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THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Benton County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

2017 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon----- Eld. Jeff Simmons

Alternate ----- Eld. Trey Crews

Doctrinal Sermon ----- Eld. Chris Wallace

Alternate ----- Eld. Andrew Stokes

Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church History

Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1856, a small log building no doubt, in a small clearing beside a dirt road going North down Terrapin Ridge. They named it Terrapin Hill Church. This ridge begins near what is today Fire Tower road in Benton County. Further down this dirt road that crosses Lick Creek not far from the church is Terrapin Hill Cemetery. Years of neglect has taken its toll as it is almost lost in the trees. Buried here are two men who most likely had a hand in organizing this little church. John Howard Williams 1808-1884 who was the first trustee of Benton County in 1836, a land owner, and slave owner, his son-in-law George Washington Ballard 1820-1881 who was a lieutenant in the Civil War, also J.H.W's wife and 5 children, plus 5 or 6 unmarked graves where slaves could have been laid to rest. At some point Terrapin Hill Church was moved up on Old Mt. Carmel road and the name changed to Pleasant Ridge. The church was later moved to Zack known as Sawyers Mill today. A wooden frame church building was erected near the railroad. Josiah Perry Jordan was the church clerk. In 1930 when he was 80 years old, all he had was lost in a fire that included the church records. A storm blew the old building down and in 1938 the present building was erected. Many changes and improvements have taken place over the years. Out houses were an improvement. Bathrooms, paved parking lot, cabinet shop benches took the place of slated benches, air conditioning, a basement was dug for Sunday School rooms, fellowship hall, a drive thru front, bathrooms and sanctuary completely renovated including factory made pews. This church has been a shining light for this community for 160 years. The gospel preached and sinners saved. A place where people can come together to worship and fellowship has always been the purpose of this church. It is our hope that this place will continue to stand

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Order of Business

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2017

- ☐ Call Association to Order
- ☐ Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- ☐ Appoint Finance Committee
- ☐ Appoint Topics Committee for 2017 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 2018 Session
- ☐ Select Brethren to Preach 2018 Annual Sermons
- ☐ Introductory Sermon - 11:00 A.M.
- ☐ Call for Correspondence
- ☐ Call for Report on *In a world saturated with so many Christian denominations, how is the church Jesus built identified?* Eld. David Leslie & Eld. Josh Parker
- ☐ Call for Report on *In a culture that is increasingly hostile toward Christianity, what measures can be taken to guard against litigation?* Eld. Andrew Stokes & Bro. Donald Parrish

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2017

- ☐ 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 of the Topics Committee
- ☐ Call for Report from Associational Missionary
- ☐ Report from Missionaries
- ☐ Doctrinal Sermon—11:00 A.M.
- ☐ Call for report on *What is the future and importance of Sunday night services? At a time where more and more churches are discontinuing services, are Sunday night services a thing of the past?* Eld. Lynn Stapleton & Eld. Bryan Oakes
- ☐ Call for the Report on *What is the significance of Anointing with Oil? In Scripture and why do we (Missionary Baptists) not Anoint with Oil today? What do we do in place of that today?* Eld. Randy Thompson & Eld. Ronnie Stewart
- ☐ Call for New Business
- ☐ Reading of the *Vote of Thanks*
- ☐ Song and parting hand

Elected Officers for 2016-2017

Moderator	 <p>Bro. Ray Smith 19950 East Main Street Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4717</p>	Huntingdon Church
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Clerk	 <p>Eld. Scott Carter 400 Chickasaw Drive Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 415-1688 cell clerk@swdmba.org</p>	Shiloh Church
Assistant Clerk	 <p>Eld. Clint Sanders 76 Farmington Cove Lexington, TN 38351 (731) 695-3194 mtsclint@tds.net</p>	Pleasant Ridge Church
Associational Missionary	 <p>Eld. Dennis Lunsford 19990 Hwy 22 North Wildersville, TN 38388 (731) 968-2842</p>	New Cross Roads Church

Friday October 07, 2016

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association gathered at Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist Church for their 168th annual session. The session began with Bro. Ray Smith, moderator, calling the session together and welcoming everyone. He asked Bro. Travis Nance, Pleasant Ridge Church, to come lead the congregation in a song with Sis. Beverly Wilson, Pleasant Ridge Church, playing the piano. We began by singing "Are You Washed In The Blood Of The Lamb?" Bro. Ray asked how many knew they were washed in the blood. He then called on Bro. Billy Moran, Siloam Association, to lead us in prayer.

The congregation continued by singing "I'll Have a New Life."

After a few remarks, Bro. Ray read Psalms 24.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

The Host Committee of Pleasant Ridge Church. He introduced the former pastor, Bro. Clint Sanders. Bro. Sanders welcomed everyone and told of the privilege to host the association. He introduced Bros. James Hicks, Travis Nance and Thomas Hicks as the deacons and told that any of these brethren will assist in any way possible.

Finance Committee:

Bro. Larry Pritchard - Shiloh Church

Bro. Dennis Lunsford - New Cross Roads Church

Bro. Ronnie Stewart - Rushing Creek Church

2017 Topic Committee:

Bro. Randy Thompson (Chairman) – Cross Roads Church

Bro. Lynn Stapleton - Huntingdon Church

Bro. Scott Carter - Shiloh Church

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Chris Wallace, Westport Church

The moderator then asked for the clerk to read the *Rules of Decorum*.

Call was made for church letters followed by roll call of messengers. **Motion and second** was made to seat 46 messengers for Friday's session; **motion carried**.

The association then moved in to the election process.

Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church, was nominated as Moderator. **Motion and second** was made that nominations cease and elect by acclamation; **motion carried**.

Bro. Ray Smith assumed the role as the permanent moderator.

Bro. Andrew Stokes, Bible Grove 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. Clint Sanders, Pleasant Ridge Church, was nominated as Assistant Clerk, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried**.

Bro. Jeff Simmons, Pleasant Hill Church, 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. Trey Crews, Huntingdon Church, 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. Chris Wallace, Westport Church, 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. Andrew Stokes, Bible Grove Church, 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**.

Five Churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2017 session. A **motion and second** was made to select Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Benton County as the host site; **motion carried**.

Motion and second was made for the chairman to have 10 minutes to speak to their topic and the assistant 5 minutes;

motion carried.

With the 11:00 hour near, the moderator introduced the one selected to bring the message this morning. The moderator asked for a song to be sung while Bro. Arzell Douglas came to give the introductory sermon. The congregation stood and sang "I've Got That Old Time Religion In My Heart."

The moderator introduced Bro. Arzell Douglas, member of Cross Roads Church, as the one selected last year to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Introductory Sermon

Bro. Arzell Douglas

Bro. Douglas began by telling of the honor to be selected to preach here today. Bro. Douglas told how Bro. John Hedge told him he always needed to attend the association. He called our attention to II Timothy 3:16-17 and Revelation 22:18. He told how he once pastored a church over 30 years ago, and a young couple asked him to perform their wedding ceremony. He told how they discussed some things and they started discussing the ceremony. The couple told how they wanted a shorter version. His thought today was, "The Short Version." The Lord has given us a perfect plan to live by and to be saved by. His concern was how people are trying to bring in to God's word a short version.

We need to remember that there are wolves in sheep's clothing. If we let a few of these in our churches, it will eventually be everywhere. In I Samuel 15, Saul was brought in as a king. God wanted the Amalekites completely removed, but he only did a partial job. He is troubled how people are telling other people how to be saved. He told how one day cable television was offered to his house and that they told him he could watch some television preaching. Bro. Douglas told how there is not any of that preaching he would endorse, because they are preaching a short version. Many are leaving out repentance. In Mark 1:15, Jesus tells us to repent and believe the gospel. You will never be saved if you leave out repentance. It takes a broken heart and a contrite spirit to be saved by the grace of God. He told about going to Arby's and seeing the slogan, "a sandwich without meat isn't" and he told us that "salvation without repentance isn't." We do not need to be a part of the short version that leaves these necessities out.

When we get saved, it is God that really helps us.

People are trying to insert this short version. We are in a time where people want a 15 minute sermonette or “a short version.”

Some may want to leave out giving their experience of salvation. Bro. Douglas said he has never known a person truly saved that was afraid to tell it. Our hope maketh us not ashamed.

As Missionary Baptist, we didn't pull this salvation out of a hat like a magician pulls a rabbit out of a hat, it is scriptural. We would be surprised at the teachings going on out there today. The scriptures teach us that hell is enlarging daily.

Bro. Douglas told how the scriptures tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Many think that they only need the short version of going one or two times a month. We should love the church enough to attend and support her. He told how at one time he was unable to go to church for several weeks, and the pain associated with not being able to be with his brothers and sisters.

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

The moderator called for some more songs while we came around and gave Bro. Douglas the right hand of fellowship.

We took a moment to recognize our visitors (see p. 32)

The moderator called on Bro. Bob Vanderpool, Mt. Lebanon Church (Siloam Association), to lead us in prayer.

Friday Afternoon

After a delicious meal provided by the host church, we gathered back together and sang “There's A Great Day Coming” led by Bro. Travis Nance, Pleasant Ridge Church, with Sis. Beverly Wilson, Pleasant Ridge Church, playing the piano. The moderator called on Bro. Wayne Strode, Fairview Memorial (Siloam Association) Bowling Green, KY, to lead us in prayer. Bro. Smith thanked the church for the meal and then read from Revelation 21:1-5 and called the session back to order.

The moderator gave Missionary Rick Jones a moment to speak on the mission work he is doing. He thanked everyone for the support that everyone has given over the years. He was thankful for everyone helping build the church and assist the people of Jamaica.

The moderator asked Bro. Lynn Stapleton to come forward and speak about a new book available entitled “Handbook for Missionary Baptist Churches” by Eld. Billy Mo-

ran.

The moderator then called for correspondence. The clerk stood and read correspondence letters.

The moderator asked for a song while we stood to take up a love offering for our Associational Missionary. An offering of \$675.00 was collected while singing “In The Sweet By and By.”

The moderator called for the report on **What Are The Duties of Messengers Representing Their Church in the Association.**

What are the duties of messengers representing their church in the association?

The Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association has been in existence for 168 years for one main reason. God has been in it. All of our individual churches consist of baptized men, women, and children who have been mercifully saved by the grace of God. Although our inward spirit has been made perfect by the blood of Jesus, our fleshly bodies are still subject to sin. We will make mistakes as the ones who went before us, yet it is beneficial to learn from where we came and why we are still here. God does indeed have a purpose for all His children. Romans 8:28 says, “All things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose.” Some are called to preach the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, some to be teachers of the Word, some have been blessed with talents to glorify the Lord and bless others through song or playing instruments, some to use their influence to shine the light of the Lord in the secular world within their careers in business, education, healthcare, government, etc. All God’s children can provide a guiding light, deliver a helping hand, and represent our Savior Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world.

There is a reason this Association meets together each year. Our churches share a common goal to focus on the furtherance and advancement of the Gospel and the development and growth of our brothers and sisters in Christ spiritually, morally, and intellectually. It is our effort to know what we believe and why, to have discussions to that effect, to provide support

to ministries preaching the Word of Truth throughout this world, and to fellowship with one another in Christian Love. There are boundless blessings that come from multiple independent bodies of likeminded churches which practice the same faith and doctrine gathering together each year. Neither the Association nor any particular church dictates what any other church should or should not do. The purpose is to discuss the doctrinal principles that are manifest in the Holy Bible. We must never forget or neglect our First Love to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

There is a Biblical and historical basis for having Association meetings and continuing to keep the strength of fellowship and cooperation among our churches of like faith and order. We all know that Saul was converted, called and ordained an apostle by Jesus Christ Himself. However, in Acts 9:26-31, we read how many of the area churches still feared him and would not allow him to accomplish his work for the Lord until he had been examined by the trusted council of apostles and proven himself. Word of the evidence of his ministry spread through communication of the several churches and he was permitted greater opportunities to serve. The 15th and 16th chapters of Acts records the examination and authorization of individuals charged with the duty of confirming churches for the common doctrine and delivering writings and decrees to the fellowshiping churches in the area. The 16th chapter of First Corinthians tells of the communication of the churches of Galatia in their collection of offerings and letters of approval for those churches and other churches of Asia recognizing visiting members among the churches. In the 8th chapter of Second Corinthians, Paul writes of Titus recommending him to be received in fellowship and even refers to “messengers of the churches”. The cooperation and communication among the churches of the Bible is clear. These letters and travels were made to keep the churches working together and to ensure church servants were being examined by trusted councils and recommended to the work. There is even record of times, such as in Jerusalem and Antioch that Paul referred to in Galatians 2, where several churches met to examine the common doctrine and ensure they were in agreement with the Lord. In one of those cases,

we understand that even Peter had begun to stray from the common doctrine and had to be corrected for the sake of the Gospel and the edification of the church (Galatians 2:11-14). As much as it is important for our churches of like faith to worship together, strengthen each other and hold each other accountable to our common doctrine, it is also important to identify those who believe differently in order to separate company from them. There is Biblical instruction for this, as well. Paul discusses the matter in Romans 16:16-18 and John acknowledges it in First John 2:18-19. There are many false doctrines in the world. Associating with heretical churches will diminish our own effectiveness for the Gospel and will very likely lead us astray with their continued influence.

Paul admonished the church in Corinth to remember that God is not the author of confusion and to do all things decently and in order (First Corinthians 14:33, 40). Under that Biblical instruction, the Association authored a Constitution and Rules of Decorum. Our Articles of Faith state our common faith and doctrine and allow for an easier examination of what we believe as a thoroughly reviewed test of doctrine for our sister churches or other churches with which we may consider worshipping and fellowshiping.

The messengers are selected by their respective churches to represent them during the meetings of this Association each year. There are several duties and obligations for which a church messenger must be responsible. Understanding they are representatives of their respective churches, messengers should be willing to participate in the business of the Association, be prepared to express thoughts and opinions under the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit, and be ready to communicate the business and various discussions of the Association back to their respective churches.

Articles II & IV of the Constitution of our Association state that the Association 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 and that each church shall be entitled to three messengers. When a church has selected an individual as a messenger to represent them in the Association, the church has entrusted the individual to act on their behalf.

They are to represent their beliefs, hopes, and wishes during the meetings of the Association, prayerfully according to the will of the Heavenly Father above. The Apostle Paul prayed for the Colossians that they might be filled with the knowledge of the Father's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:10). When a church member accepts the responsibility of being a messenger, they should recognize the opportunity as a sobering obligation and genuinely try to follow the Lord's will.

There is much business to be accomplished at each annual Association meeting. There is the appointment and labor of various committees. Some of these committees' responsibilities are to recognize our sainted dead and to participate in doctrinal topic discussions. There are many hands at work to prepare for these matters and each part has its own purpose.

Looking back these 168 years within our own Association, there have been many patriarchs that have set the proper examples for us. With the world getting darker and our churches with less attendance, it is especially crucial in this day and time for us to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit to pave the way for the generations to come after us. Paul told Timothy in 2 Tim.1:7 that "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." We all must be willing to do our part in serving the Lord, our respective churches, our country, our families, and our communities. Our Association is a bridge that serves as an advisory council to bring our churches together on an annual basis. For this reason, it is important for church messengers to get involved, support, and be outspoken during the meetings of our Association to keep the bridge between our churches of like faith and order connected until the end of the age.

We are all human beings with different qualities, talents, and personalities that make us unique from one another. Some are naturally more outspoken than others and some more timid. However, despite what our personality is or how comfortable we are speaking, there is a time to keep silence and a time to speak (Ecclesiastes 3:7). When we as children of God are led to speak by the Holy Ghost, it is very important that we so do. This holds true despite the time and place we are led, whether this is witnessing to a lost individual in the world, giving testi-

mony Sunday morning at church, or being led to speak concerning discussions at the Association or any business concerning the Association. Jesus said in John 14:23-24, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Since messengers are elected to represent their church on their behalf at the Association, it is necessary these messengers report back the business of the Association to the church. It is beneficial to have a discussion to accomplish this effort. Some churches may do this after Sunday school class or maybe before church service begins. The avenue of communication is not as important, as long as there is actual communication. It would also be beneficial to have multiple copies of the minutes of the Association meeting readily accessible to the members and other attendees of church services. There is also a website for the Association where previous years' minutes have been made available to anyone with internet access. (www.swbmba.org) How many of our church members are aware of this website?

Realizing the duties imposed on them by the church, a church messenger should participate willingly, without fear. Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man bringeth a snare, but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Let us take time to study the Word of God and apply it to our lives that we may be found blameless. Let us study to make a connection in the Holy Word to our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant. Another great impact a messenger could have is to encourage other church members to attend Association meetings. Just because a church is entitled to three messengers doesn't mean that only three church members should be in attendance. If church messengers or pastors won't encourage church members or even the lost for that matter to attend Association meetings, who will? Just think, this is the one time of year that this many sister churches are represented together in one body at the same time. Let us take advantage. The devil is a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. May we seek the will of the Father and wrap each other in our love for one another. The Association encourages fellowship with sister churches and is a great time to fellowship with one another in Christian love. In

this day and time, it is especially important to stand together and support one another.

Humbly submitted,
Eld. Andrew Stokes
Bro. Marcus Rickman

The report **What Are The Duties of Messengers Representing Their Church in the Association** was read, adopted to, and spoken to by Bros. Andrew Stokes, Marcus Rickman, and Jimmy Allen.

The moderator called for the topic **When Does a Church/Member Depart from the Faith.**

WHEN DOES A CHURCH AND/OR MEMBER DEPART FROM THE FAITH?

My first and last statement is, “Only God knows for sure.” We often look for error in churches instead of what they may be doing right.

In the Old Testament, Israel had a mission – to deliver the Savior into the world. In the lineage from Abraham to Jesus we find: incest, adultery, theft, lying, polygamy and murder; 1,800 years and 42 generations later, the Savior is born in a stable in Bethlehem.

In the New Testament, the church has a mission, it is to go teach all nations and preach the gospel - baptize those who believe and be the light unto a world that is in darkness. The devil’s mission is to keep man in darkness. He tries to replace the work of the Holy Spirit in our churches with counselors, forms, psychology on one hand, emotionalism, humanism or any other thing to take the focus off the Spirit’s work of convicting and leading.

In our desire to see lost souls saved, we must be very cautious to not get ahead of the Holy Spirit and try to do His work (simply to get a testimony).

My opinion is the best one I can give: When a lost person is most apt to be deceived than to be pointed to salvation, that church has departed from the faith. Furthermore, the per-

son who supports any place that practices deception is guilty of departing from our faith.

In regard to this topic, "When Does a Church and/or member depart from the faith, my last statement remains: "Only God knows for sure."

Submitted by Ron Stewart & Larry Pritchard

The topic **When Does a Church/Member Depart from the Faith** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Bros. Ron Stewart, Larry Pritchard, Lynn Stapleton, Travis Nance, Randy Wood, David Leslie, and Ray Smith.

Motion and second was made to adjourn until 10:00 am Saturday; **motion carried**. The moderator called on Bro. Dennis Lunsford, New Cross Roads Church, to dismiss the service.

Saturday, October 08, 2016

In accordance to adjournment on Friday afternoon, we reconvened at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8th, to continue the 168th annual session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. Bro. Ray Smith, moderator, read from Psalms 133:1 and told how he was thankful for the harmony we had yesterday. He called on Bro. Randy Thompson, Cross Roads Church, to open us in prayer. The congregation began by singing "There Is Power In The Blood," and "A New Name In Glory" led by Bro. Travis Nance, Pleasant Ridge Church with Sis. Judy French, Pleasant Ridge Church, playing the piano.

The moderator read from Psalms 78:1-8 and called the session to order.

Roll call of messengers was made. **Motion and second** was made to seat the 41 messengers present; **motion carried**.

Report from the finance committee:

The Finance Committee reported collections of the Minute Fund of \$1,863 and a Clerk Fund of \$1,155 giving a total collected of \$3,018. The current balance as of October 08, 2016 is \$4,929.18. **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 from the obituary recorder:

Bro. Chris Wallace, Westport Church, told how the older he got, the more he noticed his friends are the ones that are dying. He read from I Corinthians 15:50-57. He then read the list of those who have gone to their heavenly home.

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

Report from Historical Committee:

Older minutes are being added to the website. The committee is continuing to focus on collecting all the minutes back in.

The moderator called for the report on the topic:

***“Responsibilities of Christians to the Election Process”
Being an election year, What are the responsibilities as
Christians to the election process and to the leaders of
our country.***

After reading the title of the topic, two questions came to mind. First, ***can one be a Patriot and a Christian in this land?*** I will open with laying the important foundation as Christians we are citizens first of a heavenly kingdom and then and only then to our beloved country. Our biblical patriarchs demonstrated much patriotism to their nation from fighting battles, to selecting a mate, and returning their bones at death to be buried in their home country. Christians are taught in the holy scriptures that we are pilgrims passing through this land and that Heaven is our true eternal home and will be our permanent dwelling place. (Hebrews 11:13)

Knowingly this topic has potential to be a hot button and passionate convictions are likely to rise, we pray that God will lead us in this endeavor to explore our convictions and examine if they are appropriately aligned with God's word. Our political philosophy and convictions should be based on the bible as well as living it out in our personal life. Not only that we vote, but what motivates how we vote and understand that we answer to God, our children and their future for that vote.

James A Garfield stated *“Now, more than ever before the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the peo-*

ple tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature."

The second question that came to mind, ***do Christians have a right to abstain from voting?*** We believe that this mind set would be disrespectful to all martyrs and soldiers especially christian martyrs that have lived under a tyrant down through the ages and all those who have laid their lives down so that we have this current freedom. **Luke 12:48 says "to whom much is given, much will be required."** We have been given a rare freedom to influence our leaders and the direction of our beloved nation for the benefit of our homeland in Heaven. That influence is a stewardship and We believe we must exercise that influence to the glory of God! The Apostle Paul tells us in **2 Corinthians 5:20 "that we are ambassadors for Christ, carrying the most important message, the message of the Gospel, of reconciliation"** and **1 Peter 4:10 states we are God's stewards,** and we carry out that message not only by preaching but in other ways. Such as, voting is not a just right it is our duty to go to the polls, research each candidate's beliefs and positions to make the wisest choice that would bring God honor and glory. There are primary political issues that should be non-negotiable for a christian and those issues may not apparently be in one's best interest. There are some secondary issues that would not be as direct a conflict to scripture and at the same time beneficial to oneself. For instance, economic prosperity first or righteousness first then prosperous, **Mt.6:32-33 "(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."** Of course, we don't want our country to be bankrupt but the bible states in **Proverbs 14:34 "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."**

The new testament church and our country's election process at its core is biblically based. We can see in **Acts 6:1-5 and Acts 1:23-26** that "elections" did take place. However, during

this process too often Christians in the secular realm excuse political indiscretions, and sometimes even applaud politicians for committing them. Many times slander is demonstrated as righteous anger; winning an argument (whether or not the “facts” align) is perceived better than a honest truthful discussion; and those especially the media, who stir up dissension are given a platform. **So should the Christian engage in the political process as it is currently?** The political process is dirty, in need of repair, far from Jesus and is hardly an attractive accessory for our Christian faith. It has become like an infectious irritated wound that will not heal. The “**silent majority**” can not continue to sit on their vote nor their voice and let it be someone else to take action. Not only should we engage in the political process, Christians have a duty to elevate the process. We are called to stand above the partisan dissension and demonstrate the right way. It’s time our political speech reflects the teachings of Jesus rather than mock them. When clicking “like” to a political facebook posts tread cautiously not to feed or be consumed by the beast that brings negativity to the process. We ought to discourage negative campaigns, support a candidate that will affirm Christians values and encourage Christians to run for a office while examining their words a little closer and ensure that those words are sincere not just a catchy campaign slogan or eloquent speech to get votes to win an election. **Jer. 17:10 “I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.”** and **1Sam.16: 7 states “But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. But to David he said Arise, anoint him: for this is he.”** Only through prayer and allowing the spirit to lead can we even come close to selecting a Godly candidate and discern the heart of a man and his intentions. We must season everything with humility and most importantly prayer. Matter of fact, we are commanded to pray for our leaders. This is one reason Paul urges **“that supplications, prayer, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we**

may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (1 Timothy 2:1-2). We are to pray that the Most

High God would stir the politicians’ spirits, move upon their hearts, change their thinking, shape their character, and incite them to enact legislation all to accomplish what would be most beneficial to our christian faith and the children of God.

Our responsibility to honor and submit to the government of our country is not dependent on whether or not we voted for its leaders or even like them. Paul states it very clearly in **Romans 13:1 – “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”** God does not

promote anarchy. However, there may arise a time when God leads us to take a stand just in the book of Daniel as the three hebrew children Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego gave us a good example to follow as they would not bow and worship the idol when the music played. Prayer and study of his word will be crucial to discern his will if or when that time comes.

We can not make a political party the main issue, because party platforms change, therefore we can not just vote the way our parents voted or because a party’s vision change and can be contrary to the word of God. Many of the media channels will tell lies to instill fear and paranoia in listeners, and to make money and boost ratings, however there are unbiased, logical, and accurate news sources that we must diligently search and access to make the wise choices. This voting stewardship is not for the slothful. It’s up to you to be a good steward of information—to fact-check candidates, and make decisions based on facts rather than gossip. The bible states in **Ephesians 6:12 “ For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”**

Consider that in the times of Jesus the Jews were under Roman rule and, they were not Roman citizens. Therefore, they were not permitted to vote. In fact, most Roman citizens couldn't either. Only the very wealthy were allowed to vote. If we fail to be an ambassador and voting steward that God expects us to be by not praying, studying candidates, and getting involved to

make a difference sin will continue to dominate our country's leadership. He can very easily place a tyrant in that office to bring us to the place where we will desperately refocus and we will give him the honor he deserves. Peter lived under the rule of the Nero, Emperor Augustus and King Herod the Great who ordered the slaughter of the male infants in an attempt to kill the newborn Jesus. Peter would have known Pontius Pilate, the governor of Judea, who tried to wash his hands of Jesus' murder, had him beaten, and delivered him over to be crucified. Peter was acquainted with Herod Agrippa, who executed James, and arrested Peter with the intent of doing the same to him. The point is simply to argue that Peter was not naive about the potential for corruption and evil in those who held governmental and political power. He didn't live in a "Christian nation". He tells us, without hesitation, to **"be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution," whether emperors or kings, and to "honor" them. "When rulers are wicked, their people are too" (Proverbs 29:16).** Our nation will then bear the consequences of our choices. **"And ye shall cry out in that day because your King which ye shall have chosen, and the Lord will not hear you in that day" (1 Samuel 8:18).** It is commonly believed that decisions in America are made by a majority of the people. This is incorrect. Decisions are made by a majority of those who vote. As few as 16 percent of all eligible voters in a district can elect a member of Congress. Even presidents have been elected by an average of one-half the votes per precinct nationwide. By one vote, Texas was admitted to the Union; Hitler won leadership of the German Nazi Party; and the U.S. House of Representatives elected Thomas Jefferson as President. Your one vote does make a difference!

Daniel 4:17 we read that "the Most High [God] rules the kingdom of men" and that he, God, "gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men." God said to one of the most wretched and powerful rulers in history, the Pharaoh: **"for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth."**(Exodus 9:16). Also Pilate who appeared to hold the fate of Jesus in his hands: When Pi-

late said to Jesus, **“Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “Thou couldst have no power at all against me except it were given thee from above” (John 19:10-11).** If God orchestrates the placement of every governmental official, he must of necessity also be responsible for the displacement of them as well! Finally, in **Isaiah 40:23-24 we read that God: “brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they [princes and rulers] planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble”.**

We are to continue in prayer and vote for candidates who agree with and follows the Bible, who support life, marriage and family according to God's way. In closing the words from John Hancock ***“I urge you, by all that is dear, by all that is honorable, by all that is sacred, not only that ye pray but also that ye act.”***

Respectfully submitted

Trey Crews

David Leslie

The topic ***“Responsibilities of Christians to the Election Process”*** was read and spoken to by Bros. Trey Crews and David Leslie. **Motion and second** was made to continue after lunch; **motion carried.**

With the 11:00 hour approaching, the topic was continued until after lunch.

When introducing Bro. Scott, Bro. Smith spoke of Bro. Scott's family and what they have meant to him through the years.

Doctrinal Sermon

Bro. Scott Carter

Bro. Scott thanked the association for electing him to preach the Doctrinal Sermon here today, and asked for the prayers of the people. He began by reading from I Corinthians 3:9 and titled his message “For we are labourers together with God.” Bro. Scott mentioned that amongst all of us that we all believe in fellowship among each other and with God. Fellowship cannot be replaced and must be something that we experience. Fellowship is real and is a great thing to experience.

Lots of people are content with being on the outside looking in but nothing compares to being on the inside. People have become very solemn but also seem very lonely. Sometimes we feel in the minority, but we will never be alone.

He then read from I John 1:3-4 and emphasized how important our fellowship with God is, and how unsaved people cannot experience that until they are saved. What happens when you have fellowship with God? You will never be lonely. There is a difference in not having fellowship with God and fellowship with other people. None is more important than having fellowship with God. If we have fellowship with God, then our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ will be greater as well.

Fellowship is an outward expression of something greater in the heart of the believer in Christ. Fellowship is something that the world can't see unless we show them. It is a blessing to be able to go to church and fellowship with other believers. We are all very different, but all have one thing in common. That one thing is that we have been ceremoniously and Levitically cleansed by God and because of that we can now have fellowship with God.

Bro. Scott then read from John 15 about the importance about having a relationship with Jesus first, then with his/her friends and then with the world. Christians are in the world to proclaim the gospel. Fellowship was important to the early church and should be important to all of our churches today. The early church in Jerusalem, in Acts 2, explains all the differences that the people hearing the sermon had, but God was able to bring them into fellowship with each other through Jesus. He then read from Acts 2:38-42 and delivered how the early church continued steadfastly in fellowship with each other and with the Lord. People give up too easy on the church and should never give up on God. Peter gave them instruction to continue in the apostles' doctrine and in fellowship with each other. We can all agree that God is good, and salvation is real. We are all comrades together fighting against Satan. He then read from Ecclesiastes 9:7.

It is not what we give to God that keeps us in communion, but rather what God put into us that gives us the wonderful fellowship together. When we fellowship with each other, it

gives us a small taste of what Heaven will be like. In Heaven, we will not have any preferences towards our own likes or dislikes. Instead we will shed off any obstacles that would hinder us, and we will have one common theme - to worship Jesus.

In closing, Bro Scott read from II Corinthians 6:14. He said his prayer is for everyone to have fellowship with the Father. Should we hang our head? No, God is with us. He then turned the service back over to the moderator.

The moderator asked Bro. Travis Nance and Sis. Judy French to have a song, and the congregation gave Bro. Scott a hand of fellowship to thank him for his message.

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch; **motion carried.**

Bro. Andrew Stokes, Bible Grove Church, was asked to lead us in a dismissal prayer and offer a blessing for the meal.

Saturday Afternoon

After a delicious meal provided by the host church, we met back in the sanctuary and had the afternoon session called together by our moderator, Bro. Ray Smith. We began by singing "Amazing Grace" led by Bro. Travis Nance, Pleasant Ridge Church, with Sis. Judy French, Pleasant Ridge Church, playing the piano. We were led in prayer by Bro. Donald Parish, Huntingdon Church.

Bro. Smith thanked Pleasant Ridge for the meal and hospitality. He then asked if anyone would like to speak to the topic started before the doctrinal sermon. With none wishing to speak, **motion and second** was made to adopt the report; **motion carried.**

The moderator called for the report "**In a country that has seen less and less acknowledgement (reverence) for God and his Holy Bible, how do we optimize our opportunities to reverse the trend.**"

In a country that has seen less and less acknowledgement (reverence) for God and His Holy Bible, how do we optimize our opportunities to reverse the trend?

Brethren, in recent years we have seen a rapid change in nearly every avenue of life, from the rapid population explo-

sion, and massive movements and migrations of people around the globe, to lightning fast inventions and increases in technologies. At the same time we have been seeing a visible decline in church attendance, and increasing lack of respect for the Christian faith and growing numbers of people who question the relevance of the Bible.

Scripture indicates that the end time will be ushered in with a great falling away. It is unclear if this is the time specifically referred to, but we must certainly consider the possibility that the time now present is fulfilling this prophetic statement. We are hopeful in the knowledge that in other countries there is a serious interest in the Christian faith and that many are receptive to the Gospel and coming to Christ in larger numbers than here in the U.S.

An alarming new trend in Christianity is the rise of non-denominationalism and an abandonment of traditional worship. With the rise in non-denominationalism, there is also an increasing number of Baptist Churches dropping their Baptist name and heritage for the sake of appealing to a wider scope of worshipers. While we recognize that forms of worship are largely traditional, we fear that this new trend masks the more serious turning away from sound Biblical doctrine.

This new development in Christianity is at first glance exciting and appealing, especially to young adults and teenagers. Their worship is described as contemporary and is infused with up-tempo music and sermons that are encouraging and appealing to the large crowds who attend. The primary focus is preaching Jesus with little attention given to doctrine. Our concern with this growing trend is the spread of superficial Christianity that results in a people who are doing great works in Jesus' name but to whom the Lord will say in the end, "Depart from me ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you."

The Apostle Paul cautions us in II Timothy 4:3-4 that the time would come when men would not endure sound doctrine. He said they would turn away from the truth to teachers who would tell them what they want to hear. Paul's words are prophetic and are being fulfilled in our time. The question before us is, how do we optimize our opportunities to reverse the trend? We must first consider what opportunities we have, and

then consider how we can take advantage of the opportunities.

The opportunities we have are the times we spend in our homes and in our churches. It is sadly too often the case that the only religious instruction our children receive is what they receive in church. Added together, our traditional time of worship in church amounts to only four to five hours a week. This time is grossly insufficient to the task. It simply isn't possible to train up our children in the way they should go with this short time frame. As parents and grandparents we must consider the serious importance of the home as an institution of education, particularly of spiritual education, and to employ every means possible to religiously educate our children.

As church leaders, we must recognize our responsibility to study, to show ourselves approved of God, rightly dividing the word of truth. We must also optimize the time we spend in church. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation and God has ordained by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. But the salvation of the souls is merely the first step toward discipleship. In the great commission we are commanded to go and make disciples by teaching them all things that Jesus commanded us to do. This demands systematic instruction in Sunday school and in mid-week Bible study. Sunday night and midweek services are vitally important to the spiritual well-being of our churches and should be encouraged and continued at all cost.

Finally, significant to the growth and health of our churches and individual members is to emphasize the importance of private prayer. Before we shall ever be effective in our pews and pulpits, we must earnestly seek the aid of Almighty God in prayer. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. The feeblest preachers and the weakest of sermons are transformed by prayer into the most powerful weapons against an ungodly world, even to the pulling down of stronghold of Satan. Satan trembles, demons flee, and the vilest of sinners are saved through the Gospel message bathed in prayer. And so it is that opportunities to enrich the minds of the unlearned and ignorant are made more effective through the prayers of the saints.

It is our concern and conclusion that the Church of Jesus Christ is in need of revival. A revival of spiritual worship. A revival of Bible study and knowledge. A revival of religious education and growth among God's people. And, a revival of earnest heartfelt prayer. II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The report **In a country that has seen less and less acknowledgement (reverence) for God and his Holy Bible, how do we optimize our opportunities to reverse the trend** was read, adopted and spoken to by Bros. Lynn Stapleton, Donald Parish, David Leslie, Andrew Stokes, and David Adams.

The moderator read Matthew 28:16-20.

The moderator then called for a report from the associational missionary. Bro. Dennis Lunsford read from Luke 9:1-6 where Jesus called the twelve disciples and gave them power over devils and to preach the kingdom of God. As Christians, these verses teach us what we are to do. After a few remarks, he read his report for 2016.

Associational Missionary Report

I want to thank the association's messengers for electing me as their missionary for 2016. It has been a privilege to represent and visit the churches in the association and churches that were not. We were welcomed and invited to come back. I was given the opportunity to preach at some of the churches and received a great blessing from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During the time elected as missionary, I attended other associations including the Wiseman and Siloam, I was blessed by God by doing so.

During this time we have traveled nearly 4,000 miles and received offerings of approximately \$900. This was greatly appreciated.

In St. Matthew chapter twenty eight, verses eighteen through twenty. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Amen.”

Prayerfully Submitted,

Bro. Dennis Lunsford

Motion and second was made to approve this report;
motion carried.

The moderator then asked for the topic committee to read a list of the topics for the next session.

Association Topics 2017

1. In a world saturated with so many Christian denominations, how is the church Jesus built identified? Bro. David Leslie & Bro. Josh Parker

2. In a culture that is increasingly hostile toward Christianity, what measures can be taken to guard against litigation? Bro. Andrew Stokes & Bro. Donald Parrish

3. What is the future and importance of Sunday night services? At a time where more and more churches are discontinuing services, are Sunday night services a thing of the past? Bro. Lynn Stapleton & Bro. Bryan Oakes

4. What is the significance of "Anointing with Oil" in Scripture and why do we (Missionary Baptists) not "Anoint with Oil" today? What do we do in place of that today? Bro. Randy Thompson & Bro. Ronnie Stewart

Motion and second was made to adopt these topics; **motion carried.**

Bro. Scott Carter gave a brief report on the work in Jamaica and a bible study that has begun at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The moderator called for new business:

New Business:

Motion and second was made to elect Bro. Dennis Lunsford as the Associational Missionary for another year; **motion carried.**

Motion and second was made to grant Caledonia their request to be removed from the association and to correspond to Caledonia Church our love and support as they have requested to be removed from the association; **motion carried.**

The Moderator called for the *Vote of Thanks*.

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 Pleasant Ridge Church in Benton County for serving as host for this session. We last met with you in 1973, 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. Arzell Douglas and his message "A Short Version" and for God blessing me to preach a portion of His word on Saturday.

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. Clint Sanders 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 Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist 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 Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist 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 Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church for the 169th annual session on October 6-7, 2017 at 10:00 am ready to receive another blessing from the Lord.

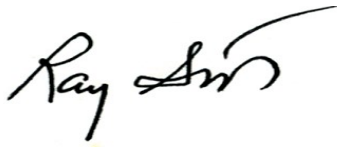
Under His wings,
Scott Carter, Clerk

The clerk read the vote of thanks. **Motion and second** was made to accept the Vote of Thanks; **motion carried.**

Motion and second was made to adjourn until the Friday, before the second Sunday in October 2017; **motion carried.**

We had a song and parting handshake.

We were dismissed in prayer by our moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, Huntingdon Church.



Bro. Ray Smith, Moderator



Bro. Scott Carter, Clerk

Visitors to the 2016 Session

Eld. Billy Moran (Siloam Association)

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Allen County, KY

Bro. Wayne Strobe (Siloam Association)

Fairview Memorial, Bowling Green, KY

Bro. Tony Boyd

Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church, Mixie, TN

Bro. and Sis. Bob Vanderpool (Siloam Association)

Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, Alvaton, KY

Eld. Rick Jones, Missionary to Jamaica

Messengers for the 168th Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday– Jimmy Allen
Saturday– Jimmy Allen

Bible Grove:

Friday– Johnny Sanders, Andrew Stokes, Randy Wood
Saturday– Melanie Stokes, Andrew Stokes

Center Point:

Friday– Sharon Noles, Patricia Fowler, Ricky Hilliard
Saturday– Sharon Noles, Patricia Fowler, Ricky Hilliard

Clarksburg:

Friday– Jimmie Hale Jr., LaRue Lindsey
Saturday– Jimmie Hale Jr.

Concord:

Friday–Josh Parker, Cynthia Brewer
Saturday– Dennis Stokes, Jeannine Stokes, Cynthia Brewer

Cross Roads:

Friday– Kenny Sherrod, Myron Kirk, Ronnie Stewart
Saturday– Kenny Sherrod, Myron Kirk, Ronnie Stewart

Huntingdon:

Friday– Lynn Stapleton, Trey Crews, Rufus Chandler
Saturday– Lynn Stapleton, Trey Crews, Rufus Chandler

Marlsboro:

Friday– Melvin Walker
Saturday– letter only

Mixie:

Friday– letter only
Saturday– letter only

New Cross Roads:

Friday– Dennis Lunsford, JoAnn Lunsford
Saturday– Dennis Lunsford, JoAnn Lunsford

New Hope:

Friday– Dale Seagraves, Scott Gallimore
Saturday– Dale Seagraves, Scott Gallimore

New Spring Hill:

Friday– Dan Smothers, Diane Smothers
Saturday– Susan Brown, Laura Hutcherson, Dan Smothers

Oak Grove :

Friday–David Adams, Glenn Lewis, Jimmy Wallace
Saturday–David Leslie, David Adams, Glenn Lewis

Old Paths:

Friday– Wallace Douglas
Saturday–Wallace Douglas

Pleasant Grove:

Friday– Marcus Rickman, Tim Lashlee, Max Bradfield
Saturday– Marcus Rickman, Tim Lashlee

Pleasant Hill:

Friday- Bill Hargrove, Jeff Simmons, Melissa Simmons
Saturday- Bill Hargrove, Sandra Forrest

Pleasant Ridge:

Friday– Clint Sanders, James Hicks, Travis Nance
Saturday– Anthony French, James Hicks, Travis Nance

Rushing Creek:

Friday–Bruce Seaton, Carol Broadway, Ron Stewart
Saturday– Ron Stewart

Shiloh:

Friday- Scott Carter, Judy Pritchard, Larry Pritchard
Saturday- Scott Carter, Kim Carter, Larry Pritchard

Westport:

Friday– Brenda Leslie, Chris Wallace, Carla Wallace
Saturday– Brenda Leslie, Chris Wallace, Carla Wallace

Financial Statement**2016 Minute Fund**

BALANCE OCTOBER 10, 2015 \$ 4,292.00

EXPENDITURES:

First Bank (lock box)	\$ 60.00
Peterson Printing (printing of minutes)	\$ 1,045.00
National Audio (CD's)	\$ 120.82

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2016	\$ 1,863.00
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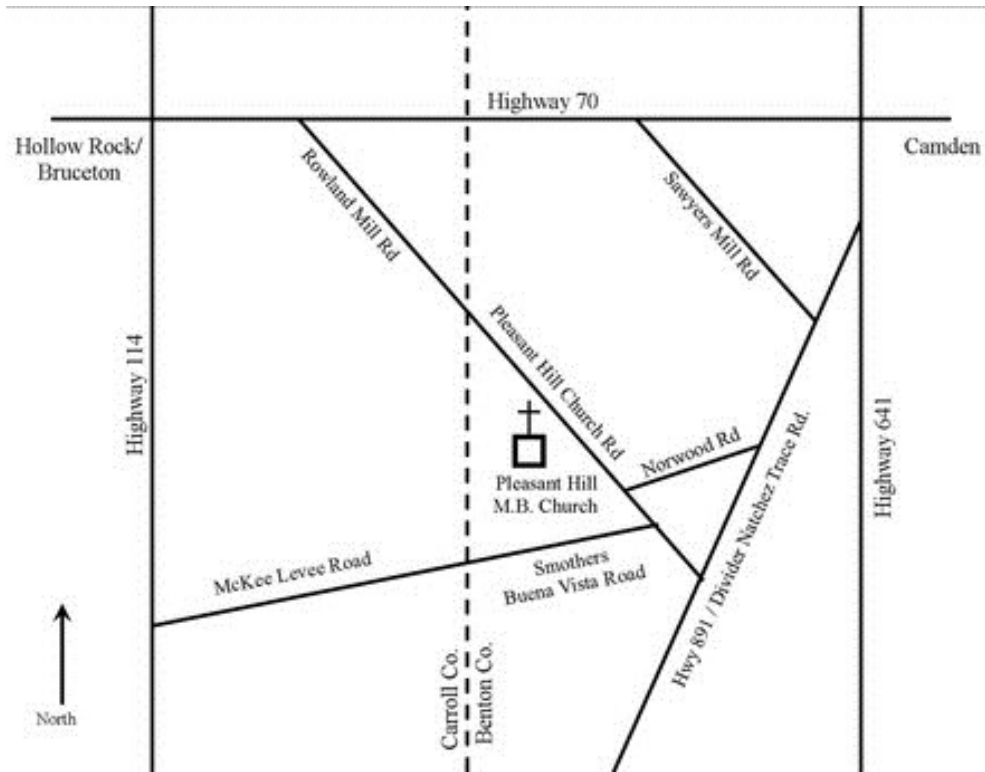
BALANCE OCTOBER 08, 2016 \$ 4,929.18

Clerk Contributions	\$ 1,155.00
Associational Missionary Offering	\$ 675.00

Submitted by:

Bro. Larry Pritchard– Shiloh Church
Bro. Dennis Lunsford– New Cross Roads Church
Bro. Ronnie Stewart– Rushing's Creek Church

Direction to 2017 Session



- ⇒ From Highway 70 in Bruceton, turn South on Rowland Mill Road
- ⇒ Travel 6.5 miles until you arrive at the church (note the road changes names from Rowland Mill Road to Pleasant Hill Church Road)

Correspondence
Wiseman Baptist Association

March 14, 2016

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association,

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

We were greatly blessed by the Lord during our one hundred twenty fourth annual session, which was held at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Bloomington Springs, Tennessee. Nine churches reported 100 additions in the past year, 34 being by baptism, with a total membership of 2000.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundred and twenty fifth annual session which will convene on October 21-22, 2016 at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church 431 W. Old Hickory Boulevard Madison, TN. Services begin at 10:00 AM each day.

Brother Charles Patterson is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon on Friday morning, and Brother Kenneth Massey is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon on Saturday morning. Please make your plans to attend.

In Christ's love,

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Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

March 14, 2016

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association
Brother Scott Carter

Greetings:

We want to begin this letter thanking the Lord for His many blessings since we last corresponded. It is always good to hear news of the lost being saved and additions to His churches.

The churches of the Siloam Association met the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 2015 at Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church for its sixty-third annual session. The Lord blessed us with spiritual and instructive sermons, along with wonderful topics that were presented and discussed. The spirit of the Lord truly met with us. We must also thank the Lord for all that were saved and those who joined the churches that make up the Siloam Association.

We invite you to come and fellowship with the Siloam Association as we meet for the sixty-fourth session at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church located at 250 Woodburn-Allen Springs Rd. Woodburn KY beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday September 30, 2016. Elder Jimmy Claiborne is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Chuck West is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder J. R. Mullins is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless all of His churches and that His word will go out to the lost people of this world and many will be saved.

Your Brother in Christ

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March 17, 2016

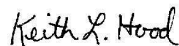
Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

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 Eightieth Annual Session with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. We had 18 churches reporting an increase of 38 with 25 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 38 with a total membership of 1,773. 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 181st Annual Session to be held with Flat Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Lawrence County, Alabama. The church is located east of Moulton, Alabama, just off Alabama Highway 24. This session will be held October 08, 09, 10, and 11, 2016. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's love,



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 127 5th Avenue, Huntingdon, TN 38344

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Allen, Adam, Huntingdon -----731-986-6084
 116 Cedar Tree Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Ambrose, Harvey, Old Paths -----Alaska
Birdwell, Bernice, Pleasant Hill -----731-987-2790
 3130 New Bethel Road, Cedar Grove, TN 38321
Butler, Michael, Clarksburg -----731-733-1583
 88 Cub Creek Hall Road, Parsons, TN 38363
Carter, Scott D., Shiloh -----731-415-1688
 400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Chandler, Rufus, Huntingdon -----731-986-4227
 47 Wendy Lane, Yuma, TN 38390
Crews, Trey, Huntingdon-----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 Crossroads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
Gulledge, Phillip, New Hope -----731-847-7844
 2391 Prospect Road, Holladay, TN 38341
Hale, Jimmie, Jr., Clarksburg -----731-968-5298
 22790 Hwy 22 N, Yuma, TN 38390
Hedges, Truman, Cross Roads-----731-584-7875
 620 Jacqueline Circle, Camden, TN 38320
Hilliard, Billy Joe, Center Point-----731-586-4671
 360 Ellis Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
Hilliard, Michael, Center Point-----731-418-1753
 125 Holcomb Street, Hollow rock, TN 38342
Hollingshead, Kevin, Huntingdon -----731-986-0586
 880 Roan Creek Road, Yuma, TN 38390

Hopper, Jack, Center Point -----731-586-7902
 100 Hemlock Street, Bruceton, TN 38317
Jones, Greg, Westport-----731-614-5118
 117 Lindsey Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
Leslie, David, Oak Grove-----731-845-3859
 1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351
Lunsford, Dennis, New Cross Roads-----731-968-2842
 19990 Hwy. 22 N, Wildersville, TN 38388
McDaniel, Tracy, New Cross Roads-----731-819-3545
 630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
Oakes, Bryan, Bethel-----731-986-2347
 955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Owen, Wendell, Marlsboro-----931-209-4768
 560 Sandy Point Road, Camden, TN 38320
Paige, Khristopher, Pleasant Ridge
 234-236 Laltoo Trace, Penal, Trinidad West Indies
Parker, Joshua, Concord -----731-614-0379
 32365 Hwy 104 S (P.O. Box 232), Reagan, TN 38368
Rayburn, Mitchell, Cross Roads -----731-584-3500
 Camden Healthcare, Room 510
Rahn, Allan, Bethel -----618-638-4607
 2785 North Avenue, Metropolis, IL 62960
Reynolds, Ryne, Bible Grove-----
 246 Gander Valley Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
Sanders, Clint, Pleasant Ridge -----731-695-3194
 76 Farmington Cove, Lexington, TN 38351
Severance, James, Marlsboro -----731-586-3502
 91 Dowdy Road, Bruceton, TN 38317
Seville, Ralph, Old Paths -----California
Simmons, Jeff, Pleasant Hill -----731-968-1290
 129 Windy Ridge Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
Stapleton, Lynn, Huntingdon -----731-986-2413
 106 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Stewart, Ron, Rushing Creek -----615-394-0314
 1327 Cedar Drive, Camden, TN 38320
Stokes, Andrew, Bible Grove -----731-986-3738
 310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Thompson, Randy, Cross Roads -----731-441-1729
 211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320

Todd, Jimmy, New Spring Hill -----731-415-5135
 2325 Tate School Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
Wallace, Chris, Westport -----731-614-0662
 19830 Hwy 104 S, Lexington, TN 38351
Woods, Randall, Old Paths -----731-968-7544
 17180 Natchez Trace Road, Lexington, TN 38351

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 P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 PASTOR-
 CLERK-Jeff Carter -----731-986-5496
 c/o Bethel Church P.O. Box 1012, Huntingdon, TN 38344
BIBLE GROVE (Est. 1877)
 5365 Bible Grove Road, Lexington, TN 38351
 PASTOR- Andrew Stokes -----731-986-3738
 310 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 CLERK-Johnny Sanders -----731-845-3838
 290 Westover Road, Huron, TN 38345
CENTER POINT- 2225 Rowland Mill Road, Buena Vista, TN 38318
 PASTOR- Michael Hilliard -----731-418-1753
 125 Holcomb Street, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
 CLERK-Jenny Moon -----731-415-3172
 108 Enterprise Street, Bruceton, TN 38317
CLARKSBURG-12281 Hwy 424, Clarksburg, TN 38324
 PASTOR-
 CLERK-Janice Boyd -----731-986-8342
 220 Miller Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CONCORD- 3275 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 PASTOR- Joshua Parker -----731-614-0379
 32365 Hwy 104S (P.O. Box 232), Reagan, TN 38368
 CLERK-John W. Cole -----731-986-3433
 1840 Westport Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CROSS ROADS -----731-584-7665
 55 Crossroads Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
 PASTOR- Randy Thompson -----731-441-1729
 211 Arnold Drive, Camden, TN 38320
 CLERK-Todd Kee -----731-441-0885

3895 Divider and Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320
HUNTINGDON-----731-986-4192
11110 Lexington Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR-Lynn Stapleton -----731-986-2413
106 Oak Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Ray Smith-----731-986-4717
19950 East Main St., Huntingdon, TN 38344
MARLSBORO- 25165 State Route 114 N, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
PASTOR-Wendell Owen-----931-209-4768
560 Sandy Point Road, Camden, TN 38320
CLERK-Jessy Owen -----731-336-6953
8230 Big Sandy River Road, Camden, TN 38320
MIXIE- (Est. 1948) 25860 Hwy 77, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
PASTOR– Matthew Floyd -----731-418-1888
135 Green Valley Road, Huntingdon TN 38344
CLERK-Amanda Holland-----731-415-8822
565 Chapel Hill Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
NEW CROSS ROADS-
2110 Long Rock Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR-Tracy McDaniel -----731-819-3545
630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
CLERK-Frank Gregg -----731-986-9686
c/o New Cross Roads Church P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344
NEW HOPE (Est. 1870)- 5315 Hwy 114, Westport, TN 38387
PASTOR-Phillip Gullledge -----731-847-7844
2391 Prospect Road, Holladay, TN 38341
CLERK-Wilma Seagraves -----731-418-0756
P.O. Box 186, Huntingdon, TN 38344
NEW SPRING HILL-
145 Springhill Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR-Lathan McLean-----731-586-4404
308 Taylor Street, Bruceton, TN 38317
CLERK-Laura Hutcherson-----731-986-4557
6820 Smyrna Road, Westport, TN 38387
OAK GROVE- 105 Oak Grove Church Road, Lexington, TN 38351
PASTOR-David Leslie -----731-845-3859
1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351
CLERK-Jimmy Wallace-----731-967-9794
20465 Hwy. 104 S, Lexington, TN 38351

OLD PATHS-10540 Collierville Road, Collierville, TN 38017
 PASTOR—
 CLERK— Joyce Medlin ----- 901-465-5699
 1230 Cherry Road, Eads, TN 38028

PLEASANT GROVE-
 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388
 PASTOR— Ryne Bivens
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 375 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

PLEASANT HILL-
 1675 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
 PASTOR— Jeff Simmons ----- 731-968-1290
 129 Windy Ridge Lane, Lexington, TN 38351
 CLERK—Brenda Self----- 731-441-3798
 450 Blackberry Road, Camden, TN 38320

PLEASANT RIDGE (Est. 1856)
 5745 Hwy 70 W, Camden, TN 38320
 PASTOR- Bryan Oakes----- 731-986-2347
 955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 CLERK—Travis Nance----- 731-586-7637
 1640 Bruceton-Vale Road, Bruceton, TN 38317

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 4005 Rushing Creek Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
 PASTOR— Ron Stewart ----- 615-394-0314
 1327 Cedar Drive, Camden, TN 38320
 CLERK—Howard J. Berry ----- 731-584-8258
 4268 Reynoldsburg Road, Camden, TN 38320

SHILOH- 15 Shiloh Church Road, Holladay, TN 38341
 PASTOR- Scott Carter ----- 731-415-1688
 400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 CLERK—Larry Pritchard ----- 731-845-5444
 730 Pritchard Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

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 PASTOR— Chris Wallace----- 731-614-0662
 19830 Hwy 104 S, Lexington, TN 38351
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2017 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sunday Starting Time	Monday – Friday Starting Time
Old Paths	06/04/17		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	06/04/17	Lynn Stapleton	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Hope	06/11/17		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Shiloh	06/18/17		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	06/25/17		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Pleasant Ridge	06/25/17		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	07/02/17		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Westport	07/02/17		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Center Point	07/09/17		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	07/09/17		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Mixie	07/09/17		5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	07/09/17	Andrew Stokes	7:00 PM	7:30 PM
Bethel	07/16/17		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Bible Grove	07/16/17		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Marlsboro	07/16/17	Philip Halter	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Cross Roads	07/23/17	Lynn Stapleton	6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Oak Grove	07/23/17		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Clarksburg	07/23/17		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Spring Hill	07/30/17		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Rushing Creek	09/10/17		6:00 PM	7:00 PM

Historical Table

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

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

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

1928-Shiloh, Carroll County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. V. Cooper
1929-Bruceton, Carroll County -----	T. M. Boyd -----	C. V. Cooper
1930-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	J. N. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1931-New Hope, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1932-New Liberty, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1933-Westport, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1934-Ephesus, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1935-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County -----	E. H. Martin -----	W. S. Brinkley
1936-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1937-Cedar Hill, Decatur County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1938-Concord, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1939-Yuma, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1940-Caledonia, Henry County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1941-Oak Grove, Carroll County -----	W. H. Hopper -----	W. S. Brinkley
1942-New Cross Roads, Carroll County -----	W. H. Hopper -----	W. S. Brinkley
1943-New Bethel, Henry County -----	W. H. Hopper -----	W. S. Brinkley
1944-Westport, Carroll County -----	W. H. Hopper -----	W. S. Brinkley
1945-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	S. W. Joyner -----	W. S. Brinkley
1946-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County -----	E. F. Prince -----	W. S. Brinkley
1947-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County -----	E. F. Prince -----	W. S. Brinkley
1948-Old Union, Benton County -----	E. F. Prince -----	W. S. Brinkley
1949-Cross Roads, Benton County -----	E. F. Prince -----	T. L. Campbell
1950-Bible Grove, Henderson County -----	C. F. Carter -----	T. L. Campbell
1951-Republican Grove -----	C. F. Carter -----	T. L. Campbell
1952-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	C. F. Carter -----	T. L. Campbell
1953-Ephesus, Carroll County -----	John Hedges -----	T. L. Campbell
1954-Mixie, Carroll County -----	John Hedges -----	Ray Smith
1955-Concord, Carroll County -----	John Hedges -----	Ray Smith
1956-Tom's Creek, Perry County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1957-Independent, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1958-Bethel, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1959-Oak Grove, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1960-New Bethel, Henry County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1961-Center Point, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1962-Caledonia, Henry County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1963-Old Union, Benton County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1964-New Bethel, Henry County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1965-Rushing Creek, Benton County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1966-Westport, Carroll County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1967-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	T. L. Campbell -----	Ray Smith
1968-Ephesus, Carroll County -----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1969-Concord, Carroll County -----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1970-New Frank's Chapel, Decatur County --	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1971-Landmark, Shelby County -----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
1972-Yuma, Carroll County -----	C. F. Carter -----	Ray Smith
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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
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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
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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
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2001-Old Paths, Shelby County -----	A. G. Hayes -----	Lee Carter
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2004-Center Point, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2005-Bible Grove, Henderson County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2006- Huntingdon, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2007-Clarksburg, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2008-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2009- Cross Roads, Benton County-----	Johnny Wall -----	Scott Carter
2010- New Hope, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2011- Westport, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2012-Oak Grove, Henderson County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2013-Concord, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2014-Bible Grove, Henderson County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2015-Huntingdon, Carroll County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2016-Pleasant Ridge, Benton County-----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter

Rules of Decorum

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

the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

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

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

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

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

Church Covenant

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

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

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

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

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

Constitution

- ARTICLE I. The Association shall be called *Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association*, known as an advisory council.
- ARTICLE II. It shall be composed of such persons as have been duly elected by such church as may belong to this union to represent them in body.
- ARTICLE III. The messengers representing the different churches shall at the opening of the Association present their letters of correspondence which shall state their appointment as messengers, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead during the year.
- ARTICLE IV. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three messengers.
- ARTICLE V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state reasons for their failure at the next Association, and if any church fails for two consecutive meetings, the Association shall send a committee to inquire into their state.
- ARTICLE VI. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by messenger and letter, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.
- ARTICLE VII. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the different churches are read and their member's names enrolled, provided, also that all newly constituted churches petitioning for union with us shall have full right to vote for Moderator and Clerk, and nothing shall be construed as to prohibit them from voting.
- ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence

and rights of the churches. It shall however be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may separate from churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ARTICLE IX. The Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such contributions as they may think proper.

ARTICLE X. Any church of this union having a difficulty that she cannot settle may call for help from her sister churches, or may present the case to this body for advice. Such cases must be presented in the letters of correspondence, stating the reason why it had not or could not be decided by the church.

ARTICLE XI. When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, they may call from two or more churches for the aid of their ordained ministers and deacons to examine the individuals and, if thought advisable, to ordain such member or members to preach the gospel which shall be reported at the next association and entered upon the Minutes.

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

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

Articles of Faith

1. **We believe** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16-17; II Tim. 3:15; Prov. 30:5-6; Rom. 2:12; Phil. 3:16; I John 4:1.

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. John 4:24; Ps. 83:18; Heb. 3:4; Rom. 1:20; Jer. 10:10; Ex. 15:11; Ps. 147:5; Isa. 6:3; I Pet. 1:15-16; Rev. 4:6-8; Mark 12:30; Rev. 4:11; Matt. 10:37; Jer. 2:12-13; Matt. 28:19; John 15:26; I Cor. 12:4-6; I John 5:7; John 10:30; John 5:17; John 14:23; John 17:5 & 10; Acts 5:3-4; I Cor. 2:10-11; Phil. 2:5-6; Eph. 2:18; II Cor. 13:14; Rev. 1:4-5.

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. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 1:31; Ecc. 7:29; Acts 15:26; Gen. 2:16; Gen. 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 5:15-19; John 3:6; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Isa. 53:6; Gen. 6:12; Rom. 3:9-18; Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 1:18-32; Rom. 2:1-16; Gal. 3:10; Matt. 20:15; Ezek. 18:19-20; Rom. 1:20; Rom. 3:19; Gal. 3:22.

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. Eph. 2:5; Matt. 18:11; I John 4:10; I Cor. 3:5-7; Acts 15:11; John 3:16; John 1:1-14; Heb. 4:14; Heb. 12:24; Phil. 2:6-7; Heb. 2:9&14; II Cor. 5:21; Isa. 42:21; Phil. 2:8; Gal. 4:4-5; Rom. 3:21; Isa. 53:4-5; Matt. 20:28; Rom. 4:25; Rom. 3:21-26; I John 4:10; I John 2:3; I Cor. 15:1-3; Heb. 9:13-15; Heb. 1:8; Heb. 1:3; Col. 3:1-4; Heb. 7:25; Col. 2:9; Heb. 2:18; Heb. 7:26; Ps. 89:19; Ps. 45.

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. Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Luke 14:17; Rom. 16:26; Mark 1:15; Rom. 1:15-17; John 5:40; Matt. 23:37; Rom. 9:32; Pro. 1:24; Acts 13:46; John 3:19; Matt. 11:20; Luke 19:27; II Thess. 1:8.

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. John 6:44; John 6:65; Acts 16:14; Psalms 34:18; II Cor. 7:10; Acts 9:5; Acts 3:19; Acts 8:22; Luke 15:7

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. I Thess. 4:3; I Thess. 5:23; II Cor. 7:1; II Cor. 13:9; Phil. 3:12-16; John 2:29; Rom. 8:5; Eph. 1:4; Pro. 4:18; II Cor. 3:18; Heb. 6:1; 1I Peter 1:5-8; John 3:6; Phil. 1:9-I 1; Eph. 1:13-14; Phil. 2:12-13; Eph. 4:11-12; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18; II Cor. 13:5; Luke 11:35; Luke 9:23; Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:18; Eph. 4:30.

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. John 8:31; I John 2:27-28; I John 3:9; I John 5:18; I John 2:19; John 13:18; Matt. 13:20-21; John 6:66-69; Job 17:9; Rom. 8:28; Matt. 6:30-33; Jer. 32:40; Ps. 121:3; Ps. 91:11-12; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:12-13; Jude 24-25; Heb. 1:14; II Kings 6:16; Heb. 13:5; I John 4:4.

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. I Cor. 1:1-3; Matt. 18:17; Acts 5:1 I; Acts 8:1; Acts I 1:31; I Cor. 4:17; I Cor. 14:23; III John 9; I Tim. 3-5; Acts 2:41-42; II Cor. 8:5; Acts 2:47; I Cor. 5:12-13; I Cor. 11:2; II Thess. 3:6; Rom. 16:17-20; I Cor. 11:23; Matt. 18:15-20; I Cor. 5:6; II Cor. 2:7; I Cor. 4:11; Matt. 28:20; John 14:15; John 15:12; I John 4:21; John 14:21; I Thess. 4:2; II John 6; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:7; I Cor. 14:12; Phil. 1:27; I Cor. 12:14; Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23; Acts 15:22; I Tim. 3; Titus I.

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. Acts 20:7; Gen. 2:3; Cor. 2:16-17; Mark 2:27; John 20:19; I Cor. 16:1-2; Ex. 20:8; Rev. I:10; Ps. 118:15,24; Isa. 58:13-14; Isa. 56:2-8; Heb. 10:24-25; Acts 11:26; Acts 13:44; Lev. 19:30; Ex. 46:3; Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2-3; Ps. 26:8; Ps. 87:3; Heb. 4:3-11.

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. Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:5-6; John 3:22-23; John 4:12; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:12; Acts 16:32-34; Acts 18:8; Acts 10:47-48; Gal. 3:26-28; Rom 6:4; Col. 2:12; I Peter 3:20-21; Acts 12:16; Acts 2:41-42; I Cor. 11:26; Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; I Cor. 11:28; I Cor. 5:1-8; I Cor. 10:3-32; I Cor. 11:17-32; John 6:26-71.

17. **We believe** that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust; that the just will rise to everlasting life and the unjust to everlasting shame and contempt.

18. **We believe** that the Gospel with all its obligations, privileges, and blessings, has been committed to the church of whom it is especially enjoined to make known to every creature, while a risen and ascended Savior pledges His presence to the end of the world.

Missions Supported

*addresses available upon request to clerk

Rick Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethel • Clarksburg • Concord • Shiloh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove • New Cross Roads • Pleasant Ridge • Pleasant Grove
Eugene Brown <i>(Words of Hope)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Grove • Huntingdon • Cross Roads • Pleasant Hill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hope • Rushing's Creek • Shiloh • Oak Grove
Paul Bryson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove 	
Ministerial Alliance, Camden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant Hill
Ministerial Alliance, Huntingdon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon 	
Back to the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant Hill
Eric Hammett <i>(Mexico)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Point 	
St. Jude Childrens Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlsboro 	
Todd Marks <i>(Peru)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center Point 	
Khrys Paige <i>(Trinidad)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Grove • Westport • Shiloh • Mixie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant Grove • Pleasant Ridge • New Hope
Shop With a Cop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlsboro 	
Nueva Missionary Baptist Church <i>(Guatemala)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oak Grove 	
Gideon Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlsboro 	
Samaritan's Purse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads
Kenya African Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huntingdon • Cross Roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushing's Creek
Jamaica Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethel • Shiloh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Roads • New Hope
Harvey Ambrose <i>(Alaksa)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Paths 	
Operation Christmas Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Spring Hill 	
Owen Family Singers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlsboro 	

In Memory of Our Sainted Dead-30 (Two Deacons)

Bethel

Bro. Wayne Seavers	01/02/16
Bro. Glenn Baker (Deacon)	05/08/16
Sis. Brenda Sue Ross	09/08/16

Bible Grove

Bro. Ricky Lemonds	05/12/16
Sis. Ann Moody	03/22/16

Clarksburg

Sis. Eula Roberts	02/06/16
Sis. Sue Todd	11/20/15

Concord

Bro. Lance Townsend	3/3/2016
Sis. Mary Quinn	8/31/2016

Cross Roads

Bro. Arlin Brown Herrin (Deacon)	11/30/15
Bro. J.C. Hedge	02/12/16
Sis. Betty Rayburn	04/28/16
Bro. Sammy Douglas	05/29/16

Huntingdon

Sis. Willodean Norwood	12/25/15
Bro. Ronald Haywood	04/03/16
Sis. Carrie Brewer Sanders	09/07/16

Mixie

Bro. James Fowler	08/12/16
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New Hope

Sis. Opal Mae Robinson	05/31/16
Bro. Clem Ed Todd	07/13/16

New Spring Hill

Sis. Nannie Lee Cannon	05/14/16
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Oak Grove

Sis. Ernestine Lewis	11/09/15
Bro. Willie Wood	11/17/15
Sis. Beatrice Blankenship	04/06/16
Bro. Franklin Adams	07/13/16

Pleasant Grove

Sis. Marcia Tolley	03/26/16
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Pleasant Hill

Bro. Gene Cagle	10/04/15
Sis. Alma Linane	11/21/15
Sis. Monder Allen	12/05/15
Sis. Kate Kee	09/20/16

Rushings Creek

Bro. Terry Cherry	03/19/16
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Shiloh

Sis. Shelby Hedgepath	08/24/16
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Westport

Sis. Alice Mae Boyd Knuutila	05/13/16
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Sunday School Statistical Table

Church	Superintendent	Teachers &	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Jimmy Allen	7	60	\$7,370.69
Bible Grove	Randy Wood	20		
Center Point	Bill Noles	5	38	
Clarksburg	Roger Lindsey	16	152	\$1,747.00
Concord	Keith Trevathan	19	70	\$944.39
Cross Roads	Jim Dungan	18	84	\$1,652.38
Huntingdon	Ray Smith			\$2,916.58
Marlsboro	Billy Stepp	4	44	\$576.73
Mixie	Johnny Whitworth	7		
New Cross Roads		5		
New Hope	Michael Montgomery	8	15	\$526.14
New Spring Hill				
Oak Grove	Jason Barker	15	97	
Old Paths	Keith Brewer			
Pleasant Grove	Max Bradfield	8		
Pleasant Hill	Edward Ellis	8	26	\$310.00
Pleasant Ridge	Anthony French	10	30	\$3,485.35
Rushing's Creek	Robert Deaton	5	19	\$1,001.67
Shiloh	Joe Cary	7		\$464.40
Westport	Jerry Singleton	10	41	
TOTALS		172	676	\$20,995.33

Statistical Table 2016

Church	Baptisms	Additions by Letter	Restorations	Total Additions	Deaths	Losses by Letter	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing
Bethel	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	165	2	0
Bible Grove	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	193	1	0
Center Point	7	6	1	14	0	0	4	4	97	1	0
Clarksburg	2	3	0	5	2	3	0	5	152	2	0
Concord	5	0	0	5	2	3	0	5	150	2	0
Cross Roads	2	0	0	2	4	1	0	5	195	2	0
Huntingdon	4	5	0	9	3	1	7	11	334	2	0
Marlsboro	3	*4	0	7	0	1	0	1	50	1	0
Mixie	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3		1	1
New Cross Rds.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	2	2
New Hope	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	79	1	0
New Spring Hill	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	15	1	0
Oak Grove	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	6	151	1	0
Old Paths	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	55	1	1
Pleasant Grove	3	2	0	5	1	0	0	1	65	1	0
Pleasant Hill	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	115	1	1
Pleasant Ridge	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	**89	1	1
Rushing Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	75	1	0
Shiloh	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	42	1	0
Westport	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	2	67	1	0
TOTALS	29	33	1	63	32	18	12	62	2165	26	6

* By Statement ** 46 Active

Financial Table 2016

Church	Expenditures	Ministireial Help	Mission Support	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Grand Total
Bethel	\$48,371.90	\$2,495.00	\$5,790.00	\$150	\$50	\$56,856.90
Bible Grove				\$120	\$75	\$5,530.00
Center Point	\$7,416.64	\$850.00	\$2,712.88	\$50	\$50	\$11,079.52
Clarksburg	\$29,975.00		\$4,450.00	\$80	\$50	\$34,555.00
Concord	\$7,787.91	\$1,998.50	\$2,699.27	\$100	\$50	\$12,635.68
Cross Roads	\$148,861.50	\$2,707.50	\$9,033.00	\$240	\$50	\$160,892.00
Huntingdon	\$305,892.44	\$18,267.00	\$16,000.00	\$200	\$200	\$340,559.44
Marlsboro	\$5,641.06	\$6,800.00	\$837.00	\$20	\$20	\$13,318.06
Mixie				\$60	\$25	\$85.00
New Cross Rds.				\$100	\$25	\$125.00
New Hope	\$10,223.45	\$2,304.90	\$7,877.81	\$48	\$50	\$20,504.16
New Spring Hill	\$5,076.89			\$32	\$20	\$5,128.89
Oak Grove				\$140	\$50	\$190.00
Old Paths				\$75	\$75	\$150.00
Pleasant Grove	\$4,658.00	\$10,551.00	\$500.00	\$100	\$100	\$15,909.00
Pleasant Hill	\$30,538.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,200.00	\$100	\$25	\$33,613.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$9,357.57	\$3,050.00	\$3,600.00	\$100	\$150	\$16,257.57
Rushing Creek	\$4,930.52	\$735.00	\$2,889.00	\$40	\$20	\$8,614.52
Shiloh	\$5,145.40	\$1,800.00	\$7,150.00	\$80	\$50	\$14,225.40
Westport				\$60	\$40	\$100.00
TOTALS	\$623,876.28	\$53,308.90	\$64,738.96	\$1,895	\$1,175	\$750,329.14