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OCTOBER 12-13, 2001

THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Oak Grove (HC) Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2002, at 10:00 AM located east of Lexington, Tennessee north of Highway 412 on Oak Grove Road.

2002 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -----	Eld. Robert Simmons
Alternate -----	Eld. Scott Carter
Doctrinal Sermon -----	Eld. Jimmy Stewart
Alternate -----	Eld. Johnny Wall

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2002

Call Association to Order
 Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
 Appoint Finance Committee
 Appoint Topics Committee for 2003 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 2003 Session
 Select Brethren to Preach 2003 Annual Sermons
 Introductory Sermon - 11:00 AM
 Call for Correspondence
 Call for Report on Minding our Mission: Our Responsibilities to our Mission and Our Missionaries
 Call for Report on the Positive and Negative Influence of Christian Music
 Call for Report on the Independence of the Local Church
 Call for Report on the Apostolic Gifts: What is Their Significance and Are They Available Today

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2002

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 Is It Scriptural for Women to Preach
 Doctrinal Sermon - 11:00 AM
 Call for Report on Weighed in the Balance: Faith versus Works
 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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2001 - 2002

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NEW CROSS ROADS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2001

On Friday October 12, a beautiful day that the Lord has blessed us with, the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met with Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church. The Assistant Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, called the Association to order, for her 153rd annual session. We began by singing, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus," and "I Want To Be Ready To Meet Him," led by Bro. Ricky Lewis, Oak Grove (HC) Church, accompanied by Sis. Kim Carter, New Cross Roads Church, on the piano.

Bro. Smith stood before the body and remembered Bro. Harold Carver, our Moderator, who died during this past year. After a moment of silence in remembrance of Bro. Carver he asked Bro. Clarence Carter, a former Moderator of 12 years, to lead us in an opening prayer.

Bro. Smith welcomed everyone who was present this day and thanked Old Paths Church for her willingness to serve as host Church for this session. This is the first time the Association has met with this young Church. He introduced one of the deacons, Bro. Charles Connell, who introduced 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 Old Paths Church
Finance Committee:

Bro. Lester Waugh - Concord Church
Bro. Lynn Breeden - Yuma Church
Bro. Jimmy Hale - Clarksburg Church

2002 Topic Committee:

Bro. Lynn Stapleton – Huntingdon Church
Bro. Johnny Wall - New Liberty Church
Bro. Bryan Oakes - Bible Grove Church
Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Gene Lankford – New Cross Roads 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 49 messengers were seated by motion and second. Motion carried.

The Moderator read from Deuteronomy 32:1-7. He asked Bro. Eugene Brown, Words of Hope Ministry, to lead the congregation in prayer again.

The Association entered into the election process for the coming year.

Bro. A. G. Hayes, Bible Grove Church, was nominated as Moderator, and being the only one nominated, a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Bro. Hayes asked the messengers to allow Bro. Smith to continue in the capacity of Moderator for the session today. Motion carried.

Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon 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, Huntingdon 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.

Seven Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2002 session. A motion and second was made to select Oak Grove (HC) Church as the host site. Motion carried.

Bro. Robert Simmons and Bro. Scott Carter were nominated to preach the Introductory Sermon. The vote was taken and Bro. Robert Simmons was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Bro. Scott Carter 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. Jimmy Stewart 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. Johnny Wall 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, "Since He Gave Me This Heart of Love." Bro. Derrick Jowers, pastor of Cross Roads Church, was introduced as the one selected last year to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Bro. Jowers came before the body, took the stand, and told of how it was an honor to be here this morning. He told how there was no where else he would rather be. He told of one Sunday morning how Bro. Clarence Carter had leaned over to him and said, "Here they are, what are you going to do with them?" Bro. Jowers considered this question and determined it would only be by the help of the Lord that anything could be done. He asked the body to pray for him as he has been considering this preaching responsibility since last year.

He described how he had repented before God for taking so many things for granted in consideration of the terrorist attacks in September in New York City and Washington, DC. We don't seem to be as concerned about the salvation of those around us as we once did. We no longer are willing to approach those we might contact and ask them about their soul.

He asked how can we as an Association or us as a people deliver the message God has given us. This message has not changed since the beginning. God's message is the same even though people change. Bro. Jowers was thankful to have holy convictions that are solid and steadfast. His desire was for us to contend for the faith.

He read from Mathew 22:34-40. He looked briefly at the beginning of this chapter as the Pharisees and the Sadducees tried to trick Jesus in some fashion in order to prove him wrong and not to be the son of God. Jesus had already noted that the Pharisees were of Satan and not of Abraham as they proclaimed. In the verses 37-39, these words contain some of the most important doctrine taught, love.

We see that much of mankind may have a carnal knowledge of Jesus and God but are sadly lacking a true spiritual knowledge of

God. Today we find that religion has been made into a god not allowing the true and living God to be the LORD. He remembered the day that the Lord had saved him, and how each of us should remember that time of experimental knowledge that occurred when we got saved. This places emphasis on the true Love of God. We must lift up the truths of God to those that are lost and in the error of their ways. We need to understand that we are a very blessed people. We must realize that we can't gain people by simply stating to them that their religious beliefs are just wrong. We must allow God to shine through us so that they can see the true way to God. We must allow the Holy Spirit to use us as instruments, not the reverse. In this way we will be able to show we have the truth.

The second portion of this scripture talks about our neighbor. He asked how important is our neighbor to us. He felt that we find it too easy to remain among our people because there is very little opposition to our faith and teachings within our own Churches. We do not allow ourselves to be challenged to any extent. When was the last time each of us approached our own neighbors and asked them if they were saved?

We cannot accomplish anything without the help of the Lord. The scriptures teach of how the Comforter would come to see to our needs after Jesus left this world. This was the plan God had set forth for us to reach a lost and dying world. Bro. Jowers told of sitting for eleven years and listening to the Gospel without any effect until the day that Bro. A. G. Hayes was preaching as many times before. On that day the Holy Spirit spoke to Derrick and made that Gospel real. Oh how wonderful when we are looking for guidance and then all of a sudden God reveals to us just exactly what we need. God guides us into all truths. What are we searching for? What do we have? We have the whole truth given us by God. The only way we can be effective is to remember our times of conversion in our lives and let that shine through.

He read from the book of Galatians speaking on how we are being held accountable by the world on whether we are accomplishing the responsibilities given us by God. Are we in a state of revival today? How can we revive something that is dead? Only that which is alive can be revived in the Lord. Look at the

pattern of the world and we see idolatry, hatred, heresies, and wrath. We must seek and share those fruits of the Spirit, the love, joy, peace, and goodness. May we never change nor stray from these teachings.

May we continue to pray and seek God's guidance in all things.

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

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

As we had a few minutes before the noon hour, the Association continued in other business.

The Moderator called for any Correspondence. Letters were noted being received from Big Bear Creek Baptist Association. This information was to be placed in the body of the minutes.

The Association recognized visitors to the 2001 Session at this time. Please refer to the list of visitors in body of these minutes.

A motion and second was made to adjourn till 12:40 PM for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer and blessed the food led by Bro. Donald Parish, Mt. Comfort Missionary Baptist Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled after enjoying a most wonderful lunch prepared by the host church and friends. Bro. Smith asked Bro. Charles Connell, Leonard McCoy, Norman Medlin, and Lee Carter to sing. They selected "My God Is Real," and "How Great Thou Art." They sang together as a group back in the mid 1980's when they were all members at Landmark Church. The Moderator stood and thanked Old Paths and friends for the wonderful meal provided for lunch today. He recognized Bro. Chris Solomon, Pastor of Old Paths, who was able to attend. The Moderator read from Titus 2:11-15. He asked Bro. Bryan Oakes, Bible Grove Church, to lead us in prayer.

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 the Three Fold Being of Man

Since the introduction of Darwin's theory of evolution, man has increasingly identified himself with the animal kingdom. While it is true that humans and animals share common characteristics, the notion that humans and animals are distant relatives is ludicrous. Science is making a great effort to research and discover the origin and relationship of all living things. However thorough the efforts of science may be.

It is our conviction that the Bible is God's inspired word and the only reliable source for knowledge concerning man's origin and relationship to other living things. Hebrews 12:3a says, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God." By faith we have answers to questions that could not otherwise be known. Without faith we are left in the darkness of conjecture and unproven theory.

Genesis 1:1 tells us, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The verses that follow reveal that God created every thing that we know exists, including the man whom He made in His own image and likeness. The purpose of this report is to demonstrate that man's very being is of a higher nature than any other living creature. Similar to, but not equal to that of God.

Genesis 2:7 reads as follows: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." The Scriptures do not reveal how God created the other living species other than He commanded and they came to be. Genesis 2:7 sets the man apart from all other created beings in that God was intimately involved in creating man by forming his body and breathing life into it.

Two things of great importance should be noted from the Genesis record. First, the man is the only living creature that is made in the "image and likeness of God." (Gen 1:26) And secondly the man is the only living creature said to become "a

living soul." (Gen 2:7) Many Biblical scholars believe that the soul is simply that part of man that gives him energy or animation similar to that of the other animal species, but this perspective is seriously flawed and incorrect.

Flowers and trees, fish and fowl, and monkeys and men all share in common an organic body. Fish and fowl, and monkeys and men share in common an animate life force that allows them to move from place to place and perform a wide variety of physical tasks such as building homes and gathering food. However, the man stands alone in his possession of a soul and in his unique ability to think and reason, and more importantly, to commune with God, his creator.

The simplest description of man's nature is that of a *two-fold* being. Theologically man possesses a carnal (or physical) nature and a spiritual nature simultaneously. His carnal nature gives him identity and fellowship with other men, while his spiritual nature gives him identity and fellowship with God the Eternal Spirit. Because of sin, man's nature is carnal, fleshly and corrupt and must be changed in order for him to have a right fellowship with God. John 3:3 says, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Through regeneration, man experiences a new birth and is brought into a full and complete spiritual fellowship with God.

Further study of God's word reveals that man's nature is *three-fold*. Paul writes in I Thess. 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole *spirit, soul*, and *body* be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Under the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit the Apostle Paul reveals that man's nature is a trinity, possessing *spirit, soul* and *body*, and the Hebrew writer clearly reveals that the *soul* and *spirit* are not the same for they are divisible. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of *soul* and *spirit*, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb. 4:12)

The first century theologian, Justin Martyr described man's three-fold nature this way, "As the body is the house of the soul, so

the soul is the house of the spirit." The body allows men through the five senses a consciousness with the physical world. We see, hear, touch, taste and smell all that is concrete and physical around us.

The soul is the central part of man that gives him identity. In the soul is the seat of all the powers, faculties, emotions and appetites that make up his personality. Just as the body gives man a sense of being in the physical world, the soul gives us a sense of self consciousness. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death." (Mat 26:38) Jesus was bearing the burden of every man's sin, not merely on His shoulders, but deep within His soul.

It may be said that the soul is the seat of man's conscience as well, for the soul is the dwelling place of man's spirit. In his physical creation man is akin to the animal world and, as is evident, capable of the grossest savagery and moral perversion. In his spiritual creation, the same man is capable of worship, adoration and praise that other creatures cannot conceive of, much less achieve.

John 4:24 says, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Too often, man's body is driven by the powers and passions of the flesh, and at other times he is driven by the emotions and appetites of his soul. But real communion with God requires his innermost being, his spirit. We speak of the heart as being the very center of a man's being. What is meant however, is not the organic heart in the breast of man's physical frame, but his spirit in the deepest regions of his soul.

The Scriptures bear witness to the fact that God deals with man in every part of his life! In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for the **body**, what ye shall put on...." (Mat 6:24) Then Jesus went on to say, God knows we have need of these things and He supplies them. Jesus cautioned His disciples not to fear them that were able to destroy man's body, but rather to fear Him that was able to destroy both **soul** and **body** in hell. (Mat 10:28)

Finally, in 1 Cor 2:11 Paul asks, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the **spirit** of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man but the Spirit of God." Job said, "There is a **spirit** in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." (Job 32:8) Then in Proverbs 20:27 we read, "The **spirit** of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly."

These Scriptures and many more like them give evidence that man's nature is indeed "**three-fold**." As God's witnesses, preacher's and laymen alike should be careful not to over simplify man's nature, lest we should be guilty of bringing man down from the lofty position in which God created him. In his highest nature man is **body**, **soul** and **spirit** created in the image and likeness of God. Because of his sinful state, man is lost and continues to debase himself through sinful acts. Thank God, by grace through faith man can be saved and preserved **body**, **soul** and **spirit** unto the coming of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lynn Stapleton
Trey Crews

The report on Three Fold Being of Man was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Lynn Stapleton, and Trey Crews.

Report on the Use of the Keys to the Kingdom

We the committee for the topic of the Use of the Keys of the Kingdom, humbly submit the following:

We believe that the Use Of The Keys of the Kingdom has to do with authority. The authority first given by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to Peter. Matt. 16:18-19 - "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. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven : and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven : and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Peter was not the only

one given authority as though he had some special power or was the only overseer of the kingdom. But this authority was also given to all the apostles, Acts 1:2-4 - "Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen : To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God : And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me." We believe that the use of the Keys of the Kingdom or authority was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost when they were filled with the Holy Ghost. The apostles were given special gifts that set them apart from false teachers, the gift of healing, prophecy, tongues, etc. and they were given the authority or responsibility to indoctrinate the church.

Then as the apostles were martyred and called home to Heaven to enter into the rest that Jesus had promised, the authority was given to the Church ; (Matt. 18:18-20) and especially Matt. 28:18-20 - "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 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."

The scope of the authority given to the Church by Jesus is first and foremost to preach the gospel to all the world, Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." and again (Matt. 28:18-20). Paul said in I Cor. 1:21 "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." That authority has not changed today, we are to preach the gospel that men, women, boys and girls might be saved.

Then according to Matt. 28:19, after a person is saved and has presented themselves to the church for membership, the church is given the authority to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Ghost. When the apostles had preached on the day of Pentecost they were asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do? and Acts 2:38 says, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." and verse 41 says, " Then they that gladly received his word were baptized : and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Today the church still has the only authority to baptize. And we hope and pray that we will always baptize according to Matt. 28:19 "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Then we are to teach or indoctrinate those saved, Matt. 28:20 says, " 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." and Acts 2:42-47 says, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Being given such a great responsibility, what manner of persons ought we to be? Paul says in Acts 20:26-31, "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." We

see that Paul took his responsibility seriously. We are God's stewards, overseers of His work until he returns, to call us home to be with Him in Heaven. We too need to take the responsibility given us seriously, because one day we will give account unto God.

I Cor. 4:1-2 says, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

And Rom. 14:12 says, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Let us therefore be stewards, that God will be pleased with. That when we stand before Him on the Day of Judgement. We might here those precious words, "Enter in thou good and faithful servant."

Humbly and Prayerfully Submitted

Bro. Phillip Halter

Bro. Bryan L. Oakes

The report on The Use of the Keys to the Kingdom was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Phillip Halter, Bryan Oakes, and Kenneth Massey. We closed this topic with a prayer led by Bro. Jimmy Stewart asking God to help us all to put these keys to better use in our individual and collective lives.

The report on the Importance and Necessity of Prayer was postponed until the Saturday session due to the absence of the chairman of this committee.

Report on Financing the Lord's Work

"Financing" and the "Lord's Work" to a vast majority of the "Old Time" Baptists I know are a contradiction in terms. Most have the attitude that it is someone else's responsibility and not theirs. There are several reasons for this, but the most damaging of all is the fact that we have neglected the importance of teaching this lesson from the Word of God.

There are many references of this lesson contained in both the Old and the New Testaments. Abram gave tithes of all to

Melchizedek King of Salem in Genesis Chapter 14. Moses instructed the children of Israel to return unto God tithes of the first fruits of all that He had prospered them, Lev. Chapter 27, Num. Chapter 18, Deut. Chapter 12 and 28. Tithing is not taught in the New Testament, but Spiritual Giving is. We are left without excuse in our lack of teaching these lessons, nor in studying them out for ourselves.

I know very wealthy brothers and sisters that still drop a dollar in the offering plate. I also know of several Churches that have thousands of dollars in their treasuries and even more in their savings accounts. You might be silently asking the question: What's so wrong with that? Christ specifically admonished us in Luke Chapter 14 that His house shall be called a house of Prayer after he turned over the tables of the money changers and drove them out. Enough said.

We have Missionaries out on the field that are struggling just to make ends meet, we have Churches that can barely keep their doors open, there are Pastors that are taken away from the work of the Lord by secular employment, tell me again why the Apostles directed the congregation to seek out the seven in Acts Chapter 6? If, they needed to be able to give themselves continually to Prayer and the Ministry of the Word, does it not make sense that the ministers of our present day need the same? There is not one single Lord's Church that cannot afford to have a full time Pastor. There is not one Missionary that could not be free to do the things necessary to plant Churches in their personal field of labor. There are no Evangelists that could not readily go as the Lord leads, provided that God's people would open their hearts and allow the Lord to lead then in this area of their walk with God.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Chris Solomon

Bro. Charles Connell

The Report on Financing the Lord's Work was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Chris Solomon, Charles Connell, Scott

Carter, Ray Smith, Kenneth Massey, Larry Inglis, Phillip Halter, and A. G. Hayes.

Report of 2001 Topic Committee

The Topic Committee reported the following as the 2002 topic reports:

Report on Minding our Mission: Our Responsibilities to our Mission and Our Missionaries.
 Report on The Positive and Negative Influence of Christian Music.
 Report on The Independence of the Local Church.
 Report on Is It Scriptural for Women to Preach.
 Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptist
 Report on Weighed in the Balance: Faith versus Works
 Report on The Apostolic Gifts: What is Their Significance and Are They Available Today.

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 Recognizing the Falling Away

John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Jesus came into this world to deliver the truth to mankind. **John 1:17** says, "...Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." Jesus declared that God's Word is truth. (See *John 17:17*) The Lord Jesus set up a church in which He deposited the truth. The Apostle Paul wrote that this church is the "pillar and ground of the truth." (See *1 Timothy 3:15*) In order to recognize the "*falling away*," we must know this truth that Jesus gave us, because the falling away is to fall away from this truth,

from true faith, and from the fundamental practice of repentance. There is a history of apostasy to consider in the Lord's church. Even in the day of the Apostle John apostasy was occurring. **1 John 2:18-19** "Little children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. ¹⁹They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." These who departed were from our inner circles but they "*were not of us*." They did not have the regenerated experience and therefore they did not have unction from the Holy Spirit. (*The regenerated believers did have unction from the Holy Spirit. See 1 John 2:20*) Those who departed began to follow the reasoning of their own carnal mind, which is enmity toward God. (*Romans 8:7*)

Jude also spoke of apostasy in the early years of the Christian church. **Jude 3-4** "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. ⁴For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude desired to rejoice with his fellow servants in the common salvation that united them in Christ, but he saw an urgent need to warn them of false teachers that would lead them into apostasy. The Apostle Paul also fought against heretics. **Titus 1:9-11** "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. ¹⁰For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: ¹¹Whose mouths must be stopped, **who subvert whole houses**, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake." These are scriptural examples of historical apostasy. John, Jude, and Paul connected apostasy to the teaching of false teachers and preachers.

If we are old enough to remember, we know by the experience of life itself that there has been a great falling away from the truth

in the last several decades. It was widely known and accepted that a number of denominations taught and practiced, repentance toward God and faith in our Lord for salvation. It is obvious to true Baptist that these denominations, though they once believed in and practiced a born again experience, have fallen away from the true gospel, thereby in part, fulfilling the Biblical prophecies concerning apostasy. It has become necessary in our own services to "guard the altar," even against those that carry the name Baptist, who at one time practiced as true Baptist, but now practice a "modernistic, easy believism, head faith" conversion method. Therefore, they too have become part of the falling away. The Word of God warned us that this time would come. This departure from the old paths has united most of "professing Christianity" under the same religious umbrella.

The Apostle Paul warned us in 2 Timothy chapter 3; "in the last days perilous times shall come." He gives us numerous traits of the deteriorating character of mankind. Among these, he says that men will be "lovers of their own selves" and "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." We see the truth of these verses reflected in the diminishing numbers of regular church attendance even in our own ranks, specifically in the fifteen to thirty year age bracket. Genuine salvation will produce a love and devotion to the service of the Lord rather than a self-serving life. Paul goes on to say that people will have "a form of Godliness but they deny the power thereof." **Romans 1:16** tells us that the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Modernistic evangelization methods have fallen away from this gospel of which Paul spoke. In **Galatians 1:6-9** Paul says if anyone preaches any other gospel than the one he preached, let him be accursed, even if it be an angel from heaven. These "other gospels" are accursed and lead people and churches into apostasy. Even some Missionary Baptist entertain the notion that some of these modernistic preachers are possibly acceptable. Some Missionary Baptist Churches have gone into apostasy, some of which were once members of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. Through means of the modern communication media, these preachers have access to our membership and pose a threat to

the unsaved as well as those members who are not established in sound doctrine. Paul warned the Corinthians about false apostles that would lead them away from the truth. **2 Corinthians 11:13-15** "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." Paul also encouraged Timothy to preach the word "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

The "mystery of iniquity" has been at work even since the time of the apostles. (2 Thessalonians 2:7) The great falling away, or apostasy, will continue until the "man of sin," that "son of perdition" is finally revealed. **2 Thessalonians 2:3** "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day (The coming of the Lord and the saints gathering unto Him) shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." Therefore Satan himself is the author and instigator of this great falling away, through which he has been moving the world toward his final goal, which is to sit in the temple of God proclaiming himself to be God and to be worshipped as God. (2 Thessalonians 2:4) John readily said that even in his day there were many antichrist already in the world. (1 John 2:18)

In closing, God gave us the truth and the one faith through His Son Jesus Christ. What then is the "falling away?" It is the departure from this truth and this faith that, "Ye must be born again." **2 Corinthians 13:5** says; "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobrates?" Are you "born again?" If so, Jesus Christ is in you. Do you have a time and a place where Jesus saved your soul? Many have settled for much, much less and have put their hope in a fig leaf or a drink from a broken cistern. May God bless and keep the small remnant

that is still earnestly contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brother Tony Boyd

Brother Johnny Wall

The Report on Recognizing the Falling Away was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Johnny Wall and Tony Boyd.

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. Jeff Simmons, Caledonia Church.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2001

The Moderator, Bro. A. G. Hayes, opened the second day of the Association by welcoming all that came this day. He also commended Bro. Ray Smith, the Assistant Moderator, for his service to the Association as he moderated yesterday's session. Bro. Hayes again thanked the Association for the privilege and honor to serve this historic body as Moderator. We began the second day of sessions by singing, "A Soul Winner For Jesus" and "I'll Have A New Life" led by Bro. Ricky Lewis, Oak Grove (HC) Church, and accompanied by Sis. Kim Carter, New Cross Roads Church, on the piano. He asked Bro. Dale Waugh, pastor of New Liberty Church, to lead us in prayer. The Moderator then read Romans 11:13-25.

The roll call of messengers listed 47 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 \$1090.00, and the Clerk Fund of \$665.00 giving a total of \$1755.00. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 13,

2001 is \$1775.10. 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

Bro. Gene Lankford, the Appointed Obituary Recorder came before the Association and reported that during the past twelve months the Lord has called home 52 of our brethren and sisters in Christ. He read from Ecclesiastes and Psalms. We realize that our loss is their gain. Of our 52 that the Lord has called four were ordained Deacons and two were ordained Ministers.

Motion and second was made to accept this report as read. Motion carried.

Report on Importance and Necessity of Prayer

Prayer is a special and powerful thing that many of us take for granted everyday. Webster's dictionary defines it as an earnest request or addressing God. Most people's thoughts would be a combination of these two and would describe prayer as a request of God. When we think of prayer, we think of asking God for something. However, this is only part of what prayer really is. Also, I don't think God would be pleased if the only time we ever talk to him is to ask him for something. Prayer is not only an important part of any child of God's life it is a necessary or essential part. How could we be strong Christians without prayer?

Prayer is a hard thing for some to understand. It's difficult sometimes to see how a God so great and powerful would hear the words of such small beings as us. A great comfort to know is that we as the New Testament church have an incredible privilege. Moses and Abraham longed and looked to the age that we are living in right now. We have our blessed Savior as our mediator to make intercession for our prayers. When he shed His blood on the cross, overcame the grave, and ascended to the right hand of the Father, he became our High Priest. We can read about this glorious blessing in Hebrew 9. Verse 24 reads, "For Christ is not entered

into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." (KJV) We know also that the Holy Comforter that came in fullness after the ascension of Christ helps us to communicate with God. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Romans 8:26. (KJV) The knowledge of this alone should be enough to keep us praying all the time.

Countless times throughout the bible we can see how that God's people would not have been able to survive the trials and tribulations that they were going through had they not been in prayer. Moses met the Lord in prayer many times to receive guidance, help, and often to plead mercy on behalf of the children of Israel. King David's prayer life helped keep him in the will of God in order that he could rule well and overcome his enemies. The times that we see David come into trouble are the times that he did not seek God before he acted. We can read in Daniel the persecution that Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel received for their prayer lives. However, it was exactly their prayer lives that kept them close to God so that they might make it through the fire and the lion's den. Most powerfully we can learn of how important prayer is by studying the life of our Saviour Jesus Christ. He was the very only begotten Son of God. He was born sinless conceived of the Holy Ghost. And yet, he spent time in prayer unto God everyday. Often he would pray for hours at a time. The most vivid example that comes to all our minds is the night before his crucifixion. At Gethsemane He left the other disciples behind to sit and carried Peter and the two brothers James and John ahead as he was trying to find a place to pray. The burden of his duties became heavy on his mortal flesh and he knew the way to find strength was to go to His father in prayer. We cannot, as mortal sinners, say that we have no need of prayer knowing the truth that even Jesus needed to pray.

There are many things to pray about. Jesus gave us a model prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. These words teach us that we should always recognize God in his might and glory and pray for His will

to be done. It's sometimes a difficult thing for us to accept the will of God, but His will is much greater than our own. It also tells us to ask for our necessities. He is a just Father and wants to care and provide for His children. He said in Matt 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" (KJV). We can also see that we must ask for forgiveness. We are all sinners and our only goodness comes from God. We can receive redemption by His grace and mercy, but remaining in the flesh we need forgiveness from His hand everyday of our lives. In turn we are to be forgiving unto other. Next, we ask for guidance from the Lord. Whether you are a teenager asking God to help you through your day at school or the President of the United States asking for leadership on how to handle a world crisis, you must pray for guidance from the Lord. He will hear your prayer and lead you into the path that he would have you to go. However, if you don't ever ask for His hand, it is a scary thought to walk through this world alone. In closing of the model prayer, God's glory is once again recognized before a sincere, "Amen." Our daily prayers do not have to contain these same words or even this same format. The important thing is that you are in communication with God. I Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "Pray without ceasing." This is not an impossible task. We can accomplish it by always having our hearts open unto God. No matter where we are or what we are doing God can be with us and help us.

We could speak further about the power of prayer, how it has been proven that prayer helps our infirmities, and the miracles that have come in response to prayer. The subject that we would like for everyone to understand is just how important and how necessary that prayer is to all of our lives. God hears our prayers. His ear is not too heavy nor His hand too short. Isn't it sad to think that the only trouble is that so many of us just aren't talking to Him?

Humbly submitted,

Jeff Simmons

Andrew Stokes

The Report on Importance and Necessity of Prayer was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Andrew Stokes and Jeff Simmons.

At the 11:00 am hour, the Moderator called for a song and the body stood and sang "I Am Thine, O Lord." He introduced Bro. Rufus Chandler, pastor of Concord Church, to deliver the Doctrinal Sermon.

Bro. Chandler came before the Association and told us how much our prayers have meant to his wife and himself during her illness and treatments. It truly is possible to feel the prayers of God's people. Last year after being chosen, a thought came to his mind. It has remained strong all year. His thought was "Hell - Yes or No." He found in all of the writings he read that all have had to agree with the Scriptures as spoken by Jesus. He felt that even though this was not an enjoyable doctrine to preach about, it is imperative that we preach and teach about a real and literal Hell. The dimensions of the New Jerusalem is described and will be made large enough to hold all that have ever lived. This place called Hell is being enlarged on a daily basis. There isn't much written on this subject because mankind doesn't want to accept its existence. Mankind wishes to downplay or negate the existence of a true literal burning Hell.

Matthew 25:41 was read by Bro. Chandler that described that Hell was prepared only for Satan and his angel followers. As sin has blossomed on Earth, we find that Hell continues to grow.

Satan tries to ruin the influence of God's children. Since he cannot touch the souls of the saved, he can destroy their ability to serve as a positive influence for God.

Earth was created and Man was placed on the Earth during the Creation. Satan already existed. Man was created in God's image but God's foreknowledge knew we would sin and fall from our perfect created state. Lucifer was described in Heaven as the most beautiful to look upon and was highly regarded, but sin entered into him. As Lucifer and those angels who followed him attempted

to overthrow God, we find from the Scriptures that Lucifer was unsuccessful. As sin entered into him, Hell was formed for him.

During the attack of the World Trade Center and observing the crash of the plane, the thought came to his mind of how many were prepared to go. Without preparation, Hell is awaiting. When you are a Child of God, you are somebody. That soul is what will live eternally. The saved soul will spend eternity in Heaven.

If the Devil is not bothering you, you need to consider where you stand with God. If Satan is not giving us trouble we are probably exactly where he would have us be. We must continue to strive and struggle to keep ourselves in the center of God's will.

During revival messages in the past, he has heard the reading about Lazarus and the rich man preached many times. Bro. Chandler read from Luke about the rich man lifting up his eyes in torment. He also read about how Lazarus was found in the bosom of Abraham. When the question is raised of how a "loving God" could allow someone to go to Hell, the response is always that God's love produced a way for man to miss Hell. It is by mankind's own choices that man goes to Hell. God prepared a way of salvation.

From Revelations we find that there is no rest in Hell, the torment will continue forever. In Hell there will be no water to satisfy the everlasting thirst. Heaven will be an eternal rest in the presence of the Lord. There will also be no escape from Hell. The scriptures teach of a great gulf that prevents those in Hell to ever be able to leave. Those that have never repented will never have another opportunity to obtain salvation once they awake in Hell.

Bro. Chandler read from Revelations concerning the White Throne Judgement. Satan has already been judged when he was thrown out of Heaven. The dead, small and great, will be judged according to their works. Those whose names were absent from the Book of Life are doomed to spend eternity in Hell. The unbelievers are those that will not listen to the Spirit of God calling them to repentance. It is difficult to understand why people will make such an issue about selecting neighborhoods to live in and areas to be in where murderers and rapists and criminal elements would be. Yet these same people refuse to seek salvation from

God. These will spend eternity with those who they wish to be away from.

Bro. Chandler encouraged all to preach Hell stronger and hotter than ever before. We must sense the urgency needed as the close of time draws near.

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 one hour for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer and offered a blessing for the food led by Bro. Charles Connell, Old Paths Church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another bountiful meal, we began the afternoon session by singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" led by Bro. Ricky Lewis, Oak Grove (HC) Church, and accompanied by Sis. Kim Carter, New Cross Roads Church, on the piano. Sis. Barbara Denton, Old Paths Church played a special on the piano. The Moderator expressed thanks to all those involved in preparing the meals for the two days. He asked Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church, to lead us in prayer.

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

Report of the Association Missionary Committee

The Committee on the topic of an Associational Missionary submits the following report:

The minutes of the Southwestern District Association records that our association as early as 1871 reported that there were certain areas within their bounds that were destitute of the Gospel. After careful deliberation it was decided that a minister from this association be appointed and authorized to work with the pastors to hold meetings and to use whatever means available to cultivate new fields of interest. It was also decided that the missionary receive a salary of \$4.00 from the Association. A report from 1881

records a request to the member churches to contribute free-will offerings to assist in carrying out this much needed work. The minutes also give detailed reports returned to the Association of the number of meetings held, miles traveled, sermons preached and moneys collected.

In light of these historical facts and our present day circumstances we can see the efforts to spread the Gospel and build churches was successful. There are numerous churches around this association every where. However, much has changed in the years that followed our Association's decision to appoint an associational missionary.

There has been a watering down of the Gospel and a drift toward "Easy Believe-ism." Many churches do not hold to our cherished doctrine of experimental knowledge and a "time and a place" experience of salvation. These and other doctrinal errors prevent us from having fellowship with these churches. There is reason to believe, however, that there are other sound churches with whom we may cultivate and enjoy fellowship.

For these reasons, this committee submits the following recommendations to the churches of the Southwestern District Association:

1) That this body consider appointing two able ministers from within our membership to serve as missionaries of this Association.

2) That these ministers meet the qualifications given in Scripture and that they be men of proven character who will honorably represent this association of Missionary Baptist Churches as ambassadors of good will.

It is further recommended by this committee that the goals for an associational missionary be defined as follows:

1) That each missionary visit six (6) churches within this association each calendar year for the purpose of cultivating fellowship and strengthening the tenets of Missionary Baptist doctrine.

2) That each missionary visit three (3) churches outside of our Association's membership for the purpose of cultivating fellowship with churches that are sound in the faith.

3) That each missionary be required to keep and submit a report of the churches visited and the number of new churches contacted. This report shall be returned when the Association convenes the following year.

The committee also submits the following recommendations to the churches of this Association:

1) That the churches of this Association (at their discretion) extend an invitation to one or both appointed missionaries to visit their respective church to inform them of the Association's desire to cultivate fellowship and strengthen our doctrine.

2) That each church (at their discretion) take up a free-will offering as a means of defraying the missionary's expenses that may be incurred while reaching out to other churches in our surrounding communities.

In closing, this committee would like to urge this Association to consider and adopt this plan, or perhaps consider another plan that will accomplish the goal of building fellowship, strengthening our doctrinal unity, and increase membership in this Association. The end result of doing nothing is obvious. The benefit of implementing a plan to spread the Gospel and the good will of the Southwestern District Association is the continuation of our Association and the ultimate hope that the truth will be heard in West Tennessee and surrounding communities for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Lynn Stapleton, Andrew Stokes, Trey Crews, Brian Oakes, Lee Carter, and Ray Smith.

The Report of the Association Missionary Committee was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Lynn Stapleton, Ray Smith, Bryan Oakes, Andrew Stokes, and Lee Carter.

Report on the Judgement Seat of Christ

"The Judgment Seat of Christ" is spoken of only twice in the New Testament scriptures in this exact context. The judgment seat (Greek bema) was an elevated seat at the square at Corinth where

Roman magistrates sat to administer justice, and where the athletes who distinguished themselves in the arena received their reward. (Nelson Study Bible) It appears in Romans 14:10 and 2 Corinthians 5:10. Hebrews 9:27 states "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." It is clear that all men both lost and saved shall face judgment. But who shall be at this judgment? Do only the saved appear at the "The Judgment Seat of Christ" or does everyone lost and saved appear at this judgment?

When Paul wrote in Romans 14:10 "But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ" he was speaking to the church at Rome. He was also speaking about one's brother in Christ. This would point to the fact that in this verse he is speaking to someone who is saved. The next two verses would point to someone who is lost and that they will bow to God and give an account to Him. In these 4 verses (Romans 14:10-13) Paul separates the lost and saved and how they will give their accounts.

Again when Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:9 & 10 "Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Of course Paul is writing to the church at Corinth. He makes mention in the scriptures prior to the 10th verse about his works. Then in the 10th verse he mentions this "Judgment seat of Christ" as if it pertained to his works. It would appear again that Paul has separated this judgment for the works of the saved.

Paul also makes mention of how a Christian's works will be judged in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. It is shown here that these works are the works of a Christian because the first thing mentioned is having the proper foundation, which is Jesus Christ. It states that the works would be tried by fire and any works that remain would be rewarded, a lost person will receive no reward only wages. Many Christians' works may burn up in this trial but of course this does not change the fact that they are going to Heaven.

Many do not want to believe our works will be judged after we are saved. In Hebrews 12:5-11 Paul speaks about the chastening (or correcting) hand of God. If God punishes us for our wrongful deeds would it not seem plausible that we would be rewarded for our good deeds. Matthew 6:19-21 tells us to be laying up treasures in heaven and not on earth. Paul speaks about pressing toward the mark (Philippians 3:14) and about the race being run (1 Corinthians 9:24). We Christians have been told there is work for us to be doing. Ephesians 2:10 tells us we are His workmanship created unto good works. It is clear throughout the scriptures that works are not about becoming a Christian but they are about being a Christian. And those scriptures referring to the "judgment seat of Christ" are about our being rewarded for those works.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Hollingshead
Lynn Breeden

The Report on the Judgement Seat of Christ was read and spoken to by Bros. Kevin Hollingshead, and Andrew Stokes.

Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptists: The Balance of Being Right

I believe we should first look back to where this "faith" and "practice" came from. Mat. 16:18, "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."

I Cor. 10:4, "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

I am absolutely sure that Jesus is our foundation. He began in His earthly ministry to call out apostles. The church then would grow from there. Later on, on one occasion, we find many people were saved, or added to this true church in one day. Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousands souls."

At this point in time we were not yet called Baptist. This name didn't come until later on. While the early church was growing in number, the possibilities were also increasing for unscriptural heresy to be converging into their churches. Mat 13:25, "But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way."

We as True Baptists have two ordinances to be observed. Believer's Baptism, followed by the Lord's Supper. All the way back to the beginning of time we find that man has most always wanted to have part in something that only God could do. What a shame this is when God desires all the praise and honor for salvation.

People over the years have recklessly manipulated God's word and counterfeited to themselves a works salvation sending church members into hell. The root of this problem of coarseness is the devil. We need churches willing to let God be in control and the Bible the rule.

Going back to our ordinances as True Baptist, both are pictorial. Baptism being an outward showing of an absolute inward change.

The Lord's Supper is also pictorial done in remembrance of Jesus dying for us. You will find many denominations today saying that these will save you. These issues may be small to some, but to True Baptists these are very serious issues. Through a time frame known as the Dark Ages, our church lineage was persecuted for our firm stand on salvation. We're not talking about persecution by laughing at someone. We are talking about being killed for not following the rules of the false church of the state.

Here in America, particularly here in the United States, we have truly been blessed by God. We enjoy the freedom to decide for ourselves the church of our choice. It seems there are churches everywhere you go. I respect that. It's what our country is founded on. I realize also, Satan, with his subtle devices, has penetrated the ranks of our churches. It's not easy to find a church today that is sound at the altar. Mat. 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." II Cor. 11:13-15, "For such are false apostles, deceitful

workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

Not all Baptists are True Baptists. I have seen a depreciation over the years on spirituality in churches. God the Spirit isn't welcome in many churches. Humbleness has been traded for people telling jokes. A lot of churches have taken the mourner's bench out with the intention of speeding up the process of being saved. They don't see people bow anymore.

When someone grows up in this environment it's tough knowing the right way. A person has to know he is lost before he can be saved. That takes the convicting power of God. God has to grant the lost the ability to repent of their sins, and to put faith in Jesus. This can only come through a broken and contrite heart or spirit. II Cor. 7:10, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." And when God saves a person to the uttermost they will experience a peace and joy that only God can give."

These important prerequisites have been cast aside by modernistic groups. Leaving out repentance and faith is sure doom.

Television evangelists have indoctrinated mass groups of people to just accept Christ, or to repeat a prayer. They will ask them some questions, then tell them they are saved.

With God's help we can stand against this deceiving spirit. May we all make a difference in our world. God Bless.

Respectively,

Dale Waugh
Larry Johnson

The Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptists was read, adopted and spoken to by Bro. Dale Waugh.

Call for New Business

A motion and second was made to establish a committee of Bros. Johnny Wall, Tim Swinford, and Scott Carter, to contact Old Union Church in regards to not reporting over the past two years. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to recommend that each church write a letter to the appropriate authorities, signed by all willing church members, requesting the return of prayer to the schools. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to recommend to each church to adopt the support of association missionaries as described in the report of the association missionary committee. Each church should consider this issue and respond to the Clerk as to their decision made by the end of January of 2002. 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 Old Paths Church for serving as host for this session. It was a pleasure for the Association to meet with this Church for the first time.

Our appreciation is extended to Bro. Derrick Jowers, for his message on "Having a True knowledge and Love of God" and the need for us to not only love God but strive to have a love for our neighbor. We also appreciated Bro. Rufus Chandler for his message on "a real and literal Hell." We need to strive harder to proclaim that there is truly a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun. We were again blessed by ministers of the gospel who follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We pray that God will bless them and their families 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 all. Thanks to the topic committee for such stimulating topics as usual. We look forward to next year.

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

May our Moderator and Assistant Moderator receive many blessings from God for their efforts to serve this Association.

Our appreciation is offered to the members and friends of Old Paths 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 Oak Grove (HC) 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 Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church for the 154th annual session on October 11, 2002, 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, 2002, at 10:00 am at Oak Grove (HC) Missionary Baptist Church in Lexington, TN. Motion carried.

Bro. Ricky Lewis 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 past labors.

We sang many wonderful songs in the Lord's Spirit and had a few comments and a special song sung by Bro. James Lankford, New Cross Roads Church.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 2002, at 10:00 am at Oak Grove (HC) Missionary Baptist Church in Lexington, TN. Motion carried.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. David Leslie, Oak Grove (HC) Church.

A. G. Hayes, Moderator

Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Lee Carter, Clerk

Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church

ROLL CALL OF CHURCH MESSENGERS FOR FRIDAY SESSION

Bethel ----- Marvin Newman ----- Jimmy Bennett
 Bible Grove ----- Bryan Oakes ----- A. G. Hayes
 Caledonia ----- Jeffrey Simmons ----- Melissa Simmons
 Center Point ----- DID NOT REPRESENT
 Clarksburg ----- Jimmy Hale ----- Dan Trebilcock
 Concord ----- John Cole ----- Lester Waugh
 Cross Roads ----- Dwayne Cole ----- Jackie Wimberly
 Ephesus ----- Clyde Cagle ----- Helen Cagle
 Huntingdon ----- Ray Smith ----- Lee Carter
 Landmark ----- Rex Carrington ----- Evelyn Carrington
 Marlsboro ----- Margie French
 Mixie ----- James Fowler ----- Mattie Lou Fowler
 New Bethel ----- Tony Boyd ----- Sharon Boyd
 New Cross Roads ----- Scott Carter ----- Gene Lankford
 New Hope ----- C. L. Kelley ----- Darrell Breeden
 New Liberty ----- Johnny Wall ----- Jimmy Stewart
 New Prospect ----- Renn Johnson
 New Spring Hill ----- Danny Quinn ----- Nell Quinn
 Oak Grove - CC ----- David Bond ----- Anita Bond
 Oak Grove - HC ----- Ricky Lewis ----- Jimmy Wallace
 Old Paths ----- Leonard McCoy ----- Larry Inglis
 Old Union ----- DID NOT REPRESENT
 Pleasant Grove ----- Robert Tolley ----- Marcia Tolley
 Pleasant Hill ----- DID NOT REPRESENT
 Pleasant Ridge ----- Travis Nance ----- Barbara Nance
 Rushing's Creek ----- Allen Holland ----- Jaunita Holland
 Shiloh ----- David Prater ----- Pam Prater
 Westport ----- Glynn Williams ----- Norman Leslie
 Yuma ----- Lynn Breeden

ROLL CALL OF CHURCH MESSENGERS FOR SATURDAY SESSION

Bethel ----- Marvin Newman ----- Phillip Halter
 Bible Grove ----- Bryan Oakes ----- A. G. Hayes
 Caledonia ----- Jeffrey Simmons ----- Melissa Simmons
 Center Point ----- DID NOT REPRESENT
 Clarksburg ----- Jimmy Hale ----- Dan Trebilcock
 Concord ----- John Cole ----- Lester Waugh
 Cross Roads ----- Dwayne Cole ----- Jackie Wimberly
 Ephesus ----- Letter Only Today
 Huntingdon ----- Ray Smith ----- Lee Carter
 Landmark ----- Rex Carrington ----- Evelyn Carrington
 Marlsboro ----- Margie French
 Mixie ----- James Fowler ----- Mattie Lou Fowler
 New Bethel ----- Jeff Lamb ----- Elithj McDaniel
 New Cross Roads ----- Scott Carter ----- Gene Lankford
 New Hope ----- C. L. Kelley ----- Darrell Breeden
 New Liberty ----- Johnny Wall ----- Jimmy Stewart
 New Prospect ----- Renn Johnson
 New Spring Hill ----- Danny Quinn ----- Nell Quinn
 Oak Grove - CC ----- David Bond ----- Anita Bond
 Oak Grove - HC ----- Ricky Lewis ----- Jimmy Wallace
 Old Paths ----- Leonard McCoy ----- Larry Inglis
 Old Union ----- DID NOT REPRESENT
 Pleasant Grove ----- Robert Tolley ----- Marcia Tolley
 Pleasant Hill ----- DID NOT REPRESENT
 Pleasant Ridge ----- Travis Nance ----- Barbara Nance
 Rushing's Creek ----- Allen Holland ----- Brent Brewer
 Shiloh ----- Judy Pritchard
 Westport ----- Glynn Williams ----- Norman Leslie
 Yuma ----- Lynn Breeden ----- Kevin Hollingshead

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2001 MINUTE FUND

BALANCE OCTOBER 7, 2000-----\$ 2020.23

EXPENDITURES:

Bartlett Printing -----	\$ 1400.00
Bank of Huntingdon -----	\$ 50.00
Postmaster -----	\$ 28.64

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2001 -----	\$ 1090.00
Interest Earned -----	\$ 123.51

BALANCE OCTOBER 13, 2001 ----- \$ 1755.10

Submitted by:

Lynn Breedon
Jimmy Hale
Lester Waugh
Finance Committee 2001

Correspondence

BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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February 10, 2001

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
c/o Lee M. Carter, MD
150 Carter Drive
Huntingdon, TN 38344

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 still 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 took forward to your correspondence this coming year. May God richly bless you.

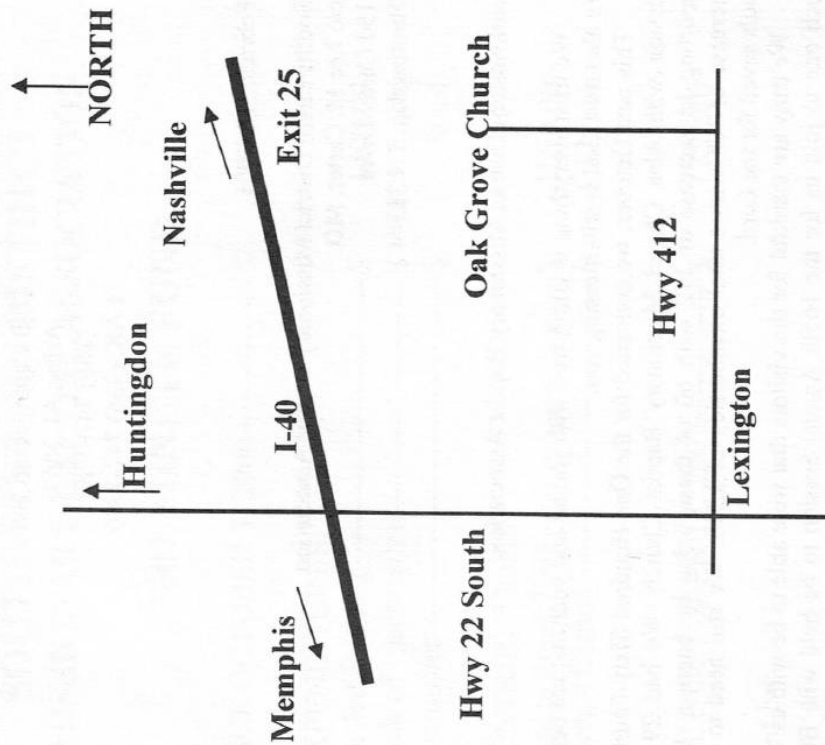
In Christ's Love,

Keith L. Hood
Clerk

Keith Prince - Moderator
124 County Road 165
Moulton, AL 35650

Billy Murphy - Vice Moderator
P.O. Box 281
Double Springs, AL 35553

DIRECTIONS TO 2002 SESSION



1. South on Hwy 22 toward Lexington
2. Turn Left on Hwy 412 East toward Parsons (1st Red Light)
3. Turn Left on Oak Grove Road
4. The Church is 2 miles from Hwy 412

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Baucom, Lonnie , New Liberty Huntingdon, TN 38344	731-986-4956
Boyd, Tony , New Bethel PO Box 97, Henry, TN 38231	731-243-3136
Crews, Trey , Huntingdon 234 Camelot Drive, Camden, TN 38320	731-584-1820
Denton, Jeff , Old Paths PO Box 527, Oxford, MS	662-236-2664
Hale, Joe , Clarksburg 907 Eagle Lane, Apollo Beach, FL 33570	813-649-0877
Hodge, Wayne , New Hope 220 Wyatt St. N., Bruceton, TN 38317	731-586-7697
Holland, Kevin , Mixie 565 Chapel Hill Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	731-986-4512
Kyle, Slade , Yuma 4020 Highway 424, Cedar Grove, TN 38321	731-987-2004
Leslie, David , Oak Grove (HC) 1040 Cody Hill Road, Lexington, TN 38351	731-967-8776
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Owen, Danny , New Bethel 203 West Orchard, Gleason, TN 38229	731-648-0172
Owen, Dewey , New Bethel Henry, TN 38231	731-243-2569
Phariss, Daniel , Old Paths 103 Houston Levee, Cordova, TN 38018	901-213-3233
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Solomon, Chris , Old Paths 119 Pecan Valley Road, Collierville, TN 38017	901-830-1099
Snyder, Hal , Ephesus 22095 Hwy. 77, Huntingdon, TN 38344	731-986-9514

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Arnold, Morgan, Center Point -----	731-586-2089
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Ashby, A.W., Cross Roads -----	
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Birdwell, Bernice, Pleasant Hill -----	731-987-2790
3130 New Bethel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
Boyd, Rodney, New Bethel -----	615-792-7852
486 Cheatham Dam Road, Ashland, City, TN 37015	
Brewer, Brent, Rushing's Creek -----	731-584-1230
401 Asbury Road, Camden, TN 38320	
Bryant, Jeff, Yuma -----	731-986-2576
299 Roark Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Carter, Clarence F., New Cross Roads -----	731-986-3929
276 Mebanewood Dr., Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Carter, Scott D., New Cross Roads -----	731-986-4701
124 Ivy Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Chandler, Rufus, Concord -----	731-986-4227
2960 Buena Vista Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Chandler, Weldon, Bethel -----	731-986-4261
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Dodd, Jerry Ray, Concord -----	731-987-2698
1600 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
Douglas, Arzell, Cross Roads -----	731-584-8027
587 Cross Roads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320	
Ellis, Roger, Pleasant Hill -----	731-586-7204
325 Corn Lane, Buena Vista, TN 38318	
Gurley, Marshall, New Liberty -----	731-986-5363
6325 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387	
Halter, Phillip, Bethel -----	731-986-4319
595 Halter Lane, Clarksburg, TN 38324	
Haskins, Dwight, Pleasant Ridge -----	901-584-2539
56 Cherry Street, Camden, TN 38320	
Hayes, A.G., Bible Grove -----	731-968-7508
38 Dennison Dr., Lexington, TN 38351	
Hedge, Truman, Cross Roads -----	731-584-7875
20 Jacqueline Circle, Camden, TN 38320	
Hilliard, Billy Joe, Center Point -----	731-586-4671
360 Ellis Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318	
Hilliard, Bobby, Shiloh -----	731-586-2170
Bruceton, TN 38317	
Hollingshead, Kevin, Yuma -----	731-986-0586
880 Roan Creek Road, Yuma, TN 38390	

Holt, Jim, New Spring Hill -----	731-986-2415
820 Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Hopper, Jack, Marlsboro -----	731-586-7902
100 Hemlock, Bruceton, TN 38317	
Jowers, Derrick, Cross Roads -----	731-584-8912
123 Underwood Street, Camden, TN 38320	
Kirby, H. G. (Pete), New Hope -----	731-986-4346
6130 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387	
Lassater, Earlie, New Bethel -----	731-352-7662
159 East Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201	
Lewis, John, Landmark -----	901-373-9991
7188 Lamesha Lane, Bartlett, TN 38133	
Lewis, Larry, Bible Grove -----	731-968-8053
720 Expressway Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388	
Maness, Allen, Yuma -----	731-847-3019
13 Flowers Cove, Dardin, TN 38328	
McDaniel, Jr., Freddie Lee, Rushing's Creek -----	
McDaniel, Tracy, Oak Grove (CC) -----	731-235-2498
630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230	
McLean, Lathan, Yuma -----	731-986-9793
6355 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387	
Oakes, Bryan, Bible Grove -----	731-986-2347
955 Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Rahn, Alan, Bethel -----	618-524-9865
2785A N. Avenue, Metropolis, IL 62967	
Rayburn, Mitchell, Cross Roads -----	731-584-8255
3450 Divider & Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320	
Simmons, Robert, Westport -----	731-986-3375
4650 Smyrna Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Simmons, Jeffrey, Caledonia -----	731-967-1100
129 Windy Ridge Lane, Lexington, TN 38351	
Sivilla, Ralph, Landmark -----	
Solomon, Chris, Old Paths -----	901-830-1099
114 Pecan Valley, Collierville, TN 38017	
Stapleton, Lynn, Huntingdon -----	731-986-2413
369 Mebanewood Dr., Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Stewart, James S., New Liberty -----	731-986-4292
7890 Hwy 22, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Stewart, Ronnie, Shiloh -----	615-754-8771
127 Catalpa Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122	
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849 Hawkins Creek Rd, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Swinford, Tim, Yuma -----	731-986-2136
422 Dameron Road, Yuma, TN 38390	

Wall, Johnny, New Liberty-----731-987-2597
 100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348
White, Andy, New Hope-----731-968-8201
 195 Exchange Road, Wildersville, TN 38388
Wiggins, Tony, Caledonia-----731-352-3260
 1225 Oak Manor Road, McKenzie, TN 38201

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 595 Halter Lane, Clarksburg, TN 38324
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 432 Bell Store Road, McKenzie, TN 38201
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 955 Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
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 33 Greenbriar St., Lexington, TN 38351
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 310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344

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 Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320
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CLERK-Max R. Carrington-----731-986-9576

PO Box 644, Huntingdon, TN 38344

NEW LIBERTY-Cedar Grove, TN 38321

PASTOR - Dale Waugh-----731-968-5392

245 Peckerwood Drive, Lexington, TN 38351

CLERK-Wayne Prater-----731-986-3135

190 Leach Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344

NEW PROSPECT-Holladay, TN 38341

PASTOR-Tim Swinford-----731-986-2136

422 Dameron Road, Yuma, TN 38390

CLERK-Cleo C. Rhodes-----731-847-6124

2053 Holladay Road, Holladay, TN 38341

NEW SPRING HILL-Huntingdon, TN 38344

PASTOR-Jim Holt-----731-986-2415

820 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344

CLERK-Laura Hutcherson-----731-986-3232

6820 Smyrna Road, Westport, TN 38387

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PASTOR-Tracy McDaniel-----731-235-2498

630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230

CLERK-Ronnie Hampton-----731-586-4259

755 Taylor Cemetery Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318

OAK GROVE-Lexington, TN 38351

PASTOR-David Leslie-----731-967-8776

1040 Cody Hill Road, Lexington, TN 38351

CLERK-Jimmy Wallace-----731-967-9794

20465 Hwy. 104 S, Lexington, TN 38351

OLD PATHS-10540 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN 38017

PASTOR-Chris Solomon-----901-830-1099

114 Pecan Valley, Collierville, TN 38017

CLERK-Joyce Medlin-----901-465-5699

1230 Cherry Road, Eads, TN 38028

OLD UNION-Holladay, TN 38341

PASTOR-

CLERK-Milburn Allen-----731-584-5291

7550 Divider & Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320

PLEASANT GROVE-

PASTOR-

CLERK-Ernest Wood-----731-845-5464

375 Pleasant Grove Ch. Rd, Wildersville, TN 38388

PLEASANT HILL-Camden, TN 38320

PASTOR-Lathan McLean-----731-986-9793

6355 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387

CLERK-Waymon Umstead-----731-584-3548

3940 Old Natchez Trace Trail, Camden, TN 38320

PLEASANT RIDGE-Camden, TN 38320

PASTOR-Arzell Douglas-----731-584-8027

587 Crossroads Church Rd, Camden, TN 38320

CLERK-Travis Nance-----731-586-7637

1640 Bruceton-Vale Road, Bruceton, TN 38317

RUSHING'S CREEK-Camden, TN 38320

PASTOR-Brent Brewer-----731-584-1230

401 Asbury Road, Camden, TN 38350

CLERK-Howard Berry-----731-584-8258

4268 Reynoldsburg Road, Camden, TN 38320

SHILOH-Holladay, TN 38341

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127 Catalpa Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

CLERK-Larry Pritchard-----731-845-5444

730 Pritchard Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

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PASTOR-Jerry Dodd-----731-987-2698

1600 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321

CLERK-Glynn Williams-----731-986-5782

5475 Hwy. 22, Huntingdon, TN 38344

YUMA-Yuma, TN 38390

PASTOR-Kevin Hollingshead-----731-986-0586

880 Road Creek Church Road, Yuma, TN 38390

CLERK-Lynn Breeden-----731-986-5596

145 Yuma Church Rd, Yuma, TN 38390

2002 SUMMER REVIVAL SCHEDULE

CHURCH	START DATE	HELPER
New Hope	05/26/2002	
Shiloh	06/16/2002	Bro. Lynn Stapleton
Landmark	06/16/2002	
Huntingdon	06/23/2002	
Pleasant Ridge	06/23/2002	
New Cross Roads	07/01/2002	
Westport	07/07/2002	
Center Point	07/14/2002	
Concord	07/14/2002	
Mixie	07/14/2002	
Pleasant Grove	07/14/2002	Bro. Andrew Stokes
Bethel	07/21/2002	Bro. Lynn Stapleton
Clarksburg	07/21/2002	
Marlsboro	07/21/2002	
Pleasant Hill	07/21/2002	Bro. Andrew Stokes
Yuma	07/21/2002	
Caledonia	07/28/2002	
Cross Roads	07/28/2002	Bro. Lynn Stapleton
New Bethel	07/28/2002	Bro. Rufus Chandler
Oak Grove - HC	07/28/2002	
Bible Grove	08/04/2002	
New Prospect	08/04/2002	
New Spring Hill	08/04/2002	
Oak Grove - CC	08/04/2002	
Old Paths	08/04/2002	
Rushing's Creek	08/04/2002	
New Liberty	08/11/2002	
Ephesus	Pending	
Old Union	September	

HISTORICAL TABLE

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

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

1883-Prospect, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County	Geo. Hollowell	D. J. Allen
1885-Concord, Carroll County	Geo. Hollowell	C. H. Rogers
1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1887-Liberty, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1888-Unity, Benton County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1889-Holly Springs	J. F. Rogers	D. J. Allen
1890-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1891-Rushing Creek, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1892-New Hope, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1893-Chalk Level, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1894-Mt. Comfort	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1895-Flatwoods, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1896-Marlboro, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1897-Bethel, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1898-Shiloh, Carroll County	N. L. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1900-Salem, Decatur County	N. L. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1901-Chalk Hill, Benton County	E. Z. Newsom	C. H. Rogers
1902-Cross Roads, Benton County	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1903-New Prospect, Decatur County	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1904-Ephesus, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1905-Pleasant Grove	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1906-Ramble Creek	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1907-Oak Grove, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1908-Concord, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1909-Pleasant Ridge	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1910-Perryville, Decatur County	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1911-Unity, Benton County	T. M. Boyd	D. H. Franks
1912-Chalk Level, Benton County	Joe N. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1913-Holly Springs	J. G. Cooper	D. H. Franks
1914-Mt. Nebo	J. G. Cooper	D. H. Franks
1915-Liberty, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1916-Tom's Creek, Perry County	J. N. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1917-Westport, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	Geo. S. Price
1918-Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	L. E. Mincey
1919-Cross Roads, Benton County	J. N. Joyner	L. E. Mincey
1920-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1921-Ephesus, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1922-Eva, Benton County	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1923-Prospect, Carroll County	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1924-Flatwoods, Benton County	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1925-Bunches Chapel	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1926-Oak Grove	J. N. Joyner	C. V. Cooper
1927-Pleasant Hill	J. N. Joyner	C. V. Cooper
1928-Shiloh, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1929-Bruceton, Carroll County	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1930-New Prospect, Decatur County	J. N. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1931-New Hope, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1932-New Liberty, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1933-Westport, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1934-Ephesus, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1935-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	E. H. Martin	W. S. Brinkley
1936-Marlboro, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1937-Cedar Hill, Decatur County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley

1938-Concord, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1939-Yuma, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1940-Caledonia, Henry County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1941-Oak Grove, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1942-New Cross Roads, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1943-New Bethel, Henry County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1944-Westport, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1945-Marlboro, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1946-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1947-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1948-Old Union, Benton County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1949-Cross Roads, Benton County	E. F. Prince	T. L. Campbell
1950-Bible Grove, Henderson County	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1951-Republican Hill, Benton County	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1952-Pleasant Hill, Benton County	John Hedges	T. L. Campbell
1953-Ephesus, Carroll County	John Hedges	Ray Smith
1954-Mixie, Carroll County	John Hedges	Ray Smith
1955-Concord, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1956-Tom's Creek, Perry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1957-Independent, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1958-Bethel, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1959-Oak Grove, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1960-New Bethel, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1961-Center Point, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1962-Caledonia, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1963-Old Union, Benton County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1964-New Bethel, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1965-Rushing Creek, Benton County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1966-Westport, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1967-New Prospect, Decatur County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1968-Ephesus, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1969-Concord, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1970-New Frank's Chapel, Decatur County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1971-Landmark, Shelby County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1972-Yuma, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1973-Pleasant Ridge, Benton County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1974-New Cross Roads, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1975-Cross Roads, Benton County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1976-Second Baptist, Lexington	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1977-Bible Grove, Chesterfield	M. Rayburn	Ray Smith
1978-New Bethel, Henry County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1979-Independent, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1980-Bethel, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1981-Landmark, Shelby County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1982-Pleasant Hill, Benton County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1983-New Prospect, Decatur County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1984-Concord, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1985-Oak Grove, Henderson County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1986-New Liberty, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1987-Westport, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1988-Center Point, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1989-Mixie, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1990-New Cross Roads, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1991-Bible Grove, Henderson County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
1992-Independent, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter

1993-Marlsboro, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
1994-Clarksburg, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
1995-Cross Roads, Benton County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
1996-Landmark, Shelby County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
1997-New Hope, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
1998-Shiloh, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
1999-Concord, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
2000-Bethel, Carroll County	Ray Smith	Lee Carter
2001-Old Paths, Shelby County	A. G. Hayes	Lee Carter

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present providing nothing be so construed as to prohibit newly constituted churches petitioning for admission from voting.

ARTICLE 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any messenger not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made the same day, but at no subsequent term.

ARTICLE 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, so as not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he arises to speak he shall call another brother to take the chair.

ARTICLE 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened to discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays and if a call is made it shall be decided by the members rising.

ARTICLE 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflection.

ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than once on any subject until all who wish to speak have an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ARTICLE 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the Association.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority vote of the members present, except in the reception of the churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required.

ARTICLE 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

ARTICLE 11. The appellation of "brethren" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ARTICLE 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

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

ARTICLE 14. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a finance committee to keep up with the moneys during the association, to make their report when called upon and to turn the moneys received over to the Clerk.

ARTICLE I.
The Association shall be called SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, known as an advisory council.

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

ARTICLE III.
The messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence which shall state their appointment as messengers, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.

ARTICLE IV.
Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to two messengers.

ARTICLE V.
Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons for their failure at the next Association, and if any church fails for two consecutive meetings, the Association shall send a committee to inquire into their state.

ARTICLE VI.
New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by messenger and letter, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ARTICLE VII.
The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their member's names enrolled, provided, also that all newly constituted churches petitioning for union with us shall have full right to vote for Moderator and Clerk, and nothing shall be construed as to prohibit them from voting.

ARTICLE VIII.
This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches. It shall however be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may separate from churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ARTICLE IX.
The Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such contributions as they may think proper.

ARTICLE X.
Any church of this union having a difficulty that she cannot settle may call for help from her sister churches, or may present the case to this body for advice. Such cases must be presented in the letters of correspondence, stating the reason why it had not or could not be decided by the church.

ARTICLE XI.
When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, they may call from two or more churches for the aid of their ordained ministers and deacons to examine the individuals and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the gospel which shall be reported at the next association and entered upon the Minutes.

ARTICLE XII.
The minutes of this Association will be read, corrected, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rise. And no

Association shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ARTICLE XIII.
The Clerk shall read the Rules Of Decorum on the first day of each Association meeting.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **We believe** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice.

2. **We believe** that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; and there are three persons in this one God - the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit; and this Triune God is the only object of religious worship and adoration, and that all worship paid anything less in the name of God is idolatry and abomination in His sight.

3. **We believe** that God created man good and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became sinful and depraved; and as a natural consequence, that his posterity by ordinary generations are involved in all the consequences of his fall.

4. **We believe** that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition and, unless God Himself had provided a way of Salvation, would have been ruined and miserable forever, because all have sinned.

5. **We believe** that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored law by His personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by His Death; being risen from the dead, is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

6. **We believe** that fallen man has nothing, and can do nothing, of himself, to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hopes of pardon, justification, redemption, and sanctification are derived alone from the merits of Christ.

7. **We believe** that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the efficacious plea He makes before the throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-adorning sacrifice.

8. **We believe** the Holy Spirit - the third person in the Trinity - is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the Gospel plain and acceptable.

9. **We believe** that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are freely justified by the righteousness of Christ, which comes to all that believe.

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

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

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

13. **We believe** that the first day of the week, called the Lord's Day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to

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Bro. Eugene Brown, Hendersonville, Tennessee
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Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

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Wiseman Missionary Baptist Church

Bro. Donald Parish, Huntingdon, Tennessee
Mt. Comfort Missionary Baptist Church

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Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. James Webb, Oxford, Mississippi
Old Rugged Cross Baptist Mission
Mission effort of Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church

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abstain from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation, and labor, except so much as is devoted to works of necessity and mercy.

14. **We believe** that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of His church and the advancement of His kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in His providence may give them ability.
15. **We believe** that God calls men, by His Spirit, to preach the Gospel, and that it is the duty of the individual thus called to study to show himself approved unto God as a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
16. **We believe** that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His church - baptism and the Lord's Supper; that baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and believers only are capable of rightfully receiving the ordinances, that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but ordained ministers have any right to administer them.
17. **We believe** that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.
18. **We believe** that the Gospel with all its obligations, privileges, and blessings, has been committed to the church of whom it is especially enjoined to make known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Savior pledges His presence to the end of the world.

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Bethel

Sis. Lurene Woodard -----01/05/2001
Sis. Ruby Bryant -----04/23/2001
Sis. Madelyn Smith -----06/09/2001
Sis. Irene Fann Thorne -----06/19/2001
Sis. Agnes Demoss -----06/27/2001
Sis. Eula Mae Murphy -----08/14/2001

Bible Grove

Bro. O. Fay Wood -----11/27/2000
Bro. Plautt Wood -----11/24/2000
Bro. Oder (Bug) Harrington, Jr. -----03/26/2001

Concord

Bro. Robert Jackson -----08/29/2001

Cross Roads

Eld. Harold Carver, Minister -----01/21/2001
Bro. Bennett Kee -----09/02/2001

Huntingdon

Sis. Ruth Rogers -----11/20/2000

Marlsboro

Sis. Margie Noles -----10/19/2000
Sis. Maye Haynes -----03/06/2001

Mixie

Sis. Covie Lindsey -----12/02/2000

New Bethel

Sis. Melba Sue Owen -----10/26/2000
Bro. James Malone -----03/23/2001

New Cross Roads

Bro. Hulon Neely, Deacon -----04/02/2001
Sis. Aileen Johnson -----08/22/2001

New Prospect

Bro. Ray Taylor -----09/07/2001

New Spring Hill

Bro. James Newbill -----05/03/2001

Oak Grove (HC)

Sis. Lessie Buck -----10/05/2000
Bro. Willie J (Buss) Davis -----10/12/2000
Bro. Alton Williams -----11/02/2000
Sis. Sally Ann Bledsoe -----12/20/2000
Bro. Carl Scott -----03/26/2001
Bro. Joe Howard -----07/21/2001

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Pleasant Grove

Sis. Lois Renfro ----- 12/20/2000
 Sis. Nell Wood ----- 01/17/2001
 Sis. Winnie Rickman ----- 01/18/2001
 Bro. Clifford Fiddler, Deacon ----- 07/03/2001

Pleasant Hill

Sis. Clara Webb ----- ?
 Bro. Zin Austin ----- 04/12/2001
 Eld. James Leaburn Mitchell, Minister ----- 12/22/2000
 Bro. Lonell Weathers ----- 09/29/2001

Pleasant Ridge

Sis. Mary Francis Step ----- 10/08/2000
 Sis. Thelma Cole ----- 02/04/2001
 Sis. Idola Jordan ----- 02/06/2001
 Bro. Stanley Williams ----- 04/25/2001
 Bro. Terry Goodman ----- 07/12/2001
 Sis. Elease Jordan ----- 07/07/2001

Rushing's Creek

Sis. Eula Greer ----- 10/19/2000
 Bro. Gerald Seaton ----- 12/17/2000
 Bro. J.T. Brewer, Jr. ----- 09/19/2001

Shiloh

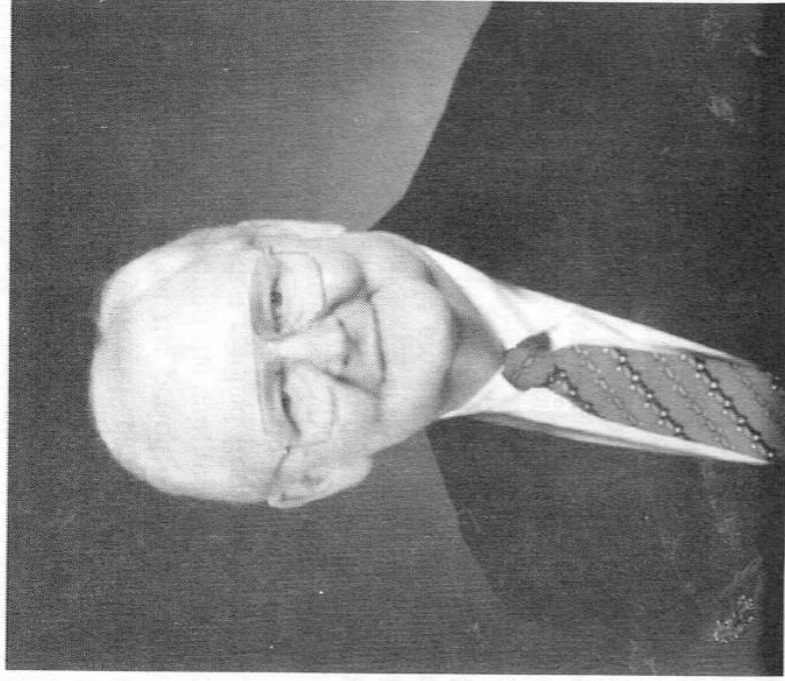
Sis. Vonell Pritchard ----- 11/15/2000
 Bro. Arvel Autry ----- 01/31/2001

Westport

Bro. William E. (Mutt) Bolen ----- 10/25/2000
 Sis. Mary Jean Pinkley ----- 05/25/2001
 Bro. Milton Butler ----- 08/14/2001

Yuma

Bro. Leonard Waugh, Deacon ----- 05/24/2001
 Bro. J.F. Gooch, Deacon ----- 06/27/2001



IN MEMORY OF ELDER HAROLD DWAYNE CARVER

Bro. Harold Carver was born on May 14, 1939 in Vale, TN to the late Elwood and Linnie Carver. On the morning of July 23, 1952 during the revival at Marlsboro Missionary Baptist Church, Bro. Carver was gloriously saved. He was baptized into church fellowship on the following Sunday by Bro. T. L. Campbell at Martins Creek. During his military service in the United States Navy, Bro. Carver married his high school sweetheart, Virgie Pierce. They had two daughters, Valerie and Laura Carver. He earned a masters degree in entomology from Memphis State University in 1968. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, and his sister, Norma Jean Hedge.

Bro. Carver's call to the ministry came on April 21, 1955 at the age of fifteen at Vanderbilt Hospital where his father, who was seriously ill, was hospitalized. Seeking out a private place to grieve and pray for his father, Bro. Carver found a sun porch and began to beg the Lord to heal his father. It was during this prayer that God's call of "Preach My Gospel" came. He told his family about the experience. During the period of mourning after his father died, he began to question the call; reconciling it as having simply been an experience that resulted from his emotional state during the hospital stay, rather than an actual call from God.

But the call had been from God. Over the next several years, Bro. Carver endeavored to pacify the burden that only lingered. He became a Sunday School teacher and a deacon at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church. He prayed that God would send him another call, just to assure him that preaching the gospel was, indeed, what God wanted him to do. The second call never came. The first one never left. Bro. Carver announced his calling at Landmark Church during the summer of 1975. He expressed feeling that the weight of the world had been lifted from his shoulders. He preached his first sermon at New Franks Chapel during the summer revival of 1975. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry on September 27, 1975 by Landmark Church.

During the twenty-five years of his ministry, he pastored Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, TN; Clarksburg Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksburg, TN; and, Crossroads Missionary Baptist Church in Camden, TN. Her served as moderator for the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association from 1978 to 2000. Throughout his ministry he assisted in revivals in a multitude of churches, ministered to the sick and dying, and counseled many in a variety of life experiences. Bro. Carver was an instructor for several years at the Minister's School at Old Union Church in Bowling Green, KY and began a Bible Study Class for young ministers. He was a loving man, wholly devoted to his wife and daughters. He was an eloquent and passionate communicator and remained, to the end of his life, a devoted scholar of God's Holy Word.

Bro. Carver went to be with our Heavenly Father on the evening of January 22, 2001. May it be humbly said that he fought a good fight, that he finished his course, and he kept the faith.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES LEABURN MITCHELL

James Leaburn Mitchell was born February 11, 1918, in Camden, TN to the late Emloe Mitchell and Eunice Reed Mitchell. He died December 22, 2000, at the age of 82. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

He married Elsie Lampley on February 8, 1941, and they had three children, Carolyn, Dorothy and Phillip. He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie, his son Phillip, and two brothers Sebern and Gleathen Mitchell. He survived by his daughters Carolyn Ledbetter, Dorothy Higdon and his sister Mildred Phifer.

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church on October 29, 1977. Brother Mitchell pastored several Churches. He was a fine Christian man and will be greatly missed by his family and community and all that knew him.

2002 STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	Bethel	Bible Grove	Caledonia	Center Point	Clarksburg	Concord	Cross Roads	Ephesus	Huntingdon	Landmark	Mixie	New Bethel	New Cross Roads	New Hope	New Liberty	New Prospect	New Spring Hill	Oak Grove - CC	Oak Grove - HC	Old Paths	Old Union	Pleasant Grove	Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Ridge	Rushing's Creek	Shiloh	Westport	Yuma	TOTALS
Church	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
Church Day	13	5	1	8	3	2	1	0	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Baptisms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions By Letters	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	0	22	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restorations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Additions	2	2	2	3	3	1	1	0	22	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Losses By Letters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exclusion	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Losses	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Membership	8	4	1	7	4	2	2	6	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lord's Supper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foot Washing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditures	\$16,272.18	\$21,022.10	\$18,823.51	\$1,437.00	\$2,562.05	\$12,688.00	\$9,606.63	\$89,625.05	\$37,100.00	\$12,075.00	\$0.00	\$4,776.00	\$8,614.10	\$10,820.78	\$2,590.00	\$3,274.67	\$3,142.80	\$3,428.00	\$2,853.62	\$7,286.00	\$8,450.00	\$6,638.00	\$4,918.00	\$1,729.00	\$4,851.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,098.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pastor's Salary	\$33,946.00	\$21,022.10	\$18,823.51	\$4,371.00	\$2,562.05	\$12,688.00	\$9,606.63	\$89,625.05	\$37,100.00	\$12,075.00	\$0.00	\$4,776.00	\$8,614.10	\$10,820.78	\$2,590.00	\$3,274.67	\$3,142.80	\$3,428.00	\$2,853.62	\$7,286.00	\$8,450.00	\$6,638.00	\$4,918.00	\$1,729.00	\$4,851.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,098.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ministerial Help	\$3,735.00	\$2,514.72	\$1,690.00	\$1,138.00	\$1,185.10	\$2,912.79	\$3,232.54	\$1,050.58	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00	\$1,008.00	\$3,552.00	\$4,920.00	\$3,684.00	\$5,275.00	\$1,928.00	\$1,947.00	\$2,418.00	\$2,098.00	\$0.00	\$1,729.00	\$4,851.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,098.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Support	\$910.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$820.00	\$3,232.54	\$3,232.54	\$1,050.58	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00	\$1,008.00	\$3,552.00	\$4,920.00	\$3,684.00	\$5,275.00	\$1,928.00	\$1,947.00	\$2,418.00	\$2,098.00	\$0.00	\$1,729.00	\$4,851.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,098.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Minute Fund	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$26,104.61	\$24,774.82	\$24,774.82	\$35,514.80	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Clerk Fund	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$5,579.91	\$5,579.91	\$5,579.91	\$133,158.54	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Grand Total	\$54,938.18	\$24,774.82	\$24,774.82	\$26,104.61	\$5,579.91	\$5,579.91	\$5,579.91	\$133,158.54	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

2002 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Glenn Baker	16	70	1374.40
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	12	0	8819.92
Caledonia	David Hall	7	20	1188.33
Center Point	Jerry King	7	35	56.80
Clarksburg	Tommy Altom	16	70	897.71
Concord	Lester Waugh	19	75	720.71
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	12	59	0
Ephesus	Eddie McElroy	4	18	1047.84
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	10	114	1292.49
Landmark	Robert Jones	8	20	0
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	4	0	474.76
Mixie	Garvin Renfro	6	48	4078.00
New Bethel	Monty McCartney	8	25	1288.03
New Cross Roads	Gene Lankford	15	0	1098.35
New Hope	Roy Hatch	8	60	5014.31
New Liberty	Brian Johnson	9	0	0
New Prospect	Bill Smith	8	84	595.25
New Spring Hill	George Norman	5	0	0
Oak Grove - CC	Brian Hampton	4	35	227.85
Oak Grove - HC	Glenn Lewis	10	55	1058.50
Old Paths	Not listed	12	0	43.00
Old Union				0
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	12	0	1809.00
Pleasant Hill	Pete Hargrove	8	40	895.58
Pleasant Ridge	Randall Smith	6	37	1576.06
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	5	30	1280.88
Shiloh	Joe Cary	3	0	0
Westport	Tim Edwards	12	45	1958.18
Yuma	David Cary	11	0	0
TOTALS		257	940	36795.95