

1942

# MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

## SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

NEW CROSS ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH

Carroll County, Tennessee

OCTOBER 9, 10, 1942

### OFFICERS

Eld. W. H. Hopper, Moderator.....Jackson, Tenn.  
Bro. W. S. Brinkley, Clerk.....Buena Vista, Tenn.

### NEXT SESSION

Will be held with New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church,  
Henry County, four miles northwest of Henry, Tennessee,  
beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in Octo-  
ber, 1942, at 10 o'clock a. m.

### SERMONS

Introductory Sermon.....Eld. Herby Birch  
Alternate.....Eld. Eather Brewer  
Missionary Sermon.....Eld. S. W. Joyner  
Alternate.....Eld. Fred Prince

## 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

13. Call Roll and Messengers' names.
14. Call for report on Benovolence.
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

27. Missionary Sermon, 11:00 a. m.
28. Address of the Moderator.
29. Song and Parting Hand.

## FIRST DAY OCTOBER 9, 1942

1. The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met with New Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church, Huntingdon, Tenn., Carroll County, October 9, 1942, pursuant to adjournment.
2. By singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."
3. The Moderator Elder S. W. Joyner read the 65 Chapter Psalms. Eld. Fred Prince led body in prayer.
4. Song, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be."
5. Moderator called body to order and gave a short talk.
6. Moderator appointed pastor and deacons of host church on Divine Service and entertaining.
7. Appoint committee on Finance, Bro. Joe Kee, Bro. Petty and Sam Smith.
8. Appoint Reading Clerks, Eld. Fred Prince, Eld. L. H. Brown.
9. Called for reading church letters.
10. The time having arrived for preaching Introductory Sermon; Sang "Amazing Grace."
11. The appointee, Eld. W. H. Hopper took the stand and read the 7th Chapter of Ephesus.
12. Eld. W. H. Hopper led body in prayer.
13. Sang, "I Am Thine O Lord."
14. Elder Hopper took for his subject "Salvation." Text Issiah 45th Chapter, 17th verse.
15. Eld. Edd Cooper, the alternate, made some appropriate remarks.
16. Song "I'll Live On," and gave Eld. Hopper handshake of endorsement.
17. Moderator called for announcements.
18. Motion and second, adjourn one hour for refreshment.
19. Benediction by Eld. Herndon.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

20. After being refreshed by a bountiful dinner prepared by New Cross Roads Church and community the body came together by singing.
21. Song "I Want to Love Him More." Bro. Riley Allen led body in prayer.
22. Moderator Eld. S. W. Joyner announced body ready for business.
23. Continued to read letters.
24. Finished reading of letters.
25. Called for Petitionary Letters.
26. The time arrived for electing Moderator and Clerk.
27. Eld. W. H. Hopper elected Moderator; W. S. Brinkley, Clerk.
28. Eld. Edd Cooper, Assistant Moderator; Thurman Kee, Asst.-Clerk.
29. Motion and second, make vote unanimous.
30. Called for visitors.
31. Moderator appointed nomination committee, Eld. Fred Prince, Eld. Eather Brewer, Eld. Herndon.
32. Select place for next session.
33. Which resulted in the choice of New Bethel, four miles northwest of Henry, Tenn., Henry County.
34. Select one to preach Introductory Sermon, Eld. Herby Birch; Eld. Eather Brewer, alternate.
35. Missionary Sermon, Eld. S. W. Joyner; Eld. Fred Prince, alternate.
36. Revise Ministerial List.
37. Moderator called for report on entertainment.
37. Eld. Eather Brewer to preach at host church tonight.
38. Motion and second, adjourn to meet Saturday at 10 o'clock.
39. Benediction by Eld. S. W. Joyner.

## SATURDAY MORNING

40. The Association came together according to adjournment by singing "Beautiful Land."
41. Eld. S. W. Joyner led body in prayer.
42. Song, "Life Boat." Bro. Birch read 14th Chapter St. John.
43. The Moderator made some appropriate remarks.
44. Moderator declared body ready for business.
45. Called for reports.
46. Motion and second, allow chairman ten minutes talk; others five minutes.
47. Called for report on Obituaries. Spoken to by Eld. S. W. Joyner.
48. Song, "Remember Me."
49. The time having arrived for preaching Missionary Sermon, Eld. L. H. Brown, the appointee, took the stand and after some remarks read the First Chapter of Acts. Eld. Brown led in prayer.
50. And took for text, 8th verse of First Chapter of Acts.
51. Subject, "The Great Commission" and preached a real spiritual sermon.
52. Called for song. Collection taken for mission—collected \$42.45.
53. Motion and second divide money between home and foreign missions.
54. Motion and second, turn the foreign missions money, \$21.22 over to Eld. L. H. Brown for delivery to foreign missionary.
55. Motion and second adjourn one hour for refreshments. Benediction by Eld. Fred Prince.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

56. After a bountiful dinner the body came together by singing "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again."
57. Eld. E. H. Martin led body in prayer.
58. Song "I AM Thine Oh Lord."
59. And collection taken for Eld. Martin—collected \$29.00.
60. Moderator called for roll of Churches and Messengers.
61. Called for Report on Benevolence. Report adopted.
62. Called for report on Foreign Missions.
63. Called for report on Home Missions.
64. Report on Home Missions adopted.
65. Bro. S. W. Joyner report as Home Missionary.
66. Bro. Taylor report on Home Missionary. Spoken to by Eld. L. H. Brown and Eld. S. W. Joyner.
67. Motion and second "Divide the Home Missionary money between the three home missionaries.
68. Called for report on Education. Spoken to by W. H. Hopper.
69. Called for report on Sunday School.
70. Called for report on Prayer Meeting. Spoken to by Eld. Fred Prince, Eld. Brewer, Sam Smith.
71. Called for report on Correspondence.
72. Called for report on Temperance.
73. Called for report on Publications. All were adopted.
74. Called for new business.
75. Motion and second defer Missionary Sermon back to 11 o'clock Sunday.
76. Do away with Executive Board.
77. Called for report of Financial Committee. Minute Fund \$62.27. The clerk to have Minutes printed and his usual fee.
78. Vote of Thanks.
79. Motion and second, close Association by address of Moderator and

- parting hand.
80. Song, "I Am Bound for the Promise Land." So closed another Great Service of the S. W. D. Association. Benediction by Eld. L. H. Brown.

Signed: W. H. Hopper, Moderator,  
W. S. Brinkley, Clerk.

## 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 and a number of members of the Association have a part in supporting. Since it was first opened it has had the care of three aged ministers and 52 dependent children. Children released during the year, four. Children admitted, five. Present number of children in the home, 21, consisting of 8 boys and 13 girls, the youngest of whom is four years old.

Number of children cared for since the home was first opened, 57.

Number of aged ministers cared for, 3.

Cash received during the past year.....	\$2,446.23
Supplies, clothing, bed clothing, feed, etc., received.....	1,342.79
Cash expenditures during the past year for supplies, clothing feed, burial association dues, etc.....	2,428.91
Cash on deposit Commerce Union Bank.....	182.13
Cash on deposit Commerce Union Bank Sept. 1, 1941.....	153.62

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We believe that Missions are the chief concern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and that Missions are the chief concern of every Church, Pastor and Evangelist who have the right conception of Christ and His purpose in the Church.

We understand the Scripture to teach that the first church was Divinely called out, Divinely commissioned, and Divinely sent, and that it was the will of Christ for the Holy Spirit to lead her as she labored under her world-wide, and time-ending commission. We further believe that all New Testament Churches have this same federal head and should labor under this same Broad Commission.

Judging from the reports from the various Churches as read to this assembly we fear that we are not carrying out the great Missionary will of Christ as we should. (The various letters speak for themselves.)

God, the Father, has a Missionary love, that was well evidenced in the gift of His Son to die for our sins. Jesus was a Missionary. He was sent to this world by His Father, and God, the Father sent him on a Mission. In Jno. 9-34 Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that SENT Me. In Jno. 9-4 he said, "I must work the works of Him that SENT Me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

Jesus did the will of the Father when He called out, and commissioned the Church. He said, "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." Jno. 20-21. In Mark 16-15 He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

In the light of these Scriptures we recommend that each Messenger and Pastor go back to his Church and strive harder than ever before to encourage his church and put forth a greater effort to do Mission work at home, and support Missions throughout our nation, and into the uttermost parts of the world until He comes again.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. H. BROWN,  
AUSTIN JOHNSON.

**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 any other authority to carry out the commission of the Lord is assumed authority, and we as Baptists, need keep clear of such orders.

Committee:

S. W. JOYNER.

**REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS**

Home Missionary sent out by New Cross Roads Church: Dear Brethren and sisters: Since our last Association I have spent 22 days in the destitute places; preached 34 sermons; received from New Cross Roads Church, \$16.50; Bro. Bob Hill, \$1.00; Concord Church \$3.35; from other churches, \$16.65. Total \$37.50.

In these trying hours it behooves the churches to be about our Master's commission.

Your brother in the work,

ELD. S. W. JOYNER.

**REPORT BY HOME MISSIONARY****Report from Caledonia Baptist Church**

Received from Caledonia Church	\$ 9.25
Other Churches	4.50
Union Grove Church	3.00
Enon Church	2.75
Macedonia Schoolhouse	1.50
Pleasant Hill Church	20.00
Shiloh Church	4.00

**TOTAL** ..... \$45.00

T. C. TAYLOR.

**REPORT ON EDUCATION**

We, your committee on Education, submit the following: We believe in educating our children, but in educating them we believe they should study books that will not only teach them to read but also teach them to live Godly lives and develop principles that will be an honor to their parents and uplifting to mankind. We do not believe in sending our children to a school where an athletic fee must be paid at the door to run the devil's business, but we believe in teaching them to shun the very appearance of evil.

We do not believe that the preaching of the Gospel depends on Education but upon God, yet we do believe that we may improve our way and manner of delivering it by studying, and educating ourselves. We do not believe that wisdom comes to us by the teaching of man, but of God: First Chronicles, 2-1 and 4.

Committee,  
W. H. HOPPER,  
H. S. BIRCH.

**REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: Sunday School should be taught in every church and community which is of vital importance. Jesus said "search the Scripture for in them ye think ye have eternal life, but there are they who testify of Me." We recommend that ALL the churches in this Association have Scriptural Sunday Schools.

Committee:

T. L. CAMPBELL,  
DORSEY DAMERON.

**REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING**

We, your committee on Prayer Meeting, submit the following: We believe each church should have a prayer meeting at least once a week. In the early church they had an hour of prayer, the Ninth Hour, Acts 3 and 4, and a man was healed and was able to leap and shout and Praise God. Peter was delivered from prison through Prayer of the Church, Acts 12 and 5.

In this dark hour we need to assemble at the House of Prayer in earnest Prayer to God that He would give us Peace on Earth Again and continued freedom of speech.

Prayer delivered Daniel from the Lions' Den and the Hebrew children from the Fiery Furnace. Prayer lengthened King Hezekiah's life and God heard Elias when he prayed and shut up heaven that it rained not on earth for three years and six months and opened heaven and it rained, James 5-17-18. The Lord will bless, lead, guide and deliver a praying people.

Committee:

E. F. PRINCE,  
E. P. BREWER.

**REPORT ON TEMPERANCE**

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following: Temperance is a God-given privilege and personal obligation of man and we should be temperate in all we say and do. As intemperance demoralizes man and woman we should especially ever-sound the alarm of Temperance against the liquor traffic.

Committee:

JOHN ANDERSON,  
C. A. ABBOTT.

**REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE**

We, your committee on correspondence, submit the following: We should be pleased to recognize messengers from and have correspondence with Associations of like faith and practice.

Committee:

J. ROBT. PASCHAL.

**REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS**

Publication is a much neglected subject, though vital as it may be. Baptists should realize the fact that their truth can be printed and read as

## 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
1878 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
1881 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. F. 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.	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 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 Bruceston, 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
1942 New Cross Roads, Carroll Co.	W. H. Hopper	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 departs 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 of 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 made.

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 baptised, 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 member's names enrolled, provided, also shall not 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 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 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; and 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 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, 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

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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 departs 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 of 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 reprimanded 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 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 member's names enrolled, provided, also shall not 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 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 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; and 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 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, 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-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 is all and upon that believes.

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, excepts 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 obligation, 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.



CHURCHES	Pastor and Post Office	Clerk and Post Office	Church Day	Baptisms	Letter Restorations	Total	Letter Exclusions	Deaths	Total	Membership	Revivals	Observances I. S.	Repairs, Fuel, Janitors, Etc.	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Incidentals	Printing of Minutes	Gifts to Yrphnange	C'ts to Other Designated Mts.	Grand total of all
				Total	Total		Total			Total									
Akins Chapel	Cecil Young, Beacon, Tenn.	Joe J. Taylor, Sugartree, Tenn.	4	3	3	1	1	50	1	5	1	5	240.00	2.00	50	5.55	5.75	40.50	840.50
Baptist Home	Edd Cooper, Camden, Tenn.	J. Robt. Parschal, Camden, Tenn.	1	8	8	1	24	1	1	15.90	1	124.25	58.64	2.00	6.67	3.78	209.24	238.00	
Bethel	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	E. C. Woodard, McKenzie, Tenn.	1	1	4	5	3	2	5	135	1	124.50	81.50	2.60	238.00	144.50	243.62		
Bible Grove	Herby Birch, Yuma, Tenn.	L. T. Renfro, Chesterfield, Tenn.	3	16	5	21	7	7	191	1	1	120.00	22.50	2.00	144.50	243.62	237.00		
Cross Roads	W. H. Hopper, Jackson, Tenn.	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	4	1	1	1	1	143	1	1	1	104.00	46.25	2.10	37.15	49.67	243.62		
Caledonia	E. F. Prince, Henry, Tenn.	Mrs. Rufus Hastings, Henry, Tenn.	2	1	1	2	2	61	1	1	1	166.50	27.15	2.00	30.00	8.35	237.00		
Concord	L. H. Brown, Jackson, Tenn.	L. E. Brown, Huntingdon, Tenn.	2	5	5	1	1	107	1	2	1	171.37	24.10	2.10	1058.61	471.71			
Cedar Hill	Woodard Bartholomew, Parsons, Tenn.	Ralph Gullidge, Parsons, Tenn.	2	12	9	21	1	2	186	1	1	188.23	39.50	1.70	67.18	471.71			
Chalk Hill	H. G. Lanford, Henry, Tenn.	J. E. Davis, Huntingdon, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	92	1	1	107.60	2.66	2.65	5.55	117.81				
Ephesus	Eather Brewer, Darden, Tenn.	Lena Forrest, Hollow Rock, Tenn.	2	4	4	1	1	75	1	1	27.11	30	27.40	154.51					
Eagle Creek	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Mrs. Gertrude Peebles, Eagle Creek	1	1	1	1	1	104	1	1	95.00	20.85	1.50	21.98	27.50	357.13			
Flat Woods	G. G. Joyner, Parsons, Tenn.	D. E. McIlwain, Holladay, Tenn.	4	2	3	5	5	1	6	119	1	91.77	93.03	14.30	2.70	14.37	122.70		
Mt. Comfort	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	G. C. Parish, West Port, Tenn.	4	4	4	2	7	9	294	1	1	93.00	2.00	2.00	13.50	7.50	152.00		
Mt. Pisgah	E. P. Brewer, Darden, Tenn.	G. T. Hatch, Wildersville, Tenn.	2	5	3	8	1	1	153	1	1	131.96	11.00	3.00	52.00	221.20			
Marlsboro	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	G. W. Carter, Vale, Tenn.	4	2	2	2	2	4	112	1	1	100.00	18.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	132.00		
New Hope	S. W. Joyner, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Mrs. C. E. Carrington, West Port	3	2	2	6	6	138	1	1	160.00	43.55	2.60	14.90	373.89				
New Bethel	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	P. K. Perry, Henry, Tenn.	2	2	2	2	2	137	1	1	126.00	7.85	2.50	18.41	11.00	215.76			
New Cross Road	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.	4	1	1	1	1	2	97	1	2	47.80	31.00	1.65	11.05	39.55	229.40		
New Liberty	W. H. Hopper, Jackson, Tenn.	Mrs. Elizabeth Wall, Cedar Grove	2	2	2	2	1	1	131	1	1	169.93	15.00	2.00	281.96				
New Prospect	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	Ray Cliff, Holladay, Tenn.	2	1	1	6	2	8	196	1	1	52.95	14.70	2.00	10.75	405.51			
New Spring Hill	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	R. A. Morgan, Huntingdon, Tenn.	2	4	2	6	2	2	26	1	1	55.00	50.00	4.00	5.00	30.00	250.00		
Oak Grove	W. H. Hopper, Jackson, Tenn.	C. L. Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	6	6	1	5	6	215	1	1	00.00	93.45	5.00	51.23	375.11	1223.84		
Orthodox	L. H. Brown, Jackson, Tenn.	R. H. Boyd, Bemis, Tenn.	3	4	9	13	3	3	6	210	1	1	86.50	18.00	4.55	45.00	14.35	493.40	
Pleasant Hill	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	W. J. Allen, Buena Vista, Tenn.	3	11	12	2	3	5	367	1	1	81.15	2.50	183.65					
Pleasant Ridge	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	N. C. Williams, Camden, Tenn.	1	4	1	5	1	1	135	1	1	20.61	83.00	1.50	9.52	225.13			
Pleasant Grove	Herby Birch, Yuma, Tenn.	G. W. Williams, Wildersville, Tenn.	4	2	2	2	3	5	150	1	1	100.00	1.50	3.20	106.97				
Rushing Creek	J. B. McMillin, Huntingdon, Tenn.	J. H. Sparks, Camden, Tenn.	1	3	3	6	1	1	67	1	1	60.00	2.00	14.70	176.00				
Shiloh	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	G. W. Fullerton, Holladay, Tenn.	3	2	1	3	1	3	4	70	1	1	33.00	307.25	4.70	32.65	161.20	534.10	
Westport	L. H. Brown, Jackson, Tenn.	E. K. Lewis, Westport, Tenn.	2	13	2	15	32	4	36	205	1	1	150.00	88.40	2.00	15.00	45.00	225.40	
Yuma	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	M. A. Haywood, Yuma, Tenn.	1	16	4	14	3	1	4	210	1	1	25.00						

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Churches	Superintendent and Post Office	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Gifts and Expense
Shiloh	E. V. Webb, Holladay, Tenn.	4	30	\$ 6.00
Bethel	Robert Nola, Huntingdon, Tenn.	2	25	81.81
Bible Grove	Olbie Lewis, Darden, Tenn.	7	40	15.00
Cedar Hill	J. W. Smith, Parsons, Tenn.	7	76	11.60
Chalk Hill	C. A. Arnold, Camden, Tenn.	7	40	21.68
Eagle Creek	G. R. Morrison, Eagle Creek	8	70	24.00
Ephesus	Rufus Myers, Mansfield, Tenn.	3		
Flat Woods	L. B. Franks, Holladay, Tenn.	7	90	20.88
Marlsboro	G. W. Carter, Vale, Tenn.	4	20	26.25
New Cross Roads	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon	5	21	
New Prospect	S. M. Smith, Holladay, Tenn.	6	59	8.00
New Bethel	Harris Dinkins, Henry, Tenn.	5	40	12.50
Orthodox	Roy Butler, Bemis, Tenn.	16	100	30.59
Pleasant Hill	John Hedge, Buena Vista	6	75	65.00
Pleasant Grove	V. L. Wood, Wildersville, Tenn.	9	60	86.00
Rushing Creek	L. H. Stockdale, Camden, Tenn.	5	30	11.00
Westport	Floyd Thomason, Westport, Tenn.	10	75	33.19
Yuma	T. G. Allen, Yuma, Tenn.	9	50	25.00

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

BETHEL—2	Media Britt King Emily Elizabeth Woodard	OAK GROVE—5	E. R. Boyd S. A. Cole Lige Eubanks John S. Birdwell J. I. Birdwell
CEDAR HILL—1	Nola Rainey	ORTHODOX—3	N. M. Duke J. L. Sisco H. C. Blount
FLAT WOODS—1	B. P. Malin (Deacon)	PLEASANT HILL—3	Ben Hedge Luke Norwood Jennie Lewis
MT. COMFORT—7	Frances I. Parish George L. Hollowell Lovie A. Green Lewis Thomas Fannie F. Boyd Ada Hollowell J. F. Bradford	PLEASANT GROVE—3	G. A. Talley Dora Johnson W. M. Lewis
MARLSBORO—2	Henry Carver Grace Hughes	WESTPORT—4	Laracie Sanders Florence McAuley Siddie Blount Henry Howard Bolen
NEW CROSS ROADS—1	Robert Hicks	YUMA—1	
NEW PROSPECT—2	W. F. Renfro Eldred Bailey		