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THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

2014 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon----- Eld. Clint Sanders
Alternate ----- Eld. Ronnie Stewart
Doctrinal Sermon ----- Eld. Bryan Oakes
Alternate ----- Eld. Scott Carter

Concord Church History

Concord Missionary Baptist Church was organized on March 15, 1846. The following charter members were presented with full fellowship letters from Hopewell Church of Henderson County, Tennessee: John P. Weathers, Abraham M. Harper, David Cary, Ambrose Brown, Nancy Weathers, Mary Harper, Nancy Cary, Frances Weathers, A.M. Ridings, J.E. Cary, Priscilla Harper and Yack (a slave belonging to J.P. Weathers). Hopewell extended an arm and organized them into a church of the same faith and order by a presbytery consisting of John C. Martin, Pendleton W. Stark and Samuel T. Clark. Elder Pendleton W. Stark was elected as the first pastor.

Word of mouth passed down has it that the original church house was located across the road from the present church building where the Concord Cemetery is now located. It was made of logs and heated by an open fireplace. There is no record of what happened to the original building because the minutes are missing between 1870 and 1878. The minutes indicate that a new building was built sometime between January 1879 and September 1880 at a cost of \$475.28. It was to be used for "public worship and public free school." This building was used until 1943 when it was torn down and a new one built on the old log foundation. The Church added Sunday School rooms to this building in 1971. A porch was added onto the front in 1972. Restrooms were added in 1977. The Fellowship Hall was completed in 1985. This church building burned on May 24, 1994. It was totally destroyed leaving only the Fellowship Hall which was not attached to the main building. Church services were held in the Fellowship Hall while a new church building was under construction. Through many donations of money and hours of work from members, friends and fellow churches, the building was replaced. We dedicated the new building to the service of the Lord on July 2, 1995.

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Order of Business

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014

- ☐ Call Association to Order
- ☐ Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- ☐ Appoint Finance Committee
- ☐ Appoint Topics Committee for 2014 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 2015 Session
- ☐ Select Brethren to Preach 2015 Annual Sermons
- ☐ Introductory Sermon - 11:00 A.M.
- ☐ Call for Correspondence
- ☐ Call for Report on *Do Our Traditions Line Up With Scripture?*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014

- ☐ 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 *What does "Missionary" mean to Missionary Baptist?*
- ☐ Doctrinal Sermon—11:00 A.M.
- ☐ Call for Report of the Topics Committee
- ☐ Call for the Report on *How do we combat the Anti-Christian influences in religion and this world?*
- ☐ Call for Report from Associational Missionary
- ☐ Report from Missionaries
- ☐ Call for New Business
- ☐ Reading of the *Vote of Thanks*
- ☐ Read and approve minutes by clerk
- ☐ Song and parting hand

Elected Officers for 2013-2014

Moderator	 Bro. Ray Smith 19950 East Main Street Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4717	Huntingdon Church
Assistant Moderator	 Eld. Andrew Stokes 310 Westport Road Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-3738	Clarksburg Church
Clerk	 Eld. Scott Carter 400 Chickasaw Drive Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 415-1688 cell clerk@swdmmba.org	Shiloh Church
Assistant Clerk	 Eld. Clint Sanders 75 Farmington Cove Lexington, TN 38351 (731) 695-3194	Pleasant Ridge Church
Associational Missionary	 Eld. Jimmie Hale, Jr. 22790 Hwy 22 North Yuma, TN 38390 (731) 968-5298	Clarksburg Church

Friday October 11, 2013

On a bright sun shining day, we gathered together at Concord Missionary Baptist Church for our 165th annual session. Bro. Ray Smith welcomed all present and asked Bro. Donnie Hines, McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church to lead us in a song with Sis. Teresa Tucker, Concord Church, on the piano. The congregation began with singing “Nothing But The Blood” and “I Want To Be Ready To Meet Him.”

The moderator then called on Bro. Kenneth Massey, Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church to lead us in prayer.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Pastor and Deacon Body of Concord Church: Bros. Josh Parker, Bill Cole, Lester Waugh, Dennis Stokes, Ricky McAlexander. The moderator then called on the pastor for a few remarks.

Finance Committee:

Bro. Johnny Sanders – Bible Grove Church

Bro. Larry Pritchard – Shiloh Church

Bro. Johnny Whitworth - Mixie Church

2013 Topic Committee:

Bro. Trey Crews (Chairman) – Huntingdon Church

Bro. David Leslie - Oak Grove Church

Bro. Clint Sanders - Pleasant Ridge Church

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Ronnie Stewart - Rushing Creek

The moderator asked for the clerk to read the *Rules of Decorum*.

Call was made for church letters.

Call was made for petitioning church letters with none present. Roll call of messengers was made to seat 54 messengers. Motion and second was made to seat these messengers.

Before continuing on, the moderator read from Philippians 2:1-

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The association then moved in to the election process.

Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church, was nominated as Moderator. **Motion and second** was made that nominations cease and elect by acclamation; **motion carried** with the assistant moderator, Bro. Andrew Stokes assuming the position of moderator for the voting process.

Bro. Ray Smith assumed the role as the permanent moderator.

Bro. Andrew Stokes, Clarksburg Church, was nominated as Assistant Moderator, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried**.

Bro. Scott Carter, Shiloh Church, was nominated as Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried**.

Bro. Clint Sanders, Pleasant Ridge Church, was nominated as Assistant Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried**.

Three Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2014 session. A **motion and second** was made to select Bible Grove Church in Henderson County as the host site; **motion carried**.

Bro. Clint Sanders was nominated to preach the Introductory Sermon, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried**.

Bro. Ronnie Stewart was nominated to be the alternate for the Introductory Sermon, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried**.

Bro. Bryan Oakes was nominated to preach the Doctrinal Sermon and being the only one nominated a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried**.

Bro. Scott Carter was nominated to be the alternate for the Doctrinal Sermon, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried**.

With the 11:00 hour near the moderator asked for a song to be sung while Bro. David Leslie came to give the introductory sermon. The congregation stood and sang "The Haven of Rest."

The moderator asked for visitors to be recognized. (see p. 33)

The moderator introduced Bro. David Leslie as the pastor of Oak Grove Church and the one selected last year to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Introductory Sermon

Bro. David Leslie

Bro. Leslie took the stand and began reading from II Corinthians 9:6-8. Bro. Leslie took for a thought "God Is Able." He mentioned a few statistics about the 1,200 religions in the United States. There are reports which show there are 57 different Baptist churches. 28% of adults have left the religion they were raised in. He showed a copy of the minutes from 1990 and the 2012 minutes and compared the number of members that we



have lost over the years. No matter what our circumstances are, we should never forget that God is able. The decline in membership should be a great awakening for God's people. He went on to explain that Oak Grove had seen a decline of 15% of their membership; and Westport lost 25%. Three churches in our association (Huntingdon, Bible Grove, and Concord) have shown growth during this time period. He read from 1 Peter 5:8 and told how Satan is a roaring lion, and he is active. Satan has been active and engaged with our members. While living in this complicated, perplexed world, its easy to see why lost people are so confused. Look at the religious leaders of today. They are proclaiming heresies such as not believing in God and still being able to go to heaven. As Christians, we should never forget that God is always able to overcome these teachings. He referred to 2007 when 1/4 between 18 and 29 were not religious. Last year the same poll shows that number now stands at 1/3.

Throughout our churches, we all have various needs. No matter what we are lacking in our churches, God is able to supply our needs. As God's children, we must have faith in God that he will supply our needs. Many think the conditions are this way by saying "that's just the way it is." How far of a decline has to happen before we wake up and see that we need men to pick up the pieces and responsibilities needed in our churches. He referred back to his lesson text and how that if we sow sparingly, that is how we shall reap.

He read from Hebrews 11:6 and told how plain the scripture is in pointing out how it is impossible to please God without faith. How can the world see our faith? By our actions. We all want our churches to grow, but they are not. This is a result of what and how much we are sowing. Is there any harm in asking those we meet daily to come and go to church with us? Many people say they went to church but did not get much out of it. As God's children, we need to be in a place where we are getting something out of it and a place to enjoy worshipping God. As God's servants, he desires us to labor for him. We cannot work our way to heaven because we cannot do enough to find favor with God.

Over the years, we have lost lots of good preachers, deacons, and members. We are losing people who were committed. When the gaps occur, they need to be filled. God is able to help us come up to the expectations He has for us. Never should we measure up to ourselves, but measure ourselves to God's word. Not only have we lost

people due to death, but also to pride. Proverbs 16:18 teaches us that pride can be a destroyer. Never forget that God is able.

Of all the things that have caused a decline in our membership, our focus should be on the things that we can control.

Bro. Leslie then referred to another survey asking, what is the most important thing in life? The number one answer was family. Only 9% said it was religion and faith. God is able to do a work that cannot be done by man. Many people consider family, careers, and even hobbies are more important than their religion.

In closing, he read from James 1:21 as a remedy to help us be useful to God. We have to lay aside the weights that slow us down.

Friday Afternoon

After a wonderful meal provided by the host church, we met back together for the afternoon session. We began by singing “The Love of God,” “That’s Why I Love Him So” lead by Bro. Charles Connell, New Liberty Church, with Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, playing the piano. The moderator called on Bro. Arzell Douglas, Cross Roads Church, to lead us in prayer.

The moderator read from Psalms 100 and called the association back in order.

The clerk read correspondence from Siloam, Wiseman, and Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Associations and Elder Rick Jones. **Motion and second** was made to include the three letters from the three associations and Elder Jones in the minutes.

Motion and second was made to allow 10 minutes for chairman and 5 minutes for all others; **motion carried**.

The moderator called for Report on *Our Victorious Faith 1 John 5:4*

Our Victorious Faith

1 John 5:4

For many years, The topic of Faith and Practice of True Baptists has been discussed and published. That faith and practice has proven to be successful and victorious over every dark and difficult trial through the ages. It is our privilege to speak on this year’s topic: Our Victorious Faith.

Our blessed Savior told His disciples in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Jesus Christ overcame the world through faithful obedience to His Father. He overcame the world through His conquest of Satan, His atoning sacrifice on the cross, and His glorious resurrection. Victory was won at Calvary by the faithful obedience of the Son of God. He tasted death for every man and rose victorious over death, hell and the grave, therefore making it possible for every man to obtain Victory in Jesus.

History has recorded the prophetic accuracy of what Jesus said. The Church of Jesus Christ has suffered much trouble and persecution through the ages and has risen victorious over them all. John the Beloved Disciple tells us in 1 John 5:4, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Faith first lays hold on eternal life. The new born child of God is assured of eternal life, thus gaining victory over the world. The believer obtains immediate Victory through faith in Christ when he or she is saved. The Bible describes mankind as fallen because of sin. According to Scripture, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Ro 3:23) All men therefore are lost, ruined, morally bankrupt, dead in trespasses and sins and separated from God. By grace through faith, ruined sinners receive pardon from sin and peace with God. This is "the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." This victory is both immediate and eternal.

Second, the believer is assured of continued victory over every obstacle, affliction and adversary. The believer's faith will clothe him with armor of light, and being so clothed, his faith becomes a living and active force that faces and quenches all the fiery darts of Satan and withstands in the evil days and endures to the end in triumphant victory.

Hebrews chapter eleven records the victorious heroes of faith from the past and tells how they endured the tribulations of their times to overcome the world. Victorious faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword and turned to flight the armies of the aliens. The Scriptures reveal they were cruelly tortured and

imprisoned. These loved not their lives, even unto death and all of them received a good report and died in victorious faith.

It is our sincere belief that the Church will remain victorious so long as she remains faithful unto the end. Through every trial or tribulation, and through bitter persecution, believers today have the same assurance of victory. The Apostle Paul said in Romans 8:35 "Who (or what) shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Then in verse 37 he said, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Brethren, these things do not separate us from God's love, but rather draw us closer to Him. We not only are conquerors but more than conquerors in Christ. Believers are assured of victory through faith in the finished work of Christ.

Jesus said in John 10:27-30, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them of my hand. My Father which gave them me is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." Jesus reassured His disciples in Mat 28:20 by telling them "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the earth." The blessed assurance of salvation and the promise of eternal security is the crowning glory of Victorious Faith.

The Apostle John wrote beautifully of God's unconditional love for His saints in 1 John 3:1-2. "Behold, (John said) what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is."

In closing, history reveals that perilous times have come and gone like waves of the sea. However, according to Scripture, it is certain that perilous times will come again in the last days. Be assured that we are kept by the power of God through faith (victorious faith) in our blessed Savior. Let us press on to Victory with the full assurance of faith remembering the words of our beloved brother Paul: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the

strength of the sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which always giveth us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Respectfully submitted by:
Bro. Bryan Oakes
Bro. Lynn Stapleton

The report ***Our Victorious Faith*** was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Bryan Oakes and Lynn Stapleton

Motion and second was made to put the next topic off until tomorrow and do the current event at this time; **motion carried.**

The moderator called for Report on ***Current Event: Facing the Facts- The Exodus of our youth leaving the Church to never return?***

“Facing the Facts- The Exodus of our youth leaving the Church to never return?”

The statistics are jaw-droppingly horrific: 70% of youth stop attending church when they graduate from High School. Nearly a decade later, about half return to church.

Ever wonder why our young people are leaving for college only to never return to a true New Testament church. What do we have to offer? What have we been teaching them? Are they saved? Amid all these questions, we should never forget to train up a child in the way he should go. If we raise our children in church, will they come back to God eventually? We often act as though each child is born with a blank slate and we can program them how to act and what to do. There is a difference between a promise and a Proverb. The book of Proverbs is written to teach people how to live their lives on a daily basis. It teaches us how to live our life in a way pleasing to God and how to live peaceably with all men. No matter what environment children are raised in, rebellion happens in the best of environments. According to Genesis chapters 1-3, we are all born with a sin nature. A godly home does not always guarantee godly kids, just as ungodly homes does not guarantee ungodly kids.

What we teach them does not stop at high school graduation, it continues on. Should we surrender and think that we have done all we can and let them go? Is continuing these teachings important in college through campus ministry? Many parents give up on their children too early in life. Many young adults may have been taken to church by their parents, but the church wasn't integrated into the fabric of their lives.

Church was a Sunday event, not something that impacted the everyday realities of their lives. In other words, they got into the Church but the Church never got into them.

We can lay the blame for much of this on ourselves — that is, on the church. While there are notable exceptions, most American churches over-emphasize emotion and ignore the biblical commands to develop the mind (1 Pet 3:15, 2 Cor. 10:5). In other words, we're doing a great job performing for our youth with skits, games and videos, but we should never neglect the job of informing them with logic, truth, and a Christian worldview.

Now, we don't want to discount the importance of emotion. If the Bible is true, then God does want us to love Him with all of our hearts. But He also wants us to love Him with our minds (Mt. 22:37). We're supposed to know what we believe and why we believe it. And for good reason — emotion alone is not enough to protect Christian students at college or make them bold witnesses for those they meet. If they arrive at college with nothing more than good sentimental feelings about Christ, they are easy prey for anti-Christian professors and a campus environment intent on undermining their faith.

Our youth need to know that the God of Heaven desires to be worshipped. Worship is giving honor. In all facets of life we should desire for our children to give honor to God, especially in tempting times like college. As children of God, we are called to worship in the manner that he desires for us too, not according to the shifts in our culture. Our worship always has and always will be centered around God and lifting up his son, Jesus. In John 4:23-24; the Samaritan woman receives some important guidance on how we should worship God. When the younger generation grows up and leaves for college, our prayer is that they will still have ingrained in them the sense of worshiping God, not in a new way, but in a way pleasing to God. God desires for us to worship him sincerely and from our hearts. Many of our younger generation are leaving our churches to go places where things are "bigger and better." Although modern equipment/technology can have its place, the main thing God is concerned about is us giving him our heartfelt worship. *Isaiah 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men.*

Do we see people changing their worship to gain the interest in our young people? If so, does that mean it will be a place where our

young people can go and worship the Lord in spirit and truth? *Amos 5:21-24* 21 *I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. 22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. 24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.* Many of our younger generation are being drawn away from our churches by outward worship. Isaiah 1:10-17 teach us that the Lord is not concerned about what we are doing, but about the sincerity behind our worship. How many college places offer a place to worship inwardly versus an outward worship?

If our children have been brought up with a true, pure worship, they need to have an opportunity to continue that after they leave the house. For some, that will be continuing with the same church or attending another church of like faith and order. For others, they will be exposed to a world that has revolutionized their form of worship, but omitted worshipping in spirit and in truth.

How is the church relevant in people's lives? Our youth have grown increasingly resistant and tired of what they perceive to be the bigoted and narrow-minded perception of the Church. Many are resisting the simple explanations and narratives that fail to answer the deeper "why" questions and which ultimately fail to connect them to the substantive identity of Christ. When the Church is absent in the lives of our youth, many of them are easily captured by the ideologies of other so-called "enlightened or more-educated" individuals and organizations. Our youth are desperate to feel supported by the Church, not controlled. Just because our churches have a "What we believe" page, may not be that it is actually being taught and reinforced from the pulpit? Every person is created different. *Psalms 139:14* *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.* By being different, it makes our church lives and relationships family alike. The church is a family, not a business and should function like one. 1 Corinthians 12 teaches us that the church functions as a body. These scripture teach us that we should take care of one another. People go to church because it is recognized as a family.

If the church were a business instead of family, things would be different than what we experience now. In a business you try to find the right balance of people to be effective in your job. The church does not have the authority to pick certain individuals with certain talents to become members. We feel as though everyone has a place in the service

of God. Families and churches stay together because of love. Although families have disagreements, they endure through love. Our children need to experience true, genuine love to stay in the service for the Lord. When instilling them and exposing them to true worship and genuine love, we make disciples for Christ. With so many reasons mentioned (and more available) on why they are leaving, let's take a moment and see reasons why they would stay.

First, they are converted. The shift needs to go from raising good children, to raising saved children. Saved children will make good children. Although praying for guidance in everyday life, we need to be on our knees praying for the Holy Spirit to save their soul.

Secondly, they have been equipped, not entertained. Ephesians 4:11-12 tells us that Christ gave us teachers to equip people for what they need each and every day.

Lastly, they had the gospel preached to them. May God continue to bless us as we try to carry the gospel and reach the next generation with a life changing message.

Prayerfully submitted,
Eld. Clint Sanders, Chairman
Eld. Scott Carter

The report ***Facing the Facts- The Exodus of our youth leaving the Church to never return*** was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Clint Sanders, Scott Carter, and Andrew Stokes.

The moderator asked for the associational missionary offering to be taken before adjourning. An offering of \$794 was taken for Bro. Jimmie Hale.

Motion and second was made to adjourn today's session until 10:00 am Saturday; **motion carried.**

After a few testimonies, we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Lynn Stapleton, Huntingdon Church.

Saturday, October 12, 2013

We gathered together in accordance to adjournment from yesterday's session. The congregation began with singing "I'll Fly Away" and "When the Saints Go Marching In" lead by Bro. Andrew Stokes, Clarksburg Church, with Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, playing the piano. Bro. Smith called on Bro. Dennis Lunsford, New Cross Roads Church, to lead us in prayer.

The moderator read from Hebrews 4:12-16 and called the session to order. He asked for a roll call of messengers with 50 to be seated. **Motion and second** was made to seat these messengers; **motion carried.**

Report of Obituary Recorder

Bro. Ronnie Stewart came and read the names of those who have died this past year from our churches.

Motion and second was made to add these to the minutes; **motion carried.**

Bro. Stewart began his comments by saying as it was mentioned yesterday about losing our young people, we are also losing our older members. We were not here to last forever, and we should all die. He asked the question, who's going to fill their shoes? Bro. Stewart read from Matthew 16:18 and how it teaches us that the church will never die out. Once one generation dies out, there is another generation ready to continue on. Bro. Stewart felt encouraged by the number of impressive young preachers being called to the ministry. His desires were that these young preachers would have congregations to preach to.

Motion and second was made to accept this report; **motion carried.**

(see p. 59).

Bro. Smith appointed Bro. Stokes as moderator so he could speak a word. He said he too had concerns about the saints and leaders dying and who is going to step up and fill in. After a few remarks he reassumed his role as moderator.

Motion and second was made to accept this report; **motion carried.**

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported collections of the Minute Fund of \$ 2,175, and the Clerk Fund of \$ 1,080.00 giving a total of \$ 3,255. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 12, 2013

is \$ 2661.54. 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 Historical Committee

The clerk reported that the progress of the historical minutes is at a standstill. He asked for feedback from the messengers on how they would like to see the project completed. Bro. Andrew Stokes said his desires would be that someone be able to lead the project and see it completed. Bro. Lynn Stapleton spoke and wondered what the benefits would be from getting everything in a book form. Bro. Dennis Stokes mentioned that Middle Tennessee State University has a department that could possibly assist us with this endeavor.

Motion and second was made to allow Bro. Clint Sanders permission to speak to MTSU and authorize him to get them to assist with this effort; **motion carried.**

The moderator called for Report on *The Positive and Negative Influences of Different Genres in Christian Music*. Bro. Trey Crews came to read the report. A **motion and second** was made to adopt the report; **motion carried.**

The Positive and Negative Influences of Different Genres in Christian Music

Influence is the capacity or power to be a compelling force which produces effects on the actions, behavior, or opinions of others. In general music is definitely influential to all its hearers whether they are young, old, male, or female. Brain research has also shown that music positively affects diseased patients, stimulates babies' brain activity while in the womb, calms people's patience while waiting on phone or elevator, and motivates athletes in preparation for performance. Exodus 15:1-18 . As soon as Moses and Israel crossed the Red Sea and God had destroyed the Egyptians, they sang a song to God. They were unified through this song as they all sang the words together. In verse 2 of this chapter they sang, "The Lord is my strength and my Song, and He has become my salvation." Our education system has learned and has utilized this effective musical strategy for memorization of important content. Even prior to this research David and the other psalmists wrote the 150 divisions in the book of songs. Whether they were sung or had a ritual cadence this helped them to worship God and to remember the scriptures through music.

We are commanded to make a “joyful noise” and this will certainly differ from one generation to the next. Should we hold only to organ music as some churches believe, or just piano? Sometimes in the early church they had no music instruments so are we to be accapello? I hope we will not judge those who believe in Christian music of all types for in other parts of the world, there are drums, some play flutes, some have no instruments, and some play guitar. Psalm 66, David directed a 4000 member orchestra of instruments of worship music....it is “unto the Lord” and as long as it is a “joyful noise”. Psalms 33 and 150 include instruments and states praise the Lord with harps, psaltery, instruments of ten strings, trumpets, timbrels, organs, loud cymbals and dance. “Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord.” How and what that “noise” is, is of less importance than the motives of WHO that noise is sent to.

First, the message and content of the lyrics is the main determination of whether the genre of Christian Music is positive or negative. The question is, "Is God in it," not just the name God/Jesus but the third person, his Spirit. The preaching of the Gospel is the vital part of the Baptist worship service; however, as a preacher I can feel the influence of a strong spiritual musical service and see the effects it has in preparation for the sermon. It is not the music alone but it is an avenue in which the Holy Spirit works to prepare one's heart for God's Word.

Change is difficult in any aspect of life. We find a favorite song or flavor of music and stick with it because that's what is familiar and enjoyable. Growing up in Church singing from the Heavenly Highway Hymns and learning those old spirit filled songs have helped through difficult times. One can also feel the spirit through some contemporary worship music because the focus is not on the music but in the message or content. Most of our churches if not all currently sing from the Heavenly Highway Hymns or Mulls which would be Southern Gospel; however, some of the younger generation may be more influenced with contemporary worship songs. When this Genre of Christian Music is slowly being used in some of our Churches, just remember what the message is and where the focus lies.

C.S. Lewis' thoughts on what is termed contemporary worship music, he said, “They are great, and we should not leap again to the opposite chronological snobbery of only accepting what is old and traditional.” Lewis went on to say, “In order to avoid the chronological snobbery

pendulum of extremes toward traditionalism and currentism, we must hold both views in tension. This might seem like a contradiction, but it is not; it is a paradox, and we should stay within the center. In this we can avoid the guilt of chronological snobbery, and bring out the treasure of all ages in the rich history of our faith. In the power of this paradox we will experience unity and connection with Christians of the past, while also remaining relevant to the culture of the present.” The scripture to support Lewis' idea of a balance view and aspects of our Christian life is found in:

Luke 14:23 “And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” and

1 Peter 2:9 “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:”

What can we tolerate? Even though, some may have listened to loud, high tempo music as a teenager, today if our teenagers choose that genre of music such as Christian Rap, Rock, Pop and the message is of Christ it would be a better choice than that of the secular music industry.

The examples of negative influences in Christian Music would be if the lyrics to the song were not a biblical message. There are times when the tempo and style or different genre of Christian Music might not be appropriate especially during a worship service. When the focus turns from God to individuals, actions, or behaviors then that would be perceived as a negative influence in Christian music. It is what you intentionally do with music that makes it a vessel to glorify God or not. Another Genre is Christian Blues because the nature of the lyrics should uplift toward God not depress.

A common way to indicate a rock group was awesome was holding up index and pinky finger but it was originated as a sign of the devil and it is still. Scripture tells Christians to ‘Shun the appearance of evil’ (1 Thes 5:22). Even though this sign may only mean ‘Yeah...they ROCK!’ The symbolism is still the devils horns and I would encourage God's people to examine our witness. Some Christian groups may liberally borrow from the world and adopt the world's practices? Romans 12:2 says “be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of

your mind.” 1 John 2:15-17 “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” This means that God commands us to not live like the world. Our lifestyle cannot match up to or be similar to that of other people. If a kind of music sounds like the world’s music, looks like the world’s music, and is marketed like the world’s music, then that music is worldly. We ARE responsible for what the world sees in us and the LAST thing we want to do is help send a wrong message to the ‘baby Christian’ or the lost.

If you are truly a Holy Spirit filled believer then your desire will be to please God Almighty. Satan is the great deceiver and very subtle which is often not seen by man. Jesus says we are not to be like the world! He can’t be any clearer! You may have heard the expression garbage in garbage out. Philippians 4:8: would be a great filtering verse “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

Christian music has developed tremendously over the ages and more so the last century to represent the changing style of music that we enjoy today.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bro. Trey Crews

With the 11:00 hour here the discussion was put off until afternoon.

The time had come for the Doctrinal Sermon from Bro. John Small. The congregation stood for a moment and sang “What a Savior” before turning the service over to Bro. Small.

The moderator introduced Bro. Small as a member at New Hope Church and pastoring several around the area. Bro. Smith knew he was well versed and sound in the Missionary Baptist Church.

Doctrinal Sermon

Bro. John D. Small

Bro. Small began by telling how good it was to be here. For the past 42 years he has labored for the Lord and told how the road is not always easy, but it is filled with blessings. If there was ever a time we need to pull together, it is now. He asked for the prayers from all those present.



He read from Romans 8:35-39 and bowed in a word of prayer. He told how Paul was once a persecutor of the church and how he had intentions on stopping the church. In his pursuit, Paul had something happen to him, he was saved by God's grace. When Paul went back to Damascus, he was a new creature. Bro. Small took for a thought **"Saved, Sure, and Secured."** We do not know what Paul was saying, but he had to be rejoicing since he had this new found grace and a joy in his heart. The text asks who can separate us from the love of Christ. Paul assures us that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Once we are saved, how sad it is to think we could lose what we have experienced. Bro. Small was thankful that he had an experience that he could feel. It is great to be saved, and it's also great to be kept. When referring to nothing being able to separate us, he was referring to a great anchor that holds us. Thanks be to God that we have someone strong enough to hold us and protect us. He read verse 38 and told how Paul was saying there is no separation once we are saved by God's grace. In John 10:27, Jesus tells us that his sheep hear his voice and how he gives unto them eternal life. How long is eternal life? Not 100, or a 1000, or even a million years... it is forever. When this old body gives out, he knows he going to be with the Lord. Heaven will not be a dried up place, it will be a place where we will experience praising God throughout all eternity. We are held by Jesus and kept by God. There is a joy in not having to worry about hell. According to the Bible, that is where a majority are headed. We need to sound the alarm and give the warning about dying lost without God.

In order to have eternal life with Christ, we must be saved. The word saved tells us that "we no longer are in trouble." Our family and friends are in trouble if they do not get right with God. There is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun.

In Matthew 7:21, Jesus tells us that not every person that says Lord Lord shall enter heaven. When we are saved by the grace of God, we should desire to serve the Lord. There are several people that have

gone back to the sin of the world. People cannot depend on church membership, they better be sure they are saved by the grace of God. Regardless of how often or by whom we are baptized, the only way to heaven is by being saved by the grace of God. We need to know that we are saved, secure, and sure.

We are living in trouble times. Although the times are tough, we need to remember that the devil is going to be defeated. If we have been saved, he reminded us of Jesus words in John 14:1-3 Jesus tell us that one day we will leave this life. When we leave, we better be sure we are saved by the grace of God.

After a few closing remarks, he then turned the service back over to the moderator.

The congregation came around to give Bro. Small the right hand of fellowship

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch; **motion carried.** We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Randy Thompson, Cross Roads Church.

Saturday Afternoon

After enjoying a delicious meal, Bro. Smith thanked the host church for their hospitality. He asked for prayer on behalf of Bro. Marshall Gurley and others that God would grant them health. He called on Bro. Danny Farmer, Cross Roads Church, to lead us in prayer.

Bro. Smith began the afternoon session with reading 1 Peter 1:18-25 and called the session back together.

We continued the topic that began before the Doctrinal Sermon.

The report on *The positive and negative influences of different genres in Christian music* was spoken to by Bro. Trey Crews, Clint Sanders, David Leslie, Rufus Chandler, Lynn Stapleton, Ray Smith, Johnny Sanders, Scott Carter, and Scott Gallimore.

Motion and second was made to pass the topic; **motion carried.**

Call for Report on Topic Committee

The topic committee made the following recommendations:

Subject #1:

Do Our Traditions Line Up With Scripture?

Subject #2:

The Teachings and Practices of Repentance, is it still relevant today?

Subject #3:

What Does Missionary Mean in Missionary Baptist

Subject #4:

How Do We Combat the Anti-Christian influences in religion and this world?

Motion and second was made to accept these topics; **motion carried**

The moderator called for Report on *How can our church promote the biblical process of discipleship and more specifically encourage parents to educate their children in the Baptist way?*

How can our church promote the biblical process of discipleship and more specifically encourage Parents to educate their children in the Baptist Way?

In the third chapter of John, Nicodemus approaches Jesus in the night seeking answers from Him as a Rabbi. Jesus tries to open his eyes to the Gospel and has a hard time getting Nicodemus to understand the Spiritual parts of his lesson. At one point, Jesus is astounded that a “master of Israel” had so little understanding. The core of Jesus’ lesson to Nicodemus is the foundation of our Baptist doctrine, “Ye must be born again.” Nicodemus was a student of Scripture, but ignorant to the truth until Jesus opened his eyes. The Bible doesn’t record Nicodemus’ testimony of salvation. In the 7th chapter of John, Nicodemus makes a gentle defense of Jesus, and in the 19th chapter he brings spices for His burial. We all assume hopefully that this is evidence of Nicodemus’ conversion, but the question remains, “Was Nicodemus a disciple of Christ?”

The biblical definition of a “disciple” is a learner/follower. If all you do is learn, you’re a student. Without the learning, you’re just a follower. To be a true disciple you have to know who you’re following and what they are teaching. Jesus had many followers and many students. Sadly, He had fewer disciples. As we see in the 6th chapter of John, a difficult sermon turned the multitude away. But, His true disciples knew there was nowhere else to go to find the words of eternal life.

We are all proud to be Baptist and thankful to be members of a church that practices the truth of Salvation and protects the Gospel of

“Salvation by Grace” and a “know so” born again experience. With that in mind, let’s consider for a moment the Lord’s illustration. You must be born again. If Salvation is a new birth, Birth is a beginning not an end. Salvation and baptism for church membership are the first steps in the Life of a Child of God. They are not meant to be the goal or the finish line.

Jesus taught His disciples every day as they traveled together. He explored the many facets of life and gave instruction to prepare them to carry not only His Gospel but also His Church into the far corners of the world. In the 5th & 6th chapters of Hebrews, the apostle Paul expressed his frustration with those Christians who could not go beyond the milk of the word and would not build upon the foundation of Christ that had been laid upon their hearts. Moses wrote in Deuteronomy 6:5-9, “And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.”

Jesus, Paul & Moses would have us all to understand that it is our duty and command to keep the Word of God close to our heart. We must learn it. We must understand it. And we absolutely must teach it to our Children. A parent’s responsibility to “train up a child” in the way of the Lord is taught thoroughly in the Old and New Testament. The most important thing in anyone’s life is to be saved and prepared for Heaven. But, God never intended for us to get saved and stop going to church. The Bible is deep and full of the Wisdom of God. There are many simple truths contained within that a child can understand. And, yet, there are mysteries in God’s Word that can’t be fully understood with a lifetime of study. Every church member should strive diligently to learn more of the Bible every day. And, every parent should be ready to answer the questions of the Bible asked by their children.

There are some things that are foundational parts of learning. We would all be disappointed in our school systems if children were graduating from high school illiterate and without a basic understanding of mathematics and science. How could you get through junior high without at least understanding the Times Tables and knowing the state

Capitals? I think we would all be ashamed to find out how many of our adult church members could list the 12 apostles, tell all 10 Commandments, recite the 23rd Psalm or even repeat the Lord's Prayer. Our children spend at least 35 hours a week focused on reading, math & science. We send our children off to college or technical school so they can learn everything they need to get a good job and be successful. After we start our careers, we discover how much more there is to learn about our professions. None of us are surprised by the need to learn and prepare ourselves for success in our modern world. However, many of our church families are content to receive about an hour's worth of instruction from the scripture once or twice a month.

Sunday is the Lord's Day and the worship hour belongs to Him. The majority of the world never darkens the door of a church unless it's for a wedding or a funeral. It's easy to just be thankful that you can get people to show up for preaching. But, do we think that Jesus would want us to be satisfied with a minimal effort and the very least we can do? There are usually visitors in a preaching service and the Gospel needs to go out to the Lost. Through the Holy Spirit of God and with the best efforts of the preacher, a message can be preached that will reach the lost for Salvation and give instruction to the Church. But, we all need to understand that you simply can't get everything you need to be the best Christian you can be in a 30 minute sermon.

Nicodemus wasn't the only one that had questions about the Lord's teachings. As he snuck off to Jesus in the night to seek more knowledge, no doubt many children go home from church & school with questions about what the Bible says and what to do to please the Lord. Are our parents ready to answer those questions themselves or do they simply respond, "Go ask the preacher?"

The process of discipleship is simply to be ever-learning. We are meant to spend our lives in the Word of God. Salvation is supposed to be the beginning. Our church members should not spend their entire lives nourished with the milk of the Word, but they are to grow and understand more. Certainly, we're not all meant to be teachers, but we should all be able to explain what we believe and why we believe it. Every parent should be able to conduct a home Bible study and provide instruction to their children about the Holy Bible and its teaching.

We know how important the Gospel is. We all agree that Baptist doctrine is right and beneficial for our children and families. There are many different ideas and methods, besides home study, that our churches use to teach those willing to learn. Sunday night services are a great

bonus to weekend worship. If more people would support and attend these services, our churches would receive more instruction and most likely would grow closer in fellowship because of the additional time spent together. Wednesday night prayer meetings and Bible studies are another good opportunity to receive instruction and fellowship together for blessings. There's no reason to re-invent the wheel. It is clear that these additional services are beneficial to the health and growth of a church. The most difficult part is getting support for these services, and keeping up attendance. If we can get our members there, we can come up with many different ways to engage & instruct our church families.

It is the opinion of this committee, however, that the grandest method of all is the simplest solution. It sits squarely right next to our worship services every Sunday morning. Sunday school is an incredible opportunity for our parents and our children to receive focused and thorough instruction about our faith and doctrine. It is obviously difficult to get a great number of people to show back up to church on Sunday night once the recliner has gotten its grip on them. It is even more difficult to get them to take a break in the middle of their busy week to attend a Wednesday service. However, all you have to do to get to Sunday school is wake up an hour earlier. This seems like a simple solution, and yet so many of our churches struggle every week to get their membership to get there before the preacher takes the podium.

Yes, we must be born again. But, we can't stay babies forever. Let us go beyond the milk of the Word. Let us build upon the Foundation of Christ glorious houses of Faith. Within these houses of Faith, let us hold fast to the truth and doctrine of our Baptist forefathers. Let us pass that doctrine down to our children in the pure state that we received it. To do this, we must emphasize to all our churches and children the importance of discipleship and encourage our membership to put in the necessary time and energy to do so. God bless our churches and God bless the good Sunday school teachers that make sure our children know that Noah is the one that built the ark and Jonah is the one who was swallowed by the whale.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. William Lee Woods
Bro. Andrew Stokes

The report ***How can our church promote the biblical process of discipleship and more specifically encourage parents to educate their children in the Baptist way*** was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Andrew Stokes, Lee Woods, Scott Carter, David Leslie, Ray

Smith, Brian Beecham, Lynn Stapleton, and John W. Cole.

Associational Missionary Report:

Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. told of the places he had been this past year and things that had happened and things going on. He thanked the messengers for electing him. He visited all the churches in the association and several churches outside the association.

After a few remarks he gave the following report:

Southwestern District Baptist Association Missionary Report

I want to thank the association for selecting the association for electing me as their Missionary for the past year. The Lord called me to preach and the Clarksburg Baptist Church licensed me and ordained me to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ our savior. I consider it a privilege to represent the Southwestern District Baptist Association.

This past year I have visited all of the member churches of the association one or more times. I attended several of the churches revivals.

Carroll County
County Line Oak Grove
Ephesus Yuma
New Liberty Mt. Comfort
Carroll County Nursing Home
Magnolia Assisted Living
McKenzie Nursing Home

Henderson County
Old Jacks Creek Mt. Moriah
Old Union Ridge Grove
Bolens Chapel Old Bethel
Briarwood Nursing Home

Benton County
Fairview Chalk Hill

Henry County
New Bethel

Decatur County
New Prospect

I also visited 17 Missionary Baptist Churches that are not members of any associations.

All of the churches I visited treated me in a friendly Christian way and invited me to come back every time I have an opportunity. I thank the Lord for our old timey Missionary Baptist Churches and the privilege of visiting one another and worshipping God in spirit and truth. St. John 4:24 tells us that, "God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." Thank you for this privilege.

I drove approximately 4,000 miles and received donations of approximately \$1,200.00 for which I appreciate very much. God bless you and keep you is my prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr.
Association Missionary

Motion and second was made to approve this report; **motion carried.**

Motion and second was made to elect Bro. Jimmie Hale Jr., to serve as Associational Missionary for another year; **motion carried.**

It was now time for the missions report. Bro. Khrys Page came to give a report on the work in Trinidad. He told of being raised Hindu and how he was told to leave his house for not believing in the Hindu religion. He told of going to a nearby town and hearing the gospel and being saved by the grace of God. Since being saved, he has been called to preach and now doing a mission nearby. They now have a building where they are having services and they are seeing people saved.

Bro. Eugene Brown spoke about the work going on with *Word's of Hope*. He told how God called him to do the work in short wave radio, and the things that have come from the broadcasts.

Bro. Jonathan Vaughn told how he has been in Florida the last four months doing a mission in Panama City Beach. He told of his burden for the people there. He desired for us to continue to pray for the efforts as they finish the work in Florida. There will be services there in December and extended an invitation for all present to attend those services.

Call for New Business

- **Motion and second** was made to assign the topics by the close of the session the previous year; **motion carried.**
- Bro. Clint Sanders asked if the churches would be interested in making a disaster relief team
- **Motion and second** was made to omit the reading of the minutes at the end of the session; **motion carried.**
- **Motion and second** was made to omit the cd's from the minutes. Churches will be asked in church letter how many cd's they want; **motion carried.**

Vote of Thanks

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, its officers, and the messengers of this association wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Concord Church in Carroll County for serving as host for this session. We last met with you in 1999, and it

was a pleasure for us to meet with you once again and enjoy sweet fellowship one with another.

We thank God for Bro. David Leslie and his message “God Is Able” and Bro. John Small for his message “Saved, Secure, and Sure.” 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.

I once again give thanks to the Topic Committee for their selecting the topics and the ones to prepare/present them. May we use this information for the spiritual growth of us all. Thank you for selecting topics that are food to our souls and that make us stronger in the army of the Lord. We are looking forward to hearing the topics next year.

I thank God for those who serve as the Finance Committee, and the Obituary Recorder, and a special thanks to Bro. Clint Sanders for serving as the assistant clerk. These brethren 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 Concord 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 plans are underway for next year’s sessions, may we all pray God’s will be done with us all, as individual church members, as individual churches and as a united group of churches.

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

I anxiously await, if it be God’s will, the next session and look forward to meeting with all of you as we gather together at Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church for the 166th annual session on October 10-11, 2014 at 10:00 am ready to receive another blessing from the Lord.

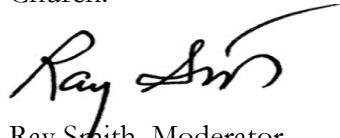
Until He Returns,
Scott Carter, Clerk

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

We closed by having a handshake while singing many wonderful songs in the Lord’s Spirit and a few comments.

A **motion and second** was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson County, TN; **motion carried.**

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church.



Ray Smith, Moderator
Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church



Scott Carter, Clerk
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Messengers for the 165th Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday– Jimmy Allen, Bryan Oakes, Joe Rich

Saturday– Bryan Oakes, Joe Rich, Mary Oakes

Bible Grove:

Friday– Randy Woods, Johnny Sanders, Judy Sanders

Saturday– Johnny Sanders, Judy Sanders, Brian Hayes

Caledonia:

Friday– letter only

Saturday– letter only

Center Point:

Friday– Earnestine Higdon, Eugene Abbott, Dorothy Abbott

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Clarksburg:

Friday– Andrew Stokes, Jerry McDaniel, Larissa Boyd

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Concord:

Friday– Josh Parker, John W. Cole, Craig Orr

Saturday– Josh Parker, John W. Cole, Dennis Stokes

Cross Roads:

Friday– Jim Dungan, Danny Farmer, Ronnie Stewart

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Huntingdon:

Friday– Lynn Stapleton, Trey Crews, Joe Glisson

Saturday- Lynn Stapleton, Trey Crews, Richard Crossno

Marlsboro:
 Friday- Melvin Walker
 Saturday– letter only

Mixie:
 Friday– Rufus Chandler, Johnny Whitworth, Ray Hayes
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New Cross Roads:
 Friday– Gracie Palmer, Mary Bullington
 Saturday– Gracie Palmer, Mary Bullington

New Hope:
 Friday– John D. Small, Janie Small, Scott Gallimore
 Saturday– John D. Small, Janie Small, Scott Gallimore

New Spring Hill:
 Friday– Laura Hutcherson
 Saturday– Laura Hutcherson, Susan Brown

Oak Grove :
 Friday– Glenn Lewis, Goy Williams, David Leslie
 Saturday– Glenn Lewis, Goy Williams, David Leslie

Old Paths:
 Friday– Vernon Lewelling, Ken Carrington, Norman Medlin
 Saturday– Vernon Lewelling, Ken Carrington, Norman Medlin

Pleasant Grove:
 Friday- Frank Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Max Bradfield
 Saturday- Frank Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Marcus Rickman

Pleasant Hill:
 Friday- Edward Ellis, Janell Ellis, Bill Hargrove
 Saturday- Edward Ellis, Janell Ellis, Bill Hargrove

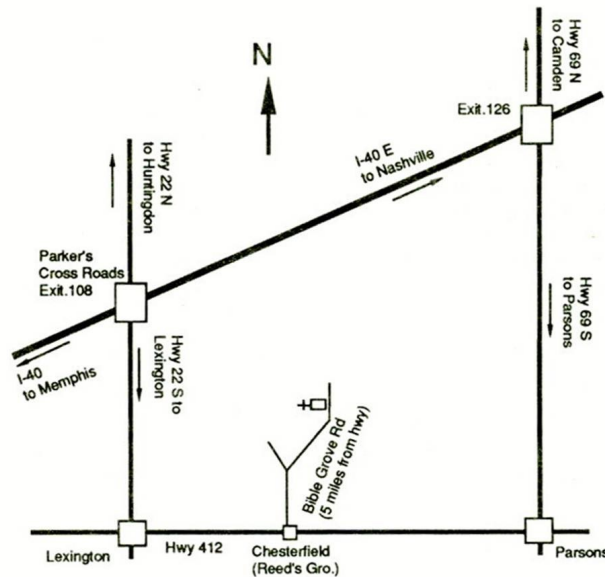
Pleasant Ridge:
 Friday– Clint Sanders, James Nance, Travis Nance
 Saturday– Clint Sanders, Anthony French

Rushing’s Creek:
 Friday– Ron Stewart, Bruce Seaton, Carol Broadway
 Saturday– Ron Stewart, Bruce Seaton

Shiloh:
 Friday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, Judy Pritchard
 Saturday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, Judy Pritchard

Westport:
 Friday– Brenda Leslie, Glynn Williams
 Saturday– Brenda Leslie

Directions to 2014 Session Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church



Visitors to 2013 Session

Bro. Bob Vanderpool and Sis. Rebecca (Siloam Association)
Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Alvaton, KY

Bro. Donnie Hines and Bro. Eugene Brown (Wiseman Association)
McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, TN

Bro. Kenneth Massey (Wiseman Association)
Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, TN

Bro. Larry Martin and Sis. Pattie Higdon
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Bruceton, TN

Bro. Tony and Sis. Sharon Boyd
Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church, Mixie, TN

Bro. Jonathan Vaughn
Mazies Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Lexington, TN

Bro. Derrick Jowers and Bro. Khrys Paige

Financial Statement
2013 Minute Fund

BALANCE OCTOBER 13, 2012 \$ 2,036.18

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First Bank (lock box) -----\$60.00
Peterson Printing (printing of minutes) -----\$1,140.00

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2013 -----\$ 2,175.00

BALANCE OCTOBER 12, 2013-----\$2,661.54

Clerk Contributions -----\$ 1,080.00

Submitted by:

Bro. Larry Pritchard – Shiloh Church

Bro. Johnny Whitworth – Mixie Church

Bro. Johnny Sanders – Bible Grove Church

Correspondence

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

August 10, 2013

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
Brother Scott Carter

Greetings:

With the 2013 associational meetings nearly upon us we are prayerful that God has richly blessed each church in your association. As always we are thankful to hear of souls being saved and members being blessed by the spirit of the Lord.

The churches of the Siloam Association met the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 2012 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for its sixtieth annual session. The churches brought with them good news of 51 souls being saved along with a goodly number of additions to their memberships. Each sermon that was preached and each topic that was discussed was very informative and was accompanied by the spirit of the Lord. God's presence was felt throughout the associational meetings.

Lord willing, the sixty-first session of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will meet at Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church located at 1150 Fairview Avenue, Bowling Green KY beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday October 4, 2013. Elder Rick Oliver is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder John Sampson is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Jerry Miller is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning. We invite you to come and worship and fellowship with us during the Siloam Associational meeting. A copy of the 2012 Siloam minutes is enclosed.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless all of His churches and His word will go out to the lost people of this world and many will be saved.

Your Brother in Christ

Elder Roger Carter, Clerk
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September 2, 2013

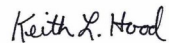
Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

We trust everything is going well with you and your lost are being saved. We also trust God is continuing to bless you.

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Seventy-Seventh Annual Session with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. We had 20 churches reporting an increase of 74 with 47 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 63 with a total membership of 1,928. 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 178th Annual Session to be held with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located east of Russellville, Alabama, on Highway 48. This session will be held October 12, 13, 14, 15, 2013. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's love,



Keith L. Hood, Clerk

Johnny Hood - Moderator
11630 County Road 7
Moulton, AL 35650

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

Wiseman Baptist Association

August 1, 2013

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association,

Greetings from the Churches of the Wiseman Baptist Association. We pray that the Lord has blessed you richly this past year with many lives being changed by the glorious power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We were greatly blessed by the Lord during our one hundred twenty first annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association, which was held at Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. Eight churches reported 64 additions in the past year, 33 being by baptism, with a total membership of 1,835. Enclosed is a copy of the minutes from this session.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundred and twenty second annual session which will be held October 25th and 26th at Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church 120 Salt Lick Creek Gainesboro, TN 38562. Services will begin each day at 10:00 AM.

Brother Johnny Carver is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon on Friday morning, and Brother Larry Gregory is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday morning. Please make your plans to attend.

In Christ's love,

Jeremy Wilson, Clerk
134 Ivy Farm Ct
Alvaton, KY 42122
270-791-0309
jeremytwilson@twc.com

Dear Associations

Sorry I missed your Association. I was hoping to attend your respective meetings with your church messengers this year. But my work permit was granted and I will be in Jamaica as you convene.

Jamaica Report

It has been a tiring ordeal for me as my burden for Jamaica remains heavy on my heart and I had to patiently wait on the immigration procedures for my return. I'm happy to report I have my visa effective Oct 1 2013. I will leave for twenty days to finalize the work permit in my US passport to the local US Embassy in Jamaica and reporting to the local police. In November, Bro Kenny Mallard from SW Mo pastor of Mine Creek in KS will help me in a revival as the Spirit leads maybe a protracted meeting, Lord knows Jamaica needs reviving. I'm much relieved as I believed the Lord hears and answers prayers to be returning the churches there for the cause of Christ and I want to commend the or friends & churches for their prayers and support for all foreign and home missions. For over two decades the Associations has played an important role in the saving of souls around the globe and please rejoice for the rebuilding in Florida and Jamaica.

A brief Florida report

January I relocated temporarily to Florida to help Palm Tree from dissolving. When I came I found three members and no ordained elder. Just a licensed preacher carries on the best he could. My wife and I after a few weeks of being in their worship joined. I came with a burden to serve as interim pastor and then help them until the Lord led them a pastor. The three members wanted a pastor that could be with them without committing me to Jamaica and so I agreed to just help the young preacher and aid them as I waited on my return. In my duration here I began a live program and one was saved tuning into the program. I went searching to find members and found two bedridden and a daughter a member who made her apologies and was restored. Since her family comes and in regular attendance. My daughter and family relocated to Deland and joined. At present Palm Tree have eight members and 12 non-members for a total of 16 in attendance. Where or two or three are together in his name then I know the burden to rebuild like that of Nehemiah who had been the instrument used with a God-given call to go rebuild the walls in Palestine, He has for Palm Tree blessed our efforts and that of the little flock.

God Bless, Missionary & Elder Rick Jones

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 22784 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
Joyner, John, New Cross Roads -----731-986-9764
 127 5th Avenue, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Wood, John, New Hope -----731-968-0273

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Abbott, Eugene, Center Point -----731-220-2030
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Holt, Jim, New Spring Hill -----731-986-9374
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 76 Farmington Cove, Lexington, TN 38351
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 California
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2013 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sunday PM Starting	Monday – Friday Starting Time
Old Paths	06/01/14			7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	06/01/14		7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00
Shiloh	06/15/14		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30
Huntingdon	06/22/14		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30
Pleasant Ridge	06/22/14	Derrick Jowers	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00
New Cross Roads	06/29/14		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00
Westport	07/06/14		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30
Caledonia	07/13/14	Johnny Wall	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Center Point	07/13/14	Gary Douglas	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/13/14		7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00
Mixie	07/13/14		5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/13/14		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/20/14	Clint Sanders	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30
Bible Grove	07/20/14		7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00
Marlsboro	07/20/14		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Clarksburg	07/27/14		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30
Cross Roads	07/27/14		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00
Oak Grove	07/27/14		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30
New Spring Hill	07/27/14		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Rushing's Creek	09/14/14		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Hope				

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
2007-Clarksburg, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2008-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2009- Cross Roads, Benton County-----	Johnny Wall -----	Scott Carter
2010- New Hope, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2011- Westport, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2012-Oak Grove, Henderson County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2013-Concord, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter

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.

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.

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. II Tim. 3:16-17; II Tim. 3:15; Prov. 30:5-6; Rom. 2:12; Phil. 3:16; I John 4:1.

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. John 4:24; Ps. 83:18; Heb. 3:4; Rom. 1:20; Jer. 10:10; Ex. 15:11; Ps. 147:5; Isa. 6:3; I Pet. 1:15-16; Rev. 4:6-8; Mark 12:30; Rev. 4:11; Matt. 10:37; Jer. 2:12-13; Matt. 28:19; John 15:26; I Cor. 12:4-6; I John 5:7; John 10:30; John 5:17; John 14:23; John 17:5 & 10; Acts 5:3-4; I Cor. 2:10-11; Phil. 2:5-6; Eph. 2:18; II Cor. 13:14; Rev. 1:4-5.

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. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 1:31; Ecc. 7:29; Acts 15:26; Gen. 2:16; Gen. 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 5:15-19; John 3:6; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Isa. 53:6; Gen. 6:12; Rom. 3:9-18; Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 1:18-32; Rom. 2:1-16; Gal. 3:10; Matt. 20:15; Ezek. 18:19-20; Rom. 1:20; Rom. 3:19; Gal. 3:22.

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. Eph. 2:5; Matt. 18:11; I John 4:10; I Cor. 3:5-7; Acts 15:11; John 3:16; John 1:1-14; Heb. 4:14; Heb. 12:24; Phil. 2:6-7; Heb. 2:9&14; II Cor. 5:21; Isa. 42:21; Phil. 2:8; Gal. 4:4-5; Rom. 3:21; Isa. 53:4-5; Matt. 20:28; Rom. 4:25; Rom. 3:21-26; I John 4:10; I John 2:3; I Cor. 15:1-3; Heb. 9:13-15; Heb. 1:8; Heb. 1:3; Col. 3:1-4; Heb. 7:25; Col. 2:9; Heb. 2:18; Heb. 7:26; Ps. 89:19; Ps. 45.

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. Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Luke 14:17; Rom. 16:26; Mark 1:15; Rom. 1:15-17; John 5:40; Matt. 23:37; Rom. 9:32; Pro. 1:24; Acts 13:46; John 3:19; Matt. 11:20; Luke 19:27; II Thess. 1:8.

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. John 6:44; John 6:65; Acts 16:14; Psalms 34:18; II Cor. 7:10; Acts 9:5; Acts 3:19; Acts 8:22; Luke 15:7

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. I Thess. 4:3; I Thess. 5:23; II Cor. 7:1; II Cor. 13:9; Phil. 3:12-16; John 2:29; Rom. 8:5; Eph. 1:4; Pro. 4:18; II Cor. 3:18; Heb. 6:1; 1I Peter 1:5-8; John 3:6; Phil. 1:9-I 1; Eph. 1:13-14; Phil. 2:12-13; Eph. 4:11-12; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18; II Cor. 13:5; Luke 11:35; Luke 9:23; Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:18; Eph. 4:30.

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. John 8:31; I John 2:27-28; I John 3:9; I John 5:18; I John 2:19; John 13:18; Matt. 13:20-21; John 6:66-69; Job 17:9; Rom. 8:28; Matt. 6:30-33; Jer. 32:40; Ps. 121:3; Ps. 91:11-12; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:12-13; Jude 24-25; Heb. 1:14; II Kings 6:16; Heb. 13:5; I John 4:4.

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. I Cor. 1:1-3; Matt. 18:17; Acts 5:1 I; Acts 8:1; Acts I 1:31; I Cor. 4:17; I Cor. 14:23; III John 9; I Tim. 3-5; Acts 2:41-42; II Cor. 8:5; Acts 2:47; I Cor. 5:12-13; I Cor. 11:2; II Thess. 3:6; Rom. 16:17-20; I Cor. 11:23; Matt. 18:15-20; I Cor. 5:6; II Cor. 2:7; I Cor. 4:11; Matt. 28:20; John 14:15; John 15:12; I John 4:21; John 14:21; I Thess. 4:2; II John 6; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:7; I Cor. 14:12; Phil. 1:27; I Cor. 12:14; Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23; Acts 15:22; I Tim. 3; Titus I.

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. Acts 20:7; Gen. 2:3; Cor. 2:16-17; Mark 2:27; John 20:19; I Cor. 16:1-2; Ex. 20:8; Rev. I:10; Ps. 118:15,24; Isa. 58:13-14; Isa. 56:2-8; Heb. 10:24-25; Acts 11:26; Acts 13:44; Lev. 19:30; Ex. 46:3; Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2-3; Ps. 26:8; Ps. 87:3; Heb. 4:3-11.

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. Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:5-6; John 3:22-23; John 4:12; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:12; Acts 16:32-34; Acts 18:8; Acts 10:47-48; Gal. 3:26-28; Rom 6:4; Col. 2:12; I Peter 3:20-21; Acts 12:16; Acts 2:41-42; I Cor. 11:26; Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; I Cor. 11:28; I Cor. 5:1-8; I Cor. 10:3-32; I Cor. 11:17-32; John 6:26-71.

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.

Missions Supported

*addresses available upon request to clerk

Rick Jones (<i>Jamaica</i>)	Bethel Clarksburg Concord New Hope Cross Roads	Oak Grove New Cross Roads Pleasant Ridge Shiloh Westport
Eugene Brown (<i>Words of Hope</i>) www.wordsofhope.org	Bible Grove Huntingdon Cross Roads Pleasant Hill Oak Grove	New Hope Rushing's Creek Shiloh Westport Pleasant Grove
Harvey Ambrose (<i>Alaska</i>)	Old Paths	
Paul Bryson	Oak Grove	
Ministerial Alliance, <i>Camden</i>	Cross Roads	Pleasant Hill
Ministerial Alliance, <i>Huntingdon</i>	Huntingdon	
Back to the Bible	Bethel	Pleasant Hill
Eric Hammett (<i>Mexico</i>)	Center Point	
African Fund	Oak Grove	
St. Jude Children Hospital	Marlsboro	
Todd Marks (<i>Peru</i>)	Center Point	
F.U.E.L	Cross Roads	
Khrys Paige (<i>Trinidad</i>)	Bible Grove Mixie Westport	Pleasant Ridge Old Paths
Shop With a Cop	Marlsboro	
Nueva Vida Missionary Baptist Church	Oak Grove	
Carl Perkins Center	Concord	
Gideon Society	Marlsboro	
Samaritan's Purse	Huntingdon	
Kenya Africa Fund	Huntingdon	

In Memory of Our Sainted Dead– 43
(One Minister; One Deacon)

Bethel

Sis. Bernice Smith	10/01/12
Sis. Beatrice Roberts	10/28/12
Sis. Mary K. Woollums	06/05/13
Bro. Ross Hilliard	08/26/13

Bible Grove

Sis. Helen Wood Parott	06/07/13
Sis. Polly Ellis	08/19/13
Sis. Emma Lee Wooley Craig	09/21/13

Center Point

Sis. Martha Jane Hollingsworth	01/14/13
Bro. Connie Webb	03/14/13
Bro. Harold D. "Red" Hollingsworth	03/20/13
Bro. Ganius Hollingsworth	04/13/13

Clarksburg

Bro. Tom McDaniel (Deacon)	12/30/12
Sis. Dorothy Reeves Russell	04/21/13

Concord

Sis. Mildred Massey	11/11/12
Sis. Hazel Kirksey	02/27/13
Sis. Elizabeth Simpson	04/25/13
Sis. Peggy Jackson	05/26/13
Bro. Thomas Danner	07/04/13
Sis. Doris McDowell Sanders	08/23/13

Cross Roads

Bro. George Arnold	01/16/13
Bro. Gregory Kee	07/25/13

Huntingdon

Sis. Martha Pearson	03/23/13
Bro. Jimmy Miller	04/16/13
Sis. Carolyn Maxwell	05/16/13

New Cross Roads

Bro. Phillip Jackson	12/20/12
Sis. Teresa Lankford Fitzgerald	05/04/13

New Hope

Sis. Annie Marie Todd	11/22/12
Bro. Harlon "Pete" Kirby (Minister)	04/11/13

Oak Grove

Bro. Wayne Lewis	10/18/12
Sis. Wynemer Vestal	11/12/12
Sis. Mary Cox	01/13/13

Old Paths

Sis. Mai Dell Jordan	
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Pleasant Grove

Sis. Sue Anderson	05/14/13
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Pleasant Ridge

Sis. Wanda Lee Higdon	10/13/12
Bro. Dennis Smothers	11/02/12
Sis. Ruth May	02/15/13

Rushing's Creek

Sis. Mildred Cole Berry	10/24/12
Sis. Mary Charlene Greer	02/15/13
Sis. Mildred Stockdale	08/21/13
Sis. Nancy Rushing	09/21/13

Shiloh

Bro. Samuel Vernon Bailey	06/05/13
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Westport

Sis. Clara Mae Webb	10/18/12
Sis. Betty Jane Pinkley	09/15/13



Bro. Pete Kirby was born March 19 the year of 1932 in Carroll County Tennessee to the late Charlie and Donnie “Douglas” Kirby. Bro. Kirby left this world of pain and troubles to reap his rewards that he had preached about for years.

Bro. Pete was a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church where he served as pastor for nine years. He was a retired bus driver for Clarksburg School System, a retired auto mechanic, and retired owner of Carroll County Pest Control.

Bro. Pete loved his family and family in the Lord and everyone.

Bro. Pete was married to his first wife, Dorothy Kirby, for 50 years and later he married Louise Payne. They has been married for three years when the Lord called him home.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Small Kirby. One son, Terry Kirby of Memphis and one daughter, Lisa Clark, of Memphis. He also leaves two grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Bro. Pete is greatly missed by his family and friends.

Sunday School Statistical Table

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	7	63	\$5,159.33
Bible Grove	Walden Blankenship			
Caledonia		1	10	\$136.94
Center Point	Bill Noles	5	38	
Clarksburg	Lee Woods	16		\$1,277.31
Concord	Keith Trevathan	19	70	\$1,119.82
Cross Roads	Jim Dungan	14	74	\$1,621.75
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	12	150	\$3,609.04
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	5	38	\$200.76
Mixie	Johnny Whitworth	2		
New Cross Roads		5		
New Hope		5	15	\$950.79
New Spring Hill	Susan Brown	2	19	
Oak Grove	Chris Wallace	13	93	
Old Paths	Keith Brewer			
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	10		
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	4	22	
Pleasant Ridge	Anthony French	8	30	\$2,635.00
Rushing's Creek		2	15	\$564.15
Shiloh	Joe Cary	7		\$390.40
Westport	Jerry Singleton	13	39	\$2,276.00
TOTALS		150	676	\$19,941.29

Statistical Table

Church	Baptisms	Additions by Letter	Restorations	Total Additions	Deaths	Losses by Letter	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing
Bethel	0	2	0	2	4	1	0	5	171	2	0
Bible Grove	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	255	1	0
Caledonia	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	36	1	0
Center Point	1	1	0	2	4	0	1	5	84	1	0
Clarksburg	3	0	0	3	2	7	0	9	161	1	1
Concord	7	2	0	9	6	0	2	8	150	2	0
Cross Roads	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	199	2	0
Huntingdon	4	7	0	11	3	3	1*	7	332	2	0
Marlsboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	1	0
Mixie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1	1
New Cross Rds.	0	1	0	1	2	0	2 **	4	78	2	2
New Hope	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	3	116	0	0
New Spring Hill	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	19	1	0
Oak Grove	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	160	2	0
Old Paths	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	52	1	1
Pleasant Grove	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	64	1	0
Pleasant Hill	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	122	1	1
Pleasant Ridge	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	4	46	1	1
Rushing's Creek	0	2	0	2	4	1	0	5	78***	1	0
Shiloh	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	42	1	0
Westport	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	7	69	1	0
TOTALS	26	22	0	48	43	17	8	71	2234	26	7

*Huntingdon had one loss by other

**New Cross Roads removed by request of member

***Rushing's Creek note on letter - only 30 active members

Financial Table

Church	Expenditures	Ministireial Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	\$21,335.36	\$2,167.00	\$7,917.00	\$150	\$50	\$31,619.36
Bible Grove			\$5,998.00	\$200	\$75	\$6,273.00
Caledonia	\$8,600.00	\$707.00	\$1,132.00	\$30	\$10	\$10,479.00
Center Point	\$3,584.18	\$540.00	\$812.25	\$50	\$50	\$5,036.43
Clarksburg	\$10,863.43	\$300.00	\$7,486.28	\$150	\$50	\$18,849.71
Concord	\$10,727.92	\$1,396.00	\$4,300.86	\$120	\$50	\$16,594.78
Cross Roads	\$141,715.10	\$2,970.00	\$8,137.00	\$240	\$50	\$153,112.10
Huntingdon	\$245,223.07	\$15,841.00	\$19,110.20	\$200	\$100	\$280,474.27
Marlsboro	\$2,748.94	\$5,895.00	\$1,264.00	\$20	\$20	\$9,947.94
Mixie				\$80	\$25	\$105.00
New Cross Rds.				\$100	\$25	\$125.00
New Hope	\$23,498.76	\$4,225.00	\$3,341.24	\$80	\$50	\$31,195.00
New Spring Hill	\$3,313.23			\$40	\$15	\$3,368.23
Oak Grove				\$100	\$50	\$150.00
Old Paths				\$75	\$75	\$150.00
Pleasant Grove	\$2,902.33	\$6,766.00		\$100	\$100	\$9,868.33
Pleasant Hill		\$400.00	\$800.00	\$100	\$25	\$1,325.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$13,667.00	\$1,737.00	\$11,205.00	\$140	\$150	\$26,899.00
Rushing's Creek	\$5,062.43	\$4,855.00	\$3,093.00	\$40	\$20	\$13,070.43
Shiloh	\$5,297.98	\$775.00	\$3,125.00	\$80	\$50	\$9,327.98
Westport	\$12,137.81	\$911.00	\$845.00	\$80	\$40	\$14,013.81
TOTALS	\$510,677.54	\$49,485.00	\$78,566.83	\$2,175	\$1,080	\$641,984.37

