

1941

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Carroll County, Tennessee

OCTOBER 10, 11, 12, 1941

OFFICERS

Rev. S. W. Joyner, Moderator.....Huntingdon, Tenn.
Bro. W. S. Brinkley, Clerk.....Buena Vista, Tenn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. Thurman Kee.....Buena Vista, Tenn.
Rev. Edd Cooper.....Camden, Tenn.
Bro. J. L. Bond.....Camden, Tenn.
Rev. O. V. Dameron.....Wildersville, Tenn.
Bro. Joe Johnson.....Huntingdon, Tenn.

NEXT SESSION

Will be held with New Cross Roads Church, Carroll County, Huntingdon, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1942, 10 o'clock a. m.

SERMONS

Introductory Sermon.....Rev. W. H. Hopper
Alternate.....Rev. Edd Cooper
Missionary Sermon.....Rev. L. H. Brown
Alternate.....Rev. S. W. Joyner

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon, 10:00 a. m.
2. Call Association to Order.
3. Appointing Committee on Preaching.
4. Appointing Committee on Receiving Minute Funds.
5. Receiving Church Letters.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
8. Call for Correspondence and Invite Messengers to Seats.
9. Appointing Various Committees.
10. Appointing Place to Hold Next Meeting.
11. Appointing Brethren to Preach Annual Sermons.
12. Revise Ministerial List.

Second Day

- Missionary Sermon, 11:00 a. m.
13. Call Roll and Messengers' names.
 14. Call for report on Benevolence.
 15. Call for report on Missions.
 16. Call for report on Home Missions.
 17. Call for report on Education.
 18. Call for report on Sunday School.
 19. Call for report on Prayer Meeting.
 20. Call for report on Temperance.
 21. Call for report on Publication.
 22. Call for report on Obituaries.
 23. Call for report on Correspondence.
 24. Called for New Business.
 25. Reading and correcting Minutes.
 26. Vote of Thanks.

Third Day

28. Address of the Moderator.
29. Song and Parting Hand.

FIRST DAY, OCTOBER 10, 1941

1. The Southwestern District Missionary Association met with Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Buena Vista, Tennessee, Carroll County, October 10, 1941. Pursuant to adjournment by singing.
2. Song "The Lily of the Valley."
3. The Moderator read 19 chapter Psalms.
4. Bro. Robert Noles led body in prayer.
5. After short talk by the Moderator, he appointed pastor and deacons of host church on Divine Service.
6. Appointed Bro. Lester Campbell, Will Kirksey, W. A. Sparks, Finance Committee.
7. Appointed Rev. Fred Prince, Bro. Thurman Kee, reading clerks.
8. Moderator announced body ready for business.
9. Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."
10. The time having arrived for Introductory Sermon, Bro. Fred Prince, the appointee took the stand; read the 1st chapter of Second Peter.
11. W. S. Brinkley led body in prayer.
12. Song "In The Sweet Bye and Bye."
13. Bro. Prince took for lesson, 13th verse of First Chapter Peter. Subject "Remembrance," and in his usual way preached a real soul-stirring sermon with power.
14. Bro. A. U. Nunnery, the alternate, not being present, the Moderator gave some appropriate remarks.
15. Song "I Am Bound for the Promised Land."
16. And gave Bro. Prince a hearty hand of endorsement.
17. Called for announcement.
18. Motion and second adjourn one hour for refreshment. Benediction by Bro. Grady Wood.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

19. After being refreshed by a real dinner prepared by Oak Grove and community, the body came together by singing "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."
20. Talk by Moderator. Read Psalms, 30. Prayer by Bro. Eather Brewer.
21. Moderator announced body ready for business.
22. Moderator called for reading of letters.
23. Moderator appointed Bro. Paschal to keep record of dead.
24. Called for Petitionary Letters.
25. Motion and second go into election of Moderator and Clerk.
26. Which was elected by acclamation. Rev. S. W. Joyner elected Moderator; Rev. Edd Cooper, assistant Moderator. W. S. Brinkley, clerk, Thurman Kee, assistant.
27. Called for visitors.
28. Moderator appointed nominating committee: Bro. Robert J. Paschal, Bro. Eather Brewer, Bro. Grady Wood.
29. Select place for next session.
30. Which resulted in the choice of New Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church, Carroll County.
31. Appointed brethren to preach: Introductory Sermon, Bro. W. H. Hopper; Bro. Edd Cooper, alternate.
32. Missionary Sermon: Bro. L. H. Brown, Bro. S. W. Joyner, alternate.
33. Revise ministerial list.
34. Song, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."
35. Called for announcement.
36. Bro. Robert Noles, Bro. Grady Wood preach at host church Friday night.
37. By suggestion Bro. L. H. Brown talked for us at this hour.

38. Motion and second, receive nominating committee. Report, which carried.
39. Called for announcement. Bro. Brown announced about the Independent Voice, a real sound paper.
40. Motion and second, adjourn to ten o'clock Saturday morning.
41. Benediction by Rev. Fred Prince.

SATURDAY MORNING

42. The body came together by singing "From the Cross to the Crown."
43. The Moderator read the 16th chapter of the Book of Proverbs.
44. Bro. W. H. Hopper led the body in prayer.
45. Moderator declared body ready for business.
46. Called for reading letters, which was completed.
47. Called for reports.
48. Motion and second, allow chairmen ten minutes talk, all others five minutes.
49. Called for report on benevolence which was adopted as read. Spoken to by J. Robert Paschal, Bro. Lewis.
50. Sang "At the Cross."
51. Collection taken for orphans home at Camden, \$18.36.
52. Called for report on foreign missions which was adopted as read. Spoken to by Bro. Fred Prince, Bro. W. H. Hopper.
53. Called for report on Home Missions, which was adopted as read. Spoken to by Bro. S. W. Joyner, Bro. L. H. Brown, Bro. W. H. Hopper.
54. Collection taken for Home Missionaries, Bro. S. W. Joyner and Bro. T. C. Taylor. Collected \$12.55, which was divided between the two missionaries.
55. Sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."
56. Motion and second adjourn one hour for lunch.
57. Called for announcements.
58. Benediction by Bro. Eather Brewer.

SATURDAY EVENING

59. After an enjoyable lunch the body came together by singing "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again."
60. The body came together. The Moderator read the seventh chapter of Jeremiah.
61. Rev. E. H. Martin led body in prayer.
62. Song "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand."
63. Gave Bro. E. H. Martin a hearty hand-shake and \$12.15.
64. Song. Collection taken for Sister Ada Smith near Shiloh Church and collected \$11.31.
65. Called for report on Sunday Schools which was read and adopted. Spoken to by W. H. Hopper, Fred Prince.
66. Called for report on Education, which was read and adopted. Spoken to by Bro. Ether Brewer.
68. Called for other topics and being pushed for time, motion and second the Clerk enter them according to order.
69. By motion and second preach the Missionary Sermon on Saturday at 11 o'clock instead of Sunday.
70. Called for new business.
71. Called for report on Finance Committee. Minute Fund, \$50.62.
72. Received for Home Missions \$16.65, which was divided between the two home missionaries, S. W. Joyner, \$8.32, Bro. T. C. Taylor, \$8.33.
73. By motion and second, leave off reading and correcting minutes until Sunday morning.
74. Motion and second, adjourn to 10 o'clock Sunday morning.
75. Benediction by W. H. Hopper.

SUNDAY MORNING

76. The body came together by singing "There is A Fountain Filled With Blood."
77. The Moderator gave talk and read the 12th chapter of Romans.
78. Bro. Clint Rogers led body in prayer.
79. Moderator declared body ready for business.
80. Read and adopted Minutes.
81. The time having arrived for preaching Missionary Sermon, Rev. W. H. Hopper, the appointee, being absent, Rev. L. H. Brown, the alternate, took the stand and read Matthew 28th chapter, beginning at the 16th verse.
82. Bro. Brown led body in prayer.
83. And took for text the 28th verse. Text "The Broad Commission."
84. And preached a real, God-given, soul-stirring sermon.
85. Some appropriate remarks by Moderator.
86. So ended another service of the Southwestern District Baptist Association which was the best and most spiritual all the way, I think, we have ever had.
87. Benediction by Bro. W. S. Brinkley.

Signed, S. W. Joyner, Moderator,
W. S. Brinkley, Clerk.

Visitors

C. V. Cooper, Carroll-Benton Association; J. R. Brinkley, Carroll-Benton Association; I. L. King and wife, Madison Association; G. G. Joyner, Madison Association.

VOTE OF THANKS

We want to thank Oak Grove Church and community for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with you and we give God all the glory and praise for being with us and blessing us in our efforts to render a service to Him. We pray God's blessings on each one present.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

We your committee on Benevolence, submit the following: To care for those in need and distress is a Scriptural principle and as churches of this Association it is our duty. And we are pleased to report that in a measure it is being done. As one means of such work, we have in our bounds the Baptist Old Ministers and Orphans Home, which friends of, a number of members of the Association have a part in supporting. Since it was first opened up it has had the care of three aged ministers and 52 dependent children at present. We have eleven girls and eight boys of various ages, the youngest three years old.

From September 1, 1940 to September 1, 1941 cash received and applied to support of Home, totaled \$2,295.60. Supplies it receives to support of the Home, \$1,433.77; expenditures, \$2,141.98; cash on deposit, \$153.62. This Home is still in need of more work stock, farming tools, fencing material, a storage house, a much better water supply, etc.

Committee: J. ROBERT PASCHALL.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, report the following: We, as Baptists believe in foreign missions because the Bible teaches the same and we also believe that we should prove our faith by our works. We also believe that the church is the only body authorized to do this work and that no one can be a real Baptist and believe otherwise.

Committee: FRED PRINCE,
W. H. HOPPER.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following: We believe that the authority to preach the Gospel and teach was given to the Church, the Body of Christ and that any other authority to carry out the commission of the Lord is assumed authority and we as Baptists need to keep clear of such orders.

Committee: S. W. JOYNER,
C. F. CARTER.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We your committee on christian education wish to submit the following report: Education is knowledge and ability gained by study, example, or instruction. Then christian education is knowledge of Christ and His doctrine, and the ability to labor in His kingdom with success. This being true, every Baptist should be vitally interested in the promotion of christian education. No church or pastor has the right to hesitate to stress christian education. Desperate effort should be made to exalt its fine characters and great need before our youth. "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." So said Paul in 2-Tim. 3:15.

The church life and christian success of tomorrow is depending on the christian education obtained today. Without christian education the world would be without a true worship, a true religion and would be in total paganism. Hence we recommend that each church and pastor do all possible to promote christian education. This is the duty of the church and pastor. In Matt. 28:20 Jesus said, "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

Respectfully submitted, L. H. BROWN
ROBERT NOLES.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: Sunday School should be the teaching service of churches and as such are of vital importance. We recommend that all the churches of this Association have Scriptural Sunday School.

Committee:
W. H. HOPPER,
FRED PRINCE.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We, your committee on Prayer Meeting submit the following: We believe Prayer meeting should be in every home and especially in every church at least once a week. We believe by so doing we would have better results in winning lost souls to Christ and our homes would be much happier. Paul declares in First Thessalonians 5-17 to "Pray without ceasing." First Timothy 1-2 Paul says "I exhort therefore the first of all supplication, prayer intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men."

Committee:
E. G. WOOD

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: Temperance is a God given privilege and personal obligation of man and we should be temperate in all things because intemperance demoralizes the Spiritual Man. We should ever sound the alarm of temperance against the liquor traffic.

Committee:
E. P. BREWER

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

We, your committee on correspondence, submit the following: We are indeed glad to have other messengers visit our Association and are always glad to correspond with you in regard to the Lord's work. May the Lord bless each one of you.

Committee:
JOE WAUGH.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION

We, your committee on publication submit the following: Hosea 4-6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." It is appalling how little some people who call themselves Baptists know about the Bible which is Baptist doctrine and which will stand the test through all ages. Psalms 119-89 "For ever O Lord Thy word is settled in Heaven." Therefore let us study the Word of God more closely and obey It's commands. Joshua 1-8 "The Book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shall meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do, according to all that is written therein. First Timothy 4:6 "Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." Therefore let us study Bible Doctrine which is Baptist doctrine. Eph. 4-14 says that "We henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Therefore let us study good, sound Baptist literature and we know that the Bible is the Chief Book of all books.

Committee:
T. L. CAMPBELL

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries submit the following: The Death Angel has visited a number of our churches and called from the walks of men a number of our beloved brethren and sisters for which our hearts are made sad. But God giveth and God taketh away, but blessed are they that Die in the Lord.

It is appointed unto man once to die and after death the judgment. But the greatest thing of all is that God has made it possible through the suffering and death of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ that we might be prepared to meet the judgment. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all the bereaved of our brethren and sisters and point them to God who can take care of them in their hours of sorrow and trouble and we recommend living a life that when they are called that they can meet their loved ones in heaven.

Committee:
G. W. WILLIAMS

LICENTIATES—1941

Name and Church	Post Office Address
Rogers, Clint, Mt. Comfort.....	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Herndon, W. G., Pleasant Ridge.....	Camden, Tenn.
Wood, E. G., Mt. Pisgah.....	Wildersville, Tenn.
Holder, Ellis, Orthodox.....	Jackson, Tenn.
Taylor, T. C., Caledonia.....	McKenzie, Tenn.
Baker, Clayton, Flat Woods.....	Jackson, Tenn.
Nannoy, J. C., Bethel.....	McKenzie, Tenn.
Noles, Robert, Caledonia.....	McKenzie, Tenn.
Quinn, Glennie, Cedar Hill.....	Parsons, Tenn.

MINISTERIAL LIST—1941

Name and Church	Pastor/Office
Bird, D. D., Eagle Creek	Eagle Creek, Tenn.
Butler, Neil, Pleasant Hill	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Brewer, Eather, Mt. Pisgah	Darden, Tenn.
Brown, L. H., Orthodox	Bemis, Tenn.
Cooper, Edd, Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.
Dameron, O. V., Mt. Pisgah	Wildersville, Tenn.
Golledge, D. R., Cedar Hill	Parsons, Tenn.
Hopper, W. H., Orthodox	Cedar Grove, Tenn.
Joyner, S. W., New Cross Roads	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Myers, R. L., Ephesus	Mansfield, Tenn.
Noles, L. R., Bethel	Belfover, Tenn.
Paschal, J. Robert, Baptist Home	Camden, Tenn.
Pettigrew, S. A., New Cross Roads	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Prince, Fred, Caledonia	Henry, Tenn.
Park, E. W., Flat Woods	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Selph, D. C., Shiloh	Yuma, Tenn.
Thomas, W. H., Mt. Comfort	Westport, Tenn.
Martin, E. H., Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Birch, H. S., New Hope	Yuma, Tenn.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

ATKINS CHAPEL—By letter.
 BAPTIST HOME—J. Robert Paschal and wife.
 BETHEL—Lois Townsend, Priest Kirk.
 BIBLE GROVE—Ollie Lewis, Frank Hamilton.
 CALEDONIA—Robert Noles, Rufus Hastings.
 CEDAR HILL—G. C. Dennison, Albert Smith.
 CROSS ROADS—Edd Cooper, Edgar Holland.
 CHALK HILL—J. E. Davis, E. C. Summers.
 CONCORD—Joe Brown, Tom Pate.
 FLAT WOODS—L. B. Franks, D. H. Franks.
 EAGLE CREEK—Maggie Morrison, Gertrude Peoples.
 EPHEBUS—Frank Deeter, Minnie Crutchfield.
 MT. COMFORT—W. H. Thomas, G. C. Parish.
 MT. PISGAH—Eather Brewer, Grady Wood.
 MARLSBORO—Mrs. W. C. Rogers.
 NEW HOPE—W. M. Kirksey, George Roberson.
 NEW BETHEL—Hube Summers, Harris Dinkins.
 NEW CROSS ROADS—S. W. Joyner, T. L. Campbell.
 NEW LIBERTY—Homer Williams, Joe W. Johnson.
 NEW PROSPECT—Guy Moore, L. D. Quinn.
 NEW SPRING HILL—C. F. Carter and wife.
 OAK GROVE—J. J. Butler, W. N. Edwards.
 ORTHODOX—W. H. Hopper, L. H. Brown.
 PLEASANT HILL—John Hedge, L. O. Baucum.
 PLEASANT RIDGE—J. L. Bond and Z. L. Hoskins.
 PLEASANT GROVE—V. L. Wood, G. W. Williams.
 RUSHING CREEK—W. A. Sparks, Dud Brown.
 SHILOH—Connie Hedge, Lewis Harris.
 WESTPORT—A. S. Hall, Ruth Horn.
 YUMA—Joe Waugh, Fred Dinkins.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Before 1846 this was a part of the Western District Association. The Western District Association was organized when all West Tennessee was called the Western District. This then, is a part of the oldest Association in the State—in fact, being older than the State of Tennessee, having already held its 134th Annual Session, organized before the State of Tennessee. From this we go back into North Carolina and Virginia, when 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. The oldest endowed school existence in the United States is Brown University, once Rhode Island College, and which has always been a Baptist school.

DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH	MODERATOR	CLERKS
1846 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1847 Mt. Pisgah, Henderson Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1848 Ramble Creek, Benton Co.	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
1849 Pleasant Hill, Benton Co.	E. Autry	B. W. Foster
1850 Hopewell, Henderson Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1851 New Prospect, Decatur Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1852 Beaver Dam, Benton Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1853 Union, Benton Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1854 Bible Union, Carroll Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1855 Concord, Carroll Co.	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
1856 Pleasant Grove, Henderson Co.	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1857 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	M. S. Corbett	J. P. Arnold
1858 Union, Benton County	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
1859 Holly Springs, Henderson Co.	J. P. Arnold	B. W. Foster
1860 Ramble Creek, Benton Co.	J. P. Arnold	J. P. Doherty
1861 New Prospect, Decatur Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
No Association during the Civil War, 1862-1864		
1865 Union, Benton Co.	J. P. Arnold	W. C. McAuley
1866 Salem, Decatur Co.	W. Pugh	B. W. Foster
1867 Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	W. Pugh	Geo. Hollowell
1868 Ephesus, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1869 Concord, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1870 Chalk Hill, Benton Co.	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1871 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	G. C. Thomas
1872 Mt. Nebo, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	Geo. Hollowell
1873 Marlboro, Carroll Co.	George Hollowell	J. H. Thomas
1874 New Hope, Carroll Co.	J. H. Park	J. H. Thomas
1875 Tom's Creek, Perry Co.	J. W. Brewer	J. F. Rogers
1876 Rushing Creek, Benton Co.	J. Richardson	J. F. Rogers
1877 Oak Grove, Carroll Co.	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1878 New Prospect	J. P. Arnold	J. F. Rogers
1879 Bethel, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	J. F. Rogers
1880 Wildersville, Henderson Co.	J. C. Park	J. H. Thomas
1881 Ramble Creek	J. P. Arnold	J. H. Thomas
1882 Cross Roads, Benton Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1883 Prospect, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1884 Sardis Ridge, Decatur Co.	George Hollowell	D. J. Allen
1885 Concord, Carroll Co.	George Hollowell	D. J. Allen
1886 Trace Creek, Humphreys Co.	J. C. Park	C. H. Rogers

1887	Liberty, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1888	Unity, Benton Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1889	Holly Springs	J. P. Rogers	J. C. Park
1890	Mt. Nebo, Carroll Co.	J. C. Park	D. J. Allen
1891	Rushing Creek, Benton Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1892	New Hope, Carroll Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1893	Chalk Level, Benton Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1894	Mt. Comfort	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1895	Flatwoods, Benton Co.	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1896	Marlboro, Carroll Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1897	Bethel, Carroll Co.	E. M. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1898	Shiloh, Carroll Co.	N. L. Joyner	D. J. Allen
1899	Pleasant Hill, Benton Co.	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1900	Salem, Decatur Co.	W. S. Roney	C. H. Rogers
1901	Chalk Hill, Benton Co.	N. L. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1902	Cross Roads, Benton Co.	E. Z. Newsom	C. H. Rogers
1903	New Prospect, Decatur Co.	E. M. Joyner	C. H. Rogers
1904	Ephesus, Carroll Co.	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 Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1908	Concord, Carroll Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1909	Pleasant Ridge	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1910	Perryville, Decatur Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. H. Rogers
1911	Unity, Benton Co.	T. M. Boyd	D. H. Franks
1912	Chalk Level, Benton Co.	Jog 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 Co.	S. W. Joyner	D. H. Franks
1916	Tom's Creek, Perry Co.	T. M. Boyd	D. H. Franks
1917	Westport, Carroll Co.	T. M. Boyd	Geo. S. Price
1918	Mt. Pisgah, Carroll Co.	J. N. Joyner	L. E. Mincey
1919	Cross Roads, Benton Co.	J. N. Joyner	L. E. Mincey
1920	Mt. Comfort, Carroll Co.	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1921	Ephesus, Carroll Co.	J. N. Joyner	C. E. Butler
1922	Eva, Benton Co.	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1923	Prospect, Carroll Co.	J. N. Joyner	A. H. Franks
1924	Flatwoods, Benton Co.	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 Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1929	Bruceon, Carroll Co.	T. M. Boyd	C. V. Cooper
1930	New Prospect, Decatur Co.	J. N. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1931	New Hope, Carroll Co.	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1932	New Liberty, Carroll Co.	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 Co.	E. H. Martin	W. S. Brinkley
1936	Marlboro, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1937	Cedar Hill, Decatur County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1938	Concord, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1939	Yuma, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1940	Caledonia, Henry County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1941	Oak Grove, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley

RULES OF DECORUM SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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

Article 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot, 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 member 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 shall 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 open 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 depart from the subject or make 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 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 be re-proved by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been

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

Article 14. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

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

Article II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such churches 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 must state their appointment as delegates, 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 delegates.

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, so soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their members' names enrolled, provided, also, 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 such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

Article IX. The Association shall have a fund for its expense, 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 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 reasons 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 ministers, and other members, such as the church may deem most suitable, to examine the individuals and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the gospel to the churches, 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.

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; that there are three persons in this one God—the Father, the Word and Holy Spirit; and this triune God is the only object of religious worship and adoration, and that all worship paid anything else 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, that all must 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 Saviour.

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-adorned 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 is all and upon 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 regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in 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 God's 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 baptized 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 Saviour pledges His presence to the end of the world.

CHURCHES	Pastor and Post Office	Clerk and Post Office	Church Day	Baptisms	Letter Restorat'n	Total	Letter Exclusions	Deaths	Total	Membership	Revivals	Observances L. S.	Repairs, Fuel, Janitors, Etc.	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Incidentals	Printing of Minutes	Gifts to Orphanage	Gifts to Other Designated Mis.	Grand total of all
Akins Chapel	Norman Baker, Holladay, Tenn.	Joe L. Taylor, Sugar Tree, Tenn.	2						48	1	1		\$57.00	\$ 3.00	\$.25	\$ 3.74	\$19.00	\$82.74	
Baptist Home	Edd Cooper, Camden, Tenn.	J. Robt. Parschal, Camden, Tenn.	2						16									4.76	
Bible Grove	W. H. Hopper, Cedar Grove, Tenn.	L. T. Renfroe, Chesterfield, Tenn.	3	5	2	7	2	1	3	177	1	1	2.00	105.00	50.00	2.00		159.00	
Bethel	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	E. C. Woodard, McKenzie, Tenn.	1	1	1	5	4	9	139	1	2	50.20	100.00	39.25	2.00	5.69	22.50	217.64	
Cross Roads	W. H. Hopper, Cedar Grove, Tenn.	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	4						2	1	3	144	2	100.00				100.00	
Caledonia	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	Mrs. Rufus Hastings, Henry, Tenn.	2	1	2	3	2	2	62	1	1	90.52	75.00	38.60	3.20	32.21	61.83	298.15	
Concord	L. H. Brown, Bemis, Tenn.	L. E. Brown, Huntingdon, Tenn.	2	4		4		1	1	104	1	2	10.60	120.00	20.40	1.50	3.85	7.15	153.50
Cedar Hill	Woodard Bartholomew, Parsons	Ralph Gullidge, Parsons, Tenn.	2	7	4	11	3	2	5	168	1	1	8.00	100.64		1.50	8.50	117.14	
Chalk Hill	Rev. H. D. Lankford, Henry, Tenn.	J. E. Davis, Camden, Tenn.	1	3	1	4			92	1	1		118.81	20.00	1.00	2.76		134.57	
Ephesus	Neill Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Lena Forrest, Mansfield, Tenn.	2				1		72	1	1	\$14.00	61.25	24.90	1.50	20.49	2.55	110.59	
Eagle Creek	R. E. Pettigrew, Parsons, Tenn.	Mrs. Gertrude Peebles, Eagle Creek,	4	1	1	2	2		2	104	1	1	70.00	101.55	10.00	1.00	3.65	16.35	202.55
Flat Woods	G. G. Joyner, Parsons, Tenn.	D. E. Mellwain, Holladay, Tenn.	4	5		5	4		4	120	1	1	305.50	181.00		1.87	15.81	23.38	547.95
Mt. Comfort	C. D. Mullin, Pinson, Tenn.	G. C. Parish, West Port, Tenn.	4	8		8	10	4	14	209	1	1	2.00	73.25	10.78	2.05	1.31		87.34
Mt. Pisgah	S. W. Joyner, Huntingdon, Tenn.	G. T. Hatch, Wildersville, Tenn.	2	8	6	14			146	1	1		75.31		1.50	30.25	2.50	110.56	
Marlsboro	G. G. Joyner, Parsons, Tenn.	G. W. Carter, Vale, Tenn.	4	2	1	3	1	1	2	116	1	1		131.73		1.50	50.92		182.65
New Hope	H. S. Birch, Yuma, Tenn.	Mrs. C. E. Carrington, West Port	3	3	4	7	8	4	12	142	1	1	10.00	100.00	15.00	1.50		6.00	131.00
New Bethel	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	Horace Vaughn, Henry, Tenn.	2	7		7	7	1	8	135	1	1	1.45	125.00	23.91	2.25	15.76	14.56	203.28
New Cross Road	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.	4	1	1	2	1		1	100	1	2	8.00	108.00	23.05	1.50	6.12	12.75	158.92
New Liberty	W. H. Hopper, Cedar Grove, Tenn.	Mrs. Elizabeth Wall, Cedar Grove,	2	11		11	1		1	130	1	1		101.40	17.30	1.25	21.42	38.85	180.22
New Prospect	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	Ray Cliff, Holladay, Tenn.	2	5	4	9	4	3	7	203	1	1	18.00	145.25	11.25	2.10	10.42		184.67
New Spring Hill	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	R. A. Morgan, Huntingdon, Tenn.	2						22	1	1		25.00		1.50	1.96		26.96	
Oak Grove	W. H. Hopper, Cedar Grove, Tenn.	C. L. Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	7	1	8	3	2	5	216	1	1	4.00	108.20	30.50	2.70	13.80	6.10	162.60
Orthodox	L. H. Brown, Bemis, Tenn.	R. H. Boyd, Bemis, Tenn.	1-3	20	10	30	1	2	3	204	1	1	285.41	550.79	87.49	3.00	69.67	203.26	
Pleasant Hill	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	W. J. Allen, Buena Vista, Tenn.	3	11	2	13	3		3	360	1	1	5.00	144.63		2.85	12.02	21.75	186.25
Pleasant Ridge	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	N. C. Williams, Camden, Tenn.	1	8		8			130	1	1		131.85		2.00	26.12	8.80	161.17	
Pleasant Grove	Herbie Burch, Yuma, Tenn.	G. W. Williams, Wildersville, Tenn.	4	7		7	5		5	153	1	1	5.00	100.00	53.27	1.50	34.49	14.27	207.03
Rushing Creek	J. B. McMillin, McKenzie, Tenn.	J. A. Sparks, Camden, Tenn.	1						62	1	1		100.00		1.50	1.05	2.00	104.55	
Shiloh	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	G. W. Fullertron, Holladay Tenn.	3	12		12	3	3	6	75	1	1	5.00	90.00		2.10			97.10
West Port	L. H. Brown, Bemis, Tenn.	E. K. Lewis, Westport, Tenn.	2	11	3	14	3	4	7	226	1	1	164.48	200.00		2.50	9.20	101.49	477.67
Yuma	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	Fred Dinkins, Yuma, Tenn.	1	7	3	10	8		8	200	1	1	40.00	150.00	50.00	1.00	35.00	25.97	397.00

* \$1,150.61

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Churches	Superintendent and Post Office	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Gifts and Expense
Bible Grove	Ollie Lewis, Darden, Tenn.	10		\$ 4.00
Bethel	Lois Townsend, Huntingdon, Tenn.	7	75	23.37
Caledonia	Robert Noles, McKenzie, Tenn.	5		2.00
Cedar Hill	J. W. Smith, Parsons, Tenn.	5	76	7.50
Chalk Hill	Ford Hollingsworth, Camden, Tenn.	6	30	24.00
Eagle Creek	G. R. Morrison, Eagle Creek	8	60	20.00
Flat Woods	L. B. Franks, Holladay, Tenn.	7	81	20.39
Marlsboro	Clifford Brown, Vale, Tenn.	4	30	12.81
New Bethel	R. C. Perry, Henry, Tenn.	5	40	22.60
New Prospect	S. M. Smith, Holladay, Tenn.	6	65	8.00
Orthodox	Clinton Bivins, Bemis, Tenn.	16	125	33.81
Pleasant Hill	John Hedge, Camden, Tenn.	6	75	12.00
Pleasant Grove	V. L. Wood, Wildersville, Tenn.	7	80	61.24
Rushing Creek		6	52	44.01
Westport	Graden Lealie, Westport, Tenn.	7	50	20.47
Yuma	Fred Dinkins, Yuma, Tenn.	9	45	

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

CONCORD—1 Ella Johnson	NEW HOPE—4 Mr. John A. Gooch
CEDAR HILL—2 Mrs. Susan Cagle, Mrs. Sis Hamilton.	Clarence Hester Josie Bolen Marie Umstead.
BIBLE GROVE—1 Annie Wood.	NEW BETHEL—1 Ben Owens.
BETHEL—4 Mrs. Willie Woodard Mrs. Mattie Woodard Mrs. Mattie Baker Mr. Reuben Noles.	OAK GROVE—2 Mrs. M. F. Edwards, Mrs. Bessie Eubanks.
MT. COMFORT—4 Homer Hampton Abe Hampton Joe Clark Alice Boyd.	ORTHODOX—2 Pat Craig Young Mrs. J. R. Baker.
MARLSBORO—1 Mrs. Tennie Webb.	WESTPORT—4 Albert Sanders John Cross Elemedia Joyner Mary Cowell
NEW PROSPECT—3 Bro. Joe T. Byrd Annie Pritchard, Sarah Dodd.	SHILOH—3 Tom B. Hollowell Don Hamilton Gracie Hilliard