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to be held with New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

2010 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -----	Bro. Robert Simmons
Alternate -----	Bro. John D. Small
Doctrinal Sermon-----	Bro. Phillip Halter
Alternate -----	Bro. Tracy McDaniel

History of Cross Roads

Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church is rich in history from every generation. It was first organized on December 3, 1849 by Elijah Autry and David Quinn. Services began in an existing building that also served as Cross Roads School. The church endured many things (including the Civil War), but God brought them through as the members remained faithful and Cross Roads continued to grow. In 1917, the membership moved into their newly constructed church. As time marched on, so did God's children. In October 1931, Sunday School was organized and added to the service. In July of 1934, a choir was built on to the church. That year revival broke out and 21 people joined during the meeting. In August of 1975, the motion was made and passed to build rest rooms in the church. We wonder today how we ever worshipped without such conveniences. Over the years Cross Roads met "Part" time for worship, meaning twice a month and other times "Full" time. We have been a "Full" time church since 1981. That commitment lead to the preached Word affecting more souls that were saved and even more growth in our membership. In May of 1995, the Lord blessed with another new building and Cross Roads held their first service in the building we now call home. This past year we purchased a little over 5 acres of land across from the church in anticipation of what the Lord has yet for us as we continue to grow. We have seen what He has done in our past, we are thankful for what He is doing in the present and we are excited to see what He has in store for Cross Roads future!



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Order of Business

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2010

- Call Association to Order
- Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- Appoint Finance Committee
- Appoint Topics Committee for 2011 Session
- Appoint Obituary Recorder
- Reading Of the Rules of Decorum
- Call For Reception of Church Letters
- Call for Petitioning Church Letters
- Roll Call of Messengers
- Elect Moderator, Clerk, and Assistants
- Select Host Church for 2011 Session
- Select Brethren to Preach 2011 Annual Sermons
- Introductory Sermon - 11:00 a.m.
- Call for Correspondence
- Call for Report on *the necessity of the drawing of the father and Godly sorrow in salvation*
- Call for Report on *the subject of regeneration, what is the meaning of John 3:25*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

- Roll Call of Messengers
- Call for Report of Finance Committee
- Call for Report of Obituary Recorder
- Call for Report of Historical Committee
- Call for Report on *How does scripture refute the idea/belief that the saved can be lost?*
- Doctrinal Sermon—11:00 a.m.
- Call for Report of the Topics Committee
- Call for the Report on “Current Event Topic”
- Call for Report from Associational Missionary
- Call for New Business
- Reading of the *Vote of Thanks*
- Read and approve minutes by clerk
- Song and parting hand

Elected Officers for 2009-2010

Moderator		<p>Eld. Johnny Wall 100 Welch Lane Lavinia, TN 38348 (731) 987-2597 home (731) 694-6294 cell webmaster@swdmba.org</p>	New Bethel Church
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

Friday Morning

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met for her one hundred sixty first annual session with Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church on a rainy fall morning. The Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, asked Bro. Donnie Hines, McFerrin Church (Wiseman Association), to lead the congregation in a song. He was accompanied by Sis. Norma Hedge, Cross Roads Church, on the organ and Sis. Dawn Thompson, Cross Roads Church, on the piano. With a near full house, the congregation stood and sang "I've Got That Old Time Religion (In My Heart)". The moderator welcomed all to the 161st session of Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. Despite the rain outside, everything on the inside was nice. He asked Bro. Kenneth Massey, pastor of Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church (Wiseman Association), to lead us in prayer. He called the body together for the 161st session. He thanked God for being saved and also for being a part of the Missionary Baptist Church. He did not know where he would be today without the Missionary Baptist Church. He read from Matthew 22:34-40; II Peter 1:4-9.

Bro. Randy Thompson was introduced as the host pastor. He told how the church was looking forward to this meeting since being chosen last session. The desire of all should be to uplift our Lord and Savior. He asked his deacons to stand and be recognized. They are as follows:

Bro. Jackie Wimberly
Bro. Ronnie Stewart
Bro. Brown Herrin
Bro. Jimmy Hicks

(Bro. Kenny Hicks and Bro. Myron Kirk were two more deacons present Saturday only)

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Pastor and Deacon Body of Cross Roads Church

Finance Committee:

Bro. Lester Waugh - Concord Church
Bro. Lynn Breeden - Yuma Church
Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. - Clarksburg Church

2010 Topic Committee:

Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. (Chairman) - Clarksburg Church

Bro. Robert Simmons – Center Point Church

Bro. Rufus Chandler – Concord Church

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Marshall Gurley

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

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

The Roll Call of Messengers was made and 69 messengers were seated by motion and second. Motion carried.

Before entering the election, Bro. Lynn Stapleton asked if we could gather in an altar of prayer for our churches and for the ones elected to preach the sermon. The congregation gathered for an altar of prayer.

After the prayer, we entered into the election of officers for the year.

Bro. Johnny Wall, New Bethel Church, was nominated as moderator. Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church, was also nominated as moderator. Motion and second was made that nominations cease and take a vote; motion carried. The assistant moderator, Bro. Andrew Stokes assumed the position of moderator for the voting process. Bro. Stokes asked all those in favor of Bro. Ray Smith to stand; twenty-seven stood. He asked all those in favor of Bro. Johnny Wall to stand; thirty-two stood in favor of Bro. Johnny Wall. Bro. Johnny Wall was elected by the majority vote.

Bro. Wall assumed the position of moderator and opened the floor for nominations for assistant moderator. Bro. Marshall Gurley, New Liberty Church, was nominated. Bro. Gurley was appreciative of the nomination but asked not to be considered. Bro. Clint Sanders, Pleasant Ridge Church, was nominated as assistant moderator. Bro. Andrew Stokes, Clarksburg Church, was also nominated. Motion and second was made that nominations cease. Bro. Clint then stated that he would like to remove his name from consideration. Both of those that made the motion and second agreed to remove their motion to cease nominations. A motion and second was made that nominations cease and Bro. Andrew Stokes be elected by acclamation be elected by acclamation. Motion carried 31-19.

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

A motion and second was made to elect Bro. Clint Sanders, Pleasant Ridge Church, as the assistant clerk. Motion carried.

Seven Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2010 session. A motion and second was made to select New Hope Church as the host site. Motion carried.

Bro. Andrew Stokes and Bro. Robert Simmons were nominated to preach the Introductory Sermon. Motion and second was made for nominations to cease. Motion carried. Bro. Simmons was elected by a vote of 40-17.

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

Bro. Phillip Halter was nominated to preach the Doctrinal Sermon and being the only one nominated a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

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

With the eleven o'clock hour here, the moderator asked for a song led by Bro. Donnie Hines, with Sis. Dawn Thompson on the piano and Sis. Norma Hedge on the organ. After the congregation singing, the moderator, Bro. Wall, introduced the one selected to bring the Introductory sermon. He said Bro. Bryan Oakes is a man he has grown to love. He remembers the night Bro. Oakes was ordained since he had his own ordination shortly thereafter. Bro. Oakes is the Pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and a man of God that preaches the truth. He needs the spirit just like we all do. Without the spirit of God we will all fall flat.

Introductory Sermon

Bro. Bryan Oakes

Bro. Bryan Oakes took the stand and told of the honor to stand and bring the message today. He read from I Timothy 6:20-21 and went to the Lord in prayer. Bro. Oakes had the thought "A Charge to Keep." Paul was telling Timothy these charges, but these apply to us all. We all have a great responsibility to



our churches. We have been entrusted with the truth, the sound gospel. This should give us greater desire to live our life for God. Paul was warning Timothy of the false teachings that abound, and today these teachings are still present.

All throughout the New Testament, we are told about the false teachings that are there. In II Timothy 15 Paul tells Timothy to study to show thyself approved unto God. Why? Paul also told Timothy to avoid error and to hold to the truth and to be careful to shun vain babblings. Bro. Oakes also illustrated of how false teachings eat at us like a canker. He mentioned those that deny the truth and that we should deny them and shun them, but the foundation of God standeth sure. Looking ahead to the future, Paul knew that many false teachers were arising and that if a stand was not taken that the church of the Living God would be full of many false professors. He told how when he was young he was taught drugs and alcohol were bad. For many years, he said “no” to the offers to partake of these things. Deep down seeds were being planted, and he began to wonder what these things were like. After taking this road, he thanked the Lord for saving him and setting him on the straight path. This is what Paul is warning of, to stay away from those things.

Paul is thinking of all the false teaching and religions that are coming up. He was talking about these two that have fallen from the truth. The foundation of God standeth sure. Paul knew this foundation and knew it would stand.

In II Timothy 4:1-4, Paul was charging Timothy, and he is also charging us. We need to realize that God is always watching us and keeping a record of the things we do and do not do. One day we will stand accountable of the actions and deeds we do on this Earth. We need to realize that one day we will stand in judgment. Our charge today is to preach the gospel and to be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering. As ministers, we should be ready to proclaim the gospel and always ready to rebuke the false doctrines. He encouraged God’s people to keep pressing on. We must do this with “patience and longsuffering”.

He read from I Corinthians 15:1-3 and referred to how in verse 3, Paul was declaring it in the way he received it. Paul encouraged Timothy not to add to or take away from God’s word. He read from Revelation 22:18-21 and emphasized that we cannot add to God’s word.

God has given us everything we need for the battle. We are his workmanship, created unto good works. We have not chosen Christ, but he chose us and ordained us to bring forth fruit. God has chosen us and set us in the church to reach out to those that are lost.

When Paul told Timothy to study, it applies to us all. The only way to know if we are hearing the truth is to study the word ourselves. When we study, we keep the truths pure and pass them on to future generations.

He read from Deuteronomy 6:1-9. We need to fear the Lord and love him with all our heart, mind and soul. These commandments shall be in our heart, and we can teach them to our children. The most important thing we can do for our children is to teach them about the Lord. We take these truths; we can pass them on to future generations. Those that have stood for many years have preserved the truth and kept the church going. He especially thanked the Lord for all those who are still standing for the truth. May we all be found standing when the Lord comes back. When the Lord comes back, may he find us contending for the truth and pass it on to those who shall follow.

No where in the great commission are we told to hoard it up and keep it to ourselves. Instead he tells us to go into the entire world. In the parable of the great supper, many made excuses, but they were told to go in the streets and invite all in. After inviting more in, there was still room. He instructed them to compel them to come in. The word compel means to almost go as far as force them. We do not force people to come to the Lord, but we do keep on encouraging them to get saved.

He went back to I Timothy 6:11-12. The best thing Paul could do for Timothy was to encourage him to follow righteousness and to fight the good fight of faith. We are not in a literal battle against flesh and blood, but we are fighting against evil. II Corinthians 3:9 tells that we are all laborers with God. We do not all preach and teach the same, but we are in the same battle of reaching the lost with a message of hope. We are in a battle, and we have all we want in our adversary the devil. He is trying to destroy our lives and our families.

Maybe we should all go back to Exodus 17:8-16. Here is where we are told of how Israel was in trouble but as long as Moses would keep his arms lifted up Israel would prevail. As Israel battled with Amalek, Moses lifted up his arms; they prevailed. Moses lifted

his arms and he became tired; when he lowered his arms, they fell in defeat. As his arms got tired, Aaron and Hur came and put rocks under his arms to keep his arms lifted up.

He said that many may not need him, but he needed them. There is still no place to quit bearing the burden of carrying God's word. We have all faced times of great discouragement. Bro. Oakes said there were times he wanted to throw in the towel, but he cannot do it. He needs the support of his brothers and sisters to help him in this battle.

He told of how Jason in the Book of Acts was accused of turning the world upside down and maybe that one day we would be accused of the same thing for preaching about Jesus.

Bro. Oakes turned the service back over to the moderator. The moderator asked for a song as we shook hands with Bro. Oakes and each other.

A motion and second was made to adjourn till 1:00 PM for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Tracy McDaniel, Oak Grove (CC) Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled after enjoying a most wonderful lunch prepared by the host church and friends. We stood together and sang "Have A Little Talk With Jesus", and "When We All Get to Heaven" led by Bro. George Haggard, New Prospect Church and Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, on the piano.

The moderator read from I Corinthians 13:1-13, and reminded us that this love is agape love, or a heavenly love. He called the association back to order and asked Bro. Edward Malone, New Bethel Church, to lead us in prayer. The moderator then thanked the host church for the bountiful meal and for everything they have done.

He asked for any visitors present to stand and be recognized (see list on p. 38).

The moderator then called for any correspondence to be read at this time. The clerk read letters from the Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, Wiseman Baptist Association, Siloam Missionary Baptist Association. Motion and second was made to include the letters in the minutes. Motion carried.

Bro. Andrew Stokes asked to address the body and thank

them for electing him for another year. He thanked the messengers for electing him for another year. He told how he loved the assembling of this body of people. He told how the association is another means in which we can come together and worship our Savior Jesus Christ. He told how we can look to the Lord and his word to guide us through this world.

The clerk and the assistant also took a minute to thank the messengers for electing them to their respective positions.

Motion and second was made for ten minutes for chairman and five minutes for the co-chairman. Motion carried.

Call for report on What are the Pastor's responsibility to the church and the Church's responsibility to the pastor

What is the pastor's responsibility to the church and the church's responsibility to the pastor?

It is evident by the title of this topic that there will not be near enough time to discuss it at length. Your committee believes it to be one of the most important topics under consideration by our Association. It is a subject too often misunderstood and neglected by both pastor and church. Volumes could be written and lengthy speeches made on this subject alone during this session of our Association, but time and good sense will not allow it. We, your committee hope that this will be the foundation for further discussion on this subject.

It is certain that both the ministry and the church will be accountable to God in judgment. 1 Peter 4:17 says, judgment must begin at the house of God. If judgment begins with the church it is reasonable to expect it will continue with the ministry. It is imperative that each one, church and pastor realize their respective duties and step up to the plate. The responsibilities are too great and the consequences too grave to miss the mark.

In Ecclesiastes 9:10 Solomon said "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." He observed that we only have a limited time to achieve our purpose. There is an old adage also that says, "Anything worth doing is worth doing right."

It is our sincere belief that God made man in His own image and likeness, and that likeness includes intelligence. In general, man is an intelligent creature and his accomplishments are astounding. Similarly, God has placed men of great intellect and accomplishment in his church, providing the necessary knowledge, skills and resources for the advancement of His kingdom in this present world. At the same time, He has given us the Comforter, whom Jesus said would guide us into all knowledge so we can more perfectly understand and carry out His divine will.

In Ephesians 4:1 Paul makes an appeal to the believer when he said, "I beseech you therefore brethren, that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." This is the only place in Scripture where the word vocation appears. Vocation is defined in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary as a divine calling to religious life, which is a concept not unfamiliar to Missionary Baptists. It is also defined as one's occupation or life's work. It goes without saying that all who have been saved have been called of God to a higher purpose and praise the Lord, that calling is not for the short term, but for the long haul.

A pastor's responsibilities or duties are found in a number of passages in the New Testament. A pastor is responsible for the oversight of the church (Acts 20:28), to look in to doctrinal matters (Acts 15:6), to be the under-shepherd of the church and also to be a godly example for people to follow (I Peter 5:1-2). He is to pray and visit the sick. James 5:14 says "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:" These are just a few of the pastors responsibilities to the Church. The greatest responsibility is to pray and study that he may preach and teach the word of God. In Acts 6:2, the twelve called the multitude of disciples together and told them it wasn't right to leave the word of God to serve tables and they committed themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

The most important responsibility of any pastor is to apply himself to study the Scriptures, to rightly divide and interpret the word of God so that he might preach and teach the truth and not the thoughts of man. Paul told Timothy in II Tim 2:15, to "Study to show thyself

approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Paul also said in Titus 1:9, to hold fast to the faithful word he has been taught so that he may, by sound doctrine, exhort and convince the gainsayers of the truth

Through the pastor’s sermons and teachings, he shows his love for God and also his love for the church, while telling of God’s love for mankind. The number one priority of the apostles was to preach and teach the Scriptures. That should be of the utmost importance to preachers today. When preachers preach and teach the Bible, mankind will be warned about sin, made aware of the character of God, be encouraged in the faith and learn how to live the Christian life. If the preacher fails in his responsibility to preach and teach the word, and to lead by example, his congregation will be tossed by every wind of doctrine and will fall into the snare of the Devil.

Church, you have a solemn obligation to your pastor to do everything within your power to see that he can fulfill what Paul says in Philip-
pians 3:14 is “the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 6:6 says, “Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.” Pray for your pastor, love him and support him with your presence at worship services. Be mindful of his extraordinary position and responsibilities. And by all means be aware of your responsibility to support him adequately financially.

The pastor has more than a full time job. He is on call twenty-four seven, three hundred and sixty five days a year every year. He is not just employed for thirty to sixty minutes on Sundays. As Paul reveals in Romans 9:2 the pastor will have great heaviness and a continual burden for each and every member of his church. As you pray for your pastor remember he is not only praying for you but for every member of the church and for their family members and friends.

Preaching the Gospel is a wonderful privilege and an enjoyable work. Caring for people and doing what he can for them is both enjoyable and rewarding to the pastor. But the pastor also has the responsibility of reproving and confronting church members who are living in sin and doing wrong. He has the heartbreaking responsibility of dealing with unruly members and the aftermath of their careless attitudes. In spite of his tireless efforts, he bears the unfortunate fallout from strife

and divisions that disrupt fellowship and hinders the cause of Christ in and out of his church.

Jesus tells us in Luke 10:7 that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 9:9 not to muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. 1 Tim 5:17 says the elders or pastors who rule well are worthy of double honor. These statements taken in context are clear references to financial support. However, the word honor has many shades of meaning. First, God places the pastor in a leadership position with great responsibility. He should be esteemed highly. That is, he should be loved and respected for his work's sake. These men are servants of the Most High God. Secondly, the pastor has been called out from the world and worldly engagements, and should be well compensated for his efforts. No amount of money should entice him to soften or slant the truth for popularity's sake. Nor should it hinder him from fulfilling his obligations to his own family.

Brethren, when the world has passed away and men stand before the judgment seat of Christ, let us be sure the pastor and the church have fulfilled their mutual obligations to each other. Let us labor together that the ministry be not blamed of anything and that the church as much as is possible may appear without spot or wrinkle. And to God be the glory, in the church, by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The report on *What are the pastor's responsibility to the church and the church's responsibility to the pastor* was read, adopted and spoken to by Brothers Bryan Oakes, Lynn Stapleton, and Kenneth Massey.

Call for report on *What Constitutes Scriptural Baptism?*

What Constitutes Scriptural Baptism?

Authority, Administrator, Candidate, Method

(Authority)

The first New Testament account of anyone performing water baptism was John the Baptist. (*Matthew 3:5-6*) John the Baptist received

his authority from God. Later, Jesus would come to John to be baptized by him. All four points of our report can be identified in the baptism of Jesus. First of all, John the Baptist was the only one baptizing under the authority of God. This was so important that Jesus makes a long journey to be baptized by the proper authority. (*Matthew 3:13*) After the temptation in the wilderness, Jesus starts His ministry and calls His disciples. Before John is imprisoned he is found baptizing at Aeon near Salim. (*John 3:23*) John is questioned about Jesus in verse 26. “And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all *men* come to him.” John goes on to say that Jesus must increase but he himself must decrease. (*John 3:30*) Jesus and His disciples held the authority to administer baptism. Therefore, the authority to baptize from the beginning has come from God. God first ordained John the Baptist to baptize with water. When John baptized Jesus and the Holy Spirit descended on Him; He also had authority to baptize. Soon after this, John’s ministry came to an end. Jesus extended the authority to baptize to His disciples. After the resurrection and before Jesus left this earth He gave an **order** to His disciples. **Matthew 28:16-19** ¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...” On the day of Pentecost Peter preached his first gospel message in the power of the Holy Spirit. There were about 3,000 converts that day. These were baptized in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ by the authority of the Apostles and the Church at Jerusalem... (*Acts 2:41*)

After the transgression of Judas Iscariot there were eleven disciples remaining. *Acts 1:22-26* tells us that Matthias was chosen to take the place of Judas. These twelve apostles, according to **Ephesians 2:19-22** were the foundation of the Lord’s Church. ¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; ²⁰ And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; ²¹ In whom all the building fitly framed together

groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: ²² In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” We no longer have Apostles with us; therefore the scriptural authority today for water baptism belongs to the Lord’s Church.

(Administrator)

The proper administrator of baptism is closely associated with the proper authority for baptism. The Lord left His authority with His disciples and His Church. The true Christian Church is responsible for the authentic “*one baptism*” spoken of in **Ephesians 4:5**. Since baptism has been ordered by Jesus Christ, we recognize baptism as a church ordinance. (*Matthew 28:19 Ordered*) It then follows logically that an “*ordained*” man be the administrator of this church ordinance under the authority of the local New Testament Church. If we observe and follow the scriptural pattern of the administration of water baptism we find this order; John the Baptist (*Divinely Ordained*), Jesus Christ (*Divinely Ordained*), Jesus’ Disciples & Church (*Divinely Ordained*), Philip the Evangelist (*Church Ordained, Acts 6:5*), Ananias (*Divinely Ordained, Acts 9:11*) Peter & Company (*Divinely & Church Ordained, House of Cornelius, Acts 10*) Barnabas (*Church Ordained, Acts 11:22-24*) **Acts 14:23** indicates to us that Paul and Barnabas **ordained elders** in every church they evangelized; leaving with these churches qualified administrators to perform water baptism. ²³ And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.” Paul and Silas (*Divine & Church Ordained, Baptism of Lydia, Acts 16:14-15, Philippian Jailor Conversion, Acts 16:29-34*) All these examples show us that the proper administrator of water baptism would be a man who has been **Divinely Ordained and/or Church Ordained** to administer this ordinance.

(Candidate)

From the very first examples of water baptism we find that John the Baptist would not and did not baptize just anybody and everybody. He had requirements that the candidate had to meet. John came preaching repentance. (*Matthew 3:2*) There had to be a change of heart made manifest in a person who desired his baptism. Some Pharisees and Sadducees came to John’s baptism but John knew that they were not qualified to receive his baptism. **Matthew 3:7-8** ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his bap-

tism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.” The word “*meet*” means “*answerable to an amendable life.*” John the Baptist was requiring the same thing that true Baptists’ today still require. He wanted a testimony from the candidate that he/she had repented and had a change of heart. At the time of John’s Baptism the Holy Spirit had not been poured out upon all flesh. (*Acts 2:17*) John baptized with water unto repentance; (*Matthew 3:11*) the people that he baptized did not at this point have the assurance of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Today when someone repents to God’s requirement and believes upon the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation the Holy Spirit comes in and gives assurance to that person. A person that has had this experience has the fruits of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22-23*) and can give testimony of their regeneration. Therefore, a truly converted, regenerated person can “*bring forth fruits meet for repentance*” as was required by John the Baptist. Today we call this “*giving our experience.*” A person who has been genuinely saved by the grace of God is the only fit candidate for water baptism.

(*Method*)

Romans 6:3-5 ³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection... These verses make it clear that baptism is a picture of a watery grave. In disposing of a dead corpse who would ever think that sprinkling some dirt over the body would be adequate? Or would anyone think that pouring some dirt over a corpse from a vase would be “*close enough?*” As preachers, we have performed many funerals. Every person that has chosen a traditional burial has been totally immersed into the soil. Water baptism is a picture; it is a statement; it is a profession that others might see visibly that this person has had an inward conversion and has made a commitment to live a Christian life from hence forth. Paul continues to explain what our statement of public baptism means for our future life. **Romans 6:17-18** ¹⁷ But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. ¹⁸ Be-

ing then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” After our conversion, the struggle between the inward person and the outward person begins. The picture of total emersion of the old man or woman is saying to the world that we commit to bury the deeds of the old man or woman and we pledge to yield the members of our bodies to works of righteousness. Bringing the flesh under subjection to the will of the Holy Spirit is a life long effort and we all have our struggles with this. Even the Apostle Paul admitted his struggle with the flesh. **Romans 7:19-25** “¹⁹ For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. ²⁰ Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. ²¹ I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. ²² For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: ²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? ²⁵ I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” One day, we who have been saved by the grace of God will be raised or changed in the first resurrection; this corruptible will put on incorruption and this mortal shall be given immortality. (*1st Corinthians 15:51-57*) On that day, the picture that was projected at our baptism will be made a complete reality. We will be delivered literally and totally from this body of death.

Humbly Submitted,
Eld. Johnny Wall
Eld. Marshall Gurley

The report on What Constitutes Scriptural Baptism was read, adopted and spoken to by Brothers Johnny Wall, Marshall Gurley, and Jimmie Hale, Jr.

Bro. Ray Smith wanted to thank everyone for allowing to him serve this association for the past 56 years. He loves this association and hopes and prays the Lord would continue to bless this body.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

Saturday Morning

On a cool Saturday morning, we met together again at Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church for the second day of the 161st annual session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. The moderator, Bro. Johnny Wall, welcomed all present and asked Bro. Charles Connell, New Liberty Church, to lead the congregation with Sis. Jo Ann Lunsford, New Cross Roads Church, on the piano. The congregation began the service by singing “Hallelujah! We Shall Rise”. The moderator asked Bro. Jerry Dodd, Westport Church, to lead us in prayer.

The roll call of messengers listed 65 messengers present and seated for voting. Motion and second was made to seat these messengers.

The Moderator called for the committee reports.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported collections of the Minute Fund of \$ 2,250.00, and the Clerk Fund of \$ 1,210.00 giving a total of \$ 3,460.00. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 10, 2009 is \$ 1,602.09. A motion and second was made to approve this report, release the committee and extend our thanks to them for a job well done. Motion carried.

Report of Obituary Recorder

Bro. Marshall Gurley stood and asked the clerk to read the names of those who passed on this past year

Job said man is born but of few days and full of trouble. Our life is like a flower. In I Corinthians 15 Paul said, “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.” We are going to have life in heaven if we are saved by the grace of God. This flesh is going back to the dust of the Earth. Thessalonians tells us that one day we shall rise. The flesh we have now is not going to enter into heaven. Revelation 4 tells us blessed are those who die in the Lord for they will rest from their labors and how their works do follow them. Bro. Gurley thanked God that we have a better home awaiting.

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

Report of Historical Committee

The Clerk gave an update that all of the old typed minutes are re-typed and in electronic format. The remaining minutes to be typed are those that are hand written. It is the clerk's hope that at the next session the books will be near completed.

The question was asked if these minutes will be available in book form when completed. The clerk was not sure in what way, but was certain it would be.

Motion and second was made to accept report, motion carried.

Missions Report

With some missionaries present for the morning session, the moderator asked if they would give a report.

Bro. Rick Jones came and thanked the Lord for the privilege for being here today. He told how much of a reward from heaven it is to have what we have today. He told the body how thankful he was for everyone to help carry the gospel to Jamaica. In Jamaica, they have lost several to their reward in heaven. With the work there, they are resting with the Lord instead of burning in hell. Throughout history Baptist have had an impact in society. Today there are denominations on every corner, and the work we all have is great. He is thankful that we have cared enough to help spread the gospel. Of the 86 baptized in Jamaica, 71 were teenagers. Some of those have graduated and moved on to careers and shining lights in the community. This past summer, this association helped organize a second church on the island of Jamaica in the community Warsop.

He has had the privilege going around the United States and finding good sound Missionary Baptist churches all across the country. He could not thank everyone enough for all the support and prayers given to him. He told of a young member that has moved to Nassau Bahamas and is having Bible studies locally. He has asked Bro. Jones to come and help in establishing a work there.

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

Bro. Eugene Brown wanted to take a minute and tell about how he was raised in Lincoln County, TN and taught if he wanted to go to heaven he must be saved. It took a death to bring him to church. He drove the car 50 miles to a service to console his aunt. He did not go to get saved; he was simply driving the car. That night the preacher asked if there was anyone there that you wanted to see

saved, go to them and tell them you want to see them saved. A lady came straight to him and asked him if he was saved. He said no, but to pray for him. It was there he felt the conviction of God. All the way back to Detroit (2 hours away) his heart was troubled.

He went home and told his wife he was about to die. His wife hurried and called the doctor, but he knelt and prayed to the Lord about his troubled heart. That night after getting home, he had an experience with the Lord.

Many things are bombarding us. We do not need to be in a corner somewhere, but telling everyone that we can have an experience with the Lord.

After being called to preach, he was called by God to Japan. After serving him there, he returned home to pastor several churches. He referred to the recent passing of his wife and how she was a great help to him. Being called to Tennessee, he was called by God to another work. While in Tennessee, the Lord opened the door to a short wave radio broadcast that is today known as “Words of Hope Ministry”. He told how many here have helped provide him what he needs in his private and spiritual life. After 18 years, over 14,000 messages have gone out to 132 countries around the world.

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

With the 11:00 hour here, Bro. Wall asked for a song. With Bro. Charles Connell leading the singing and Sis. Joanne Lunsford playing the piano, the congregation stood and sang “What A Meeting in the Air”. Bro. Wall then introduced Bro. Tim Maness as the one to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. He told of knowing Bro. Tim a long while, and he is currently the pastor of New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church. He asked everyone to breathe a breath of prayer for Bro. Tim.

Doctrinal Sermon

Bro. Tim Maness

Bro. Tim told it was good to be here today and feel the spirit of the Lord. Without the Lord we are nothing, but with him we can do all things. He told how this morning we must lift up Jesus. We all need to be fed from the Lord today. We all come short, and we all need help from God.



He read from Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8, James 1:17 and gave a title “Serving an Unchanging God in the Ever Changing World”.

The world today is trying to change. We are under attack, and our only resource is to hold to the unchanging hand of the Lord. We are living in the last days, and we are living in perilous times. In II Thessalonians 2:3, Paul warned that before the Lord comes there would be a great falling away. The only way we can defeat this giant is the same way David defeated Goliath and that is with the power of God.

The closer we can get to God, the greater the power we will have. The further we get, the weaker we become. Satan does not want us to hear the gospel because the power it has. Bro. Maness told today about an experience he had with the Lord, and how we need to be armed to fight this battle against evil. In I Samuel 17, David did not fight the battle alone, he had the Lord. We need to be excited about the Lord, and let the world know we have something to get excited about. Saul cared about David, and he did not want him to get killed in the battle. He clothed him and helped him get ready to fight the giant. David did not want to use the armor because it had not been tested; he wanted to put his trust in the Lord. David did not take anything but a bag with five smooth stones. Today Bro. Tim wanted to tell about the five smooth stones.

One was strength, another was courage. We got victory because the word of God tells us “greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

Another stone was humbleness. If we would humble ourselves, he will lift us up. If we say we do not have sin then we are liars, and the truth is not in us. God’s people need to have a little talk with Jesus. Little David had a third stone that stood for humbleness because he went there to the battle to lift up the Lord. The church needs to glorify God.

The forth stone was willingness. David was a man that was willing to serve God. We often want to pray for the pastor or an evangelist, but we need to remember that the preachers cannot do our job. It is time to realize we are laborers together.

The fifth stone was faith. This faith he had is not from himself, it comes from God. David did not know about fighting giants, all he knew how to do was tend sheep. All we are today is weak in this flesh. Regardless of how weak we are, we still need to preach the

gospel. We do not need to go without God; we need to go with him.

David introduced Goliath to Jesus. We have the rock in us that is Jesus. The world today needs to see the rock in our hearts and soul. David put that rock in a sling and let it go. Every sermon we preach, we will be held accountable to God. All David did was deliver the message sent by God, and he put his faith in the Lord. If we put our trust in the hand of God, he will send his message where he wants it to go. God wants us to be humble. We should never come to the table thinking we deserve to be there. The devil is trying to destroy an ever changing world.

Bro. Maness believed in the teaching of creation. God did not create some thing, but all things. In the beginning, God created everything, and on the sixth day he created man and woman. All God has made was good, but then the devil came along and tried to change things. The institution of marriage that was set up was between one man and one woman. God does not mean for us to change to this world, but he does want us to transform the world. The world thinks they have rights, but the only right they have is to repent or perish.

God's church is to put on the whole armor of God. We put on the armor after we are saved, not before. What gives us the strength is the Spirit of the Lord. God's people need to realize we are different. We need to walk different and talk different. We do not label ourselves, the Lord labels us. Naturally we are Gentiles, but spiritually we are Jews. We have been adopted by the King of glory. He has not equipped us for a little while, or for a short duration, but for a lifetime. Just as Paul told Timothy to be instant in season and out of season. Why? So we do not change. He did not warn us after the fact things would be this way, he gave us an advanced warning.

The world needs to know there is salvation in no other than Jesus Christ our Lord. In Jeremiah 2:13, Jeremiah said they had forsaken the fountain of living water. If we are saved, the Spirit of God lives in our heart. We are all saved by the same Spirit. Bro. Maness was glad that he knows who Jesus is. Jeremiah was troubled because the people had hewn out new cisterns. Today, there is only one true church. The church was already set up on Pentecost because the Lord added to his church. The Lord does things right on time, and he came through the door and empowered them with the Spirit.

Bro. Maness told how it takes all five of these, strength, courage, humbleness, willingness, and faith, to stand for the Lord today.

After closing his thought with some more words and scripture from Colossians 3:17-23, he turned the service over to the moderator. After turning the service back over to the moderator, Bro. Wall asked for a song and for the congregation to give Bro. Maness the right hand of fellowship and to also ask Bro. Ray Smith to join in so the body could thank him for his service to this association.

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dennis Lunsford, New Cross Roads Church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another bountiful meal, we began the afternoon session by singing "I'll Be Satisfied" led by Bro. Larry Pritchard, Shiloh Church, accompanied by Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, on the piano.

After singing this song, he asked Bro. John D. Small, New Hope Church, to lead us in prayer. After the prayer the body stood and sang "That Glad Reunion Day" while taking an offering for the associational missionary, with the amount of \$631.61 collected.

The moderator read from Psalms 40:1-5. Before moving into the topics, he wanted to thank Bro. Thompson and all those who helped with the meal and hospitality shown to us.

Call For Report on Topic Committee

The topic committee made the following recommendations:

Subject # 1:

Discuss Scriptural teaching on the necessity of the drawing of the Father (John 6:44) and Godly sorrow (II Corinthians 7:10) in salvation. Include the world's carnal approach versus the Spiritual minded approach (Romans 8:6)

Committee: Eld. Scott Carter (Chairman) and Eld. Toby Swinford

Subject # 2:

On the subject of regeneration, what is the meaning of John 3:5, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." What is the birth of water referring too?

Committee: Eld. Clint Sanders (Chairman) and Eld. Trey Crews

Subject # 3:

How does scripture refute (disprove, prove false) the idea/belief that the saved can be lost (lose their salvation) John 10:27-30; and numerous other scripture verses?

Committee: Eld. David Leslie (Chairman) and Eld. Arzell Douglas

Subject # 4:

Topic "Current Topic to Be Announced"

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

Call for the report *Forgiveness: Fruit of Grace and Love (Matthew 6:14-15); The Biblical Teachings on Forgiving our Brothers and Sisters*

FORGIVENESS: fruit of grace and love

Matthew 6:14-15

The biblical teachings on forgiving our brothers and sisters

We your Committee on Forgiveness submit the following:

Matthew 6:14-15. "For if ye forgive men their trespasses. Your Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses. Neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." It is clear from these verses that we must forgive men, that we may be forgiven by God. This forgiveness is not to establish or maintain our relationship with God but our fellowship with Him and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Matthew 7:1-5. "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye: and, behold a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye: and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." These verses are a great example to all God's children that we must be blameless before we can help our brothers and sisters.

Matthew 18:21-35. "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven

times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and he loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he would pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desirest me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my Heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." We are not to be as this servant, seeing that our sin debt is paid for by Jesus and forgiven by God, after we are forgiven of so great a trespass we should always be ready to forgive our brother his trespass.

Luke 17:3-4. "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him: and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him." As in Matthew 18:21-35, Jesus again instructs us to forgive our brother, and here in these verses he gives us more instruction, if we are offended, we are to rebuke our brother (always with love in our hearts) and if he repents we are to forgive him not once, but as many times as he trespasses and repents, forgive him. If we ourselves think we have offended anyone we should turn to our brother and ask forgiveness, desiring not to be a stumbling block to any.

Ephesians 4:32. "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Colossians 3:12-13. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

James 1:19-20. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." Many people today are easily offended, but we as the children of God, should be slow to take offence yet always ready for reconciliation. However many of us are offended by the Word of God, if we find our self in this position we should not seek the forgiveness of the preacher or the church, but rather repentance from the Lord. We should always remember God does not convict us of our sin because He hates us, but because He loves us. **Isaiah 59:2** "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear."

We your committee on Forgiveness hope these scriptures are a help to our brothers and sisters in Christ and most of all bring Him honor and glory.

Humbly submitted;
Elder James S. Stewart
Elder Allen Maness

The report based from *Forgiveness: Fruit of Grace and Love (Matthew 6:14-15); The Biblical Teachings on Forgiving our Brothers and Sisters* was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Jimmy Stewart and Alan Maness

Call for the report on The Need to Return to God

BROTHER MODERATOR AND HONORED GUEST

OUR TOPIC—THE NEED TO RETURN TO GOD

BROTHERS AND SISTERS I NOW ASK YOU A QUESTION HAS OUR NATION DRIFTED TO FAR FROM GOD

IS THIS A CALLING FROM GOD TO RETURN TO HIM AND WORSHIP AS DIRECTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OR IS THIS THE REASON FOR THE FAILURE OF OUR ECONOMY. IN ALL WAYS INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS THAT ARE FAITHFULLY SERVING HIM.

IS GOD SAYING RETURN TO ME

OUR WORLD IS IN A SITUATION THAT ONLY HELP FROM GOD CAN SATISFY

1 HOW CAN WE FIND STRENGTH DURING ECONOMIC CRISIS AND IN A TIME WHEN OUR NATION MORALS ARE CRUMBLING.
OUR GOD WILL HELP US IF WE TRUST IN HIM.

HEB-13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness and be content with such things as ye have for he hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

ISA - 40:28-31 Hast thou not known hast thou not heard that the everlasting God the Lord the creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary there is no searching of his understanding; **v 29** he giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might he increaseth strength even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fall **v 31** **But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength they shall mount with wings as eagles they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint.**

2 THE GREATEST NEED OF OUR DAY IS TO RETURN TO GOD AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST — our god of heaven has made us a promise

II-CHRO -7:14 If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from heaven forgive their sins and heal their land **GOD IS SAYING — WHEN MY PEOPLE WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY AND SEEK MY**

FACE AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN FORGIVE THEIR SINS AND HEAL THEIR LAND.

WE MUST CLAIM GOD PROMISES AND RETURN TO GOD

II-CHRO-15:1-7 And the spirit of God came upon Aza-riah the son of O-ded and he went out to meet A-SA and said unto him hear ye me A-SA and all Judah and Benjamin the Lord is with you while you be with him and if ye seek him he will be found of you but if ye forsake him he will forsake you now for a long season Israel hath been without the true god and without a teaching priest and without the law but when they in their troubles did turn unto the Lord God of Israel and sought him he was found of them and in those times there was no peace to them that went out nor to him that came in but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries and nations was destroyed of nation and city of city⁷ for God did vex them with all adversity be ye strong therefore and let not your hands be weak for your work shall be rewarded.

#3 TWO OTHER NEEDS IN THE DAYS WE ARE LIVING GREAT NEED FOR PRAYER AND COMMITMENT TO GOD

ROM-12:1 PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE HOLY AND EXCEPTABLE TO GOD WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE

PRAYER CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD AND OUR LIFE

JAMES -4:3 Ye ask and receive not because ye ask a-miss that ye may consume it upon your lust.

MATT. 7:7 Ask and it shall be given you seek and ye shall find knock and it shall be open unto you

4 HOW CAN WE HAVE JOY AND GLADNESS IN OUR HEARTS WHEN TIMES ARE HARD

CHURCHES ARE WEAK SPIRITUALLY, FIFTY PERCENT OF OUR FAMILIES ARE FALLING APART. OUR JAILS RUNNING OVER. SIN IS LACK A SPREADING CANCER DEVOURING LIVES BY THE MILLIONS.

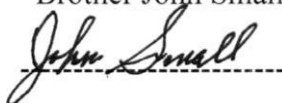
Many are having financial trouble. Financial troubles can come sudden unexpected and create hardships loss of your job - rising cost - sickness-- the unexpected this or that --. Bills that you are unable to pay. World saying buy now pay later just use your plastic card. WE MUST USE OUR HEAD that God has given us, Grand Pa said son when times are hard we must learn how to tighten our belts and to be thankful for what we do have —our family—friends -our churches -and god grace . We made it ok on beans and taters before— Shoney's—Cracker Barrell —Ryan's—Bailey's—Grecian's—came to town. And by the grace of God if worse comes to worse we will still be ok — JUST TRUST IN THE LORD

PROV-3:5 TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING

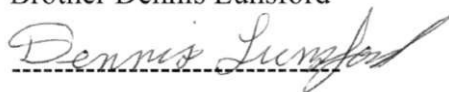
WE MUST RETURN TO GOD AS A PEOPLE WHO GOD HAS BLESSED FAR BEYOND ANY NATION AND BE COMMITTED TO OUR GREAT GOD AND WONDERFUL SAVIOUR

AS A PERSON WE MUST COUNT FOR GOD — AS A CHURCH WE MUST COUNT FOR GOD — **OUR FOUNDING FATHERS DECLARED WE ARE ONE NATION UNDER GOD** O HOW GOD HAS BLESSED HER AND STOOD BESIDE HER - **BE NOT DISCOURAGED** GOD HAS MADE HIS CHILDREN A PROMISE -- I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU **PRAISE HIS NAME**

Brother John Small



Brother Dennis Lunsford



Associational Missionary Report:

Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. told how he wanted to thank everyone for putting him in trust to be the associational missionary. He has tried to approach this work with the leadership of the Lord. He referred to the Bible teaching us that we need the help of the Lord. He told how the Lord has given him good health and for the good fellowship he has enjoyed.

After a few remarks he gave the following report:

Associational Missionary Report 2008-2009

Bro. Moderator, Brothers and Sisters,

I humbly thank you for your trust and confidence in me to elect me as your Association Missionary for another year.

I approach this work for the Lord very prayerfully realizing I can do nothing that will endure without His help. Paul tells us in Philip-pians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The Lord has blessed me with good health and encouraged me in his service this year. I am so thankful for my brothers and sisters in the Lord and for the good fellowship we have enjoyed.

With the help of the Lord, I visited all 27 active association churches one or more times this year and preached in 10 churches a total of 18 times.

I visited 33 non-association churches as listed below and preached in 13 churches a total of 18 times. I visited six churches for the first time, marked with a *

<p><u>Carroll County:</u> Calvary *Fairview Humbles Chapel McAuley Chapel (revival) Mt. Comfort New Independent Full Gospel</p>	<p><u>Benton County:</u> Chalk Hill Fairview</p> <p><u>Decatur County:</u> Battlefield Cub Creek Hall Tomlin Chapel</p>	<p><u>Henry County:</u> *Evergreen</p> <p><u>Stewart County:</u> Elk Creek</p>
<p><u>Henderson County:</u> Bolens Chapel Calvary Cedar Hill *Center Hill Central Grove *Farmsville Cemetery</p>	<p>*Luray Mazies Chapel Mt. Pisgah Natchez Trace Old Bethel Old Jacks Creek Piney Creek</p>	<p>Ridge Grove *Rock Springs (Mennonite) Second Baptist Shiloh Spring Hill Union Hill</p>

Attended 62 revival services at 35 churches and traveled 7,561 miles. Received Church offerings \$2,523.50 and Association offering \$910.00 for a total offering of \$3,433.50.

I thank you for electing me as your Association Missionary and for your respect, cooperation and encouragement you have given me. I Corinthians 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

Respectfully Submitted,
Jimmie Hale, Jr.

Call for New Business

Motion and second to elect Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. as the associational missionary for another year. **Motion carried.**

Motion and second was made to raise the price per minute to \$4.00 to cover other expenses incurred by the clerk. **Motion carried.**

The clerk noted that the last time Landmark met with us was in 2004. **Motion and second** was made to appoint a committee to communicate with them and encourage them to stay with the association and see what their plans are. **Motion carried. Motion and second** was made to appoint Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. to contact Landmark. **Motion carried.**

Vote of Thanks

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, its officers, and the messengers of this association wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Cross Roads Church in Benton County for serving as host for this session. We last met with you in 1995, and it was a pleasure for us to meet with you once again and enjoy sweet fellowship one with another.

We thank God for Bro. Bryan Oakes and his message “A Charge to Keep” and Bro. Tim Maness for his message “Serving an Unchanging God in the Ever Changing World”. We were again blessed with ministers of the gospel who follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We pray that God will bless them and their families for their continued work in the ministry.

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

I thank God for those who serve as the Finance Committee, the Obituary Recorder, and a special thanks to Bro. Clint Sanders for serving as the assistant clerk. I also want to thank the host church clerk, Bro. Todd Kee, for recording the services both days. These brethren make the work of the Clerk much easier.

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

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

As plans are underway for next year’s sessions, may we all pray God’s will be done with us all, as individual church members, as

individual churches and as a united group of churches.

Please begin to pray for New Hope Church as she prepares to host the Association next year.

I anxiously await, if it be God's will, the next session and look forward to meeting with all of you as we gather together at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for the 162nd annual session on October 8-9, 2010 at 10:00 am ready to receive another blessing from the Lord.

Praising Him,
Scott Carter, Clerk

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

Bro. John D. Small said New Hope was looking forward for the association meeting with them next year. May we pray for the lost in all our churches.

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

Motion and second was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October 2010, at 10:00 A.M. at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, TN. **Motion carried.**

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

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Trent Sellers, New Liberty Church.



Johnny Wall, Moderator
New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church



Scott Carter, Clerk
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Messengers Seated for the 161st Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday- Marvin Newman, Jimmy Bennett, Bill Ezell

Saturday- Marvin Newman, Jimmy Bennett, Bill Ezell

Bible Grove:

Friday- Kevin Williams, Brian Beecham, Jason Howard

Saturday- Kevin Williams, Brian Beecham, Jason Howard

Caledonia:

Friday- Jackie Wiggins, Ruby Hamby, Betty Wiggins

Saturday- Jackie Wiggins, Ruby Hamby, Betty Wiggins

Center Point:

Friday- Robert Simmons, Jerry King

Saturday- Robert Simmons, Jerry King

Clarksburg:

Friday- LaRue Lindsey, Patricia Holt, Jeff Reed

Saturday- LaRue Lindsey, Patricia Holt, Jeff Reed

Concord:

Friday- Rufus Chandler, Lester Waugh, Dennis Stokes

Saturday- Rufus Chandler, Lester Waugh, Dennis Stokes

Cross Roads:

Friday- Jackie Wimberly, Jimmy Hicks

Saturday- Jackie Wimberly, Jimmy Hicks, Myron Kirk

Ephesus:

Friday- by letter only

Saturday- Ron Stevens, Judy Stevens

Huntingdon:

Friday- Kenny Rush, Joe Glisson, Lynn Stapleton

Saturday- Joe Glisson, Lynn Stapleton, Richard Crossno

Landmark:

Friday-

Saturday-

Marlsboro:

Friday- Melvin Walker, James Severance

Saturday- by letter only

Mixie:

Friday- by letter only

Saturday- by letter only

New Bethel:

Friday- Edward Malone, Gene Owen, Johnny Lee

Saturday- Edward Malone, Gene Owen, Johnny Lee

New Cross Roads:

Friday- Harold Palmer, Gracie Palmer, Dennis Lunsford

Saturday- Harold Palmer, Gracie Palmer, Dennis Lunsford

New Hope:

Friday- Dale Seagraves, Louise Payne, Scott Gallimore

Saturday- Dale Seagraves, Louise Payne, Scott Gallimore

New Liberty:

Friday- Justin Maness, Tim Sellers, Ed Harris

Saturday- Justin Maness, Tim Sellers, Ed Harris

New Prospect:

Friday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard, Allen Maness

Saturday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard, Allen Maness

New Spring Hill:

Friday- Laura Hutcherson

Saturday- Laura Hutcherson, Susan Brown

Oak Grove – CC:

Friday- Ray Hampton, Becky Hampton, Tracy McDaniel

Saturday- Ray Hampton, Becky Hampton

Oak Grove – HC:

Friday- Glenn Lewis, Craig Wallace, Goy Williams

Saturday- Glenn Lewis, Craig Wallace, Goy Williams

Old Paths:

Friday- Ken Carrington, Norman Medlin, Joyce Medlin

Saturday- Norman Medlin, Joyce Medlin

Pleasant Grove:

Friday- Frank Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Robert Tolley

Saturday- Frank Rickman, Marcus Rickman

Pleasant Hill:

Friday- Edward Ellis, Tony Miller, Joan Miller

Saturday- Edward Ellis, Tony Miller, Joan Miller

Pleasant Ridge:

Friday- James Nance, Travis Nance, Zack Goodwin

Saturday- James Nance, Travis Nance, Zack Goodwin

Rushing's Creek:

Friday- Allen Holland, Juanita Holland, Patsy Dickey

Saturday- Allen Holland

Shiloh:

Friday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard

Saturday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, Judy Pritchard

Westport:

Friday- Brenda Leslie, Vicki Corkern, Greg Jones

Saturday- Brenda Leslie, Vicki Corkern, Greg Jones

Yuma:

Friday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, Carter Todd

Saturday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, Carter Todd

VISITORS TO 2009 ASSOCIATION SESSION

Bro. Eugene Brown, Hendersonville, Tennessee
McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Donnie Hines, Hendersonville, Tennessee
McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Kenneth Massey, Nashville, Tennessee
Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Brian Johnson, White House, Tennessee
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Elder Rick & Sis. Linda Jones
Missionaries to Jamaica

Bro. Larry Martin Higdon, Camden, Tennessee
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Bruceeton, Tennessee

Southwestern District
Missionary Baptist Association

Financial Statement
2009 Minute Fund

Balance October 11, 2008 **\$ 2,130.90**

Expenditures:

Sleve City (CD sleeves)	\$ 185.76
National Audio (purchase & duplicate cds)	\$ 649.00
Domain (website)	\$ 107.00
First Bank (lock box)	\$ 60.00
Peterson Printing (printing)	\$ 1,760.00
Postmaster	\$ 17.05
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	\$ 2,778.81

Contributions:

Minute Fund 2009 \$ 2,250.00

Balance October 10, 2009 **\$ 1,602.09**

Clerk Contributions \$ 1,210.00

Submitted by:

Bro. Lester Waugh - Concord Church

Bro. Lynn Breeden - Yuma Church

Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. - Clarksburg Church

Correspondence

Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association

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August 20, 2009

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

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

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Seventy-Third Annual Session with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. We had 27 churches reporting an increase of 84 with 38 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 87 with a total membership of 3,191. We still need to see many souls saved for the Lord.

We are truly thankful for the visitors that were able to be with us. We invite each one to join us for the 174th Annual Session to be held with Flat Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Lawrence County, Alabama. The church is located east of Moulton, Alabama, just north of Alabama Highway 24 on County Road 354. This session will be held October 10, 11, 12, 13, 2009. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's love,



Keith L. Hood, Clerk

Keith Prince - Moderator
124 County Road 165
Moulton, AL 35650

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

Wiseman Baptist Association

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
Elder Scott Carter, Clerk
400 Chickasaw Drive
Huntingdon, TN 38344

August 12, 2009

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

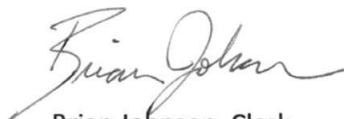
We were greatly blessed by the Lord during our one hundred and seventeenth annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association, which was held at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Bloomington Springs, Tennessee. Nine churches reported 71 additions in the past year, 39 being by baptism, with a total membership of 1,799.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundred and eighteenth annual session on October 23-24th at 10AM, which will be held at:

**McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church
431 W. Old Hickory Blvd.
Madison, Tennessee 37155**

Elder Larry Gregory is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon on Friday morning, and Elder Mark Carver is schedule to

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Brian Johnson, Clerk
115 Southern Terrace
White House, TN 37188
Phone (615) 428-4474
bgjohnson_7@comcast.net

preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday morning. Please make your plans to attend. A copy of the 2008 minutes is enclosed.

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

August 3, 2009

Southwest District Missionary Baptist Association
Brother Scott Carter

Greetings:

As we come close to the time for the next associational meetings, our hope and prayer is that God has richly blessed each church in your association. As always we are thankful to hear of souls being saved and members being blessed by the spirit of the Lord.

The churches of the Siloam Association met in October of 2008 at Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church for its fifty-sixth annual session. The churches brought with them good news of souls being saved along with many other blessings from God. The Lord also blessed the association with two more churches that joined. The spirit of the Lord was apparent throughout the association.

Lord willing, the fifty-seventh session of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will meet at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church located at 290 Woodburn Allen Springs Road, Woodburn, KY beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday October 2, 2009. Elder Michael Reid is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Cary Kemp is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Danny Chandler is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning. We invite you to attend the upcoming session as we worship our Lord and Savior and fellowship with our sister churches. A copy of the 2008 Siloam minutes is enclosed.

Your Brother in Christ

Elder Roger Carter, Clerk
Siloam Missionary Baptist Association
1434 Alvaton Greenhill Road
Bowling Green, KY 42103

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 5555 Darden-Christian Chapel Road, Darden, TN 38328

Boyd, Tony, Mixie ----- 731-243-3136
 PO Box 97, Henry, TN 38231

Butler, Michael, New Prospect ----- 731-847-3779
 155 Cub Creek Hall Road, Parsons, TN 38363

Douglas, Gary, Westport ----- 731-986-4262
 7360 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387

Hale, Joe, Clarksburg ----- 731-968-5298
 22784 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390

Holland, Kevin, Mixie ----- 731-986-4512
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Owen, Dewey, New Bethel ----- 731-243-2569
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Sellers, Trent, New Liberty ----- 731-535-3176
 344 Quail Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344

Smith, Danny R., New Prospect ----- 731-845-5414
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Woods, Wesley, Huntingdon ----- 731-614-5991
 89 Bradley Drive. Lexington, TN 38351

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 3130 New Bethel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321

Boyd, Johnny, Yuma ----- 731-586-2981
 650 Hollowell Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318

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 299 G Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344

Carter, Scott D., Shiloh ----- 731-986-4701
 400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344

Chandler, Rufus, Concord ----- 731-986-4227
 47 Wendy Lane, Yuma, TN 38390

Crews, Trey, Pleasant Hill----- 731-415-4745
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Dodd, Jerry, Westport ----- 731-987-2698
 1600 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321
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 587 Crossroads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
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 22790 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
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 620 Jacqueline Circle, Camden, TN 38320
Hilliard, Billy Joe, Center Point ----- 731-586-4671
 307 Ellis Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
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 880 Roan Creek Road, Yuma, TN 38390
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 100 Hemlock, Bruceton, TN 38317
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 1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351
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Maness, Tim, New Liberty ----- 731-847-6454
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McDaniel, Tracy, Oak Grove (CC)----- 731-235-2498
 630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
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 6355 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387
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 49 Bellwood Cove, Jackson, TN 38305
Sanders, Clint, Pleasant Ridge----- 731-695-3194
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 197 Pine Street N, Bruceton, TN 38317
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Stapleton, Lynn, Huntingdon ----- 731-986-2413
 106 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Stewart, James S., New Liberty ----- 731-986-4292
 7890 Hwy 22, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Stokes, Andrew, Clarksburg----- 731-986-3738
 310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Swinford, Toby, Westport ----- 731-986-6096
 790 Damron Road, Yuma, TN 38390
Thompson, Randy, Cross Roads----- 731-279-4738
 211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320
Wall, Johnny, New Bethel ----- 731-987-2597
 100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348

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P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR-Bryan Oakes----- 731-986-2347
955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Jeff Carter ----- 731-986-5496
c/o Bethel Church P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- BIBLE GROVE**- 5365 Bible Grove Road, Lexington, TN 38351
PASTOR-
CLERK-Jason Howard----- 731-968-0190
239 Masters Drive, Lexington, TN 38351
- CALEDONIA**- 9405 Hwy 140, McKenzie, TN 38201
PASTOR- Toby Swinford ----- 731-986-6096
790 Dameron Road, Yuma, TN 38390
CLERK-Carl Hall----- 731-352-3909
115 Linden Street, McKenzie, TN 38201
- CENTER POINT**- 2225 Rowland Mill Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
PASTOR-
CLERK-Bill Noles----- 731-586-7117
307 Gov. Browning Street, Bruceton, TN 38317
- CLARKSBURG**-12281 Hwy 424, Clarksville, TN 38324
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CLERK-Clint Cary ----- 731-986-0658
250 Old Texas Lane, Yuma, TN 38390
- CONCORD**- 3275 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR- Rufus Chandler ----- 731-986-4227
47 Wendy Lane, Yuma, TN 38390
CLERK-John W. Cole ----- 731-986-3433
1840 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
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PASTOR- Randy Thompson ----- 731-279-4738
211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320
CLERK-Todd Kee ----- 731-441-0885
3895 Divider/Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320

EPHESUS- 2895 Ephesus Church Road, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
 PASTOR-
 CLERK-Kathy Kee----- 731-986-5023
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HUNTINGDON ----- 731-986-4192
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 PASTOR-Lynn Stapleton----- 731-986-2413
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 PASTOR-
 CLERK-

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MIXIE- 25860 Hwy 77, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
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 CLERK-Cleo C. Rhodes----- 731-847-6124
 2053 Holladay Road, Holladay, TN 38341

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 630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
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 PASTOR- Marshall Gurley----- 731-986-5363
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 CLERK-Larry Pritchard ----- 731-845-5444
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 PASTOR- Greg Jones ----- 731-967-5195
 117 Lindsey Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
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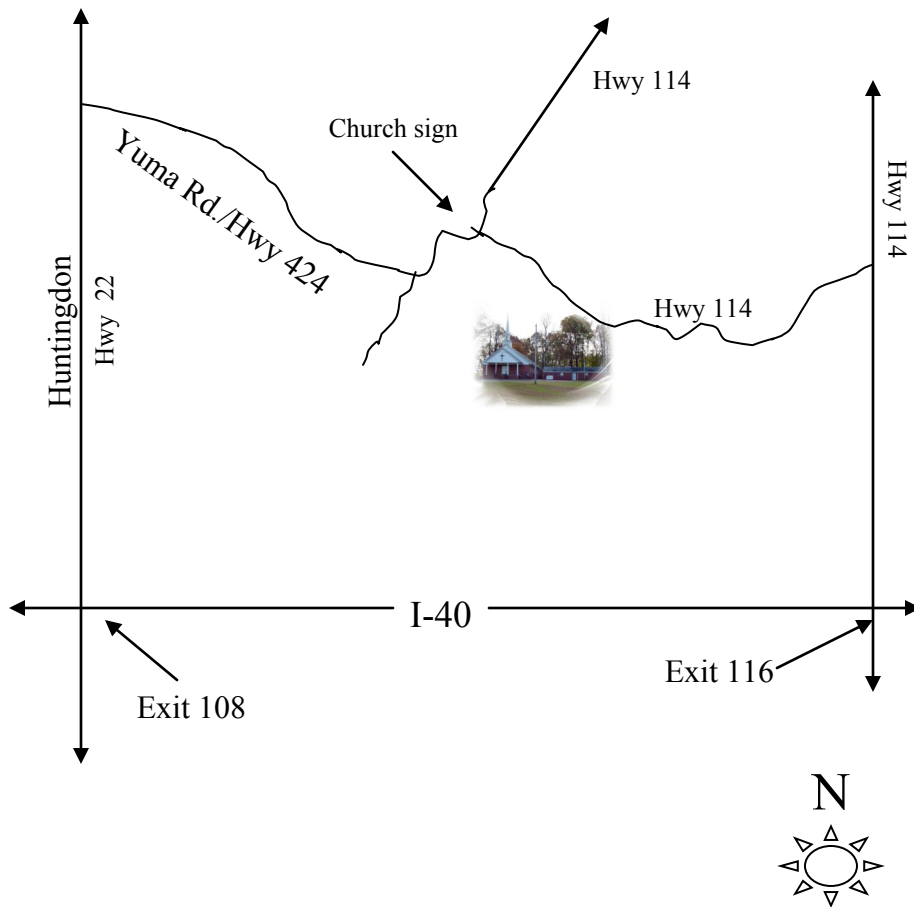
YUMA-16210 Hwy 424, Yuma, TN 38390
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*This list is for use to contact churches with announcements, etc.

Directions to 2010 Session at New Hope Church



- ⇒ From Hwy 22 in Clarksburg, turn east onto Hwy 424
- ⇒ Go 3.8 miles eastward, continue traveling down 424, the road comes to a “T”, turn left (which is staying on 424)
- ⇒ After making the left turn, travel .8 miles and make a right onto Hwy 114 S (church sign located here)
- ⇒ The church is located 1.2 miles on the right on Hwy 114 S

2010 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sun. PM Start Time	Monday – Friday Start Time
New Hope	06/06/10		7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Old Paths	06/06/10			
Ephesus	06/13/10		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Shiloh	06/20/10		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/27/10		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/27/10		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Cross Rds	07/04/10		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Westport	07/04/10	Clint Ezell	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Concord	07/11/10		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Mixie	07/11/10		5:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/11/10	Derrick Jowers	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/18/10	Scott Carter	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	07/18/10		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Marlsboro	07/18/10		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	07/18/10	Derrick Jowers	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Yuma	07/18/10	Clint Ezell	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Caledonia	07/25/10		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Clarksburg	07/25/10		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Cross Roads	07/25/10	Kenneth Massey	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Bethel	07/25/10	Phillip Halter	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
New Spring Hill	07/25/10		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Oak Grove (HC)	07/25/10		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Prospect	08/01/10		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Oak Grove (CC)	08/01/10		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Liberty	08/08/10	Clint Ezell	7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Rushing's Creek	09/12/10		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Center Point	11/16/10		6:00 PM	7:00 PM

Historical Table

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

<u>DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u> ----	<u>CLERK</u>
1846-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1847- Mt. Pisgah, Henderson County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1848-Ramble Creek, Benton County-----	E. Autry-----	B. W. Foster
1849-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	E. Autry-----	B. W. Foster
1850-Hopewell, Henderson County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1851-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1852-Beaver Dam, Benton County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1853-Union, Benton County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1854-Bible Union, Carroll County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1855-Concord, Carroll County-----	M. S. Corbett-----	J. P. Arnold
1856-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1857-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	M. S. Corbett-----	J. P. Arnold
1858-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	W. C. McAuley
1859-Holly Springs, Henderson County-----	J. P. Arnold-----	B. W. Foster
1860-Ramble Creek, Benton County-----	J. P. Arnold-----	J. P. Doherty
1861-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1862-1864--No Association during Civil War		
1865-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	W. C. McAuley
1866-Salem, Decatur County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	B. W. Foster
1867-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	W. Pugh-----	Geo. Hollowell
1868-Ephesus, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1869-Concord, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1870-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	G. C. Thomas
1871-New Prospect-----	J. P. Arnold-----	G. C. Thomas
1872-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1873-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	Geo. Hollowell-----	G. C. Thomas
1874-New Hope, Carroll County -----	J. H. Park -----	G. C. Thomas
1875-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----	J. W. Brewer -----	J. F. Rogers
1876-Rushing Creek, Benton County -----	J. Richardson-----	J. F. Rogers
1877-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold-----	J. F. Rogers
1878-New Prospect-----	J. P. Arnold-----	J. F. Rogers
1879-Bethel, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park -----	J. F. Rogers

1880-Wildersville, Henderson County----- J. C. Park ----- J. H. Thomas
1881-Ramble Creek ----- J. P. Arnold----- D. J. Allen
1882-Cross Roads, Benton County----- J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
1883-Prospect, Carroll County----- J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County----- Geo. Hollowell----- D. J. Allen
1885-Concord, Carroll County----- Geo. Hollowell----- C. H. Rogers
1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County----- J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
1887-Liberty, Carroll County ----- J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
1888-Unity, Benton County ----- J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
1889-Holly Springs----- J. F. Rogers----- D. J. Allen
1890-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County ----- J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
1891-Rushing Creek, Benton County ----- E. M. Joyner----- D. J. Allen
1892-New Hope, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner----- D. J. Allen
1893-Chalk Level, Benton County ----- E. M. Joyner----- D. J. Allen
1894-Mt. Comfort ----- E. M. Joyner----- C. H. Rogers
1895-Flatwoods, Benton County ----- E. M. Joyner----- D. J. Allen
1896-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner----- D. J. Allen
1897-Bethel, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner----- D. J. Allen
1898-Shiloh, Carroll County ----- N. L. Joyner ----- D. J. Allen
1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County ----- W. S. Roney----- C. H. Rogers
1900-Salem, Decatur County ----- W. S. Roney----- C. H. Rogers
1901-Chalk Hill, Benton County ----- N. L. Joyner ----- C. H. Rogers
1902-Cross Roads, Benton County----- E. Z. Newsom----- C. H. Rogers
1903-New Prospect, Decatur County ----- E. M. Joyner----- C. H. Rogers
1904-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- E. M. Joyner----- C. H. Rogers
1905-Pleasant Grove ----- E. M. Joyner----- C. H. Rogers
1906-Ramble Creek ----- T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
1907-Oak Grove, Carroll County----- T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
1908-Concord, Carroll County----- T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
1909-Pleasant Ridge----- T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
1910-Perryville, Decatur County ----- T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
1911-Unity, Benton County ----- T. M. Boyd ----- D. H. Franks
1912-Chalk Level, Benton County ----- Joe N. Joyner----- D. H. Franks
1913-Holly Springs----- J. G. Cooper ----- D. H. Franks
1914-Mt. Nebo ----- J. G. Cooper ----- D. H. Franks
1915-Liberty, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner----- D. H. Franks
1916-Tom's Creek, Perry County----- J. N. Joyner----- D. H. Franks
1917-Westport, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd ----- Geo. S. Price
1918-Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd ----- L. E. Mincey
1919-Cross Roads, Benton County----- J. N. Joyner----- L. E. Mincey
1920-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County----- J. N. Joyner----- C. E. Butler
1921-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- J. N. Joyner----- C. E. Butler
1922-Eva, Benton County ----- J. N. Joyner----- A. H. Franks
1923-Prospect, Carroll County----- J. N. Joyner----- A. H. Franks
1924-Flatwoods, Benton County ----- J. N. Joyner----- A. H. Franks
1925-Bunches Chapel ----- J. N. Joyner----- A. H. Franks
1926-Oak Grove ----- J. N. Joyner----- C. V. Cooper
1927-Pleasant Hill ----- J. N. Joyner----- C. V. Cooper

1928-Shiloh, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd ----- C. V. Cooper
 1929-Bruceton, Carroll County ----- T. M. Boyd ----- C. V. Cooper
 1930-New Prospect, Decatur County ----- J. N. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1931-New Hope, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1932-New Liberty, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1933-Westport, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1934-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1935-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County ----- E. H. Martin ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1936-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1937-Cedar Hill, Decatur County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1938-Concord, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1939-Yuma, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1940-Caledonia, Henry County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1941-Oak Grove, Carroll County ----- W. H. Hopper ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1942-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- W. H. Hopper ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1943-New Bethel, Henry County ----- W. H. Hopper ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1944-Westport, Carroll County ----- W. H. Hopper ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1945-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1946-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County ----- E. F. Prince ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1947-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County ----- E. F. Prince ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1948-Old Union, Benton County ----- E. F. Prince ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1949-Cross Roads, Benton County ----- E. F. Prince ----- T. L. Campbell
 1950-Bible Grove, Henderson County ----- C. F. Carter ----- T. L. Campbell
 1951-Republican Grove ----- C. F. Carter ----- T. L. Campbell
 1952-Pleasant Hill, Benton County ----- C. F. Carter ----- T. L. Campbell
 1953-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- John Hedges ----- T. L. Campbell
 1954-Mixie, Carroll County ----- John Hedges ----- Ray Smith
 1955-Concord, Carroll County ----- John Hedges ----- Ray Smith
 1956-Tom's Creek, Perry County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1957-Independent, Carroll County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1958-Bethel, Carroll County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1959-Oak Grove, Carroll County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1960-New Bethel, Henry County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1961-Center Point, Carroll County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1962-Caledonia, Henry County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1963-Old Union, Benton County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1964-New Bethel, Henry County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1965-Rushing Creek, Benton County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1966-Westport, Carroll County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1967-New Prospect, Decatur County ----- T. L. Campbell ----- Ray Smith
 1968-Ephesus, Carroll County ----- C. F. Carter ----- Ray Smith
 1969-Concord, Carroll County ----- C. F. Carter ----- Ray Smith
 1970-New Frank's Chapel, Decatur County ----- C. F. Carter ----- Ray Smith
 1971-Landmark, Shelby County ----- C. F. Carter ----- Ray Smith
 1972-Yuma, Carroll County ----- C. F. Carter ----- Ray Smith
 1973-Pleasant Ridge, Benton County ----- C. F. Carter ----- Ray Smith
 1974-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- C. F. Carter ----- Ray Smith
 1975-Cross Roads, Benton County ----- C. F. Carter ----- Ray Smith

1976-Second Baptist, Lexington----- C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1977-Bible Grove, Chesterfield----- M. Rayburn----- Ray Smith
 1978-New Bethel, Henry County----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1979-Independent, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1980-Bethel, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1981-Landmark, Shelby County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1982-Pleasant Hill, Benton County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1983-New Prospect, Decatur County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1984-Concord, Carroll County----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1985-Oak Grove, Henderson County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1986-New Liberty, Carroll County----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1987-Westport, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1988-Center Point, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1989-Mixie, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1990-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1991-Bible Grove, Henderson County----- Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1992-Independent, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1993-Marlsboro, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1994-Clarksburg, Carroll County----- Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1995-Cross Roads, Benton County----- Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1996-Landmark, Shelby County ----- Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1997-New Hope, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1998-Shiloh, Carroll County ----- Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1999-Concord, Carroll County----- Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 2000-Bethel, Carroll County ----- Ray Smith ----- Lee Carter
 2001-Old Paths, Shelby County ----- A. G. Hayes ----- Lee Carter
 2002-Oak Grove, Henderson County ----- A.G. Hayes ----- Scott Carter
 2003-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----- Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
 2004-Center Point, Carroll County----- Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
 2005-Bible Grove, Henderson County----- Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
 2006- Huntingdon, Carroll County----- Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
 2007-Clarksburg, Carroll County----- Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
 2008-Oak Grove, Carroll County----- Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
 2009- Cross Roads, Benton County ----- Johnny Wall ----- Scott Carter

Rules of Decorum

- ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- ARTICLE 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present providing nothing be so construed as to prohibit newly constituted churches petitioning for admission from voting.
- ARTICLE 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any messenger not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made the same day, but at no subsequent term.
- ARTICLE 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, so as not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he arises to speak he shall call another brother to take the chair.
- ARTICLE 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened to discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays and if a call is made it shall be decided by the members rising.
- ARTICLE 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflection.
- ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than once on any subject until all who wish to speak have an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.
- ARTICLE 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the Association.
- ARTICLE 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority vote of the members present, except in the reception of the churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required.

- ARTICLE 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
- ARTICLE 11. The appellation of "brethren" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.
- ARTICLE 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
- ARTICLE 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority deems it necessary.
- ARTICLE 14. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a finance committee to keep up with the moneys during the association, to make their report when called upon and to turn the

Church Covenant

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

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

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

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

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

Constitution

- ARTICLE I. The Association shall be called *Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association*, known as an advisory council.
- ARTICLE II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such church as may belong to this union to represent them in body.
- ARTICLE III. The messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence which shall state their appointment as messengers, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.
- ARTICLE IV. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three messengers.
- ARTICLE V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons for their failure at the next Association, and if any church fails for two consecutive meetings, the Association shall send a committee to inquire into their state.
- ARTICLE VI. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by messenger and letter, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.
- ARTICLE VII. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their member's names enrolled, provided, also that all newly constituted churches petitioning for union with us shall have full right to vote for Moderator and Clerk, and nothing shall be construed as to prohibit them from voting.

- ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches. It shall however be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may separate from churches as are known to walk disorderly.
- ARTICLE IX. The Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such contributions as they may think proper.
- ARTICLE X. Any church of this union having a difficulty that she cannot settle may call for help from her sister churches, or may present the case to this body for advice. Such cases must be presented in the letters of correspondence, stating the reason why it had not or could not be decided by the church.
- ARTICLE XI. When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, they may call from two or more churches for the aid of their ordained ministers and deacons to examine the individuals and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the gospel which shall be reported at the next association and entered upon the Minutes.
- ARTICLE XII. The minutes of this Association will be read, corrected, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rise. And no Association shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.
- ARTICLE XIII. The Clerk shall read the Rules of Decorum on the first day of each Association meeting.

Articles of faith

1. **We believe** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice.
2. **We believe** that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; and there are three persons in this one God - the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit; and this Triune God is the only object of religious worship and adoration, and that all worship paid anything less in the name of God is idolatry and abomination in His sight.
3. **We believe** that God created man good and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became sinful and depraved; and as a natural consequence, that his posterity by ordinary generations are involved in all the consequences of his fall.
4. **We believe** that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition and, unless God Himself had provided a way of Salvation, would have been ruined and miserable forever, because all have sinned.
5. **We believe** that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored law by His personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by His Death; being risen from the dead, is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.
6. **We believe** that fallen man has nothing, and can do nothing, of himself, to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hopes of pardon, justification, redemption, and sanctification are derived alone from the merits of Christ.
7. **We believe** that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the efficacious plea He makes before the throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-adorning sacrifice.
8. **We believe** the Holy Spirit, the third person in the Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the Gospel plain and acceptable.

9. **We believe** that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are freely justified by the righteousness of Christ, which comes to all that believe.
10. **We believe** that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall never finally be lost.
11. **We believe** that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ who give evidence of a change of heart, and have been properly baptized.
12. **We believe** that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men, distinct from the body, but that it is left with the whole church.
13. **We believe** that the first day of the week, called the Lord's Day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation, and labor, except so much as is devoted to works of necessity and mercy.
14. **We believe** that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of His church and the advancement of His kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in His providence may give them ability.
15. **We believe** that God calls men, by His Spirit, to preach the Gospel, and that it is the duty of the individual thus called to study to show himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
16. **We believe** that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His church - baptism and the Lord's Supper; that baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and believers only are capable of rightfully receiving the ordinances, that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but ordained ministers have any right to administer them.
17. **We believe** that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.
18. **We believe** that the Gospel with all its obligations, privileges, and blessings, has been committed to the church of whom it is especially enjoined to make known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Savior pledges His presence to the end of the world.

Missions Supported

Rick Jones (<i>Jamaica</i>)	Bethel Bible Grove Clarksburg Concord Cross Roads New Hope	New Liberty Oak Grove (CC) Oak Grove (HC) New Cross Roads New Prospect	Old Paths Pleasant Ridge Shiloh Westport Yuma
Eugene Brown (<i>Words of Hope</i>) www.wordsofhope.org	Bible Grove Concord Huntingdon Mixie	Oak Grove (CC) Oak Grove (HC) New Hope New Bethel	Rushing's Creek Shiloh Westport Pleasant Hill
Kevin Holland	Ephesus		
Paul Bryson	Oak Grove (HC)		
Ministerial Alliance, Camden	Cross Roads	Pleasant Hill	
Ministerial Alliance, Huntingdon	Huntingdon		
Back to the Bible	Bethel Cross Roads	New Liberty New Bethel	Bible Grove Pleasant Hill
Jimmy Hammett (<i>Mexico</i>)	Center Point		
African Fund	Oak Grove (HC)		
St. Jude Children Hospital	Marlsboro		
Todd Marks (<i>Peru</i>)	Center Point		
Murfreesboro MBC	Huntingdon		
Chris Page (<i>Trinidad</i>)	Pleasant Ridge		
New Liberty Outreach	New Liberty		
Jimmie Hale Jr. <i>- Association Missionary</i>	New Prospect		
Guatemala Mission – Eld. J. Hunton	Cross Roads	Oak Grove (HC)	
Carl Perkins Center	Concord		
F.U.E.L	Cross Roads		
Christians Delivering Hope	Cross Roads		
Teen Challenge	Cross Roads		
Gideon Society	Marlsboro		
Brett Haskins	Mixie		

***addresses available from the clerk by request**

**In Memory of Our Sainted Dead– 54
(2 Deacons, 1 Minister)**

Bethel

Sis. Maxine Baker -----10/06/2008
Sis. Luna Williams-----05/06/2009

Bible Grove

Sis. Lissie Hatchett -----12/03/2008
Sis. Idell Lewis -----12/17/2008
Sis. Magalene Woods -----11/15/2008
Bro. Rayburn Woods (Deacon) -----05/15/2009

Caledonia

Bro. Earlie Lassater (Minister)-----01/26/2009

Concord

Sis. Barbara Jordan -----02/02/2009
Bro. Roger Williams-----04/28/2009

Cross Roads

Bro. Mark Goodman-----11/26/2008
Sis. Johnnie Bell Medlin -----12/30/2008
Sis. Nannie Smothers-----01/16/2009
Bro. James Townsend -----09/16/2009
Sis. Viola Oxford -----09/25/2009

Ephesus

Bro. Tommy Simmons -----08/2009
Bro. Charlie Kee, Jr. -----12/2008

Huntingdon

Sis. Gilbertha Smith -----01/16/2009
Bro. Walter Lee Brown -----02/14/2009
Sis. Bonnie McLemore-----04/17/2009
Sis. Queen Alma Brewer-----05/07/2009

Marlsboro

Bro. Kermit Shelby -----07/30/2009

New Bethel

Sis. Linda McDaniel-----12/06/2008

New Cross Roads

Sis. Maxie Neely -----08/09/2009
Sis. Lorelle Smothers-----09/28/2009

New Hope

Bro. Max Carrington (Deacon) -----11/28/2008

New Liberty

Sis. Cindy Johnson-----03/09/2009
Sis. Mable Wood-----04/03/2009
Sis. Pauline Haywood-----09/25/2009

New Prospect

Sis. Peggy Sue Gibson-----11/10/2008
Bro. Raymond Haynes-----08/15/2009
Sis. Gladys Inman
Sis. Gladys Dodd
Bro. Rass Morgan
Bro. Rex Pritchard
Sis. Lorice Rainey
Sis. Irene Quinn
Bro. Waverly Lindsey

New Spring Hill

Bro. Steve Smothers-----11/13/2008
Sis. Alene Pollard-----06/20/2009

Oak Grove (CC)

Sis. Lottie Smithstone-----03/02/2009
Sis. Carolyn Edwards-----07/02/2009
Sis. Hester Douglas-----07/25/2009

Oak Grove (HC)

Bro. Roy Bowman-----12/07/2008
Sis. Willie B Williams-----09/17/2009

Pleasant Grove

Sis. Peggy Lomax-----02/22/2009

Pleasant Hill

Sis. Nedie Lee Allen-----01/11/2009
Bro. Hurlot Conrad-----01/17/2009
Sis. Corine Rogers-----02/26/2009
Sis. Christine Abbott-----06/05/2009
Bro. W.V. (Buck) Lesley-----06/24/2009

Pleasant Ridge

Sis. Crystal Haskins Benefield-----01/01/2009

Yuma

Bro. Bendell Birdwell-----03/06/2009
Sis. Judy Simpson McLean-----03/07/2009
Sis. Mae Henri Gooch-----06/20/2009

Sunday School Table

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	7	71	\$5,009.14
Bible Grove	Walden Blankenship	14		\$12,930.00
Caledonia	Jackie Wiggins	6	15	\$177.46
Center Point	Bill Noles	5	38	
Clarksburg	Josh Milam	34	70	\$1,858.32
Concord	Bobby Derryberry	18	65	\$753.95
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	14	86	\$1,397.61
Ephesus	Norman Hilliard	7	20	\$1,344.31
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	8	190	\$2,541.90
Landmark				
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	2		\$188.64
Mixie	Johnny Whitworth	6	40	\$747.00
New Bethel	Edward Malone	6		
New Cross Roads	Harold Palmer	9		
New Hope	H.G. (Pete) Kirby	5	35	\$824.52
New Liberty	Daniel Tucker	9		
New Prospect	Bill Smith	8	84	\$796.65
New Spring Hill	Sue Brown	2		
Oak Grove - CC	Brian Hampton	8	31	\$504.68
Oak Grove - HC	Glenn Lewis	11	68	
Old Paths	Ken Carrington	12		
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	10		\$3,625.00
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	4	17	\$1,241.22
Pleasant Ridge	Anthony French	8	35	\$3,053.00
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	2	24	\$2,098.01
Shiloh	Joe Cary	6		
Westport	Glynn Williams	12	45	\$3,131.00
Yuma	David Cary	13		
TOTALS		246	934	\$42,222.41

Statistical Table 2009

Church	Baptisms	Additions by Letter	Restorations	Total Additions	Deaths	Losses by Letter	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing
Bethel	6	2	0	8	2	1	1	4	179	2	0
Bible Grove	2	1	0	3	4	3	0	7	216	1	0
Caledonia	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	43	2	0
Center Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	1	1
Clarksburg	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	174	1	1
Concord	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	144	2	0
Cross Roads	4	2	0	6	5	1	0	6	201	2	0
Ephesus	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	76	2	0
Huntingdon	4	8	0	12	4	4	0	8	291	2	0
Landmark											
Marlsboro	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	40	1	0
Mixie	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	4	108	1	1
New Bethel	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	1	72	1	0
New Cross Rds.	0	2	0	2	2	3	0	5	88	2	2
New Hope	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	3	113	1	1
New Liberty	6	5	0	11	2	4	0	6	136	1	1
New Prospect	3	1	0	4	9	1	0	10	136	1	0
New Spring Hill	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	28	1	0
Oak Grove (CC)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	31	1	1
Oak Grove (HC)	6	2	0	8	2	4	4	10	158	2	0
Old Paths	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	21	1	0
Pleasant Grove	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	64	1	0
Pleasant Hill	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5		1	1
Pleasant Ridge	2	1	0	3	1	2	0	3	58	1	0
Rushing's Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	1	0
Shiloh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	0
Westport	4	2	0	6	0	0	1	1	82	1	0
Yuma	4	1	0	5	3	3	0	6	171	1	0
TOTALS	50	30	0	80	53	40	6	99	2844	35	9

Financial Table

Church	Expenditures	Pastor's Salary	Ministireial Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	\$16,772.99		\$4,035.50	\$7,516.00	\$200	\$50	\$28,574.49
Bible Grove		\$29,936.00	\$3,300.00	\$19,100.00	\$150	\$50	\$52,536.00
Caledonia	\$6,467.87	\$5,715.00	\$1,944.00	\$737.50	\$35	\$10	\$14,909.37
Center Point	\$3,513.80		\$1,600.00	\$1,994.41	\$50	\$25	\$7,183.21
Clarksburg	\$14,869.59	\$23,274.67	\$150.00	\$9,904.77	\$150	\$50	\$48,399.03
Concord	\$8,114.56	\$17,220.10	\$2,919.78	\$3,391.26	\$120	\$50	\$31,815.70
Cross Roads	\$85,663.36	\$52,550.38	\$4,275.90	\$4,870.00	\$180	\$35	\$147,574.64
Ephesus	\$11,782.91	\$5,300.00	\$750.00	\$720.00	\$45	\$25	\$18,622.91
Huntingdon	\$229,446.89	\$46,995.00	\$15,410.00	\$4,200.00	\$150	\$75	\$296,276.89
Landmark							\$0.00
Marlsboro	\$3,081.73	\$8,923.00	\$300.00	\$1,362.00	\$25	\$15	\$13,706.73
Mixie	\$10,188.57	\$8,353.00	\$1,697.00	\$1,900.00	\$75	\$25	\$22,238.57
New Bethel	\$4,641.26	\$7,148.00	\$1,609.00	\$2,701.30	\$45	\$25	\$16,169.56
New Cross Rds.					\$75	\$25	\$100.00
New Hope	\$17,060.47	\$11,870.74	\$4,129.00	\$3,354.03	\$60	\$40	\$36,514.24
New Liberty					\$100	\$100	\$200.00
New Prospect	\$4,916.48	\$14,123.21	\$4,477.47	\$720.00	\$60	\$30	\$24,327.16
New Spring Hill	\$4,728.04	\$2,069.00			\$30	\$15	\$6,842.04
Oak Grove (CC)	\$7,476.38	\$12,017.00	\$613.00	\$1,581.50	\$50	\$20	\$21,757.88
Oak Grove (HC)					\$90	\$50	\$140.00
Old Paths		\$9,500.00	\$9,502.00	\$2,495.00	\$75	\$75	\$21,647.00
Pleasant Grove	\$416.00	\$6,830.00	\$1,028.00		\$100	\$100	\$8,474.00
Pleasant Hill	\$8,234.78	\$12,930.00	\$1,471.00	\$1,200.00	\$50	\$25	\$23,910.78
Pleasant Ridge	\$17,651.00	\$20,700.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,334.00	\$100	\$150	\$44,735.00
Rushing's Creek	\$4,414.11	\$15,534.75	\$930.00	\$3,456.00	\$50	\$20	\$24,404.86
Shiloh	\$4,497.91	\$20,444.00	\$1,608.00	\$2,400.00	\$60	\$50	\$29,059.91
Westport	\$5,933.00	\$6,722.00	\$2,648.00	\$1,280.00	\$75	\$25	\$16,683.00
Yuma					\$50	\$50	\$100.00
TOTALS	\$469,871.70	\$338,155.85	\$66,197.65	\$79,217.77	\$2,250	\$1,210	\$956,902.97

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