

1943

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Henry County, Tennessee
OCTOBER 8-9-10, 1943

OFFICERS

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

NEXT SESSION

Will be held with Westport Missionary Baptist Church,
Carroll County, on the N. C. & S. L. Railroad, beginning
on Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1944, at
10 o'clock a. m.

SERMONS

Introductory Sermon.....Eld. Herby Birch
Alternate.....Eld. Eather Brewer
Missionary Sermon.....Eld. Fred Prince
Alternate.....Eld. L. H. Brown

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 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

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

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1943

1. The Southwestern District Association met with New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Henry County, Henry, Tennessee, October 8, 1943, pursuant to adjournment by singing "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms."
2. The Moderator, Eld. W. H. Hopper, read the 24th Chapter of Psalms.
3. Eld. Edd Cooper led body in prayer.
4. Song, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."
5. The Moderator called body to order and made an appropriate speech.
6. Pastor and Deacons of Host Church appointed Committee on Divine Service.
7. Appoint Finance Committee, Rufus Hastings, Ester Hall and Arthur Morgan.
8. Eld. Fred Prince and Bro. Joe Kee appointed Reading Clerks.
9. Motion and second that Introductory Sermon be deferred to 11 o'clock.
10. Moderator called for reading of Church Letters.
11. Appointed Bro. N. C. Williams to keep No. of Dead.
12. The hour having arrived for preaching Introductory Sermon, and the appointee nor alternate not being present, motion and second that Eld. L. H. Brown preach. Song, "Father Above." Bro. Brown led body in prayer.
13. Eld. L. H. Brown took the stand and preached on the church from the 18th chapter, 16th verse of Matthew.
14. Song, "Sweet Bye and Bye." Endorsed Bro. Brown's great message by handshake.
15. Motion and second that we adjourn one hour for refreshments. Called for announcements.
16. Benediction by Eld. S. W. Joyner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

17. After being refreshed by a great dinner prepared by members of New Bethel Church and community, the Association came together by singing "We Will Work 'Till Jesus Comes."
18. Eld. C. W. Carter led body in prayer.
19. Song, "The Promised Land."
20. The Moderator announced body ready for business.
21. Continue reading Letters.
22. Finished reading Letters.
23. Called for Petitionary Letters.
24. Moderator announced time for electing Moderator and Clerk.
25. Eld. W. H. Hopper and Bro. W. S. Brinkley elected by acclamation Moderator and Clerk, respectively.
26. The Moderator called for Correspondence and invited Visitors to Seats.
27. Appointed Nominating Committee, Eld. Fred Prince, Eld. Edd Cooper and Eld. S. W. Joyner.
28. The time for Selecting Place for Next Session having arrived, Westport Missionary Baptist Church, Westport, Tenn., was selected.
29. Selected Eld. Herby Birch to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eather Brewer, alternate.
30. Appointed Eld. Fred Prince to preach Missionary Sormon; Eld. L. H. Brown, alternate.
31. Read and revised Ministerial and Licentiate Lists.
32. At this time Bro. C. F. Carter preached for us.
33. Called for Announcements. Eld. Edd Cooper and Bro. John Hedges preach at host church tonight.
34. Nominating Committee's report received and adopted.
35. Collection for Orphans' Home taken.
36. Collected \$42.94.
37. Motion and second that we adourn until 10:00 o'clock (old time) Saturday, October 9. Benediction by Bro. T. L. Taylor.

SATURDAY MORNING

38. The Association came together according to adjournment by singing "Never Grow Old."
39. Eld. E. H. Martin led body in prayer.
40. Song, "I Will Be Satisfied."
41. Talk by Moderator, who announced body ready for business.
42. Called for visitors.
43. Roll Call of Churches and Messengers.
44. Called for Reports.
45. Motion and second that Chairmen be given 10 minutes; and others five minutes in speaking to the reports.
46. Called for Report on Benevolence, which was adopted as read.
47. Called for Report on Foreign Missions.
48. Called for Report on Home Missions.
49. Called for Report on Education.
50. Called for Report on Sunday Schools.
51. Called for Report on Prayer Meetings.
52. Called for Report on Temperance.
53. Called for Report on Publications.
54. Called for Report on Obituaries.
55. All Reports read and adopted.
56. Called for announcements.
57. Motion and second that we adjourn one hour for refreshments. Benediction by Bro. E. K. Wiley.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

58. After a real dinner the body came together by singing.
59. Bro. Balcum led body in prayer. Song, "'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus."
60. The Moderator announced body ready for business.
61. Collection taken for Mrs. Hattie Phelps, widow, amounting to \$20.00.
62. We overlooked appointment of Assistant Moderator and Clerk, so appointed Eld. L. H. Brown, Asst. Moderator and Bro. T. L. Taylor, Asst. Clerk.
63. Collection amounting to \$14.00 taken for Home Missions.
64. Called for Report of Finance Committee.
65. Minute Fund \$73.41.
66. Home Missions, Ephesus Church, \$3.61 for Bro. S. W. Joyner; \$3.61 for Bro. C. B. Massey.
67. Orphans' Home, Camden, \$7.50.
68. Divided the Home Mission Fund between our Missionaries, S. W. Joyner \$15.91, T. L. Taylor, \$15.91.
69. At this hour Bro. E. H. Martin preached a real soul-stirring sermon.
70. Collection amounting to \$28.75 taken for Bro. Martin.
71. Motion and second that Clerk have usual number of Minutes printed retain the usual fee.
72. Song, and God blessed us with shouting and praising our Savior.
73. Motion and second that we adjourn until 10:00 o'clock Sunday. Benediction by Bro. T. L. Taylor.

SUNDAY MORNING

74. The Association came together with song and address by Moderator. Ed. Fred Prince led body in prayer. Song, "Glory To His Name."
75. The time having arrived for preaching the Missionary Sermon, Eld. S. W. Joyner, the appointee, took the stand, and after some appropriate remarks, quoted scripture from the 3rd Chapter of Matthew, "In those days came John the Baptist preaching," and in his usual way preached a real, spiritual sermon.

76. Song, "Never Grow Old," and had a handshake of endorsement, and the Association adjourned with old-time shouting and praising God.
 78. Motion and second that we adjourn to meet with Westport Missionary Baptist Church, Westport, Tenn., Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1944, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.
- So ended the most spiritual Association I ever attended.
Benediction by S. W. Joyner.

Signed:—
ELD. W. H. HOPPER, Moderator.
BRO. W. S. BRINKLEY, Clerk.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

We, your committee on Benevolence, submit the following report: To care for those in need and distress in different ways is according to the instruction of the Lord. Jesus said, "As much as you did it to one of the least of these you did it unto Me."

In our bounds we have the Old Ministers and Orphans Home, Camden, Tennessee, which is kept up and supported by the people and churches that are in sympathy with such unfortunate children and aged ministers. This institution has cared for three aged ministers and fifty-seven dependant children. We have now fifteen children in the Home, six boys, nine girls, ages from 6 to 17 years. We thank The Lord for people who still support such work. There have been six children discharged in the last year. Cash received since January 11, 1943, \$2,059.04; Expenditures, \$1,808.52; Balance on hand, \$2,505.52.

Committee:
W. H. HOPPER
C. F. CARTER

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee on Foreign Missions make the following report: 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 Scriptures to teach that the First Church was divinely called out and divinely commissioned and Divinely sent out; that it was the Will of Christ for the Holy Spirit to lead Her as She labored under world-wide and time-enduring commission. We further believe that all New Testament Churches have this same federal head and should labor under this same broad commission.

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," John 20 and 21. In Mark 16-15 He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Committee:
S. W. JOYNER
JOHN HEDGES
E. F. PRINCE

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, make the following report: We recognize Christ as the Author of Home and Foreign Missions. Jesus commissioned the Church to preach the Gospel in Judea, Samara and to the utmost parts of the earth. We believe Home Missions is the foundation of Foreign Missions. We have a number of Home Missionaries in the State of Tennessee. We have three Home Missionaries in the bounds of This Association, Eld. T. C. Taylor of Caledonia Church; Eld. S. W. Joyner of New Cross Roads Church; Eld. L. H. Brown of Orthodox Church.

Committee:
T. C. TAYLOR
R. R. HASTINGS

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY

Home Missionary sent out by New Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church: Dear Brethren and Sisters: Since meeting with Our Association, with our Home Church last year, I have labored in destitute places fourteen days; have received at these destitute places, \$10.50. I have given up all pastoral work after forty-two years pastoring churches, and will put in more time in destitute places.

ELD. S. W. JOYNER, Home Missionary

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY

Report by Home Missionary sent out by Caledonia Church: Churches visited and sermons preached, Caledonia Church, six sermons, offering \$10.21; Goodloe Church, one sermon; Vale Church, two sermons, offering \$9.98; Union Grove Church, one sermon, offering \$5.50; Success School House, eleven sermons and revival meeting at Success School House, resulting in two conversions and offerings, \$14.35.

Sermons preached 21, total offerings \$29.90.

T. C. TAYLOR, Home Missionary.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, submit the following report: We believe that we should educate our children that they may be able to read and study God's truth, but we do not believe that all depends upon education. Yet God said "Study To Show Thyself Approved," Second Timothy, 2-15. But of course our dependence for Spiritual knowledge is upon God and we believe that He can and does use unlearned men, Acts 4-13. We believe that the right kind of education can be used for the Glory of God.

Committee:

W. H. HOPPER

EDD COOPER

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: Sunday School is the teaching of the Bible and no one can teach it correctly except a Child of God. We believe that the Church should do the organizing of the Sunday School and try to make everybody feel welcome to be in the service of The Lord.

Committee:

CLARENCE F. CARTER

R. A. MORGAN

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 St. Luke 6-12 we find Jesus Himself continued all night in prayer to God, after which we find in St. Luke 6-13 "And When it was day He called Unto Him His Disciples and of them He chose twelve whom also he named Apostles." We also find in Acts 12 that Peter was delivered from prison through prayer of the church. In this dark hour, we as God's people need to come together in one accord in Prayer to God.

Committee:

JOHN HEDGES

SAM SMITH

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: We realize this is an important subject, and when we think of the subject of Temper-

ance we might think of the use of alcoholic drinks. But we must say we don't think the Holy Scripture teaches temperance in any sense when it comes to the use of alcohol. Instead it teaches total abstinence, for one Scripture says not to ever look upon it. Another says "Wine is a Mocker, Strong Drink is Raging and Whosoever Deceived Thereby Is Not Wise."

We know it is harmful to the body, minds and morals of men. Strong drink weakens the mind, dethrones reason. It shatters the nerves. It causes sorrow, misery and woe and according to statistics causes more deaths than all the wars. May God help us as His people to not use it, but stand firm against it's use.

Committee:

N. C. WILLIAMS

C. E. CARRINGTON

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

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

Committee: C. L. WALLACE

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on Publications, submit the following: We feel that Publications are a much neglected phase of the work though as vital as it may be. We believe that Baptists should more fully realize the fact that their faith and practice can be taught through the press and that this truth should be put into print and placed in as many homes as possible.

Of course, the Bible, is the Chief Text Book and nothing should take its place, but it is an evident fact that religious books, tracts and papers are mediums through which much sentiment is formed and moulded in the minds of people. Therefore we believe that Baptists should use the press to help get this truth before the people. Many tracts and books are filled with heresy such as the no hell theory, are being distributed. We believe Baptists should meet the issue. We recommend the Independent Baptist Voice as being a sound, wholesome and helpful publication.

Committee:

L. H. BROWN

J. C. NANNY

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries, submit the following: During this associational year the Death Angel has visited many of our homes and churches and took from us thirty-four loved ones for which our hearts have been made very sad. Our Blessed Lord says "Precious In the Sight of the Lord, is the Death of His Saint," Ps. 116-15; also Rev. 4-14 says, "Blessed Are the Dead Henceforth Sayeth the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." We recommend living a consecrated life as we in life are admonished to let our light so shine that others seeing our good works will glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

Committee:

N. C. WILLIAMS

G. C. PARISH

VOTE OF THANKS

We, the messengers from the Churches of the Southwestern District Association wish to extend to New Bethel Church and Community our hearty thanks for the kindness and welcome given us and the sweet fellowship we had together.

W. S. BRINKLEY, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL LIST—1943

Name and Church	Postoffice
Birch, H. S., Yuma	Yuma, Tenn.
Bird, D. D., Eagle Creek	Eagle Creek, Tenn.
Brewer, Eather, Mt. Pisgah	Darden, Tenn.
Brown, L. H., Orthodox	Jackson, Tenn.
Butler, Neil, Pleasant Hill	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Carter, C. F., Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Cooper, Edd, Cross Roads	Camden, Tenn.
Dameron, O. V., Mt. Pisgah	Wildersville, Tenn.
Hopper, W. H., Orthodox	Jackson, Tenn.
Herndon, W. J., Pleasant Ridge	Camden, Tenn.
Myers, R. L., Ephesus	Manasfield, Tenn.
Paschal, J. Robert, Baptist Home	Camden, Tenn.
Pettigrew, S. A., New Cross Roads	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Prince, Fred, Calcedonia	Henry, Tenn.
Park, E. W., Flat Woods	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Martin, E. H., Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Baker, Clayton, Flatwoods	Jackson, Tenn.
Baker, Norman, Flatwoods	Jackson, Tenn.
Quinn, Glinnie, Cedar Hill	Parsons, Tenn.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

- AKINS CHAPEL—By Letter.
- BETHEL—C. F. Carter, Aline Carter.
- BIBLE GROVE—Ollie Lewis and Wife.
- CALEDONIA—Rufus Hastings, T. C. Taylor.
- CEDAR HILL—G. C. Dennison, Glinnie Quinn.
- CROSS ROADS—Edd Cooper, Joe Kee.
- CHALK HILL—Tom Hollingsworth, Earnie Davis.
- CONCORD—Edd Stokes, Ruthie Stokes.
- EAGLE CREEK—By Letter.
- EPHESUS—Eld. R. L. Myers, J. C. Nanny.
- FLATWOODS—By Letter.
- MT. COMFORT—G. C. Parish, Albert Hampton.
- MT. PISGAH—By Letter.
- MARLSBORO—Mr. and Mrs. Milford Wilson.
- NEW HOPE—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carrington.
- NEW LIBERTY—Clyde Ross, Luther Gurley.
- NEW CROSS ROADS—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bell.
- NEW PROSPECT—By Letter.
- NEW SPRING HILL—R. A. Morgan, O. A. Everett.
- NEW BETHEL—Jim McPeake, Carl Wallace.
- OAK GROVE—By Letter.
- ORTHODOX—Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brown.
- PLEASANT RIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Williams.
- PLEASANT HILL—Edd Kee, John Hedges.
- PLEASANT GROVE—A. J. Tolly, E. Rickman.
- RUSHING CREEK—By Letter.
- SHILOH—By Letter.
- WESTPORT—Sam Smith, Ezra Lewis.
- YUMA—Jim Robertson, Elwood Morris.

LICENTIATES

Name and Church	Post Office
Rogers, Clint, Mt. Comfort	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Wood, E. G., Mt. Pisgah	Wildersville, Tenn.
Holder, Ellis, Orthodox	Jackson, Tenn.
Taylor, T. C., Calcedonia	McKenzie, Tenn.
Nanny, J. C., Ephesus	McKenzie, Tenn.
Noles, Robert, Bethel	Huntingdon, Tenn.
Hedges, John, Pleasant Hill	Bruceston, Tenn.
Anderson, John, Pleasant Hill	Buena Vista, Tenn.
Abbott, J. D., Pleasant Hill	Camden, Tenn.
Bawcum, S. E., New Prospect	Holladay, Tenn.
Simpson, Ebern, Westport	Westport, Tenn.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

BETHEL—3 Rinda Cole Estelle Bennett Erin Bush	NEW BETHEL—1 J. C. Wallace
CHALK HILL—1 James H. Lashlee	OAK GROVE—2 J. L. Jones E. F. Butler
CEDAR HILL—2 Sarah Cagle I. M. Fowler	PLEASANT GROVE—3 W. G. Johnson, Deacon A. M. Harris, Deacon Chester McCoy
CALEDONIA—1 J. S. Lee	PLEASANT RIDGE—2 J. W. Jordan Leon Jordan
FLAT WOODS—1 Billie Pinkley	SHILOH—5 J. H. Hill Willie Taylor Dona Morgan Thelma Hodge Mary Hamilton
MT. COMFORT—5 H. H. Horn Leon Hampton Rev. Will Thomas A. F. Parish B. N. Melton	CONCORD—1
NEW PROSPECT—2 Eliza Johnson Ida Johnson	BIBLE GROVE—1
	EPHESUS—1
	NEW LIBERTY—1

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 West 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 in 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
1879 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

Southwestern District Baptist Association	Southwestern District Baptist Association	Southwestern District Baptist Association
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
1943 New Bethel, Henry 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 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 reprovved 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 proceeds 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.

Statistical Table Southwestern District Baptist Association

CHURCHES	Pastor and Post Office	Clerk and Post Office	Church Day		Letter Restor't		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	G'fts to Other Designated Mis.	Grand total of all	
			Baptisms	Total	Total	Total															
Akins Chapel	Cecil O. Young, Darden, Tenn.	Mrs. Roda Taylor, Sugar Tree, Tenn.	4	1	1	3	3	47	1	1	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$50	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 160.50	
Bethel	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	E. C. Woodard, McKenzie, Tenn.	1	5	1	6	4	2	6	135	1	2	16.20	150.00	101.00	2.00	6.00	31.50			304.07
Bible Grove	W. H. Hopper, Jackson, Tenn.	V. L. Wood, Lexington, Tenn.	2	5	8	13	14	1	16	189	1	1		100.00	73.50	2.75				173.50	
Concord	L. H. Brown, Jackson, Tenn.	L. E. Brown, Huntingdon, Tenn.	2	2	2	3	1	4	108	1	2	550.00	170.00		2.00	26.50				746.50	
Cross Roads	Edd Cooper, Camden, Tenn.	Joe J. Kee, Camden, Tenn.	4	1	6	7	3		3	146	1	1		185.00		2.00				187.00	
Chalk Hill	H. D. Lankford, Henry, Tenn.	J. E. Davis, Huntingdon, Tenn.	1	5	1	6		1	1	98	1	1	46.34	240.50	76.62	4.00		97.34			461.80
Cedar Hill	Woodard Bartholomew, Parsons, Tenn.	Ralph Gullidge, Parsons, Tenn.	1&2	1	1	4	2	6	180	1	1	70.00	261.67	18.05	2.15						361.97
Caledonia	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	Mrs. Rufus Hastings, Henry, Tenn.	4			3	1	4	55	1	1	16.00	130.00	72.88	3.34	32.60		63.10			314.58
Ephesus	Eather Brewer, Darden, Tenn.	Lena Forrest, Mansfield, Tenn.	2	1	2	3		1	1	78	1	1	100.00	90.00		4.22	6.10	7.22			213.50
Eagle Creek	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	Maggie Morrison, Eagle Creek, Tenn.	1	1	2	3	2		2	104	1	1				1.25		19.45			20.70
Flat Woods	G. G. Joyner, Jackson, Tenn.	D. E. McMillain, Holladay, Tenn.	4	4	1	5	6	1	7	117	1	1		150.00	41.74	1.50	20.66	51.00			298.30
Marlsboro	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	G. W. Carter, Vale, Tenn.	4	9	2	11				123	1	1	43.51	180.75	12.50	2.25	35.87				275.63
Mt. Comfort	Neil Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	G. C. Parish, West Port, Tenn.	4	7		7	2	5	7	204	1	1	16.50	147.25	28.32	2.90	25.11	7.14			218.32
Mt. Pisgah	S. W. Joyner, Huntingdon, Tenn.	G. T. Hatch, Wildersville, Tenn.	2							153	1	1	33.84	137.30	53.00	2.00	50.30	13.50			287.94
New Liberty	Elmo Blakely, Lexington, Tenn.	Elizabeth Ross, Cedar Grove, Tenn.	2					1	1	132	1	1		244.50	17.00	2.00	4.25	49.20			314.95
New Hope	S. W. Joyner, Huntingdon, Tenn.	Mrs. C. E. Carrington, West Port	3			4		4	135	1	1		100.00	40.00	2.00	15.00					155.00
New Prospect	H. S. Burch, Yuma, Tenn.	Ray Clift, Holladay, Tenn.	2	2	1	1	2	2	4	195	1	1		209.03		2.00					211.03
New Spring Hill	C. F. Carter, Huntingdon, Tenn.	R. A. Morgan, Huntingdon, Tenn.	2&4	1		1	1		1	26	1	1	70.00	110.00	28.03	2.00	5.30	5.25			218.58
New Cross Road	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	T. L. Campbell, Huntingdon, Tenn.	4	6	2	8				106	1	2		153.15	29.35	2.05	27.65	44.41			259.46
New Bethel	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	T. K. Perry, Henry, Tenn.	2	6		6		1	1	142	1	1	40.50	186.55	62.90	2.60		11.45			313.50
Orthodox	L. H. Brown, Jackson, Tenn.	R. H. Boyd, Bemis, Tenn.	1&3	2	4	6	5	1	6	210	1	1	182.11	350.00	166.01	5.00	103.56	314.67			1,422.15
Oak Grove	W. H. Hopper, Jackson, Tenn.	C. L. Butler, Buena Vista, Tenn.	1	2	2	3	2	5	213	1	1		166.40	71.20	4.40	84.61					237.60
Pleasant Hill	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	W. J. Allen, Buena Vista, Tenn.	3	9	1	10	2	5	7	370	1	1	15.00	210.00	40.00	3.25	220.67	7.40			500.00
Pleasant Grove	Herby Birch, Yuma, Tenn.	G. W. Williams, Wildersville, Tenn.	4	3	5	8	7	3	10	149	1	1		160.00	92.00	1.50	12.45	47.75			313.70
Pleasant Ridge	Fred Prince, Henry, Tenn.	N. C. Williams, Camden, Tenn.	1	3		3		2	2	136	1	1		209.00	18.50	2.00		7.50			226.00
Rushing Creek	J. B. McMillin, Huntingdon, Tenn.	R. P. Wilhoite, Camden, Tenn.	1							67	1	1		120.00		2.15	9.60				131.75
Shiloh	C. L. Haggard, Beacon, Tenn.	G. W. Fullerton, Holladay, Tenn.	3	6	6	12	2	4	6	75	1	1	46.95	160.85		2.30	50.00	29.97			296.57
Westport	L. H. Brown, Jackson, Tenn.	E. K. Lewis, Westport, Tenn.	2	11	2	13	3		3	215	1	1	34.22	146.76		5.00	88.08	68.15			537.21
Yuma	A. U. Nunnery, Parsons, Tenn.	M. A. Haywood, Yuma, Tenn.	1	10	2	12	4	1	5	218	1	1	12.00	50.00	51.00	2.00					263.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

Churches	Superintendent and Post Office	Officers and Teachers		Enrollment	Gifts and Expense
		Officers	Teachers		
Atkins Chapel	B. E. Britt, Sugar Tree, Tenn.	6	53		
Bethel	William Coy Rich, Huntingdon	11	40		\$72.00
Concord	Mrs. Leonard Brown, Huntingdon	5	25		45.25
Chalk Hill	C. A. Arnold, Camden, Tenn.	6			18.31
Cedar Hill	J. V. Smith, Parsons, Tenn.	7	61		10.00
Caledonia	Rev. T. C. Taylor, McKenzie, Tenn.	7	28		3.00
Eagle Creek	G. R. Morrison, Eagle Creek	8	85		24.50
Flat Woods	Ezra Cox, Holladay, Tenn.	7	82		25.90
Marlsboro	G. W. Carter, Vale, Tenn.	4	30		
New Prospect	S. M. Smith, Holladay, Tenn.	6			8.00
New Bethel	Carl Wallace, Henry, Tenn.	4			9.50
Orthodox	Roy Butler, Bemis, Tenn.	16	100		50.00
Pleasant Grove	G. W. Williams, Wildersville, Tenn.	9	60		59.26
Pleasant Ridge	H. M. Bond, Zach, Tenn.	10	40		
Rushing Creek	L. H. Stockdale, Camden, Tenn.	5	30		5.25
Shiloh	Earl Webb, Holladay, Tenn.	8	42		6.50
Westport	Floyd Thomason, Westport, Tenn.	1	80		54.55
Yuma	J. R. Allen, Huntingdon, Tenn.	9	50		25.00