

2004 MINUTES

OF THE

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

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

**CENTER POINT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

BRUCETON, TENNESSEE

OCTOBER 8-9, 2004

THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lexington, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2005, at 10:00 AM .

2005 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -- Eld. Clint Sanders
Alternate ----- Eld. Phillip Halter
Doctrinal Sermon ----- Eld. Lynn Stapleton
Alternate ----- Eld. Tim Swinford

History of Center Point

One midsummer day in 1950, Bro. John Hedge came by to visit Bro. Johnny Moore. Bro. Hedge did this quite often, but this time seemed to be different. Bro. Hedge told Bro. Moore that he felt impressed to hold a revival in this community, and he would like to use Bro. Moore's vacant lot for the meeting.

The agreed meeting would be the first week in August of 1950. Benches were borrowed from the old Butler school house, and everything was in order. This was a very glorious week with seven souls being saved and several re-dedications. Bro. Hedge wanted to continue to hold revivals in this community, but in 1952 he was lead to organize a church in the community. Bro. John Hedge was a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church so therefore it became the mother church of Center Point Missionary Baptist Church. In the fall of 1952 the agreed members and several ministers (Bro. John Hedge, Bro. Mitchell Rayburn, Bro. T.L. Campbell, Bro. E.F. Prince, Bro. John Anderson) and others met in Bro. Johnny Moore's back yard for the Organizational Service. Bro. Richard Pierce gave an acre of land for the building site and Bro. Mitchell Rayburn gave the church its' name of Center Point.

The building was started in the fall of 1952 and continued to be worked on all through the winter with members and others working whenever possible. In the spring of 1953, the first sermon was preached by Bro. Mitchell Rayburn who was the first elected pastor of Center Point Missionary Baptist Church.

The first revival was held the second week in July of 1953 by Bro. Mitchell Rayburn and Bro. John Hedge. Bro. John Leslie Moore was the first church clerk and Bro. Hershel Hilliard was the first treasurer. The first deacon of Center Point Church was Bro. John Leslie Moore with Bro. Johnny Moore, Bro. Hershel Hilliard, and Bro. Adrian Moore being ordained as deacons shortly thereafter.

From the minutes of the 1952 Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, Center Point Missionary Baptist Church petitioned to become a member and was accepted. According to these minutes, there were ten members at Center Point Missionary Baptist Church. Center Point Missionary Baptist Church's current membership is 77.

Pastors at Center Point include: Bro. Mitchell Rayburn (four different times), Bro. John Hedge, Bro. Clarence Carter, Bro. Hal Abbott, Bro. Onus Higdon, Bro. Billy Hilliard (two different times), Bro. James Higdon (two different times), Bro. J.P. Forrest, Bro. Dwight Haskins, Bro. Eugene Abbott, Bro. Lawton Brewer, Bro. Morgan Arnold, and Bro. Jeff Simmons.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005

- ❑ Call Association to Order
- ❑ Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- ❑ Appoint Finance Committee
- ❑ Appoint Topics Committee for 2006 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 2006 Session
- ❑ Select Brethren to Preach 2006 Annual Sermons
- ❑ Introductory Sermon - 11:00 AM
- ❑ Call for Correspondence
- ❑ Call for Report on Cultivating Competent Christian Leaders In The Church
- ❑ Call for Report on The Rod of Reproof /Spare The Rod & Spoil The Child

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005

- ❑ 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 Qualifications of Preachers & Deacons
- ❑ Doctrinal Sermon - 11:00 AM
- ❑ Call for Report of Topic Committee
- ❑ Call for report on *to be announced based upon current event*
- ❑ Call for report from the Associational Missionary
- ❑ Call for New Business
- ❑ Reading of the Vote Of Thanks
- ❑ Read and Approve Minutes by Clerk
- ❑ Song and Parting Hand

ELECTED OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION
2004 – 2005

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2004

On Friday, October 8, 2004, a beautiful day that the Lord has given us, the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met for her one hundred fifty-sixth annual session with Center Point Missionary Baptist Church. The Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, asked Bro. Rayburn Wood, Bible Grove Church, to lead us in a song with Sis. Rebecca Clement, Bible Grove Church on the piano. The congregation stood and sang “Heaven’s Jubilee” and “Hallelujah We Shall Rise”.

After congregational singing the Moderator welcomed all present to the 156th session of this association. He noted how this association could strengthen the messengers here as well as strengthen the churches that make up this body. After a few words he asked Bro. Johnny Carver, McFerrin Church, to lead us in prayer.

He then read from Romans 8:32-39 then called this association together.

He introduced the pastor, Bro. Jeff Simmons, who introduced the deacon body present to assist any as needed. He welcomed all present and told of the blessing it is for everyone to be present here today.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Pastor and Deacon Body of Center Point Church

Finance Committee:

Bro. Lester Waugh - Concord Church

Bro. Lynn Breeden - Yuma Church

Bro. Jimmy Hale - Clarksburg Church

2005 Topic Committee:

Bro. Phillip Halter – Bethel Church

Bro. Johnny Wall - New Liberty Church

Bro. Bryan Oakes (Chairman) - Bible Grove Church

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Andrew Stokes

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

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

The Roll Call of Messengers was made and 71 messengers were seated by motion and second. Motion carried.

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

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

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, New Cross Roads Church, was nominated as Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

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

Six Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2005 session. A motion and second was made to select Bible Grove Church 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. Lynn Stapleton was nominated to preach the Doctrinal Sermon and being the only one nominated a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

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

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

The moderator then asked for all visitors to stand and be recognized. (see list in minutes)

The moderator then asked for a song led by Bro. Rayburn Wood and Sis. Rebecca Clement on the piano. We stood and sang “I’ve Got That Old Time Religion In My Heart” and “He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me”.

Introductory Sermon

Bro. Smith then introduced Bro. David Leslie, pastor of Oak Grove (HC), as the one selected during the last session to preach this morning's Introductory Sermon. Bro. Leslie took the stand and told of the privilege it was to be here today. He told about his days of being raised at Westport Missionary Baptist Church and that he never imagined that God would call him to preach and that he would someday be standing before this body.

He read from Joshua 1:1-9 and took for thought "Prosperous Journey". He referred to the New Testament where Paul talked about a prosperous journey. God wants us all to have this type of journey. Prosperous means that we should prosper, and prosper spiritually. We need to prosper 100% in Jesus. God doesn't want us living with the bear needs; he wants us to prosper. We have some similarities with Joshua. When we get saved, that is the beginning of our prosperous journey. Jesus told us that he has come not to call the righteousness, but sinners to repentance.

He read from I Timothy chapter 1 and told about how Paul saw himself as the chiefest of sinners. A journey is a path through life with the beginning point being that of salvation. He referred to the Pharisee and the publican how one would bow and repent and the other wouldn't. If we are going to have a prosperous journey, we must follow God. When we get saved, we are saved for a purpose. Our lives are to be a pattern and imitation of Jesus Christ.

He then went to Jonah chapter 3 and told how God came to him a second time. How many of us have had that second calling from God? You will not have a prosperous journey if you do not listen and follow after God. Whatever God wants you to do, do it to the fullest. Jonah did not want to go to Ninevah since they were wicked people. We too face wicked people and must go and preach the gospel to them. Here Jonah looked upon Ninevah. They did have a physical wealth but not a spiritual wealth. In a journey, there is a start and a finish. How long we will be here we don't know, but we must make the most of the time that we have here on earth. He told about how during his life he ran from God. He knew that he couldn't have a prosperous life until he did what God asked him to do.

His next text was from Jonah 3:10 and told how Jonah became angry. We cannot do the work God has put us here for just because it is our duty, but because we know the prosperous journey that lies ahead. God does not promise us a perfect life, but a rewarding. He went back to Joshua chapter 1 and told how we have lots of similarities to Joshua one. We too are born of a country. For a little while we are just pilgrims passing through this world. He reflected on how there have been

previous moderators that have stood the test of time. They leave this life and the work has then been handed down to the next generation. When Moses died, how did Joshua feel? When Moses is gone, God then sends Joshua to continue leading the children of Israel. We need to look to God from where our help comes from. He read from Matthew 5:13-14. People need to see that there is something that is greater than this world. What if Joshua and Caleb had thought they would not be able to conquer the land? We must remember that we are the salt of the Earth and cannot give up on spreading the gospel. After salvation we have something down in our souls, and we must let it shine. In Joshua 1:3-5 he told how that God has made promises to these men and that he makes these promises to us today. Everywhere we go, the Lord is there to guide us along the way. The lesson here is that we must be walking. We must be out walking in the wilderness. A wilderness is an uncultivated land. We are presently in a land that needs cultivating, we must do that and sow the seeds. The landform of Lebanon was a mountainous land. Today we are sometimes on the mountain and sometimes in the valley. If we live a prosperous life, God will give us the land needed.

He then went to II Corinthians 9:6. If we are not willing to sow, we will not have much to reap. As saved individuals, we have a talent given to us by God. When God gives us the talent, we have the responsibility to go out and sow. We may not be able to physically see God here in this life, but we sure can feel him. He urged all present to go out and sow those seeds and cultivate them so that we might be able to hear those words "thou good and faithful servant." Paul planted, Apollas watered, but God gives the increase. This means of labor still stands today. When God gives the increase, he does it on his timer. On God's time and God's way we will see the results. He referred to Bro. Jimmy Stewarts sermon a few years ago and how that he too has been able to experience about how sometimes we get to crawl, then we get to walk, and sometimes we get to run spiritually. Do not vainly run in the wind, we must remain focused. We cannot forget the commission that the Lord gave unto the church, to spread the gospel to the world. If we will just do the simple things, we will have a prosperous journey. He referred to Elijah how he felt that he, and he alone was left. But God sent a still small voice to give instructions. That voice gave Elijah instructions as well as telling him that there were still 7,000 people that haven't bowed down to Baal.

He told of how someday his journey was going to end. We need to enjoy what God has given to us. But, there is coming a day when each and every one of

us will leave this life. All of our journeys will come to an end, but our journey will really have just begun.

In closing he read a few lines from the song “It Is Well With My Soul”.

At the close of the sermon, the Moderator asked Bro. Leslie to stand forth and the congregation stood and offered him the right hand of Christian fellowship while they sang many good spiritual songs.

A motion and second was made to adjourn till 1:00 PM for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Arzell Douglass, Cross Roads Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled after enjoying a most wonderful lunch prepared by the host church and friends. We stood together and sang “Mansion Over The Hilltop”, “Won’t It Be Wonderful There” led by Bro. Ricky Lewis, Oak Grove (HC) and Bro. Lee Carter, Huntingdon Church, on the piano.

The moderator gave the floor to Bro. Andrew Stokes to say a few words. Bro. Stokes wanted to take a moment to say thank-you for the confidence that the messengers have entrusted in him by selecting him as the Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Smith asked for the clerk to read any correspondence. The clerk read the correspondence that he had received. Motion and second for the clerk to record any needed correspondence in the minutes.

Before continuing any further, the Moderator then asked Bro. Phillip Halter, Bethel Church, to lead us in prayer.

Motion and second was made to allow ten minutes for chairman and five minutes for the co-chairman on each topic. Motion carried.

CALL FOR REPORT ON THE EFFECTS OF EASY BELIEVISM.

The Effects of Easy Believism

We the committee reporting on the effects of easy believism submit the following:

Among the many challenges the Church faces today, combating the doctrine of easy believism is probably the greatest. Because of this error, many once sound and powerful Churches have departed the faith, “ giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.” (I Timothy 4:1). Others in a quest to add more members or from fear of offending those petitioning for membership are receiving into their

churches those who've been deceived by this doctrine and are still unsaved. In doing this the church is doing great harm to the sinner as well as to itself. The requirement to become a member of the Lords church is today, and always has been the same that required to get to heaven itself, which is an experience of being born again. (John 3:3-7) John the Baptist told those desiring to be baptized of him, "Bring forth fruits meet for repentance." (Matthew 3:8) The Church today has not only the right but the obligation to require those wishing to join to give a personal account of their experience with the Lord, not man. Failure to do so causes the Church to become a partner in the deception of sinners. The argument has often been raised that it would be better to let unbelievers join the church where they will keep coming than to deny them membership and take a chance on offending them and possibly causing them to quit coming to church. The justification for this argument is that if they keep coming to church, and hearing the truth they will eventually see their condition, and repent and be saved. The truth is, when unconverted sinners are received into the church, because they have no inward assurance of salvation, and their hope is resting, at best on a shaky and unsure foundation, they will likely become hardened in their false hope. For up to this time their hope of salvation rested only upon the word of a preacher, or another who told them that they were saved. But now upon being approved by a whole congregation of believers their false hope is greatly strengthened, and thereby the danger of their eternal destruction greatly increased.

Another danger to the deceived sinner that the church promotes by receiving them into our ranks is by giving them a vehicle in which to establish themselves as righteous. In Romans 10:1-3, Paul states, "Brethren my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Because easy-believism leaves the sinner without inner peace or satisfaction, they will often seek to justify themselves in their own mind and before men by becoming workers in the church. Some may become song leaders, or may lead public prayer; others may become Sunday School teachers or even Deacons. Though they become exceedingly zealous in these and other church functions they will still be without the peace and joy that only true salvation brings. Neither will these "righteous" deeds bring them closer to humbling themselves before God that they might be saved, but likely will harden them more and more in pride, which keeps men from God. In Proverbs

16:18, God tells us, “Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” Jesus says in Matthew 7:22-23, “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

The Church, by receiving into its membership those that have fallen prey to this rotten doctrine and been deceived thereby, not only does harm to the deceived sinner, but does great harm to itself. For in so doing we lend a second-hand endorsement to the doctrine of easy believism as well as to those who teach and practice it. In II Corinthians 6:17, Paul writes, “Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.” Because this doctrine is a perversion of God’s truth and those churches that teach and practice it will be judged by God, so will we not be found guiltless if we are partakers with them in it. (Revelations 2:16)

Another dangerous affect easy-believism has upon the church is not immediate, but takes place over time. When we begin to compromise with this doctrine by receiving those deceived into our number, then little by little the church will be weakened and finally lose its power, according to the principle found in Galatians 5:9 “A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.” First, because deceived sinners, though they become members of the church, have not been born again, they lack the change of heart necessary to endure. For this reason many will fall back into the sinful life, bringing great reproach upon the church. “But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.” (II Peter 2:22)

Secondly, those who have not truly been saved have not the Spirit of Christ. (Romans 8:9) Therefore they can’t be led by the Spirit of God, (Romans 8:14) but their minds are set on the things of the flesh. (Romans 8:5) Since these unregenerated sinners have not the mind of Christ nor the leadership of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible for them to carry out the spiritual mission Jesus himself began, and left to the church to continue until his return. (Matthew 28:18-20) (Acts 1:1-8) Instead because they are of the flesh, and fleshly, or worldly minded they will only be able to pursue a worldly mission in and through the church. In time, if left unchecked, as their numbers and influence grows, and they are joined by worldly minded believers, the churches’ God given mission in the world will be compromised in favor of worldly pursuits. (I John 2:15, Matthew 6:24-34)

Thirdly, the unbeliever is still a natural man and in I Corinthians 2:14, Paul states, “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: For they

are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” Therefore because these unbelievers are blinded to spiritual truth and unable to subject their carnal minds or their lives to the truth they will reject the truth as foolishness, and in time will become more intolerant to the preached word. Paul wrote to Timothy in II Timothy 4:2-4, “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” Because these lost church members can’t, or won’t endure the preached word they may seek opportunity to replace the preacher who faithfully brings God’s message of reproof, rebuke, or exhortation with a teacher, who will appeal to their fleshly lust by compromising truth and teaching fables. If this is accomplished the church will starve in a famine of truth (Amos 8:11) and will wither on the vine.

Lastly, if those who have been deceived by easy believism are allowed to infiltrate the church, and rise to have influence and prominence in the church there is a great danger that over time they will draw away large numbers of followers after them. (Acts 20:29-31) This could result in either tearing the church apart, or even worse the church could finally give in to the doctrine and practice of easy-believism itself and thereby depart from the faith.

Therefore seeing these dangers exist, and that no church or lost soul is immune to these perils let us remember the words of Jude verse three “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

Humbly Submitted,
Bro. Tim Swinford
Bro. Phillip Halter

The report on The Effects of Easy Believism was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Phillip Halter, Tim Swinford.

CALL FOR REPORT ON THE ABIDING HOLY SPIRIT/ CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY

The Abiding Holy Spirit / Christ In You, the Hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27)

We must first receive the spirit which is what we receive when we are born again (saved). Paul, in Acts 20:21, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. John 14:16-18 and I will pray the Father and he shall send you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.

Even the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

John 15:26 *but when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.* (We believe according to these scriptures and others that we receive the Holy Spirit the moment we are saved and become the sons or daughters in the family of God and that the spirit remains in us, our fleshly tabernacle until God calls us from the walks of life. Then the spirit, soul and body is separated and goes to heaven.

Humbly Submitted,
Elder Marshall Gurley
Elder Jimmy Stewart

The report on The Abiding Holy Spirit/ God In You The Hope of Glory was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Marshall Gurley, Jimmy Stewart, Brian Johnson, Trey Crews.

The moderator then gave way to Bro. Marshall Gurley to give a report on the Associational Missionary.

Bro. Gurley told that he has now taken a church to pastor and was giving his resignation as Associational Missionary. He told how he visited 11 churches. Pleasant Ridge elected him as their interim pastor until he was elected the permanent pastor on the second Sunday in September. He asked for the prayers of the people for him and the church.

A motion and second was made to adjourn the day's session until 10:00 am Saturday. Motion carried.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charles Connell, Old Paths Church.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2004

On Saturday October 9, 2004 we gathered together on a cool overcast day. The congregation began by singing "I'll Have A New Life", "When They Ring The Bells of Heaven", and "The Prettiest Flowers Will Be Blooming" led by Bro. Rayburn Wood, Bible Grove Church, and accompanied by Sis. Rebecca Clement, Bible Grove Church, on the piano.

The Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, opened the second day of the Association by welcoming all that came this day. He read from Philippians 2: 1-11. He asked Bro. Bryan Oakes, Bible Grove Church, to lead us in prayer.

The roll call of messengers listed 66 messengers present and seated for voting.

The Moderator called for the committee reports.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported collections of the Minute Fund of \$ 2021.25, and the Clerk Fund of \$ 925.00 giving a total of \$ 2946.25. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 9, 2004 is \$ 2197.20. A motion and second was made to approve this report, release the committee and extend our thanks to them for a job well done. Motion carried.

Report of Obituary Recorder

Bro. Andrew Stokes gave the obituary Report.

It is clear unto us all that the one sure thing about life is that it will surely find its end. The Psalmist asks the question, "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?" (Psalm 89:48 KJV.) We receive the answer to the question in Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" (KJV.) Although the reality of death is dreadful, there is hope and joy from a risen Savior. The Psalmist knew of this hope and wrote "For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling." (Psalms 116:8 KJV.) Because of Christ

we who have that blessed assurance need not fear death. Many of God's saints throughout the Bible tell us of their desire to depart the sorrows of this world in favor of the next. Paul told the church at Phillipi how he felt about death, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21 KJV.) He also expressed well how we that rest in hope can give thought to our own mortality, "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life." (2 Cor. 5:2-4 KJV.) With this knowledge we can celebrate death and rejoice for those who have gone on to their reward. Our hearts are heavy for we miss the joy they brought and the presence of their love. However, we needn't sorrow long. Through the mercy of God and the Blood of Christ, we shall see them again someday.

After Bro. Stokes read the list of deceased, a motion and second was made to accept this report as read. Motion carried.

Report of Historical Committee

Bro. Scott Carter reported that the Historical Committee is making progress on the making of the book about the history of our association. He reported that he would like to have any volunteers to help transcribe the old minutes of the association. He also told of how the the minutes that have been missing have been found at the Henderson County Library.

CALL FOR REPORT ON HOW SHOULD CHRISTIANS RESPOND TO HOMOSEXUALITY IN THEIR ASSEMBLIES.

How should Christians respond to homosexuals in their assemblies?

Brethren, many of us grew up in a time when the word homosexual was virtually unknown, but in today's world it has become all too familiar. Other terms like, gay, lesbian, alternate lifestyle, and same sex marriage have become topics of heated debate and have caused violent demonstrations in our streets. Some might not want to believe this subject is relevant for our life and time, but we, your committee strongly disagree.

Our churches may be surprised to know how many fellow Christians have family members and close friends who are secretly or openly homosexual. We

might also be surprised to learn that we have church members who are harboring homosexual tendencies and are struggling to find answers for their own lives.

Each of us need to think carefully about this topic to educate ourselves so that we can respond in a Christian way to people already among us or to those who will almost certainly attend one of our churches.

Homosexuality seems especially repugnant to us. Our current mind-set is that it is a sin above all sin. However, if we will give careful consideration to God's word, then we will understand that sin is sin in the eyes of God. In first Corinthians 6:9-11 the word of God says, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of God."

Can a person be truly saved and steal? Can a person be truly saved and tell a lie? Can a person be truly saved and commit adultery? Can a person be truly saved and be homosexual? These are difficult questions indeed, and only God can look upon the heart and be sure of a person's spiritual condition. This truth is plainly taught in Scripture and commonly understood among Christians and yet Christian people draw lines to suit their own understanding of sin (or lack of it) and pass judgement upon others accordingly.

The Lord's Sermon on the Mount puts a greater weight upon sin than we ourselves imagine. To look upon a woman with lust is to commit adultery in one's heart. Jesus equated being angry with a brother without a cause as serious an offense as murder. These examples teach us not to judge according to the sight of the eyes, but to judge righteous judgement.

The word "homosexuality" is not found in the Bible. The King James translation uses the word "sodomy," and sodomy is defined as sexual copulation with a member of the same sex or with an animal. It is easy to see why this sin is a great offense to God. The Bible says in Leviticus 18:22 & 23, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion." Abomination is something detestable and extremely loathsome.

Homosexuality is not about love between two men or two women. It is about sexual perversion and the gratification of illicit human passions. The Bible

describes in harsh terms the judgements that will come to those who engage in homosexual sin and who will not be restrained. The sin of homosexuality was prevalent in Sodom and Gomorrah. The judgement of God fell in the form of fire and brimstone from heaven upon the five cities of the plain near the Dead Sea, leaving nothing to identify but immense deposits of salt; symbolic, no doubt, of divine purification.

Brethren, be sure the Lord will judge those who engage in sin. We must remember however, that Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Mark 2:17) Jesus made no distinction between sinners. He made salvation possible for the publican and the prostitute as well as the prince and the priest. The Son of God cleansed the leper, liberated the demonic of Gadara, brought living water to the adulterous woman at Sychar, and salvation to the tax collector in Jericho. And, if salvation was merited out with respect of persons, it is clear that everyone should be left out of God's amazing grace.

One great Biblical truth, and perhaps according to Jesus' own words, the greatest Biblical truth is that we should have love in our hearts for everyone. This is obviously difficult for every Christian. Christians are to love God supremely and to love their neighbors as they love themselves. Christians are to keep the new commandment and love one another as Christ loved them. And if that isn't enough, Jesus said Christians are to love their enemies. Jesus made this point very clear and emphasized the importance of it by saying, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another. (John 13:35)

The Church of Jesus Christ must be bold to stand for the truth. It must not give in to the politically correct trends in today's society. It must not be guilty of calling good evil and evil good, but rather it must preach the word of God with power and demonstration of the Spirit. The church must reprove, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine and preach it in Christian love and compassion. As difficult as it may seem, God will give us grace to respond to the homosexual as with any other sinner in such a way that we can teach him or her the truth about Jesus Christ. Like Jesus at Jacob's well, by the grace of God we too can engage the sinner without condemnation and bear witness to the forgiving, saving grace of God. Jesus did not see the woman at the well as a Samaritan or as someone not worth saving. We, as Christians, become as the self-righteous Pharisees if we view the homosexual in any other way than as someone in need of God's mercy and grace.

In conclusion, we your committee recommend the following:

- Seek God’s grace for leadership in responding to the homosexual in Christian love.
- Study the Bible for a Scriptural foundation for your convictions about homosexuality.
- Educate yourself truthfully about Homosexuality and don’t be misinformed by rumors.
- Consult other Christians who have already experienced homosexuals in their assemblies.
- Look for publications that will help you become better qualified to help homosexuals.

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Finally, “Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks unto God and the Father by Him.” (Col 3:17)

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Stapleton

Andrew Stokes

The report on How Should Christians Respond To Homosexuality in Their Assemblies was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bro. Lynn Stapleton.

The moderator said that the time had come for the Doctrinal Sermon, and that we would resume the topic after lunch. After congregational singing, the moderator introduced the one that was elected to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. Bro. Ronnie Stewart has been the pastor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for several years. The moderator asked for a song lead by Bro. Rayburn Wood, Bible Grove Church, with Sis. Rebecca Clement on the piano. The congeration stood and sang Amazing Grace.

Doctrinal Sermon

Bro. Stewart came forth and told how this was the first time he had the privilege of preaching here at the association. He read from Matthew 20:1-16 with the focus on the 15th verse. He started telling about the Lord saving his soul. He was 8 years old and he didn’t want to get saved in the church. He tried to do it his way. He went to several different places but the Spirit of God would not deal with him. They would give the altar call in church and it made him tremble. He took it

as long as he could until he finally gave in to the Spirit and was saved right where he was sitting. That night he found out something about the Holy Spirit, it guides us where we need to be. There is power in the Holy Spirit .

“The Sovereignty of God” was the title of his message. Webster says sovereign is above all others, supreme. Bro Stewart defined it as “it is God’s and he will do whatever, whenever and it is his own.” God does not have to explain why he does what he does.

Many of the older preachers gave him great encouragement when he announced his calling into the ministry. Since then, God has called many of them home. There are many young preachers here today, they need encouragement. To the churches here, he told them that they are the backbone of the church. Many of them are more important to a church than the pastor himself. The reason is that sometimes pastors will tolerate things that the backbone of the church will not. When we stand up to preach, there are lots of needs.

There are people that are discouraged, brokenhearted, have family problems, we must rebuke. These things are necessary. If we have a God sent strong harsh rebuke, use it, but use it carefully. If it becomes necessary to rebuke, do so and don’t apologize for it. As Christians we should leave his house uplifted. The congregation has many different needs. They need rebuking, saved, and taught.

He told about a time when his daughter Stephanie meet a friend in college. One Thanksgiving holiday they rode home together. The next day the girl was found dead in her bed. Another friend was diagnosed with leukemia. On a trip to Jackson, his daughter told him about how she had poured out her heart wanting the diagnosis not to be leukemia. He asked his daughter what does God owe you? Absolutely nothing. Whatever circumstances you have today, they are better than we deserve.

Many need to remember that prayer is our way of finding instructions from God. God does not make deals with his children; he is a sovereign God. Sovereign in physical, natural, financial, and spiritual matters. God has blessed all of us physically. Bro. Stewart told how many in his family have lived to be over the age of 85. He noted how that they had not been granted a long life due to living a good life, but it was a gift from the Lord. God is also sovereign in financial and spiritual. He told how that what he has now was given to him by God. God has always given us whatever we stand in need of.

God is also sovereign spiritual matters too. In 1978 God was calling him to preach. He knew enough about God that he had a fear of God. If God had revealed

to him that he would have blessed him without preaching, he would have taken that route. Now that he has surrendered to his calling to the ministry, he had rather be doing that than anything else. God is blessing us here at this association, and he does so not because we are good but because God is good. We do not have anything good enough to convict lost sinners. The only thing that we do have is the spirit of God. We do not need to get discouraged or boastful. Satan wants God's children to be discouraged and lowly. He is always trying to wear us out. As Christians, we do not need to take God's glory and wear it because it will not fit. When we have a good revival, praise God and not the preacher. Jealousy is something that we all possess. How do we deal with jealousy? There are times when preachers too are jealous. He admitted that he needed to work on his personality, but that he wasn't going to apologize for it because he was just human.

He told about an old man that was considered a rough character. He was a preacher and when he came into the pulpit, he would be filled with the spirit and could preach the gospel. We often wonder about how people could be so prosperous when they live such rough lives. If God only blessed the preachers that were worthy with the spirit, there would be no spiritual preachers out there. The blessings that we have is because God is so good. No Church is good enough for the presence of God, but God still visits us there. God will move when he needs to. After a few closing remarks, he closed with a word of appreciation. He was thankful for what the preachers stand for. He was also thankful for their attitude and the way they conduct themselves.

He then turned the service back over to the moderator. Bro. Smith asked for a song and for the congregation to give Bro. Stewart 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. Jimmy Stewart, New Liberty Church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another bountiful meal, we began the afternoon session by singing "I'll Live In Glory", "My God Is Real" led by Bro. Ricky Lewis, Oak Grove (HC) Church, and accompanied by Bro. Lee Carter, Huntingdon Church, on the piano.

The moderator thanked the host church for the bountiful meal that has been provided. He then read from Romans 12: 1-10 and called on Bro. Harvey Ambrose, pastor of Hope Church in Arkansas, to lead us in prayers.

The Topic Committee gave the following report:

The 2005 Topics:

1. Cultivating Competent Christian Leaders In The Church
2. The Rod of Reproof/ Spare The Rod and Spoil The Child
3. Qualifications of Preachers and Deacons
4. *To Be Announced*

The moderator then called for the continuation of *How Should Christians Respond to Homosexuals in Their Assemblies*.

The continuation of the report on How Should Christians Respond to Homosexuals in Their Assemblies was spoken to by Bros. Andrew Stokes, David Leslie, Jimmy Stewart, Ronnie Stewart, Clint Sanders, Phillip Halter, Lee Carter.

CALL FOR THE REPORT ON GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH TODAY'S CORRUPT COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA.

Ephesians 4:30 reads “And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption”. The word grieve is equal to the Greek word *lupeo* (*loo-peh'-o*) and translates into “to make sorry”. We who have been born again by the grace of God, through faith in his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, have the Holy Spirit abiding in us. (*Romans 8:9, Ezekiel 36:27*) Jesus gave us this promise during His earthly ministry. (*John 14:16-17*) Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, in which he works to comfort and teach us that we are not our own, but we are bought with a price. (*1 Corinthians 6:19-20, John 14:26, 1 John 2:27*) The Holy Spirit's leading presence is essential to our relationship and communion with God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the indwelling representative of the triune Godhead and in numerous verses of scripture is referred to as such. **John 14:22-23** reads, “Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and **we will come** unto him, and **make our abode** with him.” We come to realize then that we have “*Christ in us, the hope of glory.*” (*Colossians 1:27*) We who are born again are host to the Godhead through the person of the Holy Spirit. This relationship must be

thoroughly recognized and highly protected for it is through this relationship that the Lord will use us for His honor and glory, will bear witness with us and will bring forth fruit from our life.

Satan fully realizes the importance of this communion and fellowship that God desires to have with us, and truly this relationship is a blessing for all born again. As we think about the workings of Satan and how he tries to inhibit this relationship we are reminded of *2 Corinthians 2:11* which reads, “*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices*”. For centuries he has paraded images of sin and filthy conversation before the eyes and ears of the children of God. Satan is subtle and he moves his purpose along in small increments. He is too clever to flood our sensibilities all at once but rather rocks us to sleep through his appeal to the desires of our flesh and of the mind (*Ephesians 2:3*). Over time he has desensitized God’s people little by little. We have gotten used to the dark. There has been no generation before us that has witnessed such powerful and varied devices that Satan now has in his arsenal. Although Satan can never overpower the Holy Spirit and cast Him out of a born again person, he can tempt us through the flesh so that we might grieve the Holy Spirit and vex our righteous soul. **2 Peter 2:4-9** reads, “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, **in seeing and hearing**, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.” Lot paid a heavy price because he had allowed his relationship with God to deteriorate. Lot’s deterioration did not occur all at once either. He first pitched his tent toward Sodom (*Genesis 13:12*), his two daughters were then married to two Sodomites, he then offered his two virgin daughters to the men of Sodom to protect the two angels, he lingered in the city when asked by the two angels to leave. Lot’s positive influence on his family had ceased. His sons-in-law mocked him, his wife looked back and became a pillar of salt, and he was vexed to the point that his two daughters were with child of their father. (*Genesis 19*)

In this modern age of electronics and satellites Sodom and Gomorrha can be easily brought into the home through today's communication media, by Satan, "*the prince of the power of the air*" (*Ephesians 2:2*). The most common device is the television. Fifty years ago if someone came into a Christian home and spewed out the filth that is now available from our television sets they would have been directed to the door and told to leave. But today we have been desensitized to a great degree and don't give it a serious thought in most cases. We have radio, recorded music, digitized music with digital players, videotape and DVD rentals, etc. We have computers that have access to the Internet where anything can be viewed or listened to. Sodom and Gomorrha are just a pushbutton away at any time of the day. We have allowed it to become very accessible in our homes. It is not enough to just keep it away from our children, but the aged men and women should deny this ungodliness and likewise be in behavior as becometh holiness (*Titus 2:3,12*). How can we watch a PG-13 or R rated movie and come to church expecting to have a right relationship with the Lord? **2 Corinthians 6:16-18** says, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them**; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

What has been the result of indulging in Satan's offerings? The result is the same as it was for Lot. Many have become vexed in the things that they see and hear. God's children and church have lost our power; we have lost our influence with family, friends, and the community. Our communion with God has been affected because we grieve His Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is necessary for all born again believers to "*walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit*" (*Romans 8:1*). **Romans 5:21** reads "Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." This is a great promise from the word of God. It reinforces to us that even in the very presence of sin, that there is grace to resist and take the way of escape.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Johnny Wall
Bro. Brett Haskins

The report on Grieving The Holy Spirit Through Today's Corrupt Communication Media. was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Brett Haskins, Johnny Wall, Clint Sanders, Rayburn Woods.

The moderator then called for missions reports.

Bro. Scott Carter reported that the work in Jamaica and the Caymans have been affected by Hurricane Ivan. Even though no one lost their life, some of the members have been without a home due to damage. Work is slow, but things are slowly getting put back together.

Bro. Smith reminded the body that Bro. Marshall Gurley has resigned the position of Associational Missionary and wanted to know what the will of the body would be.

A motion and second was made to appoint Bro. Jimmy Hale, Jr. as the Associational Missionary . Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to accept Bro. Marshall Gurley's resignation as Associational Missionary. Motion carried.

Call for New Business

The topic committee made the following recommendations:

Topics for 2005:

1. Cultivating Competent Christian Leaders In The Church
2. The Rod of Reproof/ Spare The Rod and Spoil The Child
3. Qualifications of Preachers and Deacons
4. *To Be Announced*

A motion and second was made to accept these recommendations. Motion carried.

With no further new business, the moderator then asked the clerk to read the vote of thanks.

Vote of Thanks

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

Our appreciation is extended to Bro. David Leslie, for his message on “Prosperous Journey” and the need for us to prosper spiritually more than physically. We also appreciated Bro. Ronnie Stewart for his message The “Soverignty of God.” We need to remember that we as Christians, can live a prosperous life if we will acknowledge an all sovereign God. Ministers of the gospel who follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit again blessed us. We pray that God will bless them and their families for their continued work in the ministry.

The report committees continue to prepare excellent topics for discussion. We believe that much hard work was put forth on these topics. May we use this information for the spiritual growth of all. Thanks to the topic committee for such stimulating topics as usual. We look forward to next year.

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

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

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

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

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

If it be God’s will, I look forward to meeting with all of you as we gather together at Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church for the 157th annual session on October 7-8, 2005 at 10:00 am ready to serve once more.

MAY GOD RECEIVE ALL HONOR AND GLORY FOR ALL THINGS.

Scott Carter, Clerk

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

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

After a handshake with 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 2005, at 10:00 am at Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson County, TN. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Larry Pritchard, Shiloh Church.



Ray Smith, Moderator
Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church



Scott Carter, Clerk
New Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church

Messengers Seated for the 156th Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday- Glenn Baker, Jimmy Bennett, Marvin Newman

Saturday- Glenn Baker, Jimmy Bennett

Bible Grove:

Friday- Clint Sanders, Rayburn Woods, Clayburn Arnold

Saturday- Clint Sanders, Rayburn Woods, Clayburn Arnold

Caledonia:

Friday- Jackie Wiggins, Betty Wiggins

Saturday- David Hall, Annette Hall

Center Point:

Friday- Bill Noles, Milburn Allen, Martin Watson

Saturday- Bill Noles, Milburn Allen, Martin Watson

Clarksburg:

Friday- Andrew Stokes, Irene Trebilcock, Jimmie Hale, Jr.

Saturday- Andrew Stokes, Irene Trebilcock, Jimmie Hale, Jr.

Concord:

Friday- Rufus Chandler, Lester Waugh, Velma Prince

Saturday- Lester Waugh, Jenean Stokes

Cross Roads:

Friday- Dwayne Cole, Jackie Wimberly, Kenny Hicks

Saturday- Dwayne Cole, Brown Herrin, Kenny Hicks

Ephesus:

Friday- Beth Haskins, Tammy Brown

Saturday- Brett Haskins

Huntingdon:

Friday- Ray Smith, Lee Carter, Lynn Stapleton

Saturday- Ray Smith, Lee Carter, Lynn Stapleton

Landmark:

Friday- BY LETTER ONLY

Saturday- Rex Carrington, Evelyn Carrington

Marlsboro:

Friday- Melvin Walker, Carol Hopper

Saturday- Carol Hopper

Mixie:

Friday- James Fowler, Mattie Lou Fowler, Johnny Whitworth

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New Bethel:

Friday- Edward Malone, Jeff Lamb, Elihu McDaniel

Saturday- Edward Malone, Jeff Lamb, Elihu McDaniel

New Cross Roads:

Friday- Harold Palmer, Scott Carter, Gene Lankford

Saturday- Harold Palmer, Scott Carter, Gene Lankford

New Hope:

Friday- Scott Gallimore

Saturday- Scott Gallimore

New Liberty:

Friday- Justin Maness, Wayne Prater, James Stewart

Saturday- Justin Maness, James Stewart, Johnny Wall

New Prospect:

Friday- Tim Swinford, Renn Johnson, George Haggard

Saturday- Renn Johnson

New Spring Hill:

Friday- Nell Quinn

Saturday- Nell Quinn

Oak Grove – CC:

Friday- Brian Hampton, Linda Hampton, Becky Hampton

Saturday- Brian Hampton, Linda Hampton, Becky Hampton

Oak Grove – HC:

Friday- Glenn Lewis, Ricky Lewis, Ernie Gibson Jr.

Saturday- Glenn Lewis, Ricky Lewis, Ernie Gibson Jr.

Old Paths:

Friday- Charles Connell, Norman Medlin, Ken Carrington

Saturday- Charles Connell, Norman Medlin, Ken Carrington

Pleasant Grove:

Friday- Frank Rickman, Tim Lashlee

Saturday- Frank Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Will Rickman

Pleasant Hill:

Friday- Edward Ellis, Flora Hargrove

Saturday- Edward Ellis, Flora Hargrove

Pleasant Ridge:

Friday- Travis Nance, James Nance, Zack Goodwin

Saturday- Travis Nance, James Nance, Zack Goodwin

Rushing's Creek:

Friday- Allen Holland, Juanita Holland, Michael Boshers

Saturday- Allen Holland

Shiloh:

Friday- Ronnie Stewart, Larry Pritchard

Saturday- Ronnie Stewart, Larry Pritchard

Westport:

Friday- Jerry Dodd, Norman Leslie, Brenda Leslie

Saturday- Jerry Dodd, Norman Leslie, Brenda Leslie

Yuma:

Friday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, James Breeden

Saturday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, James Breeden

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June 16, 2004

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

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

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Sixty-Eighth Annual Session with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. We had 29 churches reporting an increase of 98 with 42 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 96 with a total membership of 3,643. We still need to see many souls saved for the Lord.

We truly are thankful for the visitors that were able to be with us. We invite each one to join us for the 169th Annual Session to be held with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Winston County, Alabama. The church is located near Heleyville, Alabama. This session will be held October 9, 10, 11, 12, 2004.

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

In Christ's Love,
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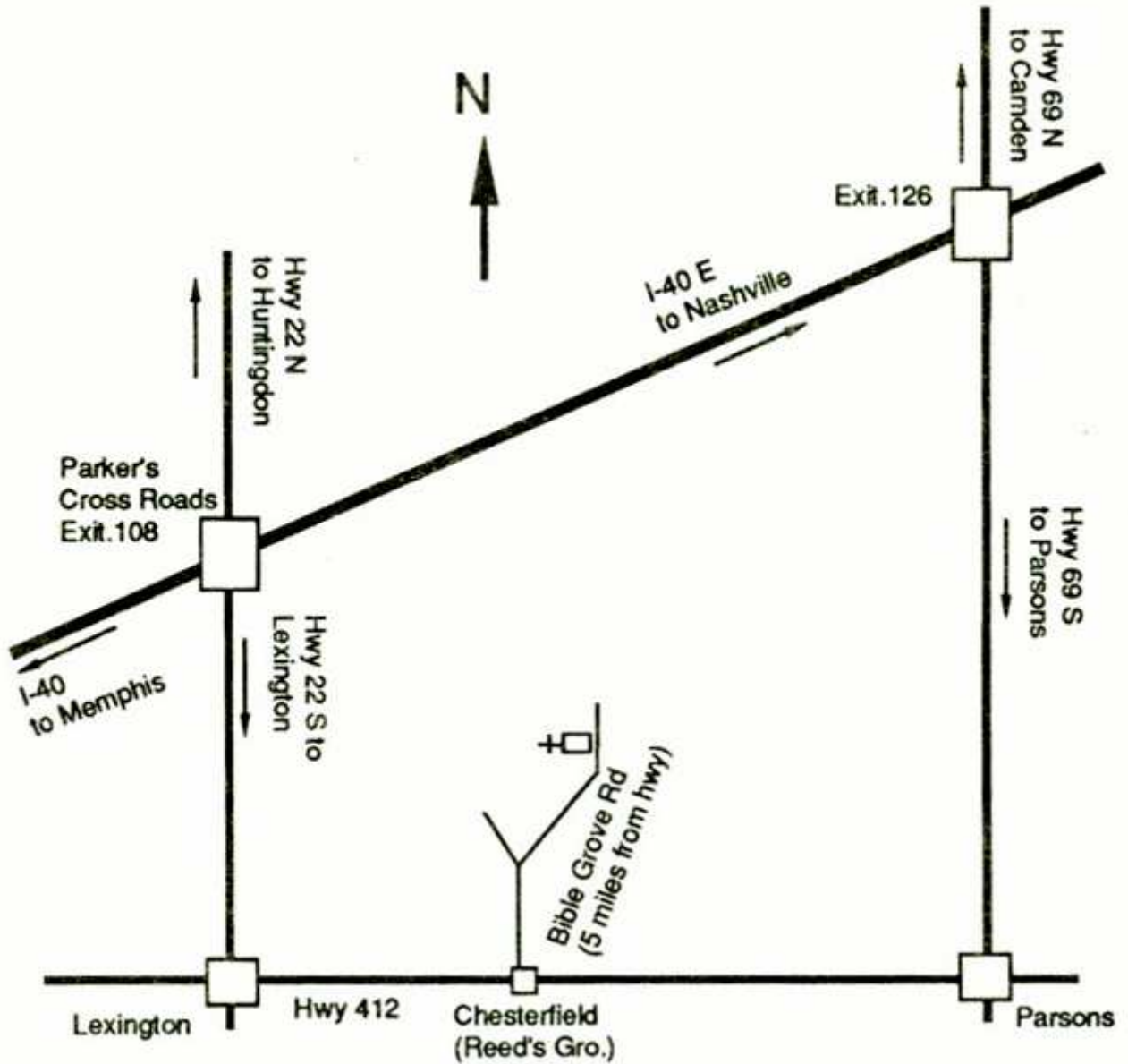
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Direction to 2005 Session



2005 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sunday PM Starting Time	Monday – Friday Starting Time
New Hope	05/22/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Shiloh	06/19/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/26/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/26/05		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	07/03/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Westport	07/03/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Center Point	07/10/05		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/10/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Mixie	07/10/05	Kevin Holland	5:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/10/05	Kenneth Massey	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/17/05		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Marlsboro	07/17/05			
Pleasant Hill	07/17/05		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Yuma	07/17/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Caledonia	07/24/05		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Clarksburg	07/24/05	Lynn Stapleton	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Cross Roads	07/24/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Bethel	07/24/05	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
New Spring Hill	07/24/05		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Oak Grove (HC)	07/24/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	08/07/05		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Prospect	08/07/05	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Oak Grove (CC)	08/07/05			
Old Paths	08/07/05		5:30 PM	7:30 PM
Rushing's Creek	08/07/05		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Ephesus	08/07/05		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Liberty	08/14/05		7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Landmark				

HISTORICAL TABLE

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

<u>DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
1846-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1847- Mt. Pisgah, Henderson County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1848-Ramble Creek, Benton County -----	E. Autry-----	B. W. Foster
1849-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	E. Autry-----	B. W. Foster
1850-Hopewell, Henderson County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1851-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1852-Beaver Dam, Benton County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1853-Union, Benton County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1854-Bible Union, Carroll County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1855-Concord, Carroll County -----	M. S. Corbett-----	J. P. Arnold
1856-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County ----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1857-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	M. S. Corbett-----	J. P. Arnold
1858-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	W. C. McAuley
1859-Holly Springs, Henderson County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	B. W. Foster
1860-Ramble Creek, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	J. P. Doherty
1861-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1862-1864--No Association during Civil War		
1865-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	W. C. McAuley
1866-Salem, Decatur County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	B. W. Foster
1867-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	W. Pugh-----	Geo. Hollowell
1868-Ephesus, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1869-Concord, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell

1870-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	G. C. Thomas
1871-New Prospect-----	J. P. Arnold-----	G. C. Thomas
1872-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1873-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	Geo. Hollowell -----	G. C. Thomas
1874-New Hope, Carroll County-----	J. H. Park -----	G. C. Thomas
1875-Tom's Creek, Perry County -----	J. W. Brewer -----	J. F. Rogers
1876-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----	J. Richardson-----	J. F. Rogers
1877-Oak Grove, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	J. F. Rogers
1878-New Prospect-----	J. P. Arnold-----	J. F. Rogers
1879-Bethel, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park -----	J. F. Rogers
1880-Wildersville, Henderson County -----	J. C. Park -----	J. H. Thomas
1881-Ramble Creek -----	J. P. Arnold-----	D. J. Allen
1882-Cross Roads, Benton County -----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1883-Prospect, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County -----	Geo. Hollowell -----	D. J. Allen
1885-Concord, Carroll County -----	Geo. Hollowell -----	C. H. Rogers
1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County -----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1887-Liberty, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1888-Unity, Benton County-----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1889-Holly Springs-----	J. F. Rogers-----	D. J. Allen
1890-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1891-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----	E. M. Joyner -----	D. J. Allen
1892-New Hope, Carroll County-----	E. M. Joyner -----	D. J. Allen
1893-Chalk Level, Benton County-----	E. M. Joyner -----	D. J. Allen
1894-Mt. Comfort -----	E. M. Joyner -----	C. H. Rogers
1895-Flatwoods, Benton County -----	E. M. Joyner -----	D. J. Allen
1896-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	E. M. Joyner -----	D. J. Allen
1897-Bethel, Carroll County -----	E. M. Joyner -----	D. J. Allen
1898-Shiloh, Carroll County -----	N. L. Joyner -----	D. J. Allen
1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	W. S. Roney-----	C. H. Rogers
1900-Salem, Decatur County -----	W. S. Roney-----	C. H. Rogers
1901-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----	N. L. Joyner -----	C. H. Rogers
1902-Cross Roads, Benton County -----	E. Z. Newsom-----	C. H. Rogers
1903-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	E. M. Joyner -----	C. H. Rogers
1904-Ephesus, Carroll County-----	E. M. Joyner -----	C. H. Rogers
1905-Pleasant Grove -----	E. M. Joyner -----	C. H. Rogers

1906-Ramble Creek -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1907-Oak Grove, Carroll County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1908-Concord, Carroll County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1909-Pleasant Ridge-----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1910-Perryville, Decatur County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1911-Unity, Benton County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	D. H. Franks
1912-Chalk Level, Benton County-----	Joe N. Joyner-----	D. H. Franks
1913-Holly Springs-----	J. G. Cooper-----	D. H. Franks
1914-Mt. Nebo -----	J. G. Cooper-----	D. H. Franks
1915-Liberty, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	D. H. Franks
1916-Tom's Creek, Perry County -----	J. N. Joyner-----	D. H. Franks
1917-Westport, Carroll County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	Geo. S. Price
1918-Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	L. E. Mincey
1919-Cross Roads, Benton County -----	J. N. Joyner-----	L. E. Mincey
1920-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	J. N. Joyner-----	C. E. Butler
1921-Ephesus, Carroll County-----	J. N. Joyner-----	C. E. Butler
1922-Eva, Benton County -----	J. N. Joyner-----	A. H. Franks
1923-Prospect, Carroll County -----	J. N. Joyner-----	A. H. Franks
1924-Flatwoods, Benton County -----	J. N. Joyner-----	A. H. Franks
1925-Bunches Chapel-----	J. N. Joyner-----	A. H. Franks
1926-Oak Grove -----	J. N. Joyner-----	C. V. Cooper
1927-Pleasant Hill -----	J. N. Joyner-----	C. V. Cooper
1928-Shiloh, Carroll County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. V. Cooper
1929-Bruceton, Carroll County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. V. Cooper
1930-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	J. N. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1931-New Hope, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1932-New Liberty, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1933-Westport, Carroll County-----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1934-Ephesus, Carroll County-----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1935-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	E. H. Martin-----	W. S. Brinkley
1936-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1937-Cedar Hill, Decatur County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1938-Concord, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1939-Yuma, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1940-Caledonia, Henry County-----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1941-Oak Grove, Carroll County -----	W. H. Hopper-----	W. S. Brinkley

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

1978-New Bethel, Henry County -----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1979-Independent, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1980-Bethel, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1981-Landmark, Shelby County-----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1982-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1983-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1984-Concord, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
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1987-Westport, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
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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

CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

- ARTICLE 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, so as not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he arises to speak he shall call another brother to take the chair.
- ARTICLE 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened to discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays and if a call is made it shall be decided by the members rising.
- ARTICLE 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflection.
- ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than once on any subject until all who wish to speak have an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.
- ARTICLE 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the Association.
- ARTICLE 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority vote of the members present, except in the reception of the churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required.
- ARTICLE 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
- ARTICLE 11. The appellation of "brethren" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.
- ARTICLE 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
- ARTICLE 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority deems it necessary.
- ARTICLE 14. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a finance committee to keep up with the moneys during the association, to make their report when called upon and to turn the moneys received over to the Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

- ARTICLE I. The Association shall be called SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, known as an advisory council.
- ARTICLE II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such church as may belong to this union to represent them in body.
- ARTICLE III. The messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence which shall state their appointment as messengers, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.
- ARTICLE IV. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to two messengers.
- ARTICLE V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons for their failure at the next Association, and if any church fails for two consecutive meetings, the Association shall send a committee to inquire into their state.
- ARTICLE VI. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by messenger and letter, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.
- ARTICLE VII. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their member's names enrolled, provided, also that all newly constituted churches petitioning for union with us shall have full right to vote for Moderator and Clerk, and nothing shall be construed as to prohibit them from voting.
- ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches. It shall however be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may separate from churches as are known to walk disorderly.
- ARTICLE IX. The Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such contributions as they may think proper.

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

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

ARTICLE XII. The minutes of this Association will be read, corrected, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rise. And no Association shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **We believe** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice.
2. **We believe** that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; and there are three persons in this one God - the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit; and this Triune God is the only object of religious worship and adoration, and that all worship paid anything less in the name of God is idolatry and abomination in His sight.
3. **We believe** that God created man good and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became sinful and depraved; and as a natural consequence, that his posterity by ordinary generations are involved in all the consequences of his fall.
4. **We believe** that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition and, unless God Himself had provided a way of Salvation, would have been ruined and miserable forever, because all have sinned.
5. **We believe** that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon Himself our nature, yet

without sin, honored law by His personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by His Death; being risen from the dead, is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

6. **We believe** that fallen man has nothing, and can do nothing, of himself, to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hopes of pardon, justification, redemption, and sanctification are derived alone from the merits of Christ.
7. **We believe** that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the efficacious plea He makes before the throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-adorning sacrifice.
8. **We believe** the Holy Spirit - the third person in the Trinity - is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the Gospel plain and acceptable.
9. **We believe** that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are freely justified by the righteousness of Christ, which comes to all that believe.
10. **We believe** that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall never finally be lost.
11. **We believe** that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ who give evidence of a change of heart, and have been properly baptized.
12. **We believe** that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men, distinct from the body, but that it is left with the whole church.
13. **We believe** that the first day of the week, called the Lord's Day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation, and labor, except so much as is devoted to works of necessity and mercy.
14. **We believe** that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of His church and the advancement of His kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in His providence may give them ability.
15. **We believe** that God calls men, by His Spirit, to preach the Gospel, and that it is the duty of the individual thus called to study to show himself approved

unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16. **We believe** that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His church - baptism and the Lord's Supper; that baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and believers only are capable of rightfully receiving the ordinances, that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but ordained ministers have any right to administer them.
17. **We believe** that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.
18. **We believe** that the Gospel with all its obligations, privileges, and blessings, has been committed to the church of whom it is especially enjoined to make known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Savior pledges His presence to the end of the world.

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Bro. Hezakiah Bryant ----- 12/28/2003
 Sis. Edith Mason ----- 10/23/2003
 Bro. Maurice Mason----- 05/03/2004
 Sis. Peggy Smith ----- 07/03/2004
 Bro. Weldon Chandler (Minister) ----- 07/24/2004

Bible Grove

Sis. Elsie Wood Harrington ----- 01/15/2004

Caledonia

Bro. Detroy Allen (Deacon)----- 09/25/2004

Center Point

Sis. Margaret King----- 10/19/2003
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Clarksburg

Bro. Charles Prince ----- 11/21/2003

Concord

Sis. Mildred McCormick ----- 01/05/2004
 Sis. Barbara Chandler ----- 10/31/2003
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Cross Roads

Bro. Wayne Kirk ----- 12/07/2003
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Landmark

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Marlsboro

Bro. J. L. Smothers (Deacon) ----- 12/16/2003
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New Bethel

Bro. Allen K. Perry ----- 11/07/2003

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Old Paths

Sis. Vera McCoy----- 06/07/2004

Pleasant Grove

Sis. Della Wood----- 12/30/2003

Sis. Dorothy Bradfield ----- 05/29/2004

Pleasant Hill

Sis. Dellia Mae Phifer----- 01/2004

Sis. Zelma Mae Turner----- 01/30/2004

Bro. Grady Wilson Kee (Deacon) ----- 02/25/2004

Sis. Wilodean Jordan ----- 05/14/2004

Sis. Remonia Allen ----- 06/03/2004

Sis. Flora Robie Mitchell ----- 09/06/2004

Pleasant Ridge

Sis. Dorothy Malin----- 01/26/2004
Bro. Troy Phifer----- 01/23/2004
Sis. Louise Cole ----- 09/21/2004

Rushing's Creek

Bro. Kenneth L. Sparks ----- 01/03/2004

Shiloh

Bro. Arlie Allen ----- 11/15/2003
Bro. James "Sam" Pritchard----- 04/27/2004

Yuma

Sis. Gina Hollowell Pritchard ----- 02/25/2004



Bro. Clarence F. Carter

Bro. Clarence F. Carter was born on September 5, 1918 to Charley and Lilly Carter. He married Alene Blackwell on January 28, 1936 and was called into the ministry a short time later. Of the many stories he told, one was about not being able to read when the Lord called him to preach. Dedicated to proclaim the unsearchable riches of God, Bro. Carter learned to read the most prized book of them all, the Bible. He told of how on Saturdays, people would gather on the Court Square steps and preach. He would often have his wife read the scripture that God had given him, and then he would preach what the Lord laid on his heart. As time went on, he learned to read by the light of a coal oil lamp. Only the Lord knows the official record of how many baptisms, revivals, weddings or funerals he performed throughout his ministry. The names of all the churches he pastored, nor the lengths of times spent at each church, were never kept. This humble man was more interested in the work of the Lord than any accolades which might be obtained by achieving milestones.

Bro. Carter had the privilege of serving as moderator of this association on two separate occasions from 1950-1952 and 1968-1976 and as the assistant for many more.

He and his wife raised a loving family throughout his life and he strove to teach all of them, from an early age, to allow God to lead them throughout their individual lives. In the early hours of November 26, 2003, his wife of 67 years, and most of Bro. Carter's family was gathered around his bed knowing the end was near. There was a gospel song being played in his room shortly before his death that said this, "going home, I'm going home. There's nothing to hold me here. I've caught a glimpse, of that heavenly land, praise God I'm going home." Knowing his family was present and that heavenly land in sight, and that there was indeed nothing left to hold him in this old world, he was carried on those "balmy wings of love" he would pray for to be with the Lord around sunrise of that morning.

He is now with his eldest son, Danny, enjoying the fruits of his service and labor, waiting for that great gathering of all of God's children to sing forever the praises of God throughout the ages.



Bro. Weldon Chandler

Elder George Weldon Chandler was born August 5, 1922 in Carroll County, Tennessee, to the late Ernest and Eva Woodard Chandler. He went to school at Field's School House until he had to leave school at the end of the sixth grade to help on the family farm.

Bro. Chandler was convicted of his sins under the preaching of Elder A.U. Nunnery, but was not saved for the space of five years. During the revival in 1937 at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church not far from where the family lived on Wednesday night, he found the Lord after a repentant heart sought the Lord and found grace in the saving faith of Christ Jesus.

In 1943, he was drafted into the Army to serve his country during World War II. While serving in the Army, he was combat wounded for which he received the Purple Heart. After the war, he came home to Carroll County and married the late Maydean Richardson Chandler and continued to farm for a living. To this union was born a son Elder Rufus Leon Chandler and a daughter Martha Marie Chandler, whom lived 4 ½ days.

Bro. Chandler led singing for a great many revivals over the years. Before he surrendered to the work of the ministry, he was ordained a Deacon at Independent Missionary Baptist Church. He was also instrumental in the organization of Humbles Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in the mid 1950s.

Around 1958 or 1959, Bro. Chandler surrendered to the ministry. He had been fighting this call for fourteen years which he recalled being called while out at sea during World War II. Bro. Chandler was ordained in the early 1960s to the full work of the ministry. He pastored five different churches in Carroll and Henderson Counties. At the time of his death, he was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Chandler, a son, Elder Rufus Chandler, a step-son Robert Gallimore, a sister, Leachel Jordan, two brothers, Ernest A. and Wade Chandler. He also leaves two grandchildren Terry Chandler and Stephanie Chandler, two step-grandchildren, Daphne Nunn and Adam Gallimore, two great grandchildren Nicole and Kyle Chandler, and two step great grandchildren Traver and Travis Dunn.

On July 24, 2004, Bro. Chandler passed out of this low land of sin and sorrow to reap the rewards of the Home he preached and sung about all those past years. His old tired body now rest in Humbles Chapel Cemetery to wait for that change to take place on that resurrection day when his soul will be joined back to that body fashion like unto the Son of God in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. What a day that will be!

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	16	61	\$1,491.32
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	12		\$18,515.79
Caledonia	David Hall	4	12	\$844.06
Center Point	Martin Watson	10	38	\$242.10
Clarksburg	Tommy Altom	16	70	\$720.64
Concord	Lester Waugh	21	80	\$680.57
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	11	38	\$0.00
Ephesus	Eddie McElroy	5	18	\$981.64
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	14	133	\$1,390.77
Landmark				
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	4		\$241.69
Mixie	Garvin Renfroe	6	48	\$6,611.00
New Bethel	Edward Malone	8	25	\$327.53
New Cross Roads	Harold Palmer	15		
New Hope	Roy Hatch	7	20	\$1,112.01
New Liberty	Wayne Prater	6		
New Prospect	Bill Smith	8	84	\$3,559.44
New Spring Hill	George Norman	2		
Oak Grove – CC	Brian Hampton	8	31	\$407.53
Oak Grove – HC	Glenn Lewis	10	68	\$1,975.78
Old Paths	Ken Carrington	5		
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	10		\$4,995.00
Pleasant Hill	Pete Hargrove	5		\$825.12
Pleasant Ridge	Tim Borchert	6	44	\$1,927.33
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	4	25	\$1,135.61
Shiloh	Joe Cary	4		
Westport	Gary Douglas	13	45	\$3,095.58
Yuma	David Cary	12		
TOTALS		242	880	\$46,850.02