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THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Clarksburg Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksburg, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2007, at 10:00 AM.

2006 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -- Eld. Tim Maness
Alternate ----- Eld. Marshall Gurley
Doctrinal Sermon ----- Eld. Arzell Douglas
Alternate ----- Eld. Scott Carter

History of Huntingdon Church

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and in honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, a group of born again Christians banded together and organized Independent Missionary Baptist Church on May 14, 1950. The organizational sermon was preached by Brother Hersey Hopper and Bro. Elihu Martin prayed the organizational prayer. Sixteen individuals brought letters of recommendation from sister Baptist Churches and presented themselves for membership to form the new church. Those members elected Robert Noles as Pastor of the church pending his ordination.

The name Independent was chosen because we believe that each individual church is autonomous-- self-governing--independent of any other organization.

On February 11, 2001, by action of the Church in regular business session, the name "Independent" was changed to "Huntingdon".

Church Officers

Bro. Lynn Stapleton -----	Pastor
Bro. Ray Smith -----	Clerk
Dr. Lee Carter -----	Asst. Clerk
Bro. Harold Webb -----	Treasurer
Bro. Tommy Crews -----	Asst. Treas.

Deacons:

- Dr. Lee Carter
- Bro. Tommy Crews
- Bro. Steve Edwards
- Bro. Max Green
- Bro. Claude Haddock
- Bro. Thomas Moody
- Bro. Donald Parish
- Bro. Kenny Rush
- Bro. Ray Smith
- Bro. Harold Webb
- Bro. James Webb
- Bro. Mitchell Whitworth

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007

- ❑ Call Association to Order
- ❑ Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- ❑ Appoint Finance Committee
- ❑ Appoint Topics Committee for 2008 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 2008 Session
- ❑ Select Brethren to Preach 2008 Annual Sermons
- ❑ Introductory Sermon - 11:00 AM
- ❑ Call for Correspondence
- ❑ Call for Report on How Shall We Escape The Judgment of God if we neglect so great a salvation (Hebrews 2:3)
- ❑ Call for Report on New Testament Church - Why did Jesus Build it?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007

- ❑ Roll Call of Messengers
- ❑ Call for Report of Finance Committee
- ❑ Call for Report of Obituary Recorder
- ❑ Call for Report of Historical Committee
- ❑ Call for Report on Biblical Stewardship
- ❑ Doctrinal Sermon - 11:00 AM
- ❑ Call for Report of Topic Committee
- ❑ Call for report on *to be announced based upon current event*
- ❑ Call for report from the Associational Missionary
- ❑ Call for New Business
- ❑ Reading of the Vote Of Thanks
- ❑ Read and Approve Minutes by Clerk
- ❑ Song and Parting Hand

Association Elected Officers for 2006-2007

<i>Moderator</i> 	Bro. Ray Smith 19950 East Main Street Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4717	Huntingdon Church
<i>Assistant Moderator</i> 	Eld. Andrew Stokes 310 Westport Road Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-3738	Clarksburg Church
<i>Clerk</i> 	Eld. Scott Carter 400 Chickasaw Drive Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4701 home (731) 986-4544 E-mail – clerk@swdmba.org	Bethel Church
<i>Assistant Clerk</i> 	Eld. Johnny Wall 100 Welch Lane Lavinia, TN 38348 (731) 987-2597 home (731) 694-6294 cell E-mail – webmaster@swdmba.org	New Liberty Church
<i>Assoc. Missionary</i> 	Eld. Jimmie Hale 22790 Hwy. 22 N. Yuma, TN 38390 (731) 968-5298	Clarksburg Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006

We gathered together on a beautiful fall day for the 158th Annual Session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. Bro. Brent Smith stood to lead the singing and welcomed all to Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. The congregation stood and sang from the Heavenly Highway Hymns #310 "My God is Real".

After congregational singing the Moderator again welcomed all present to the 158th session of this association. After a few remarks he asked Bro. Kenneth Massey to open the session with a word of prayer. The congregation then sang #216, "In The Sweet Forever".

The moderator then introduced the pastor, Bro. Lynn Stapleton, who introduced the deacon body present to assist any as needed. Bro. Stapleton welcomed all present and told of the blessing it is for everyone to be present here today and the blessing it is to have Gods Holy Spirit present here today. He thanked the ladies for preparing the food, but first we would feast on that heavenly manna. He asked the deacon body of Huntingdon Church to stand and be introduced. He told the congregations that if they needed any assistance, see any of these deacon brethren.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Pastor and Deacon Body of Huntingdon Church

Pastor: Bro. Lynn Stapleton

Deacons:

Bro. Kenny Rush
Bro. Steve Edwards
Bro. Mitchell Whitworth
Bro. Lee Carter
Bro. Claude Haddock
Bro. James Webb
Bro. Harold Webb
Bro. Ray Smith

Finance Committee:

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

2007 Topic Committee:

Bro. Phillip Halter (Chairman) – Bible Grove Church

Bro. Jimmy Stewart – New Liberty Church

Bro. Randy Thompson – Cross Roads Church

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Clint Sanders – Bible Grove Church

The moderator then read from Philippians 2:1-11

The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum. Afterward, the moderator then called for the individual church letters.

The Moderator invited any non-member churches present that wished to petition for membership to come forth at this time. There were no petitioner churches for this session.

The Roll Call of Messengers was made and 69 messengers were seated by motion from Bro. Milburn Allen and second from Bro. Lee Carter. Motion carried.

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

Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church, was nominated as Moderator, and being the only one nominated, a motion by Bro. Rufus Chandler and second was made by Bro. Bryan Oakes to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Andrew Stokes, Clarksburg Church, was nominated as Assistant Moderator, and being the only one nominated, a motion by Bro. Johnny Wall and second was made by Bro. Gary Douglas to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Scott Carter, Bethel Church, was nominated as Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a motion by Bro. Lee Carter and second by Bro. Rufus Chandler was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Johnny Wall, New Liberty Church, was nominated as Assistant Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a motion by Bro. Bryan Oakes and second was made by Rufus Chandler to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Tim Maness and Bro. Randy Thompson were nominated to preach the Introductory Sermon. Motion by Bro. David Leslie and second by Bro. Bryan Oakes was made for nominations to cease. Motion carried. Bro. Tim Maness was elected.

Bro. Marshall Gurley was nominated to be the alternate for the Introductory Sermon, and being the only one nominated, a motion from Andrew Stokes and second by Bro. David Leslie was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Arzell Douglas was nominated to preach the Doctrinal Sermon and being the only one nominated a motion by Bro. Andrew Stokes and second by Bro. Johnny Wall was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Bro. Scott Carter was nominated to be the alternate for the Doctrinal Sermon, and being the only one nominated, a motion by Bro. Bryan Oakes and second by Bro. Rufus Chandler was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Seven Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2007 session. A motion by Bro. Rufus Chandler and second by Bro. Lee Carter was made to select Clarksburg Church as the host site. Motion carried.

The moderator expressed his thanks for electing him for another year as the moderator. He then asked for a song led by Bro. Brent Smith with Bro. Lee Carter on the piano. We stood and sang #44 "When We All Get Heaven".

Introductory Sermon

Bro. Harvey Ambrose

Bro. Smith introduced the one selected at the pervious session to preach the Introductory Sermon. Bro. Harvey Ambrose came forth and expressed what a humbling experience it has been being asked to preach here today. His desire was to bring a message that would bring honor to the Lord. He took for a text Matthew 28:1-6. His thought was from verse 6 "Come See The Place Where The Lord Lay". He told about how this past week there have been things going in society that are tragic. Bro. Ambrose was uncertain if this was the message he should preach when it came to him. But as the week unfolded and it was so focused on death of dear saints of God he became convinced it was appropriate. This has certainly been a time of mourning and weeping and sorry because we have lost dear saints. He told of the loss of Sis. Siddie Gurley, and the loss of two friends in Middle Tennessee this past week. The text reminds us that there is a time for weeping, heavy hearts because they did not understand about what was going on. The women in the text had come to the spot where Jesus was entombed, their hearts were heavy. What we need today cannot be heard with natural ears, nor taught by words of mans wisdom. These things can only be revealed by the Spirit of God. These are the deep things of God. When we come face to face with the calamities of life, only the Spirit of God can provide what we need. Young people are being slaughtered, people are dying by the thousands, and they need comfort from God. Certainly these women were in need of comfort.



The political leaders of that day had done all they could to secure the tomb of the Lord. But God sent a great earthquake and the very angels of heaven were present there. It was a tomb that had been prepared by a rich man, Joseph of Arimathea.

Throughout the life of Jesus he had only the mean and beggarly elements of existence on this earth. He was born in a stable where animals were kept and laid in a manger. He lived his life without a place to lay his head. He endured all of the pains of mockery and crucifixion. He suffered all things for our sins. Bro. Ambrose is so glad that after the Lord endured all these terrible things that after His burial there was no more evil or bad thing performed upon Jesus. He is thankful that the Lord's body was treated with honor. They had taken His body down before the Sabbath Day set in. The Lord Jesus had labored very hard through the crucifixion and now He was laid to rest. A rest He was so deserving of. He was laid in a borrowed tomb given by a rich man. Joseph probably thought that would be a permanent gift. He most likely didn't understand that it would only be a temporary resting place. There were angels at the head and foot of that resting place. Bro. Ambrose admits he doesn't know all that this tells us but he believes they had been there for a good long time. Bro. Ambrose's heart reveals to him that these angels were astonished and even dumbfounded of the great torments the Lord had endured for mankind. This is an example of the mercy seat. Today Jesus is our mercy seat. Bro. Ambrose believes the two angels at the tomb of Jesus represented the two angels at the ends of the mercy seat on the Ark of the Covenant given to Israel through Moses. He left His grave clothes in that tomb. The napkin over His face was left at the head. The most significant thing about this tomb is that it is empty. He is not there, He is gone. There were those in the Corinthian church spoken of that thought there was no resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:12-22) Paul corrected their misunderstanding. He told them that if there is no resurrection of the dead then Christ is not raised and our faith is in vain. God help us to preach the pure gospel of Jesus Christ; His death, burial, and resurrection. He is our hope!

In Job 19 Job cried for God to have pity on him. Job said "I know that my redeemer liveth." Job knew that he would see God even in his own flesh with his own eyes. Bro. Ambrose says he can hardly wait for the day when he will see the Lord. The born again experience is the one thing that really matters. We hear other faiths talking and teaching similar doctrines as we have but no other group preaches and teaches about this born again experience.

After a few closing remarks he turned the service back over to the moderator. It was evident that the Spirit of God was with Bro. Ambrose here today.

The moderator then asked for any visitors to stand and be recognized. (See list on page 31)

Bro. Marshall Gurley asked to speak to the association. He thanked everyone for all that has been done during the sickness and loss of his wife. He told the people present that his wife was a precious soul. He told of being in town Saturday and that his wife had been sick at her stomach and could not eat much. He told of his wife raising up and saying “have they pronounced me dead?” She said she had perfect peace and no pain. He woke up at 3:00AM and checked on her. He said his wife had no struggle with death; she slowly quit breathing, and died peacefully. He thanked everyone again for their kindness and asked everyone to keep him in their prayers.

The Moderator asked for a handshake with Bro. Ambrose.

After the handshake Bro. Kenneth Massey invited everyone to the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association in two weeks.

Bro. Johnny Carver dismissed the morning session and blessed the food.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

We reassembled together for the afternoon session by singing from the Heavenly Highway Hymns # 6 “He Set Me Free” and #54 “I’ll Fly Away” led by Bro. Ricky Lewis with Sis. Rebecca Clement on the piano.

The moderator read from Psalms 95-1-6 and then asked Bro. Jeff Simmons to lead the congregation in prayer.

A motion was made by Bro. Andrew Stokes and second by Bro. Milburn Allen to seat the messengers from Landmark, Bro. Rex Carrington, Sis. Evelyn Carrington and Bro. Tommy Gurley from Old Paths.

The clerk then read the correspondence. (See page 36).

Motion and second was made to place the correspondence in the minutes. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to give the chairman of topics 10 minutes and the assistant 5 minutes.

The moderator called for the report on *Law and Grace*. The chairman, Bro. Clint Sanders, came to read the report to the association.

Law and Grace

We the committee on Law & Grace submit the following:

“Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:”

There is no point which men may make a greater mistake than with the relation which exists between the law and grace. Some use the law instead of grace; some modify the law and grace, and preach neither law nor grace. Many men teach the law as grace and think that by good works of honesty and righteousness that they can be saved. We would like to distinguish between the design of the law and what is the end of the gospel. “Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound.” The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome in Romans 7:7, 8, 11, What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law; for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Some might conclude that the law is the culprit, but it actually increases the sinfulness of sin, by removing all excuse of ignorance. Augustine said, “The law is not in fault, but our evil and wicked nature; even as a heap of lime is still and quiet until water be poured thereon, but then it begins to smoke and burn, not from the fault of the water, but from the nature and kind of the lime which will not endure it.” God sent law as a prescription for specific punishments for specific sins. In the beginning of time God gives Adam a specific instruction to “not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”, and the specific punishment was death. Genesis 2:16-17. There was sin in the world long before God sent the law. God gave his law that the offence might seem to be an offence; and that the offence might abound more than it could have done without the law. Paul wrote in the Galatian letter, “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:24. In respect to the world and where the law is rarely ever preached, there is still sin, though men cannot sin against the law which they have never seen, yet they can all rebel against the light of nature and against the traditional remembrance of right and wrong, which has followed the human race since the beginning of time. According to Romans 1:20, Paul states: For the invisible things

of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. Without the law manifesting sin, conscience, nature, tradition and reason are sufficient to condemn those who would violate the commandments. The law makes no one a sinner; all men are sinners in Adam. Roman 3, v. 10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. v.23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; v.24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 5:12-16, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned : (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. Sin was imputed originally when all became sinners after the account of Adam. "The imputation of sin is not arbitrarily charging people with sins for which they are not naturally responsible, but reckoning to them the guilt they deserve." God not only imputes the sin of Adam to the human race; but He also offers the entire human race the same thing through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The imputation of righteousness or grace through Jesus Christ is the only remedy for sin.

There has never been a law or rule that can change the heart of mankind, but only the grace of God can do that. The purpose of the law is to make the evidence complete that salvation by works is impossible. Ephesians 2:8-9, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. It is often said that we are now living in the period of grace, because of its full manifestation. John says in John 1:17, For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Grace which had before been in the shadow of the law, came to the light through Jesus Christ. Ever since the fall of Adam and the immediate promise of redemption, grace has been in operation. A. W. Pink wrote: "The wonder and glory of grace consists in this, that it came in, not to oppose the law and substitute another plan, but to meet and satisfy all its claims and provide a way of fulfilling all its obligations." Grace being defined as God's unmerited favor to mankind, and although we cannot fully understand God's grace, Paul states in Romans 5:5, And hope maketh not ashamed; because the LOVE OF GOD IS SHED abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which IS given unto us. God was not kidding about the law; it is just that by

focusing on it we get nowhere. Only by grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit can we do what God requires. And we get grace not by looking to the law, but by believing through faith in Christ. In closing; the thief on the cross was condemned under the law, but the grace of God reached out to him in Luke 23:39-43, And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. Thanks be unto God for grace that allows us to be forgiven of our sins by which the law totally condemns. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:19-21.

Humbly and Prayerfully Submitted,
Eld. Bryan L. Oakes
Eld. Clint Sanders

The report on *Law and Grace* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Clint Sanders, Bryan Oakes.

The moderator then called for the report on *Being Persistent/Seeking the Salvation of Our Kindred and Acquaintances*. The chairman, Bro. Lynn Stapleton, came forth to read the report to the association.

Being Persistent/Seeking the Salvation of Our Kindred and Acquaintances

Nothing more clearly defines the Missionary Baptist spirit than seeking the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances. As Christians, we should all engage in the great commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. The scope of our mission is the inhabited world. But certainly, every work has a beginning place. What better place to begin than at home with our kindred and acquaintances?

1 Corinthians chapter 15 clearly teaches that we are all the offspring of the first man Adam, and because of sin we are all going to die. However, God sent

another man, a “Second Man” who would die in our place so that we may live eternally. That “Second Man” was Jesus, and by faith in His vicarious death on the cross, men receive eternal salvation. But the Scripture is plain in stating “There is none that seeketh after God.” (Rom 3:11b) For that reason Jesus came to “seek and save that which is lost.” (Luke 19:10)

Brethren, we must keep this thought in mind. No one would be saved nor could be saved if God in some way had not intervened in our lives. He does so, and chooses to do so, in most cases through human agency. All we need do is remember our own experience to realize the importance of persistence in our efforts to win lost souls for Christ.

Men are sinners by nature and aliens from the commonwealth of Israel. Man’s mind is carnal and he is at enmity with God. Men are not easily persuaded toward God and casual contact is insufficient to turn them from worldliness to godliness. Therefore, the Christian witness should consider these Scriptural examples of persistence:

Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (Gal 6:9)

Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. (James 5:7)

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. (Psalm 126:6)

In his final days, Paul the great missionary and evangelist said He was pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:14) Much earlier, he had written the church at Corinth and instructed them to consider their calling. (1 Co 1:26) Brethren, our calling is a high calling and it is every Christian’s calling to seek the salvation of his or her kindred and acquaintance. If we are going to fulfill this high calling, we must be persistent, patient and ever pressing toward the mark for the prize.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Stapleton and Andrew Stokes

The report on *Being Persistent/Seeking the Salvation of Our Kindred and Acquaintances* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Lynn Stapleton, Andrew Stokes, Clint Sanders, Ray Smith, Rayburn Woods, Larry Tolley, Scott Carter, David Leslie, Harvey Ambrose, Scott Galimore, Tim Maness.
The moderator made a few comments and asked for a motion to close for the day.

Motion and second was made to adjourn until 10:00 AM Saturday. Motion carried.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Eugene Brown.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2007

On another beautiful fall morning we reassembled together. The moderator welcomed all present and asked for a song. The congregation began by singing from the Heavenly Highway Hymns # 298 “Heaven’s Jubilee”, and “I’d Rather Have Jesus” led by Bro. Rayburn Woods, Bible Grove Church, and accompanied by Sis. Rebecca Clement, Bible Grove Church, on the piano and Sis. Anne Riding, Huntingdon Church, on the organ.

The Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, opened the second day of the Association and asked Bro. Bryan Oakes, Bethel Church, to lead us in prayer. Bro. Smith then read from John 1: 1-14 and called the association to order.

The roll call of messengers listed 64 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 \$ 1718.50, and the Clerk Fund of \$ 1,010.00 giving a total of \$ 2,728.50. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 7, 2006 is \$ 2009.36. 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. Clint Sanders gave the obituary Report.

Bro. Sanders came forth and told how death was a difficult subject to address.

When doing a funeral the main thing he wants to know if the person was saved.

When they are saved, it makes things much easier. Then he read from John 14:1-6.

We as God’s people are just sojourners through this world. He encouraged us all to keep going on. The association lost 49 saints during this past year with one of them a deacon. As God’s people, we need to fill the gaps that are being left. After a few closing remarks, he turned the service back over to the moderator.

The clerk then read a list of the names of the saints that have gone on to their reward.

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

The moderator then called for a report from the historical committee.

Report of Historical Committee

Bro. Scott Carter reported that the Historical Committee is making progress on the making of the book about the history of our association. He told that the wishes of the committee are to have the book completed by the 160th session in 2008.

Motion and second was made to take up a topic before lunch. Motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on *Sign Gifts/ Are They Active Today*. The chairman, Bro. David Leslie, came forth to read the report to the association.

Sign Gifts/ Are They Active Today

Lesson Text: Mark 16:9-20

First of all, we thank God for His love and for Jesus who came to this world to be crucified for our sins. Through the power of His resurrection, He reconciled a lost world from a fallen state to give us opportunity to live with Him for an eternity. After we have been saved (by grace through faith), it is commanded that as new converts we are to take up our cross and follow Him.

I Corinthians 12:4 states, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." This scripture is stating that the gift(s) that God has given must be in accordance with the Holy Spirit (remembering that the Holy Spirit is equal to God the Father and Son). In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul stated that the purpose of the gifts to the saints was to equip (supply the needed resources to) the saints and to edify (building up of) the body of Christ.

Now in examining our lesson text, (Mark 16: 9-20), in correlation with what has been stated in the previous paragraph, let us look at our subject. Are sign gifts active today?

It is clear that in Mark's gospel, Jesus is speaking to His apostles on this matter. Obviously, all authority lies with Jesus in generations past, present, and future. For example in Matthew, Mark and Luke's gospels, there is an account of one who was possessed with an unclean spirit. Clearly, this is what Jesus was speaking of in Mark's gospel, chapter sixteen when he spoke about "casting out

devils." The man was possessed with an evil spirit. By his actions he would be considered a lunatic, cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus, the man came and bowed before Him. Does the Bible not command us to do the same today? We are to come and call upon the name of the Lord. The man, even though he appeared to be wild, contentious, and mad, realized that he was a sinner. He spoke that he knew that Jesus was the most high God and that Jesus had all power over him. Jesus asked him, "What is thy name?" The man answered, "Legions, because many devils are with me." Jesus cast the devils from the man into the swine and the swine ran off the bank and into the waters and drown. Jesus told the man to go home to thy friends and tell them what great things have been done.

In Matthew/Mark's gospels, Chapters fifteen and seven respectfully, a Canaanite woman came to Jesus. The Bible states that her daughter was grievously vexed with a devil. The Canaanite woman fell prostrate at the feet of Jesus and she began to pray. Jesus tried her faith, telling her that He first needed to go to the children of Israel. She was a Gentile woman and Gentiles were then referred to as dogs. Jesus stated "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs." In her humility and humbleness, she was willing to take the "crumbs that fell from the master's table". Jesus stated, "O woman, great is thy faith" and her daughter was made whole that very hour.

In Acts 5:16, we read of people bringing those who were vexed with unclean spirits to the apostles. It goes on to say they were healed (Greek word *therapeu*, meaning relieved) of the evil spirits. If miracles were common among all Christians in Acts, why was it that they had to bring the sick and those with unclean spirits to the apostles? Because in Matthew's gospel chapter 10, verse 1 tells us "And when He had called unto Him his twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." In Ephesians, it tells us that the apostles were the first ones set in the Lord's Church. Who were the ones that Jesus commissioned the apostles to first go and teach about the gospel? We find the answer in Matthew's gospel to be the Jews or the house of Israel. As the apostles took the gospel to Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria they performed miracles (again by the power of God) to authenticate themselves as messengers of God. It is important to recognize that the Book of Acts is just what its name implies, the Acts of the Apostles.

Now, we have seen in Jesus' personal ministry and during the ministry of the apostles, the authority of the person of Jesus Christ cast out the unclean spirits. Remember the apostles could not have performed one miracle without the power

given by Jesus. Times may change but Jesus never changes. We do see unclean or evil spirits today. Men and women aided by the cunningness of Satan become addicted to drugs/alcohol, mental/depression, and sicknesses and therefore become defiant toward living a life for God. The best advice to give is to point them to the one who has the power over Satan himself: Jesus.

Jesus stated in Mark 16:17 "they shall speak with new tongues." Speaking in tongues is often misinterpreted in this day and time due to the holiness movement that has been active in the United States since the early part of the 20th century. I recommend for your reading a book entitled "The Early Days of the Pentecostal Movement," by Craig Von Buseck. The book looks at the beginning of the holiness movement at a Bible School in Topeka, Kansas. On December 31, 1900 a former Methodist Pastor, Charles Fox Parham led a watch night service. Agnes Ozman (student/attendee) asked the minister to lay hands on her and pray and she would be baptized in the Holy Spirit. After Mr. Parham and the other students laid hands on her, she began to speak in the Chinese language. Thus began the gift of tongues in the holiness movement that six years later spread to Los Angeles, California, where the movement was officially established.

It should be noted that the translation of the word tongue (Greek word, glossa) means language. Most people refer to the "speaking in tongues" in Acts Chapter 2. This was about 33-35 A.D. and during the feast of Pentecost. The scripture states that people began to speak in other (or different) tongues (or languages). In other words, Jews from different parts of the country assembled in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost. During this feast they heard the apostles speak in their own language. The gift of tongues was a spiritual gift involving the ability to communicate the gospel in a foreign language. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit that occurred was an accreditation to the church on the day of Pentecost, in which Jesus established during His personal ministry. Furthermore in Paul's writing to the Church at Corinth in chapter 14 verses 10-19, he states that there are many voices in the world, (Church of Corinth was made up of Jews and Gentiles) and he would rather preach "five" words of understanding than 10,000 words in another language. For example, we have missionaries in foreign countries today and preachers from America have traveled to these lands. When they preach at the sister churches in foreign countries they have interpreters, (Greek word, diemeneutes, meaning to explain). The job of the interpreter is to explain to the people in their own language, the words spoken by the minister. I grant to you that we in rural West Tennessee are not familiar with this practice but it does exist. For example, I have heard on occasion(s) from numerous brothers who have preached by the aid of the

Holy Spirit, and the brother(s) from Kenya, Ghana, Mexico, and Japan translate to the respected congregation and testify about spirit filled services. Does the gift of languages exist today? Yes, not as mysterious jibber-jabber, but as the ambassador's voice sounds with the good news of the gospel.

We are given examples throughout the four gospels of the ministering and healings of Jesus Christ. In Matthew chapter 4, we find Jesus Christ going about all Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the gospel, and healing all manner of sickness. Matthew chapter 9 gives us specific examples; Jesus healing a man that was paralyzed, he touched two blind men's eyes and they were opened, healing those that were unable to speak. Also, we read in Luke chapter 9, that the apostles went about healing by the power that was given by Jesus. Right after the ascension of Jesus Christ, we see the church was empowered by the Holy Spirit. In the Book of Acts, we also see the young church flourishing in the Lord's work, due to their obedience.

Acts chapter 3, (33-35 A.D.) speaks of a lame man that lay daily at the gate of the temple. Each day he asked alms of all that would give. When Peter and John were about to enter the temple, he began to beg for alms. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give thee; In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Peter took his right hand and began to lift him up and his feet and ankles received strength. The man leaped and walked into the temple praising God. Who deserved the credit? Today, many modern religious TV preachers claim to have the healing power of God. Why do they claim such credit? We ask you to read and study II Peter 2 in its entirety. It speaks about false teachers who shall bring in damnable heresies, because they walk after the lust of the flesh. In other words, they desire praise and money. Look at the example of Peter. To whom does he give honor and glory? Verse 13 states, "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob hath glorified His son Jesus" and verse 16 states, "And His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong." Peter gave glory and honor to God, who deserves all glory and honor.

In conclusion, Paul says it best in I Corinthians 12:31, "But covet earnestly the best gifts; and shew I unto you a more excellent way." The greatest gift that any of us will ever receive is salvation from God. Job 32:8, "But there is a spirit within man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." How do we expect to receive blessings from above, if we neglect so great a salvation? Let us also call to our remembrance as we press toward the mark, enjoying the spiritual gifts, these words spoken by Paul in I Corinthians 13:2, "And though I have the gift

of prophecy, and understanding all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, (love), I am nothing." Brothers and sisters, we need to resist some of the things that are in the world and taste of the spiritual manna of God.

Humbly Submitted,
Bro. Jimmy Hale
Bro. David Leslie

The report on *Sign Gifts/ Are They Active Today* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bro. David Leslie.

With the 11:00 hour approaching, he asked to continue the topic after lunch. The hour had come for the Doctrinal Sermon, so the moderator asked for a congregational song.

The congregation stood and sang "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me" and "Amazing Grace" as Bro. Randy Thompson came forth to take the stand. The moderator introduced Bro. Thompson, who was chosen at the previous session to preach the doctrinal sermon. The moderator told how he and Bro. Thompson were good friends and they had shared a trip to the Holy Lands in times past. The moderator stated that Bro. Thompson had been preaching for approximately 20 years and that he is the current Pastor of Cross Roads Church in Benton County. He then turned the service over to Bro. Randy Thompson.

Doctrinal Sermon***Bro. Randy Thompson***

Bro. Thompson spoke of how thankful he was to be here and for the kindness that has been shown to him since moving to the area. He also thanked Huntingdon church for their effort in hosting the association. He told that the doctrinal sermon is something that is common to our Christian faith. If something is doctrinal then it cannot be compromised. We need to know what we believe and why we believe it. Brother Thompson explained the importance of sound



doctrine and the danger of compromise. He begins to tell an experience he had when a man asked him what we believe about soteriology. He didn't know what the word meant but then talked to the man further and found he was asking about our practice concerning someone coming to salvation.

He took for a text Acts 17: 11 and told how we should be receptive of the word. Verse 16 tells us that Paul was waiting in Athens, and while waiting his spirit was stirred. How many of us are stirred today? Paul was disturbed to see how the city had been turned into an idolatrous city. Verse 18 tells us the people were calling Paul a babbler. The answer from Paul came in verse 19. They wanted to know what was being said. The message that they were hearing was strange to them. Bro. Thompson read from Acts 17:22 and tells how Paul wanted them to know about the "unknown God" which they had a monument erected to. Verse 24-31 and then He takes his thought from Exodus 15:18 "The LORD shall reign for ever and ever", the "Sovereignty of God". Brother Thompson elaborates upon the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. He states how we have no power to help ourselves from this fallen state. It's only through the grace and sovereignty of God and His love for us that we have any hope of redemption.

Whatever God's will is for us, He can make it known to us through His Holy Spirit. What God does, he does right because he is sovereign. God's Word teaches us that man fell from that holy and perfect place. The Bible tells us that sin has a penalty. "Death was passed upon all men" because of sin. Our fellowship with God was disrupted by sin. The scripture tells us that we cannot recover ourselves from this sinful condition on our own. When Jesus came to Galilee, he came preaching repentance. Jesus proclaimed his purpose for coming. Jesus knew he

was sent to die for the sins of the world. Jesus said that all power in heaven and earth belonged unto him. Paul expressed the sovereignty of God in Ephesians 1:17-22. Bro. Thompson spoke of how the Moderator read from Philippians chapter 2 which tells what Jesus did. Jesus never surrendered his sovereignty. In many churches today, the role of the minister is being dismissed. Many people have replaced it with dance teams, drama teams, etc. As a child he learned a phrase “the old time religion”. Some want old time religion, but many are acting like they want show time religion. He told of a church sign that once said “one hour of service guaranteed”. He then told about a radio ad he had heard that encouraged people to come as they are and come early so they can partake of the continental breakfast. Churches today are not to be like the world. As a Christian, we need to evangelize the world, but we do not need to compromise the truth. We are not winning souls by showing people that we are like them because we are not, we are different. We are to let our lights shine. We should be showing the world who we are so they would have a desire to find out more about what we have. When did we lose the confidence in the preached word to prick the hearts of the unsaved? People have lost the confidence that the message can still convict the lost. We need to trust the sovereignty of God, which is the power of God to use the preached word to convict the lost. Paul planted, Apollos watered (sometimes the rolls change), but God will always be the one that gives the increase. This is so because of the sovereignty of God.

The seventh article of faith tells us that Jesus is the one who makes a powerful, result producing plea to the Father on our behalf.

Bro. Thompson said he struggled with the idea of preaching here today. He prayed that God would allow him to not be afraid and to preach what God would want. When praying for God to show him what doctrine to preach on, God revealed to him to trust in the power of God. We need to preach the Word of God.

He read from Romans 10:14 and told the churches that there are ministers of the gospel present today. The world has designed October as “Pastor Appreciation Month”. We need to appreciate pastors all the time.

He closed with reading Revelation 19:5-6 and went back to his Old Testament reading Exodus 15:18 “The Lord Shall Reign Forever and Ever”.

He then turned the service back over to the Moderator. Bro. Smith asked for a song and for the congregation to give Bro. Thompson the right hand of fellowship.

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch. Motion carried. Bro. Ronnie Stewart dismissed the service and asked the blessing on the food.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

We reassembled together for the afternoon session by singing from the Heavenly Highway Hymns “Have A Little Talk With Jesus” and “I’ll Have A New Life” led by Bro. Ricky Lewis with Bro. Tim Maness on the piano.

Bro. Ray Smith asked Bro. David Leslie, Oak Grove Church, to lead us in prayer. He then thanked those who have been playing the instruments and leading the singing. He told of how he was still enjoying the message we heard this morning.

He asked for any visitors that were present to stand and be recognized.

The Moderator read from Galatians 5:16-26 and then moved back to our business.

We continued with the topic *Sign Gifts/ Are They Active Today*. Also speaking to the topic that began before lunch was Bro. Jimmie Hale, Rayburn Woods.

The Moderator called for the report on *Jerusalem a Burdensome Stone* (current event). The chairman, Bro. Johnny Wall, came forth to read the report to the association.

Jerusalem a Burdensome Stone

Zechariah 12:3 ³ And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

According to this verse of scripture, from the viewpoint of this committee, there is a day coming when all people of the earth will come against Jerusalem for the purpose of removing her. Certainly there is not unanimous agreement concerning Jerusalem and the nation of Israel and their relationship with God at the end of time. Basically there are two schools of thought on this issue. One view is that God has severed His relationship with national Israel because of their rejection of their Messiah, Jesus Christ; that God no longer has any obligation or plan to fulfill His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob concerning the land. This view sees God’s covenant with Abraham as null and void because of Israel’s disobedience. The other view is that God has severed His relationship with Israel for the current church age but will again remember national Israel and His promises to them through Abraham, at the end of time. (Romans 11:1-32) It certainly is not the intent of this committee to cause any strife through the pursuance of this topic.

We hope to look at this subject with a desire to acquire a better understanding of God's Word on this subject. It is the viewpoint of this committee that God will again turn His attention to Israel for the purpose of fulfilling His promise to Abraham concerning the land God promised him in the long ago.

Many times in studying God's Holy Word we find certain phrases used repeatedly by the prophets in their writings. In the case of Zechariah, we find he uses the phrase "In that day" numerous times. (20 times) He draws attention to a specific time or "day" concerning the prophecies he writes about. Studying Zechariah, we come to the conclusion that he is speaking of the day of the Lord and Jesus' return. (Zechariah 2:11, Zechariah 14:4, Zechariah 14:9) Therefore, the focus of Zechariah's prophecy is on the end of time and the return of Jesus Christ.

The scripture text that we are examining uses the word "burdensome." This is a key word in this verse of scripture. The word "burdensome" in the Hebrew language is "ma'amahah." [Strong's Concordance # 4614] The emphasis of this word is upon "immovability." This word conveys the thought of a moveable object that is very difficult to move. This word conveys the thought that the object is so difficult to be moved that it is considered "immovable." Understanding the meaning of this word in the context of the current strife over Jerusalem and the state of Israel is very informing. Israel has been in almost constant warfare since she was recognized as a nation in 1948. Israel's neighbors have desired to remove her from her homeland since she re-established her capital in Jerusalem in 1948. Without an understanding of the Bible, it would be totally impossible to understand the hatred that Israel's neighbors have for her. What is the basis for such a continued hatred toward these people called Israel?

Zionism! Zionist! These are identifying terms we hear spoken of from time to time. Do we understand what they mean? The conflict between Israel and her neighbors has to do with a property dispute. Just as people today have conflicts about property lines; so is the conflict concerning Jerusalem and the land of Israel with her neighbors. A Zionist believes that the Israelite people have an inherent right to the land of Israel, also called Palestine. Many Israelites believe this, but not all Israelites do. Many Christians believe this, but not all Christians do. Few, if any, Arabians agree with Zionism. The roots of this conflict go back thousands of years in history. It goes all the way back to Abraham, Isaac, and Ishmael. Zionism is rooted in the promise of God to give certain geographical lands to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their descendants. We read in Genesis 15:7-21 that God made a covenant with Abram. (Abraham) In defining the area God gives to Abraham, He says it is from the "river of Egypt" to the "river Euphrates." God identifies the heirs

of this promise as those who will go first into a land that is “not theirs.” They will go into bondage and servitude but will come out with great substance. (Genesis 15:13-14) This speaks unmistakably of Jacob and his sons and their families.

(Exodus 1:1-7) God has promised this land to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Genesis 17:19 calls it an “everlasting covenant” that will pass to this lineage.

As time progresses Abraham and Sarah grow impatient with God concerning His promise of a son for them. Sarah suggests to Abraham that he bring forth a son through her handmaid Hagar. (Genesis 16:1-4) Hagar conceives and gives birth to a son naming him Ishmael. Scripture reveals to us the character of Ishmael. Genesis 16: 12 states, “And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.” Herein resides the conflict we witness today. It is an ongoing struggle between the lineage of two half brothers, Isaac and Ishmael. As time has progressed, this issue now involves every nation on earth.

Israel, unlike any other nation, did not come into existence by her own choice, or as a result of conquest or revolution. GOD created and established Israel. God told Abraham that He would take a nation from his loins. God confirmed this to Abraham’s son Isaac and then his grandson Jacob. God told Jacob that he would be the immediate source of the nation and so it came to be. Jacob’s sons became the twelve tribes that formed the nation of Israel.

The Apostle Peter tells us in 1 Peter 2:9 that Israel is a peculiar people; a holy nation. Israel has not always obeyed the Lord, but because Israel is God’s namesake, (Psalms 106:8) a remnant shall be saved. (Jeremiah 31:7, Romans 9:27) Every promise of God is true and the first thing God promised Israel, after her dispersion throughout the entire world, was to restore the land to them. Modern history documents the most valuable real estate in the world is the land of Israel. The real estate prices of the late twentieth century in Israel were \$300,000.00 per tenth acre.

Visualize a world that has become so Anti-God, Anti-Christ, and Anti-Holy Spirit. Consider the extreme hatred that is being felt for God’s true people. Jealousy is a blinder Satan uses to lead people, even entire nations, further and further from God. The Apostle Paul tells us that in the last days (In these days we live...) men would become lovers of their own selves. (2 Timothy 3:2) Paul also states in Romans 1:28 that mankind did not like to retain God in their knowledge and that God gave them over to a reprobate mind. People (Nations) being spiritually blind

and led by Satan, fail to heed the warning God gives in His Word; He will cut in pieces all nations that burden themselves with Israel. (Zechariah 12:3)

Today, unlike any other time in history, Israel is becoming a burden to the entire world and not only to the descendants of Ishmael and Esau. The closer time gets to Israel's blessing, the more hatred Satan will place in the hearts of those nations who are against Israel's existence.

As spiritual blindness increases in this world, let us not forget that every Word of God is steadfast and true. God tells us through His son Jesus Christ that heaven and earth will pass away but God's Word will not pass away.

God tells us in Zechariah 13:8-9 that two thirds of Israel will be cut off, but He (God) would bring a third part through the fire. The fire no doubt is the "Great Tribulation." Because of God's namesake, Israel shall be saved; therefore becoming the chief nation of all nations. Remember this promise to Abraham written in Genesis 18:18. "Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him..."

In closing this written report, let us remember these very important verses, Romans 8:31. "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us"? And also this verse written by John found in Revelation 6:17 "For the great day of His (God's) wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Amen!

Respectfully submitted,
Brother Tim Maness
Brother Johnny Wall

The report on Jerusalem a Burdensome Stone was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Johnny Wall, Tim Maness.

The Moderator then asked for the topic committee to give their report.

The topics suggested for the 2007 Session by the topic committee:

- How Shall We Escape The Judgment of God if we neglect so great a salvation (Hebrews 2:3)
- New Testament Church- Why did Jesus Build it?
- Biblical Stewardship
- Current Event

Motion and second was made to accept these topics.

The Moderator then asked Bro. Jimmie Hale, Associational Missionary, to come and give a report.

He told that he was thankful for being the missionary and enjoys the work. He visited 27 churches of the association. Outside of the association he has visited in Benton County: Chalkhill, Fairview; Carroll County Calvary, Humbles Chapel, County Line, New Independence Full Gospel, Mount Comfort. He has talked to these churches about visiting the association and possibly joining. In Henderson County: Ridge Grove, Maizes Chapel, Cedar Hill, Bolens Chapel, Central Grove, Calvary, Second Baptist, Natchez Trace, Union Hill, Spring Hill, Mount Pisgah. In Decatur County he visited Battlefield, Cub Creek Hall. Houston County: Pleasant Ridge. And he visited Elk Creek in Stewart County.

In total, he visited 50 churches.

Traveled 6,254 miles

Was given \$1,374.00

A motion and second was made to adopt his report. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to re-elect Bro. Jimmie Hale as the associational missionary for another year. Motion carried.

The clerk read the vote of thanks

Vote of Thanks

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

Our appreciation is extended to Bro. Harvey Ambrose, for his message “Come See The Place Where The Lord Lay”. We also appreciated Bro. Randy Thompson for his message “The Sovereignty of God”. We were again blessed with 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 us 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 Huntingdon 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 Clarksburg 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 Clarksburg Missionary Baptist Church for the 159th annual session on October 12-13, 2007 at 10:00 am ready to serve once more.

MAY GOD RECEIVE ALL HONOR AND GLORY FOR ALL THINGS.

Scott Carter, Clerk

Motion and second was made to accept, motion carried.

Call for New Business

Bro. Scott explains that we might want to include CD's of the sermons in the minute books.

Bro. Andrew Stokes spoke to the question.

Bro. Lynn Stapleton spoke. He recommended the Clerk get an estimate of the cost of these CD's.

The Clerk is given instruction, by a show of hands of messengers, to check into the cost of implementing this addition to the minute books.

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.

Bro. Smith asked all the ministers to come forth during the parting handshake.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October 2007, at 10:00 am at Clarksburg Church in Carroll County, TN. Motion carried.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ray Hampton , Oak Grove (CC) Church.



Ray Smith, Moderator
Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church



Scott Carter, Clerk
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

VISITORS TO 2006 ASSOCIATION SESSION

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

Bro. Brian Johnson
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Larry Martin Higdon
Fairview Missionary Baptist Church

Sis. Janelle Ellis
First Baptist Church Camden, TN
Carroll-Benton Baptist Association

Sis. Janet Ambrose
Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Camden Arkansas

Bro. Johnny Carver
McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Kenneth Massey
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Warren Sanders
Republican Grove
Carroll-Benton Baptist Association

Bro. Ronnie Stewart
Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Association

Bro. Bill Green
Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Association

Bro. Trey Crews
Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Association

Messengers Seated for the 158th Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday- Roy Baucom, Jimmy Bennett, Bryan Oakes

Saturday- Roy Baucom, Jimmy Bennett, Bryan Oakes

Bible Grove:

Friday- R.V. Wood, Rayburn Woods, Clayburn Arnold

Saturday- R.V. Wood, Rayburn Woods, Clayburn Arnold

Caledonia:

Friday- Jackie Wiggins, Betty Wiggins, Rudy Hamby

Saturday- Rudy Hamby

Center Point:

Friday- Milburn Allen, Earnestine Higdon, Jerry King

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Clarksburg:

Friday- Andrew Stokes, Jimmie Hale, Jr., Melanie Stokes

Saturday- Andrew Stokes, Jimmie Hale, Jr., Melanie Stokes

Concord:

Friday- Rufus Chandler, Lester Waugh, John Cole

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Cross Roads:

Friday- Dwayne Cole, Jackie Wimberly, Dewey Pierce

Saturday- Dwayne Cole, Jackie Wimberly, Dewey Pierce

Ephesus:

Friday- Judy Stevens, William Umstead

Saturday- Landis Brown, Brett Haskins

Huntingdon:

Friday- Lee Carter, Kenny Rush, Joe Glisson

Saturday- Lee Carter, Kenny Rush, Joe Glisson

Landmark:

Friday- Rex Carrington, Evelyn Carrington

Saturday- Rex Carrington

Marlsboro:

Friday- Melvin Walker

Saturday- letter only

Mixie:

Friday- James Fowler, Roger Neely, Johnny Whitworth

Saturday- James Fowler, Garvin Renfroe, Johnny Whitworth

New Bethel:

Friday- Edward Malone, Jeff Lamb, John Lee

Saturday- Edward Malone, Jeff Lamb, John Lee

New Cross Roads:

Friday- Harold Palmer, Bill Nelson, Elvis Melton

Saturday- Harold Palmer, Bill Nelson, Alene Carter

New Hope:

Friday- Dale Seagraves, Scott Gallimore

Saturday- Dale Seagraves, Scott Gallimore

New Liberty:

Friday- Trent Sellers, Johnny Wall, Jimmy Stewart

Saturday- Trent Sellers, Johnny Wall, Jimmy Stewart

New Prospect:

Friday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard, Bill Smith

Saturday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard, Bill Smith

New Spring Hill:

Friday- by letter only

Saturday- Jim Holt

Oak Grove – CC:

Friday- Brian Hampton, Ray Hampton, David Bond

Saturday- Brian Hampton, Ray Hampton, David Bond

Oak Grove – HC:

Friday- Glenn Lewis, Ricky Lewis, David Leslie

Saturday- Glenn Lewis, Ricky Lewis, David Leslie

Old Paths:

Friday- Tommy Gurley, Ken Carrington, Norman Medlin

Saturday- Tommy Gurley, Norman Medlin

Pleasant Grove:

Friday- Frank Rickman, Johnny Sanders

Saturday- Frank Rickman

Pleasant Hill:

Friday- Edward Ellis, Sandra Forrest

Saturday- Edward Ellis, Sandra Forrest

Pleasant Ridge:

Friday- Travis Nance

Saturday- Phillip Skurlock

Rushing Creek:

Friday- Allen Holland, Juanita Holland, Patsy Dickey

Saturday- Allen Holland

Shiloh:

Friday- David Prater, Larry Pritchard, Judy Pritchard

Saturday- Virgil Hedgepath, Larry Pritchard, David Prater

Westport:

Friday- Gary Douglas, Norman Leslie, Brenda Leslie

Saturday- Gary Douglas, Norman Leslie, Brenda Leslie

Yuma:

Friday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, David Cary

Saturday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2006 MINUTE FUND

BALANCE OCTOBER 8, 2005 \$ 2185.03

EXPENDITURES:

Robinson Graphics (printing) -----	\$1,600.25
First Bank (lock box)-----	\$60.00
Postmaster -----	\$16.77
Domain (website)-----	\$95.40
National Audio (tapes)-----	\$77.00
Southern Baptist Library & Archives (microfilm) -	\$20.00

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2006 ----- \$1,718.50

BALANCE OCTOBER 7, 2006 ----- \$2,009.36

Submitted by:

Lynn Breeden

Lester Waugh

Jimmy Hale

Correspondence

TO OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

GREETINGS FROM THE BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
OUR PRAYER IS THAT GOD HAS BLESSED YOUR CHURCHES WITH
MANY LOST SOULS BEING SAVED BY GOD'S GRACE.

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH 15 CHURCHES MEETING IN OUR
ASSOCIATION WITH 39 BAPTISMS AND 7 DEATHS.
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES IS 1615.

FOR THE 2006 SESSION ELD. WILLIAM SHOULDERS WAS ELECTED
AS MODERATOR, BRO. BRAD FARRIS AS CLERK
AND BRO. TIM SHOULDERS AS TREASURER.

ELECTED TO PREACH IN THE 2007 SESSION WERE:
INTRODUCTORY SERMON BRO. JEREMY MILLER
MEMORIAL SERMON ELD. DOUG SKINNER
DOCTRINAL SERMON ELD. DON WATTS

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL VISITORS AND INVITE YOU TO
ATTEND OUR NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD AT SALEM
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH LOCATED AT
4121 WEST WHITELAND ROAD, BARGERSVILLE IN. 46106
ON SEPT. 14th, 15th and 16th, 2007.

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YOURS IN CHRIST,

BRO. BRAD FARRIS--CLERK
2309 ELMWOOD DR.
LEBANON, IN. 46052

August 2, 2006

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
Scott Carter
400 Chickasaw Drive
Huntingdon, TN 38344

Re:2006 Wiseman Baptist Association Dear Brother Carter:

Greetings in the worthy name of our blessed Savior Jesus Christ! I trust that this past year has been a fruitful one for you and that you have been privileged to witness the salvation of many lost souls and the advancement of Christ's cause in your particular field of labor. The time for the annual meeting of the Wiseman Baptist Association is at hand. The 11th annual session of our association will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21, 2006, at the Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson County, TN. The service will begin each morning at 10 a.m. Make your plans now to attend these services. You will find two sheets accompanying this letter. On the first sheet, you will find information about the motels near the church, the special events planned by the church, and the directions to the church. The second sheet is the association letter. Please fill it out as completely as possible. It is not necessary to mail the letter before the association; you may bring it with you on the Friday morning of the association.

Elder Brian Johnson, pastor of the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon on Friday morning. Elder Paul Patterson, pastor of the Hogan's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday morning. In addition to these sermons, the delegates to the association will select among the attending preachers one to deliver the fellowship sermon on Friday afternoon. The following reports will also be discussed:

- "The Power of Christian Fellowship in the Church and between Sister Churches" Chairman Larry Gregory and Committee Members Clyde Dilleha, Matt Goss, Kenneth Zink, Johnnie Brewer
- "How Should the Church Encourage Each Member to Become an Effective Bible Student and Be a Light for Christ in the World?"
Chairman Wayne Scott and Committee Members Greg Hines, Jay Loving, Mike Stokes.
- Obituaries
Chairman Charles Reece and Committee Members Branton Williams, Steve Newland, Mack Sircy
- Missions

Chairman Key Dillard and Committee Members Robby Cornwell, Eugene Brown, John Cole

May the Lord continue to bless you in His service and according to His will. If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call.



Dear Southwest Association Messengers

Jamaica & Kansas Mission Report Autumn 2006

Since the last Association, I have baptized an additional 6 into Craighead Old Timey Missionary Baptist Church . Our latest revival in Jamaica was held at Craighead Church with her two missions bused in to attend. Although little movement was seen during the revival no doubt the Spirit was convicting and planting seed, even in the visiting Americans, for a possible harvest at a later date.

Autumn was the setting 12 years ago when I made my first trip to Jamaica with Dr. Mike and his group. This year at the church clinic named in his honor, over 200 patients were examined & treated and a large number of them attended our services. Brothers Bobby Hale and Junior Moore, both able ministers of the gospel, preached the revival. During the day Brother Junior and Bobby serenaded the patients in the waiting room and taught many about Jesus. Imagine! A doctor's waiting room filled with the Great Physician & His Holy Spirit.

One of the highlights of this trip for me was hearing the testimony of a crippled woman unable to take up her bed and walk. Ms. Judith lives with her mother and

aunt in the bush (the rugged mountainous terrain) not drivable by car. Our visits with her are a blessing and we felt the presence of the Lord praying with her as I have done there many times. The service began with several of our church members. Brother Dwen and Judith were childhood classmates. Brother Junior brought his guitar and sang about heaven and Ms. Judith lying there began to weep. When time came for prayer I felt led by the Spirit to ask her for a testimony and she shared how she was saved at the time of her accident when her broken body was mangled in the twisted metal of the shattered automobile. "I begged the Lord Pastor then and there to forgive and save me for I knew I would die and he saved me." Hers was a sweet testimony; some of us are blessed with our bodies vertical and free of disease to share our testimony of salvation, while sisters like Ms. Judith unable to take up their bed and walk are waiting for the day the resurrection comes and they arrive alive in their new body.

Brother Gordon Brenham, a deacon and a missionary's friend, helped build shelves for Dr. Mike's pharmacy room and uses his farming experience to help repair our water pump. The Lord always sends the right people for our needs.

Craighead Old Timey Missionary Baptist Church , Manchester , Jamaica ; authorized its first U.S. (foreign) mission in Kansas and recently had two testify of being saved; my wife's niece and her husband. Their testimonies were a blessing to one and all. There were two previous salvation testimonies - my sister-in-law and an old gentleman named T.V. whom rides his John Deere lawn mower to our services. The church in Jamaica , its two missions on the island and now its third in Kansas , are thankful for your prayers and support.

In December in Jamaica we will be undertaking another mission trip/revival, then in the New Year in February 2007 another revival including opening Dr. Mike's free medical clinic.

Please accept our humble thanks for your continued prayers and support.

Elder Rick Jones

Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association

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October 15, 2005

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

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

This past week, we convened for the One Hundred Seventieth Annual Session with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. We had 28 churches reporting an increase of 75 with 36 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 92 with a total membership of 3,533. We still need to see many souls saved for the Lord. We are truly thankful for the visitors that were able to be with us. We invite each one to join us for the 171st Annual Session to be held with Mt. Zion #1 Missionary Baptist Church in Lawrence County, Alabama. The church is located west of Moulton, Alabama, just south of Highway 157. This session will be held October 7, 8, 9, 10, 2006. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's Love,

Keith L. Hood

Keith L. Hood, Clerk

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

Billy Myrick - Vice Moderator
202 W. Douglas Street
Sheffield, AL 35660

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

July 31, 2006

144 Nathan Forrest Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Clerk: Scott Carter
400 Chickasaw Dr.,
Huntingdon, TN 38344

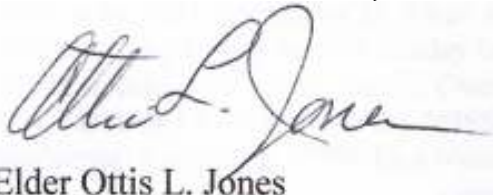
Greetings:

Lord willing, beginning 10:00 a.m. Friday September 29, 2006, the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will convene its fifty-fourth session with:

Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church
455 Fairfield Road
Bethpage, Tennessee 37022

Please come and worship with us.

Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ottis L. Jones", written in a cursive style.

Elder Ottis L. Jones

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PASTOR-

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CLERK- Paggy Jones

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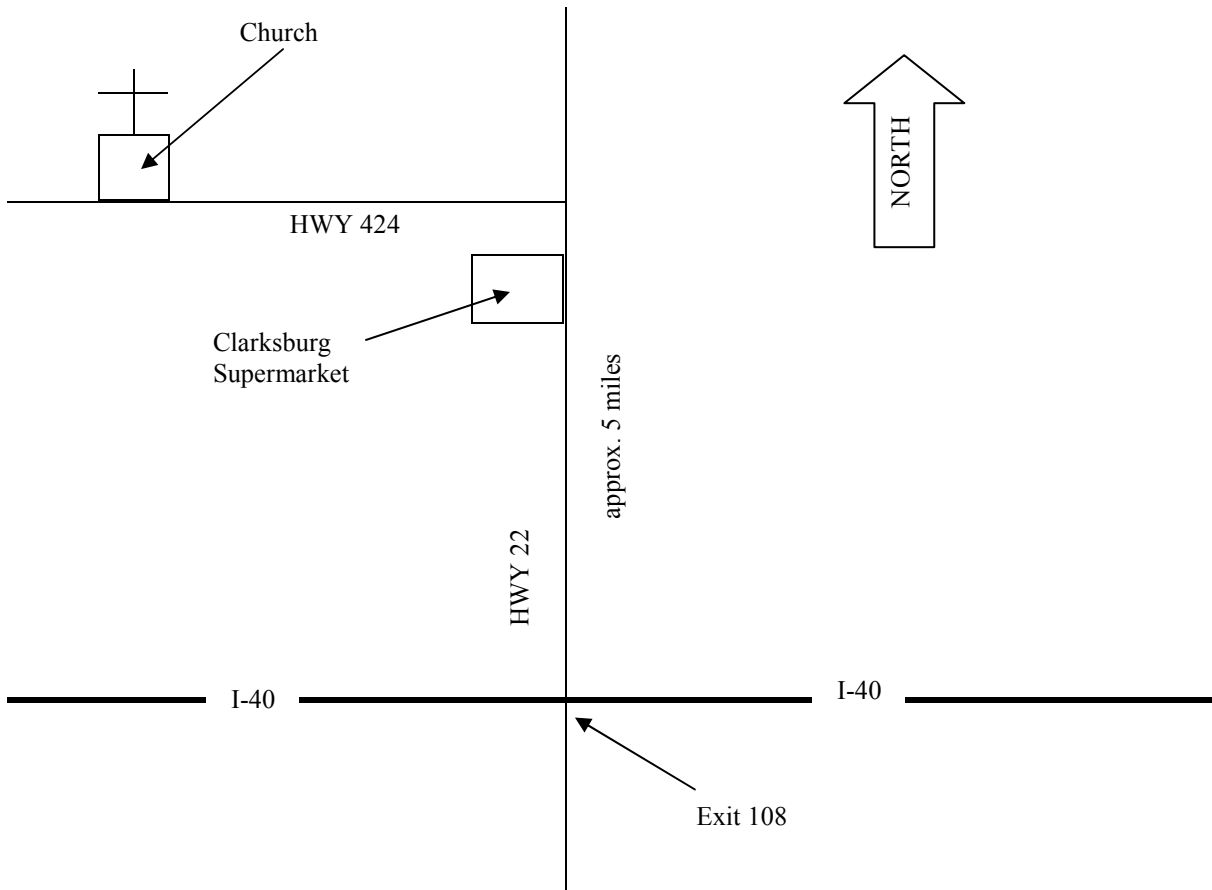
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Direction to 2007 Session



- From I-40, take Exit 108 and go North
- While going North on Highway 22, go approximately 5 miles to the Clarksburg Supermarket (on left).
- Turn left by the supermarket onto Highway 424
- The church will be on the right

2007 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sun. PM Starting Time	Monday – Friday Starting Time
New Hope	05/27/07		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Shiloh	06/17/06	Johnny Boyd	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/24/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/24/06		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	07/01/06		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Westport	07/012/06	Clint Ezell	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Center Point	07/08/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/08/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Mixie	07/08/06	Brett Haskins	5:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/08/06		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/15/06	Clint Ezell	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	07/15/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Marlsboro	07/15/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	07/15/06	Derrick Jowers	7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Yuma	07/15/06	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Caledonia	07/22/06		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Clarksburg	07/22/06	Lynn Stapleton	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Spring Hill	07/22/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Oak Grove (HC)	07/22/06	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Cross Roads	07/22/06	Bryan Oakes	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Bethel	07/29/06	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
New Prospect	07/29/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Oak Grove (CC)	08/05/06		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Old Paths	08/05/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Rushing Creek	08/05/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Ephesus	08/12/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Liberty	08/12/06	Phillip Halter	7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Landmark				

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.

<u>DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
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-Tom's Creek, Perry County	J. W. Brewer	J. F. Rogers
1876-Rushing Creek, Benton County	J. Richardson	J. F. Rogers
1877-Oak Grove, Carroll County	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1878-New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1879-Bethel, Carroll County	J. C. Park	J. F. Rogers
1880-Wildersville, Henderson County	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
1881-Ramble Creek	J. P. Arnold	D. J. Allen
1882-Cross Roads, Benton County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1883-Prospect, Carroll County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County	Geo. Hollowell	D. J. Allen
1885-Concord, Carroll County	Geo. Hollowell	C. H. Rogers
1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1887-Liberty, Carroll County	J. C. Park	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-Marlsboro, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1897-Bethel, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1898-Shiloh, Carroll County	N. L. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1900-Salem, Decatur County	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1901-Chalk Hill, Benton County	N. L. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1902-Cross Roads, Benton County	E. Z. Newsom	C. H. Rogers
1903-New Prospect, Decatur County	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1904-Ephesus, Carroll County	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1905-Pleasant Grove	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers

1906-Ramble Creek -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1907-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1908-Concord, Carroll County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1909-Pleasant Ridge-----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1910-Perryville, Decatur County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1911-Unity, Benton County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	D. H. Franks
1912-Chalk Level, Benton County -----	Joe N. Joyner-----	D. H. Franks
1913-Holly Springs-----	J. G. Cooper -----	D. H. Franks
1914-Mt. Nebo -----	J. G. Cooper -----	D. H. Franks
1915-Liberty, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner-----	D. H. Franks
1916-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----	J. N. Joyner-----	D. H. Franks
1917-Westport, Carroll County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	Geo. S. Price
1918-Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	L. E. Mincey
1919-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	J. N. Joyner-----	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-Marlsboro, 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-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1946-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	E. F. Prince -----	W. S. Brinkley
1947-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County ----	E. F. Prince -----	W. S. Brinkley
1948-Old Union, Benton County -----	E. F. Prince -----	W. S. Brinkley
1949-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	E. F. Prince -----	T. L. Campbell
1950-Bible Grove, Henderson County-----	C. F. Carter -----	T. L. Campbell
1951-Republican Grove-----	C. F. Carter -----	T. L. Campbell
1952-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	C. F. Carter -----	T. L. Campbell
1953-Ephesus, Carroll County -----	John Hedges-----	T. L. Campbell
1954-Mixie, Carroll County-----	John Hedges-----	Ray Smith
1955-Concord, Carroll County-----	John Hedges-----	Ray Smith
1956-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1957-Independent, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1958-Bethel, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1959-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1960-New Bethel, Henry County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1961-Center Point, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1962-Caledonia, Henry County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1963-Old Union, Benton County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1964-New Bethel, Henry County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1965-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1966-Westport, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1967-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1968-Ephesus, Carroll County -----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1969-Concord, Carroll County-----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1970-New 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
2002-Oak Grove, Henderson County -----	A.G. Hayes -----	Scott Carter
2003-New Cross Roads, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2004-Center Point, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2005-Bible Grove, Henderson County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2006- Huntingdon, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott 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.

RULES OF DECORUM

- 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.

CONSTITUTION

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 three 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 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 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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Bro. Ronald Seavers ----- 12/05/2005

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Sis. Elaine Murchinson----- 08/29/2006

Bible Grove

Bro. Van Maness ----- 10/19/2005

Bro. William “Jamup” Woods ----- 03/04/2006

Bro. Jerry Nowell ----- 07/04/06

Caledonia

Sis. Marie Washburn ----- 10/12/2005

Sis. Marceal Traywick ----- 11/25/2005

Center Point

Bro. Leonard Thelmie Noles ----- 05/16/2006

Sis. Mable Gay Joyner ----- 07/25/2006

Concord

Sis. Vera Hampton ----- 06/21/2006

Cross Roads

Sis. Georgia Bailey ----- 11/20/2005

Sis. Marie Kee----- 01/09/2006

Sis. Viva Arnold ----- 06/03/2006

Ephesus

Sis. Glovia Simoneau----- 01/28/2006

Huntingdon

Bro. Carl Lee Scates (deacon)----- 11/07/2005

Bro. Ermon “Doc” Bush ----- 12/24/2005

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Mixie

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New Bethel

Sis. Faye Twiggs ----- 01/21/2006

Bro. Elihu McDaniel ----- 03/05/2006

New Cross Roads

Sis. Diane Lawton Lowe----- 10/01/2005

Sis. Frances Robinson ----- 12/22/2005

Sis. Minnie Lewis	01/09/2006
Sis. Era Espey	09/29/2006
New Hope	
Sis Mary Beth Kelly	09/20/2006
New Liberty	
Sis. Berdie Hood	08/22/2006
Sis. Siddie Ellene Gurley	10/03/2006
New Prospect	
Sis. Gray Duke	04/07/2006
Sis. Lucille Quinn	12/03/2005
Oak Grove (HC)	
Bro. Joseph Bryant Small	01/31/2006
Pleasant Grove	
Sis. Betty Rickman Stratton	12/31/2005
Sis. Virginia Wood	01/21/2006
Pleasant Hill	
Sis. Virginia (Hedge) Howe	01/16/2006
Bro. Garland Dennis Blazier	05/31/2006
Pleasant Ridge	
Sis. Ernestine Williams	03/15/2006
Rushing's Creek	
Bro. Cecil Sparks	04/24/2006
Sis. Betty Stockdale	06/20/2006
Shiloh	
Sis. Juanita Hammett	05/11/2006
Westport	
Bro. William Blount	07/15/2006
Sis. Wilma Simmons	08/24/2006
Bro. Eldon Smothers	05/26/2006
Bro. Hubert McNatt	09/22/2006
Yuma	
Bro. Max Todd Lewis	04/01/2006
Sis. Lorell Whitkar	04/13/2006
Sis. Lela Mae Roberston	06/08/2006

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	10	68	\$4,785.97
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	12		\$21,017.91
Caledonia	Jackie Wiggins	4	12	\$261.32
Center Point	Bill Noles	7	38	\$650.50
Clarksburg	Lee Woods	14	75	\$852.78
Concord	Lester Waugh	18	75	\$686.18
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	11	56	\$949.40
Ephesus	Landis Brown	5	20	\$890.94
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	10	181	\$1,618.56
Landmark				
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	4		\$236.04
Mixie	Garvin Renfroe	6	48	\$1,914.00
New Bethel	Edward Malone	9	20	\$428.48
New Cross Roads	Harold Palmer	8		\$399.46
New Hope	Pete Kirby	6	35	\$1,096.92
New Liberty	Daniel Tucker	8		
New Prospect	Bill Smith	8	84	\$732.58
New Spring Hill	George Norman	2		
Oak Grove - CC	Brian Hampton	8	34	\$467.57
Oak Grove - HC	Glenn Lewis	14	68	\$929.60
Old Paths	Ken Carrington			
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	9		\$3,104.00
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	8	12	\$1,529.16
Pleasant Ridge	Phillip Skurlock	6	39	\$4,484.00
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	2	25	\$1,589.54
Shiloh	Joe Cary	6		\$115.80
Westport	Gary Douglas	11	45	\$2,040.73
Yuma	David Cary	12		
TOTALS		218	935	\$50,781.44

Church	Baptisms	Additions By Letters	Restorations	Total Additions	Death	Losses By Letters	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing	Expenditures	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	3	3	0	6	3	2	0	5	182	2	0	\$34,309.52	\$49,202.00	\$4,536.98	\$8,840.56	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$97,089.06
Bible Grove	6	3	0	9	3	2	0	5	222	1	0	\$0.00	\$41,840.00	\$2,550.00	\$7,559.82	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$52,049.82
Caledonia	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	38	2	1	\$5,874.64	\$5,253.00	\$1,003.00	\$387.31	\$35.00	\$10.00	\$12,562.95
Center Point	4	3	0	7	2	2	0	4	99	1	1	\$3,505.30	\$4,661.83	\$650.50	\$2,327.56	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$11,205.19
Clarksburg	6	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	181	1	1	\$14,578.92	\$24,472.30	\$300.00	\$12,876.17	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$52,427.39
Concord	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	147	2	0	\$6,783.09	\$16,664.10	\$2,415.00	\$3,824.61	\$70.00	\$40.00	\$29,796.80
Cross Roads	10	2	0	12	3	2	1	6	205	2	0	\$58,915.44	\$50,973.67	\$2,754.00	\$3,849.38	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$116,617.49
Ephesus	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	75	2	0	\$10,567.69	\$5,400.00	\$1,252.00	\$720.00	\$37.50	\$15.00	\$17,992.19
Huntingdon	10	18	0	28	5	4	0	9	271	2	0	\$100,233.27	\$42,610.00	\$14,049.00	\$4,200.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$161,267.27
Landmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$75.00	
Marlsboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	1	0	\$3,770.35	\$5,507.00	\$850.00	\$1,140.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$11,292.35
Mixie	2	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	103	1	1	\$3,066.00	\$9,419.00	\$1,700.00	\$5,500.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$19,750.00
New Bethel	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	69	1	1	\$8,277.74	\$8,093.48	\$1,334.00	\$4,000.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$21,765.22
New Cross Roads	1	2	1	4	4	6	0	10	93	2	2	\$10,385.95	\$10,549.15	\$2,045.00	\$1,800.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$24,905.10
New Hope	3	3	0	6	1	1	0	2	115	1	1	\$8,970.90	\$12,224.19	\$1,650.26	\$4,901.67	\$36.00	\$35.00	\$27,818.02
New Liberty	17	1	0	18	2	0	0	2	121	1	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
New Prospect	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	3	145	1	0	\$10,319.31	\$0.00	\$13,617.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$24,001.31
New Spring Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	1	0	\$2,876.81	\$1,075.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$3,981.81
Oak Grove - CC	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	34	1	1	\$6,903.40	\$13,609.36	\$688.00	\$1,982.05	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$23,252.81
Oak Grove - HC	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	151	1	0	\$19,982.45	\$26,220.00	\$2,900.00	\$6,600.00	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$55,822.45
Old Paths	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	23	1	0	\$0.00	\$23,000.00	\$3,135.00	\$800.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$27,025.00
Pleasant Grove	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	69	1	0	\$7,544.00	\$11,727.00	\$1,420.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$20,891.00
Pleasant Hill	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	178	1	0	\$5,288.85	\$7,435.00	\$2,117.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$14,900.85
Pleasant Ridge	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	62	1	1	\$17,970.00	\$21,500.00	\$1,900.00	\$4,885.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$46,340.00
Rushing's Creek	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	84	1	0	\$4,402.78	\$13,489.00	\$1,492.00	\$3,824.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$23,277.78
Shiloh	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	42	1	0	\$6,674.90	\$17,190.00	\$5,688.00	\$2,700.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$32,352.90
Westport	0	0	0	0	4	2	3	9	83	1	0	\$3,089.23	\$2,155.00	\$5,362.00	\$1,066.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$11,772.23
Yuma	0	2	0	2	3	3	1	7	167	1	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$70.00
TOTALS	74	46	1	121	49	32	6	87	3027	34	11	\$354,290.54	\$424,270.08	\$75,408.74	\$83,784.13	\$1,718.50	\$1,010.00	\$940,481.99

* the column "Church Day" in previous minutes has been deleted since all churches meet every week.

Snap shots from the 158th Session

