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THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Carroll County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2008, at 10:00 AM.

2008 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -- Eld. Johnny Wall Alternate----- Eld. Allen Maness Doctrinal Sermon ---- Eld. Jimmy Stewart Alternate ----- Eld. Robert Simmons

History of Clarksburg Church

(Church services were held in a tomato shed on Highway 22 in Clarksburg some two or three years preceding the actual church organization in 1930.)

When the Church was organized on November 30, 1930, the following came forth when the call for those who wanted to become members of the new body was given by the council (presbytery):

Bro. Ben Johnson, wife and daughter; Bro. J.R. King and wife; Bro. Ed Burgess and wife; Bro. Joe Jarrett and wife; Sis. Ethel Jowers; Sis. Pearl Jowers; Sis. Lillie Crider; Sis. Lillie Carnal; Bro. Freamon; Bro. Arthur Kee.

The church then proceeded to conduct the following business:

- 1. Motion made and second that Bro. A.U. Nunnary become moderator of the new body.
- 2. Motion made and second that Bro. F.H. Taylor become clerk of the new body.
- 3. Way opened for members by experience and baptism, none to join.
- 4. Adopted the general rule of faith and practice of an organized Missionary Baptist Church.
- 5. Named Clarksburg Missionary Baptist Church
- 6. Selected the 3rd Sunday Night for meeting of each month.
- 7. Bro. A.U. Nunnary unanimously elected pastor of the Clarksburg Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastors:

A.U. Nunnary, Fred Prince, Earnest Woods, Marshall Gurley, John Hedges, Billy Hilliard, Harold Carver, Harold Hopper, Johnny Reynolds, Dwight Haskins, Andrew Stokes.

First Baptism: Bro. Freamon Taylor

First Church Clerk: Bro. Freamon Taylor

First Baptism: July 25, 1931 – Bro. H.H. Prater

First Sunday School Superintendent: Bro. Malcomb Johns

First Deacon: Bro. T.N. Taylor New Classrooms added: 1968

Church Cemetery: Established April 13, 1975 New Building Dedicated: September 19, 1976

Fellowship Hall Built: 1995

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008

- Call Association to Order
- Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- Appoint Finance Committee
- Appoint Topics Committee for 2009 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 2009 Session
- Select Brethren to Preach 2009 Annual Sermons
- □ Introductory Sermon 11:00 AM
- Call for Correspondence
- □ Call for Report on *The Judgement Seat of Christ What Accountable For?*
- Call for Report on (based on John 4:23-24)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008

- 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 (based I Timothy 5:23)
- □ 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

Elected Association Officers for 2007-2008

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Moderator	Bro. Ray Smith 19950 East Main Street Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4717	Huntingdon Church			
Assistant Moderator	Eld. Andrew Stokes 310 Westport Road Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-3738	Clarksburg Church			
Clerk	Eld. Scott Carter 400 Chickasaw Drive Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4701 home (731) 415-1688 cell E-mail – clerk@swdmba.org	Shiloh Church			
Assistant Clerk	Eld. Johnny Wall 100 Welch Lane Lavinia, TN 38348 (731) 987-2597 home (731) 694-6294 cell E-mail – webmaster@swdmba.org	New Liberty Church			
Assoc. Omissionary	Eld. Jimmie Hale, Jr. 22790 Hwy. 22 N. Yuma, TN 38390 (731) 968-5298	Clarksburg Church			

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007

We gathered together on a cool fall day for the 159th Annual Session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. Bro. Ricky Lewis, Oak Grove Church (HC), led the singing while the congregation stood and sang from the Heavenly Highway Hymns #298 "Heaven's Jubilee" and #254 "When He Blessed My Soul" with Sis. Catherine Wall, Clarksburg Church, on the piano. Bro. Ray Smith called on Bro. Jimmy Stewart to lead us in prayer.

After congregational singing the Moderator welcomed all present to the 159th session of this association. He told of the beautiful day it is for us to come together and worship the Lord together. He thanked all the messengers for coming and for all the visitors to this meeting. He said many church members of this association have never attended the association. They do not realize the blessing they are missing. He then read from Hebrews 1:5-9. In this session the moderator's desire is that Jesus would be seen.

The moderator then introduced the pastor, Bro. Andrew Stokes. Bro. Stokes welcomed all present and told of the blessing it is for everyone to be present here today, and the blessing it is for this church to host the association this year. He asked the deacon body of Clarksburg Church to stand and be introduced. He told the congregation that if they needed any assistance, see any of these deacon brethren.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Pastor and Deacon Body of Clarksburg Church

Pastor: Bro. Andrew Stokes

Deacons:

Bro. Daniel Gant

Bro. Tom McDaniel

Bro. Glyn Todd

Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. (former deacon, now minister)

Finance Committee:

Bro. Lester Waugh - Concord Church

Bro. Lynn Breeden - Yuma Church

Bro. Jimmy Hale, Jr. - Clarksburg Church

2008 Topic Committee:

Bro. Jimmy Stewart (Chairman) – New Liberty Church

Bro. Randy Thompson – Cross Roads Church

Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. - Clarksburg

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Clint Sanders -Bible Grove Church

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 73 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, Shiloh 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, and Bro. Chris Lewis, Oak Grove (HC) Church were nominated as Assistant Clerk. Motion was made for nominations to cease and take a vote. Motion carried. Bro. Johnny Wall was elected as the assistant clerk.

Seven churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2008 session. A motion and second was made to select Oak Grove (CC) Church as the host site. Motion carried.

Bro. Johnny Wall 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. Allen Maness 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. James Stewart 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. Robert Simmons 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 asked any visitors present to stand and be recognized (see page 71).

Introductory Sermon

Bro. Tim Maness

Bro. Smith asked the congregation to stand and sing a song. We stood and sang "Have A Little Talk with Jesus" led by Bro. Ricky Lewis with Sis. Catherine Wall on the piano. The moderator then introduced the one selected at the previous session to preach the Introductory Sermon. Bro. Tim Maness came forth and told how he knew nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified. He came to lift Jesus up and no other. He tells of the study and prayer that has been put into the preparation for the message today.

He told of the many things he has failed at, but the one thing he does not want to fail at is serving God. He asked everyone to turn to Mark 2:1-3 and took for a thought "The Power of a Testimony". The Bible does not tell much about those 4 men who brought the crippled man to Jesus. Those men carrying that bed had to

have an experience with their Lord. I Peter 5:8 tells us that we have an adversary walking about like a lion. Satan does not want people to get saved, he did not want that man to get up out of that bed. As saved people, Satan knows he cannot get us, so he tries to ruin our influence.

The first man is mentioned in Mark 3 and it tells about a man that had a withered hand. One day Jesus passed by and healed his hand. There was a day when we all came to a point that we had to come in contact with the great physician. The part of us that the Lord saves, it is perfect. Jesus spoke to that man and his hand was restored to like that of the other. We need to uplift one another, and we need to pray for each other. This man grabbed a corner of the bed that carried the sick man to Jesus. The multitude marveled at what the Lord had done.

We need each other and the prayers of God's people. He speaks of a man in Matthew's gospel that was vexed with a devil. This man needed an encounter with the Lord. The Lord came by and cast the devil out of the man. Luke in the 18th chapter speaks of a man named Bartimaeus. He cried out as Jesus passed by "Lord have mercy on me." He needed a touch from the Lord and Jesus made him whole.

Satan does not want us to do our job. He did not want these four men to work and labor and bring their crippled friend to Jesus. Satan surely wanted to discourage them as he wants to discourage us day by day. Satan did not want Jesus to get any praise.

Satan tries to tell us that we do not have what we need to be a witness to others. Has God ever failed us? No, he has never dropped his side of the bed. He has promised us that he will never leave us nor forsake us, but will be there with us until the end of the world.

Satan did not want Lazarus to come forth at the command of Jesus. He was in the worst condition of these three cases. Lazarus was a man dead and in the grave. It appeared that Lazarus was a hopeless case. But after he was raised, he had a great testimony for Jesus. He was a great witness for the power of God and Jesus Christ. His witness was that his family had done all they could for him, but they finally had to say goodbye and lay him in a tomb. But Jesus came by and exercised His power for Lazarus.

Even this morning, Satan began to tell Bro. Maness that he is going to make a mess of the sermon. His desire was not to worry about man, but he wanted to glorify God. We need to remember that it isn't about the sick man, or anyone else, it is about Jesus.

When Lazarus told this testimony and became a witness, the others believed that the Lord is able to perform this miracle. If we don't carry our friends and family to Jesus, who will? The world surely is not carrying people to Jesus, so God's people should. Our churches today are experiencing such an effect as not wanting to be a witness. There is nothing more important than taking the crippled to Jesus. When the devil saw their determination to get the sick man to Jesus, he began to hold the door to prevent the work of the Lord to continue. The devil doesn't care how many songs we sing, sermons we hear, he only cares about us not getting to Jesus.

We must cause our lives to be a living testimony for Jesus for the sakes of our children and friends. We must labor and persevere for the cause of Jesus Christ. What if the four friends of the crippled man had given up and said it's just too hard to get there? They were determined to get him to Jesus. Our life must be a continual witness and testimony lived before their eyes.

In I Thessalonians 2, Paul said he would have come to that church on numerous occasions, but he was hindered by Satan. Satan wants to hinder and discourage and cause us to let down on the Lord.

"What's wrong churches? We need to wake up!" We need to let people know that God chose me to be His own. What are we doing to reach our children and family and friends? We might respond that we pray for people. Sometimes we need to put feet on our prayers. Sometimes we have to get out there and go see these people. Show up on their doorstep. There is a judgment for the saved also. We will stand and give an account at that judgment.

Revelation 3 tells of the last two churches that co-exist at the end of the church age. These are Philadelphia and Laodicea. Philadelphia means "Brotherly Love." Laodicea means "Judged." Laodicea had judged itself righteous in its own eyes. They were rich and lived comfortably. Yet the Lord said they were blind and naked

and wretched. We need to return to our first love which was a desire to see other people saved. Have we let down on God? Are we being a testimony for the Lord? Time is short; what are we doing for the Lord?

We have got to let people know where we stand. Bro. Tim said he stands on the creation and the Bible explanation for creation. We must stand on revealed truth from God's Word.

Satan hinders God's people. We must follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. If He leads us to do something and we do not do it then we are following the Devil. If we will follow God He will lead us around every obstacle. Paul told the Galatians that they started well but someone had hindered them. We are allowing ourselves to be hindered by the Devil. The Power of the Testimony. How powerful is our testimony? Don't let up! The race is not over.

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

The Moderator asked for a handshake with Bro. Maness

Bro. Donald Parish, Huntingdon Church, dismissed the morning session and blessed the food.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The association reconvened at the 1:00 hour with congregational singing of "Since He Gave Me This Heart of Love" and "Joy Unspeakable" then asked Bro. Eugene Brown, Wiseman Association, to lead us in prayer. The moderator stood and thanked the host church for the bountiful meal. Bro. Andrew Stokes thanked the ladies of the church for the meal they provided and the visitors for bringing food also.

The moderator read from I Timothy 1:15-17.

The topic committee will add Bro. Jimmie Hale Jr. to the topic committee with Bro. Phillip Halter moving off.

Due to clerical error from church, it was requested to fix the messengers to be in order with the will of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church. Motion and second was made to remove Bro. Lynn Stapleton as a messenger and replace with Bro. Donald Parish.

The clerk then read the correspondence. (see page 44).

Motion and second was made to place the correspondence in the minutes. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to give the chairman 10 minutes and the assistant 5 minutes for each topic. Motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on *How Shall We Escape The Judgment of God If We Neglect So Great a Salvation (Hebrews 2:3).*

The chairman, Bro. Clint Sanders, came to read the report to the association.

We, the committee on *How Shall We Escape the Judgment of God if We Neglect so Great a Salvation* submit the following report:

THE WAY OF ESCAPE

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him. Hebrews 2:1-3

The Hebrew writer gives many explicit warnings of danger. One of the greatest dangers men face is neglecting Christ's message. History teaches us about many great men who have delivered the message of Christ, but none greater than God's only begotten Son, Jesus. Although many have proclaimed the word of God, Jesus himself was able to live and fulfill in a manner never before known and never since known.

The Hebrew word *how*, means "in what way." According to John 14:6, Jesus himself declared to be the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. Jesus does not only tell the way, but shows the way. Ephesians 2:18 says, *For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father*. Thanks be unto God, whose Son shed His blood that we might have access to this same Father. Hebrews 10:19-20, *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh:*

The Hebrew word *escape* means "flee away, flee out of. Amos 5:18-20 says, *Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it....v. 24, but let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.*

Webster's dictionary says the word neglect means "to leave behind; to omit carelessly; not to receive or embrace." One would be careless to think that the judgment of God could be overlooked and avoided. For we believe, *Hebrews 9:27 For as it is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgment.* Amos is telling us about a man who should feel safe & secure in his own home, but what he discovers is that no matter how many times he brushes with death, eventually his appointment of death shall come. The world today offers a false sense of safety and security. No matter how many brushes with death a person may have they to will leave the comforts and securities of this world to face God.

Romans 3:23- For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

How important is the blood?

Leviticus 17:11 - For the **life** of the flesh is in the **blood**: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the **blood** that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Exodus 12:13 states: And the blood shall be to you for a token (a sign) upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt (judgment) In what way could the first-born of Egypt escape the death angel? The *only* way was to have the blood of the paschal lamb applied over the lintel post. Our text tells us in Hebrews 2:4: God also bearing them witnesses, both with signs and wonders... and these same signs should give evidence of how to escape death.

HOW SHALL WE ESACPE?

THE BLOOD MUST BE APPLIED

Jesus states at the Last Supper in Matthew 26:28 For this is the blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Prayerfully Submitted, Elder Clint Sanders Elder Scott Carter

The report on *How Shall We Escape the Judgment of God* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Clint Sanders, Scott Carter, and Kenneth Massey.

The moderator then called for the report on *New Testament Church – Why Did Jesus Build It.* The chairman, Bro. Rufus Chandler, came forth to read the report to the association.

New Testament Church – Why Did Jesus Build It?

The New Testament Church- Why did Jesus build it?

James 1:17 tells us "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." The Psalmist David teaches us God's blessings or gifts are more than can be numbered (Psalm 40). Among the many gifts of God is His unspeakable gift of Salvation, the Bible Gods His inspired Word, the Comforter who is the Holy Ghost, and last but certainly not least, the Church.

In Ephesians 5:32, Paul indicates that the church is a "great mystery" and in Colossians 1:26 he tells us that this great mystery was hidden from ages and generations past but is now revealed to the saints.

The word church appears in its singular form 80 times in Scripture and in plural form another 37 times. It is not coincidental that the first appearance of the word church is in Matthew 16:18 in which Christ Himself tells us, "I will build my church." This verse brings us to the question, **Why did Jesus build the church?**

Before answering the question of **why** Jesus built the church it is important to observe the fact that Jesus said **He would build the church Himself**. Missionary Baptists are among the few that believe this little observed fact. The vast majority of Christian denominations blindly believe the church started at Pentecost. We (your committee) believe there are two reasons for this error. First, it gives sanction to the late date these denominations began. If for example, the church started at Pentecost, then someone other than Jesus built or started the first church. That gives way or opportunity for someone else to come along later and start another church. This notion is totally false and violates Scripture truth.

The second erroneous idea is that of the universal or invisible church. Jesus came to build a visible church and gave authority to this church to go and preach the gospel to every creature. The universal invisible church doctrine has swallowed up modern day Christian thought. It is the idea that every denomination is the body of Christ, or stated another way, a branch of the same tree. According to this line of thought, all believers are on their way to heaven, but are simply traveling different roads.

These erroneous teachings are but a few of the reasons why Jesus built <u>His</u> church. In 1 Timothy 3:15 Paul refers to the Church of the Living God as "the pillar and ground of the truth." There is great need for the truth to be heard and the church provides the proper forum and environment for that goal to be accomplished. The church is a community of believers out of which God calls ministers and trains teachers, pastors and evangelists to correctly educate His people in the ways of righteousness and truth. There are also fundamental doctrines that give the church its identity including:

Biblical Authority & Scriptural Inerrancy The Incarnation & Virgin Birth of Christ

Believer's Baptism & Eternal Security The Crucifixion & Atonement

The Bodily Resurrection of Christ & His Second Coming
These biblical truths are being rejected today and Scripture is being fulfilled that in
the last days a falling away (from the truth) will come before our Lord's return.
Thank the Lord the churches of the Southwestern District Association of
Missionary Baptists are still holding to these sacred truths.

John the Baptist was the man sent from God and authorized by God to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (John 1:6, Luke 1:17). Jesus was the one that the ages and generations past were looking for who would take away the sins of the world. Before His acknowledgment from the cross "It is finished" Jesus delivered the message of salvation, built the church, and gave Himself for a sacrifice for our sins. Following His resurrection, Jesus appeared to the church and commissioned or authorized it to go and preach the gospel to, make disciples and baptize and teach them.

We read in Acts 15:18, "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world." According to this verse and others that express the immutability or the unchangeable nature of God, the church was in the mind of God from the beginning. Salvation was not an afterthought with God. He did not alter His course because Adam sinned. Neither is the church an after thought. God's plan from the foundation of the world was to demonstrate the failures of all other institutions in maintaining a right spiritual relationship with God.

In Genesis 2:18, God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone." God made Eve and brought her to Adam and joined them together with the proclamation they shall be one flesh. Eve was alone when she succumbed to Satan's temptations in the garden, and she gave Adam the forbidden fruit and he willing ate it, thus bringing sin and its consequences upon the whole creation. Sadly, the institution of marriage is failing in these last days, as is the family and all other forms of human government.

One institution that towers above the rest however, is the church Jesus built. She alone is responsible to uphold the moral and spiritual principles set forth in Holy Scripture. She is the Ecclesia, the called out assembly of blood bought, born again children of God. She alone has endured the persecutions of a once pagan and now

an increasingly agnostic and antagonistic world. It is in the church that every believer can find sanctuary, a safe haven from the trials and tribulations of this present world. A place where we are not alone. The church is the only institution authorized by the Lord Himself to teach spiritual truth!

True to the Lord's promise the gates of hell has not yet, nor shall they ever prevail against the church. But we must not forget our Lord's foreboding and prophetic statement in John 15:20, "If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you also."

In conclusion, Jesus built the New Testament church during His own personal ministry. Jesus authorized the church to continue the work of evangelizing and teaching the world through the preaching of the word of God. Beginning at Jerusalem, then Judea, and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the world the work of Jesus Christ has spread throughout the entire world and the gospel is being preached. We can look for the Lord's return soon. As Jesus finished His work at Calvary, some day the church will finish her work and the Lord will return for His church. What a great day it will be when the church shall be presented unto the Lamb as a spotless bride pure and white and she and Christ will enjoy the mystical spiritual relationship of Husband and wife in a land called Beulah!

Respectfully submitted: Bro. Rufus Chandler, Chairman Bro. Lynn Stapleton

The report on *New Testament Church – Why Did He Build It* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Rufus Chandler, Lynn Stapleton, Jimmie Hale Jr., James Severance, Phillip Halter, and Andrew Stokes.

The moderator made a few comments and asked for a motion to close for the day.

Motion and second was made to adjourn until 10:00 AM Saturday. Motion carried.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Kenneth Massey, Wiseman Association.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007

On another beautiful sunny fall morning, we reassembled together for the second day of the 159th Annual Session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. The moderator asked for a song. The congregation began by singing from the Heavenly Highway Hymns "Heaven's Jubilee", and "My God Is Real" led by Bro. George Haggard, New Prospect Church, and accompanied by Sis. Catherine Wall, Clarksburg Church, on the piano.

The Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, asked Bro. Rick Jones, Missionary to Jamaica/Kansas, to lead us in prayer. Bro. Smith then read from I Corinthians 1:10 and called the association to order.

The roll call of messengers listed 67 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 \$1,606.00, and the Clerk Fund of \$1,015.00 giving a total of \$2,621.00. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 13, 2007 is \$1,887.70. 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. Clint Sanders had been selected as the one to give the obituary report.

Bro. Sanders came forth and told how the association has lost 36 members with two serving as deacons. They journeyed in this land and now are inhabiting a much better land that would better suit all of us. He read the list of those passed on since our last session. He told how we think about death. We agree that we all shall die, and we shall then stand in judgment. We look forward to him saying "enter in thou good and faithful servant." He then read from Isaiah 64:4 "Men have not heard, nor

perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."

The last few weeks he has thought a lot about death. His grandfather is currently battling bone cancer. He has talked with him about what he plans to do when he gets to heaven. The first thing his grandfather wants to do is see his Lord. We should all desire to pick up the cross left by others and carry it on.

He read from II Timothy 4:6-8 and quoted from Job 14:15. After a few closing remarks, he turned the service back over to the moderator. Motion and second was made to accept this report as read. Motion carried.

The moderator then called for a report from the historical committee.

Report of 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 wanted to ask and see if the majority would be interested in putting the book together in electronic format. This would mean that everyone would have an opportunity to get a collection of cd's that is put together of all the available minutes. There was an informal vote taken with the majority in favor of putting together an electronic book and some still wanting a hard copy. The clerk assured all present that both electronic and hard copy would be available. The clerk said he would check on both routes. He told that the wishes of the committee are to have the book completed by the 160th session in 2008.

Motion and second was made to take up a topic before lunch. Motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on *Biblical Stewardship*. The chairman, Bro. Jeff Simmons, came forth to read the report to the association.

Biblical Stewardship

When exploring the topic of biblical stewardship, we must first discover its meaning. Webster's dictionary defines "stewardship" as: having the qualities of an administrator of another's property and /or finances. The word "biblical" in the

phrase tells us of it's limits, as they pertain to the scripture. The Bible reveals that the responsibility of stewardship belongs to the Church, as found in; Matthew 16:13-19; Matthew 28:18 - 20; I Peter 4:10; I Corinthians 4:1 - 2. When considering the Church's role as steward, several aspects of importance present themselves.

Although not literally brought out by the meaning of the word steward, our care of God's Word is essential to performing as a fruitful servant. We must maintain the Word which the Lord sent to us by the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill our responsibility to God. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20 - 21). The world has many different versions of what they feel to be true, so it is the Church's responsibility to honor and protect the Word that is accompanied by the Spirit of the Lord. Ephesians 4:4-6 teaches us that there is only one God, one faith, and one baptism, therefore we should keep the Word of God pure as we teach and preach it.

Congregating in brotherly love helps us labor for the Lord in an acceptable manner; hence being another important way we take care of God's matter. We are already taught of God to love one another according to 1 Thessalonians 4:9, so "let brotherly love continue." Hebrews 13:1. The lack of brotherly love oft times is the reason why attendance in God's Churches declines. Disagreements that do not relate to the observance of God's truth are fruitless and deter us from being good stewards. If a Church is unable to love one another, their efforts are wasted and that church will either suffer and/or collapse. Mark 3:25. We must possess love in our churches to strengthen each other so we can work better for the Lord and to keep His material uncorrupted.

Keeping the house of God and His property in order is apparent when endeavoring to be an appropriate biblical steward. I Chronicles 23: 24 - 32. It is of necessity that we present to the community a place where the spirit of God is felt, and the word of God can be effectively spread. Presenting this place of worship also carries with it a financial duty that all members of the church must bear responsibility for. Exodus 25: 1 - 9, Acts 4: 34 - 37. Along with the financial duty of presenting this place of worship, we also have the responsibility of spreading the word of God abroad. Mark 16:15&20.

As the Church today has many responsibilities toward God in our stewardship, we

cannot help but to explore more intently the financial aspect which has been briefly afore mentioned. The funds that are received by the Church through freewill offerings are for God's purpose and not man's. Malachi 3: 8 - 10. We have often been guilty of holding God's money for our own purpose, while the purposes of God are neglected as well as the needs of the surrounding communities. If we, as God's Church, store up the offerings to the Lord out of fear for tomorrow then we should realize how displeasing it is unto God as well as showing our lack of faith. Matthew 25:14 - 27. An unfruitful servant will face the consequences for not using the blessings of God to help others. Matthew 21:33 - 39. Therefore, the treasury of the Lord should be used to take care of the Church's basic needs as well as the needs of the community and supporting the spreading of the Gospel. It is our responsibility as Biblical stewards to take care of the Lord's finances and property. As Church members, we should use His funds suitably as God's commandments show us. In addition to financing God's work, brotherly love, upkeep of the Church property, and maintaining His Word, we should never lose sight of the needy in our communities; also realizing, that in order to fulfill our duty, other important factors exist. We must act in an acceptable manner according to the Word that the Holy Spirit has delivered to us. If we intend to be pleasing unto God, we must allow the Spirit of the Lord to guide us in our endeavors. Hebrews 13:8 teaches us that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever therefore the scripture will always be true and should always serve as our guide showing us our duty to God as His stewards.

Respectfully submitted: Bro. Robert Simmons Bro. Jeffrey Simmons

The report on *Biblical Stewardship* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bro. Jeff Simmons.

With the 11:00 hour approaching, Bro. Smith asked to continue the topic after lunch. The hour had come for the Doctrinal Sermon, so the moderator asked for a congregational song.

The congregation stood and sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop" and "Since He Gave Me This Heart of Love" led by Bro. Lynn Breeden, Yuma Church. The moderator introduced the one selected to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, Bro. Arzell Douglas.

Doctrinal Sermon Bro. Arzell Douglas

Brother Douglas takes the stand. He thanked the association for the privilege to preach here today. He never thought when he surrendered to preach that he would ever have the opportunity to preach before the association.

Bro. Douglas recalls when he was saved Bro. Robert Noles preached the message that brought conviction upon his soul. So when he was called to preach, he went to Bro. Noles for advice. Bro. Noles told him not to lay off more land than he could plow in the allotted time he had. Another bit of advice he received was to always be able to back up what he preached from the Bible.

Concerning the doctrinal sermon, Bro. Douglas said sometimes people did not like doctrinal sermons because they think it is just a man's opinion. Bro. Douglas said it is not his opinion, it is what the Bible says not what he thinks. Bro. Douglas remembers the first house he ever lived in was an old log cabin. When it was time to go to bed, Dad would bring in a big back log that would last through the night. If you did not keep that log burning, it would go out. He remembers his Dad at night would be up stirring that fire. We as Missionary Baptist must keep the fires going is Bro. Douglas's point. We need to keep the doctrinal fires burning.

He takes his reading from Philippians chapter 1 verse six. The subject on his heart is when a sinner hears the word, and it brings conviction on their heart and that person repents and believes he is saved by God's grace. Bro. Douglas asks the question "Do we believe that God is able to keep that to the end what He has begun in a person." He believes in the eternal security of the believer. In John 5:24, it says that he that believes in Jesus shall have everlasting life. Some people frown upon the issue of eternal security, but Bro. Douglas is sure of his salvation and eternal security. Paul said he knows in whom he has believed and that he is able to keep that which he has committed to him against that day. Bro. Douglas had a friend that said he just hoped he lived good enough to go to heaven. Finally, Bro. Douglas told him he would never live good enough to get to heaven on his own merits. Jesus is

the author of eternal salvation. Jesus said that we would have everlasting life. That is from now on. Jesus is the one who said it, and it is not up for question.

People have an old timey saying if you have got the horses you can pull the wagon. Jesus has the horses. We will make it by God's grace and His power. We will persevere until we reach the reward. Jesus said he had lost none of his disciples except the son of perdition who was never saved at all. We are His. He has the responsibility of securing us. Salvation is of the Lord. We are kept by the power of God. When David sinned he prayed in Psalm 51 "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." He didn't need to be resaved.

In the 17th chapter of John, Jesus prayed for us that God the Father would keep us. Jesus teaches us that his sheep hear his voice and they follow him and he will give unto them eternal life. And they shall never perish. Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. God the father is greater than all and no man is able to pluck them out of His hand. Jesus said in Matthew's gospel "All power is given to me in heaven and in earth." God will "Get' er done!" God has the horses to do the job. God began the good work in us. We would never have sought God except He initiated it. He called us; His Holy Spirit drew us to repentance and faith. John 6:44 says "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." If you could lose it then it would not be eternal life. Not by the will of the flesh but by the will of God. God is the author or initiator of salvation.

If you are truly a child of God, you are going to make it. Anybody who will come to God in repentance and faith drawn by the Holy Spirit will be saved. The God that bringeth salvation has appeared unto men. In I John 2, it is spoken of some who went out from us who were not of us. If they had been born again, they would not have left us. You will not fall off the rock. Matthew 7 speaks of building on the right foundation. The man that dug down to the rock, his house will stand. We have a great high priest working on our behalf. Jesus is the great high priest. He shed His blood that we might have eternal redemption. He makes intercession for us in the Holy of Holies not made by hands. He is our advocate. He is like a lawyer working on our behalf. When we sin, we have an advocate with the Father. When we sin, He comes before the Father and pleads our case before the Father. If we commit sin, we have an advocate. If we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us of our sin, and make us right before God. There is an inward man and an outward man. The soul is

sealed and is kept by the power of God. The outward man commits sin, and we have need to confess and receive forgiveness from God.

Bro. Douglas said that he worked with a group of men and sometimes sinned and was not humble. He lost his fellowship with God. He hid in church hoping they would not call upon him to pray. One day he told his wife, he was going down in the woods to squirrel hunt. He did not have any intention of hunting. He went down there to get right with God and to get these things straightened out.

You are persevering; you are tied in to the Lord. The thing he wanted to bring out is that if you have a real salvation experience God will see you through to the end. We have overcome through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. One day he was having a physical exam and the doctor asked him "did you know you have a heart murmur"? They found blockage. Before he went in for surgery, he got down on his knees and talked to God about it. Bro. Douglas knew if it was his time to go, then he was ready to go. Bro. Douglas knew that his redeemer liveth. He is aware that heaven will be his home. He has not had much in this world, but he knows that he has a home in heaven. Not by my goodness or works but by the grace of God.

He called our attention to the book of Jude verse 24 "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." Bro. Douglas was telling us this morning that God was able to do that. We are kept by the power of God. I want to tell you about my daddy. He had a hard life raising a bunch of kids. He made him an altar beside the old creek down there. He had \$30 when he died, but he had a home in heaven when he left here. Bro. Douglas told about a friend who went down to the country club. He did not think he could go in there. The friend said come on I will get you in. When they got there they checked the member's card. The friend showed his then the door keeper asked for Bro. Douglas'. He said, "I don't have one." Then his friend said "He's with me." Some day Jesus is going to say "He's with me, he's with me" and we will be allowed to enter in too.

After a few closing remarks he turned the service back over to the moderator. Bro. Smith asked for a song, and for the congregation to give Bro. Douglas the right hand of fellowship. While shaking hands, the congregation stood and sang several songs. Bro. Lynn Breeden lead the congregation in "The Old Time Religion,"

"When We All Get to Heaven," "I Want To Be Ready To Meet Him," "He Set Me Free."

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch. Motion carried. Bro. James Severance dismissed the service and asked the blessing on the food.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

We reassembled together for the afternoon session by singing from the Heavenly Highway Hymns "When They Ring the Bells of Heaven" and "I'll Be Satisfied" led by Bro. Lynn Breeden with Sis. Catherine Wall on the piano. Bro. Ray Smith asked Bro. Marshall Gurley, New Liberty Church, to lead us in prayer. The moderator then read from Philippians 2:4-11.

We continued with the topic *Biblical Stewardship*. Also speaking to the topic that began before lunch was Bros. Robert Simmons, Andrew Stokes, Phillip Halter, and Clint Sanders.

The moderator called for the report on *The Antichrist Movement (current event)*. The chairman, Bro. Johnny Wall, came forth to read the report to the association.

The Antichrist Movement

1 John 2:18-19 (KJV) ¹⁸ Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

Although there have been adversaries to God and Christ from the very beginning of recorded time our focus for this report will be upon the "Antichrist Movement" in the church age. In the above verses it is apparent that four things are being stressed.

1.) The "last time" is upon humanity.

2.) The spirit of antichrist was already in the world and was on the move.

3.) The religious antichrist originated from within the New Testament Church.

4.) Those that left the church were not born of the Holy Spirit as were true believers. Satan has always managed to infiltrate the inner circles

of God's chosen. Even within the twelve disciples Satan worked his influence through Judas Iscariot.

There are religious antichrists and there are secular antichrists. Anyone or any group who denies that Jesus Christ was God incarnate (in the flesh) is an antichrist whether secular or religious. (1 John 4:1-3) In the domain of religion this would include every religion that denies the deity of Jesus Christ. Even within so called "Christian" organizations and churches; what they teach concerning Jesus Christ must be deeply scrutinized to determine from what spirit they speak. In the secular domain every entity that has attacked, denied, cast doubt or aspersion upon the deity of Jesus Christ is part of the antichrist movement. This would even include all the television programs of late which have been produced and aired that attack or question Christ deity or His resurrection or other foundational truths. Religious and secular antichrists are widespread and variable in the world today. Even in the day of John's writing there were many antichrists in the world. (1 John 2:18) This condition has only worsened with time.

For the purpose of this report we have divided the antichrist movement into four different categories; 1.) Religious, 2.) Political, 3.) Educational, 4.) Economic. The antichrist movement is world wide but our report will focus more on the movement in our nation. Whether the power is religious or secular, Satan's goal and objective is ultimately the same. He works in every sphere of life. The antichrist movement will fulfill 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 which reads; "3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, (Our gathering back to Jesus) except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." The Apostle Paul also said in this epistle that the "mystery of iniquity" was already at work in his day. (2 Thessalonians 2:7) Paul clearly saw the workings of the religious antichrist movement as did the Apostle John. When John spoke about the antichrist movement in 1st John, he identified the beginnings of what would grow to become apostate Christianity. The word "anti" in antichrist means "instead of" or "in place of" or "against." Although there are many religious organizations in the world today that operate under the name of "Christian" they are really antichrist in their essence. (Spirit)

In the category of religion, our report will address major religious movements in the world today which are antichrist in their essence. The icon of Christianity in the world today is the Roman Catholic Church. Not only does the secular media recognize this organization as the Christian Church; the organization itself professes itself to be Christ' Church and to have apostolic succession. They claim the Apostle Peter as their first Pope and state that their present Pope is the current Vicar of Christ. This is an interesting title. According to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Eleventh Edition, the definition of "Vicar" is "one serving as a substitute or agent." It could be said that the Vicar of Christ stands "in the place" of Christ. We should consider the possibility that John wrote about this antichrist movement in it's' infancy when he spoke of those that went out from us. (1 John 2:18-19) John later in life, was given a vision of a woman that rides a beast. She is called MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (Revelation 17:5) She was drunk with the blood of the saints and with the martyrs of Jesus. (Revelation 17:6) Finally, Revelation 17:18 tells us that this woman is a city that reigns over the kings of the earth. Most scholars agree that this woman is allegorical of an apostate religious system that is universal in scope. She is a "mystery," meaning that her nature, in large part, is a hidden secret thing not obvious to the masses of people that she sits upon. (Revelation 17:1) She is "Babylon the Great," meaning she is the fountainhead of spiritual confusion. She is the "Mother of Harlots and Abominations," meaning she has offspring and brings forth corrupt fruit. She has adulterated the true gospel and the true way of worshipping God. She has persecuted true believers and saints down through history and she has martyred those who have stood for Jesus Christ in truth. She has defiled the very faith that was once delivered unto the saints while operating under the identity of Jesus Christ. (Jude verses 3 & 4) No doubt, Rome was in the forefront of John's mind when the Holy Spirit gave him this revelation. He was astounded at the woman who rode this beast although it is likely he was witnessing what "those who went out" from the early church had become.

In our present day these apostate, so called Christian, religious organizations are at the forefront of bringing the world together under one religious umbrella. In 1996 Bishop William E. Swing of the Episcopal Church of America, California Diocese, (Church of Rome offspring) started a movement named the United Religions Initiative. The charter was signed in the year 2000. Bishop Swing visualized this

organization to be the spiritual equivalent to the United Nations. The U.R.I. embraces any and all religions, but only with some stipulations. The U.R.I. forbids evangelization or what they term "proselytizing" by any of their membership. The main focuses of the United Religions Initiative is upon the "whole human family," and the "whole health of our planet" and the "whole realm of living species." It is not hard to see that the central focus of this movement is plain old earth worship. Earth preservation, species preservation, and the social goodwill aspects of these differing religions are the uniting properties of the U.R.I. We are reminded of Paul's letter to the Romans. (Romans 1:21-25) "²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³ And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. ²⁴ Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: ²⁵ Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature (Created thing) more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." If the various religions will compromise the idea of a personal savior of the soul and one route to God and eternal life; and will begin to embrace the here and now and the social needs of the masses and the environmental needs of the planet, there can be a uniting of religion according to the view of the U.R.I. There are some people in these various religions who will never embrace this heretical philosophy. We are confident that true Missionary Baptist will never compromise the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. (Jude v. 3)

Another major player in the religious antichrist movement today is the religion of Islam. If the United Religions Initiative is the global peace, harmony and unity movement of the antichrist religious system; radical Islam is the antithesis of the U.R.I. Satan is the inspiration that has devised both sides of this equation. Islam is clearly antichrist because it denies that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God. (*I John 2:22*) Islam recognizes Jesus as being on an equal plane with Moses and other prophets but as a lesser prophet than Muhammad. Since September 11, 2001 Satan has used radical Islamic terrorist to change the state of the world and this nation. We are reminded of the scripture given in Revelation 6:4 "And there went out another horse *that was* red: and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given

unto him a great sword." The sword and the color red have historically been symbols used in the Muslim religion. Islam has been carried by force at the point of a sword throughout the world for centuries. Millions have perished having their blood spilled by the sword of Islam. Satan will surely use both ends of the spectrum of the religious antichrist movement to bring the world to his ultimate purpose. (2 Thessalonians 2:4) Radical Islam has taken peace from the earth since the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. We now have Muslim states such as Iran threatening the annihilation of Israel in the name of their religion. Iran is pushing forward in an effort to obtain nuclear weapons. Such capabilities might be the ultimate fulfillment of a "great sword" as spoken of in Revelation 6:4.

The political aspect of the antichrist movement is involved in most areas of life. Politicians create and implement national policy. Actually, the political powers are interwoven in the other three categories of the antichrist system. In the United States our government is divided into three sections. These are the executive, the legislative, and the judicial branches of government. In the past several decades this nation has adopted certain social policies that are clearly in opposition to God and Jesus Christ. Legalization of abortion began in five states in 1970, and the rest of the nation legalized the heinous act in 1973. Today, there are fifteen out of fifty states that do not require parental consent for a female minor to have an abortion performed. The misconception that life begins at birth is prevalent in the land; life actually begins at fertilization. Job 10:18-19 says: "Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me. I should have been as though I had not been. I should have been carried from the womb to the grave." Jeremiah 1:5 speaks of a living soul in the womb: "Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee, and before thou cameth forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee. And I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." These scriptures indicate that life begins at conception and that these individuals were living souls before birth.

Since abortion became legal in 1973, approximately forty eight million babies have been aborted. As if these numbers were not staggering enough, there are those that would dare to place a positive perspective on such an appalling transgression. In May, 2001, two journalists for The Quarterly Journal of Economics offered an article titled: "The Impact of Legalized Abortion on Crime." These two individuals announced to the world the following statement: "We offer evidence that legalized abortion has contributed significantly to recent crime reductions. Crime began to

fall roughly eighteen years after abortion was legalized." In referring to the legalization of abortion as a possible indicator of reduced crime, these two journalists engaged the public to believe that something good had come from something so unimaginable. If the voices of all of the aborted children could be heard, their plea might resemble the words of Psalms 94:16, "Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Or who will stand up for me against the workers of inequity?"

In times past, some would not have imagined that homosexuality would be a topic that we would so openly and freely discuss today. Homosexuals put forth the argument that they were born homosexual, when in fact that could not be farther from the truth. Romans 2:26 - 27 says, "For this cause, God gave them up to vile affections for even their women did change the natural use to that which is against nature. And likewise the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves the recompence of their error which was meet." Homosexuals believe that their lifestyle should be accepted by society and that they should be afforded the right to enter into the holy institution of marriage or a civil union. It is easy to see that God's design for procreation has always been one man married to one woman. Genesis 2: 23 - 24 says, "And Adam said, 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."

We must closely analyze the antichrist movement; always having our spiritual eyes wide open. Recently the U.S. Congress has introduced and passed a hate-crime bill [HR-1592, Passed House May 3, 2007, S.1105 Introduced in Senate April 12, 2007], which could make it a crime to preach or to teach against homosexuality in church or Sunday school classes. We can plainly see the works of the antichrist movement behind this. This law would become a muzzle to the mouth of the church. In remembrance of all that is just and holy, we as Christians today should stand boldly and speak against this proposed legislation. We should be mindful of what the Bible says about those nations who accept and embrace homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle. As a nation we should heed the Biblical warnings given to us concerning God's judgment on these issues. Jude verse seven says, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves

over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

The public education system in the U.S. is a very important tool in the antichrist movements' toolbox. Public school is one of the first access points for the state into the hearts and minds of our children. Satan has been very attentive to remove every influence and mention of God from the midst of the public school house. Public education had its' beginnings from churches and the Christian faith. Of note is the fact that 106 of the first 108 schools in America were founded on the Christian faith. [Ref. Harvard University. 1636. "Our Christian Heritage," Letter from Plymouth Rock (Marlborough, NH: The Plymouth Rock Foundation) Harvard and Yale were both founded by Christian ministers. Yale was founded by ten Congregational ministers. [Ref. Noah Webster, Letters to a Young Gentleman Commencing His Education (New Haven: Howe & Spalding, 1823] John Harvard was the founder and first major benefactor of Harvard University. John Harvard was the minister at Charlestown. It is therefore plain to see that the beginning of the educational system in America was rooted and grounded in the Christian faith; even the highest regarded universities in America started this way. We can see how far we have slipped from the founding of this nation to this present time. The Supreme Court has ruled in several landmark cases in recent decades that state sponsored prayer in school is a violation of the U.S. Constitutions' establishment clause. These rulings for the most part have stopped prayer in school overall; even student initiated prayer has ceased in most schools. Public education was started under the influence and control of Christian organizations and leaders. As time progressed, this control transitioned to the state. In America approximately 80% of the population professes to be Christian. If this is so, why don't Christians pull their children out of the public education system and send them to Christian schools? This is the only way to ever recover the hearts and minds of our children. To think that the public education system can be reformed from within is similar to those who thought they could reform the Roman Catholic Church. It can't be done! The antichrist movement has completely seized the public school system in America. Although there are good Christian administrators, teachers and students present in public schools, God is out and Darwin is in! Remaining sexually pure until marriage is out and practicing safe sex is in! Singing God Bless America is out and vile vulgar music is in! Respect and honor toward teachers and administrators is out and violence and murderous shootings are in! We acknowledge and are thankful

that not all students are misbehaving this way but every tragedy that occurs in our public schools is just an echo of the words "GOD IS OUT, GOD IS OUT!" The antichrist movement wants every honorable mention of God removed from public display; from the school house to the court house to the White House.

In the economic realm of the antichrist movement, the United States of America has been transformed significantly in the last several decades. During the 1960's, and before, practically everything we bought and used in this country was made in the U.S.A. Today we have a global economy and much of what we buy is imported from foreign countries. According to scripture antichrist will gain full control of the world economy and no one will be able to buy or sell outside his system. (Revelation 13:16-17) This economic system will ultimately be judged by the God of heaven. (Revelation 18) We can see this global economic system coming together today. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade [G.A.T.T.] came into existence in 1947. G.A.T.T. was an evolving agreement that has grown over the span of several decades. In 1993 the World Trade Organization was born from G.A.T.T. Over the decades many nations have signed onto G.A.T.T. This agreement has managed to terminate many tariffs on products and has managed to promote world trade and a global economy. On January 1, 1994 the North American Free Trade Agreement [N.A.F.T.A.] came into effect. This was a regional trade agreement between the United States, Mexico and Canada. This agreement abolished tariffs and trade restrictions between these nations. This was a first step in establishing a North America Trade Block. Other nations of the world were also unifying with their own agreements at this same time; creating their own regional trading blocks, i.e. the European Union Common Market. These movements can be seen as the under workings for the infrastructure for a future antichrist economic system as revealed in scripture. (Daniel 2, Daniel 7, Revelation 13.) Because of the antichrist movement in the world of economics we now operate in a global economy. We have witnessed an erosion of national sovereignty in the United States. Our current problem of illegal immigrants from Mexico, and our elected leaders' unwillingness to stop it indicates that Mexico, Canada and the United States are being molded into one of the economic regions of the future Biblical beast. Not many Americans realize it but there is a movement underway to unify Mexico, Canada and the United States into an entity that would be called the North American Union. It is planned that this union would have its' own currency called the Amero. The plan is being implemented through an office within the Department

of Commerce called the "Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America," under the direction of a U.S. Government official, who is listed as working in the agency's North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, office. On September 12, 2006 there was a meeting of high level people from these three countries that met in Alberta Canada to discuss and work on details of such a merger. Genesis 3:1 says that the serpent was the most subtle beast of the field; meaning he is sly, crafty, and works under the surface undetected. The United States is also active in similar trade agreements with countries in Central America. On August 5, 2004 the U.S. signed the Central America-Dominican Republic-United States Free Trade Agreement. [C.A.F.T.A.-D.R.] CAFTA-DR will immediately eliminate tariffs on more than 80 percent of U.S. exports of consumer and industrial products, phasing out the rest over 10 years. The U.S. is currently negotiating free trade agreements with Thailand, Panama, and the United Arab Emirates. The U.S. is also pursuing regional agreements with the countries of the Southern African Customs Union, Andean countries, and 34 nations across the Western Hemisphere to create a greater Free Trade Area of the Americas

The Antichrist Movement has permeated the world in every area of life. It is clear why the Holy Spirit inspired John and Daniel to identify this system as a "BEAST." The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. (1 Thessalonians 5:2) The lost, unbelieving world will be caught in the snare of the Devil. Take heed that it doesn't come upon any of us unaware. (Luke 21:34-35) We are children of the day not of the night. (1 Thessalonians 5:4-6) Wait patiently and watch intently for the Lord; listen for the cry "The bride groom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." (Matthew 25:6) Keep your lamps trimmed and burning.

Respectfully submitted, Brother Toby Swinford Brother Johnny Wall

The report on *Antichrist* was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Johnny Wall, and Toby Swinford.

The moderator then asked for the topic committee to give their report.

Topic Committee

The topics suggested for the 2008 Session:

Subject # 1: *The Judgement Seat of Christ – What Accountable For?*Committee: Eld. Tim Maness (Chairman), Eld. Tracy McDaniel

Subject # 2: What did Jesus mean when he said "true" worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth? (John 4:23-24)

Committee: Eld. Randy Thompson (Chairman), Eld. Truman Hedges Subject # 3: I Timothy 5:23 records, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirimities." Our church Covenant states we will, "abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage." What is the Missionary Baptist position on a doctor recommendation to a Christian member to use wine daily for heart aliment or other illness as medication? Exception or Exclusion?

Committee: Eld. David Leslie (Chairman), Eld. Andrew Stokes Subject # 4: (based on current event) – to be determined later in the year

Motion and second was made to accept these topics.

The moderator then asked Bro. Jimmie Hale, Associational Missionary, to come and give a report.

Bro. Hale told of his thankfulness for electing him to be the association missionary for another year. He visited six counties and prayed asking the Holy Spirit to show him where to go. He told of an experience where he went to Chalk Hill and they asked him to preach (this happened to him three times throughout the year). At these churches they asked him if he had been contacted about coming, he said no, the Lord led him there.

He visited all the association churches with the exception of Landmark. The following is his report:

Association Missionary Report 2007

Bro. Moderator, Brothers and Sisters,

I am thankful for your trust and confidence in electing me as your association missionary.

This is a great work and I thank you for praying for me and for God's leadership. The Lord has really blessed me personally. I thank him for the many brothers and sisters I have met and worshiped with.

I visited all association churches and preached at nine churches a total of 12 times. I visited 27 non-association churches and preached at nine churches a total of 14 times.

Non-association churches are listed below:

Benton County:	Decatur County:	<u>Henderson County:</u>	
Chalk Hill	Battlefield	Bolens Chapel	Second Baptist
Fairview	Cub Creek Hall	Cedar Grove	Piney Creek
		Central Grove	Spring Hill (revival)
Carroll County:	Stewart County:	Darden	Old Jacks Creek
County Line	Elk Creek	Cedar Hill	Mt. Pisgah
Calvary		Union Hill	Calvary
New Independent Full	Houston County:	Mazies Chapel	Natchez Trace
Gospel	Pleasant Grove	Ridge Grove	
McCallie Chapel (revival)		_	
Mt. Comfort			
Humbles Chapel			

I attended revivals at 35 churches (1 or more services) a total of 56 services and traveled 4,089 miles and received offerings of \$2,115.00.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jimmie Hale Jr.

A motion and second was made to adopt his report. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to re-elect Bro. Jimmie Hale as the associational missionary for another year. Motion carried.

Bro. Eugene Brown spoke about enjoying coming and visiting this association. He told about his short wave program that reaches 102 countries around the world. They have programs that air eight times a week. He told some facts about the broadcast and how long it has been running. He thanked the association for the help he has been given and for the prayers on his behalf.

Bro. Rick Jones was thankful to be here today and for the prayers and support for the work in Jamaica. He told about the International week this past summer. There was over 50 people (13 preachers) present. In that revival, there were two nights that stood out to him. He told about how God began to move strongly throughout the week. During this week there was one Jamaican saved by the grace of God. He told of those from this association that came and labored during this meeting. He invited everyone to the next meeting in 2009.

New Business

The clerk gave the messengers an update on the cd's **Motion and second** was made to purchase the cd's and place them in the back of the minutes. Motion carried.

The clerk read the vote of thanks

Vote of Thanks

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, its officers, and the messengers wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Clarksburg 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. Tim Maness, for his message "The Power of a Testimony". We also appreciated Bro. Arzell Douglas for his message "Eternal

Security". 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 us 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 Finance Committee, the Topic Committee, and the Obituary Recorder, and a special thanks to Bro. Johnny Wall for serving as the assistant clerk. 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 Clarksburg 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 Oak Grove (CC) 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 Oak Grove (CC) Missionary Baptist Church for the 160th annual session on October 10-11, 2008 at 10:00 am ready to serve once more.

MAY GOD RECEIVE ALL HONOR AND GLORY FOR ALL THINGS.

Scott Carter, Clerk

Motion and second was made to accept, 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.

Bro. Smith asked all the ministers to come forth during the parting handshake.

A **motion and second** was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October 2008, at 10:00 am at Oak Grove Church in Carroll County, TN. Motion carried.

A few were words were given and prayer requests were made. Afterward we were dismissed with an altar of prayer led by Bro. Randy Thompson, Crossroads Church.

Ray Smith, Moderator

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Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church

Scott Carter, Clerk

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Messengers Seated for the 159th Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday- Glenn Baker, Jimmy Bennett, Marvin Newman Saturday- Glenn Baker, Jimmy Bennett, Marvin Newman

Bible Grove:

Friday- Clois Woods, Jason Howard, Clint Sanders Saturday- Clois Woods, Jason Howard, Clint Sanders

Caledonia:

Friday- Rudy Hamby, Carl Hall Saturday- Rudy Hamby, Carl Hall

Center Point:

Friday- Jeff Simmons, Robert Simmons, Melissa Simmons Saturday- Jeff Simmons, Robert Simmons

Clarksburg:

Friday- Andrew Stokes, Jimmie Hale, Melanie Stokes Saturday- Andrew Stokes, Jimmie Hale, Clint Cary

Concord:

Friday- Dennis Stokes, Lester Waugh, John Cole Saturday- Rufus Chandler, Lester Waugh, Dennis Stokes

Cross Roads:

Friday- Myron Kirk, Brown Herrin, Jackie Wimberly Saturday- Myron Kirk, Brown Herrin, Jackie Wimberly

Ephesus:

Friday- Norman Hilliard Saturday- Norman Hilliard

Huntingdon:

Friday- Donald Parish, Kenny Rush, Joe Glisson Saturday- Donald Parish, Kenny Rush, Joe Glisson

Landmark:

Friday-Saturday-

Marlsboro:

Friday- James Severance, Melvin Walker Saturday- James Severance

Mixie:

Friday- Freddie Taylor, Garvin Renfroe, Johnny Whitworth Saturday- James Fowler, Garvin Renfroe, Freddie Taylor

New Bethel:

Friday- Edward Malone, Johnny Lee, Jeff Lamb Saturday- Edward Malone, Johnny Lee, Thomas Brummitt

New Cross Roads:

Friday- Harold Palmer, Bill Nelson, Elvis Melton Saturday- Harold Palmer, Bill Nelson

New Hope:

Friday- Dale Seagraves, Judy Sansone, Scott Gallimore Saturday- Dale Seagraves, Judy Sansone, Scott Gallimore

New Liberty:

Friday- Justin Maness, Trent Sellers, Tim Sellers Saturday- Justin Maness, Trent Sellers, Tim Sellers

New Prospect:

Friday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard Saturday- Renn Johnson, George Haggard

New Spring Hill:

Friday- Laura Hutcherson Saturday- Ivy Nell Quinn, Laura Hutcherson

Oak Grove - CC:

Friday- Brian Hampton, Ray Hampton, David Bond Saturday- Brian Hampton, Ray Hampton, David Bond

Oak Grove - HC:

Friday- Glenn Lewis, Ricky Lewis, Chris Lewis Saturday- Glenn Lewis, Ricky Lewis, Chris Lewis

Old Paths:

Friday- Charles Connell, Norman Medlin, Tommy Gurley Saturday- Charles Connell, Norman Medlin, Tommy Gurley

Pleasant Grove:

Friday- Frank Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Robert Tolley Saturday- Frank Rickman, Tim Lashlee

Pleasant Hill:

Friday- Edward Ellis, Randy Hargrove, Trey Crews Saturday- Edward Ellis, Randy Hargrove

Pleasant Ridge:

Friday- James Nance, Travis Nance, Barbara Nance Saturday- James Nance, Travis Nance, Barbara Nance

Rushing's Creek:

Friday- Allen Holland, Juanita Holland, Patsy Dickey Saturday- Allen Holland

Shiloh:

Friday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, David Prater Saturday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, David Prater

Westport:

Friday- Toby Swinford, Christie Swinford Saturday- Toby Swinford, Christie Swinford

Yuma:

Friday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, Larry Miller Saturday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, Larry Miller

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2007 MINUTE FUND

BALANCE OCTOBER 7, 2006	\$2,009.36
EXPENDITURES: Domain (website) First Bank (lock box)	\$ 60.00
Wal-Mart (CD's & sleeves) Robinson Graphics (printing)	\$ 32.66 \$1,625.00
CONTRIBUTIONS: Minute Fund 2007	- \$1,606.00
BALANCE OCTOBER 13, 2007	\$1,887.70
CLERK FEE	\$1,015.00
Submitted by: Lester Waugh Lynn Breeden Jimmie Hale, Jr.	

Correspondence

BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Keith L. Hood - Clerk 428 Rainbow Drive Double Springs, AL 35553 (205)489-2343 Email: KeithLHood@aol.com

September 22, 2007

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

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

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Seventy-First Annual Session with Mt. Zion # 1 Missionary Baptist Church. We had 28 churches reporting an increase of 88 with 37 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 92 with a total membership of 3,537. 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 172nd Annual Session to be held with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located east of Russellville, Alabama, just east of U.S. Highway 143. This session will be held October 13, 14, 15, 16, 2007. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's Love,

Keith L. Hood. Clerk

Keith L. Hood

Keith Prince – Moderator 124 County Road Moulton, AL 35650 Billy Myrick – Vice Moderator 202 W. Douglas Street Sheffield, AL 35660

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

July 24, 2007 1434 Alvaton-Greenhill Road Bowling Green, KY 42103

Elder Scott Carter 400 Chickasaw Dr., Huntingdon, TN 38344

Greetings:

Lord willing, beginning 10:00 a.m. Friday October 5, 2007, the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will convene it fifty-fifth session with:

Rocky Mounds Missionary Baptist Church 5493 Rocky Mounds Road Westmoreland, Tennessee 37022

Please come and worship with us. A copy of the 2006 Siloam minutes is enclosed.

Your Brother in Christ,

Elder Roger Carter, Assistant Clerk SILOAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Wiseman Baptist Association Deric S. McClard, Clerk 32 Hightower Court Bowling Green, KY 42103 Phone (270) 846-1449 dsmcclard@yahoo.com

June 20, 2007

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association c/o Brother Scott Carter 400 Chickasaw Drive Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344

Greetings from the churches in the Wiseman Baptist Association. We pray that the Lord has blessed you greatly in the past year and that you are continuing to see many lives changed by the glorious power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we see the day approaching, we pray that the Lord will help us to do more for His honor and glory as we seek to advance his cause in this world.

We were greatly blessed by the Lord during the one hundred fifteenth annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association, which was held at the Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson County, TN. Nine churches reported 100 additions in the past year, 40 being by baptism, with a total membership of 1,718.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundredth sixteenth annual session, which will be held at the Three Springs Baptist Church at 1440 Three Springs Road in Bowling Green, KY, on October 26 and 27, 2007. Services will begin each morning at 9:00 a.m. Brother Monty Shoulders, pastor of Longview Missionary Baptist Church in Gallatin, TN, is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday morning; and Brother Charles Reese, member of Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson County, TN, is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday morning. Make your plans to join us.

In His service,

Deric McClard, Clerk

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, Joe, Clarksburg	731-602-4621
22784 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390	
Hodge, Wayne, New Hope	731-586-4620
220 Wyatt Street, Bruceton, TN 38317	
Holland, Kevin, Mixie	731-986-4512
565 Chapel Hill Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Owen, Dewey, New Bethel	731-243-2569
35 West College Street, Henry, TN 38231	
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	
Sellers, Trent, New Liberty	731-415-3870
19175 West Main Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
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Ordained Ministers Ambrose, Harvey, Old Paths	731-987-2790 731-586-2981 731-986-4701 731-986-4227 731-415-4745

Douglas, Arzell, Cross Roads	731-584-8027
587 Cross Roads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320	
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	
Hale, Jr., Jimmy, Clarksburg	731-968-5298
22790 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390	
Haskins, Brett	731-209-0051
54 Cedar Tree Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Hedge, 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
1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351	
Maness, Allen, Yuma	731-847-3019
1080 Myracle Town Road, Darden, TN 38328	
Maness, Tim, New Liberty	731-847-6454
1005 Myracle Town Road, Darden, TN 38328	
McDaniel, Tracy, Oak Grove (CC)	731-235-2498
630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230	
McLean, Lathan, New Spring Hill	731-986-9793
6355 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387	

Moore, Randy, Caledonia	731-352-2022
1702 Stonewall McKenzie, TN 38201	
Oakes, Bryan, Bethel	731-986-2347
955 Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Rayburn, Mitchell, Cross Roads	731-584-8255
3450 Divider/Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320	
Sanders, Clint, Bible Grove	731-695-3194
301 Knox Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Severance, James, Marlsboro	731-586-3502
197 Pine Street, Bruceton, TN 38317	
Simmons, Jeff, Center Point	731-845-4710
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
1030 Expressway Church Road, 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	
Stokes, Andrew, Concord	731-986-3738
310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
Swinford, Toby, Westport	731-986-6096
790 Damron Road, Yuma, TN 38390	
Thompson, Randy, Cross Roads	731-279-4738
211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320	
Wall, Johnny, New Liberty	731-987-2597
100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348	
Church Directory	
BETHEL- 65 Bethel Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
PASTOR-Bryan Oakes	731-986-2347
955 Old 22 Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	

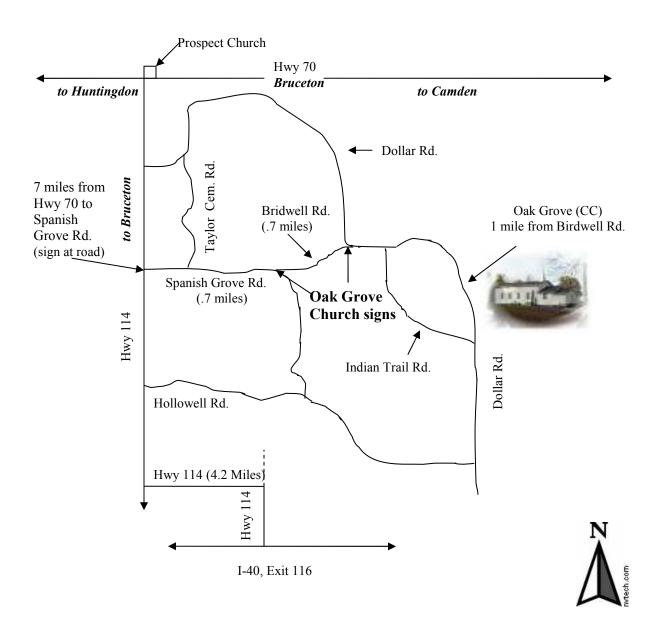
CLERK-Jeff Carter	- 731-986-5496
c/o Bethel Church P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
BIBLE GROVE- 5365 Bible Grove Road, Lexington, TN 38351	
PASTOR-Phillip Halter	- 731-986-4319
595 Halter Lane, Clarksburg, TN 38324	
CLERK-Ricky Lemonds	- 731-968-5864
33 Greenbriar Street, Lexington, TN 38351	
CALEDONIA- 9405 Hwy 140, McKenzie, TN 38201	
PASTOR- Randy Moore	- 731-352-2022
1702 Stonewall McKenzie, TN 38201	
CLERK-Carl Hall	- 731-352-3909
115 Linden Street, McKenzie, TN 38201	
CENTER POINT- 2225 Rowland Mill Road, Buena Vista, TN 3	8318
PASTOR-Robert Simmons	- 731-986-3375
4650 Smyrna Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
CLERK-Bill Noles	- 731-586-7117
307 Gov. Browning Street, Bruceton, TN 38317	
CLARKSBURG-12281 Hwy 424, Clarksburg, TN 38324	
PASTOR-Andrew Stokes	- 731-986-3738
310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
CLERK-Clint Cary	- 731-986-0658
155 Davis Chapel Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
CONCORD- 3275 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
PASTOR- Rufus Chandler	- 731-986-4227
47 Wendy Lane, Yuma, TN 38390	
CLERK-John W. Cole	- 731-986-3433
1840 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
CROSS ROADS	- 731-584-7665
55 Cross Roads Church 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- 2895 Ephesus Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
PASTOR- Jerry Dodd	731-987-2698
1600 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
CLERK-Kathy Kee	731-986-5023
485 Timber Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
HUNTINGDON	731-986-4192
11110 Lexington Street, 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- 25165 State Route 114 N, Hollow Rock, TN 383	
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 - 25860 Hwy 77, Hollow Rock, TN 38342	
PASTOR- Tony Boyd	731-243-3136
P.O. Box 97, Henry, TN 38231	
CLERK-Joy Neely	731-586-2859
2065 Ephesus Church Road, Hollow Rock, TN 38342	
NEW BETHEL- 4440 Henry Midway Road, Henry, TN 38231	
PASTOR-Johnny Wall	731-987-2597
100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348	
CLERK-Johnny Lee	731-642-5472
2335 Herrondale E. Road, Henry, TN 38231	
NEW CROSS ROADS- 2110 Long Rock Church Road, Hunting	don, TN 38344
P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
PASTOR-Dennis Lunsford	731-968-2842
19990 Hwy 22 N, Wildersville, TN 38388	
CLERK-Frank Gregg	
c/o New Cross Roads Church P.O. Box 268 Huntingdon T	N 38344

NEW HOPE- 5315 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387	
PASTOR-John D. Small	731-968-9887
1030 Expressway Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388	
CLERK-Scott Gallimore	731-586-4454
603 Cheatham Street, Bruceton, TN 38317	
NEW LIBERTY-Cedar Grove, TN 38321	
PASTOR – Tim Maness	731-847-6454
1005 Myracle Town Road, Darden, TN 38328	
CLERK-Tim Sellers	731-986-5172
P.O. Box 1044, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
NEW PROSPECT- 849 Prospect Road, Holladay, TN 38341	
PASTOR- Allen Maness	731-847-3019
1080 Myracle Town Road, Darden, TN 38328	
CLERK-Cleo C. Rhodes	731-847-6124
2053 Holladay Road, Holladay, TN 38341	
NEW SPRING HILL- 145 Springhill Church Road, Huntingdom	ı, TN 38344
PASTOR-Lathan McLean	731-986-9793
6355 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387	
CLERK-Laura Hutcherson	731-986-4557
6820 Smyrna Road, Westport, TN 38387	
OAK GROVE- 3045 Dollar Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318	
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- 105 Oak Grove Church Road, Lexington, TN 38	351
PASTOR-David Leslie	731-967-8776
1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351	
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	901-465-5699
1230 Cherry Road, Eads, TN 38028	

PLEASANT GROVE- Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersvil	le, TN 38388
PASTOR- Clint Sanders	731-695-3194
301 Knox Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
CLERK-Ernest Wood	731-845-5464
375 Pleasant Grove Church Road Wildersville, TN 38388	
PLEASANT HILL-Camden, TN 38320	
PASTOR-Trey Crews	731-415-4745
45 Hwy 22, Yuma, TN 38390	
CLERK-Randy Hargrove	731-586-7648
13355 Hwy 114, Buena Vista, TN 38318	
PLEASANT RIDGE- 5745 Hwy 70 W, Camden, TN 38320	
PASTOR-	
CLERK-Travis Nance	731-586-7637
1640 Bruceton-Vale Road, Bruceton, TN 38317	
RUSHING'S CREEK- 4005 Rushing Creek Church Road, Came	den, TN 38320
PASTOR-Arzell 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- 15 Shiloh Church Road, Holladay, TN 38341	
PASTOR- Scott Carter	731-986-4701
400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
CLERK-Larry Pritchard	731-845-5444
730 Pritchard Road, Wildersville, TN 38388	
WESTPORT- 7080 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387	
PASTOR- Toby Swinford	731-986-6096
790 Damron Road, Yuma, TN 38390	
CLERK-Glynn Williams	731-986-5782
5475 Hwy. 22, Huntingdon, TN 38344	
YUMA-16210 Hwy 424, Yuma, TN 38390	
PASTOR-Johnny Boyd	731-586-2981
650 Hollowell Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318	
CLERK-Lynn Breeden	731-986-5596
689 Yuma Road, Yuma, TN 38390	

Direction to 2008 Session



- From Hwy 114, turn East on Spanish Grove Rd.
- ➤ On Spanish Grove Rd., go .7 miles to the Community Center and turn left (sign here)
- ➤ Go down Birdwell Road to the end (.7 miles) and turn right on Dollar Road (sign here)
- > The Church is located 1 mile on the left.

2008 Summer Revival Schedule

CI I	St. A.D. A	р : ш	PM Starting	Monday – Friday
Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Time	Starting Time
New Hope	05/25/08		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Old Paths	06/01/08		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Shiloh	06/15/08	Clint Ezell	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/22/08		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/22/08		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	06/29/08		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Westport	07/06/08	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Center Point	07/13/08		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/13/08		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Mixie	07/13/08	Brett Haskins	5:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/13/08		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/20/08		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	07/20/08		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Marlsboro	07/20/08		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	07/20/08	Derrick Jowers	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Yuma	07/20/08		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Caledonia	07/27/08		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Clarksburg	07/27/08	Lynn Stapleton	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Bethel	07/27/08	Phillip Halter	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
New Spring Hill	07/27/08		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Oak Grove (HC)	07/27/08	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Cross Roads	07/27/08	Don Watts	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Prospect	08/03/08		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Oak Grove (CC)	08/03/08		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Rushing's Creek	08/03/08		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Ephesus	08/10/08		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Liberty	08/10/08	Brian Johnson	7:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM

HISTORICAL TABLE

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

DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH	MODERATOR	<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		
1851-New Prospect, Decatur County	E. Autry	J. P. Arnold
1852-Beaver Dam, Benton County		
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
1862-1864No Association during Civil	War	
1865-Union, Benton County		
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

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1870-Chalk Hill, Benton County	
1871-New Prospect	
1872-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County	
1873-Marlsboro, Carroll County	
1874-New Hope, Carroll County	
1875-Tom's Creek, Perry County	<u> </u>
1876-Rushing Creek, Benton County	
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	
1882-Cross Roads, Benton County	J. C. Park D. J. Allen
1883-Prospect, Carroll County	
1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County	
1885-Concord, Carroll County	
1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County	•
1887-Liberty, Carroll County	
1888-Unity, Benton County	J. C. Park D. J. Allen
1889-Holly Springs	
1890-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County	
1891-Rushing Creek, Benton County	E. M. Joyner D. J. Allen
1892-New Hope, Carroll County	
1893-Chalk Level, Benton County	
1894-Mt. Comfort	
1895-Flatwoods, Benton County	E. M. Joyner D. J. Allen
1896-Marlsboro, Carroll County	•
1897-Bethel, Carroll County	<u> </u>
1898-Shiloh, Carroll County	•
1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County	•
1900-Salem, Decatur County	·
1901-Chalk Hill, Benton County	
1902-Cross Roads, Benton County	·
1903-New Prospect, Decatur County	•
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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	
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	•
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	
1919-Cross Roads, Benton County	J. N. Joyner L. E. Mincey
1920-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	
1921-Ephesus, Carroll County	
1922-Eva, Benton County	
1923-Prospect, Carroll County	
1924-Flatwoods, Benton County	
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	
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

1942-New Cross Roads, Carroll County
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1945-Marlsboro, Carroll County
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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		
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		
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		
1992-Independent, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
1993-Marlsboro, Carroll County		
1994-Clarksburg, Carroll County		
1995-Cross Roads, Benton County	Harold Carver	Lee Carter
1996-Landmark, Shelby County		
1997-New Hope, Carroll County		
1998-Shiloh, Carroll County		
1999-Concord, Carroll County		
2000-Bethel, Carroll County		
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	•	
2006- Huntingdon, Carroll County	•	
2007-Clarksburg, Carroll 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 reproval 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.

Mission Work Supported by Churches

Rick Jones (Jamaica) Eugene Brown (Words of Hope) www.wordsofhope.org	 Bethel Bible Grove Clarksburg Concord Cross Roads New Hope Bible Grove Oak Grove (CC) Pleasant Ridge Shiloh Westport Yuma Yuma New Hope Bible Grove Oak Grove (CC) Rushing Creek Shiloh Yuma Yuma Yuma Westport Shiloh Shiloh Westport New Hope Westport New Hope New Hope Westport Shiloh Westport New Hope Westport Westport
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Paul Bryson	Oak Grove (HC)
Ministerial Alliance, Camden	Cross Roads
Ministerial Alliance, Huntingdon	Huntingdon
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Jimmy Hammett (Mexico)	Center Point
African Fund	• Oak Grove (HC)
St. Jude Children Hospital	Marlsboro
Todd Marks (Peru)	Center Point
New Life MBC	Huntingdon
Chris Page (Trinidad)	Pleasant Ridge
New Liberty Outreach	New Liberty
Jimmie Hale Jr Association Missionary	New Prospect
Guatemala Mission – Eld. J. Hunton	Cross Roads
Covenant Mission –Normal, IL	Cross Roads
B.A.S.I.C. Mission- Eld Jay Snoddy	Cross Roads
Putman Co. Juvenile Detention Center	Cross Roads
Oxford Church- Eld. David Webb	Cross Roads
Rugged Cross M.B. Mission – Eld. J. Denton	• Cross Roads
Bro. Phil Mayle	Cross Roads
Singing Gospels, Gospel Road Singers, and Glory Singers	• Oak Grove (CC)

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Bethel	
Bro. Joe Wayne Smith	
Bro. Daniel Brinkley	02/28/07
Bro. Johnny Meggs	05/23/07
Sis. Betty Chandler	07/01/07
Bro. James R. Crews	09/21/07
Bible Grove	
Bro. Mark Wood	
Sis. Norene Wooley	09/29/07
Clarksburg	
Bro. Gordon Lindsey	
Bro. Lloyd Baker	
Sis. Kathy Carter Sabo	
Sis. Marion Bartholomew	07/14/07
Concord	
Sis. Erdie Ruth Prater	
Sis. Brenda Lockhart Hilliard	
Sis. Mary Taylor	02/09/07
Huntingdon	
Bro. Max Green (deacon)	11/09/06
Sis. Myrtle Cary	
Sis. Willie Rene Blackwell	
Sis. Lucille Flake	
Bro. William Charles Kirby	03/14/07
Marlsboro	
Sis. Cindy Hopper Hines	
Sis. Linda King	
Sis. Glenda Severance	
Sis. Velna Hastings	05/02/07
New Bethel	
Sis. Ethelda Malone	10/04/06
New Cross Roads	
Sis. Gladys Lankford	
Sis. Addene Jackson	05/16/07

New Hope	
Sis. Earline Hammett	
Bro. William Newbill	07/28/07
New Liberty	
Bro. Bennie L. Johnson (deacon)	08/09/07
Pleasant Grove	
Sis. Beatrice Reeves	12/05/06
Sis. Maydale Evans	03/29/07
Bro. Oron Wood	05/22/07
Pleasant Hill	
Sis. Rebecca (Becky) Jane Forrest	05/14/07
Sis. Roxie (Bawcum) Gravitt	05/19/07
Rushing Creek	
Sis. Pauline Wiseman	04/11/07
Yuma	
Bro. Huey Hodge	10/22/06
Sis. Ruby Hester	06/12/07

VISITORS TO 2007 ASSOCIATION SESSION

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

Bro. Kenneth Massey

Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Stanley Reynolds, Huntingdon, TN Church of God of Prophecy

Bro. Rick & Sis. Linda Jones, Buffalo, MO Missionary to Jamaica/Kansas

Sunday School Summary

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Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures				
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	8	75	\$8,917.80				
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	14						
Caledonia	Jackie Wiggins	6	12	\$324.11				
Center Point	Bill Noles	5	38	\$53.00				
Clarksburg	Lee Woods	30	54	\$770.93				
Concord	Lester Waugh	17	75	\$858.18				
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	17	44	\$1,052.82				
Ephesus	Norman Hilliard	7	20	\$616.64				
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	10	213	\$1,783.84				
Landmark								
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	4		\$277.37				
Mixie	Johnny Whitworth	6	48	\$4,194.00				
New Bethel	Edward Malone	7						
New Cross Roads	Harold Palmer	8		\$460.13				
New Hope	Pete Kirby	6	35	\$1,347.42				
New Liberty	Daniel Tucker	8						
New Prospect	Bill Smith	8	84	\$561.69				
New Spring Hill	George Norman	3						
Oak Grove – CC	Brian Hampton	8	34	\$511.46				
Oak Grove – HC	Glenn Lewis	14	68	\$921.60				
Old Paths	Ken Carrington							
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	10		\$3,695.00				
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	12	12	\$972.86				
Pleasant Ridge	Phillip Skurlock	6	39	\$3,577.50				
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	2	24	\$1,918.78				
Shiloh	Joe Cary	6		\$67.00				
Westport	Gary Douglas	13	45	\$2,518.94				
Yuma	David Cary	13						
TOTALS		248	920	\$35,401.07				

Statistical Table for 2007

Church	Baptisms	Additions by Letter	Res	Total Additions		Losses By Letter	Exclusion	Total Loses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing
Bethel	2	0	0	2	5	2	0	7	177	2	0
Bible Grove	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	3	222	1	0
Caledonia	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	44	2	1
Center Point	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	96	1	1
Clarksburg	9	2	0	11	4	3	0	7	177	1	1
Concord	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	143	2	0
Cross Roads	2	3	0	5	0	1	0	1	209	2	0
Epesus	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	79	2	1
Huntingdon	17	11	0	28	5	6	0	11	288	2	0
Landmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marisboro	0	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	44	1	0
Mixie	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	104	1	1
New Bethel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	68	1	1
New Cross Roads	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	91	2	2
New Hope	0	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	116	1	1
New Liberty	8	1	0	9	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
New Prospect	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	144	1	0
New Spring Hill	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	28	1	0
Oak Grove (CC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	1	1
Oak Grove (HC)	4	2	0	6	0	1	0	1	156	1	0
Old Paths	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	1	0
Pleasant Grove	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	63	1	0
Pleasant Hill	0	3	1	4	2	0	3	5	177	1	1
Pleasant Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	1
Rushing's Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	83	1	0
Shiloh	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	44	1	0
Westport	1	2	0	3	0	2	1	3	83	1	0
Yuma	3	2	0	5	2	1	0	3	169	1	0
TOTALS	57	43	1	101	37	28	6	71	2920	34	13

Financial Table for 2007

Church	Expenditures	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	\$17,574.12	\$48,751.00	\$2,991.25	\$8,420.44	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$77,886.81
Bible Grove			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
Caledonia	\$9,169.38	\$5,695.25	\$1,480.00	\$1,936.74	\$35.00	\$10.00	\$18,326.37
Center Point	\$2,852.64	\$4,293.23	\$735.50	\$2,077.28	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$10,033.65
Clarksburg	\$13,115.25	\$26,404.50	\$300.00	\$10,591.79	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$50,611.54
Concord	\$7,566.08	\$14,795.32	\$2,605.00	\$6,554.54	\$70.00	\$40.00	\$31,630.94
Cross Roads	\$63,701.34	\$48,912.70	\$2,326.00	\$5,540.00	\$100.00	\$35.00	\$120,615.04
Epesus	\$27,110.15	\$3,800.00	\$2,004.85	\$720.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$33,685.00
Huntingdon	\$378,812.36	\$44,765.00	\$15,400.00	\$4,200.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$443,352.36
Landmark	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marlsboro	\$9,848.52	\$7,795.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,182.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$20,000.52
Mixie	\$3,895.00	\$10,246.00	\$1,710.00	\$3,600.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$19,516.00
New Bethel	\$6,054.23	\$6,800.91	\$897.00	\$3,278.55	\$37.50	\$25.00	\$17,093.19
New Cross Rds	\$7,002.87	\$10,924.00	\$3,288.71	\$1,800.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$23,115.58
New Hope	\$9,815.50	\$12,115.80	\$2,238.15	\$2,647.97	\$36.00	\$35.00	\$26,888.42
New Liberty	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
New Prospect	\$2,310.24	\$11,952.05	\$2,871.93	\$220.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$17,419.22
New Spring Hill	\$2,589.50	\$1,912.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$4,531.50
Oak Grove-CC	\$16,984.12	\$13,060.00	\$331.00	\$2,080.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$32,525.12
Oak Grove-HC	\$15,432.79	\$26,049.00	\$2,650.00	\$6,864.00	\$90.00	\$30.00	\$51,115.79
Old Paths	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$2,592.52	\$680.00	\$37.50	\$60.00	\$27,370.02
Pleasant Grove	\$3,211.50	\$12,248.00	\$1,560.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$17,719.50
Pleasant Hill	\$4,065.71	\$16,471.06	\$1,943.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$22,554.77
Pleasant Ridge	\$7,042.66	\$21,900.00	\$500.00	\$4,510.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$34,037.66
Rushing Creek	\$3,034.09	\$15,383.50	\$514.00	\$3,003.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$22,004.59
Shiloh	\$4,135.40	\$34,126.00	\$1,812.00	\$3,850.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$44,023.40
Westport	\$4,379.37	\$5,659.00	\$1,223.00	\$1,408.60	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$12,769.97
Yuma	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$70.00
TOTALS	\$619,702.82	\$428,059.32	\$53,123.91	\$75,664.91	\$1,606.00	\$1,015.00	\$1,179,171.96