CUP, AND GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, DRANK YE ALL OF IT. (Ref) **Mark** 14:22,25 AND **LUKE** 22:19-20

**WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ORDINANCE
THAT THE LORD SAT IN HIS CHURCH?**

LUKE 22:19...AND HE TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS, AND BRAKE IT, AND GAVE UNTO THEM, SAYING, THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU: "THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME" AND 1ST COR. 11:25-26... THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD; THIS DO YE. AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME, V-26.. FOR AS OFTEN AS YE EAT THIS BREAD, AND DRINK THIS CUP, YE **DO SHOW THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COME.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS THE DISTINCTIVE SYMBOL OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP INSTITUTED BY THE LORD ON THE EVE OF HIS DEATH, BEING A SPIRITUAL PARTAKING OF BREAD AND THE FRUIT OF THE VINE. THESE ELEMENTS ARE PRESENTED AS A THANKFUL EXPRESSION OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE, TAKEN IN FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM AND WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT IS A MEMORIAL CONDUCTED IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST'S ATONING DEATH. EVERY CHRISITAN SHOULD USE THE LORD'S SUPPER TO EXAMINE HIS OWN SPIRITUAL PROGRESSS AND ATTITUDES BEFORE TAKING. CHRISTIANS ARE DIVIDED AS TO WEATHER THE TABLE SHOULD BE "OPEN" OR "CLOSED.

THE CHIEF ARGUMENTS SUPPPORTING OPEN COMMUNION IS THAT IT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER, NOT A CEREMONY OF A PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION, THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE TABLE SHOULD BE RESTRICTED ARGUE THAT THE CHURCH SHOULD NOTALLOW A PERSON TO EAT UNWORTBLY (MATT. 26.23-26 BE IT KNOWN, THE BREAD AND WINE WERE ONLY OUTWARD SYMOBLS OF OUR LORD'S DEATH, NOTHING IN THE GOSPELS INDICATES THAT THESE WERE TO BE VIEWED AS A MEANS OF GRACE, SACRAMENTS, OR THAT THEY WERE PHYSICALLY NECESSARY FOR ONE'S SALVATION

1st Cor. 11:34

Christ is the Mediator of the New Testament, who "by his own blood entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us (Heb 9:12-15) we must notice the emphasis on the blood) This signifies our Lord's death, which in turn signifies the grounds on which eternal salvation is applied to the heart of the believing sinner. **ROMANS IO:IO FOR WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND WITH THE MOUTH COFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATION.**

Bro. A. G. Hayes
Bro. Arzel Douglas

The Report on the Innovations in the Lord's Supper was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bro. Arzell Douglas, and A. G. Hayes.

Bro. Eugene Brown, Words of Hope Ministry, was introduced to speak before the body for a few minutes before we closed for the day.

After a few statements, a motion and second was made to adjourn the day's session until 10:00 am Saturday. Motion carried.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Carl Scates, Independent Baptist Church.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1999

The Association began the second day of sessions by singing, "Heaven's Jubilee," "When They Ring the Bells of Heaven" and "I'll Have a New Life" lead by Bro. Rayburn Wood, Bible Grove Church, and accompanied by Sis. Reba McCay, Oak Grove, HC Church, on the piano. The Moderator took the stand and after a few remarks read from I Thess. 4:13-18. He asked Bro. Larry Johnson, New Liberty Baptist Church to lead us in prayer.

The roll call of messengers listed 53 messengers present and seated for voting.

The Moderator called for the committee reports.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported collections of the Minute Fund of \$1095.00, and the Clerk Fund of \$665.00 giving a total of \$1760.00. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 9, 1999 is \$2322.55. A collection of \$475.00 was collected for Bro. Eugene Brown and the Words of Hope Ministry. A motion and second was made to approve this report, release the committee and extend our thanks to them for a job well done. Motion carried.

Report of Obituary Recorder

During the past twelve months, God has called 44 of our brethren and sisters in Christ from among us, to their new home. They are, and will be, greatly missed in our churches and in our lives. We realize that our loss is their gain, as Jesus proclaims in John 3:15, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

We also know that, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," as they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Rev. 14:13. We can see this as we look back into the past and upon the present, as we are enjoying the truths of God's holy Word taught in our churches, and in this Association.

For we too must remember, that as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment. Heb. 9:27. For we must press forward to that high calling, for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

I encourage you, to keep the faith that was once delivered to the saints that our descendants can enjoy that, that our forefathers and these 44 loved ones have brought us through the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the power of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Simmons

Our records indicate that 44 saints have left the walks of this life for their rewards in the glorious Kingdom of God. It is also noted that two ordained ministers and two ordained deacons have past from this life to their reward. Motion and second was made to accept this report as read. Motion carried.

Report of Topic Committee

The Topic Committee reported the following as the 2000 topic reports:

Report on Heaven

Report on Hell

Report on Need for an Associational Missionary

Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptist

Report on Christian Sabbath

Report on Importance of Church Membership

Report on Church Discipline

A motion and second was made to adopt this list. Motion carried.

Report of Historical Committee

The committee reported that a book concerning the history of the Association through the 150th session is still in progress. No further information available at this time.

Report on the Security of the Believer

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” This is the most important thing about the security of our salvation, is that it is obtained by grace.

Adam and Eve were created as perfect individuals that were free to make their own choices. They were under the law from God not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They were free moral agents to choose to obey or to disobey the command given to them by God. There was a condition set before them by using the term “if”. This allows Adam and Eve to make a choice to do right or to do wrong. Adam and Eve both partook of the forbidden fruit and fell from their perfect state in which they were created. Many people today are saying that this is an example as to how we can fall from the perfect state that the soul is in after it has been saved by the grace of God. It is true that Adam and Eve fell from their perfect state but the reason is because they *disobeyed the law*. “For sin shall not have dominion over you: for *ye are not under the law, but ye are under grace*”. Grace saves us and that same grace keeps us. No matter how much this mortal body sins the soul cannot. And regardless of how often we sin or “how bad” we sin does not affect the keeping of the soul because “...where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.”

When we are saved and become children of God, “for ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” We are born of the spirit. As one is born of water (flesh) one must be born of the Spirit to have an inheritance of heaven, John 3:5 “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” Believers are not only

the adopted sons and daughters of God, but they are His children by birth as well. He made us His heirs and joint heirs with His Son. Omniscience and omnipotence are the back of the whole matter of His power and knowledge that is able to keep us joint heirs. When we become children with God we become sealed by His spirit Ephesians 1:13-14 "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." As soon as the believer trusts in Christ he is sealed for eternity.

John 10:27-29 assures us that we are placed in the hands of God. Jesus tells us that no man can pluck us out of his hand or the hand of his father. To some though, a fear of him casting us out of his hand occurs. Jesus then assures us that "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" John 6:37. Is there anything else that we can feel more secure in? We believe the Bible teaches us no one is safer than a child of God is not only because he keeps us but because we have also obtained eternal life. Eternal life does not mean a short duration, nor for a day or so, but for eternity. This guarantees us to live forever in the presence of God. Thanks be unto God that we can be safe and secure through the almighty power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Carter
Daniel Lewis

The Report on the Security of the Believer was read, and spoken to by Bros. Scott Carter, Daniel Lewis, Larry Johnson, Johnny Wall, Dwight Haskins, Ray Smith, Rayburn Woods, James Stewart, and Gene Wilbur.

At the 11:00 am hour, the Moderator called for a song and the body stood and sang "He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me." He then introduced Bro. Rufus Chandler to deliver the Doctrinal Sermon.

Bro. Chandler came before the congregation and spoke of how it took him a long time to get the place of understanding why God had called him to preach the gospel. He thanked the ladies of the congregation for the various churches for their help of the church for the preparation of food. He told of how this message has been on his heart all year long. God settled him on a message just this past Thursday. He thanked God for the rain that we have enjoyed for the past two days. He thanked God for the presence of so many young people being here for this meeting.

He read from Luke 1:1-4, and in Acts 1:1-2 and told of his topic being "Those things which are surely believed among us." In the beginning was the Word, which was Jesus the Christ. After Jesus had been crucified and time was past, many began to believe that Jesus was not the Son of God. But, John refuted this thought with his first statement of the book of John.

We know that the world became in a sudden circumstance but it was not by a random action but the Hand of God created this world. We believe that man was created by God not as by an evolving organism becoming more complex. Woman was created from Man to walk side by side through life. This first union of man and woman was the initiation of marriage a wonderful blessing from God. We believe that the Church will be presented before God as the Bride of Christ.

We believe in faith. God is moved by our faith in Him. When Israel was in bondage in Egypt, God heard their cry and sent Moses to lead His children out of Egypt.

We believe in the depravity of man. Man lives in sin and only by the slain Lamb of God are we able to obtain salvation. The plan of salvation was established long before the very creation of man. We are unable to obtain salvation of our own accord but by grace through faith. From Genesis to Revelations, the Bible teaches Jesus and him crucified. This teaching of Jesus as the Redeemer permeates the Scriptures. The picture of Jesus is show by the sacrificial lamb, which must be perfect without blemish.

We believe that Jesus was born of a virgin and therefore was born without blemish. Sin was not in him. We believe that the Blood of Christ is needed to obtain salvation. Our works of good and our sense of goodness fall far short for salvation. Belief in Jesus and His shed blood is the only means of salvation.

We believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and our salvation. We believe that Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb after he was removed from the cross. We believe that Jesus arose from this tomb alive resurrected from the dead. After 40 days, he ascended to the throne to be with God at the right hand of the throne. He is there making intercessions for us before God for the things we pray for. The sincere desires of the heart are our prayers to God not just the spoken words of our mouth.

Jesus is coming back. We do not know when this will be but we know that it will occur. When He returns we will stand before judgement to give an account of our lives before God. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, which is perfect in its writing. John states that these are written that we might believe so that we can have life everlasting.

As he closed he described his love for the Church, for God's people and this Association. He told us that if any ever had a need of assistance then we should not hesitate to contact him.

The Moderator called for a song so that we might offer the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Chandler for his efforts. A motion and second was made to adjourn for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Earnest Lee Wood, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Saturday Afternoon

After enjoying another bountiful meal, we began the afternoon session by singing "He Set Me Free" and "Bearing The Cross To Win The Crown" lead by Bro. Russell Tucker, Concord Church, and accompanied by Sis. Tina Cole, Concord Church, on the piano. The Moderator expressed thanks to all those involved in preparing the meals for the two days. He read from Romans 13:11-14, and asked Bro. Bryan Oakes, Bible Grove Baptist Church, to lead us in prayer.

We continued in the reading and discussion of the topical reports.

Report on Healing and the Atonement

REPORT ON HEALING

To answer the question of many as to whether Baptists believe in healing: Yes, Baptists believe in Divine Healing. Surely God who made our bodies can heal them.

Jesus performed many miracles such as healing the sick, the blind, the halt, the crippled, the palsy, etc. The reason that He performed healing was to prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that He was the Son of God. This power was handed down to the Apostles alone.

We are going to approach healing from a spiritual standpoint. There are so many scriptures that are misconstrued about healing. In Isaiah 53 we find written, “by His stripes we are healed.” Many believe this was a physical healing. However, if we leave the verse in context we can very well see that it was concerning salvation or “soul healing.”

When an individual is lost (unsaved) he is sin sick and needs a physician. Jesus is that physician. The Holy Spirit alone is able to make a man realize when there is something wrong with his soul. If a man will follow the path of the Holy Spirit he will find healing for his soul.

To speak briefly about physical healing: James says, “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 hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” (James 5:14-15) The oil that is mentioned here is a representation of the Holy Spirit. Now we have him living inside of us. So according to this scripture, it is the prayer of faith that saves the sick.

I would like to use an illustration about physical healing. My Dad had a case of laryngitis for two weeks. The doctor diagnosed it as a tumor on the voice box, which would have to be surgically removed. On the day of the scheduled surgery he became very ill with a virus and could not have the surgery. The family talked him into having a second opinion. The advice from the second doctor was to wait two or three weeks to allow it to heal. During the following weeks, the family was much in prayer. In two weeks the report came that the tumor was gone! I believe this is an example of divine healing.

God heals in many ways; some come immediately and other come slowly. He has provided intelligent doctors to help with the healing of the body. And sometimes He simply does it entirely on His own and according to His Divine Will.

Respectfully submitted:
Dwight Haskins

The ATONEMENT

What does it mean? The word ‘atone’ is to make amends for wrongdoing. It is found once in the NT, rendering *katallageu* (which is better translated ‘reconciliation’). It’s the work of Christ in dealing with the problem posed by the sin of man, and in bringing sinners into right relation with God.

Why the need for atonement? Atonement is brought about by three things, the universality of sin, the seriousness of sin and man’s inability to deal with sin. The first point is found in many places in the Bible: ‘for there is no man that sinneth not’ (I Ki. 8:46); and then Paul writes, ‘for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God’ (Rom. 3:23). Much more could be cited.

The seriousness of sin is that sin separates from God (Is. 59:2). Jesus said of one sin, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, that it will never be forgiven (Mk. 3:29), and of Judas he said, ‘good were it for that man if he had never been born’ (Mk. 14:21). Before being saved men are hostile in mind and doing evil deeds (Col. 1:21). There awaits the unrepentant sinner only ‘a

certain fearful looking for of judgment, and a fiery indignation, which will devour the adversaries' (Heb. 10:27).

And man cannot deal with the situation. He is not able to keep his sin hidden (Nu. 32:23), and he cannot cleanse himself of it (Pr. 20:9). No deeds of law will ever enable man to stand before God justified (Rom. 3:20). If he must depend on himself, then man will never be saved. Perhaps the most important evidence of this is the very fact of the atonement. If the Son of God came to earth to save men, then men were sinners and their need serious indeed.

Where do the old and new testaments connect about the atonement? It is clear that in the OT it was recognized that death was the penalty for sin (Ezk. 18:20), but that God graciously permitted the death of a sacrificial victim to substitute for the death of the sinner. So clear is the connection 'without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins' (Heb. 9:22).

The NT takes the line that the sacrifices of old were not the root cause of the putting away of sins. Redemption is to be obtained even 'from the transgressions under the first covenant' only by the death of Christ (Heb. 9:15). The cross is absolutely central to the NT, and, indeed, to the whole Bible. All before leads up to it. All after looks back to it.

How the atonement applies? The atonement reveals God's love for men. It shows us the love of the Father just as it does the love of the Son. Paul says, 'God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ Died for us' (Rom. 5:8). In the one of the most familiar scripture in the Bible we read that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son...' (Jn. 3:16). In Mark's Gospel it is emphasized that the Son of man 'must' suffer (Mk. 8:31). That is to say, the death of Christ was no accident. It was a divine necessity. This we see in our Lord's prayer in Gethsemane that the will of the Father be done (Mt. 26:42). Also, in Hebrews we read that it was 'by the grace of God' that Christ tasted death for us all (Heb. 2:9). The thought is found throughout the NT, and we must bear it well in mind when we reflect on the manner of the atonement.

In the salvation experience, when God saves us, we receive the shed blood of Christ, forgiveness of all sins, and the renewed relationship with God. When God saves us there is no Apostolic power that comes with the shed blood, just reconciliation. No man today has the power to heal. However, we do have power in prayer (Ja. 5:16), which is a privilege far neglected.

Respectfully submitted,
Trey Crews

The reports on Healing and the Atonement were read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Dwight Haskins, Trey Crews, Phillip Halter, James Stewart, and Chris Solomon.

Report of Faith and Practice of True Baptist

The world is very different than it was in the time of Christ. There are many different so-called churches that proclaim to believe and practice the way that Jesus taught in His personal ministry. With so many varieties, it leaves you wondering just who is really correct. The individual must search the scriptures with humility of heart and seek the things that the Holy Spirit of God will reveal. In my personal opinion, as I am sure you all agree the Baptist church is the closest to the first truths taught by the Messiah and His apostles that I am aware of. We might go further and proclaim that the Missionary Baptist are the closest due to recent deception

that has entered once sound Baptist churches. There are many traits that separate the “true” Baptist from all of these other doctrines. For the sake of time and effort we will try to briefly discuss the most essential topics of difference.

The first difference that we would recognize would be in a combination of Hebrews 10:25 and 1 Thessalonians 5:19. Here we are taught to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together and also not to quench the Holy Spirit of God. It is not enough to just assemble in a form of worship. You must have the Holy Spirit to lead the service, to uplift the congregation, to empower the speaker, and to convict lost souls.

The second difference that we could discuss would be in the offices of the church. We as Baptists have three basic offices. The first would be the lay member. This office’s importance must not be understated. The lay members consist of a body of believers who have been sanctified by the Spirit of God. They have been saved by God’s glorious grace and have fulfilled the Lord’s commandments by following their salvation in a scriptural water baptism. Just as John the Baptist required “fruits meet for repentance” (Matthew 3:8), we require a testimony of their experience from nature to grace. After their testimony the church must vote to receive them unanimously. This vote is taken because only the church holds the authority to administer baptism, as it was given by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19). The second office of the church would be the deacon. The deacon obviously must first be a lay member and fulfill all the requirements of that. This office is restricted to males as we learn in 1 Timothy 3:11,12. These deacons must undergo an ordination service. In this service the men endure the careful review of trusted ordained brethren followed by a prayer and laying on of hands. The deacon does not receive a divine call to his office. As in Acts 6:1-6, the church chooses men who humbly meet the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3, and they separate these men from the general assembly to appoint them to the responsibility of the needs of the church. The third and last basic office of the church would be the pastor or undershepherd. This office would be considered the highest office in the Lord’s church. We see in 1 Timothy 3:1,2 that this office is also restricted to males. We require the pastor to proclaim a holy calling from God and then to undergo the same careful review of trusted ordained brethren followed by a prayer and laying on of hands in order to ordain the candidate unto the full work of his ministry. We see in Acts 13:1-3 where the church of Antioch performed this same rite unto Paul and Barnabas before they sent them unto the work that God called them unto. The form of ordination service that we use has risen from tradition, but the basic necessities remain which are described in the scriptures. For the sake of functioning in a modern church assembly, there are many other positions that we could speak of, but these are the basic three that have existed since the early beginnings of our faith.

The third major difference that we as Baptists ascribe to is our faith and doctrine. We believe first of all that Jesus Christ was the only perfect sacrifice that could have been made for our sins (Hebrews 9:12-15). He was born of a virgin and conceived of the Holy Spirit, being the only begotten Son of God (Matthew 1:18, John 3:16). Therefore, he did not carry the awful blemish of sin that every human has inherited. We believe that He willingly gave His life for the remission of sins so that the entire world would be given the opportunity to have eternal life (Matthew 26:52-54). We believe that He remained in the grave for three days and then arose unto a glorified body by the power of God, that He ministered another 40 days unto His disciples, and then ascended unto the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:1-6; John 20:26-29; Acts 1:9-11). Following His ascension, we believe that the Holy Spirit, or the Comforter, entered the world that we might be able to commune with God (John 16:7). Upon this fulfillment of

scripture, we believe that the Spirit must first convict the sinful individual, and then they must yield themselves unto God repenting of their sinful nature and believing in Jesus Christ as their Savior (John 16:8-11; John 6:44; Luke 13:3; John 14:1). When the sinner reaches this point of true repentance, we believe that salvation is delivered from God the Father (Ephesians 2:8,9). This marvelous gift of grace was not earned or deserved, but it was simply given by a merciful and loving God. We do not see in the scripture where that salvation comes from a change of mind or anything that deals with the mortal man. It is spiritual and above the abilities of us as weak humans. In relation to the fact that we realize salvation does not come from any of our efforts, we know that it cannot be lost by any of our efforts. Romans 8:38-39 teaches that nothing can separate us from God's love. By reading Hebrews 9:24-28 we see that Jesus Christ died once for our sins and can understand that in turn we must only be saved once. In fact, Hebrews 6:4-6 explains that if one was to lose their salvation they would have to crucify Jesus a second time to ever be able to come back to the repentance they once knew. Since the scriptures teach that the only return Jesus will make will be to bring God's children home, we can rest assured that there is security in the believer. We also believe that following this true salvation that Jesus Christ instructed us to perform two ordinances of the church by which we fulfill His commandments. The first ordinance would be scriptural baptism, as we spoke of earlier. This is done to show forth to the world the change that God has performed in the heart of the believer. The scripture teaches full immersion under water as a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Matthew 3:13-17). The second ordinance would be the Lord's Supper or Communion. This is to be administered by ordained brethren to symbolize the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. We first take of the unleavened bread, which symbolized the sinless body of Jesus Christ, and then we take of the fruit of the vine, which symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed upon the cross. We are instructed to do this in remembrance of that holy sacrifice (Luke 22:14-20).

The fourth difference that we would have to recognize would be in our church government. We wholeheartedly believe in the sovereignty of the individual church. We believe that each congregation is a solemn and solitary power. We do not believe that any church has the right to obtain power or authority over any other church. We learn this so often in the Bible. We see this practice being performed by the New Testament churches in Acts 11:29,30; Acts 13:3; 1 Corinthians 16:3; 2 Corinthians 8:18,19. In these scriptures and many more we see where the members of old sent messengers, received members, sent missionaries, and in some cases excluded members. They did all of this independent from outside influence or from the influence of another church. Decisions and authority were always given by the decision of the majority, and that is still how we practice today.

The fifth difference of us as "true" Baptists would be in our practice of church discipline. Many churches have developed their own method of discipline, and so many more have adopted the theory of no discipline at all. Again, the Bible teaches plainly how that we should carry out discipline. Matthew 18:15-20 tells us that if one of our brethren offends that we should first get him alone, then take others, and then bring him before the church. The Bible asks for no more and no less. We are not to condone sin in our churches, but we are not out to embarrass or harass each other either.

The final difference that we possess are in our duties as a church. Jesus Christ set up His church in His lifetime, and before He left He bestowed upon us some responsibilities. He commanded us to practice the ordinances that He left behind, and He commanded that we carry the blessed gospel into the entire world. Along the way, we are to teach these same truths that

we have come unto the knowledge of the grace of God almighty. Further, in Acts we see where it is also the responsibility of the church to care for the widows and the needy in the community. It was for this purpose that the office of deacon was first instituted. Therefore, we can see the importance of all of these duties.

When you speak of the faith and practice of a true Baptist, you speak of a lot. The true Baptist's faith is in Jesus Christ completely. The true Baptist practices the Bible in its entirety. We stumble and fail as humans do, but we cannot leave out any portion of the truth that has been passed down to us from the saints of old. We must learn it, understand it, and pass it on to our children. After we've done that, we can have confidence in the fact that Jesus proclaimed that the gates of Hell would not prevail against His church.

Humbly submitted,
Andrew Stokes
Jeff Simmons

The Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptist was read and spoken to by Bros. Andrew Stokes, Jeff Simmons, and Lynn Stapleton.

We sang "Have A Little Talk With Jesus" while the congregation stood. The Moderator invited Bro. Jerry Medlin from Deland, Florida to come before the Association to speak for a few minutes about a new mission effort in Florida. He requested our prayers for the efforts and for the salvation of the lost. He invited all to come visit when possible. May we all do what God would have us to do.

Call for New Business

A motion and second was made to add email addresses to the minutes. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to add an obituary concerning Bro. Onus Higdon and any future deceased ministers to the minutes. Motion carried.

Vote of Thanks

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, its officers, and the messengers wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Concord Baptist Church for serving as host for this session. It was a pleasure for the Association to return to this wonderful Church once again. The food prepared by the Church and friends was most enjoyable and very satisfying. The manner in which lunch was managed was most efficient and helped us to maintain the schedule of the meeting.

Our appreciation is extended to Bro. Lynn Stapleton, for his message on "Why Not Me" and the need for us to have true faith in God and step out accordingly and to Bro. Rufus Chandler for his message on "those things which are surely believed among us." We should remember these basic doctrines as we go through our lives. We continue to be blessed to enjoy ministers of the gospel who follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in their messages. We pray that God will bless their lives for their continued work in the ministry.

The various report committees continues to do outstanding work in preparing the topics. We believe that much hard work was put forth to prepare the topics. May we continue to pray that God will help us to be more Christ-like today than we were yesterday.

I continue to give thanks for those who serve as the Finance Committee, the Topic Committee, and the Obituary Recorder. These brethren continue to make the work of the Clerk much easier.

May the Moderator receive a special blessing for his continued efforts to maintain order and unity throughout the sessions. May we remember the things he provides to this work, not just from the stand during the official meetings, but all throughout the year. We are truly blessed to have this man serve our Association in this capacity.

We wish to especially thank Bro. Clarence Carter for his many years of service to this Association as Moderator and most recently as the Assistant Moderator. His years of experience and input have helped in maintaining the harmony that this Association continues to enjoy. May God continue to bless us with his wisdom, leadership and presence for many years to come.

As we look forward to next year's sessions, may we all pray for the will of the Father in all things, as individual church members, as individual churches and as a united group of churches.

Please begin to pray for Bethel Church as she prepares to host the Association next year.

If it be God's will, I look forward to meeting with all of you as we gather together at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for the 152nd annual session on October 6, 2000, at 10:00 am ready to serve once more.

MAY GOD RECEIVE ALL HONOR AND GLORY FOR ALL THINGS.

Lee M. Carter, MD, Clerk

The Vote of Thanks was read by the Clerk. A motion and second was made to adopt. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to accept the minutes as recorded by the clerk. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 2000, at 10:00 am at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County. Motion carried.

Bro. Russell Tucker was asked to lead us in song and for all to shake hands with one another as we part to return to our individual churches. All the ministers were invited to the altar so that they could receive special consideration for their past labors.

After singing many wonderful songs in the Lord's Spirit and a few comments, we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. David Leslie, Oak Grove HC Church.

Harold Carver, Moderator
Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church

Lee Carter, Clerk
Independent Missionary Baptist Church

**ROLL CALL OF CHURCH MESSENGERS
FOR FRIDAY SESSION**

Bethel	Glenn Baker	Jimmy Bennett
Bible Grove	Bryan Oakes	Rayburn Woods
Caledonia	Detroy Allen	Lucille Allen
Center Point	Jerry King	Martin Watson
Clarksburg	Daniel Gant	Dwight Haskins
Concord	Jerry Dodd	Lester Waugh
Cross Roads	Jackie Wimberly	Brown Herrin
Ephesus	Gloria Wilbur	Betty McElroy
Independent	Ray Smith	Carl Scates
Landmark	James Wilkes	
Marlsboro	DID NOT REPRESENT	
Mixie	Garvin Renfroe	James Fowler
New Bethel	Tracy McDaniel	Edward Malone
New Cross Roads	Clarence Carter	James Lankford
New Hope	Clem Edd Todd	Scott Gallimore
New Liberty	Johnny Wall	Larry Johnson
New Prospect	Renn Johnson	Johnny Renfroe
New Spring Hill	Danny Quinn	
Oak Grove – CC	David Bond	Anita Bond
Oak Grove –HC	Stephen Skinner	David Leslie
Old Paths	Charles Connell	Norman Medlin
Old Union	Milburn Allen	
Pleasant Grove	Frank Rickman	Robert Tolley
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	Bill Hargrove
Pleasant Ridge	Terry Haskins	Barbara Haskins
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	Richard Osburn
Shiloh	Larry Pritchard	David Prater
Westport	Glynn Williams	Norman Leslie
Yuma	Lynn Breeden	Lisa Breeden

**ROLL CALL OF CHURCH MESSENGERS
FOR SATURDAY SESSION**

Bethel	Glenn Baker	Jimmy Bennett
Bible Grove	Bryan Oakes	Rayburn Woods
Caledonia	Detroy Allen	Lucille Allen
Center Point	Jerry King	Martin Watson
Clarksburg	Daniel Gant	Dwight Haskins
Concord	Jerry Dodd	Lester Waugh
Cross Roads	Buddy Elmore	Brown Herrin
Ephesus	Gene Wilbur	Betty McElroy
Independent	Ray Smith	Carl Scates
Landmark	James Wilkes	Ralph Sivilla
Marlsboro	DID NOT REPRESENT	
Mixie	Garvin Renfroe	
New Bethel	Tracy McDaniel	Edward Malone
New Cross Roads	Harold Palmer	James Lankford
New Hope	Clem Edd Todd	Scott Gallimore
New Liberty	Johnny Wall	Larry Johnson
New Prospect	Renn Johnson	Johnny Renfroe
New Spring Hill	Danny Quinn	Jim Holt
Oak Grove – CC	David Bond	Anita Bond
Oak Grove –HC	Stephen Skinner	David Leslie
Old Paths	Charles Connell	Norman Medlin
Old Union	DID NOT REPRESENT	
Pleasant Grove	Frank Rickman	Betty Stratton
Pleasant Hill	Grady Kee	Kate Kee
Pleasant Ridge	Terry Haskins	Barbara Haskins
Rushing's Creek	Derrick McDaniel	Freddie McDaniel, Jr.
Shiloh	Larry Pritchard	David Prater
Westport	Glynn Williams	Norman Leslie
Yuma	Lynn Breeden	Kevin Hollingshead

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1999 MINUTE FUND

BALANCE OCTOBER 10, 1998	\$ 2249.57
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EXPENDITURES:

Bartlett Printing	\$ 1050.00
Bank of Huntingdon	\$ 50.00
Postmaster	\$ 23.75

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 1999	\$ 1095.00
Interest Earned	\$ 101.73

BALANCE OCTOBER 9, 1999	\$ 2322.55
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Submitted by:

Larry Pritchard
Lynn Breeden
Daniel Gant
Finance Committee 1999

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BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

9039 COUNTY ROAD 214

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September 23, 1999

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

We are soon approaching the end of our Associational year and our Associational meetings. We hope and pray God has blessed you greatly this past year. We want to continue to pray for you and your lost and hope you will continue to do the same for us.

We would like to invite you to our Associational meetings this year, October 09, 10, 11, 12, 1999, at Alva Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Russellville, Alabama. We look forward to seeing you. Please call if you need directions or other information about the area.

In Christ's Love,

Keith L. Hood, Clerk
9039 County Road 314
Trinity, AL 35673
(256) 350-4632

Keith Prince, Moderator
124 County Road 165
Moulton, AL 35650
(256) 974-7898

WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

127 Catalpa Drive
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
March 27, 1999

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association sends greetings to our sister churches in the other associations.

The Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association met with Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Bowling Green, KY on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, 1999. Bro. Johnny Carver brought the Introductory Sermon and Bro. Eugene Brown brought the Doctrinal Sermon. We had two wonderful days of worship and fellowship.

Our 109th meeting of the Wiseman Association will be held according to the Lord's will, at New Zion Baptist Church at Bloomington Springs, Cookeville, TN on Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 23, 1999, convening at 10:00 A.M. Bro. Deric McClard was elected to bring the Introductory Sermon and Bro. William Overton was elected to bring the Doctrinal Sermon.

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless you and that many souls will be saved during this coming year. We invite you to meet with us at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in October.

Sincerely, in JESUS name,

Kenneth Massey
Moderator
905 Catalina Drive
Bowling Green, KY 42103

Tom Armstrong
Clerk
127 Catalpa Drive
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Bobby Sutton
Treasurer
130 Clifftop Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075

Directions from Nashville area to New Zion:

Take I-40 EAST towards Knoxville

Exit #280 – Baxter/Gainesboro Exit

Turn left onto Highway #56,

Go 4 miles to corner at Hwy 56 and Martins Creek Road

The church will be on the left.

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Baucom , Lonnie, New Liberty	901-986-4956
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Brewer , Darrell, Sr., New Cross Roads	901-852-2323
334 Oakwood Drive, Decaturville, TN 38329	
Crews , Trey, Independent	901-586-7697
112 Highland Street, Bruceton, TN 38317	
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1600 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
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220 Wyatt St. N., Bruceton, TN 38317	
Holland , Kevin, Mixie	901-986-4512
565 Chapel Hill Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
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4020 Highway 424, Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
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1040 Cody Hill Road, Lexington, TN 38351	
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Maness , Allen, Yuma	901-
1005 Myracle Town Road, Dardin, TN 38328	
Medlin , Kenny, Old Paths	901-386-5768
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2211 Meadowglade #2, Memphis, TN 38134	
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Carver, Harold D., Cross Roads	901-584-1899
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Chandler, Weldon, Bethel	901-986-4261
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325 Corn Lane, Buena Vista, TN 38318	
Halter, Phillip, New Liberty	901-986-4319
595 Halter Lane, Clarksburg, TN 38324	
Haskins, Dwight, Clarksburg	901-584-2539
56 Sherry Street, Camden, TN 38320	
Hayes, A. G., Bible Grove	901-968-7508
38 Dennison Dr., Lexington, TN 38351	
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20 Jacqueline Circle, Camden, TN 38320	
Hilliard, Billy Joe, Bible Grove	901-586-4671
Rowland Mill Road, Bruceton, TN 38317	
Hilliard, Bobby, Shiloh	901-586-2170
Bruceton, TN 38317	
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630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230

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369 Mebanewood Dr., Huntingdon, TN 38344

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100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348

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1225 Oak Manor Road, McKenzie, TN 38201

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375 Pleasant Grove Ch. Rd, Wildersville, TN 38388

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2000 SUMMER REVIVAL SCHEDULE

CHURCH	START DATE	HELPER
New Hope	05/28/2000	
Shiloh	06/18/2000	
Landmark	06/18/2000	Bro. Paul Cofer
Independent	06/25/2000	
Pleasant Ridge	06/25/2000	
New Cross Roads	07/02/2000	Bro. Phillip Halter
Westport	07/02/2000	
Center Point	07/09/2000	
Concord	07/09/2000	
Cross Roads	07/09/2000	Bro. Phillip Halter
Pleasant Grove	07/09/2000	Bro. Kenneth Massey
Mixie	07/09/2000	
Bethel	07/16/2000	
Marlsboro	07/16/2000	
Yuma	07/16/2000	
Caledonia	07/23/2000	
Clarksburg	07/23/2000	
New Bethel	07/23/2000	Bro. Phillip Halter
Oak Grove – HC	07/23/2000	
Bible Grove	08/06/2000	Bro. Rufus Chandler
Ephesus	08/06/2000	
New Prospect	08/06/2000	Bro. Phillip Halter
New Spring Hill	08/06/2000	
Oak Grove – CC	08/06/2000	
Old Paths	08/06/2000	
Rushing's Creek	08/06/2000	
Pleasant Hill	08/20/2000	
New Liberty	?	
Old Union	?	

VISITORS TO 1999 ASSOCIATION SESSION

Bro. Eugene Brown, Hendersonville, Tennessee
McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Sis. Alta Lynn Waugh
Jackson, Tennessee

Sis. Heather Lynn Ashe and two daughters
Dyersburg, Tennessee

Bro. and Sis. Edward Higdon
Fairview Baptist Church
Camden, Tennessee

We sincerely apologize if any visitors were present from other associations or independent churches that aren't listed on this page.

Mission Work

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Ministerial Alliance
Camden, Tennessee
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IN MEMORY OF OUR SAINTED DEAD

Bethel

Sis. Mary M. McCormick	01/06/1999
Bro. Charles Helms	05/09/1999

Bible Grove

Sis. Lizzie Hawkes	12/31/1998
Bro. Alvis Woods	01/31/1999
Sis. Michele Rena Minor	03/20/1999

Center Point

Sis. Marie Lankford	08/04/1999
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Clarksburg

Sis. Lucille Lesley	10/04/1998
Sis. Brooksie Nell Douglas	09/11/1999

Concord

Sis. Iva Brandon	12/16/1998
Sis. Mabel Stokes	05/19/1999
Bro. Cedric Horn	09/08/1999

Cross Roads

Bro. Onus Higdon, minister	11/14/1998
Sis. Pauline Phifer	11/??/1998
Sis. Clemmie Phifer	10/01/1998

Independent

Sis. Claudia Abell	01/09/1999
Sis. Carrie Wilkes	02/13/1999
Bro. Dorsey Dameron, Deacon	04/06/1999

Marlsboro

Sis. Sadie Wilson	11/10/1998
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Mixie

Sis. Dimple Robertson	04/06/1999
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New Bethel

Bro. Clarence Hall, Jr.	12/05/1998
Bro. Robert C. Poston	03/26/1999
Sis. Edna Irene Futrell	04/26/1999
Sis. Abby Hall	?

New Cross Roads

Sis. Corrine Brandon	08/27/1999
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New Hope

Bro. Chuck Ellington	07/09/1998
Bro. Billy Umstead	10/25/1998
Sis. Francis Umstead	11/27/1998
Sis. Willodean Crain	12/28/1998
Sis. Beatrice Douglas	?

New Liberty

Sis. Retha Francis Collins	02/16/1999
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New Prospect

Sis. Delta Gibson	04/22/1999
Sis. Dena Gibson	11/23/1998
Sis. Brooxie Oxford	11/17/1998

Oak Grove (HC)

Bro. James Lewis	09/09/1999
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Old Union

Sis. Nancy Autry	07/29/1999
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Pleasant Hill

Bro. Gilbert Mitchell, Deacon	07/25/1999
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Pleasant Ridge

Bro. Lexi Higdon	12/??/1998
Bro. Justice Reed	12/??/1998
Bro. Vernon Jordon	04/??/1999
Sis. Viva Hockman	08/??/1999

Rushing's Creek

Sis. Justine Rogers	10/19/1998
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Shiloh

Sis. Ercille Fullerton Boeker	12/01/1998
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Westport

Sis. Pearlie Sherrill	10/24/1998
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Yuma

Bro. Jerry Edwards	03/28/1999
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IN MEMORY OF ELDER ONUS HIGDON

Bro. J. Onus Higdon was born February 23, 1926 in Carroll County, TN to the late Ether Higdon and Mary Ethel Jordan Higdon. In 1950, Bro. Higdon felt the calling from God to preach the gospel. He would spend 6 years attempting to avoid his call to service, but he did begin to study the scriptures. Worried whether his wife, Clydene would leave him if she knew of his calling, he kept his Bible hidden under the car seat and did not confide in her of the calling. Later he would learn that she had found the Bible and felt that God had made the call. His surrender to the call when confronted with the potential loss of one of his children. He had a vision from God that Joyce, his 11-year-old daughter, was laying in a coffin. In August of 1956 during a revival at Crossroads Missionary Baptist Church, he yielded himself to the will of God.

Bro. Higdon's first pastoralship was in McEwen, TN. For over 40 years he pastored churches from Memphis, TN to McEwen. He held a strong conviction for mission work and made several endeavors in the mission field. He felt the strongest attachment as a mission effort to Fairview Memorial.

Bro. Higdon was a simple, honest and humble individual. Lacking even a High School education he endeavored to study the Bible coupled with prayer and meditation. He held a deep belief that God made the best instructor. He also firmly believed in the praising God through songs, one of his favorite songs was "Coming Home".

He was a devoted husband to Clydene as she fought a 6 year battle with cancer. Even in her death he found joy in serving God. His greatest burden was for the people who would not heed to the beckoning call of the Spirit to seek God's forgiveness for their souls. He could not understand why someone would neglect the most important event of their life; SALVATION.

In the later years of his service to God, his health waned. When no longer able to pastor a church and warn the sinners, he became discouraged. To all that had the privilege to know him, all would have to agree that he possessed a heart of gold and truly will be missed in this world, but we are sure to see him again when God calls us to come home, Bro. Higdon left this world to meet Jesus at the age of 72 years old on Saturday November 14, 1998. I am sure as the breath of life passed from his lips, his mind was singing, "Coming Home."

**IN MEMORY OF
ELDER CLARENCE HALL, JR
May 15, 1925 – December 5, 1998**

Bro. Hall was born May 15, 1925 in Henry County to the late Clarence, Sr. and Mable Hall. In November of 1942 he married Pauline Hall who survives. They had six children. A son preceded him in death.

Bro. Hall was saved in 1947 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church where he later joined. In 1951, he was called to preach the Gospel.

Through the next several years, Bro. Hall preached in several Churches around Henry and Carroll Counties. He helped form a small mission in McKenzie. In the fall of 1971 he was called to pastor Caledonia Missionary Baptist Church near McKenzie. He was ordained in October of 1971. He was the pastor there until 1976. During that time he baptized both his sons.

In the fall of 1998, Bro. Hall was told he had cancer of the colon and liver. He requested that he be able to die at home. One day while talking to a nurse from Hospice, she asked him if he was ready to die. Without blinking an eye he told her he was ready to go. I thank God he was. Cancer took his life, but God took his soul!

David Hall

1999 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Glenn Baker	16	98	\$1,249.75
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	14	0	\$10,943.54
Caledonia	Gordon Traywick	7	20	\$676.12
Center Point	Jerry King	6	30	\$202.73
Clarksburg	Daniel Gant	15	95	\$868.30
Concord	Lester Waugh	17	75	\$621.92
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	15	65	0
Ephesus	Eddie McElroy	5	34	\$1,956.97
Independent	Ray Smith	10	110	\$794.02
Landmark	Robert Jones	9	28	\$125.35
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	3	0	\$368.24
Mixie	Garvin Renfroe	7	48	\$2,170.00
New Bethel	Leon Owen	8	25	\$615.15
New Cross Roads	Gene Lankford	14	0	\$1,246.21
New Hope	Roy Hatch	8	60	\$655.55
New Liberty	Brian Johnson	8	0	\$2,419.72
New Prospect	Michael Renfroe	8	84	\$522.21
New Spring Hill	George Norman	4	30	0
Oak Grove – CC	Brian Hampton	4	24	\$187.61
Oak Grove – HC	Jimmy Wallace	12	55	\$1,117.20
Old Paths	Larry Inglis	8	0	0
Old Union	Milburn Allen	4	17	0
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	7	0	\$3,162.40
Pleasant Hill	Randy Hargrove	8	40	\$1,355.00
Pleasant Ridge	Randall Smith	6	29	\$1,842.78
Rushing's Creek	Michael Boshers	7	35	\$1,970.00
Shiloh	Joe Cary	3	0	0
Westport	Charles Johnson	12	45	\$2,337.25
Yuma	David Cary	11	0	0
TOTALS		256	1047	\$37,408.02

1999 STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	Church Day	Baptisms	Additions by Letters	Restoration	Total Additions	Death	Losses By Letters	Exclusions	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing	Expenditures	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	1,2,3,4	1	4	0	5	2	1	0	3	162	2	0	16,669.11	21,343.00	4,241.00	545.00	35.00	25.00	42,858.11
Bible Grove	ALL	1	3	0	4	3	1	0	4	208	1	0	79,831.17	18,086.75	2,451.50	700.00	50.00	25.00	101,144.42
Caledonia	ALL	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	43	2	1	2,669.51	3,094.00	2,410.00	0	35.00	10.00	8,218.51
Center Point	ALL	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	58	1	1	2,284.03	2,312.47	312.00	304.75	30.00	10.00	5,253.25
Clarksburg	ALL	5	8	0	13	2	3	0	5	161	1	1	9,813.27	33,375.59	2,025.00	15,492.17	50.00	25.00	60,781.03
Concord	ALL	3	5	0	8	3	0	1	4	142	2	1	40,485.61	11,104.00	1,964.50	3,079.64	60.00	25.00	56,718.75
Cross Roads	ALL	3	0	0	3	3	2	2	7	226	2	1	54,979.80	26,357.30	5,626.91	1,200.00	75.00	15.00	88,254.01
Ephesus	ALL	7	11	0	18	0	3	0	3	79	2	0	3,483.97	4,100.00	400.00	600.00	15.00	10.00	8,608.97
Independent	ALL	0	5	0	5	3	4	0	7	210	2	0	73,167.64	36,400.00	4,211.00	3,487.12	50.00	50.00	117,365.76
Landmark	ALL	0	1	2	3	0	5	12	17	59	1	0	21,112.51	15,897.75	4,607.75	900.00	50.00	50.00	42,618.01
Marlsboro	ALL	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	59	1	0	3,062.30	7,175.50	710.00	0	25.00	10.00	10,982.80
Mixie	ALL	3	1	0	4	1	1	0	2	84	1	1	20,867.00	9,643.00	1,240.00	3,225.00	25.00	25.00	35,025.00
New Bethel	ALL	4	4	0	8	4	4	4	12	93	1	1	6,331.83	10,259.00	999.00	1,273.00	25.00	25.00	18,912.83
New Cross Roads	ALL	4	1	0	5	1	3	1	5	125	2	2	29,294.75	17,029.00	1,463.50	3,070.00	50.00	25.00	50,932.25
New Hope	ALL	2	1	0	3	5	0	0	5	117	1	1	6,249.09	10,027.00	3,803.00	1,924.75	35.00	20.00	22,058.84
New Liberty	ALL	2	3	0	5	1	1	0	2	106	1	1	4,420.39	22,942.00	5,036.00	6,521.00	50.00	50.00	39,019.39
New Prospect	2&4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	146	1	0	2,178.24	5,300.73	1,476.00	0	20.00	20.00	8,994.97
New Spring Hill	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	29	1	0	2,307.84	3,397.00	0	0	10.00	10.00	5,724.84
Oak Grove – CC	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1	1	6,243.03	7,011.00	205.00	437.00	30.00	30.00	13,956.03
Oak Grove – HC	ALL	4	1	0	5	1	0	1	2	167	1	0	18,192.25	28,362.25	1,926.00	2,900.00	90.00	20.00	51,490.50
Old Paths	ALL	3	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	22	1	1	10,410.00	12,700.00	7,079.00	5,150.00	15.00	10.00	35,364.00
Old Union	ALL	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	38	0	0	2,149.25	1,777.00	460.00	0	15.00	15.00	4,416.25
Pleasant Grove	ALL	3	7	0	10	0	0	0	0	69	1	0	7,351.98	10,744.15	1,256.00	0	50.00	50.00	19,452.13
Pleasant Hill	ALL	0	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	218	1	1	2,242.58	5,187.21	2,822.40	0	40.00	10.00	10,302.19
Pleasant Ridge	ALL	4	5	0	9	4	0	0	4	95	1	1	5,157.47	16,954.16	1,244.35	1,700.00	20.00	15.00	25,090.98
Rushing's Creek	ALL	2	6	2	10	1	2	0	3	149	1	0	9,857.89	22,907.00	987.00	5,280.00	35.00	20.00	39,086.89
Shiloh	ALL	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	55	1	0	3,195.88	24,077.00	883.00	2,250.00	45.00	20.00	30,470.88
Westport	ALL	4	1	0	5	1	3	0	4	97	1	0	8,972.38	7,595.02	1,369.00	1,190.00	35.00	35.00	19,196.40
Yuma	ALL	0	3	2	5	1	4	0	5	175	1	0	0	0	0	0	30.00	10.00	40.00
TOTALS		56	80	6	142	44	44	23	111	3232			452,980.77	395,158.88	61,208.91	61,229.43	1,095.00	665.00	972,337.99

