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to be held with Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church in Benton County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2009, at 10:00 AM.

2009 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon -----	Eld. Bryan Oakes
Alternate-----	Eld. Tracy McDaniel
Doctrinal Sermon-----	Eld. Tim Maness
Alternate-----	Eld. Allen Maness

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History of Oak Grove

The exact start of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church is unknown, although there are some records that date back to 1853. In February of 1853, the church did not meet, possibly because of weather. The current earliest minutes come from April 1853. It was at this meeting that the church knows the moderator was Elijah Autry and J.S. Butler was the clerk.

The 2008 session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association is the sixth time the association has met with this church. The first time the association met here was in 1877. This church also hosted the association in 1907, 1926, 1941, and 1959.



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ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

- ❑ Call Association to Order
- ❑ Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- ❑ Appoint Finance Committee
- ❑ Appoint Topics Committee for 2010 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 2010 Session
- ❑ Select Brethren to Preach 2010 Annual Sermons
- ❑ Introductory Sermon - 11:00 AM
- ❑ Call for Correspondence
- ❑ Call for Report on *What are the pastor's responsibility to the church and the church responsibility to him?*
- ❑ Call for Report on *What constitutes scriptural baptism?*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

- ❑ 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 *Forgiveness: fruit of grace and love (Matthew 6:14-15)*
- ❑ Doctrinal Sermon - 11:00 AM
- ❑ Call for Report of Topic Committee
- ❑ Call for Report on the topic ***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 2008-2009

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association met for her one hundred sixtieth annual session with Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church on a beautiful fall morning. The Moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, told a brief history about Oak Grove and the last time they hosted the association. He thanked them for being willing to host this association this year. He told of how he was looking forward to this year. Bro. Smith told how our purpose was to gather and glorify God. The church that hosts the association is blessed for hosting this session. He asked Bro. Donny Hines, McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church to lead the singing with Sis. Christie Swinford, Westport Church, on the piano. The congregation began by singing "I'm Bound for the Kingdom" and "My God is Real". The moderator then called the association to order and asked Bro. Johnny Carver to lead the congregation in prayer. He called on the Pastor of Oak Grove Church, Bro. Tracy McDaniel, to come forth to introduce the deacon body. Bro. McDaniel told how he was thankful for all here. The church has been looking forward to this day since last year's session. He asked the deacon body to stand and told everyone to let these brethren know if anything is needed. He wanted to emphasis that they have been praying for the Spirit to be here and if anyone is lost to know that the altar is always open.

The moderator asked the deacons to introduce themselves. They are:

Bro. Ray Hampton
Bro. Brian Hampton
Bro. David Bond

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Pastor and Deacon Body of Oak Grove Church

Finance Committee:

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

2009 Topic Committee:

Bro. Randy Thompson (Chairman) – Cross Roads Church

Bro. Jimmie Hale - Clarksburg Church

Bro. Robert Simmons – Center Point Church

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Tim Maness

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

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

The Roll Call of Messengers was made and 69 messengers were seated by motion made by Bro. Gary Douglas and second by Bro. Rufus Chandler. 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, was nominated as Assistant Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a motion and second was made to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Six Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2009 session. A motion and second was made to select Cross Roads Church as the host site. Motion carried.

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

With a few minutes before the 11:00 hour, Bro. Smith was thankful for the unity we have had thus far. He then asked the visitors to stand to be recognized (see p. 68)

The moderator then asked for a song led by Bro. Donnie Hines and Sis. Christie Swinford on the piano. We stood and sang "I'll Have a New Life".

The moderator stood before this body and read Psalms 100 before introducing Bro. Johnny Wall as the one chosen last year to preach the Introductory Sermon. Bro. Wall is the son of Charles and Betty Wall. He is a member of New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church. He was saved August 16, 1968. He was baptized by Bro. Clarence Carter. Bro. Wall surrendered to preach in 1991. He was ordained by New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church October 16, 1993. He is the Pastor of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Henry TN.

Introductory Sermon

Bro. Johnny Wall

Bro. Johnny stood and stated it was a great honor to be here today. He thanked the Association for the privilege of bringing the message this morning. He said he had been trying to get here ever since last night, referring to a dream he had the night before. Bro. Wall stated that many times when he has an event as important as this awaiting him, he dreams about it the night before. He related the dream to the congregation saying that he was in Huntingdon in the dream and was being detained at every attempt to go home to get ready for this Association session.



He said he was continually looking at his watch to check the time. His time was getting late. Bro. Wall related that in this dream he had to go to an appointment to see his doctor. He was asked to stand on the scales and be weighed. When the doctor told him he weighed 165 pounds Bro. Wall said he was relieved because he then knew that this was only a dream.

Bro. Wall recognized the presence of his wife and related how blessed he is to have her and her support.

He turned to Romans chapter 8 and spoke of how some refer to this as the greatest chapter in the Bible. It starts off with no condemnation and ends with no separation; and all in between we find there is no defeat for God's people. He took Romans 8:29-30 as his text and spoke of how sometimes we get uneasy about the topic of predestination and election. Bro. Wall reflects that Paul the Apostle did speak of things that are hard to be understood as Apostle Peter has declared. Bro. Wall stated that he wanted to emphasize the blessedness that these verses reveal for the elect of God. He related that he knew his own history and where he came from and that there was nothing socially, geographically, financially or otherwise that would make him more noticeable or worthy than anyone else. He knew his parents and family were not influential people in the sense of being powerful, but they did introduce him to the power of God. Nevertheless,

the God of heaven had looked forward in time and had chosen his soul to be conformed to the image of His dear Son. Bro. Wall states that this action occurred before the foundation of the world. All who are born again can insert their soul and spirit in this same experience. If someone has been born again you too know your life; where you came from, your character, etc. You can see that it seems like a great impossibility that God would choose you as one of His elect. We all have to realize there was nothing good in any of us naturally speaking. We had no righteousness that recommended us to God. We were all dead in trespasses and sins. We were all in darkness, but thanks be to God we can now see.

In the halls of eternity past, God convened a determinate council and by His sovereign will chose His elect according to His own good pleasure. This does not mean that He predestined the rest of humanity to eternal damnation. John 1:9 states that Jesus is the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Jesus was the true Light that came to Bro. Wall. He was blessed to be brought up in the light of the glorious gospel that called him and drew him to the Lord for salvation. Bro. Wall stresses that the true Light will shine to all humanity; but all humanity will not be obedient to the light of the glorious gospel. God's elect will be obedient to the gospel call because they are predestined to be conformed to the image of God's Son.

When the Lord was on the earth, he built His church which is the present light. He gave His church a commission to carry the light of the gospel to the ends of the earth. This light shines to those in darkness. This light is not a vain thing. Salvation's opportunity will avail itself to each individual; God's elect as well as humanity in general. Acts 24:25 speaks of how the Apostle Paul was taken into the presence of high government officials. Paul came before Felix, and he preached the true gospel to him. The true light came to Felix. The scripture says that Felix trembled. The Holy Spirit had come to Felix and called him to repentance. He was being called to salvation. How merciful God was to send the great preacher Paul to preach the gospel to the lost soul of Felix. Salvation's opportunity had availed itself to Felix but he wanted to wait until a convenient season; he was trembling, but still turned God away. God didn't predestinate him to eternal damnation; Felix rejected God's offer of salvation.

Another instance of a person coming close to salvation is found in Acts chapter 26. Paul comes before King Agrippa and speaks of his conversion on the Damascus road. He spoke of how a light from heaven came down to him and a voice from heaven spoke to him. He relates his experience to King Agrippa and Festus and tells them of the commission he was given to go preach to the Gentiles. In verse 24 Festus accuses Paul of being mentally unstable. Paul pleads with King Agrippa in order to reach him. Finally Agrippa confesses to Paul “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.” God went to great lengths to bring the light of the truth to Agrippa, but scripture doesn’t record that he was ever saved. He was not predestined to eternal damnation; he rejected the light of the truth.

With everything in our economy shaking and politics shaking, there is something in his soul that is not shaking. Bro. Wall expresses that his salvation is unshakable, and it cannot be defiled by any power because it is locked and sealed by the Holy Spirit. Bro. Wall states that there are several in the congregation that he owes a great debt of gratitude to because they were there for him during a very trying time in his life. He states that he had been brought through fiery trials, and he is certain that nothing can separate him from the love of God. He believes that once someone is saved by the grace of God, they are kept by the power of God. When we are brought to toe the line of fiery trials, we must humble ourselves and find strength from God’s Word. It is God’s word that gives us light. Bro. Wall described himself as a defender of eternal security; he doesn’t only believe it’s true, he knows it to be true by experience. We are often ridiculed for believing these things, but he asked the question *“Who would not want a salvation like this?”*

Bro. Wall gave one final example from scripture as to why he believes that salvation is offered to all but many will not receive it. Bro. Wall references II Thessalonians 2:9-12. He makes the point that those who perish do so because they would not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved. It was not because they were predestined to eternal destruction. The light of the truth had come to them but they chose to believe a lie and be damned. These verses show clearly that these had the opportunity to be saved, but they rejected it.

Concerning the elect; God looked into the future and saw in rural Carroll County a soul that He would predestine to become a son of God. This blessing has come to Bro. Wall and many others, only by the sovereign will of God.

It was necessary that God in His infinite wisdom would choose out His elect and predestine them to eternal life and to be conformed to the image of His Son. If God in His foreknowledge had not predestined some to eternal life; Satan, the great deceiver, would have deceived every soul to eternal destruction and the sacrifice of our Lord would have been in vain. If God had left the souls of the saved unsealed and vulnerable, Satan would have defiled them and our Lord's sacrifice would have been in vain.

It is a certain if we could lose our salvation, we could never regain it. Bro. Wall was thankful that he was one of God's elect. He states that our rebirth was not because of our blood lineage or because of our own will or the will of some other man, it was God's will. It was also God's will for him to be born naturally in an area where the true gospel was being preached. He spoke about Bro. Mitchell Rayburn and Bro. Clarence Carter being the pastors of New Liberty Church and that he was thankful for God putting him in a place (*geographically*) that he might hear the gospel. Bro. Wall said he looked forward to Sunday mornings where he could go to a place and see the light of the Lord shining. He asked the question "*Would you exchange where you are for anything?*" We are right in the Bible belt; and also in the very buckle of the belt.

Bro. Wall states that one day the elect of God will hear the trumpet sound with the voice of the archangel; the dead in Christ will rise and then we shall be caught up to be with the Lord in the air. We need to be thinking about the promises of God and realize God is with us. God is victorious over the sins of the flesh. Bro. Wall knew in whom he had believed.

In closing he states there are benefits from going through the fire. When we come out, we are going to be better. When we come through the fire we will be sure about our standing with God.

Shouldn't we be thankful for being predestined to eternal life and being conformed to the image of God's Son? Read God's word and we will find the strength to walk another mile, to endure to the end. God has promised to be with us until the very end.

Bro. Johnny Wall turned the service back over to the moderator.

The moderator wanted to have a handshake with Bro. Johnny Wall.

A motion and second was made to adjourn till 1:00 PM for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Kenneth Massey, Three Springs Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled after enjoying a most wonderful lunch prepared by the host church and friends. We stood together and sang "He Set Me Free", and "When We All Get to Heaven" led by Bro. Travis Nance, Pleasant Ridge and Sis. Norma Hedges, Cross Roads Church, on the piano.

The moderator thanked the host church for the bountiful meal and for everything they have done. The moderator then called on Bro. Tim Binion, Victory Church, to lead us in prayer.

Bro. Smith made a few remarks and allowed Bro. Rick Jones to speak for a moment.

Bro. Rick came before this body and thanked the association for allowing him to speak for a moment. He told about the things going on with the Kansas Mission, and it being organized into a church. He also told how in July in Jamaica, he watched the church burn to the ground. He told of an old Anglican neighbor who told him "pastor, the building burned down, but the church still stands all around you." He also told about the

automobile accident he had while in Jamaica. He gave God thanks for watching over him during this time and providing him safety.

He invited all present to come and help with the rebuilding of the church and also the ordination of three ministers to the full work of the ministry in July 2009.

Bro. Smith read from John 1:1-5 and thanked God for the blessed light that comes from him.

He asked for any visitors present to stand and be recognized (see p.68).

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

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

Call for report on: **THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST – WHAT ACCOUNTABLE FOR?**

We the committee on the topic:

The Judgment Seat of Christ - What Accountable For? Submit the following report:

To begin this topic we must first find who'll be present at this judgment. Jesus says in John 5:28 " Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the grave shall hear his voice." Verse 29 tells us of a separation between the good and evil. The good are raised to a resurrection of life, the evil to a resurrection of damnation. In Rev. 20:5 John tells of the time interval being a thousand years. Paul tells us in Acts 24:15 that those which have a hope toward God shall stand at the resurrection of the just (or life). Also in 2 Cor. 5:10 Paul again states that we all, the we being the born again, shall stand at the judgment seat of

Christ, to give an account of the things we've done in the body both good and bad.

David tells us in Psalms 103:12 that "As far as the east is from the west so far hath he (God) removed our transgressions (sin) from us." Psalms 103:17 tells us God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him. In 1 John 3:9 John tells us that "whosoever that is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Paul tells us in Romans 6:22 why we're saved. Having been made free from sin we have become the servants of God. So therefore we're saved to serve God.

In Matthew 25:14 Jesus says that "The kingdom of Heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods." In verse 15 Jesus states he gave unto one -five talents, to another- two, and to another one talent; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Some servants will be profitable, as the 2 servants that got the five and the two talents traded and gained another five and two talents. Some servants will be unprofitable and be stripped of their talents, such as the one which hid his talent, having their works burned; but Jude tells us in verse 23 that some will be saved with fear pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 9:24 "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." Verse 25 tells us that "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they (the worldly) do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we (the saved) an incorruptible." Verse 26 tells us "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly, so fight I, not as one that beateth the air."

In 2 Tim 4:6 Paul says "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." In verse 7 he states "I have fought a good fight, and have finished my course (race), I have kept the faith." Paul further states in verse 8 "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that

day: and not to me only, but unto all them (the saved) that love his appearing."

Jesus tells us in Rev. 22:12 "And behold I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his works shall be." In closing, Jesus said in Rev. 3:11 "Behold I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." At our judgment (the judgment of the saved) there will be mercy, in Rev. 4:3 John tells us of a rainbow (meaning mercy) at this judgment. Thank God for Mercy.

Prayerfully submitted:
Eld. Tim Maness and Eld. Tracy McDaniel

The report on The Judgment Seat of Christ-what Accountable For? was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Tim Maness and Tracy McDaniel.

Call for report on: WHAT DID JESUS MEAN WHEN HE SAID "TRUE" WORSHIPPERS SHALL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH? (JOHN 4:23-24).

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association 2008
Subject # 2

Our assigned topic subject was: **What did Jesus mean when He said, "True" worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth?**
As recorded in John 4:23-24.

What does "In Spirit and in truth" mean?

Sometimes it is easier to understand something by referring to the opposite of something. In this case, it is the opposite of format, ceremony, ritual and external worship...It refers to worship with a sincere and earnest mind, soul, and heart. **It's offering gratitude and prayer and affection, with a desire to glorify the Lord;** and it is by and under the influence and assistance of the Spirit of God without whom we couldn't worship God in a proper manner.

“In Spirit” seems to mean that true worship is spiritual – it is in accord with the Holy Spirit, by means of Him in activity. (Jn. 6:63) records, “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life.” **This is the contrast, the distinction to the worship of many in the world**, which is confined to certain places, which consists of certain outward rituals and is based on their own efforts.

True worship involves our total being and our complete surrender. (Rom.12:1) Paul wrote, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

Whether at home, church, school, office, plant, field, restaurant, plane, car or bus. No matter where we as Christian's are, our body is to be sacrificed for God. Therefore, **every act of the believer's body is to be an act of service to God.**

(Phil.3:3) Records, **“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh”.**

Christians are here called **the circumcision**. **What does Paul mean by that?**

Those truly saved are to be those who worship God as He really wishes to be worshipped: **in the spirit**; that is, they have circumcised or cut away the flesh as the means by which they worship God. Think for a moment:

How do most people attempt to worship God?

- ☐ By attending church services
- ☐ By praying
- ☐ By making occasional gifts to needy causes
- ☐ By thinking of God occasionally
- ☐ By keeping the rituals and ceremonies of a church
- ☐ By joining a church
- ☐ By observing special days

As good as all of these are, they are not the basis of true worship. They are things that we do **because** we worship; they are the result and activities of worship. They are not the basis or spirit of worship. True, they may help us to focus upon God and stir us to worship Him, **but they are not the basis and spirit of worship**.

□ **The basis of worship is the Spirit of God, and the spirit of worship is the Spirit of God.**

To worship God, we must have the Spirit of God living within our body and spirit. We don't worship God externally through rituals and ceremonies. We worship God inwardly through the Spirit of God who lives within us. True worship is no longer through anything that is of the physical or material world, no longer of anything that is of man's flesh. **True worship is of the spirit.**

True worship has to be of the heart and spirit. **Why?** Because man can attend church, keep all the rituals and ceremonies, and still be living in the depths of sin. **But if a man's spirit is right with God**, he worships God with a clean and pure heart. **The truly circumcised person is the person who worships God in spirit.**

The outward accessories, the physical church building, the music, and so on, should be regarded **as aids** to worship. **They should never be substituted for worship.** We are not to worship for others to see, we are not to worship for show. We are to raise our human spirit toward God in prayer and praise and spiritual communing, worshipping Him in holiness and truth.

Let's consider now what "In Truth" means?

God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are truth. No longer do we approach God with blood sacrifices...we have direct access through Jesus by the Spirit.

"Truth" conveys the ideas of reality and accuracy. Unlike much of Judaism which was symbolic. The Levitical ritual and sacrifices anticipated the priestly work of Jesus, **but with the completion of His**

atonement these shadows are no longer useful or needful today (I encourage you to read Hebrews 8:5-6; 9:9-11; 10:1-14 on your own; about how the sacrifices of the Law were insufficient, and ineffectual to take away sin).

True worship now takes place without human intervention wherein we have direct access to God through Jesus Christ (Eph.2:18) “For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.” **No more animal sacrifices...however, we still offer spiritual sacrifices.**

(Heb.13:15-16) records, “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

Oliver Greene has an excellent comment on this point that is worthy of our attention. And I quote:

"You will notice that there are three sacrifices that please God, and we should not fail to offer these sacrifices continually: **First**, confessing His name; **second**, living a holy life, doing good; **third**, giving to those who are in need, sharing our blessings with those less fortunate than we. He is a hypocrite who praises God with the lips but not by a holy life, a life of faith, sharing blessings with others. Such a person may put on a convincing outward show, but God looks upon the heart.”

There are so many ways by which we can share our blessings with those who are less fortunate. It is so easy to overlook opportunities to serve, honor, and praise God by helping others.

(v.23) concludes with: “for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.”

Another words; the Lord expects us to worship him in this manner.

(v.24) Begins with “God is a Spirit:”

It is the reason we should worship God in Spirit and in truth. **Our worship must correspond to the nature of God.**

“God is a Spirit.” There are no limitations in His being. God is not limited or bound by time or space as we are.

The Gospel according to John, Chapter 4, contains the Bible record of the woman at the well and the Lord’s conversation about obtaining living water that Jesus gives that quenches the Spirit of man; “a well of water springing up into everlasting life,” referring to **Salvation**.

The result of salvation enables man (you and I) to truly **“worship”** the Lord as He charged...**His charge** is that we need to worship the Lord in **“Spirit and in Truth.”**

If we **don’t understand** these few words that we hear quoted so often; if we can’t or don’t apply the principle; we as Christians, as a church, will never enjoy the relationship the Father wants and expects to share with us, and it will affect every area of our churches. **We certainly will not see a spirit of revival if we don’t know how to put into practice the principle of:** “Worshipping the Father in spirit and in truth.”

The Samaritan woman was concerned about whether she was to worship God in this mountain where the Samaritans worshipped Him, or should she worship Him in Jerusalem (v.20). **Jesus told her the day was coming when the Father would not be worshipped in either place (v.21)....**

But Jesus said (v.23), “But the hour cometh, and now is...”

What hour cometh and now is? Jesus was referring to the passing of the old dispensation and the commencement of the new.

Up till then, the public worship of God had been confined to one place. It had been a matter of dispute whether that place was Jerusalem or Mount Gerizim. Jesus was saying the time is coming or near (v.21) that the old dispensation will pass away. **The worship of God, so long confined to a single place, is soon to be celebrated everywhere with as much acceptance in one place as in another!** He doesn’t mean that there will

be “NO” worship of God in Jerusalem or Mount Gerizim, but that the worship of God would not be confined to there. **He would be worshipped in other places as well as there.**

Jesus was addressing with the woman at the well that, the “Place of worship” was not at issue, but **the “How”, the state of mind that was important.**

(v.23) “But the hour cometh, and now is, **when the true worshippers shall worship the Father...**”

Who are the true worshippers?

The true worshippers are the truly saved! Not just those who profess to be Christians, but all whom truly and sincerely **worship God with their heart** and not just in form. The Lord sees and knows our hearts.

Worship is defined often as reverent devotion and allegiance pledged to God. It is submitting to doing God’s Will as made known by His written Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and in so doing, glorifying Jesus. **We are talking the difference between Spirituality and carnality.**

Worship is to be done in our life and living as well as our duty and service to “Our Father”...

(Continuing in Scripture: v.23) “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father **in spirit and in truth:**”

God is a spirit...an infinite and eternal mind, an intelligent being, invisible, and incorruptible, without bodily form. So you don’t have to run to this place or that place. **Just worship Him in spirit and truth.**

If we don’t worship God, who is a spirit, in the spirit, **we neither give Him the glory due his name nor do we perform the act of worship...**

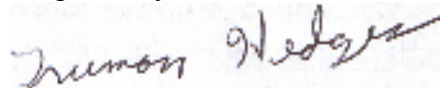
(Mt. 15:8-9) Jesus said, “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

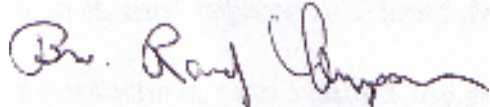
Brothers and Sisters...let's not be guilty of going through the motions as Jesus indicted in those verses...but let us heed the words Jesus spoke and we have recorded (John 4:23-24);

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

Respectfully Submitted,



Brother Truman Hedges



Brother Randy Thompson

The report on What Did Jesus Mean When He Said “True” Worshippers Shall Worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Randy Thompson, Truman Hedge, Andrew Stokes, and Lynn Stapleton.

With a little time available this afternoon, the moderator asked the Associational Missionary, Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr, to give his report. The following is his written 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 for the last four years.

This is a great work and I thank you for your prayers and God's leadership. The Lord has really blessed me and encouraged me in his service this year. I thank him for the many brothers and sisters in the Lord that I have come to know and the souls that have been saved.

I visited all association churches this year except for one. I apologize to them and ask for their forgiveness. I preached nine times in six churches and received offerings of \$1,179.00.

I visited 32 non-association churches are listed below and preached 20 times in nine churches: (* visited for first time 10 churches)

Benton County:

Chalk Hill

Fairview

*Bible Truth

Carroll County:

County Line

Calvary

New Independent Full

Gospel

McAuley Chapel (revival)

Mt. Comfort

Humbles Chapel

*McKenzie Baptist

*Enon Baptist

Chester County:

*Old Paths

Decatur County:

Battlefield

*Bible Hill

Cub Creek Hall

*Tomlin Chapel

Stewart County:

Elk Creek

Houston

County:

Pleasant Grove

Hernando Miss.

*New Discovery

Henderson County:

Bolens Chapel

Calvary

Cedar Hill

Central Grove

*Coopers Grove

Mazies Chapel

Mt. Pisgah

Natchez Trace

*Old Bethel

Old Jacks Creek

*Shiloh

Spring Hill (revival)

Union Hill

I attended revivals at 45 churches and preached at Tomlin Chapel for a total of 95 services and traveled 7,599 miles and received offerings of \$1,179 from seven association churches and \$1,230 from eight non-association churches for a total of \$2,409.

I thank the Lord for all of your prayers and financial support during the past year and may God bless you.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jimmie Hale Jr.

A motion was made to adopt the report given. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to elect Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr. as the Associational Missionary for another year, motion carried.

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

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Brian Johnson, Bethlehem Church.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007

The moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, welcomed all present and asked Bro. Lynn Breeden, Yuma Church, to lead the singing and Bro. Tim Maness, New Liberty Church, to play the piano. The service began by singing out of the Heavenly Highway Hymns # 7 "Since He Gave Me This Heart of Love". Bro. Lynn Breeden knew Bro. Rick Jones was present and loved the song "I'm Going That Way". The congregation changed books to the Favorite Songs and Hymns # 132. We changed books back to the Heavenly Highway Hymns and sang # 318 "I'll Live In Glory".

The moderator stood and called the association to order and then asked Bro. Trey Crews, pastor Pleasant Hill Church, to lead us in prayer. After a word of prayer, he thanked this church once again for their hospitality and efforts made to host this association. He read I Peter 1:18-25 for a scripture reading.

The roll call of messengers listed 68 messengers present and seated for voting. Motion and second was made to seat these messengers.

The Moderator called for the committee reports.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee reported collections of the Minute Fund of \$ 2,175.00, and the Clerk Fund of \$ 1,080.00 giving a total of \$ 3,255.00. The current balance of the minute fund as of October 11, 2008 is \$ 2,130.90. 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. Tim Maness stood and told how we are reminded how fragile life is. He referred to this summer's revival how the helper stated; it is evident that 100 out of 100 are going to die. He gave the following report:

Job said long ago; Job 14:15, "thou shalt call and I will answer thee." The list of the sainted dead had 53 brothers and sisters that had answered the call Job was talking about, is listed on p. 70. Of those 54 saints of God, eight were deacons and two were ministers. With such a great loss in 20 of our churches, we are reminded of the verse in Ezekiel 22:30. "and I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me before the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Let us not be weary in well doing, we cannot bring these back, but we can all go where they are. God bless their memory.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Maness, Obituary Recorder

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

REPORT OF HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Clerk gives explanation concerning the process he goes through to copy these old minute books and the shortcomings of this process when it comes to enlarging these copies to book size. The Clerk asks for suggestions from the Association Messengers. Bro. Lester Waugh speaks

to this. Bro. Andrew Stokes speaks to this question. Bro. Ricky Hicks speaks to the issue. Bro. Rufus Chandler spoke to the issue. Bro. Lynn Stapleton spoke to the issue. Bro. Trey Crews speaks to the question. Bro. John W. Cole speaks to the issue. Bro. Bryan Oakes speaks to this question. Bro. Gary Douglas speaks to this. Bro. Toby Swinford speaks to the issue.

A show of hands is called for to see how many people would take five years and type these old minutes. There was 22 people who volunteered. A motion and second was made giving the Clerk two months to get these old minutes copied and out to the people. Then six months for the volunteers to get them typed. Motion and second was made, motion carried.

With the 11:00 hour approaching, Bro. Smith introduced Bro. Jimmy Stewart as the one to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. The moderator asked for a song before turning the service over to Bro. Stewart. With Bro. Lynn Breeden leading the singing and Bro. Tim Maness playing the piano, the congregation stood and sang "Heaven's Jubilee".

Doctrinal Sermon

Bro. Jimmy Stewart

Bro. Stewart took the stand and told how it was good to have this occasion and opportunity to be here today. He told each church he is thankful for them being present and for this church for hosting this session. He once pastured this church.



He began by telling his experience of being called to pastor this church. One day while mowing, his mower turned over and he was severely burned and spent four weeks in the hospital. While in the hospital, he developed blood clots in his lungs and his wife was told that he might not make it. This church had such faith that he would get healthier, that they voted to call him as their pastor. Many might have waited to see if he got better; but this church knew that God would restore his health, and he could be their pastor.

He read from Hebrews 1:3 and titled his thought "The Lord by Himself". He then turned to John 10. He says he knows nothing else but Jesus Christ crucified. All humanity is saved by the grace of God. Many do not know the depth of the grace of God. Even when we were sinners God showed his grace towards us. He told about one night sitting in church on the left and never thought about the Lord dealing with his sins. He never knew about the depths of his sins until that night. That night the preacher preached with love and had the spirit of god. The Holy Spirit visited him that night and reproved him of his sins. It was there that he realized he was only a heart beat from entering eternity lost without God. He finally came to a place that he had no work to offer. He had thought to himself that maybe someone else could offer a prayer on his behalf that would save him, but they did not. The Lord brought him to a place that he realized he was out of works. In the convicting power of the Spirit, he came before the Lord and begged for forgiveness and the Lord answered his prayer. What happened then was that God gave him His Holy Spirit. He gave me his love and his Holy Spirit. It took several years before he realized just how merciful God had been to him. He thought of New Liberty Church and how that was where God brought him under conviction and had saved him and that is where he ought to be in his membership. It takes the Lord to make someone an old Missionary Baptist.

He then read from John 10:1 and told how he had seen lots of things happen in church and to churches through the ages. In time, many churches get away from God and get cold. They get to the point where they do not want the true gospel preached, they want someone to tickle their ears. John the Baptist told how one day God will thoroughly purge the church. We may fool man some of the time, but we fool God none of the time. The Lord is pleased when we come to him in prayer. He read John 10:2-4 and reminded us in God we are a peculiar people. Why? Because we are apart from the world. God has cleaned us through regeneration by the blood of Christ. When our name is written in the Lambs Book of Life, it is kept by God. He read John 10:26-30 and told how all his life he had heard a lot of different doctrines. But the cross of Calvary stands all alone. He referred to the Virgin Mary and how she was

under the power of the Holy Ghost when she conceived a son. This is a doctrine that is so important. God took upon himself a robe of flesh to show us mercy and redemption to mankind. When we are born of our earthly parents we have an earthly father. When Jesus was born he had a heavenly father. Without that we would not have this assembly here today. Bro. Stewart stated he loved doctrine because it is the truth.

Can we take away our son-ship? No. No matter what we do or where we go, we always have a heavenly father. When we are saved by the grace of God, we have a heavenly father and we cannot work out of it. He read John 10:5 and shows us we are to follow God in what we do. When we are saved by the grace of God, somewhere along the way you will break down and need to have a little talk with the Lord. He read verse 9 and said this pasture is not a cow pasture, but one that we can graze in the love of God. It is times like this that our cups get filled, and we begin to drink from our saucer. He read verse 10-13 and referred to a time when he was lost and was invited to Milan, TN to hear a preacher. the sermon, he heard that once you are genuinely saved you and the Lord will be the first to know it. Afterward they went to this man's house and the preacher asked him to bow with him and pray. After the prayer the preacher took by the hand and told him "Stewart you are saved." Bro. Stewart said he still had the condemnation on his soul. This man was a deceiver.

He went to Hebrews 2:9 and told how we are not justified until we have faith in the Lord. When the Holy Spirit comes in and applies the blood to our soul, it is then we are saved by the grace of God. He read Hebrews 2:9-15 and noted about how he loves the teachings in Hebrews and how it glorifies Jesus. He then went to Hebrews 9:22 and said that the blood of Jesus was satisfying to God and sufficient to be offered. He went on to read versus 23-26. The world has picked up on doctrines and teaching that go against the cross of Calvary.

Bro. Stewart turned to Hebrews 10:11-14 and told how he felt secure in the Lord. He has no worries about losing his souls salvation, but his concern is for those that are lost. His desire is they realize there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. He read Hebrews 10:15-18. Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind. We will only be

saved one time, and then we will be sealed by the Spirit of God. Nobody has to tell us when we sin; the Spirit that lives within us condemns us of our sins.

He began to close by reading Acts 2:32-38. Bro. Stewart begins to read and to explain how the people who heard these things were pricked in their hearts. These people asked “Men and brethren what shall we do?” People want to go to water baptism with this. Bro. Stewart’s understanding is that when you come to repentance you are brought to Jesus in repentance and faith. You exercise faith and receive spiritual baptism. You are then saved by the grace of God.

After turning the service back over to the moderator, Bro. Smith asked for a song and for the congregation to give Bro. Stewart the right hand of fellowship.

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. John D. Small, pastor New Hope Church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying another bountiful meal, we began the afternoon session by singing “Oh How I Love Jesus”, and “Glory to His Name” led by Bro. David Bond, Oak Grove (CC) Church, accompanied by Sis. Norma Hedges, Cross Roads Church, on the piano.

The moderator called the session back to order and made a few opening remarks and then called on Bro. Randy Thompson, pastor Cross Roads Church, to lead us in prayer. After the opening prayer he read from Hebrews 4:14-16.

The moderator gave Bro. Eugene Brown to speak about his “Words of Hope” ministry. He told of how good it was to be here at this church and what each church helps him do. After several years of broadcasting, the

shortwave broadcast still continues. After making some remarks about the program and the progress being made, he turned the service back to the moderator.

Motion and second was made for a love offering for the Associational Missionary to be taken annually during the singing that precedes the afternoon. Motion carried. While singing, a love offering of \$910.00 was taken for Bro. Jimmie Hale, Jr.

Call for Report From Topic Committee.

The topic committee made the following recommendations:

Subject # 1:

What are the pastor's responsibilities to the church and the church responsibility to the pastor? Committee: Elder Bryan Oakes (Chairman), Elder Lynn Stapleton

Subject # 2:

What constitutes scriptural baptism (authority, administrator, candidate and method)? Committee: Elder Johnny Wall (Chairman), Elder Marshall Gurley

Subject # 3:

Forgiveness: fruit of grace and love (Matthew 6:14-15); the biblical teachings on forgiving our brothers and sisters. Committee: Elder Jimmy Stewart (Chairman), Elder Allen Maness.

Subject # 4:

Topic "Current Topic to Be Announced"

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

Call for the report: (BASED ON I TIMOTHY 5:23)

Subject: I Timothy 5:23, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities." Our Church Covenant states we will, "abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage." What is the Missionary Baptist's position on a doctor's

recommendation to a Christian member to use wine daily for a heart ailment or any other illness as medication? Exception or Exclusion

The scripture contained within our subject is one of some controversy due to it being the only verse in the Bible which instructs us to use alcohol. The reason that it presents us a degree of difficulty is that each individual defines "a little wine" in different proportions. For example, some might describe "a little wine" as a teaspoon, a tablespoon, or an 8 ounce cup.

In Biblical days wine was made from pure grape juice and it was stored in wineskins. They did not have refrigeration, so fermentation would take place over a period of time. The wine was diluted with water making the alcohol content significantly less. A study from the University of Oklahoma concurs that wine in the first century had approximately 2-4% alcohol whereas today's wine has 11-14% alcohol.

As always, when we are faced with a dilemma we should look to God, (Prayer and His Word) for guidance on the subject and not to follow man's opinion or tradition. In our best efforts to expound upon this subject we have chosen to break it down into two subtopics, our health and our behavior.

OUR HEALTH

The Holy Bible contains many references to our health and well being. It is evident that God desires his people to maintain good health so we will be able to serve him. We know that since we are saved by the grace of God that the Holy Spirit dwells within our soul. I Corinthians 3:16, 17 states, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Later in I Corinthians you will find another example of the importance of maintaining good health. I Corinthians 6:19 states, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." We should always strive to take the best care of our bodies.

There are many examples in the bible that show the importance God puts on our health. Many of the miracles that Jesus Christ performed in the New Testament were that of healing of the sick, the lame, the deaf, the blind, etc. Although many miracles were performed, it should never be mistaken that the person with the greatest need is the one who has been wounded spiritually through the power of conviction and needs to be born again by the Spirit of God. An example of this is found in Luke Chapter 5 where Christ first heals the man who is paralyzed and then saves his soul. We see that after this man was healed spiritually and naturally, he departed glorifying God.

The first act of living a healthy life is prevention. However, in today's society whether we talk about heart disease, cancer, or obesity it is hard to determine what is actually good for you. One day the doctors say that caffeine, for example, is harmful to your health and the next day, it is good for you. We should always use our good judgment, and not rely completely on a physician's recommendation. It is vital that we adhere to doctor's orders as long as they are in line with the Bible. Indeed, doctors do go to school for a long period of time, to understand the body, how it works, and how to keep it in good working order. However, there is but one "Great Physician" that truly knows what we need in order to heal us of our ailments.

Many studies have shown that red wine does have a positive benefit on the health of our heart and other vital organs. However, it is not the fermentation process that makes wine beneficial to our health. Research has proved that the benefit of red wine is most likely due to a substance called resveratrol found in the skin and seeds of grapes. Resveratrol is also found in grape juice—especially juice made from the dark purple Concord grapes. This study was conducted by several cardiologists at the Mayo Clinic. These findings are good news for us that want the cardiovascular benefits of red wine without the alcohol.

OUR BEHAVIOR

Let us first understand that alcohol in itself is not a sin but the effect to which it brings is destructive results. We read several scriptures that condemn the abuse of alcohol. Early in God's Word we find in the Book of Genesis's where Noah, (man that found grace in the eyes of the Lord Ch.6

v8) became drunk and committed sin. The evils of drunkenness and the dangers in the abuse of wine are clearly warned about throughout scriptures. Ephesians 5:18 states, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" Galatians chapter 5 lists drunkenness as one of the sinful "works of the flesh". I Thessalonians 5:22 teaches us to "abstain from all appearance of evil."

Paul's admonition to Timothy, due to medicinal value of wine, he should take a little wine because of his weak stomach. In that part of the world, and during that time, water purification had not yet been developed, and water was often polluted. This is true even in our day in certain parts of the world.

From a Christian's perspective in 2008, it is not necessary for us to drink wine, because fresh grape juice can be bottled or canned, so that the benefit of the grape can be preserved for us without the danger of us becoming addicted to the alcohol in it. You can buy grape juice at any grocery store, and do not have to worry about getting drunk on it.

A word often associated with alcohol that has caused great pain and suffering in our communities is intoxication. The definition of intoxication is the physical or mental impairment of the body and mind. How can a Christian serve the Lord when he or she is intoxicated, (they cannot). Studies have proven that intoxication begins with the first drink. Isaiah 28:7 states that the use of wine causes us to "stumble in judgment." How are we to witness to others if our mind and judgment are weak? We know that drinking alcohol is harmful, as doctors order expectant mothers to abstain from the use of it, due to its negative effect on their babies. Often, alcohol is more harmful to our bodies than it is helpful.

In conclusion, because the medicinal factor of wine is not in the fermentation process but the resveratrol found in grape juice, along with guidance from God, we should be able to examine ourselves and make the choice that Jesus would.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elder David Leslie
Elder Andrew Stokes

The report based from I Timothy 5:23 was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. David Leslie, Andrew Stokes, Phillip Halter, Larry Pritchard, Ray Smith, Lynn Stapleton, Ray Hampton, Frank Rickman, Jr., Clint Sanders, and David Bond

Call for the report on: **END TIMES**

With all the weather related events going on in the world today, according to scripture are these signs or perditions that the end of time is nearing.

A sign is “something that indicates fact,” and Webster’s Dictionary defines a prediction as, “to make known before hand.” Therefore, by these definitions, we believe that scripture tells us that the weather related events are signs, as well as predictions, that the end is nearing. “The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’ and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.” Jesus then left them and went away.” (Matthew 16:1-4). Our Lord was saying that the Jews of that day were missing the signs of their time. He indicated that only those who have spiritual discernment from the Holy Spirit can understand the meanings of history and tendencies of what is to come. This explains why so many people do not understand what's going on and why some of our leaders and politicians who are not scholars of the scriptures are trying to take us down a dangerous road.

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape” (I Thes.5:1-3). The human nature of man thinks himself to be invincible, due to our sinful pride. In recent news of the hurricanes that have hit our coast lines, the people were called to

evacuate the area by trained and knowledgeable weathermen and leaders. Even after the devastation from recent Katrina, many stayed in their homes, boarded up their dwellings. They made provisions and said to themselves, "we are prepared," but many perished. We wonder what they did during the storm. We're sure there came a time when they felt helpless; dipping out the water was useless. We imagine they talked to someone maybe for the first or last time. Just as those people did not listen to trained and knowledgeable weathermen, so today many are not listening to God called preachers inspired by God in their messages to warn to be prepared for according to the signs the end of time is near. So too many will perish. Just as those Katrina victims felt helpless when it was too late, so too will those who fail to prepare for the end of time. Even though no one knows except God when the end of time will come, we who are saved can have peace and safety knowing that when the weather related events come, we are safe in the arms of Jesus.

Our forefathers throughout time have always encountered major weather events. However, scripture tells us about the last days in Mathew 24:8, "All these are the beginning of sorrows." We believe this refers to a woman's birthing pains. In Isaiah 66:7, the prophet reminds us of the common sense of child birth, "Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing?" Now when we compare the end times to a pregnancy and how the woman travails in pain as the birth moment nears, we see that the frequency and intensity of her pain will increase, but after the birth there is happiness. For those of us saved, we may experience pain in our lives and even through weather related events, but those of us who are saved will have eternal happiness. If we turn on the news, we often hear reports all over our country and the world of fires, floods, blizzards, tornados, hurricanes, cyclones, meteoroids, active volcanoes, global warming, and "EARTHQUAKES, in divers places" (Mat 24:7). Included are statistics were taken from a National earthquake center in the year 2001 (5.5 and up on the Richter scale). In the years 1800 to 1900, there were 645 earthquakes in those 100 years. In the years 1900 to 1994, there were 1,845 earthquakes in 94 years. (2.8 times higher than 1800 - 1900) In 1994 to 2000, there were 1,163 earthquakes in just 7 years. This is 175.2 times higher than 1800 - 1900.

- 3,000 people died in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.
- Around 110,000 were killed in the 1948 earthquake in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.
- More than 5,700 deaths were reported following the strongest earthquake ever recorded in 1960 in Southern Chile.
- While only 15 people died in the 1964 Prince William Sound in Alaska quake itself, 110 more people were killed in the resulting tsunami.
- 66,000 were killed off the western coast of South America in the 1970 Peru earthquake.
- Between 250,000 and 655,000 died in the 1976 China earthquake that struck Tangshan, then a city of one million people.
- 63 people were killed in the 1989 Loma Prieta quake -- which struck the San Francisco area.
- 60 people were killed in the 1994 Northridge quake in Southern California.
- More than 5,000 were killed the 1995 Kobe, Japan earthquake.
- 230,000 (and perhaps as many as 290,000) people in 12 countries - including about 168,000 in Indonesia alone were killed in the 2004 earthquake just off the west coast of the island of Sumatra, and the tsunami that followed.
- More than 80,000 people were killed in the 2005 Pakistan earthquake.
- More than 69,000 people died in the 2008 Sichuan China earthquake.

All of the weather related events have a domino effect causing each to stem to the next as do the signs of the end times; as it refers to the economy, wars, famines, pestilences, and the antichrist.

I am sure we can pull statistics for any of the weather events as we have for earthquakes. On May 21, 1999, a tornado in Kansas was recorded that lacked one mph to be classified as an F6. Also, on November 27 1998, World Watch Institute declared 1998 the worst year for bad weather causing 89 billion dollars in damages and 32,000 people and displaced 300 million people from their homes.

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring... Behold the fig tree, and all the trees, when they now shoot forth ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled” (Luke 21:25-32).

Jesus said in his Parable of the Fig Tree that this generation shall not pass away. A generation would be between seventy to one hundred years from the time these signs started. Due to this evidence, we believe it could very well be within our lifetime.

From the statistics listed above it appears that there have always been earthquakes and tragedies, but let us also remember that 1,000 years is but a day to the Lord and even though we believe from the scriptures that the end of time is near, it will not come until all scriptures have been fulfilled. We who have been saved can be at peace knowing that happiness awaits us, but just as the weathermen come on TV warning us about the bad weather that is about to occur, let us be more intent as saved individuals warning the whole world to prepare for the end of time by trusting in the Lord and getting saved.

Prayfully submitted by Brother Phillip Halter and Brother Trey Crews

The report on End Times was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Trey Crews, Phillip Halter, Tim Maness, and Toby Swinford.

New Business

No new business transacted at this time.

Vote of Thanks

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, its officers, and the messengers of this association wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Oak Grove Church in Carroll County for serving as host

for this session. We last met with you in 1959, and it was a pleasure for us to meet with you once again and enjoy sweet fellowship one with another.

We thank God for Bro. Johnny Wall and his message “Predestined to Be Conformed to His Image” and Bro. Jimmy Stewart for his message “The Lord By Himself”. We were again blessed with ministers of the gospel who follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We pray that God will bless them and their families for their continued work in the ministry.

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

I thank God for those who serve as the Finance Committee, and the Obituary Recorder, and a special thanks to Bro. Johnny Wall for serving as the assistant clerk. These brethren make the work of the Clerk much easier.

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

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

As plans are underway for next year’s sessions, may we all pray God’s will be done with us all, as individual church members, as individual churches and as a united group of churches.

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

I anxiously await, if it be God’s will, the next session and look forward to meeting with all of you as we gather together at Cross Roads Missionary

Baptist Church for the 161st annual session on October 9-10, 2009 at 10:00 am ready to receive another blessing from the Lord.

Praising Him,
Scott Carter, Clerk

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

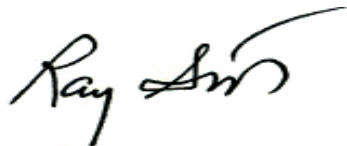
The minutes of the two days proceedings were read by the Clerk. A motion and second was made to accept and record the minutes as read by the Clerk. Motion carried.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the Friday before the Second Sunday in October 2009, at 10:00 am at Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church in Benton County, TN. Motion carried.

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

After the handshake, there were a few announcements. Bro. Tracy McDaniel, pastor of Oak Grove, thanked everyone for being here and helping with this meeting.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Lynn Stapleton, Huntingdon Church.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Smith".

Ray Smith, Moderator
Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Carter".

Scott Carter, Clerk
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

Messengers Seated for the 160th 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- Phillip Halter, Jason Howard, Clint Sanders

Caledonia:

Friday- Betty Wiggins, Jackie Wiggins
Saturday- Betty Wiggins, Jackie Wiggins

Center Point:

Friday- Jerry King, Earnestine Higdon
Saturday- Jerry King, Earnestine Higdon

Clarksburg:

Friday- Andrew Stokes, Jimmie Hale Jr., Jeff Reed
Saturday- Andrew Stokes, Jimmie Hale, Larue Lindsey

Concord:

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

Cross Roads:

Friday- Ronnie Stewart, Brown Herrin, Randy Thompson
Saturday- Brown Herrin, Randy Thompson, Truman Hedges

Ephesus:

Friday- Norman Hilliard, Landis Brown
Saturday- Norman Hilliard, Ron Stevens, Judy Stevens

Huntingdon:

Friday- Lynn Stapleton, Kenny Rush, Joe Glisson
Saturday- Lynn Stapleton, Kenny Rush, Joe Glisson

Landmark:

Friday-
Saturday-

Marlsboro:

Friday- Melvin Walker
Saturday-

Mixie:

Friday- Don Renfroe, James Fowler
Saturday- Don Renfroe, James Fowler

New Bethel:

Friday- Edward Malone, Johnny Lee, Roy Gene Owen
Saturday- Edward Malone, Johnny Lee, Roy Gene Owen

New Cross Roads:

Friday- Harold Palmer, Dennis Lunsford
Saturday- Harold Palmer, Dennis Lunsford

New Hope:

Friday- Dale Seagraves, Scott Gallimore, Clem Ed Todd
Saturday- Dale Seagraves, Scott Gallimore, John D. Small

New Liberty:

Friday- Justin Maness, Tim Sellers, Ed Harris
Saturday- Justin Maness, Ed Harris, Tim Maness

New Prospect:

Friday- George Haggard, Allen Maness
Saturday- George Haggard, Allen Maness, Bill Smith

New Spring Hill:

Friday- Laura Hutcherson
Saturday- Laura Hutcherson

Oak Grove – CC:

Friday- Brian Hampton, Ray Hampton, Scott Edwards
Saturday- Brian Hampton, Ray Hampton, Scott Edwards

Oak Grove – HC:

Friday- Glenn Lewis, David Leslie, Goy Williams
Saturday- Glenn Lewis, David Leslie, Goy Williams

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, Trey Crews
Saturday- Edward Ellis, Trey Crews

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
Saturday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, David Prater

Westport:

Friday- Toby Swinford, Christie Swinford, Gary Douglas
Saturday- Toby Swinford, Gary Douglas, Brenda Leslie

Yuma:

Friday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, Johnny Boyd
Saturday- Lynn Breeden, Ricky Hicks, Johnny Boyd

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
2008 MINUTE FUND

BALANCE OCTOBER 13, 2007 ----- \$1,887.70

EXPENDITURES:

Peterson Printing (minute printing) ---- \$1,760.00
First Bank (lock box)----- \$ 60.00
Postmaster ----- \$ 16.80
Domain (website)----- \$ 95.00

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2008 ----- \$ 2,175.00

BALANCE OCTOBER 11, 2008 ----- \$ 2,130.90

Clerk Contributions----- \$ 1,080.00

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**

July 16, 2008

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-Second Annual Session with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. We had 27 churches reporting an increase of 82 with 35 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 95 with a total membership of 3,197. 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 173rd Annual Session to be held with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located east of Russellville, Alabama, just east of U.S. Highway 43 on Highway 48. This session will be held October 11, 12, 13, 14, 2008. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's Love,



Keith L. Hood, Clerk

Keith Prince – Moderator
124 County Road
Moulton, AL 35650

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

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

June 3, 2008

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
Brother Scott Carter

Greetings:

We hope that this year has been spiritually uplifting to each of the churches of your association and the Lord has blessed with many souls being saved.

The churches of the Siloam Association met in October of 2007 at Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church for its fifty-fifth annual session. The spirit of the Lord was apparent throughout the sessions.

Lord willing, the fifty-sixth session of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will meet at Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church located at 3400 Mt. Lebanon Church Road, Alvaton, KY beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday October 3, 2008. Elder Jeff Elliott is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Jerry Miller is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Billy Moran is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning. We invite you to attend the upcoming session as we worship our Lord and Savior and fellowship with our sister churches. A copy of the 2007 Siloam minutes is enclosed.

Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roger L. Carter". The ink is a reddish-brown color.

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

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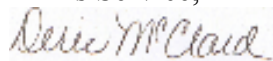
June 18, 2008

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 sixteenth annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association, which was held at the Three Springs Baptist Church in Bowling Green, KY. We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundredth seventeenth annual session, which will be held at the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church on the corner of Martin Creek Road and Highway 56, Bloomington Springs, TN, on October 24 and 25, 2008. Services will begin each morning at 10:00 a.m. Brother Jeremy Wilson, associate pastor of Three Springs Baptist Church in Bowling Green, KY, is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday morning; and Brother Rick Oliver, pastor of the Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet, TN, is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday morning. Make your plans to join us.

In His Service,



Deric McClard

Licensed Ministers

Avery, George, New Liberty ----- 731-986-8575
 1130 Poplar Springs Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344

Baucom, Lonnie, Bethel----- 731-986-4956
 127 Drew Court, Huntingdon, TN 38344

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

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

Hale, Joe, Clarksburg ----- 731-602-4621
 22784 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390

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 ----- 731-695-2941
 8 Birdsong Lane, Lexington, TN 38351

Sellers, Trent, New Liberty ----- 731-535-3176
 344 Quail Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344

Smith, Danny R., New Prospect ----- 731-845-5414
 1701 New Safford Road, Parsons, TN 38363

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Ambrose, Harvey, Old Paths ----- 731-287-9214
 290 Nathan Lane, Dyersburg, TN 38024

Birdwell, Bernice, Pleasant Hill----- 731-987-2790
 3130 New Bethel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321

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

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

Chandler, Rufus, Concord----- 731-986-4227
 47 Wendy Lane, Yuma, TN 38390
Crews, Trey, Pleasant Hill----- 731-415-4745
 45 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
Dodd, Jerry, Westport ----- 731-987-2698
 1600 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321
Douglas, Arzell, Cross Roads ----- 731-584-8027
 587 Cross Roads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
Gurley, Marshall, New Liberty ----- 731-986-5363
 6325 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387
Halter, Phillip, Bible Grove ----- 731-986-4319
 595 Halter Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Hale, Jr., Jimmie, Clarksburg----- 731-968-5298
 22790 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
Haskins, Brett, Ephesus ----- 901-359-9188
 5784 Slocum Trails, Hernando, MS 38362
Hedges, Truman, Cross Roads ----- 731-584-7875
 620 Jacqueline Circle, Camden, TN 38320
Hilliard, Billy Joe, Center Point ----- 731-586-4671
 360 Ellis Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
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
 RF 1, Westport, TN 38387
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 159 East Magnolia Avenue, McKenzie, TN 38201
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 1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351
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Maness, Allen, New Prospect ----- 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
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 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
Rahn, Allan, Bethel----- 618-524-9865
 2785 North Avenue, Metropolis, IL 62960-2541
Sanders, Clint, Bible Grove----- 731-695-3194
 44 Greenbriar, Lexington, TN 38351
Severance, James, Marlsboro----- 731-586-3502
 197 Pine Street, Bruceton, TN 38317
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, Clarksburg----- 731-986-3738
 310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Swinford, Toby, Westport ----- 731-986-6096
 790 Damron Road, Yuma, TN 38390
Thompson, Randy, Cross Roads----- 731-279-4738
 211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320
Wall, Johnny, New Liberty ----- 731-987-2597
 100 Welch Lane, Lavinia, TN 38348

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P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344
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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, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Ricky Lemonds ----- 731-968-5864
33 Greenbriar Street, Lexington, TN 38351
- CALEDONIA**- 9405 Hwy 140, McKenzie, TN 38201
PASTOR-
CLERK-Carl Hall ----- 731-352-3909
115 Linden Street, McKenzie, TN 38201
- CENTER POINT**- 2225 Rowland Mill Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
PASTOR-Billy Joe Hilliard ----- 731-586-4671
360 Ellis Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
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
250 Old Texas Lane, Yuma, TN 38390
- CONCORD**- 3275 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR- Rufus Chandler----- 731-986-4227
47 Wendy Lane, Yuma, TN 38390
CLERK-John W. Cole----- 731-986-3433
1840 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344

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 ----- 731-441-0885
3895 Divider/Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320
EPHESUS- 2895 Ephesus Church Road, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
PASTOR- Jerry Dodd ----- 731-987-2698
1600 Griggs Chapel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321
CLERK-Kathy Kee ----- 731-986-5023
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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
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PASTOR-
CLERK-
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PASTOR-Jack Hopper ----- 731-586-7902
100 Hemlock, Bruceton, TN 38317
CLERK-Frances Compton----- 731-986-4395
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PASTOR- Tony Boyd ----- 731-243-3136
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2065 Ephesus Church Road, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
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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

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P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344

PASTOR-Dennis Lunsford ----- 731-968-2842

19990 Hwy 22 N, Wildersville, TN 38388

CLERK-Frank Gregg----- 731-986-9686

New Cross Roads Church P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 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

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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

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630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230

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500 Oak Street, Hollow Rock, TN 38342

OAK GROVE- 105 Oak Grove Church Road, Lexington, TN 38351

PASTOR-David Leslie ----- 731-967-8776

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CLERK-Jimmy Wallace ----- 731-967-9794

20465 Hwy. 104 S, Lexington, TN 38351

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 290 Nathan Lane, Dyersburg, TN 38024
 CLERK-Joyce Medlin ----- 901-465-5699
 1230 Cherry Road, Eads, TN 38028

PLEASANT GROVE-
 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388
 PASTOR-
 CLERK-Ernest Wood ----- 731-845-5464
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 45 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
 CLERK-Jimmy Smothers ----- 731-584-6625
 135 Smothers Buena Vista Road, Camden, TN 38320

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 44 Greenbriar, Lexington, TN 38351
 CLERK-Travis Nance ----- 731-586-7637
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 PASTOR-Arzell Douglas ----- 731-584-8027
 587 Cross Roads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
 CLERK-Howard Berry ----- 731-584-8258
 4268 Reynoldsburg Road, Camden, TN 38320

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 400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 CLERK-Larry Pritchard ----- 731-845-5444
 730 Pritchard Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

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 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

VISITORS TO 2008 ASSOCIATION SESSION

Bro. Eugene Brown, Hendersonville, Tennessee

McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Brian Johnson

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association

Bro. Donnie Hines

McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church

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Bro. Johnny Carver

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Bro. Kenneth Massey

Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church

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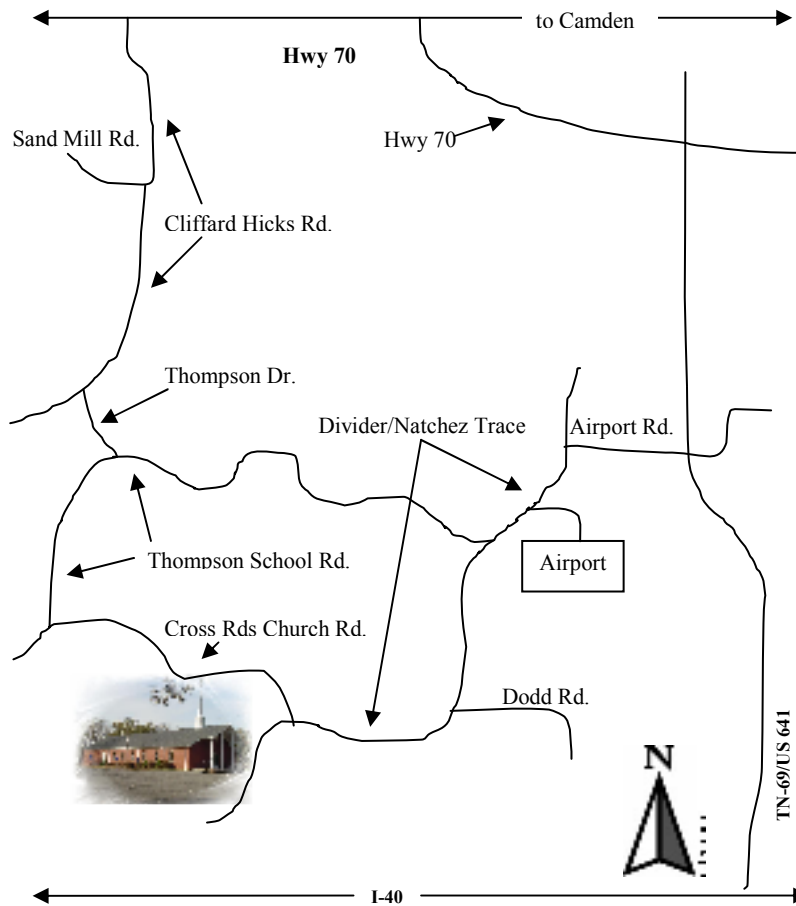
Bro. Tim Binion, Hendersonville, TN

Victory Missionary Baptist Church

Bro. Rick & Sis. Linda Jones, Buffalo, MO

Missionary to Jamaica/Kansas

Direction to 2009 Session



- From I-40, take Exit 126 and go North 12.7 miles on TN-69/US641
- Turn left (West) on Airport Road across from “Steve King Trucking” (church sign on east side of road) and go .6 miles
- Turn left on Divider and Natchez Trace Road/CR-891 and go 2.1 miles
- Church is located on right at 55 Cross Roads Church Road; Camden, TN just off of Divider and Natchez Trace Road

2009 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sunday PM Starting Time	Monday – Friday Starting Time
New Hope	05/31/09		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Old Paths	06/14/09		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Shiloh	06/21/09	Clint Ezell	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/28/09		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/28/09		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Cross Rds.	07/05/09		6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Westport	07/05/09	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Center Point	07/12/09		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/12/09		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Mixie	07/12/09	Brett Haskins	5:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/12/09		7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/19/09	Clint Ezell	6:00 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	07/19/09		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Marlsboro	07/19/09		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	07/19/09	Derrick Jowers	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Yuma	07/19/09	Tim Maness	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Caledonia	07/26/09	Matthew Fallin	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Clarksburg	07/26/09	Brian Johnson	7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Bethel	07/26/09	Phillip Halter	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
New Spring Hill	07/26/09		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Oak Grove (HC)	07/26/09		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Cross Roads	07/26/09		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
New Prospect	08/02/09		7:30 PM	10:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Oak Grove (CC)	08/02/09		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Rushing's Creek	08/02/09		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Ephesus	08/09/09		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Liberty	08/09/09	Clint Ezell	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--- CLERK

1846-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1847- Mt. Pisgah, Henderson County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1848-Ramble Creek, Benton County -----	E. Autry-----	B. W. Foster
1849-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	E. Autry-----	B. W. Foster
1850-Hopewell, Henderson County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1851-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1852-Beaver Dam, Benton County-----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1853-Union, Benton County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1854-Bible Union, Carroll County -----	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1855-Concord, Carroll County-----	M. S. Corbett-----	J. P. Arnold
1856-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County ---	E. Autry-----	J. P. Arnold
1857-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	M. S. Corbett-----	J. P. Arnold
1858-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	W. C. McAuley
1859-Holly Springs, Henderson County ---	J. P. Arnold-----	B. W. Foster
1860-Ramble Creek, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	J. P. Doherty
1861-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1862-1864--No Association during Civil War		
1865-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	W. C. McAuley
1866-Salem, Decatur County-----	J. P. Arnold-----	B. W. Foster
1867-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----	W. Pugh-----	Geo. Hollowell
1868-Ephesus, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1869-Concord, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell
1870-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	G. C. Thomas
1871-New Prospect -----	J. P. Arnold-----	G. C. Thomas
1872-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold-----	Geo. Hollowell

1873-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----Geo. Hollowell --- G. C. Thomas
 1874-New Hope, Carroll County -----J. H. Park ----- G. C. Thomas
 1875-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----J. W. Brewer ----- J. F. Rogers
 1876-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----J. Richardson----- J. F. Rogers
 1877-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----J. P. Arnold----- J. F. Rogers
 1878-New Prospect -----J. P. Arnold----- J. F. Rogers
 1879-Bethel, Carroll County -----J. C. Park ----- J. F. Rogers
 1880-Wildersville, Henderson County -----J. C. Park ----- J. H. Thomas
 1881-Ramble Creek-----J. P. Arnold----- D. J. Allen
 1882-Cross Roads, Benton County-----J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
 1883-Prospect, Carroll County-----J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
 1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County -----Geo. Hollowell --- D. J. Allen
 1885-Concord, Carroll County-----Geo. Hollowell --- C. H. Rogers
 1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County ----J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
 1887-Liberty, Carroll County -----J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
 1888-Unity, Benton County -----J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
 1889-Holly Springs -----J. F. Rogers----- D. J. Allen
 1890-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County -----J. C. Park ----- D. J. Allen
 1891-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----E. M. Joyner ----- D. J. Allen
 1892-New Hope, Carroll County -----E. M. Joyner ----- D. J. Allen
 1893-Chalk Level, Benton County -----E. M. Joyner ----- D. J. Allen
 1894-Mt. Comfort-----E. M. Joyner ----- C. H. Rogers
 1895-Flatwoods, Benton County -----E. M. Joyner ----- D. J. Allen
 1896-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----E. M. Joyner ----- D. J. Allen
 1897-Bethel, Carroll County -----E. M. Joyner ----- D. J. Allen
 1898-Shiloh, Carroll County -----N. L. Joyner ----- D. J. Allen
 1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----W. S. Roney----- C. H. Rogers
 1900-Salem, Decatur County-----W. S. Roney----- C. H. Rogers
 1901-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----N. L. Joyner ----- C. H. Rogers
 1902-Cross Roads, Benton County-----E. Z. Newsom----- C. H. Rogers
 1903-New Prospect, Decatur County -----E. M. Joyner ----- C. H. Rogers
 1904-Ephesus, Carroll County-----E. M. Joyner ----- C. H. Rogers
 1905-Pleasant Grove-----E. M. Joyner ----- C. H. Rogers
 1906-Ramble Creek-----T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
 1907-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
 1908-Concord, Carroll County-----T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
 1909-Pleasant Ridge -----T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
 1910-Perryville, Decatur County -----T. M. Boyd ----- C. H. Rogers
 1911-Unity, Benton County -----T. M. Boyd ----- D. H. Franks
 1912-Chalk Level, Benton County -----Joe N. Joyner----- D. H. Franks
 1913-Holly Springs -----J. G. Cooper----- D. H. Franks
 1914-Mt. Nebo-----J. G. Cooper----- D. H. Franks
 1915-Liberty, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner ----- D. H. Franks
 1916-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----J. N. Joyner----- D. H. Franks

1917-Westport, Carroll County -----T. M. Boyd ----- Geo. S. Price
 1918-Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County -----T. M. Boyd ----- L. E. Mincey
 1919-Cross Roads, Benton County-----J. N. Joyner----- L. E. Mincey
 1920-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----J. N. Joyner----- C. E. Butler
 1921-Ephesus, Carroll County -----J. N. Joyner----- C. E. Butler
 1922-Eva, Benton County -----J. N. Joyner----- A. H. Franks
 1923-Prospect, Carroll County-----J. N. Joyner----- A. H. Franks
 1924-Flatwoods, Benton County -----J. N. Joyner----- A. H. Franks
 1925-Bunches Chapel -----J. N. Joyner----- A. H. Franks
 1926-Oak Grove-----J. N. Joyner----- C. V. Cooper
 1927-Pleasant Hill-----J. N. Joyner----- C. V. Cooper
 1928-Shiloh, Carroll County -----T. M. Boyd ----- C. V. Cooper
 1929-Bruceton, Carroll County -----T. M. Boyd ----- C. V. Cooper
 1930-New Prospect, Decatur County -----J. N. Joyner----- W. S. Brinkley
 1931-New Hope, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1932-New Liberty, Carroll County-----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1933-Westport, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1934-Ephesus, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1935-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----E. H. Martin----- W. S. Brinkley
 1936-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1937-Cedar Hill, Decatur County -----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1938-Concord, Carroll County-----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1939-Yuma, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1940-Caledonia, Henry County -----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1941-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----W. H. Hopper ---- W. S. Brinkley
 1942-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ---W. H. Hopper ---- W. S. Brinkley
 1943-New Bethel, Henry County-----W. H. Hopper ---- W. S. Brinkley
 1944-Westport, Carroll County -----W. H. Hopper ---- W. S. Brinkley
 1945-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner ----- W. S. Brinkley
 1946-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County-----E. F. Prince----- W. S. Brinkley
 1947-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County---E. F. Prince----- W. S. Brinkley
 1948-Old Union, Benton County -----E. F. Prince----- W. S. Brinkley
 1949-Cross Roads, Benton County-----E. F. Prince----- T. L. Campbell
 1950-Bible Grove, Henderson County ----C. F. Carter----- T. L. Campbell
 1951-Republican Grove -----C. F. Carter----- T. L. Campbell
 1952-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----C. F. Carter----- T. L. Campbell
 1953-Ephesus, Carroll County -----John Hedges----- T. L. Campbell
 1954-Mixie, Carroll County -----John Hedges----- Ray Smith
 1955-Concord, Carroll County-----John Hedges----- Ray Smith
 1956-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1957-Independent, Carroll County -----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1958-Bethel, Carroll County -----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1959-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1960-New Bethel, Henry County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith

1961-Center Point, Carroll County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1962-Caledonia, Henry County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1963-Old Union, Benton County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1964-New Bethel, Henry County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1965-Rushing Creek, Benton County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1966-Westport, Carroll County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1967-New Prospect, Decatur County-----T. L. Campbell---- Ray Smith
 1968-Ephesus, Carroll County-----C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1969-Concord, Carroll County-----C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1970-New Frank's Chapel, Decatur County C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1971-Landmark, Shelby County-----C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1972-Yuma, Carroll County-----C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1973-Pleasant Ridge, Benton County-----C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1974-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ---C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1975-Cross Roads, Benton County-----C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1976-Second Baptist, Lexington-----C. F. Carter----- Ray Smith
 1977-Bible Grove, Chesterfield-----M. Rayburn ----- Ray Smith
 1978-New Bethel, Henry County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1979-Independent, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1980-Bethel, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1981-Landmark, Shelby County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1982-Pleasant Hill, Benton County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1983-New Prospect, Decatur County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1984-Concord, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1985-Oak Grove, Henderson County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1986-New Liberty, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1987-Westport, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1988-Center Point, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1989-Mixie, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1990-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ---Harold Carver----- Ray Smith
 1991-Bible Grove, Henderson County-----Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1992-Independent, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1993-Marlsboro, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1994-Clarksburg, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1995-Cross Roads, Benton County-----Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1996-Landmark, Shelby County-----Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1997-New Hope, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1998-Shiloh, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 1999-Concord, Carroll County-----Harold Carver----- Lee Carter
 2000-Bethel, Carroll County-----Ray Smith ----- Lee Carter
 2001-Old Paths, Shelby County-----A. G. Hayes ----- Lee Carter
 2002-Oak Grove, Henderson County-----A.G. Hayes----- Scott Carter
 2003-New Cross Roads, Carroll County ---Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
 2004-Center Point, Carroll County-----Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter

2005-Bible Grove, Henderson County -----Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
2006- Huntingdon, Carroll County-----Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
2007-Clarksburg, Carroll County-----Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter
2008-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----Ray Smith ----- Scott Carter

CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

- ARTICLE 9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority vote of the members present, except in the reception of the churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required.
- ARTICLE 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
- ARTICLE 11. The appellation of "brethren" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.
- ARTICLE 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
- ARTICLE 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority deems it necessary.
- ARTICLE 14. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a finance committee to keep up with the moneys during the association, to make their report when called upon and to turn the moneys received over to the Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

- ARTICLE I. The Association shall be called *Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association*, known as an advisory council.
- ARTICLE II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such church as may belong to this union to represent them in body.
- ARTICLE III. The messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence which shall state their appointment as messengers, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.
- ARTICLE IV. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three messengers.

- ARTICLE V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons for their failure at the next Association, and if any church fails for two consecutive meetings, the Association shall send a committee to inquire into their state.
- ARTICLE VI. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by messenger and letter, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.
- ARTICLE VII. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their member's names enrolled, provided, also that all newly constituted churches petitioning for union with us shall have full right to vote for Moderator and Clerk, and nothing shall be construed as to prohibit them from voting.
- ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches. It shall however be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may separate from churches as are known to walk disorderly.
- ARTICLE IX. The Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such contributions as they may think proper.
- ARTICLE X. Any church of this union having a difficulty that she cannot settle may call for help from her sister churches, or may present the case to this body for advice. Such cases must be presented in the letters of correspondence, stating the reason why it had not or could not be decided by the church.
- ARTICLE XI. When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, they may call from two or more churches for the aid of their ordained ministers and deacons to examine the

individuals and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the gospel which shall be reported at the next association and entered upon the Minutes.

ARTICLE XII. The minutes of this Association will be read, corrected, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rise. And no Association shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ARTICLE XIII. The Clerk shall read the Rules of Decorum on the first day of each Association meeting.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **We believe** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice.
2. **We believe** that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; and there are three persons in this one God - the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit; and this Triune God is the only object of religious worship and adoration, and that all worship paid anything less in the name of God is idolatry and abomination in His sight.
3. **We believe** that God created man good and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became sinful and depraved; and as a natural consequence, that his posterity by ordinary generations are involved in all the consequences of his fall.
4. **We believe** that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition and, unless God Himself had provided a way of Salvation, would have been ruined and miserable forever, because all have sinned.

5. **We believe** that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored law by His personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by His Death; being risen from the dead, is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.
6. **We believe** that fallen man has nothing, and can do nothing, of himself, to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hopes of pardon, justification, redemption, and sanctification are derived alone from the merits of Christ.
7. **We believe** that Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only Mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the efficacious plea He makes before the throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-adorning sacrifice.
8. **We believe** the Holy Spirit - the third person in the Trinity - is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the Gospel plain and acceptable.
9. **We believe** that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are freely justified by the righteousness of Christ, which comes to all that believe.
10. **We believe** that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth shall never finally be lost.
11. **We believe** that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ who give evidence of a change of heart, and have been properly baptized.
12. **We believe** that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men, distinct from the body, but that it is left with the whole church.
13. **We believe** that the first day of the week, called the Lord's Day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation, and labor, except so much as is devoted to works of necessity and mercy.

14. **We believe** that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of His church and the advancement of His kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry as God in His providence may give them ability.
15. **We believe** that God calls men, by His Spirit, to preach the Gospel, and that it is the duty of the individual thus called to study to show himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
16. **We believe** that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His church - baptism and the Lord's Supper; that baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and believers only are capable of rightfully receiving the ordinances, that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but ordained ministers have any right to administer them.
17. **We believe** that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.
18. **We believe** that the Gospel with all its obligations, privileges, and blessings, has been committed to the church of whom it is especially enjoined to make known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Savior pledges His presence to the end of the world.

Mission Work Supported by Churches

Addresses' available upon request

Rick Jones (<i>Jamaica</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethel • Bible Grove • Clarksburg • Concord • Cross Roads • New Hope • Old Paths • Pleasant Ridge • Shiloh • New Liberty • Oak Grove (CC) • Oak Grove (HC) • New Cross Roads • Mixie • New Prospect • Westport • Yuma
Eugene Brown (<i>Words of Hope</i>) www.wordsofhope.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Grove • Concord • Huntingdon • Mixie • Rushing Creek • Shiloh • Oak Grove (CC) • Oak Grove (HC) • New Hope • New Bethel • Westport • Pleasant Hill
Kevin Holland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephesus • Mixie
Paul Bryson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove (HC)
Ministerial Alliance , <i>Camden</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads • Pleasant Hill
Ministerial Alliance , <i>Huntingdon</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon
Back to the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethel • Cross Roads • Bible Grove • New Liberty • New Bethel • Pleasant Hill
Jimmy Hammett (<i>Mexico</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Point
African Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove (HC)
St. Jude Children Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlsboro
Todd Marks (<i>Peru</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Point
New Life MBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon
Chris Page (<i>Trinidad</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant Ridge
New Liberty Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Liberty
Jimmie Hale Jr. - <i>Association Missionary</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Prospect
Guatemala Mission – Eld. J. Hunton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads
Carl Perkins Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concord
Murfresboro MBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon

IN MEMORY OF OUR SAINTED DEAD – 54

Bethel

Bro. William Coy Rich (deacon)----- 10/18/2007
Sis. Norma Foster Oakes ----- 10/27/2007
Sis. Lucille Campbell Allen ----- 11/06/2007
Bro. Adam Coleman Carter----- 11/17/2007
Sis. Martha Bush Wilson----- 06/07/2008
Sis. Dorothy Gibson Irby----- 09/04/2008

Bible Grove

Bro. R.V. Wood (deacon)----- 11/06/2007
Bro. Clayburn Arnold (deacon) ----- 06/02/2008

Center Point

Bro. Levi Ozier ----- 04/18/2008

Clarksburg

Sis. Brooksie McDaniel ----- 01/19/2008
Sis. Barbara Meals ----- 02/23/2008
Bro. Leon “Wink” Bennett ----- 09/03/2008
Sis. Linda Grant ----- 05/02/2008

Concord

Sis. Ava Pruitt Williams----- 04/22/2008
Bro. Robert T. Scott, Jr. ----- 05/26/2008

Cross Roads

Bro. James Walker ----- 01/06/2008
Sis. Eula Douglas----- 01/06/2008
Sis. Janice Gillon ----- 05/12/2008
Sis. Annelle Jones ----- 07/16/2008

Ephesus

Bro. Perry Kee, Jr. ----- 03/26/2008

Huntingdon

Bro. James Turner----- 10/08/2007
Bro. Joe Neal Bailey----- 12/29/2007
Sis. Marie Crews -----05/28/2008
Sis. Eva Mask-----08/17/2008
Bro. Claude Haddock (deacon) -----08/19/2008

Marlsboro

Bro. Junior Pinson----- 12/15/2007
Sis. Margaret Rogers -----02/12/2008
Sis. Effie Ownby -----02/28/2008

Mixie

Sis. Elizabeth Christine Wiggins----- 11/18/2007
Bro. Garvin Ora Renfroe (deacon) -----05/06/2008

New Cross Roads

Bro. Richard Whitehead----- 10/31/2007
Sis. I.Z. Murphy -----12/27/2007
Bro. Gordon "Brownie" Grooms -----07/23/2008

New Hope

Bro. Wayne Hodge (minister)----- 11/22/2007
Sis. Barbara Moody-----01/12/2008
Sis. Carol Johnson-----04/12/2008
Sis. Frances Marlin -----05/01/2008

New Liberty

Bro. Thomas Johnson (deacon) -----05/08/2008
Sis. Maxine Gurley -----03/20/2008

New Prospect

Sis. Linda Evans-----02/26/2008

Oak Grove (CC)

Sis. Blanche Birdwell-----03/14/2008
Sis. Minnie Belle Cole-----05/19/2008
Sis. Juanita Hampton -----08/04/2008

Pleasant Grove

Sis. Adelaide Lewis-----08/31/2008

Pleasant Hill

Sis. Ida Freedonia Hollowell -----06/25/2008
Bro. Edd Ellis (deacon)----- 10/01/2008

Pleasant Ridge

Bro. Don Haskins -----06/12/2008

Bro. Wesley Holland -----08/2008

Shiloh

Sis. Sue Fullerton Ward -----01/02/2008

Bro. Bobby Hilliard (minister) -----09/22/2008

Westport

Bro. Norman Leslie (deacon)-----06/20/2008

Sis. Marguerite Hilliard -----07/12/2008

Bro. Joe P. Hilliard-----08/22/2008

Sis. Brooxie Therrell-----09/11/2008



BRO. WAYNE HODGE

Bro. Marvin Wayne Hodge was born on August 22, 1948 in Yuma, TN to the late Elder Walter Lyles and JoAnne Waugh Hodge. He left the pain and troubles of this world to reap the rewards of the home he preached and sang about for so many years, on November 22, 2007 at the age of 59.

Bro. Wayne was a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and of many gospel singing groups, lastly being the Tennesseans of which he was the manager of. On April 15, 1984 he became a licensed minister through New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Though he never held a full time church Bro. Wayne preached anytime he was asked to come and share the Word. Bro. Wayne also carried his ministry in the field of gospel music, singing with many groups over most of the United States and two trips that carried them to Canada to spread the word of a wonderful Lord. In his later years Bro. Wayne worked for the two radio stations in Camden, TN playing gospel music and helping other ministers with there programs. Bro. Wayne was involved in gospel music for over 40 years.

Bro. Wayne is survived by his wife Rena Hedge Hodge, a daughter Robyn Gallimore and a son Kelly Wayne Hodge. He was also survived by four sisters and two brothers and eight grandchildren. Bro. Wayne is greatly missed by his family and friend.

Sunday School Table

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	8	71	\$14,955.21
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	14		
Caledonia	Jackie Wiggins	7	15	\$331.26
Center Point	Bill Noles	5	38	\$0.00
Clarksburg	Roger Lindsey	34	54	\$1,168.89
Concord	Lester Waugh	18	75	\$646.18
Cross Roads	Dwayne Cole	14	56	\$1,277.40
Ephesus	Norman Hilliard	7	20	\$1,079.20
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	10	190	\$2,160.02
Landmark				
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	3		\$200.34
Mixie	Johnny Whitworth	6	50	\$3,914.00
New Bethel	Edward Malone	7		
New Cross Roads	Harold Palmer	7		\$1,421.01
New Hope	H.G. (Pete) Kirby	6	35	\$478.49
New Liberty	Daniel Tucker	8		\$2,781.00
New Prospect	Bill Smith	8	84	\$808.11
New Spring Hill	George Norman	3		\$110.46
Oak Grove - CC	Brian Hampton	8	34	\$503.40
Oak Grove - HC	Glenn Lewis	21		
Old Paths	Kenneth Carrington			\$150.00
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	10		\$3,690.75
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	9	15	\$1,980.54
Pleasant Ridge	Anthony French	7	36	\$4,036.40
Rushing's Creek	Allen Holland	3	24	\$1,757.74
Shiloh	Joe Cary	3		\$264.00
Westport	Glynn Williams	13	45	\$4,968.87
Yuma	David Cary	13		
TOTALS		252	842	\$48,683.27

Statistical Table

Church	Baptisms	Additions by Letter	Restorations	Total Additions	Deaths	Losses by Letter	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing
Bethel	1	5	0	6	6	1	1	8	175	2	0
Bible Grove	5	0	0	5	2	0	0	2	225	1	0
Caledonia	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	46	2	0
Center Point	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	90	1	1
Clarksburg	6	0	0	6	4	5	0	9	174	1	1
Concord	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	144	2	0
Cross Roads	1	2	0	3	4	0	0	4	201	2	0
Ephesus	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	80	2	0
Huntingdon	1	4	0	5	5	1	0	6	287	2	0
Landmark											
Marlsboro	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	41	1	0
Mixie	6	3	0	9	2	0	0	2	111	1	1
New Bethel	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	69	1	0
New Cross Rds.	1	3	0	4	3	0	0	3	92	2	2
New Hope	5	1	0	6	3	4	1	8	114	1	1
New Liberty	3	4	0	7	2	0	2	4	131	1	1
New Prospect	3	1	0	4	1	0	1	2	146	1	0
New Spring Hill	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	30	1	0
Oak Grove (CC)	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	3	34	1	1
Oak Grove (HC)	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	160	2	0
Old Paths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0
Pleasant Grove	5	0	0	5	1	1	0	2	66	1	0
Pleasant Hill	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	156	2	1
Pleasant Ridge	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	58	1	1
Rushing's Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	1	0
Shiloh	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	42	1	0
Westport	2	0	0	2	4	2	2	8	77	1	0
Yuma	1	3	0	4	0	1	0	1	172	1	0
TOTALS	54	32	0	86	53	16	7	76	3004	36	10

Financial Table

Church	Expenditures	Pastor's Salary	Ministireal Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	\$39,429.98	\$50,290.00	\$3,156.00	\$7,261.22	\$200	\$50	\$100,387.20
Bible Grove				\$18,375.00	\$150	\$50	\$18,575.00
Caledonia	\$9,460.94	\$3,683.00	\$3,178.00	\$6,478.18	\$35	\$10	\$22,845.12
Center Point	\$3,418.25	\$3,168.00	\$1,253.50	\$1,482.52	\$50	\$25	\$9,397.27
Clarksburg	\$12,248.92	\$24,653.00	\$525.00	\$11,669.18	\$150	\$50	\$49,296.10
Concord	\$9,675.22	\$16,240.14	\$3,435.00	\$5,007.67	\$70	\$40	\$34,468.03
Cross Roads	\$64,685.84	\$48,337.13	\$4,423.00	\$3,579.62	\$180	\$35	\$121,240.59
Ephesus	\$13,008.11	\$5,400.00	\$950.00	\$720.00	\$45	\$25	\$20,148.11
Huntingdon	\$279,691.69	\$45,390.00	\$14,880.00	\$6,130.00	\$200	\$75	\$346,366.69
Landmark							\$0.00
Marlsboro	\$6,843.56	\$8,080.00	\$300.00	\$1,056.00	\$15	\$10	\$16,304.56
Mixie	\$11,748.00	\$9,863.00	\$1,755.00	\$2,775.00	\$45	\$25	\$26,211.00
New Bethel	\$6,316.86	\$7,196.00	\$1,046.00	\$3,277.00	\$60	\$25	\$17,920.86
New Cross Rds.	\$7,811.95	\$8,745.00	\$3,212.00	\$1,800.00	\$75	\$25	\$21,668.95
New Hope	\$7,443.30	\$9,959.67	\$3,374.00	\$3,130.70	\$60	\$40	\$24,007.67
New Liberty	\$5,004.00	\$18,631.00	\$8,361.00	\$9,995.00	\$75	\$75	\$42,141.00
New Prospect	\$4,383.89	\$12,573.00	\$4,093.01	\$360.00	\$60	\$30	\$21,499.90
New Spring Hill	\$2,324.35	\$2,013.00			\$30	\$15	\$4,382.35
Oak Grove (CC)	\$7,878.11	\$13,496.00	\$224.00	\$1,795.76	\$50	\$20	\$23,463.87
Oak Grove (HC)					\$90	\$50	\$140.00
Old Paths		\$23,888.00	\$5,358.80	\$1,465.00	\$75	\$60	\$30,846.80
Pleasant Grove	\$1,593.00	\$11,162.00	\$914.00		\$100	\$100	\$13,869.00
Pleasant Hill	\$10,695.61	\$15,707.50	\$775.00	\$1,000.00	\$50	\$25	\$28,253.11
Pleasant Ridge	\$5,035.98		\$8,445.00	\$4,601.00	\$75	\$50	\$18,206.98
Rushing's Creek	\$4,137.25	\$15,141.00	\$579.00	\$2,850.00	\$50	\$20	\$22,777.25
Shiloh	\$42,334.80	\$21,653.00	\$2,101.00	\$3,450.00	\$60	\$50	\$69,648.80
Westport	\$3,325.87	\$5,356.08	\$1,139.00	\$740.00	\$75	\$50	\$10,685.95
Yuma					\$50	\$50	\$100.00
TOTALS	\$558,495.48	\$380,625.52	\$73,477.31	\$98,998.85	\$2,175	\$1,080	\$1,114,852.16

