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THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church in Huntingdon, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2006, at 10:00 AM.

2006 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon---Eld. Harvey Ambrose
Alternate ----- Eld. David Leslie
Doctrinal Sermon----- Eld. Randy Thompson
Alternate -----Eld. Tim Maness

History of Bible Grove

During the 1860's, a shelter was built by O.M.Wood and others, near where the present church now stands, for the worship of our Lord. Later on, a small log house was built. In the 1870's, a church was organized. It was one of the eight charter members of the Beech River Baptist Association. The other members were Chapel Hill, Ridge Grove, Fellowship, Jacks Creek, Piney Creek, Mt. Ararat, and Bible Hill.

On November 8, 1877, deeds were made to members of the church consisting of 2 plots. This is recorded in book #4, page 272, Henderson County Registrars Office, Lexington, Tennessee. S.E. plot to be used for a burying ground for all wishing to bury there. N.W. plot was designated for a church building. This land was given to the brothers and sisters and their successors forever.

The charter members were as follows: Wesley Blankenship. Clark Blankenship, Elijah Derryberry, Brother Hopper, Green Scates, Larkin Lindsey, Henry Wood, Riley Wood, Houston Wood, Osborn Wood, Nancy Ann Wood Lewis, and Billy Blankenship.

The Sunday School was organized on the third Sunday in January, 1958. The first Sunday School rooms were built in January, 1970. Additional Sunday School rooms and bathrooms were added to the building in the spring of 1979.

The Fellowship hall footing was dug on January 1, 1989; completed in April, 1989.

The church sanctuary was renovated during the winter of 1998. During this renovation, the church met in the fellowship hall. Upon completion of the sanctuary renovation, a new addition of Sunday School rooms was added to the back of the church building and a new front porch was added.

The Fellowship Hall was renovated during the fall and winter of 2004.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS






FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006

- ❑ Call Association to Order
- ❑ Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- ❑ Appoint Finance Committee
- ❑ Appoint Topics Committee for 2007 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 2007 Session
- ❑ Select Brethren to Preach 2007 Annual Sermons
- ❑ Introductory Sermon - 11:00 AM
- ❑ Call for Correspondence
- ❑ Call for Report on Law & Grace
- ❑ Call for Report on Being Persistent / Seeking the Salvation of Our Kindred & Acquaintances

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006

- ❑ 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 Sign Gifts / Are They Active Today?
- ❑ Doctrinal Sermon - 11:00 AM
- ❑ Call for Report of Topic Committee
- ❑ Call for report on *to be announced based upon current event*
- ❑ Call for report from the Associational Missionary
- ❑ Call for New Business
- ❑ Reading of the Vote Of Thanks
- ❑ Read and Approve Minutes by Clerk
- ❑ Song and Parting Hand

Association Elected Officers for 2005-2006

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met for her one hundred fifty-seventh annual session with Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church on a cool, overcast fall Friday morning. The Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, welcomed all present and then called the association to order. He then asked Bro. Randy Thompson, pastor Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church, to lead us in prayer. He then asked Bro. Rayburn Wood, Bible Grove Church, to lead us in a song with Sis. Rebecca Clement, Bible Grove Church on the piano. The congregation stood and sang “I’m too Near Home” and “I’m Just A Stranger Here”.

After congregational singing the Moderator again welcomed all present to the 157th session of this association. After a few remarks he read from Psalms 100:1-5.

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

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Pastor and Deacon Body of Bible Grove Church

Finance Committee:

Bro. Lester Waugh - Concord Church

Bro. Lynn Breeden - Yuma Church

Bro. Jimmy Hale - Clarksburg Church

2006 Topic Committee:

Bro. Johnny Wall (Chairman) - New Liberty Church

Bro. Phillip Halter – Bible Grove Church

Bro. Jimmy Stewart – New Liberty Church

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. David Leslie

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.

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

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

Bro. Andrew Stokes, Clarksburg Church, was nominated as Assistant Moderator, and being the only one nominated, a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

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

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

Seven Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2006 session. A motion and second was made to select Huntingdon Church as the host site. Motion carried.

Bro. Harvey Ambrose was nominated to preach the Introductory Sermon and being the only one nominated a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

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

The moderator then asked for a song led by Bro. Rayburn Wood and Sis. Rebecca Clement on the piano. We stood and sang “When He Calls I’ll Fly Away”.

Introductory Sermon

Bro. Smith then introduced Bro. Clint Sanders, Pastor of Pleasant Grove, as the one selected during the last session to preach this morning’s Introductory Sermon. Bro. Sanders took the stand and told about the joy of coming to each session and to all the previous sessions. He said he had gotten to a point that he is no longer nervous, but anxious. He knew that the spirit would be here



and that there would be people here praying. His desire was to want what God wants. He told the people of Bible Grove that he enjoys coming back to this place. It was at this church that he was saved and announced his calling into the ministry. He read from Samuel 2:12-17 and took for a thought *keeping the fire from going out*. Sometimes as preachers we get down. We can preach hell and still be able to find encouragement. Bro. Clint told of how Eli was in charge. Eli was the one that was to make sure that things should be done the way they were intended. Today, we as church members we are to make sure of the same thing. There were the sons of Belial that did not believe in God. Eli got in trouble when his children started doing things they should not have, and he did not deal with them. Samuel later replaced Eli. God church is like a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. We cannot let the light go out the way that Eli did. Eli's two sons abused the things that God told them they could not do. There are things that we will pay for doing. He read verse 22-29. Many churches today need to keep the fire burning. He told about how he likes to see the spirit of God moving about the churches and keeping the fire burning. Sometime our churches get caught up in things that we miss the purpose. Without a vision, the people will perish. There is a time when the fire begins to die out, and the light dims out.

He read verse 35 and told how God is going to raise people to do the work they are supposed to be doing. God walks before the anointed and guides them in the path they should go. He emphasized the point that we should not mess with God. There are many battles that we must fight, knowing that victory is ours. He read from chapter 3 and talked about the "open vision". This means that God had withdrawn himself because of sin. God did not do this partially, but completely. In verse 3 the lamps went out. There was nobody to trim the wick, fill the lamp with oil, therefore causing the light to go out. And if Eli lost his vision, where would the people then get their vision? There is not one person that can keep the fire going or that can put it out. But collectively, we can. He told about the 7 churches of Asia that were doing some things right, but there were things that they were doing wrong too. The church of Ephesus was told that they were doing things right. But the problem with them was they had left their first love. This is what happened to Eli. He had left his first love. We definitely need to preach the truths to our churches today. He referred to Matt 25 and told about the bridegroom that came by and only found those who had a lamp burning. Romans 10:1-3 and how many churches are losing their vision. Again, this is what happened to Eli. We should practice what the bible teaches, and abide by the covenant. When Eli first preached at Shiloh, he

had a vision and the fire was burning. After he soon lost those, the lamps soon went out. God told Eli that if he were not going to help, then he would get someone else. It is a huge responsibility to keep the fire from going out. We need to do this so that the church will continue to stand. By standing for this truth, the gospel will continue from generation to generation. We all need to take care of the house of God. Practice the things that need to be practiced.

In closing, Bro. Sanders thanked all for hearing him and turned the service back over to the moderator.

With some time until lunch, the moderator called for correspondence. Bro. Smith asked for the clerk to read any correspondence. The clerk read the correspondence that he had received. Motion and second for the clerk to record any needed correspondence in the minutes.

The moderator called for visitors to the association to stand and be recognized. (*see page 28*)

The moderator then asked Bro. Rick Jones to come forth and give a missionary update on the work in Jamaica. He told of the privilege of being here this day. He read from Acts 14: 26-27 and told how God has opened the door of faith to the Jamaicans. He told about two different occasions where the power of God has been at work. He told about Dr. Mike Collins medical clinics and how they saw 290 patients on a recent medical mission effort. In closing, he brought a warm and heartfelt word of thanks from the people of Jamaica and to thank them for their support of the Jamaican people.

The moderator then asked Bro. Eugene Brown to come and give a report on his short wave radio broadcast. Bro. Brown told about how thankful he was to be here today. He then told about his beginnings of the short wave radio broadcast. He then gave an update on things going on and asked the people present to keep the broadcast in their prayers.

At the close of the morning session, the Moderator asked Bro. Sanders to come forth and the congregation stood and offered him the right hand of Christian fellowship while they sang many good spiritual songs.

A motion and second was made to adjourn till 1:00 PM for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Charles Connell, Old Paths Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled after enjoying a most wonderful lunch prepared by the host church and friends. We stood together and sang “Just A Little Talk”, and “I Can Tell You the Time” led by Bro. Ricky Lewis, Oak Grove (HC) and Bro. Lee Carter, Huntingdon Church, on the piano.

The moderator made a few remarks and read from Isaiah 55:1-7. Before continuing any further, the Moderator then asked Bro. Kenny Rush, Huntingdon Church, to lead us in prayer.

Bro. Andrew Stokes asked for a moment to speak to this body of people. He wanted to thank the messengers of churches for electing him as the assistant moderator for another year.

Motion and second was made for 10 minutes for chairman and 5 minutes for the co-chairman. Motion carried.

Call for report on Cultivating Competent Christian Leaders in the Church.

Today, there is a great need in our Churches for competent Christian Leaders. Who are Christian leaders? The basic definition of a Christian is to be Christ-like. A leader is one that has an influence over others. Therefore, we need to follow as close as possible to Christ’s example to be “the salt of the earth”, having an influence over the lost world and not the lost having the influence over us.

Jesus, in his personal ministry, established His church (Matthew 16:18). In I Peter 2:5, the Bible tells us to be a living stone, that we are chosen of God, precious, built up as lively stones, to a spiritual house, where we will offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. This scripture states the importance of being “lively” or alive, working stones in His church. He expects **ALL** of us, not just the ordained brethren, to put forth an effort for the advancement of His cause.

Individuals cannot be leaders when their attendance is infrequent and the followers see the inconsistency pattern without God in their lives. The definition of leadership is the following: to be in front, to guide, an example. In Romans 12: 11 it states that we are not to be slothful but to be fervent in Spirit and serve the Lord. Is this the reason that we do not have more Christian Leaders in our Churches? Commitment, Faithfulness and Competence goes hand in hand. In order to be a leader, we must be competent. Competence does not mean that we have to be super

intellectuals or to score perfect on an ACT Test. To be competent we must “Study to show ourselves approved unto God.” In the commission to the Church, Jesus instructs us to 1) go into the world, 2) to preach /teach the lost about salvation, 3) baptize them as they give evidence of repentance, and 4) teaching them (saved, members of the church) to observe all things whatsoever as He commanded us. Therefore, we see the need for leadership and knowledge in God’s word. As we are born a babe in the world, we are also born a babe in Christ. Just as a child grows in knowledge when he attends school, so should we grow in Christ as the children of God. In order to be a competent Christian leader, our life should be consistent with God’s Word. In I Peter Chapter 2 verse 6, the scripture states “Behold I Lay in Zion a Chief Corner Stone” a good leader will align his life with such a foundation.

The definition from Merriam Webster’s Dictionary of cultivate is to foster growth, to refine, to improve, or to further. Before you can cultivate a crop, there must be a crop that is growing. The same logic applies to the Lord’s Church. Luke’s Gospel tells us in Chapter 8 verse 13, “The word fell upon some, they heard, received the word with joy, and there was no root and they began to fall away.” Brothers and Sisters we must not fall prey to Satan’s devices by becoming complacent or slothful. We must continue to plough the fields and plant seed. In I Corinthians 3:6, Paul said, “ I have planted, Apollos watered but God gave the increase.” We must plant, but just like the scripture states, we must also water and foster the growth in our churches. Without cultivation we will find gaps as stated in Ezekiel 22:30. A biblical example to follow is the nourishing by Moses in the development of a young Joshua. As Moses became older, he knew that it was not God’s will that he lead the children of Israel to the promised land. There had to be a new leader chosen by God and Joshua had learned at the feet of Moses. Therefore no gap existed between Moses and Joshua and by the grace of God, Israel reached the promise land. When gaps are created there is a void for Satan to fill. Ephesians 4:27 “Neither give place to the devil.”

Paul states in II Corinthians 5 “If a man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.” Many in the world today use the name Christian but are not a new creature in Christ. These are wells with out water, clouds that are carried with a tempest, to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever.” For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lust of the flesh, through much wantonness those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.” We are not describing bad people but simply those whose hearts are not right with God. They have been blinded by the false

prophets which have come in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravening wolves. ("If the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch", Matthew 15:14) True Christian leaders should be able to recognize these types of false teachers. Paul told the Church at Ephesus " be (ye) no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Ephesians 4:14

Finally, we all know that our primary leadership comes from God, (Isaiah 48:17, "I am the Lord thy God which teach thee to profit, which lead thee by the way thou should go." Therefore we must seek his counsel in **ALL** decisions for our churches. Choosing those to serve in places of leadership in our churches is no exception. We must not be careless and fill positions with people who are unfit and unqualified. If we choose poorly not only will we suffer but the church of tomorrow will also suffer. Let us, (each individual church) work better to grow more helpers in the cause. Jesus himself saw a need that the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Let us also recognize this need and that it has not changed in the year 2005.

Respectfully Submitted

Brother Tim Maness
Brother David Leslie

The report on Cultivating Competent Christian Leaders in the Church was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. David Leslie, Tim Maness.

Call for report on The Qualifications of Pastors and Deacons.

We the committee on the topic "The Qualifications of Pastors and Deacons" submit the following report for your consideration :

We believe that all Christians are to be servants, but that pastors (bishops or elders) and deacons are special servants, that must meet specific qualifications. They should both be very serious, watchful, with a good sense of priorities, they must know the truth and stand upon that truth taught in God's Word. Both pastors and deacons have a serious work to perform and can either be an asset or a liability,

depending on how well they stand upon the principles taught in the scriptures. They must both be sound in the faith, with no practiced sin in their lives, and they should be full of the Holy Ghost.

We believe that first and foremost both must have an experience of salvation by grace through faith. With the minister or pastor also having a true calling from God into the ministry, and after being called by a local church to be their pastor, that he must then be ordained to the full work of the ministry by the church. The pastor (elder) is to be an overseer of God's people, he should be spiritually lead of God and should spiritually care for and watch over the local church in which he is called to pastor. The deacon must also meet certain criteria and after meeting the qualifications described in the scriptures they are to be appointed by the church for ordination. Even though the deacon is not called of God and has no spiritual oversight over the church given them in the scriptures, they should be spiritual leaders. Both pastors and deacons should lead by example, they are not perfect, but their life should be a light that others could and would follow after their example. Jesus said in Matt. 5:16 - "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Although this scripture is not speaking of just preachers and deacons only, but all Christians, it is our belief that pastors and deacons should hold themselves to a higher sense of responsibility, not better than anyone else in the church, but by being set apart as spiritual leaders should take their position the more serious.

We believe that the scriptures are very plain on the qualifications for pastors and deacons as found in I Tim. 3: 1-13 also Tit. 1: 6-9 and others. It is our convictions and what we believe has been the traditions of our forefathers before us that we sincerely uphold today.

Qualifications of bishop: (I Timothy 3:1-7)

Verse 1: "*if a man desire the office of a bishop*" teaches us that a bishop, elder, or pastor must be a man. The scriptures are plain regarding the leaders of the church being male. Paul wrote, "This is a true saying, **"if a man"** desire the office of a bishop, *he desireth a good work*". Vs. 2 says the **"husband of one wife"** and vs. 4 says, one that ruleth well **his** own house. There must be a calling from God (Romans 10:15).

"he desireth a good work" means he has a long for (burden) for a worth cause (the church).

Verse 2: **"he must be blameless"** this does not mean perfect or without sin, but that others cannot legitimately find fault with him. (I John 1:8-10; Rom 3:23)

“the husband of one wife” There are many different beliefs on this one thought - some are, must a pastor be married or may he be single, can he be divorced and still pastor a church or not. We believe that if a man has been married, that he must be the husband of one wife, (have only one living wife), in order to meet the qualifications of a pastor. We are not saying that someone who has been divorced cannot preach if they have truly been called of God, but that he should not pastor.

“must be vigilant” means to abstain from wine, have self-control. He must be watchful and have self control along with good conduct. ***“sober”*** means to be of a sound mind, sane, in one's senses curbing one's desires and impulses, self-controlled, temperate. ***“of good behavior”*** means he has to be orderly and dignified. ***“given to hospitality”*** means to love strangers and be willing to help those I need out, regardless if he does not know them. ***“apt to teach”*** means to be skillful in teaching. (Titus 1:9)

Verse 3: *“not given to wine”* The Bible teaches that all intoxicants should be avoided, and the pastor is to be an example to others and therefore should not be given to the influence of alcohol at any time. ***“no striker”*** This is referring to physical violence. We must remember that we fight our battles with scripture, not physically. ***“not greedy of filthy lucre”***. There must not be a temptation to serve for the sole purpose of money. Money is not to be the motivation (I Peter 5:2). ***“but patient”*** means to be fair, reasonable, kind, mild, gentle. ***“not a brawler”*** - in dealing with people, he must not have a contentious spirit or be of a fighting manner. This does not however mean that when circumstances call for controversy that the pastor would in any way refuse to contend for the faith - Jude 3. ***“not covetous”*** means not a lover of money.

Verse 4: *“one that ruleth well his own house”* - must have control of his own home if he is to oversee the house of God. *Verse 5* plainly states, “(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) ***“having his children in subjection with all gravity”*** - if he has children in his home they should be under subjection unto him. He should be serious and not foolish in raising his children.

Verse 6: *“not a novice”*. The pastor must not be a new convert. ***“lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil”***

Verse 7: *“Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without”* - even though this should be a qualification of all Christians, it is of utmost importance that the pastor have a proper lifestyle when seen by the outside world, ***“lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”***

Qualifications of a deacon: (I Timothy 3:8-12)

Verse 8: *“likewise must the deacons be grave”* - indicating the seriousness of the deacons meeting these qualifications - grave - it simply means must be serious and trustworthy in his work. *“not double tongued”* means not moving among the members saying things that are contradictory. He must not say one thing to one person and something contradictory to another. *“not given to much wine”* - even though the wording is different here from vs. 3, it is our belief that like the pastor a deacon ought not to drink any type of strong drink, remembering he is to be an example to others.

“not given to filthy lucre” - again like the pastor greed is not to be a stumbling block in his life.

Verse 9: *“holding the mystery of the faith”* means he must not be opposed to the truth. The truth is the gospel (Col. 1:25-26). We must stand upon the doctrines of God’s Word holding the mystery of faith.

Verse 10: *“and let these also first be proved”* - a deacon and a pastor should meet the qualifications and have a proven life style prior to being considered for the office he is to fill. There is a serious work to be done and not just an honorable title to have or a position to fill. The work of deacon or pastor is not to be taken lightly but must filled humbly and very, very seriously. *“being found blameless”* - again like the pastor, he is not above sin, but should not have faults that others could accuse him of wrong doing. A man who is angry, vulgar, or does not support his family cannot be blameless.

Verse 11 *“Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.”*

Verse 12: *“let the deacon be the husband of one wife”* - like the pastor, we believe that if he is married he should be the husband of one wife. *“ruling their children and their own houses well”* - again if they have children, they should be able to rule their own house.

In Luke 12:48 Jesus says, “But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.” Therefore it is our belief that pastors and deacons need to take their responsibilities more serious and be the spiritual leaders God would have them to be. It is our prayer that when the Lord returns, that he will find his servants faithful. But until the Lord returns, may we strive to be and do what is pleasing unto Him.

The report on The Qualifications of Pastors and Deacons was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Scott Carter, Bryan Oakes, Andrew Stokes, Rayburn Woods.

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

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Rick Jones, Missionary to Jamaica.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005

On a sunny Saturday October 9, 2005 we reassembled together on another beautiful Lords day. The congregation began by singing "Getting Ready to Leave This World", and "The Prettiest Flowers Will Be Blooming" led by Bro. Rayburn Wood, Bible Grove Church, and accompanied by Sis. Rebecca Clement, Bible Grove Church, on the piano.

The Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, opened the second day of the Association by welcoming all present and asked Bro. Marshall Gurley, New Liberty Church, to lead us in prayer. He then welcomed all to the second day of this association. He quoted Psalms 133 about how good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Bro. Smith then read from I Thessalonians 5:1-28.

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

The Moderator called for the committee reports.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported collections of the Minute Fund of \$ 1,636.00, and the Clerk Fund of \$ 960.00 giving a total of \$ 2,596.00. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 8, 2005 is \$ 1,868.89. 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. David Leslie gave the obituary Report.

Bro. Leslie came forth and read from Philippians 1:21 and made a few remarks about heaven and our labors here on this Earth. He then read the list of all those who have passed on since our last meeting. Bro. Smith asked the assistant

moderator to take charge while he spoke to the topic. Bro. Smith made a few remarks about death and how he looks forward to that day when we all get together.

Motion and second was made to accept this report as read. Motion carried. The moderator told that the hour had come for the doctrinal sermon. He asked Bro. Rayburn Woods to lead the congregation in a song.

Report from Historical Committee

Bro. Scott Carter reported that the Historical Committee is making progress on the making of the book about the history of our association. He told that the wishes of the committee are to have the book completed by the 160th session in 2008, but hopefully sooner than that. He reported that he would like to have any volunteers to help with the continuation of the minutes. This consists of making copies of minutes, and transcribing the old minutes of the association. He also told of how the minutes that have been missing have been found at the Henderson County Library and has obtained the original minutes on a temporary basis.

The congregation stood and sang another song while Bro. Lynn Stapleton came forth. Bro. Smith turned the service over to Bro. Lynn Stapleton to come and deliver the doctrinal sermon.



Doctrinal Sermon

As the congregation stood to sing, the electricity went out. With no electricity, the doors were opened and the windows were raised. Bro Stapleton stood and told of the privilege to be here today. He took for a text Isaiah 12:1-6. “Behold God is My Salvation” from verse 2 is his thought for today. Many years ago in Ohio, he worked with a man that was a survivor of the Nazi death camp Auzwitch. These people had numbers tattooed on their body. This guy was a little man; we are all little men. This man would often rub his hands together and ask the question “what are we going to do?” Since our last meeting, our world has seen some big things. Bro. Stapleton was reminded during the obituary report that the one who was selected to be the alternate, was not here today. Anyone that had never heard Bro. Tim preach, they missed a great blessing. He then told about the great Tsunami that hit Indonesia and people asking where is God? We have also seen terrorists strike and disrupt government. We have seen hurricanes hit our country

and disrupt our economy. We have also seen the anti-Christ with people trying to legalize same sex marriage. We need to ask ourselves, what are we going to do? We do not have to sit here today and ask ourselves the question “what are we going to do? God is our salvation. In the last few days we have discovered a spy in the White House. We are threatened with the Asian Bird flu epidemic. We don’t have to wring our hands and wonder what we are going to do. God is our salvation!!! It is a wonderful thing to be able to stand and have the security of our salvation. Hallelujah!! Uziah came to become king at a young age. He let the fire go out in his life. But in spite of his failures he was a good king. He cried out “God what are we going to do.” God gave him a vision. The people perish without a vision. God said “Hear oh Israel” you have sinned against me. Why should you be stricken anymore? You will only rebel more and more. This nation has also done the same. But God says, “Come now and let us reason together.” If we will turn to Him he will heal and forgive. The problem is worldwide and not only the United States of America. The whole world is in rebellion toward God. But yet God loved us and sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might have hope. We’ve got homeland security when we believe and trust in the God of heaven. God has planted a vineyard, He removed the stone and He made it ready to prosper but we have corrupted His vineyard.

He told of how all his life, he heard the old old story how a savior came from glory. God has been my refuge throughout life. We need God to bring us back and restore us back to that right relationship. We need Him to restore our nation back to where we need to be. But I am afraid that people are not listening. We were all slaves making bricks in a foreign land. But just like Israel God visited them and had mercy upon them and delivered them and destroyed their enemies. Just like Israel God has redeemed us and blessed our nation and has delivered us. It frightens us that we are proud and boast of our military power and do not give thanks to God that He has made us great and without Him our power is nothing. The Lord is our strength! When we don’t know the way He leads us. He leads us beside the still waters. Yea though I walk the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil. God is our strength, He is our salvation. Political parties are at variance when one or the other is elected. Our churches have their disunity problems. We can’t seem to come together and turn back to God.

In the instance of Jehosaphat, they knew not what to do but the Lord told him to go out singing. Isaiah said “Cry out and shout.” Our God has done great and wonderful things for us. As he was approaching the church, he was pondering how

great and wonderful this thought God gave me is. It's too big for him to expound upon properly. Isaiah said, "With joy shall ye draw water out of the waters of salvation." We find God sometime in places we don't expect Him to be. Samson found honey in the carcass of the lion. Bro. Stapleton recalled a former Moderator preaching a sermon from Isaiah where God said, "Whom shall I send?" And Isaiah responded "Send me Lord." God is our salvation. We need to be prepared to step out and go forth for Him. We need to be about our father's business. We might just be the generation that is here when He comes again. We should be glad we can sing and say, "Great is the God of our salvation." "Someday we are going to stand in God's city." (He sings the refrain.) God is my salvation! While Bro. Stapleton was singing, you could hear the shouts of those whose hearts were filled with the Spirit.

He then turned the service back over to the moderator. When Bro. Stapleton turned the service over to the moderator, the electricity was restored. Bro. Smith asked for a song and for the congregation to give Bro. Stapleton the right hand of fellowship. While shaking hands, you could hear the shouts of joy throughout the house. Thanks be unto God! What a sweet spirit present with us this day!

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Harvey Ambrose, pastor Old Paths Church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another bountiful meal, we began the afternoon session by singing "My Lord Keeps A Record"; "Looking for a City" and "Jesus Spoke to Me" led by Bro. Rayburn Wood, Bible Grove Church, accompanied by Sis. Rebecca Clement, Bible Grove Church, on the piano.

The moderator thanked the host church for the bountiful meal that has been provided. He then called on Bro. John Small, pastor New Hope Church to lead us in prayer. The moderator then read II Timothy 1:1-10.

Call for Report on the Rod of Reproof/Spare the Rod & Spoil the Child.

We the committee reporting on The Rod of Reproof: Spare the Rod, Spoil the Child report the Following:

Among the greatest of all privileges God grants in this life is the privilege a husband and wife enjoy in raising children. But with this great privilege comes an awesome responsibility. For the children that we hold in our arms today, and tuck

into bed tonight are placed in our care by God. Ps. 127:3 says “Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” Because God has placed them in our care, entrusting us with their upbringing, we are duty-bound to raise them as he sets forth in his word. Eph. 4:6 states” And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” We are not only accountable to God, but we also have a responsibility to our children themselves, our churches, and society in general, for all of these will be directly impacted by the way we raise our children.

The Lord teaches us in the word the necessity of the rod of reproof in raising our children. By itself the rod will not do the job. But together with good parental examples, and the teachings of Gods Word will serve to “Train them up in the way they should go.” Prov. 22:6.

The rod of correction, also known as corporal punishment, spanking, paddling, whipping etc. is necessary because all children are born with the fallen, sinful nature inherited from our father Adam. Prov. 22:15 states “Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction will drive it far from him.” The foolishness of sin and self-will are deeply rooted in the heart of all children from birth and is soon manifest after they enter this world by selfish behavior and disobedience to their parents. Though the condition of the heart can only be fixed when a person is born again, until that time comes, faithfully administering the rod of correction will control and modify a childs behavior as they learn that when they act in a way unacceptable to their parents there is a cost to these actions that outweighs the benefits of doing it their way. Not only does the child learn the art of self-control be he or she also learns to honor their parents and submit to their authority over them.

The rod of correction must be administered prayerfully, consistently, and early. Prov. 19:18 states “ Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.” If bad behavior is not corrected early in life it will grow into habit, and in time the childs character will be set in sinfulness and self-indulgence. The drug rehab facilities, divorce courts, and prisons are a constant, sad reminder to us that sparing the rod does indeed spoil the child. It would be far better for our children to suffer the pain and shame of the rod in our hands as parents today, than to suffer at the hands of the authorities tomorrow. Even though they cry and beg us not to punish them today, they will thank us tomorrow if we do.

Parents that neglectfully fail to firmly discipline their children will reap in a little while, in the lives of these children, what they have sown. Prov. 29:15 states

“The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.” It may seem to be a small matter or maybe even cute when young children disobey parents, or exhibit bad behavior, for after all “they’re not hurting anyone” so many parents choose either to do *nothing*, or sometimes even to laugh at this sinful behavior. But in a lithe while what was funny, or a small matter becomes anything but a laughing matter when parents are called to the principals office at school because their child is misbehaving and disrespectful to school authorities or even worse in a few years when the call comes from the jailhouse bringing the news **that** the once young child now a young adult has been arrested for breaking the law. The embarrassment, shame and disgrace **that** comes to so many parents, **and whole families** would likely be avoided if by a firm **hand of discipline** children were taught to honor and respect their parents at home which would grow into a healthy respect for all those who are in authority. On the other hand, if children don’t respect Mama and Daddy they will probably have little regard for anyone in authority.

Failure to discipline children, as has already been stated can cause terrible pain in this life, but greater still it can have eternal consequences. Prov.23: 13 states, ‘Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shall beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.’ Failure to administer the rod of correction when called for sends a **dangerous message to our** children. The message is that sins can be committed without consequences. This message is in direct contradiction **to the** Scriptures, which teach us that there’s always a consequence to sin. Rom. 6:23 says “ **The wages of sin is death,**” James 1:15 says “sin when it is finished, bringeth forth **death.** **“If we do not** teach our children to fear and dread the rod of reproof when they do wrong at home, and sin goes **unpunished by parents, who** threaten but just can’t seem to follow through, **what are the chances that** they will fear God, or believe that he will follow through with the everlasting punishment threatened in the scriptures **for** sins committed against him? Seeing the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, without that fear they will never repent and be **saved.**

Finally, the argument has been made, “I just love my children too much to spank or whip them. “This sounds like a good argument, but according to Gods **word it’s a lie. Prov. 13:24 states** “He that spareth his rod **hateth his son:** but he **that loveth him** chasteneth **him** betimes. **“No parent enjoys disciplining their children!** It is one of the most difficult things a parent is required to do. As the old saying goes, “This is going to hurt me worse than it does **you” and as** parents we

know this to be true in many ways. Neither do we delight in forcing **our** children to take a painful shot of medicine when they're sick, **or** going through the pain of having a broken bone set, but **when** these things happen we don't hesitate because its got to be done. The same applies to discipline, its **got** to be done. Therefore let us not flinch at our parental duty but faithfully and lovingly apply the medicine the situation calls for. For if we truly love them we will give them what they need.

If there remains any doubt to the necessity of administering the rod of correction we have in the scriptures a heavenly example from a father of unmatched parental skill and unlimited love for his children. Heb. 12:5 states" My son despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom he loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." and verse **11** "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

Humbly Submitted:
Bro. Ryne Reynolds
Bro. Phillip Halter

The report on The Rod of Reproof/Spare the Rod & Spoil the Child was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Phillip Halter, Ryne Reynolds, Lee Carter, Rayburn Wood, Scott Carter, Ray Smith.

Call for the report on Marriage/Divorce/Alternative Unions.

Marriage / Divorce / Alternative Unions *God's Original Design*

God knew in His omniscient wisdom that in order for a society to survive and flourish it would have to be built upon a solid foundation. Marriage, for a lifetime, between a man and woman is the first building block of a sound society. Within the scripture of Holy writ, God reveals this intent in presenting Eve to Adam to be his wife. *Genesis 2:18* tells us that the Lord God recognized Adam's need of a help mate and declared that He would make Adam a companion. As Adam named the many creatures that God had made he realized that the creatures were male and female and were made to be fruitful so that they could multiply in God's earth.

Adam also realized he was alone in this respect and he longed for a companion that would make him complete. (*Genesis 2:19-20*)

God made Adam a “help meet.” This word in Hebrew indicates the function of “helping to build.” Adam desired a family and he was incomplete in his self and unable to build a family by himself. From the very beginning of time God’s purpose has been for a man and woman to marry and build a family and a future together. The Lord God intends this to be a lifetime commitment. **Genesis 2:22** states ²² “And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, **made** he a woman, and **brought** her unto the man.” This word “made” in Hebrew is “*banah*” and literally means “*IA1* to build, rebuild. *IA2* to build a house (ie, establish a family).” (*Strong’s Concordance*) After creating her, God “brought” the woman to the man. In this we see our own tradition of the father giving the bride to be wed to the husband. This word “brought” implies “the solemn bestowment of her in the bonds of the marriage covenant, which is hence called the covenant of God (*Proverbs 2:17*); implying that God is the Author of this sacred institution” Upon awakening, Adam intuitively understands and perceives God’s intention for him and his new companion. Adam says by divine inspiration “This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” Within Adam’s words we see that he fully understood God’s design for the family unit.

Our Lord affirmed the permanence of marriage between a man and a woman when He was asked about divorce by the Pharisees. From the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, God’s intent was that one man would join himself with one woman and they would become one flesh for the entirety of their lives. The practice of divorce came about because of the hardness of man’s heart. (*Matthew 19:7-8, Deuteronomy 24:1-4*) Jesus makes it perfectly clear that this was not God’s intent from the beginning. *Matthew 19:8* says, ⁸ “He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.” Marriage is not only a physical union; it is also a spiritual, emotional and psychological union. God has provided for our physical, psychological and emotional needs within the marriage union. Our physical relationship with our companion is blessed and honored by God. **Hebrews 13:4** says, ⁴ “Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” The Apostle Paul, through the Holy Spirit, likens the marriage between a man and woman with the relationship between the Lord and His

church. (*Ephesians 5:22-33*) The structure of marriage and the family is set forth in these verses and it is likened unto the structure of the Lord's church. It is when men and women reject the structure set forth in the Word of God and begin to apply their own perverted ideas to marriage that the institution of marriage and the family begins to deteriorate. Satan is ever working to destroy the scripturally defined family and marriage unit. He is the most subtle beast of the field and he undermines the very foundations of civilization. **Isaiah 14:12** makes this reference to Lucifer; ¹² "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst **weaken the nations!**" Satan has undermined the very foundations of society and has now brought the world, and this nation, to the point of possibly redefining marriage and the family.

Matthew 24:35 states, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." We find in God's Word infallible truths, inspired by God to be written for the sakes of not only those individuals in that day, but for all generations that should come thereafter. God's moral standards do not change just because man's preferences, desires and passions go against the teaching of His Word. It is clear in the beginning with the union of Adam and Eve that God intended marriage to be strictly between a man and a woman. Despite the plainness of God's Word in Leviticus 18:22, which states: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." man has gone about to create terms such as **Alternative Union** for those wishing to marry another member of the same sex. The word "alternative" suggests that there is another way in addition to the one that God set in place. This is a classic example of man twisting God's Word, or altogether rejecting it, in order to make them feel comfortable about their lifestyle. This follows along with what has occurred throughout the ages as man has interjected his own way of doing things, and disregards God's way. Today we have "alternative unions," "alternative lifestyles," and even alternative ways of salvation. Regardless of the sugar coated titles man gives this type of lifestyle, it was an abomination to God in the beginning, and is still an abomination today.

The Holy Bible teaches us through examples that God will judge and destroy people and nations that forget Him. The things which God has sanctified and made Holy; He will not tolerate to be taken and profaned and defiled. Satan bombards our eyes, ears and our hearts with images that cause us to lust and be less than satisfied with our companion. These images come to us in many forms. They may be sexual, materialistic, monetary, social status, intellectual and career oriented. They all appeal to the lust of the flesh in some way. **1 John 2:15-17** says, ¹⁵ "Love not the

world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

God’s will concerning marriage and the family is clearly set forth in His Holy Word. It is God’s will that a man and a woman come together and be united in Holy matrimony for the purpose of building a home and a family; that they might replenish the earth and help establish a stable society. It is God’s will that they love one another and stay faithful to one another so that they can give their children the solid foundation of a home and family. It is unmistakably clear that God condemns same sex unions. This act profanes the natural order of God’s creation as well as violates His plan of home and family building. It is also a disgrace to the very image of God because God made man in His image. May God help the members of the churches of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association to strengthen our marriages and thereby strengthen our families and thereby strengthen our respective church! Remember, ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” (*1 Peter 5:8-9*)

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Clint Ezell
Bro. Johnny Wall

The report on Marriage/Divorce/Alternative Unions was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Johnny Wall, Clint Ezell, Andrew Stokes, Jimmie Hale Jr. Lynn Stapleton.

The moderator then called for mission reports.

Bro. Jimmie Hale came and told of visiting all of the churches in the Association with the exception of Landmark. While visiting these churches, he promoted fellowship among our churches. He told of the blessing it was to be at each and every church. He also visited 19 churches that are not in the association. He took the time to tell what he had been doing this year. He wanted to thank everyone for everything they had done and ask everyone to keep him in their prayers.

A motion and second was made to keep Bro. Jimmie for another year as the associational missionary. Motion carried.

The Topics for the 2006 session will be:

- 1.) Law & Grace
- 2.) Being Persistent / Seeking the Salvation of Our Kindred & Acquaintances
- 3.) Sign Gifts / Are They Active Today?
- 4.) Current Event (To Be Announced)

Call for New Business

A motion and second was made for the clerk and moderator to order of business as necessary. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made that the associational missionary lovingly visit any church(es) not present at the session.

Vote of Thanks

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

Our appreciation is extended to Bro. Clint Sanders, for his message "Keeping the Fire From Going Out" and the need for us to not let the fire go. We also appreciated Bro. Lynn Stapleton for his message "God Is My Salvation." We need to remember that we as Christians, there is no greater source that we can turn to for deliverance, than to God. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

If it be God's will, I look forward to meeting with all of you as we gather together at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church for the 158th annual session on October 6-7, 2006 at 10:00 am ready to serve once more.

MAY GOD RECEIVE ALL HONOR AND GLORY FOR ALL THINGS.

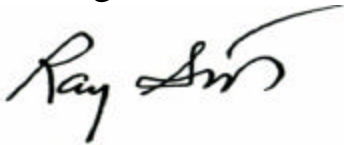
Scott Carter, Clerk

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

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

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October 2006, at 10:00 am at Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, TN. Motion carried.

There was a handshake while singing many wonderful songs in the Lord's Spirit. After a few comments, we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church.



Ray Smith, Moderator
Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church



Scott Carter, Clerk
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

VISITORS TO 2005 ASSOCIATION SESSION

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

Bro. Trey Crews, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. James Hill
McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association.

Bro. Brian Johnson
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. John Cole
Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Elder Rick & Sis. Linda Jones
Missionaries to Jamaica

Bro. Derrick Jowers
Union Hill Church, Henderson County, TN

Bro. Jonathan Rogers
Union Hill Church, Henderson County, TN

Messengers Seated for the 157th Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday- Glenn Baker, Jimmy Bennett, Bryan Oakes

Saturday- Glenn Baker, Jimmy Bennett, Bryan Oakes

Bible Grove:

Friday- R.V. Wood, Rayburn Woods, Ricky Lemonds

Saturday- R.V. Wood, Rayburn Woods, Ricky Lemonds

Caledonia:

Friday- Jackie Wiggins

Saturday- David Hall, Annette Hall

Center Point:

Friday- Norman Hillard, Milburn Allen, Earnestine Higdon

Saturday- Norman Hillard, Milburn Allen, Earnestine Higdon

Clarksburg:

Friday- Andrew Stokes, Jimmie Hale, Jr., LaRue Lindsey

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

Concord:

Friday- Rufus Chandler, Lester Waugh, John Cole

Saturday- Rufus Chandler, Lester Waugh, John Cole

Cross Roads:

Friday- Dwayne Cole, Brown Herrin, Randy Thompson

Saturday- Dwayne Cole, Brown Herrin, Randy Thompson

Ephesus:

Ephesus letter was sent to my house by mail. Due to the delay in receiving it, they did not have their letter present at the session. After discussing the matter with the moderator, I have decided to insert and update Ephesus' information into the minutes. If this is not satisfactory, please let me know.

Huntingdon:

Friday- Lee Carter, Kenny Rush, Joe Glisson

Saturday- Lee Carter, Kenny Rush, Joe Glisson

Landmark:

Friday-

Saturday-

Marlsboro:

Friday- Melvin Walker

Saturday- Margie French

Mixie:

Friday- James Fowler, Garvin Renfroe, Johnny Whitworth

Saturday- James Fowler, Garvin Renfroe, Johnny Whitworth

New Bethel:

Friday- Edward Malone, Jeff Lamb, David Owen

Saturday- Edward Malone, Leon Owen

New Cross Roads:

Friday- Harold Palmer, Bill Nelson, Elvis Melton

Saturday- Harold Palmer, Bill Nelson, Alene Carter

New Hope:

Friday- Dale Seagraves, Judy Sansone, Edd Todd

Saturday- Dale Seagraves, Judy Sansone

New Liberty:

Friday- Justin Maness, Wayne Prater, Jimmy Stewart

Saturday- Justin Maness, Wayne Prater, Jimmy Stewart

New Prospect:

Friday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard, Bill Smith

Saturday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard, Bill Smith

New Spring Hill:

Friday- Laura Hutcherson

Saturday- Nell Quinn, Jim Holt

Oak Grove – CC:

Friday- Brian Hampton, Linda Hampton, Becky Hampton

Saturday- Brian Hampton, Linda Hampton, Becky Hampton

Oak Grove – HC:

Friday- Glenn Lewis, Ricky Lewis, Chris Lewis

Saturday- Glenn Lewis, Ricky Lewis, David Leslie

Old Paths:

Friday- Charles Connell, Tommy Gurley, Ken Carrington

Saturday- Charles Connell, Tommy Gurley

Pleasant Grove:

Friday- Frank Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Terry Rickman

Saturday- Frank Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Terry Rickman

Pleasant Hill:

Friday- Edward Ellis, Bill Hargrove

Saturday- Edward Ellis, Bill Hargrove

Pleasant Ridge:

Friday- by letter only

Saturday- James Nance, Sandra Wilson

Rushing Creek:

Friday- Allen Holland, Juanita Holland, Patsy Dickey

Saturday- Allen Holland

Shiloh:

Friday- Ronnie Stewart, Larry Pritchard, Judy Pritchard

Saturday- Ronnie Stewart, Larry Pritchard, David Prater

Westport:

Friday- Jerry Dodd, Norman Leslie, Brenda Leslie

Saturday- Jerry Dodd, Norman Leslie, Glynn Williams

Yuma:

Friday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, David Cary

Saturday- Lynn Breeden, James Breeden

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2005 MINUTE FUND

BALANCE OCTOBER 8, 2005 \$ 1,811.06

EXPENDITURES:

Robinson Graphics (printing)-----	\$1,400.00
First Bank (lock box)-----	\$60.00
Postmaster-----	\$22.77
Domain (website)-----	\$95.40

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2005 -----	\$1636.00
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BALANCE OCTOBER 9, 2004 ----- \$1868.89

Submitted by:
Lynn Breeden
Lester Waugh
Jimmy Hale

Correspondence

To Our Sister Associations:

Greetings from the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association. It is our prayer that God has blessed you with great spiritual growth and that the lost are being saved. The Lord has blessed us this year with a total of 14 churches represented. We have a total membership of 1597, including 44 baptisms and 17 deaths.

We are thankful for all the visitors and would like to invite all of our sister churches to our 48th Annual Session to be held with Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church 1723 North Lindsay, Kokomo, Indiana 46901 on September 16th, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

May God bless each one of your churches to His honor and glory.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brother Larry McClain, Chairman
Brother Kenneth Roe

Please note that on page 1 of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association booklet there is a typographical error in the address for Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church. The correct address is on pages 51 and 74, and also below. We want to avoid any confusion for those planning to visit us this year. The map in the minutes is correct.

What: 2005 Bethel Missionary Baptist Association
Where: Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church 1723 North Lindsey Street
Kokomo, IN 46901
When: Friday @ 7 PM, September 16, 2005

WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 25, 2004

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings from the churches in the Wiseman Baptist Association! We pray that the Lord is continuing to bless your labors with the saving of many lost souls and the equipping of the saints for the glorious work of the ministry.

We were greatly blessed during our one hundred fourteenth annual session in 2004, which met with the New Life Missionary Baptist Church in Church Hill, TN. Eight churches reported 91 additions in the past year (44 by baptism) with a total membership of 1,594.

We are thankful for those who visited with us during our one hundred fourteenth annual session. Also, we would like to extend a special invitation to you to join us for our one hundred fifteenth annual session, which will be held at the Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 2005. Elder Jeremy Wilson, pastor of the Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church, will preach on Friday morning, and Elder Charles Stapleton, pastor of the New Life Missionary Baptist Church, will preach on Saturday morning. The church is located at 816 North Church Street in Murfreesboro, TN. The services begin each day at 10 a.m.

May the Lord continue to bless you according to His will and for His glory!

Elder Deric McClard, Clerk
1120 Spencer Avenue
Gallatin, TN 37066
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April 2, 2005

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

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

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Sixty-Ninth Annual Session with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. We had 28 churches reporting an increase of 129 with 80 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 142 with a total membership of 3,541. 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 170th Annual Session to be held with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located in Russellville, Alabama. This session will be held October 8, 9, 10, 11, 2005. 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

Missionary Baptist Associations Brethren,

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association


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144 Nathan Forrest Drive
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Enclosed is a copy of the 2004 minutes of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association. Please join us for the Siloam 2005 session at Old Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Adolphus, Kentucky.

Each year, we have included the area Associations in the minutes, but this year, due to my error in proofing the final draft, I omitted the Southwestern District and the Wiseman meeting dates. I am sorry for the omission and I will try to include the listing in the 2005 minutes,

Attached are the 2005 dates of the area Associations that I had planned to include.

Your Brother in Christ,



Elder Ottis L. Jones

LICENSED MINISTERS

- Baucom, Lonnie, Bethel** ----- 731-986-4956
 127 Drew Court, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- Boyd, Tony, Mixie**----- 731-243-3136
 PO Box 97, Henry, TN 38231
- Hale, Jr., Jimmy, Clarksburg**----- 731-968-5298
 22790 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
- Hale, Joe, Clarksburg** ----- 731-602-4621
 22784 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
- Hodge, Wayne, New Hope**----- 731-586-4620
 220 Wyatt St. N., Bruceton, TN 38317
- Holland, Kevin, Mixie** ----- 731-986-4512
 565 Chapel Hill Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- Mullins, John, Old Paths** ----- 901-315-2309
 3217 Joslyn Road, Memphis, TN 38128
- Owen, Dewey, New Bethel** ----- 731-243-2569
 Henry, TN 38231
- Phariss, Daniel, Old Paths** ----- 901-484-4250
 6570 Century Arbor Pl. W. # 207, Memphis, TN 38134
- Prater, Wayne, New Liberty**----- 731-986-3135
 190 Leach Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- Reynolds, Ryne, Bible Grove**----- 731-968-8966
 8 Birdsong Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
- Simmons, Ronald, Westport**
- Snyder, Hal, Ephesus** ----- 731-986-4453
 22095 Hwy. 77, Huntingdon, TN 38344

Ordained Ministers

- Ambrose, Harvey, Old Paths** ----- 731-287-9214
 290 Nathan Lane, Dyersburg, TN 38024
- Ashby, A.W., Cross Roads**
 416 E. Commerce, Waverly, TN 37185
- Birdwell, Bernice, Pleasant Hill**----- 731-987-2790
 3130 New Bethel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321
- Boyd, Johnny, Yuma** ----- 731-586-2981
 650 Hollowell Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318

Carter, Scott D., Bethel -----	731-986-4701
400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Chandler, Rufus, Concord -----	731-986-4227
47 Wendy Lane, Yuma, TN 38390	
Dodd, Jerry, Westport -----	731-987-2698
1600 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
Douglas, Arzell, Cross Roads -----	731-584-8027
587 Cross Roads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320	
Ezell, Clint, Bethel -----	731-845-5197
4340 Darden Christian Chapel Rd., Darden, TN 38328	
Gurley, Marshall, New Liberty -----	731-986-5363
6325 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387	
Halter, Phillip, Bible Grove -----	731-986-4319
595 Halter Lane, Clarksburg, TN 38324	
Haskins, Brett, Ephesus -----	731-209-0051
12855 Hwy 70, Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
Hedges, Truman, Cross Roads -----	731-584-7875
620 Jacqueline Circle, Camden, TN 38320	
Hilliard, Billy Joe, Center Point -----	731-586-4671
360 Ellis Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318	
Hilliard, Bobby, Shiloh	
Hollingshead, Kevin, Huntingdon -----	731-986-0586
880 Roan Creek Road, Yuma, TN 38390	
Holt, Jim, New Spring Hill -----	731-986-2415
820 Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Hopper, Jack, Marlsboro -----	731-586-7902
100 Hemlock, Bruceton, TN 38317	
Kirby, H. G. (Pete), New Hope -----	731-986-4346
RFD 1, Westport, TN 38387	
Lassater, Earlie, Caledonia -----	731-352-7662
159 East Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201	
Leslie, David, Oak Grove (HC) -----	731-967-8776
1040 Cody Hill Road, Wildersville, TN 38388	
Maness, Allen, Yuma -----	731-847-3019
13 Flowers Cove, Darden, TN 38328	

McDaniel , Tracy, Oak Grove (CC) -----	731-235-2498
630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230	
McLean , Lathan, Yuma -----	731-986-9793
6355 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387	
Oakes , Bryan, Bethel-----	731-986-2347
955 Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Rahn , Alan, Bethel -----	618-524-8255
2785A N. Avenue, Metropolis, IL 62967	
Rayburn , Mitchell, Cross Roads-----	731-584-8255
3450 Divider/Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320	
Sanders , Clint, Bible Grove-----	731-968-3130
290 Westover Road, Huron, TN 38345	
Simmons , Jeff, Center Point -----	731-967-1100
129 Windy Ridge Lane, Lexington, TN 38351	
Simmons , Robert, Center Point -----	731-986-3375
4650 Smyrna Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Small , John D., New Hope -----	731-968-9887
Wildersville, TN 38388	
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	
Stewart , Ronnie, Shiloh -----	615-365-0572
3009 Towne Valley Road, Antioch, TN 37013	
Stokes , Andrew, Clarksburg -----	731-986-3738
310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Thompson , Randy, Cross Roads-----	731-279-4738
211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320	
Wall , Johnny, New Liberty-----	731-987-2597
100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348	

Church Directory

- BETHEL**-Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 PASTOR-Bryan Oakes ----- 731-986-2347
 955 Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 CLERK-Jeff Carter----- 731-986-5496
 13905 Paris St., Huntingdon, TN 38344
- BIBLE GROVE**-Lexington, TN 38351
 PASTOR-Phillip Halter ----- 731-986-4319
 595 Halter Lane, Clarksburg, TN 38324
 CLERK-Ricky Lemonds ----- 731-968-5864
 33 Greenbriar St., Lexington, TN 38351
- CALEDONIA**-McKenzie, TN 38201
 PASTOR- Toney Wiggins ----- 731-243-3236
 5410 Henry Midway Rd., Henry, TN 38231
 CLERK-Carl Hall ----- 731-352-3909
 115 Linden Street, McKenzie, TN 38201
- CENTER POINT**-Buena Vista, TN 38318
 PASTOR-Jeff Simmons ----- 731-967-1100
 129 Windy Ridge Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
 CLERK-Bill Noles ----- 731-586-7117
 307 Gov. Browning Ave., Bruceton, TN 38317
- CLARKSBURG**-Post Office, Clarksburg, TN 38324
 PASTOR-Andrew Stokes ----- 731-986-3738
 310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 CLERK-Lori Williams----- 731-996-4191
 610 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
- CONCORD**-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

CROSS ROADS -----	731-584-7665
Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320	
PASTOR- Randy Thompson -----	731-279-4738
211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320	
CLERK-Todd Kee-----	731-584-3453
3895 Divider/Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320	
EPHESUS -Carroll County, TN	
PASTOR- Brett Haskins-----	731-209-0051
12855 Hwy 70, Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
CLERK-Kathy Kee-----	731-986-5023
485 Timber Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
HUNTINGDON -----	731-986-4192
11110 Lexington St., Huntingdon, TN 38344	
PASTOR-Lynn Stapleton -----	731-986-2413
106 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
CLERK-Ray Smith-----	731-986-4717
19950 East Main St., Huntingdon, TN 38344	
LANDMARK	
PASTOR-	
CLERK-	
MARLSBORO -Bruceton, TN 38317	
PASTOR-Jack Hopper-----	731-586-7902
100 Hemlock, Bruceton, TN 38317	
CLERK-Frances Compton -----	731-986-4395
24560 Hwy. 77, Hollow Rock, TN 38342	
MIXIE -Hollow Rock, TN 38342	
PASTOR- Tony Boyd -----	731-243-3136
P.O. Box 97, Henry, TN 38231	
CLERK-Virginia Renfroe -----	731-986-3112
1095 Chapel Hill Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
NEW BETHEL -Henry, TN 38231	
PASTOR-Johnny Wall-----	731-987-2597
100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348	
CLERK-Elihu McDaniel -----	731-648-5185
3121 Pillowville – Gleason Road, Gleason, TN 38229	

NEW CROSS ROADS -PO Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
PASTOR-Dennis Lunsford -----	731-968-2842
19990 Hwy 22 N, Wildersville, TN 38388	
CLERK-Frank Gregg -----	731-986-9686
c/o New Cross Roads P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
NEW HOPE -Westport, TN 38387	
PASTOR-John D. Small-----	731-968-9887
Wildersville, TN 38388	
CLERK-Scott Gallimore -----	731-586-4454
603 Cheatham St., Bruceton, TN 38317	
NEW LIBERTY -Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
PASTOR – Tim Maness -----	731-847-6454
1005 Myracle Town Road, Darden, TN 38328	
CLERK-Wayne Prater -----	731-986-3135
190 Leach Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
NEW PROSPECT -Holladay, TN 38341	
PASTOR-	
CLERK-Cleo C. Rhodes -----	731-847-6124
2053 Holladay Road, Holladay, TN 38341	
NEW SPRING HILL -Huntingdon, TN 38344	
PASTOR-Jim Holt -----	731-986-2415
820 Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
CLERK-Laura Hutcherson-----	731-986-4557
6820 Smyrna Road, Westport, TN 38387	
OAK GROVE -Buena Vista, TN	
PASTOR-Tracy McDaniel -----	731-235-2498
630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230	
CLERK-Ronnie Hampton-----	731-586-4622
500 Oak Street, Hollow Rock, TN 38342	
OAK GROVE -Lexington, TN 38351	
PASTOR-David Leslie -----	731-967-8776
1040 Cody Hill Road, Wildersville, TN 38388	
CLERK-Jimmy Wallace-----	731-967-9794
20465 Hwy. 104 S, Lexington, TN 38351	

OLD PATHS-10540 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN 38017

PASTOR- Harvey Ambrose ----- 731-287-9214

290 Nathan Lane, Dyersburg, TN 38024

CLERK-Joyce Medlin

1230 Cherry Road, Eads, TN 38028

PLEASANT GROVE-

PASTOR- Clint Sanders ----- 731-968-3130

290 Westover Road, Huron, TN 38345

CLERK-Ernest Wood----- 731-845-5464

375 Pleasant Grove Ch. Rd, Wildersville, TN 38388

PLEASANT HILL-Camden, TN 38320

PASTOR-Lathan McLean----- 731-986-9793

6355 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387

CLERK-Randy Hargrove ----- 731-586-7648

13355 Hwy 114, Buena Vista, TN 38318

PLEASANT RIDGE-Camden, TN 38320

PASTOR-Marshall Gurley ----- 731-986-5363

6325 HWY 114, Westport, TN 38387

CLERK-Travis Nance ----- 731-586-7637

1640 Bruceton-Vale Road, Bruceton, TN 38317

RUSHING'S CREEK-Camden, TN 38320

PASTOR-Azell Douglas ----- 731-584-8027

587 Cross Roads Church Road, Camden, TN 38350

CLERK-Howard Berry ----- 731-584-8258

4268 Reynoldsburg Road, Camden, TN 38320

SHILOH-Holladay, TN 38341

PASTOR-

CLERK-Larry Pritchard----- 731-845-5444

730 Pritchard Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

WESTPORT-Westport, TN 38387

PASTOR-

CLERK-Glynn Williams ----- 731-986-5782

5475 Hwy. 22, Huntingdon, TN 38344

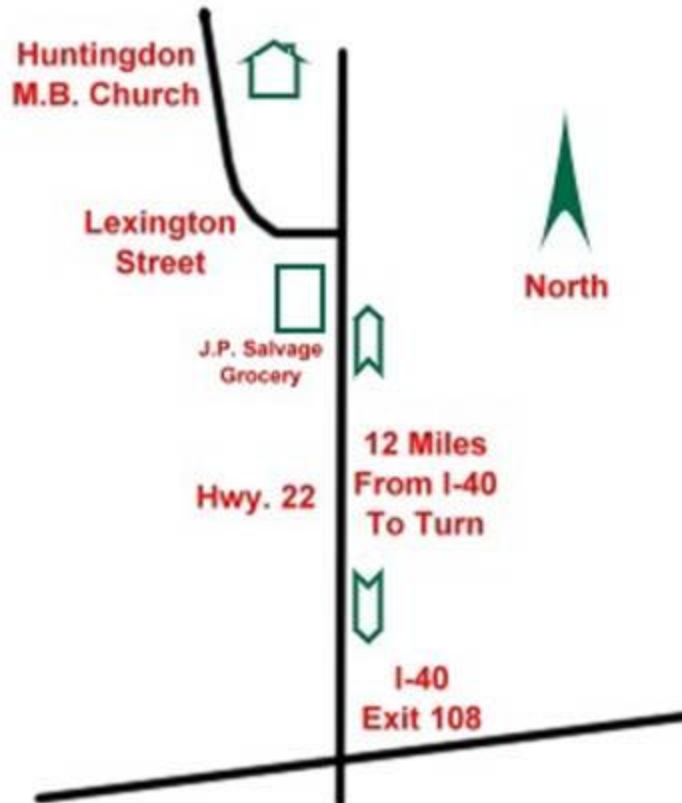
YUMA-Yuma, TN 38390

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

CLERK-Lynn Breeden ----- 731-986-5596
145 Yuma Church Rd, Yuma, TN 38390

Direction to 2006 Session

1. From I-40, get off at Exit 108 and go North 13 miles
2. Upon entering Huntingdon, there is a sign that reads “Welcome to Historic Huntingdon” on the right and JP’s Salvage Grocery on the left.
3. Take the road to the left called Lexington Street.
4. The church is located on the right.



2006 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	PM Starting Time	Monday – Friday Starting Time
New Hope	05/28/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Shiloh	06/18/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/25/06	Bryan Oakes	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/25/06		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	07/02/06		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Westport	07/02/06	Derrick Jowers	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Center Point	07/09/06		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/09/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Mixie	07/09/06	Kevin Holland	5:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/09/06		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/16/06	Derrick Jowers	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	07/16/06	Scott Carter	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Marlsboro	07/16/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	07/16/06		7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Yuma	07/16/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Caledonia	07/23/06		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Clarksburg	07/23/06	Lynn Stapleton	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Bethel	07/23/06	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
New Spring Hill	07/23/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Oak Grove (HC)	07/23/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Cross Roads	07/30/06	Lynn Stapleton	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Prospect	07/30/06		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Oak Grove (CC)	08/06/06		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Old Paths	08/06/06		6:00 PM	7:30 PM
Rushing Creek	08/06/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Ephesus	08/13/06		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Liberty	08/13/06	Phillip Halter	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Landmark				

HISTORICAL TABLE

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

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

1869-Concord, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1870-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	G. C. Thomas
1871-New Prospect -----	J. P. Arnold-----	G. C. Thomas
1872-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1873-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	Geo. Hollowell -----	G. C. Thomas
1874-New Hope, Carroll County -----	J. H. Park -----	G. C. Thomas
1875-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----	J. W. Brewer -----	J. F. Rogers
1876-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----	J. Richardson-----	J. F. Rogers
1877-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold-----	J. F. Rogers
1878-New Prospect -----	J. P. Arnold-----	J. F. Rogers
1879-Bethel, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park -----	J. F. Rogers
1880-Wildersville, Henderson County -----	J. C. Park -----	J. H. Thomas
1881-Ramble Creek-----	J. P. Arnold-----	D. J. Allen
1882-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1883-Prospect, Carroll County-----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County -----	Geo. Hollowell -----	D. J. Allen
1885-Concord, Carroll County-----	Geo. Hollowell -----	C. H. Rogers
1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County-----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1887-Liberty, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1888-Unity, Benton County -----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1889-Holly Springs -----	J. F. Rogers-----	D. J. Allen
1890-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park -----	D. J. Allen
1891-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----	E. M. Joyner-----	D. J. Allen
1892-New Hope, Carroll County -----	E. M. Joyner-----	D. J. Allen
1893-Chalk Level, Benton County-----	E. M. Joyner-----	D. J. Allen
1894-Mt. Comfort-----	E. M. Joyner-----	C. H. Rogers
1895-Flatwoods, Benton County -----	E. M. Joyner-----	D. J. Allen
1896-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	E. M. Joyner-----	D. J. Allen
1897-Bethel, Carroll County -----	E. M. Joyner-----	D. J. Allen
1898-Shiloh, Carroll County -----	N. L. Joyner -----	D. J. Allen
1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	W. S. Roney-----	C. H. Rogers
1900-Salem, Decatur County -----	W. S. Roney-----	C. H. Rogers
1901-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----	N. L. Joyner -----	C. H. Rogers
1902-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	E. Z. Newsom-----	C. H. Rogers
1903-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	E. M. Joyner-----	C. H. Rogers
1904-Ephesus, Carroll County-----	E. M. Joyner-----	C. H. Rogers

1905-Pleasant Grove -----	E. M. Joyner-----	C. H. Rogers
1906-Ramble Creek-----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1907-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1908-Concord, Carroll County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1909-Pleasant Ridge -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1910-Perryville, Decatur County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. H. Rogers
1911-Unity, Benton County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	D. H. Franks
1912-Chalk Level, Benton County-----	Joe N. Joyner-----	D. H. Franks
1913-Holly Springs -----	J. G. Cooper -----	D. H. Franks
1914-Mt. Nebo -----	J. G. Cooper -----	D. H. Franks
1915-Liberty, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner-----	D. H. Franks
1916-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----	J. N. Joyner-----	D. H. Franks
1917-Westport, Carroll County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	Geo. S. Price
1918-Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	L. E. Mincey
1919-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	J. N. Joyner-----	L. E. Mincey
1920-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	J. N. Joyner-----	C. E. Butler
1921-Ephesus, Carroll County-----	J. N. Joyner-----	C. E. Butler
1922-Eva, Benton County -----	J. N. Joyner-----	A. H. Franks
1923-Prospect, Carroll County-----	J. N. Joyner-----	A. H. Franks
1924-Flatwoods, Benton County -----	J. N. Joyner-----	A. H. Franks
1925-Bunches Chapel -----	J. N. Joyner-----	A. H. Franks
1926-Oak Grove-----	J. N. Joyner-----	C. V. Cooper
1927-Pleasant Hill -----	J. N. Joyner-----	C. V. Cooper
1928-Shiloh, Carroll County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. V. Cooper
1929-Bruceton, Carroll County-----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. V. Cooper
1930-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	J. N. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1931-New Hope, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1932-New Liberty, Carroll County-----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1933-Westport, Carroll County-----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1934-Ephesus, Carroll County-----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1935-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	E. H. Martin-----	W. S. Brinkley
1936-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1937-Cedar Hill, Decatur County -----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1938-Concord, Carroll County-----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1939-Yuma, Carroll County-----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1940-Caledonia, Henry County-----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley

1941-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	W. H. Hopper -----	W. S. Brinkley
1942-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----	W. H. Hopper -----	W. S. Brinkley
1943-New Bethel, Henry County-----	W. H. Hopper -----	W. S. Brinkley
1944-Westport, Carroll County-----	W. H. Hopper -----	W. S. Brinkley
1945-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner-----	W. S. Brinkley
1946-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	E. F. Prince -----	W. S. Brinkley
1947-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County ----	E. F. Prince -----	W. S. Brinkley
1948-Old Union, Benton County -----	E. F. Prince -----	W. S. Brinkley
1949-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	E. F. Prince -----	T. L. Campbell
1950-Bible Grove, Henderson County-----	C. F. Carter -----	T. L. Campbell
1951-Republican Grove-----	C. F. Carter -----	T. L. Campbell
1952-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	C. F. Carter -----	T. L. Campbell
1953-Ephesus, Carroll County-----	John Hedges-----	T. L. Campbell
1954-Mixie, Carroll County-----	John Hedges-----	Ray Smith
1955-Concord, Carroll County-----	John Hedges-----	Ray Smith
1956-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1957-Independent, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1958-Bethel, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1959-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1960-New Bethel, Henry County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1961-Center Point, Carroll County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1962-Caledonia, Henry County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1963-Old Union, Benton County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1964-New Bethel, Henry County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1965-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1966-Westport, Carroll County-----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1967-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	T. L. Campbell-----	Ray Smith
1968-Ephesus, Carroll County-----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1969-Concord, Carroll County-----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1970-New Frank's Chapel, Decatur County -	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1971-Landmark, Shelby County-----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1972-Yuma, Carroll County-----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1973-Pleasant Ridge, Benton County-----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1974-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1975-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1976-Second Baptist, Lexington-----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith

1977-Bible Grove, Chesterfield-----	M. Rayburn-----	Ray Smith
1978-New Bethel, Henry County-----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1979-Independent, Carroll County-----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1980-Bethel, Carroll County-----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1981-Landmark, Shelby County-----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1982-Pleasant Hill, Benton County-----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1983-New Prospect, Decatur County-----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
1984-Concord, Carroll County-----	Harold Carver-----	Ray Smith
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

CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

- ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- ARTICLE 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present providing nothing be so construed as to prohibit newly constituted churches petitioning for admission from voting.
- ARTICLE 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any messenger not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made the same day, but at no subsequent term.
- ARTICLE 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, so as not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he arises to speak he shall call another brother to take the chair.
- ARTICLE 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be opened to discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays and if a call is made it shall be decided by the members rising.
- ARTICLE 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflection.
- ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than once on any subject until all who wish to speak have an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.
- ARTICLE 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the Association.
- ARTICLE 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority vote of the members present, except in the reception of the churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required.
- ARTICLE 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

ARTICLE 11. The appellation of "brethren" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ARTICLE 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

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

ARTICLE 14. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a finance committee to keep up with the moneys during the association, to make their report when called upon and to turn the moneys received over to the Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

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

ARTICLE II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such church as may belong to this union to represent them in body.

ARTICLE III. The messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence which shall state their appointment as messengers, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.

ARTICLE IV. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to 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.

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Bethel

Sis. Ruth Johnson ----- 01/23/2005
 Sis. Sue Stewart ----- 03/05/2005
 Bro. Frank Reynolds ----- 05/17/2005
 Sis. Louise Rich ----- 05/25/2005
 Bro. James R. Redden ----- 09/12/2005
 Sis. Aliene Woodard ----- 09/18/2005

Bible Grove

Bro. Clois Rhodes ----- 02/05/2005
 Bro. Bradley Wood ----- 04/18/2005
 Sis. Pauline Wood ----- 04/19/2005

Caledonia

Sis. Faye Nord ----- 11/16/2004
 Sis. Minerva Lewelling ----- 03/14/2005

Center Point

Sis. Paula Warren ----- 02/28/2005
 Sis. Zadie Grice ----- 04/27/2005
 Sis. Lillian Dillingham ----- 06/18/2005

Clarksburg

Bro. James Wall ----- 04/15/2005

Concord

Sis. Lola Pate ----- 09/15/2005
 Sis. Mary Longmire ----- 09/16/2005

Cross Roads

Bro. Buddy Elmore (deacon) ----- 01/08/2005
 Sis. Priscilla Hicks ----- 07/22/2005

Ephesus

Sis. Deweze Traywicke ----- 06/25/2005

Huntingdon

Bro. Buford Campbell ----- 10/29/2005
 Sis. Frieda Davis ----- 07/14/2005
 Sis. Louise Dickerson ----- 08/09/2005

Marlsboro

Bro. Floye Wilson ----- 11/05/2004

Sis. Viola Crider-----	01/10/2005
Mixie	
Sis. Louise Price-----	10/07/2004
New Bethel	
Sis. Louise Winters	
Sis. Elizabeth Wade	
New Cross Roads	
Bro. Harry Gambill -----	02/21/2005
New Hope	
Sis Paula Middleton-----	07/04/2005
Bro. Roy Hatch (deacon)-----	09/30/2005
New Prospect	
Bro. Robi Inman-----	11/18/2004
Bro. Tim Swinford (minister) -----	02/05/2005
Sis. Aggie Hanes -----	05/03/2005
New Spring Hill	
Sis. Hazel Bush-----	02/26/2005
Oak Grove (HC)	
Bro. Brad Lewis -----	06/11/2005
Pleasant Grove	
Sis. Geraldine Tolley -----	02/17/2005
Pleasant Hill	
Bro. Paul Gogel-----	03/22/2005
Sis. Vada Mae Douglas Hargrove -----	03/07/2005
Bro. Roger Dale Ellis -----	11/28/2004
Sis. Gladys Hicks Eddleman -----	07/17/2005
Sis. Zalline Massey Ellis -----	02/02/2005
Pleasant Ridge	
Sis. Cleo Medlin-----	11/07/2005
Shiloh	
Sis. Elmore Cary Ritter-----	07/05/2005
Yuma	
Bro. Delbert Robinson-----	10/10/2004
Sis. Vernie Parrish -----	10/20/2004
Bro. Charles Singleton -----	06/06/2005

Bro. Roger Ellis



Bro. Roger Dale Ellis was born on February 14, 1952 to the late Loyd and Ruby Marie (Mitchell) Ellis. On October 14, 1972 he married the love of his life Wanda Kaye Maness, they had been married 32 years when he left her to go home to be with his first love (JESUS). Bro. Roger and Sis. Kaye have four children: Clint, Robin, April, and Holly they are the light of his life. He would always say that he was not a perfect dad, but he always made sure his children were in church, because he wanted them to hear the word preached and he prayed that their souls would be saved. Bro. Roger and Sis. Kaye have eight wonderful Grandchildren that bring lots of joy and laughter to their home.

Bro. Roger lived up north when he was a little boy, he didn't get to go to church on Sunday morning: so he had a Bible Story Book that his Grannie Mitchell in Tennessee gave him on one of his visits to see her and his PaPa. On Sunday he would take the Bible Story Book down from his closet and read from it then put it back, that was his Sunday School. when he came to Tennessee to live, he was at Galilee church when the Lord showed him that he was lost, the Lord saved him with his marvelous grace at the age of ten years old , He joined Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized August 1962.

Bro. Roger was ordained as deacon at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church January 30, 1982. He surrendered his calling to the ministry August 21, 1984. He was ordained to the ministry June 28, 1986. We're not sure of how many churches he pastored. Or how many Weddings, funerals, baptisms he performed during his ministry. He also had a radio ministry at Huntingdon radio station WDAP AM approximately 10 years.

As Bro. Roger went to many churches preaching and testifying, he would always end his talk by saying "when I leave this world to go home, the first thing I want to do is see my JESUS, put my arms around him and tell him how much I love Him. Then he would humbly say to each one I love you"!

Bro. Tim Swinford



Bro. Timothy C. Swinford was born on February 13, 1964 to Walter and Leola Swinford. He was married to Teresa Burton on October 8, 1983. He was saved when he was 15 years old. But time went by and he got away from God and the church. In 1997 him and his family went back to church and Bro. Tim's life was changed forever and so was his family.

On September 28, 1997 Bro. Tim Swinford was called to preach. From then on his heart's desire was to preach the word of God to lost souls everywhere. He was a devoted and loving husband and father and he loved the Lord. He was not a well-educated man, but the Lord used him in a great and mighty way. Bro. Tim had the privilege to Pastor New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church for almost four years. He became ill in September 2004 and soon became unable to return to the church.

On February 5, 2005 at 9:30 PM at Huntingdon Baptist Memorial Hospital, his wife at his side, the Lord called Bro. Tim home to be with him. He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, a son Timothy Jr., two daughters, Amanda and Rebecca, three sisters, and four brothers. He also leaves two grandchildren Jacob and Amberlyn. He also leaves behind his mother, Leola. His father, Walter, has now gone on to be with the Lord as well on October 20, 2005.

The one thing would tell everyone he saw when he became so sick was "If I stay here on this earth or if I go on to be with the Lord, I am a winner either way."

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	10	61	\$17,381.00
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	12		\$35,102.16
Caledonia	David Hall	4	12	\$954.24
Center Point	Martin Watson	7	38	\$225.00
Clarksburg	Tommy Altom	16	70	\$1,575.79
Concord	Lester Waugh	20	80	\$771.49
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	11	38	\$1,073.60
Ephesus	Eddie McElroy	4	18	\$1,035.91
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	11	133	\$1,693.72
Landmark				
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	4		\$279.85
Mixie	Garvin Renfroe	6	48	\$7,745.00
New Bethel	Edward Malone	8	25	\$258.07
New Cross Roads	Harold Palmer	7		\$135.52
New Hope	Roy Hatch	5	20	\$1,132.00
New Liberty	Trent Sellers	6		\$4,568.60
New Prospect	Bill Smith	8	84	\$665.29
New Spring Hill	George Norman	2		
Oak Grove - CC	Brian Hampton	8	31	\$431.73
Oak Grove - HC	Glenn Lewis	14	68	\$833.70
Old Paths	Ken Carrington	11		
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	10		\$2,329.00
Pleasant Hill	Pete Hargrove	5	40	\$1,264.71
Pleasant Ridge	Wesley Wright	6	44	\$2,883.08
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	4	25	\$1,138.25
Shiloh	Joe Cary	4		
Westport	Gary Douglas	13	45	\$2,125.46
Yuma	David Cary	12		
TOTALS		228	880	\$85,603.17

Church	Church Day	Baptisms	Additions By Letters	Restorations	Total Additions	Death	Losses By Letters	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing	Expenditures	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	ALL	4	19	1	24	6	2	1	9	181	2	0	\$104,145.34	\$38,711.00	\$2,626.00	\$7,676.87	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$153,359.21
Bible Grove	ALL	5	7	0	12	3	16	0	19	218	1	0	\$0.00	\$33,616.00	\$3,986.00	\$3,886.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$41,588.00
Caledonia	ALL	0	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	42	2	1	\$8,053.96	\$5,299.00	\$578.00	\$1,515.59	\$35.00	\$10.00	\$15,491.55
Center Point	ALL	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	91	1	1	\$3,057.65	\$3,403.94	\$278.00	\$1,103.61	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$7,903.20
Clarksburg	ALL	4	4	0	8	1	0	0	1	173	1	1	\$13,147.99	\$27,122.28	\$2,058.50	\$16,018.18	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$58,521.95
Concord	ALL	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	145	2	0	\$10,725.03	\$15,212.50	\$3,066.00	\$5,451.98	\$70.00	\$40.00	\$34,565.51
Cross Roads	ALL	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	213	2	1	\$28,217.85	\$32,842.54	\$13,036.76	\$3,438.81	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$77,660.96
Ephesus	ALL	1	6	0	7	1	0	0	1	76	3	0	\$2,570.54	\$5,400.00	\$1,650.00	\$720.00	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$10,380.54
Huntingdon	ALL	10	8	0	18	3	1	0	4	252	2	0	\$121,967.39	\$41,310.00	\$13,788.00	\$4,200.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$181,440.39
Landmark																			
Marlsboro	ALL	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	46	1	0	\$3,640.27	\$4,983.00	\$365.00	\$1,700.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10,723.27
Mixie	ALL	11	0	0	11	1	1	0	2	102	1	1	\$2,165.00	\$10,692.00	\$2,067.00	\$3,600.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$18,589.00
New Bethel	ALL	5	0	0	5	2	2	0	4	69	1	1	\$10,718.81	\$6,857.12	\$1,425.76	\$2,582.57	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$21,644.26
New Cross Roads	ALL	0	2	0	2	1	6	1	8	101	1	1	\$7,016.44	\$14,142.00	\$3,429.00	\$1,800.00	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$26,512.44
New Hope	ALL	0	8	0	8	2	3	0	5	111	1	1	\$7,024.00	\$10,665.00	\$1,007.00	\$1,200.00	\$36.00	\$35.00	\$19,967.00
New Liberty	ALL	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	105	1	1	\$4,495.81	\$14,393.00	\$0.00	\$6,431.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$25,469.81
New Prospect	ALL	3	0	0	3	3	1	0	4	145	1	0	\$3,332.07	\$6,965.20	\$8,221.00	\$520.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$19,098.27
New Spring Hill	ALL	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	22	1	0	\$2,584.88	\$1,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$3,889.88
Oak Grove - CC	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	1	1	\$3,690.87	\$11,246.00	\$242.00	\$1,944.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$17,192.87
Oak Grove - HC	ALL	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	151	1	0	\$16,297.95	\$26,622.50	\$3,100.00	\$6,000.00	\$90.00	\$70.00	\$52,180.45
Old Paths	ALL	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	24	1	0	\$0.00	\$15,670.00	\$4,190.00	\$940.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$20,890.00
Pleasant Grove	ALL	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	70	1	0	\$5,884.00	\$11,521.00	\$1,308.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$18,913.00
Pleasant Hill	ALL	4	2	0	6	5	1	0	6	180	1	0	\$24,168.99	\$8,324.65	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$33,418.64
Pleasant Ridge	ALL	2	0	0	2	1	7	0	8	63	1	1	\$38,119.53	\$21,900.00	\$1,800.00	\$11,598.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$73,502.53
Rushing's Creek	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	1	0	\$14,275.84	\$14,637.00	\$981.00	\$2,302.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$32,265.84
Shiloh	ALL	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	45	1	0	\$3,239.03	\$28,485.00	\$2,256.00	\$1,800.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$35,880.03
Westport	ALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	1	0	\$2,364.33	\$6,190.90	\$974.00	\$856.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$10,460.23
Yuma	ALL	0	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	172	1	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$70.00
TOTALS		52	71	1	124	47	48	3	98	3050	34	11	\$440,903.57	\$417,486.63	\$73,308.02	\$87,284.61	\$1,636.00	\$960.00	\$1,021,578.83

Snap shots from the 157th Session

