

2000 MINUTES

OF THE

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

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

**BETHEL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

CARROLL COUNTY, TENNSEE

OCTOBER 6-7, 2000

THE NEXT MEETING

will be held with Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church in Collierville, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2001, at 10:00 AM located at 10540 Collierville Road.

2000 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon-----Eld. Derrick Jowers
Alternate-----Eld. Jeffrey Simmons
Doctrinal Sermon-----Eld. Rufus Chandler
Alternate-----Eld. Phillip Halter

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2001

Call Association to Order
Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
Appoint Finance Committee
Appoint Topics Committee for 2002 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 2002 Session
Select Brethren to Preach 2002 Annual Sermons
Introductory Sermon – 11:00 AM
Call for Correspondence
Call for Report on Three Fold Being
Call for Report on The Use of the Keys of the Kingdom
Call for Report on Importance and Necessity of Prayer
Call for Report on Financing the Lord's Work

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2001

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 Judgment Seat of Christ
Doctrinal Sermon – 11:00 AM
Call for Report on Recognizing the Falling Away
Call for Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptist
Call for New Business
Reading Of the Vote Of Thanks
Read and Approve Minutes by Clerk
Song and Parting Hand

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2000 – 2001

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NEW CROSS ROADS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2000

On Friday October 6, a very cool and cloudy day, the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met for her one hundred fifty-second annual session with Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. We began by singing, "Since He Gave Me This Heart Of Love," led by Bro. Ricky Lewis, Oak Grove (HC) Church, accompanied by Sis. Reba McCay, Oak Grove (HC) Church, on the piano.

The Assistant Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, called the Association to order, for her 152nd annual session and announced to the Association the news that our Moderator, Bro. Harold Carver, was currently in surgery in Memphis, TN this morning. He described how Bro. Carver and he had met and spoke earlier this week and how Bro. Carver's faith remained strong in God that His will would be done. He read a card that Bro. Carver sent to be read to the body this morning. Bro. Smith asked that we all offer a prayer on behalf of Bro. Carver and the surgery. He asked Bro. Kenneth Massey, Moderator of Wiseman Baptist Association, to lead us in this special opening prayer. Bro. Smith asked that the body would offer prayers for him as he serves as the Moderator for this session. It was his desire that God would be glorified in the effort this day.

He asked Bro. Lewis to return and lead us in another song. Bro. Lewis chose "Victory In Jesus."

Bro. Smith welcomed everyone who was present this day and thanked Bethel Church for her willingness to serve as host Church for this session. The Association last met with this wonderful church in 1980. He introduced the pastor, Bro. Phillip Halter, and the deacon body present to assist any as needed.

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

The Pastor and Deacon Body of Bethel Church
Finance Committee:

Bro. Larry Pritchard – Shiloh Church
Bro. Lynn Breeden – Yuma Church
Bro. Jimmy Hale – Clarksburg Church

2001 Topic Committee:

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

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Max Carrington – New Hope Church
The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum.

The call for church letters was made and they were presented to the Clerk. The Assistant 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 56 messengers were seated by motion and second. Motion carried.

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

Nine churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2001 session. A motion and second was made to select Old Paths Church as the host site. Motion carried.

Bro. Derrick Jowers 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. Jeff Simmons 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. Rufus Chandler 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. Phillip Halter 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, "I'll Fly Away." Bro. Chris Solomon, the pastor of Old Paths Church, was introduced as the one selected last year to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Bro. Solomon came to the stand and used a most colorful description of how nervous he felt standing before this body. He told of his former pastoral work in Ohio, and how God had led him to Old Paths just a few years ago. He described how it was a privilege to stand before the body to preach the Word of God. He hoped that at the close of his message any concerns about not knowing him personally would be relieved. He said that every time that one stands and preaches the Word of God is indeed a great responsibility. He gave us a title "A Call To Action." He read from I Tim. 3:15 as a scriptural text.

He described how we have a heritage that carries back to the time of Jesus when he called out his apostles and disciples to form the first Church. He focused on how the Church grew and people were saved and how the Word was spread to areas that had never before had heard the Gospel. He reminded us that it was to the Church that all authority was given to spread the Gospel and baptize those who had been saved. It was not given to a man or mankind. It is the Spirit of God that empowers the Church to do its work.

He described how similar today is to the time of Noah, and how he believed we were near the end of time as we know it. He noted how evil continued to abound as a cancer upon this earth.

He told of his birth and growing up in Florida and then moved to Tennessee as a teenager. He told of his salvation kneeling between two benches in the back of a small church. He described of how man had tried to replace God's plan of salvation with his own plans to attempt to reach Heaven. He told of how he has been married for sixteen years and how sadly divorce is becoming more prevalent than marriage in this time. He then told of his call to the ministry in 1986. He said he didn't think he could do it then and knows he can't now except by the help of God. He was thankful how God continues to teach us lessons on how much we truly need Him.

Truth today seems to be in short supply. Mankind prefers to believe a lie than the true Word of God. The Church has been charged to preach the total pure doctrines of God not just intriguing portions. We need to be about the “feeding of Jesus’ sheep” as was put forth to Peter by Jesus himself. It is the true Word of God, that is accompanied by the Spirit of God, that is driven to the depths of a person’s heart to find lodging and have the opportunity to grow. When our hearts are right with God we are able to overcome the differences that exist in all of our relationships.

In Jeremiah 6 it tells of how we should seek the old paths and follow that good way of God. This is how we find rest for our souls. Even though we have had wonderful opportunities to hear messages from preachers that have touched us, we must remember that we all are responsible to share our personal testimonies with those that are in need. The redeemed of the Lord need to share that which God has given.

The scriptures teach how the lost need someone to show them the light of the Gospel. The Spirit of God is going forth and convicting those that are lost. We need to be concerned for those that don’t know God. There is never an opportunity no need for us to rest before God until He calls us home. Our responsibility doesn’t end with our individual family members or personal friends. We have a responsibility to carry the Gospel to all to tell them that there is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun.

He took the moment to relate the importance of the women in the Church to the spread of the Gospel. He spoke of the effect of the prayers of mothers, grandmothers, and other women on those that are lost. He told that all, both men and women, are needed to share the Word.

It seems to be the love of the world and its pleasures that is standing in the way of the growth of our congregations. We are becoming more interested in spending our money on items that provide personal pleasures than the provisions for the Church. We need to fall out of love with the world and fall back in love with our Savior.

He read from Second Timothy and spoke of how we need to strive to endure sound doctrine. Our churches hold the same responsibility as Timothy to preach the Word of God, endure afflictions, to do the work of an evangelist, and make full proof of this ministry. We must strive to help each and every one to grow to their full potential in God. We need the meat of the Word to be able to stand against the evil one. Our ministers need to strive to preach with both power and authority lead by the Spirit of God.

As he closed, he again thanked the Association for the invitation to preach before this body and asked God’s blessing upon all.

At the close of his message, Bro. Solomon 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. Arzell Douglas, Pleasant Ridge Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled after enjoying a most wonderful lunch prepared by the host church and friends and sang “My God Is Real,” “Heaven’s Jubilee” and “That’s Why I Love Him So.” We were led by Bro. Charles Connell, Old Paths Church, accompanied by Sis. Ann Ridings, Independent Church, on the piano. The Assistant Moderator stood and thanked Bethel and friends for the wonderful meal provided for lunch today. He read from Psalms 133. He asked Bro. Trey Crews, Independent Church, to lead us in prayer.

We took a moment to recognize visitors to this meeting. Please refer to the list of visitors for the 2000 session.

The Moderator called for any correspondence. The Clerk noted the reception of letters 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 Heaven

Heaven- the part of God's creation above the earth and the waters including "air" and "space" and serving as home for God and His heavenly creatures.

As *God's dwelling place*, heaven is not a divine haven where God can isolate Himself from earth, it is the divine workplace, where He sends blessings to His people (Deuteronomy 26:15; Isaiah 63:15). This is not a state but a place. Jesus spoke of heavenly life as time of joy, celebration, and fellowship with God. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Matthew 6:21. If your heart is into serving God, it will be focused on heavenly things.

Jesus speaks in Matthew chapter 3 about gathering "his wheat into the garner". A garner is a barn or storehouse. This is a future *home for the believers (II Corinthians 5: 1-2). One day the Lord will return in glory and bring rewards with him. It is at this time that God's children shall be gathered together one with another along with our Lord and Savior. Our minds cannot fathom what this day will be like nor what beauty that heaven will possess. The mind, our visions, our natural bodies are not able to comprehend spiritual matters. The carnal mind is an enmity against God (Romans 8:7). Poets may write, and artists can draw their own expressions of what heaven is truly like. Remember that this is only the natural mind. The Tower of Babel demonstrates that man cannot access to heaven by himself. On the other hand, Jacob's ladder shows that we can have access to heaven through God. Even though we know that we (the saved) are bound for heaven, we can understand some things about it, but not everything. No matter how beautiful a sermon is "nor ear heard...the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Corinthians 2:9).

Access to heaven is not an unachievable goal. The only way that one is able to have access to heaven is through Jesus (Romans 8:26). Just like in the Old Testament where the Levitical High Priest had access to the Holiest of Holies (where God dwelt), today that access is still there for us through Jesus Christ our Lord (Hebrews 9: 24). "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (I Corinthians 2: 9-10). Paul is not talking about heaven here but what he is saying is that the wisdom of this world cannot perceive the things of God. We see here that within our own power and carnal mind, we are not able to comprehend spiritual things, but in the spirit we can. "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit". With this access we can have some experiences that lets us know that heaven is a place of reality (Ephesians 2:6). May we strive to have some heavenly experiences while here on earth.

In closing, it is evident that heaven is not a place we know nothing about. As saved people we all have had at least one heavenly experience. Is that all God wanted us to have?

Since heaven is spiritual, then the access to it is spiritual too. The gate is there so that we might have access, not to keep us out. Getting to experience heavenly things on Earth might not be easy, but it is possible. The sweetest song, the most artistic painting or the greatest dream cannot do heaven's true beauty justice. Heaven may be a place that is not fully understandable, but one day it will be experienced.

* home-a place where one was born or reared (cf John 3:3)

The report on Heaven was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Scott Carter, Clarence Carter, and Kenneth Massey.

Report on Hell

The word of God indisputably teaches that there is a literal burning Hell. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, spoke more on the subject of Hell than any other individual in the Bible. While fulfilling his earthly ministry his love for mankind and for truth compelled Him, not only to teach about God's love and forgiveness, but to also give many sharp warnings conceding "the fire that never shall be quenched"(Mark 9:45).

Today, Jesus is sat down at the right hand of the father with watchful eyes upon his church with whom he left the commission to "preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15) expecting that we should follow his example and faithfully warn unbelievers to repent or perish.

Many today, because of a lack of study or blatant denial of God's word believe Hell to be nothing more than a myth. Supposed preachers and teachers alike, by zeroing in, and concentrating only on God's great attribute of love fail to present the equally great attributes of his holiness and justice. This reaching of selective doctrine gives unbelievers a limited and therefore faulty and deceptive concept of the Person and characteristics of our great God, and if left unchecked will cause sinners to perish in the same Hell it denies. The word of God teaches that he in His divine perfection, provided by the substitutionary death of his dear Son, a way of escape from the deserved punishment of Hell, and a way to enjoy the wonderful yet undeserved privilege of spending eternity in his glorious presence, but should the sinner fail to come by God's prescribed route to salvation, (the cross of Christ) His Holiness and justice demand retribution. Therefore, Hell is not only allowed, but necessary! God is absolutely Holy, and because of his holiness he cannot tolerate in his presence, the least sin. (Hab 1:13) Therefore Hell is necessary as a place of eternal banishment of impenitent sinners from his Holy presence. (Matt 25:41) Because God is just, and sin is both willful rebellion against his majesty, and the voluntary transgression of his holy law, Hell is necessary in order that God's name, and his justice might be vindicated by the punishment of every sin as fully as it deserves. (Rom. 12:19)

The word of God describes for us many characteristics of Hell, and the torments sinners will endure in its midst. Hell is described as a "Lake of fire and brimstone" (Rev 20:10). In this fire the lost will suffer in body and soul. (Matt 10:28) Men will suffer indescribable pain, consciously enduring the flame as they weep and gnash their teeth, (Matt 8:12). They will be tormented by insatiable thirst, where no water is to be found. (Luke 6:24) They will be tormented by the terrible stench of burning flesh, and brimstone (sulfur). Memory will torture the unbeliever's conscience, as they recall thwarted opportunities for salvation, and the vanity in which they spent their earthly lives. (Luke 16:25) Hell is described as the blackness of darkness. (Jude 13) In this darkness man will suffer loneliness and great fear. Although Hell is packed with inmates there is no companionship, only suffering, bitterness, and anger. In Hell

“the worm dieth not” (Mark 9:44). The worm represents shame, and reproach, which accompany the sin nature and its lusts. In Hell men will suffer eternally as their sinful desires continue unabated, without the ability to satisfy in the smallest degree the filthy lust of the flesh! Lastly, in Hell there is no hope! Sinners in Hell will be fully aware that their separation from God and his mercies, and their unspeakable sufferings will be without end. Just as the degrees of suffering in Hell are incomprehensible to the human mind, so is the eternity of Hell beyond the scope of our finite understanding.

Therefore, seeing our inability to even begin to speak or understand the terrors that await our lost friends, and loved ones, let us faithfully and tirelessly warn them “to flee the wrath to come, for “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” (Prov: 9-10)

Respectfully Submitted,
Phillip Halter
Glenn Baker

The report on Hell was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Phillip Halter, Glenn Baker, and Lynn Stapleton.

Report on Importance of Church Membership

When we speak of the word church, we by no means speak of a building of any kind. Bricks and mortar or any other type of material do not make a church. In the New Testament the word church (ekklesia) in most cases refers to a local congregation of believers { Acts 14 : 23 }; in other cases the word church refers to Christians in a more general sense { Ephesians 5 : 27 }. Also it is of utmost importance to distinguish between becoming a Christian and becoming a church member. First we are saved by grace and then we follow the Lord in believers baptism, and only then, do we become a church member.

It is the duty and the privilege of every saved person to unite with the local church. We find this was the divinely appointed procedure from the beginning. In Acts 2 , the gospel was preached , men and women heard the message, were convicted of their sins, repented of their sins toward God, believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour , were saved and then baptized, confessing Jesus publicly by their obedience in following the Lord’s command, and were received into the local church.

For the Christian, the worship of God is not an elective , something he (she) may do, or not do, as their fancy leads. Those who excuse themselves from worship, or dictate how and where their worship shall be offered repudiate the very spirit of worship by their attitude. Worship means nothing if it does not involve obedience. It is true that worship can be offered anywhere and at anytime, and circumstances may compel the child of God to fulfil the obligation of worship in strange places and at odd hours. But it is equally true that those who without much thought talk about worshiping God as well at home or some place else, as in church usually do not worship at all. *Hebrews 10 : 25 – “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another : and so much the more , as ye see the day approaching.”*

As church members we have a task to perform. We are not asked whether we will accept it. Christ called us into the fellowship of his church for this very purpose. We are to be witnesses of Him (Acts 1 : 8), like Andrew telling Peter his brother, the very nature of the born

again child of God is to share his blessing with others. And when we do, then the joy of church membership is experienced at its greatest and best, for nothing can bring any greater joy to the Christian's heart than to see others saved by God's Amazing Grace.

How tragic it is when church members fail to appreciate the importance of this fellowship of learning within the church. The result is seen in church members who know little or nothing of the doctrines of their church, of the content of the Bible, or the imperatives of the Christian life, and of the obligations of service; members, in fact, who are liabilities rather than assets to the cause of Christ.

Lack of understanding of the character of the church surely explains why many people whose names are on the church rolls treat their membership so lightly. A right concept of the church as to its divine origin, its relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ, its God-ordained mission, and its glorious destiny should thrill all of our hearts and impel a love and loyalty which can be offered to no earthly organization.

No other cause has ever demanded such devotion as the cause of Christ. Whole periods of the church's history was written in blood, as powers of evil offered resistance to the onward progress of the gospel and sought in vain to extinguish the light by killing the torchbearers. Many of those heroic souls, both men and women, who laid down their lives rather than deny their Lord, are shadowy figures on history's pages. History has preserved the names of some, but little more. Yet, while the details may be blurred, we know, from the evidence of friends and enemies, that hundreds died, burned like human torches, or thrown to the lions, for no other reason than their Christian faith. These were the church members of their day, whose loyalty rebukes us for our softness and challenges us to meet the conditions of our own times in the same spirit of fortitude and faith.

In calling out his church, Christ had purposes of far reaching importance in the over-all program of his kingdom. Some of those purposes will only be fully revealed and realized in eternity. But he had one immediate purpose which can and should be fulfilled in the present experience of each of us who profess to be his followers. He knew our need for companionship and friendship on the level of our own humanity, and he provided for that in the institution of the church.

There is nothing like responsibility to bring the best out of a person. If this is so, church membership should make great characters of us all. For God had no little plan in mind when He designed the church. He entrusted it with his truth, and he relies upon it to guard that truth at all costs and to pass it on unchanged from generation to generation.

The joys of Christian service can be experienced here and now. But they will be known at their highest and best when we hear the Master say: *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."* Matt. 25: 21. Heaven's joys will spring from earth's loyalties, but they will surpass our present joys as the sun outshines the flickering light of a candle. To know that in this life we have pleased our Lord will bring an eternity of satisfaction.

To truly realize the importance of our church membership we must consider the vows each of us made to God as we became church members. It is best expressed in what we call "The Church Covenant". The joys of church membership are not of the carnival kind: not passing thrills but lasting satisfactions, realized sometimes after much toil and many tears. But they are joys which have no equal and which none can take away. For they belong to eternity and not to time; they are the gift of God to his faithful people.

Humbly and Prayerfully Submitted
Bro. Bryan L. Oakes
Bro. Clint Sanders

The Report on Importance of Church Membership was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Bryan Oakes, Clint Sanders, Ray Smith, and Jimmy Hale.

Report on Church Discipline

When a saved person joins the Lords' church that person becomes part of the Lords' visible body here on earth. He or she comes to be identified as a Christian and a member of the Lords' body. The meaning of the word "*Christian*" is to be Christ like. A "*disciple*" is one who learns the way of the Lord and walks in that way. The Apostle Paul wrote in **Romans 12:1-2** "¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. ²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Therefore, the first responsibility of discipline falls upon the individual himself or herself. People who say they are a Christian yet walk outside the pathway shown to us by the Lord should examine their self to see if they are truly in the faith. **1 John 2:3-6** "³And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. ⁶He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." If a member of the Lords' Church habitually walks outside the path that the Lord walked, in order to avoid bringing further shame and reproach upon the Lord, the church must discipline that member. If the individual will not exercise self discipline the church must act.

According to scripture there are two separate types of offenses. **1. Personal offences** (*Matthew 18:15-18*) **2. Offenses against the church.** (*1 Corinthians chapter 5*) They are to be treated differently. Personal offenses should be dealt with one on one in a first effort to resolve the matter. (*Matthew 18:15*) If this effort fails, the individual offended should take one or two other members with him/her to talk to the other member. (*Matthew 18:16*) Personal offenses should be resolved between Christian men or women without involving the whole church. If these efforts are successful then there is no need for the entire church to be made aware of the offense. If the two parties still will not be reconciled together, the last step is to take it before the church and allow the church to rule in the matter. (*Matthew 18:17-18*)

The second type of offense is an offense directly against the church. Some unacceptable types of behavior are mentioned in **1 Corinthians 5:11** "¹¹But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a **fornicator**, or **covetous**, or an **idolater**, or a **railer**, or a **drunkard**, or an **extortioner**; with such an one no not to eat." Of course a *fornicator* is one who indulges in unlawful sexual activity. A *covetous* person is one that is eager to have more, especially that which belongs to others. An *idolater* is one who is a worshipper of false gods. This could apply to many things in our modern world. A *railer* is someone who uses abusive language, someone with a foul mouth. A *drunkard* would be someone who is intoxicated. This could apply to alcohol or drugs. An *extortioner* is someone who takes things wrongfully, even by stealing or robbery. These things bring reproach upon the name of the Lord

and His church. Such reckless behavior by a member hurts the witness and effectiveness of a church. Paul said such members should be put away from the body. **1 Corinthians 5:13** ^{“13}But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.” Paul is saying to put a person such as this out of the church and God will judge them. It is for the good of the body and ultimately for the good of the individual. **1 Corinthians 5:4-5** ^{“4}In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with them power of the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵To deliver such as one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.” It should be hoped that upon being confronted by the church, the offending member would be repentant. That is what happened in this case that Paul was writing to the Corinthians about. We find in **2 Corinthians 2:6-8** Paul encouraging the Corinthians to forgive this man because he was repentant. ^{“6}Sufficient to such a man *is* this punishment, which *was inflicted* of many. ⁷So that contrariwise ye *ought* rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with over much sorrow. ⁸Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* love toward him.” This is the desired outcome in administering church discipline.

Revelation chapters two and three give us insight to seven churches. Five of these churches are unfavorable to the Lord. Only two of the churches receive no reprimand, Smyrna, and Philadelphia. The other five churches are given warning from the Lord himself to repent and correct their error. As the coming of the Lord draws near, should not we as His disciples make every effort to get the Lords’ house in order? Not taking disciplinary action from a vengeful or mean spirited heart, but because we love the Lord and His church and also because we love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I Peter 4:17-19

¹⁷For the *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? ¹⁸And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? ¹⁹Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Larry Johnson
Bro. Johnny Wall

The Report on Church Discipline was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Johnny Wall, Larry Johnson, and Stephen Skinner.

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. Max Carrington, New Hope Church.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2000

The Association began the second day of sessions by singing, “I Never Shall Forget the Day,” “Living By Faith” and “Victory Was Won At Calvary” lead by Bro. Harold Eubanks, Bethel Church, and accompanied by Bro. Max Carrington, New Hope Church, on the piano. The Assistant Moderator took the stand and after a few remarks read from 1 Peter 1:18-25. He asked Bro. Rufus Chandler, Concord Church, to lead us in prayer.

The roll call of messengers listed 55 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 \$1110.00, and the Clerk Fund of \$685.00 giving a total of \$1795.00. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 7, 2000 is \$2020.23. 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 the Lord has called 56 of our brethren and sisters in Christ. We realize that our loss is their gain. 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. For we must remember that it is appointed unto man once to die and after death the judgment. We must keep the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Of our 56 that the Lord has called 4 were ordained Deacons.

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 2001 topic reports.
Report on a Three Fold Being
Report on the Use of the Keys of the Kingdom
Report on the Judgment Seat of Christ
Report on the Importance and Necessity of Prayer
Report on Recognizing the Falling Away
Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptist
Report on Financing the Lord's Work

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 Need for an Associational Missionary

From man's creation and placement in the Garden of Eden, God has faithfully communicated His word and will to the human family. This is vividly recorded in Genesis 3:9. When Adam sinned and God's voice was heard calling to him, "Where art thou?" Since that day, Hebrews 1:1 & 2 tells us "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." At this present time, The Lord continues to speak through His authorized agency, the church.

From the great commission recorded in Mathew 28 we understand the mission of the New Testament church is to spread the Gospel to every creature throughout the entire world. This task is impossible for one believer or one church. It is even impossible for all the churches combined if not for the grace of God. The Lord gave us an at Pentecost to show us that His work would be fulfilled by bringing people from all over the world to Jerusalem to hear the gospel. Those people witnessed the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit and heard the word in their native language and were gloriously saved. When they returned to their native countries they carried the good news with them.

Jesus told His disciples in Acts 1:8 “Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.” Whether the uttermost parts of earth have heard the Gospel is a matter of debate, but one thing is certain, a vast portion of the earth has been evangelized.

Jesus planted a mustard seed in Jerusalem and that seed was cultivated and watered by the apostles until the whole earth has come under the influence of the Gospel. Through the preaching of repentance and faith by John the Baptist disciples were made, and out of those disciples Jesus organized the first church. That church was missionary in practice and Baptist in doctrine. It is our responsibility to continue the work Jesus began, and the Book of acts gives us a clear pattern for how that work should be done.

In 1 Corinthians 5:20, Paul (perhaps the greatest missionary ever known) said, “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ.” An ambassador is someone who represents another. The Scriptures tell us that we are servants of the Most High god, and apostles sent from God to spread the Gospel and promote His good will. Our mission then is to be God’s representatives and to spread His word and good will to the best of our ability.

After Paul spent a number of years as a missionary and had planted several churches throughout Asia Minor, Acts 15:36 tells us that Paul had a desire to return. He spoke to Barnabas and said, “Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.” A careful study of Acts and a map of Asia Minor shows that Paul did return. The Scriptures tell us that Paul confirmed and strengthened the churches he had planted and then he reached out further to plant new churches. Not once, but twice Paul followed this pattern. He kept to his original route for the most part and then expanded his mission field further into each country.

There is great need to evangelize the world at large today. There is also a great need to strengthen the churches that already exist. In his history of The Welsh Baptists, J. Davis tells us that associations of Baptist Churches existed as early as 600 A.D. He also states that associations were formed and met annually and sometimes more often to discuss how they might advance the cause of Christ further into Wales. He further shows that the Welsh Baptist regarded every minister as a missionary and encouraged them to strengthen the churches doctrine through regular visits and preaching engagements. (The Welsh Baptists by J. Davis, page 187)

Today, we are seeing the spread of modern religious doctrine and the trend toward easy – believism everywhere. Churches on the verge of lapsing into doctrinal error might be recovered if Paul’s pattern or the Welsh Baptist pattern were followed. We are also surrounded by Missionary Baptist Churches (at least in name) that we have no knowledge of. An associational missionary, messenger or ambassador might accomplish much by visiting these churches and assisting the Southwestern District Association in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the good will of this association. We have much to gain by strengthening our doctrine and

fellowship among our own churches and searching for and developing fellowship with sound Baptist Churches everywhere.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lynn Stapleton
Trey Crews

The Report on the Need for an Associational Missionary was read and spoken to by Bros. Lynn Stapleton, and Trey Crews. Because of the approaching sermon hour, we postponed further discussion until the afternoon.

At the 11:00 am hour, the Assistant Moderator called for a song and the body stood and sang "I Want To Be Ready To Meet Him" led by Bro. Bill Rogers, Bethel Church. He then introduced Bro. Stephen Skinner to deliver the Doctrinal Sermon.

Bro. Skinner came before the body and remarked on how thankful he was for the opportunity to speak before this body. He asked for prayer for the 17 day mission effort that he is going to be involved next week. He asked that God would watch over them and that He would bless with success in the spreading of the Gospel.

He read from Matt 10:26-39. He took his topic from II Timothy and spoke about "full assurance." Baptist have been criticized for teaching a doctrine of a know so salvation that cannot be lost. The world simply doesn't understand. A full assurance requires an experimental understanding and knowledge of God and the experience thereof. A personal experience of God is necessary, for it was written that "I know that my Redeemer lives." We should have a personal knowledge of Jesus in order to know God.

Knowledge of God is not only spoken of and taught in the New Testament, but the Old Testament is full of teachings that point to Jesus and our relationship with God if we but are willing to let the Spirit lead us to understand. There are many foreshadowing examples of Jesus to be found in many of the "stories" found in the Old Testament.

A knowledge of "in whom we believe" is a lifetime pursuit that must grow as we age. How much more do we know someone when we spend time with them than to just read or hear about someone. The scriptures teach that Jesus comes to us and that the Spirit of God is sent to us to abide with us. We need an increased desire and thirst that Jesus would live with us.

He described in the early parts of his ministry he would go and visit older people of the Church and he could truly sense that they knew Jesus better than he did, because they appeared to have strived to live with Jesus every day of their lives.

To have a full assurance requires a personal faith in Jesus. We must have a living faith that is a way of life not a one time episode. Faith is actually the truth, the substance, and the reality of life. Carnal objects are not truly ours. We may possess for a short time but can be easily lost. Our faith in God is the only thing that has true value. We seem to get the values of the things in our life mixed up. Faith must be exercised and used and not just ignored. We must have and use faith in order to please God. We can't work unless we have faith, and as written in the book of James we have trouble with faith if we don't work. Faith must be built upon daily and allowed to grow. Faith must especially be focused upon in times of trouble and persecution. Faith increases through trials. Faith is a lifelong pursuit striving and desiring to increase it and to build upon it.

On our journey through life we find “way stations” but we still seek a city not built with hands. Now is not the time to rest but to work. The time to rest is at the completion of our faith when we enter Heaven, not before.

A personal commitment to Jesus is necessary to have full assurance. We must give Jesus what he already owns. Jesus purchased our lives on the cross. We are just stewards of this life for a short time. When we give Jesus our life, we have obtained the purpose of life which is to glorify God. We must acknowledge and believe that God is our Creator and Savior. His children have been called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus seeking the will of God in all things. It is necessary to commit all things to God to live and have full assurance. To be prepared for the rest of our lives, it is imperative for us to commit our lives to God.

We can live in full assurance. Not just that our souls are saved, but that we can and will live a life that brings honor and glory to the name of our Father. As we add to our faith we grow in God. Many attributes must be added to faith which include charity or love. We must however be committed to God to be successful and fruitful. We must seek treasures in Heaven not on the earth. Things of this earth again can be lost but those things which are kept by God will be kept always.

God is able to provide all things in all things. We must strive to enjoy this full assurance that God will bless us with if we will just allow him.

The Assistant Moderator called for a song so that we might offer the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Skinner for his efforts. A motion and second was made to adjourn for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Clarence Carter, New Cross Roads Church.

Saturday Afternoon

After enjoying another bountiful meal, we began the afternoon session by singing “When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder” and “That Glad Reunion Day” lead by Bro. Scott Carter, New Cross Roads Church, and accompanied by Sis. Kim Carter, New Cross Roads Church, on the piano. The Assistant Moderator expressed thanks to all those involved in preparing the meals for the two days. He read from Philippians 2:1-11, and asked Bro. Lynn Stapleton, Independent Church, to lead us in prayer.

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

In continuation of the morning, the Report on the Need for an Association Missionary was adopted and spoken to by Bros. Lee Carter, and Charles Connell.

Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptists

We the committee humbly submit the following report on the “Faith and Practice of True Baptist.” This subject is of the utmost importance in today’s society. The great deceiver has cunningly infiltrated the ranks of Christianity and has dispersed many erroneous ideas, philosophies and practices – some are very slight variations from the truth while many others are blatantly unscriptural. “The church of the living God [is] the pillar and ground of the truth” (I Tim 3: 15) and we “exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). In order for us to earnestly contend for the faith, we must study the scriptures daily while praying earnestly that God the Holy Spirit will illuminate our minds to rightly divide the word of truth.

With God's help we intend to set forth a few of the principal doctrines that true Baptist have held ever since Jesus Christ organized the church during His personal ministry on earth. In the interest of time, we will only explore the proper materials and foundations of the church.

Christ established the church during His personal ministry – not on the day of Pentecost as many teach. We find in Luke 6:12-13 that Jesus “went out into a mount to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God and when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles.” Therefore, the apostles were the charter members in the Lord's church with Christ as the head. The proof texts are found in I Corinthians 12:28 – “God hath set some in the church, first apostles” and in Acts 2:41 – “and the same day [Pentecost] were added unto them [the church] about three thousand souls.”

We find in Matthew 16:16-18, “And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” With Christ as the chief corner stone and the ungodly sinner being reconciled to the Father through the revelation of Jesus Christ as the propitiation, the proper materials were present for the foundation of the true church. This revelation of Jesus Christ [salvation] is the most important teaching that the Holy Scripture declares – and we as true Baptist hold and practice.

The scriptures teach that this revelation of Jesus Christ occurs at the moment one repents and places his or hers faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Repentance is essential in the new birth. Scriptures plainly declare, “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). We also read that “by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Rom. 5:12) – “And God was that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5) – “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one” (Rom. 3: 10-12). Because of man's sin and wickedness, repentance toward God is commanded. We find that John the Baptist preached, “Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt 3:2). Jesus preached, “say[ing], Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt. 4:17). On the day of Pentecost Peter preached, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). Peter again preached “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). We find Paul preaching on Mars Hill that “the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent” (Acts 17:30) and again Paul testified before king Agrippa that he had preached to all men “that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentances” (Acts 26:20). When one is convicted of his condemnation before God as David was when he stated that “the sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow” (Ps 116:3), one will cry out to God to deliver his soul.

Faith in the sacrificial atoning blood of Jesus Christ as the propitiation for sin is also an essential element. We find in Acts 4:12, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” The Holy Spirit writes through the Apostle John in 20:3 1, “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” We are

justified before God by faith in Jesus – “And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses” (Acts 13:39) – “Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” (Rom. 3:25-26) – “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1).

Therefore we find that “by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:8-10). Salvation is the imputed righteousness of Christ Jesus through the grace of repentance and faith and is the proper material for church membership.

Only after one has been born again is one a fit subject and candidate for church membership. Baptist have always held that baptism has no merits in salvation of the soul, but is an outward manifestation of the individual’s death to sin and resurrection to walk in a new life in Christ Jesus. Baptism also portrays the person’s belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins and justification before God by the blood of Jesus. While baptism does not add to salvation, it is extremely important to follow Christ’s commandment to be baptized as his first step in obedience. But what is baptism for?

We find in Acts 2:41 that “they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” To what were they added? They were added to the church – “and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47). Since the New Testament scriptures describe the church as a local, visible, independent body (Acts 1 1:22; 1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Thess 1: 1; Rev. 2: 1; Gal. 1:2; 2 Cor. 8: 1; 1 Cor. 16:19; Gal. 1:22) and salvation is a prerequisite to baptism (Mt 3:8), the individuals were added to the church through the administration of baptism. When one is saved, he is placed into the family of God – when one is baptized, he is placed into a local, visible, independent church.

There should be only two ways for a Church to receive members (generally): (1) by baptism or (2) by a letter of dismissal from a sister church of like faith and order. We will concern ourselves with baptism, since it is the gateway into the Church. There are four essential elements to baptism that must be present for a regenerated soul to become a member of the Lord’s church: (1) the proper candidate (material), (2) the proper authority, (3) the proper administrator, and (4) the proper mode.

Since the proper candidate has been examined previously, it should now suffice to say that the proper candidate is one who has been born again from God. Baptist require that the individual express his experience from nature to grace (his conversion) to the church prior to the acceptance or non-acceptance of the church for church membership – the same requirement as John the Baptist – “Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance” (Mt. 3:8).

The second essential element to scriptural baptism is the proper authority. The Church is the only authority in the world who has the privilege and responsibility to baptize. The commission was given by the resurrected Lord, who has all authority, to the Apostles who officially represented the church saying, “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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Mt 28:19-20).

The third element is that the church must appoint the proper administrator. The proper administrator is an ordained minister. We find in Titus that Paul instructed him “that [he] shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee” (Tit 1:5). An ordained minister is the only one who can administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord’s Supper by the authority of the church.

The fourth element is that the baptism must be of a proper mode. In other words, batizo means to submerge and shows the burial of the old man who has died to sin. Therefore, the body of the believer must be completely submerged under the liquid grave and raised up out of the water showing forth the resurrection of the new man.

We have attempted to lay a few of the fundamental beliefs and practices of true Baptist. Time will not permit us to discuss how we are to build upon the foundation (I Cor. 3:10-23), for example, the teaching of scripture on the security of the believer, but please reference the articles of faith that this association holds. Let us hold fast and contend for the faith as Jude exhorts in 1:3 of the common salvation and we will hear our blessed Saviour say, “well done my faithful servant.”

Respectively,
Bro. Joe Hale
Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr.

The Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptists was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Joe Hale, Jimmy Hale, David Leslie, and Harold Palmer.

Report on The Christian Sabbath

Long gone are the days of shopowners closing their doors Saturday night and not opening them again until Monday morning. It seemed that not long after the death of Sam Walton, we entered into the new era of 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Today, all days of the week are regarded with the same importance, except that certain days of the week offer a chance to see our favorite team match-up against our rival. However, God has always commanded that he have His day. He is the same today, yesterday, and forevermore. Just because man changes with the wind does not mean the Lord has lessened the importance of his commandments.

Webster’s dictionary defines the Sabbath as a day of worship and rest. Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance records that in the Old Testament the Hebrew word is shabbath meaning intermission or, in another form, to desist from exertion. The Greek word used in the New Testament was sabbaton, which was descriptive of the day of weekly repose from secular avocations. We see the earliest account of the Sabbath in Genesis 2:1-3. In these verses we understand that God completed the creation of the heavens and the earth in six days. Upon the seventh day he rested. To commemorate his glorious creation, he sanctified that seventh day. In Exodus 20:11 we read where God gave Moses commandment concerning the Sabbath day. Yet, we can gather from earlier scripture that God taught his creation Adam about His holy Sabbath so that all children born would be able to share in the worship of their almighty God and receive a day of rest. Among the heathens of Noah’s time, the Hebrew name, Noah, meant, “rest”. We can see from Exodus 16 where God sent a double portion of manna on Friday to prevent the children of Israel from gathering on Saturday. We also learn from Ezekiel how God led his people into bondage in order to receive an equivalent of the Sabbath days that they had so long

neglected. By all of these accounts, we can understand without a doubt that the Fourth Commandment that God gave Moses was of great importance. He most definitely intended for man to have one day of the week sanctified for rest and worship.

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, upon his ministry, continued to reflect the importance of the Sabbath day, but he also explained it further and redefined it. All throughout Christ's ministry we see him performing great acts on the Sabbath days, lecturing his accusers regularly about the true purpose of the Sabbath day, and pointing out their abuse of it. Matthew 12, John 5 & 9, and in several other scriptures we read where Jesus healed on the Sabbath (which at this time was still regarded as the seventh day). He also gathered food with his disciples on the Sabbath day. He was ridiculed and scorned for all of these actions. Each time the Pharisees rebuked Him, he would powerfully explain to his persecutors that their concept of the Sabbath day was distorted, that acts of necessity were permissible on the Sabbath, and above all that he was Lord of the Sabbath. Notably, in Mark 2:27, Jesus tries to make it clear to the accusing Pharisees that "the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath..." Jesus was trying to teach these men that the Sabbath day was not intended to be a yoke of burden or a limitation. It was intended as a wonderful gift from a loving God to his undeserving creation. God wanted man to have a day of rest to reflect upon His omnipotent power and the blessing that life lived with Him would lead to eternal rest for the weary soul. Jesus continued to teach about the Sabbath, among other great things, right up until his death. Even in his burial the Sabbath day was honored. Luke 23:56 tells how that the women attending his body rested on the Sabbath day and were returning to his grave on the dawning of the First day of the week. It was on this First day of the week that Jesus arose victorious from death. He appeared unto his disciples on this day to show them his great love and power and to show them that he had accomplished all things. He was the sacrifice for sin. Now by His name all can be set free from the bondage of sin.

There are several scriptures after Jesus' ascension that speaks of the Sabbath. All of them are in the context of referring to an assembling of Jews according to their custom. However there are also scripture, which is regarding the assembling of the Lord's church, that explains them to have been gathered upon the First day of the week. Acts 20 mentions an account of Paul preaching an all night sermon on the First day of the week during a time that they had come together to break bread. We would understand this to be the time that they met regularly to take of the Lord's communion. Also, in I Corinthians 16, we read the correspondence of Paul requesting that their offering be taken up on the first day of the week. This seems to imply that this is their regular meeting time. What is the reason for the day of rest and worship to change from the last day of the week to the first? We remember that Jesus said He did not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it. Jesus Christ did fulfill the law and he provided that we are not accountable unto the law if we come to Him for grace. However, God still wants us to enjoy His Sabbath day. We are still to have a day of rest and worship. We are to have a time where no unnecessary labor is done so that we might reflect on the grace and power of our Saviour and that we might look forward to the eternal rest that comes from being a child of the King. We can read in Hebrew 4 how that it is the place of God's children to enter into rest. We also see in Hebrews 8-10 how the old covenant is replaced by the new covenant. We could not be forgiven by the blood of bulls and goats and we no longer rest upon the seventh day. Our sins are forgiven by the sacrifice of the perfect son of the Living God and we rest now upon the day of the week that he arose from the grave. We can devote our time in this day, and hopefully everyday, to the praise of our almighty God and the giving of thanks for his tender mercies.

Thanks be unto God that Jesus died for our sins. All who do not know him as their personal Saviour should seek repentance by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We need to give thanks that we have the privilege to worship such a loving and merciful God. One of His gifts to us was a day of rest. We should treat this day holy and honor it for our Lord's sake, and look forward to the eternal rest that will come to all His faithful servants.

Humbly submitted,
Andrew Stokes
Ernest Wood

The Report on The Christian Sabbath was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Andrew Stokes, Scott Carter, Clarence Carter, A. G. Hayes, Freddie McDaniel, Jimmy Hale, and Dennis Stokes.

Call for New Business

A motion and second was made to authorize the establishment of a website for the Association. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to expand the Historical Committee. Motion carried. The committee will now be composed of Bros. Lee Carter, Ray Smith, Clarence Carter, Derrick Jowers, Rufus Chandler, Larry Pritchard, and David Leslie.

A motion and second was made to establish an exploration committee concerning the Associational Missionary. Motion carried. The committee will be composed of Bros. Lynn Stapleton, Trey Crews, Freddie McDaniel, Bryan Oakes, Andrew Stokes, with the Moderator and Clerk as ex officio members.

Vote of Thanks

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, its officers, and the messengers wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Bethel Church for serving as host for this session. It was a pleasure for the Association to return to this wonderful church once again.

Our appreciation is extended to Bro. Chris Solomon, for his message on "Call To Action" and the need for us to step up our efforts to spread the Gospel and to Bro. Stephen Skinner for his message on "a full assurance." We need to strive to allow these messages to find lodging places in our hearts. 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 report committees continue to prepare excellent topics for discussion. We believe that much hard work was put forth on these topics. May we use this information for the spiritual growth of ourselves and our Churches.

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 our Assistant Moderator receive a special blessing for his efforts in the absence of Bro. Carver. Our Association is blessed to have men of his caliber to call upon for service.

Our appreciation is offered to the members and friends of Bethel Church for the food provided both days. The food was delicious as always and the efforts of service did not go unnoticed. Again, we see evidence of Christ's love for us being shown through the efforts of the Church.

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 Old Paths 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 Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church for the 153rd annual session on October 12, 2001, 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.

The minutes of the two days proceedings was read by the Clerk. A motion and second was made to accept and record the minutes as read by the Clerk. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 2001, at 10:00 am at Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church in Collierville, TN. Motion carried.

Bro. Derrick Jowers was asked to lead us in a 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 past labors.

After singing many wonderful songs in the Lord's Spirit and a few comments, we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Eugene Brown, McFerrin Church.

Ray Smith, Assistant Moderator

Independent Missionary Baptist Church

Lee Carter, Clerk
Independent Missionary Baptist Church

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

Bethel	Jimmy Allen	John Carter
Bible Grove	Bryan Oakes	Clint Sanders
Caledonia	Jeffrey Simmons	Melissa Simmons
Center Point	Jerry King	Martin Watson
Clarksburg	Jimmy Hale	Roy Baucom
Concord	Rufus Chandler	Lester Waugh
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	Ronnie Stewart
Ephesus	Lois Kee	Betty McElroy
Independent	Ray Smith	Lee Carter
Landmark	James Wilkes	Edna Wilkes
Marlsboro	Gordon Allen	Margie French
Mixie	R. B. Robertson	James Fowler
New Bethel	Leon Owen	Edward Malone
New Cross Roads	Harold Palmer	Gene Lankford
New Hope	Max Carrington	Scott Gallimore
New Liberty	Wayne Prater	Larry Johnson
New Prospect	Renn Johnson	James Smith
New Spring Hill	Danny Quinn	Nell Quinn
Oak Grove – CC	Blanche Birdwell	Carolyn Edwards
Oak Grove –HC	Ricky Lewis	Jimmy Wallace
Old Paths	Charles Connell	Chris Solomon
Old Union	DID NOT REPRESENT	
Pleasant Grove	Robert Tolley	Marcia Tolley
Pleasant Hill	Grady Kee	Kate Kee
Pleasant Ridge	Wanda Higdon	Edith Haskins
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	Jaunita Holland
Shiloh	Larry Pritchard	David Prater
Westport	Bill Williams	Norman Leslie
Yuma	Lynn Breeden	Lisa Breeden

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

Bethel	Jimmy Allen	John Carter
Bible Grove	Bryan Oakes	Clint Sanders
Caledonia	Jeffrey Simmons	Melissa Simmons
Center Point	Jerry King	Martin Watson
Clarksburg	Jimmy Hale	Joe Hale
Concord	Rufus Chandler	Lester Waugh
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New Prospect	Renn Johnson	
New Spring Hill	Danny Quinn	Nell Quinn
Oak Grove – CC	Blanche Birdwell	Carolyn Edwards
Oak Grove –HC	Ricky Lewis	Jimmy Wallace
Old Paths	Charles Connell	Eris Connell
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
2000 MINUTE FUND

BALANCE OCTOBER 9, 1999	\$ 2322.55
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EXPENDITURES:

Bartlett Printing	\$ 1450.00
Bank of Huntingdon	\$ 50.00
Postmaster	\$ 28.35

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2000	\$ 1110.00
Interest Earned	\$ 116.03

BALANCE OCTOBER 7, 2000	\$ 2020.23
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November 10, 1999

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Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

We trust everything is going well with you all and your lost are being saved. We also trust God is blessing you.

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Annual Session with Alva Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. We had 29 churches reporting an increase of 112 with 60 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 105 with a total membership of 3,519. We still need to see many souls saved for the Lord.

We truly are thankful for the visitors that were able to be with us. We invite each one to join us for the 165th Annual Session to be held with Blue Water Missionary Baptist Church in Lawrence County, Tennessee. The church is located near Loretto, Tennessee. This session will be held October 07, 08, 09, 10, 2000.

We look forward to your correspondence this coming year. May God richly bless you.

In Christ's Love,

Keith L. Hood
Clerk

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WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

April 18, 2000

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The churches of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association send greetings and best wishes to you and all of the churches of other associations.

On October 22nd and 23rd, 1999, the Wiseman Baptist Association convened with Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church at Cookeville, TN. Bro. Deric McClard brought the Introductory Sermon and Bro. William Overton brought the Doctrinal Sermon. It was a good time of fellowship and worship in the Lord.

We have been invited to meet with Longview Missionary Baptist Church, 798 Spencer Street, Gallatin, TN for our 110th annual session. Bro. Paul Patterson has been elected to bring the Introductory Sermon and Bro. Johnny Carver was elected to bring the Doctrinal Sermon. Our 2000 session will meet on Friday, October 20 at 10:00 A.M. and on Saturday, October 21, 2000 at 10:00A.M. We invite each and every one of you to attend. It is always a great joy to have visitors to join us during our association.

It is the prayer of all the churches of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association, that the Lord will continue to bless you and all of your churches and that many souls will be saved during the coming year.

We look forward to receiving your correspondence that will be read during our sessions and included in our minutes for the coming year.

Sincerely, in Jesus name,

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Billy Moran, Moderator
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The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association sends greetings to her sister associations in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We trust that the year 2000 has been a time of spiritual prosperity for the churches in your fellowship and that His kingdom has been increased through the salvation of many souls.

The Siloam Association recently met with Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Bowling Green, KY. During this time of spiritual fellowship the assembly was blessed with sermons and reports that uplifted our Lord and pointed the way to serve Him more completely.

Beginning October 5, 2001, the association will meet with Harvest Missionary Baptist Church in Hendersonville, TN where we will enjoy sermons by Elders Don Curtis, Ron Spurgeon and Roy G. Mullins. We extend a cordial invitation to all our sister churches to visit with us during this time of peace and harmony, unity and love.

In His Eternal Name,

Elder Billy Moran, Moderator
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Independent	06/24/2001	
Pleasant Ridge	06/24/2001	
New Cross Roads	07/01/2001	
Westport	07/01/2001	
Center Point	07/08/2001	
Concord	07/08/2001	Bro. Bryan Oakes
Cross Roads	07/08/2001	Bro. Kenneth Massey
Mixie	07/08/2001	
Pleasant Grove	07/08/2001	
Bethel	07/15/2001	
Marlsboro	07/15/2001	
Pleasant Hill	07/15/2001	
Yuma	07/15/2001	
Caledonia	07/22/2001	
Clarksburg	07/22/2001	
New Bethel	07/22/2001	Bro. Rufus Chandler
Oak Grove – HC	07/22/2001	
Bible Grove	08/05/2001	Bro. Rufus Chandler
Ephesus	08/05/2001	
New Prospect	08/05/2001	
New Spring Hill	08/05/2001	
Oak Grove – CC	08/05/2001	
Old Paths	08/05/2001	
Rushing's Creek	08/05/2001	
New Liberty	08/12/2001	
Old Union	September	

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Independent

Sis. Ruby White	02/16/2000
Sis. Sis. Mamie Dickerson	02/21/2000
Sis. Valley Barrett	04/05/2000
Sis. Annie Robinson	09/15/2000

Landmark

Sis. Frances Mayfield	??/??/2000
Bro. Watson Sherron	02/12/2000
Sis. Clara Jones	06/10/2000

New Bethel

Bro. Leroy Lowe	12/03/1999
Sis. Opal Poston	06/23/2000

New Hope

Sis. Dorothy Kirby	08/11/2000
Bro. Graper Cary	08/11/2000

New Liberty

Bro. Faye Bartholomew	02/10/2000
Sis. Hester Douglass	06/24/2000

New Prospect

Sis. Marby Taylor	10/14/1999
Sis. Thelma Clifft	02/10/2000
Sis. Bobby Haynes	07/30/2000

Oak Grove (CC)

Bro. Elmer Hampton	01/12/2000
Bro. Liman Butler	02/07/2000
Bro. Gilbern Brinkley	09/08/2000

Oak Grove (HC)

Bro. Preston Nowell, Deacon 12/20/1999

Bro. Hulon Renshaw, Deacon 01/18/2000

Old Union

Sis. Nancy Autry 06/29/1999

Pleasant Grove

Bro. Edmund Bankston 11/18/1999

Pleasant Hill

Odell Smothers ?

Sis. Nancy Ann Ellis 10/27/1999

Bro. Millard Allen, Deacon 01/10/2000

Sis. Nettie Bawcum 01/22/2000

Sis. Mary Williams 03/17/2000

Sis. Helen Weathers 03/20/2000

Sis. Iva Oxford 04/23/2000

Vanner Austin 06/19/2000

Sis. Hazel Strickland 07/29/2000

Pleasant Ridge

Sis. Edith Holland 10/?/1999

Bro. Sebern Mitchell 05/03/2000

Sis. Wilma Wright 06/15/2000

Bro. Phillip Higdon 07/21/2000

Sis. Dee Cole 08/27/2000

Rushing's Creek

Bro. Timothy Brewer 08/11/2000

Shiloh

Sis. Pauline Fitzpatrick 11/16/1999

Westport

Sis. Maynard Coats 10/06/1999

Sis. Ludie Radford 12/01/1999

Bro. Vernie Edwards 01/12/2000

Bro. Leonard Sanders ?

Yuma

Sis. Madge Morgan 10/10/1999

Bro. Jack Myracle 12/16/1999

1999 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Glenn Baker	16	81	1586.91
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	14	0	8401.42
Caledonia	David Hall	7	20	1397.61
Center Point	Jerry King	6	30	91.35
Clarksburg	Daniel Gant	17	65	1356.53
Concord	Lester Waugh	17	75	621.04
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	15	62	0
Ephesus	Eddie McElroy	5	28	1549.18
Independent	Ray Smith	10	80	548.90
Landmark	Robert Jones	9	20	29.00
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	4	0	422.38
Mixie	Garvin Renfroe	6	48	5512.00
New Bethel	Leon Owen	8	25	215.22
New Cross Roads	Gene Lankford	15	0	2145.61
New Hope	Roy Hatch	8	60	715.88
New Liberty	Brian Johnson	6	0	2664.00
New Prospect	Michael Renfroe	8	84	564.07
New Spring Hill	George Norman	4	0	0
Oak Grove – CC	Brian Hampton	4	24	221.85
Oak Grove – HC	Jimmy Wallace	10	55	592.20
Old Paths	Larry Inglis	12	0	0
Old Union	Milburn Allen	4	24	0
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	12	0	3791.11
Pleasant Hill	None listed	8	40	2093.66
Pleasant Ridge	Randall Smith	6	35	1511.08
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	5	0	1540.15
Shiloh	Joe Cary	4	0	31.56
Westport	Charles Johnson	12	45	2731.49
Yuma	David Cary	11	0	0
TOTALS		269	901	40334.20

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	ALL	6	3	0	9	3	5	1	9	162	2	0	\$7,111.24	\$28,553.00	\$4,847.67	\$1,134.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$41,720.91
Bible Grove	ALL	6	5	0	11	0	0	0	0	219	1	0	\$3,907.59	\$17,811.30	\$3,693.50	\$1,193.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$26,705.39
Caledonia	ALL	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	45	2	1	\$5,046.97	\$4,816.00	\$909.00	\$409.57	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$11,231.54
Center Point	ALL	6	4	0	10	0	0	0	0	68	1	1	\$1,709.83	\$2,352.47	\$1,272.85	\$496.65	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$5,871.80
Clarksburg	ALL	3	3	0	6	2	1	0	3	165	1	1	\$18,589.91	\$36,173.25	\$3,140.50	\$21,906.48	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$79,885.14
Concord	ALL	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	143	2	1	\$6,119.58	\$11,659.00	\$2,479.00	\$4,454.48	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$24,797.06
Cross Roads	ALL	0	3	0	3	5	4	0	9	213	2	1	\$57,868.80	\$37,126.28	\$2,232.00	\$1,200.00	\$75.00	\$15.00	\$98,517.08
Ephesus	ALL	4	2	0	6	0	3	0	3	82	3	0	\$3,303.16	\$4,100.00	\$349.00	\$670.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8,447.16
Independent	ALL	1	0	0	1	4	6	3	13	198	2	0	\$87,692.50	\$36,400.00	\$11,073.00	\$3,000.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$138,265.50
Landmark	ALL	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	52	2	0	\$8,936.00	0	\$1,538.00	\$900.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$11,449.00
Marlsboro	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	57	1	0	\$2,509.78	\$7,598.00	\$1,907.11	0	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$12,049.89
Mixie	ALL	3	2	0	5	0	1	0	1	88	1	1	\$1,462.00	\$10,325.00	\$1,443.00	\$2,822.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$16,102.00
New Bethel	ALL	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	88	1	1	\$5,728.06	\$9,673.00	\$1,026.00	\$1,269.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$17,746.06
New Cross Roads	ALL	1	2	1	4	0	5	1	6	123	2	2	\$18,222.09	\$10,400.00	\$1,312.80	\$4,070.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$34,079.89
New Hope	ALL	4	2	0	6	2	0	0	2	121	1	1	\$6,273.59	\$14,269.50	\$2,540.00	\$1,200.00	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$24,338.09
New Liberty	ALL	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	104	1	1	\$3,494.95	0	16,584.00	\$3,541.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$23,719.95
New Prospect	2&4	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	145	1	0	\$2,822.36	\$4,298.00	\$1,531.00	0	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$8,691.36
New Spring Hill	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1	0	\$1,939.51	\$3,273.00	0	0	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5,232.51
Oak Grove – CC	ALL	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	5	34	1	1	\$9,578.98	\$6,767.00	\$348.00	\$341.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$17,094.98
Oak Grove – HC	ALL	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	6	161	1	0	\$12,092.99	\$27,003.00	\$2,403.00	\$8,848.00	\$90.00	\$20.00	\$50,456.99
Old Paths	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	23	1	1	0	\$21,620.00	\$2,110.00	\$6,998.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$30,753.00
Old Union	ALL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	42	1	1	\$2,438.86	\$3,357.68	\$250.00	0	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$6,076.54
Pleasant Grove	ALL	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	68	1	0	\$10,305.08	\$14,564.09	\$943.00	0	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$25,912.17
Pleasant Hill	ALL	0	0	0	0	9	0	2	11	207	1	1	\$3,783.50	\$6,701.50	\$456.50	0	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$10,991.50
Pleasant Ridge	ALL	5	2	0	7	5	0	0	5	97	1	1	\$5,317.90	\$17,859.00	\$1,119.00	\$2,125.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$26,455.90
Rushing's Creek	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148	1	0	\$3,251.65	\$16,571.00	\$2,678.00	\$6,656.00	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$29,211.65
Shiloh	ALL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	54	1	0	\$1,248.00	\$25,040.00	\$1,876.02	\$2,600.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$30,834.02
Westport	ALL	4	0	0	4	4	3	0	7	94	1	0	\$5,132.52	\$6,704.46	\$1,158.00	\$640.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$13,704.98
Yuma	ALL	2	3	0	5	2	0	1	3	177	1	0	0	0	0	0	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
TOTALS		53	35	1	89	56	38	13	107	3207			\$295,887.40	\$385,015.53	\$71,219.95	\$76,474.18	\$1,110.00	\$685.00	\$830,392.06

Note from Eld. Harold Carver

Bro. Moderator
Bro. Clerk
Messengers of the Churches
Brothers and Sisters:

A cloud of sadness drapes my heart as I face the fact that I will not be with you this year. As a youngster growing up, my parents regularly attended this ole Association and brought me and my sister along. Now for the past thirty eight years of my adult life, I have not missed a session of this Association. What a blessing your friendship and fellowship have been to me.

Even though I can not attend in person, my prayers and best wishes are certainly with you. I pray for you, the messengers, and especially for your able officers, Bro. Ray Smith, Moderator, and Bro. Lee Carter, Clerk.

I desire that the riches of God's goodness be distilled upon you; and may you, because of His presence sit together in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remember me and my family in your prayers, as I am scheduled for surgery this very day.

Your Brother in Christ,

Harold Carver