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THE NEXT MEETING

to be held with Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

2023 SERMONS

Introductory Sermon ----- Eld. James Keen

Alternate ----- Eld. Ronnie Stewart

Doctrinal Sermon ----- Eld. Andrew Stokes

Alternate ----- Eld. Randy Thompson

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church History

The Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church was organized May 12, 1860 with 28 charter members.

Elder J.P. Dorothy served as the moderator and B.W. Foster served as clerk for the organization meeting.

The first pastor, Elder George Hollowell and the first deacons, Brotheren Hiram Haynes and Joseph Morris were chosen at the organizational meeting.

The next meeting in June, Hiram Haynes was elected treasurer and Joseph M. Morris clerk.

In the August meeting the church chose Brotheren Hiram Haynes, Alfred Pettigrew and as alternate Hensley Hollowell as messengers to the association.

In February 1861 the minute states "No meeting on account of the Alection". Also, in June the minute states "No meeting on Act. of the Alection". This is believed to be concerning Tennessee seceding from the Union or not.

The following 30 names are recorded on the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church membership list and the 7th Calvary Union roster list: Jacob Autry, John Autry, John Ballenger, Hugh A. Bradford, Robert Bradford, George Burgess, Alexander Cary, Harrison Cary, Benjamin Cary, Felix Cary, Thomas Cary, William Cary, Nelson Clark, possibly Charles Dodd though not very legible in Shiloh Minutes, Stanley Dodd, Thomas Dodd, Benjamin Duke, James W. Harris, Hensley Hollowell, Stephen Hollowell, Jesse McCord, Richard H. Morris, Sion Parrish, Alfred Pettigrew, W.D. Pritchard, Jasper Richardson, William Richardson, Henry Ritter, John Ritter and Theophilis Webb. Thirteen of these men would spend time as Confederate prisoners and eight died either in prison or enroute to a prison.*

The minutes don't specify a church name other than "Shiloh" until Stephen Hollowell was elected clerk in May, 1866. He began the minutes June 1866 "We the United Baptist Church of Christ at Shiloh in Conference on Saturday" before whatever Sunday they were meeting on. In August 1894 the clerk began the minutes "The Baptist Church at Shiloh". The last time "Baptist Church of Christ" title was used was January 1897. The November 1919 minute first used the title Missionary Baptist Church at Shiloh.

In November 1870 the church granted letters to 20 members and voted to organize a presbytery for the purpose of establishing a church (*later named Unity*) that would meet in the new school house near Redden Hollowell residence. *Site was just east of the intersection of what would later be named Fullerton Road and Westport Road in Benton County.* Included in those dismissed was Elder George Hollowell.

In November 1883 a committee was formed to meet with a committee from Unity Church to see if agreement could be reached on consolidation and where to build a church house. In March 1884 the committee reported they had met with committees from Unity and Union Churches and reported they could not agree.

In January 1911 a committee was appointed to see the Board of School Directors (*Carroll County*) in regard to selling the old church and school house. In the April conference the committee reported they had not met with the Board of School Directors and were released.

Routine maintenance and many improvements were made over the years to the church, but to my knowledge, the church has been in its present location since organization. The Shiloh School was a few yards south of the present church pavilion.

Submitted by Larry Pritchard and Jerry McDaniel.

*7th Calvary Union information from roster list and research of Peggy Scott Holley.

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Order of Business

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2023

- ☐ Call Association to Order
- ☐ Appoint Committee on Divine/Hospitality Service
- ☐ Appoint Finance Committee
- ☐ Appoint Topics Committee for 2024 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 2024 Session
- ☐ Select Brethren to Preach 2024 Annual Sermons
- ☐ Love Offering for Associational Missionary
- ☐ Introductory Sermon - 11:00 A.M.
- ☐ Call for Correspondence
- ☐ Call for Report on *How do we Prepare/equip our children to deal with our countries changing/deteriorating moral, social, political and economic conditions*-Bro. Andrew Stokes, Chris Wallace, Alternate Jeff Simmons
- ☐ Call for Report on *How important is "Foot washing" in the Missionary Baptist Churches?*-Bro. David Leslie, Trey Crews, Alternate Jerry Dodd

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2023

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Report from Missionaries
- ☐ Doctrinal Sermon - 11:00 A.M.
- ☐ Call for Report on *The necessity of proper practice of Church discipline* -Bro. James Keen, Johnny McClure, Alternate Donald Parish
- ☐ Call for Report on *How do we disciple our young converts to become committed, faithful Christians of the Church?* -Bro. Ryne Bivens, Josh Parker, Alternate Clint Ezell
- ☐ Call for New Business
- ☐ Reading of the *Vote of Thanks*
- ☐ Song and parting hand

Elected Officers for 2022-2023

Moderator	 Bro. Ray Smith 19950 East Main Street Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-4717	Huntingdon Church
Assistant Moderator	 Eld. Andrew Stokes 849 Hawkins Creek Rd. Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 986-1052 andrewstokes@att.net	Bible Grove Church
Clerk	 Eld. Scott Carter 400 Chickasaw Drive Huntingdon, TN 38344 (731) 415-1688 clerk@swdmba.org	Shiloh Church
Assistant Clerk	 Eld. Trey Crews 45 Hwy 22 North Yuma, TN 38390 (731) 415-4745	Huntingdon Church
Associational Missionary	 Eld. Dennis Lunsford 19990 Hwy 22 North Wildersville, TN 38388 (731) 968-2842	New Cross Roads Church

Friday October 07, 2022

On a beautiful fall morning, we met together for the 174th annual session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. The service began with congregational singing of “I’d Rather Be an Old Time Christian” led by Bro. Larry Pritchard, Shiloh Church, with Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, playing the piano. The temporary moderator called on Bro. Kenneth Massey, to lead us in prayer. We continued by singing “The Old Country Church”. Bro. Smith welcomed everyone and wished for us all to praise and worship the Lord.

The Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee on Divine Service and Hospitality:

Bro. Scott Carter
Bro. Larry Pritchard
Bro. Jerry McDaniel

Obituary Recorder:

Bro. Dennis Stokes

Finance Committee:

Bro. Larry Pritchard
Bro. Myron Kirk
Bro. Harold Webb

Topics Committee for 2023:

Bro. Steve Sablan, Chairman
Bro. Phillip Gullette
Bro. David Leslie

The clerk read the Rules of Decorum

The moderator read from Romans 5:1-9

Call was made for the reception of Church Letters.

Call was made for petitioning churches; none came.

Roll call with 36 messengers. **Motion and second** was made to seat these messengers; **motion carried**.

The association then proceeded 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. Trey Crews, Huntingdon 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. Dennis Lunsford, New Cross Roads Church, was nominated as Associational Missionary, and being the only one nominated, a **motion and second** was made to elect by acclamation; **motion carried.** The congregation stood and sang “Everybody Will Be Happy Over There” while we took up a love offering for our Associational Missionary. The offering was \$1,057.00

Bro. James Keen, Huntingdon 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. Ronnie Stewart, Landmark 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. Andrew Stokes, Bible Grove 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. Randy Thompson, Cross Roads 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; **mo-**

tion carried.

Four churches requested the Association to meet with them for the 2023 session. A **motion and second** was made to select Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson County as the host site; **motion carried.**

Introductory Sermon

The time had come for the Introductory Sermon. Bro. Randy Thompson began by tell of the privilege to be here today and asked for the prayers of the people. He began his reading in Joshua 6:6-20 then took his text from Psalm 118:8 where it tells us there that it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men. He titled his message, "This Is a Time to Trust in The Lord."



We put confidence in so many things and people, but above all we should put our trust in the Lord. Every day, all of us, we put our trust and we put our confidence in someone or in something. He told about how he once had a job that required him to fly, and each time he would get on the plane and put his confidence in the airline and in the pilot. Upon arrival at his destination, he would rent a car that would crank and get him to his destination. Every day, all of us, we put our trust and we put our confidence in someone or in something. He referenced the song "Trust and Obey" and the very first verse of that song says when we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way. While we do his goodwill. He abides with us still with all who will trust and obey. And then the chorus tells us, trust and obey. For there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey. You want to be happy in Jesus? You want to enjoy the relationship that you have with the Lord? Well, you need to trust and obey in the Lord. I'll tell you, brothers and sisters, if we are willing to trust a plane or a car to get us to our destination or a man, we've never met to fly us thousands of feet up in the air to get us to our destination, brothers and sisters shouldn't we be willing to trust the Lord to guide us here on earth to our eternal destination? We should have confidence and trust in the Lord more than any other human being. Why? Because he can do more for us than any other human being can do. I'm thankful this morning how the psalmist said it's better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

Many businesses and churches have not bounced back from the pandemic. Restaurants have closed their dining rooms. Some still have closed their dining rooms. Businesses closed temporarily. Some of them went out of business altogether. Churches shut their doors, canceled services. Many of our churches are yet to recover their attendance, to pre-pandemic times. Many of our churches have yet to recover the finances that it took and takes to be able to operate their churches, to be able to pay the utility bills, to pay their pastors. Many of our churches have yet to go back to Wednesday night and Sunday night services. Where is our trust? Where is our confidence being placed? Where do we place our faith and our loyalty? Where does it rest? Is our trust in Jesus? Or is it in the confidence of men? In many ways, our future is unknown. Many feel like we are in the end times and the last days. We have been in the last days since the Lord Jesus Christ was upon the earth. The key is, what are we doing to be ready for the Lord's return. He quoted Solomon in Proverbs chapter 3, that is to trust in the Lord with all thine heart, he said. Lean not unto thine own understanding, but he said, in all of thy ways, acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths. Just as the Israelites were on the verge of finally obtaining the Promised Land. In many churches, we're at the same juncture as they were. We're on the verge, of a powerful moving of the Lord. We're so close. And to get there, we've got to learn to fully trust God. So how did Joshua respond to this enormous challenge that he was faced with? He had to learn to trust the promises of God.

Joshua was reminded of a promise God had made to him. With the passing of Moses, he was instructed to arise and cross the river of Jordan. Every place that his sole will tread upon will be given to him. Joshua had to trust in God's plan. We need to follow the plan that God has designed for us, because he knows the end and he knows what is best. Luke 18 tells us that the things that are impossible with man, is possible with God. Man may have limitations, but there are not limitations on God. The power of God has not diminished in any way. How are we doing today as the ambassadors for Christ? God could have destroyed the walls of Jericho in many ways. God choose using the Israelites so he could test his people and see if they will be obedient. God knows how to finish the job. The wall did not just fall, it fell flat. What does this wall represent? The people had to put their trust in the Lord. May we see that obedience produces results with God. Do we believe that God rewards faithfulness? Yes! Walls that were 25 foot tall, fell flat. The scripture did not say that the people had to crawl over the rubble, they walked in. They were able to see the effects of trust in God and his plans. Where is Christ in our priori-

ties?

With the events of the last few years, people have been fearful of many things. We need to put Jesus back in the center of our lives. The best place to be, is to be in the center of God's will. Losing peace makes us lose our zeal. Are we excited about the Lord Jesus? Are we excited about our relationship with him? Fear makes us lose sight of our purpose and mission.

We can become overcomers by putting our complete trust in the Lord. What is the future of our churches? There is no limit to what we can do if we put our trust in the Lord. Let's put our trust in the Lord and not put confidence in man.

Our nation needs Jesus. And we, as the ambassadors for the Lord, have a great responsibility to try to encourage that, encourage the people that are lost to trust in the Lord and be saved, to encourage those who got out of church. Our nation needs Jesus.

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

The moderator called for a song and we sang "My Lord Keeps A Record."

Sis. Lisa Higdon, Cross Roads Church, came and sang "Send Me"

The congregation continued singing "Hallelujah We Shall Rise".

Motion and second was made to adjourn one hour for lunch; **motion carried**. The moderator called on Bro. Johnny McClure, Huntingdon Church, to dismiss the service and ask the blessing on the food.

The congregation had a handshake with Bro. Thompson as they exited for lunch.

Friday Afternoon

The moderator called the afternoon session back together. He asked for all visitors to stand and be recognized.

Visitors:

Kenneth Massey, West End Missionary Baptist Church, Wiseman

Association.

The moderator then read John 13:34-35 and reminded us of Christ's new commandment given, and that is to love one another. He called on Bro. James Keen, Huntingdon Church, to open us in prayer.

Moderator called for correspondence. The clerk read a letter from the Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Church. **Motion and second** was made to include a copy in our minutes; **motion carried**.

Motion and second was made to allow the chairman ten minutes to discuss, and all others five; **motion carried**.

The moderator called for the topic **Can Tracts be a useful tool? How are some tracks deceptive? And how can tracts be used positively to reach souls? Submit a Doctrinally sound tract Churches in our Association could use to witness that does not deceive.**

Topic: "Can tracts be a useful tool? How are some tracts deceptive? How can tracts be used positively to reach souls? Submit a doctrinally sound tract that churches in our association could use to witness that does not deceive."

The usefulness of tracts is determined by the biblical content that is contained in them. Before using a tract, one must determine what its purpose will be; in other words, is this tract going to be used in my personal one on one witnessing, or as a means to invite someone to my church, or as a way to spread the plan of salvation as outlined in the scriptures in a less personal, broader sense? We will address what we believe to be the most optimum use of a tract.

We contend that many, in fact most, tracts that you can order today are deceptive. In preparation for this question, our committee ordered a box of 100 tracts to review. We found none that we would have considered "safe" to use, or doctrinally sound. However, Brother Phillip Gullledge and myself have both created church brochures to be distributed that are sound in doctrine and good examples for churches or individuals to recreate for themselves.

The problem with most standardized tracts (and we will get to what might be acceptable in a tract later), is the example of a "sinner's prayer" at the end of them. Usually, scriptures that walk the person through the plan of salvation (why be saved, how can I be saved, who saves), end with the tract encouraging the reader to pray the printed prayer; and then indicating that having prayed that prayer, you are now saved, and you should contact them for more information on leading your new "Christian life".

Scripture teaches that there is a needed response to the Gospel. One must receive the truth of the gospel, embrace it by faith, and in this belief of the divine truth, there is a turning away from sin and self (repentance), and a desire to follow Jesus. (Luke 13:3, John 1:11-12, Acts 16:14, 17:30-31, Rom. 10:9-11). Praying to God with contrition, asking for forgiveness, pleading for Jesus' mercy and sacrificing your will to God is what the scripture teaches about repentance.

The issue we have with the employment of a sinner's prayer, is the amount of trust that is put on the prayer itself, or on the action of praying, rather than on the saving grace of Jesus Christ. It is not uncommon to speak about salvation to a person whose life does not resemble that of a Christian, and for them to dismiss any challenge to their condition by pointing to a day of "decision" in their life or the reciting of a sinner's prayer. Sadly, it is evident that the individual is trusting in a prayer that they offered, rather than in Jesus Christ and His perfect work of grace and faith on the Cross to the saving of their soul.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9)

What we say in our prayer, or how we say it, is not as important as the sincerity of what we pray and the condition of our hearts when we pray it. And that cannot be orchestrated into the "recital" of someone else's prayer. Another issue is that no one can tell the sinner they have been saved, other than the Lord Himself through His Spirit.

So, can tracts be a useful tool? We contend that every witnessing believer should be armed with tools that can help them. We know that not every Christian has the ability to memorize a group of scriptures that can fit every witnessing

situation.

So, having a written list of some scriptures, leading questions, or even a tract, tucked into their bible, desk at work, purse or wallet, may be useful. Developing a personalized list of scriptures you are familiar with, that you can refer to is not hard; it may just take some study and diligence. Armed with your own list of scriptures that mean something to you, along with your personal salvation experience, will be the most effective witnessing tool you can have.

Our goal is explaining to a lost soul how that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and how that God loves the world and gave His only Son Jesus to pay the sin debt for the world are necessary. Including scriptures from Romans (referred to as the Roman road) are often included in tracts and can be a clear and logical way to present the Gospel. We know that a person must be convicted by the Holy Spirit of their sin and once convicted they must confess the fact that they are a sinner to themselves and also to God. They must believe that God is who He is and that only He can forgive and save them by grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. They must become as humble as a little child and pray from their heart, trusting only in God for the salvation of their soul and when they truly are repentant, God will lift their soul out of the miry pit of sin and save their soul and reveal it unto them.

We believe that tracts could be a useful tool for reaching individuals for The Lord when used in the proper manner. When studied, they can help us remember scripture, present the plan of salvation in an organized, patient and loving manner, and give someone a written list of scriptures to study on their own. Tracts can also bring attention to our churches by providing contact information. Having our churches information on material you distribute (such as a brochure or your list of scriptures), opens the door to witnessing about your wonderful church family, and the benefits of belonging to a church that teaches the truth.

It is our contention that simply mass distributing tracts is not useful (leaving them on windshields or leaving them unattended for anyone to take.) The Ethiopian Eunuch had the scripture in front of him, but yet did not have understanding.

Therefore, simply handing someone scripture is not as effective

as explaining that scripture to them, as Phillip did to that Eunuch. (Acts 8:26-40). So, having a tract or some written scriptures are most valuable as a tool in our individual witnessing; when we can further explain the scriptures and respond to a sinner's questions, while providing opportunity to share our own personal salvation experience.

Any form of material distributed (brochure, tract, individual scriptures) should not include any form of a sinner's prayer, or even any immediate sense of pointed urgency to settle the matter right then and there. Instead, it should encourage the individual to examine themselves, based on the scripture, to make sure they are really and truly right with God. Individuals should be encouraged to respond, but informed that there is no magic formula prayer that ends up replacing Jesus as the Savior. And that response should be done at a time and place when they feel that Godly sorrow, and where they can pray to the Lord their own prayer of repentance.

It is not our job as Christians to "get" a person saved. It is our job to spread the glorious gospel, and let the Holy Spirit work in sinner's hearts so that they can put their trust in faith in Jesus alone. The most effective way we can do that is by reading and studying the scriptures and hiding God's word in our hearts so we can share it.

Respectively submitted by Bro. Bryan Oakes and Bro. Randy Thompson

The topic **Can Tracts be a useful tool? How are some tracks deceptive? And how can tracts be used positively to reach souls? Submit a Doctrinally sound tract Churches in our Association could use to witness that does not deceive** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Randy Thompson, James Keen, Andrew Stokes, Ron Stewart, and Scott Carter.

The moderator called for the topic **Explain the statements and principle described in our 10th Article of Faith. "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."**

The Bible is very clear on the fact that once a person is born again, that person is secure being sealed unto the day of redemption as we see in Ephesians 4:30. Our faith rest upon the promises of God that when we are saved, we are secure forever. Roman 8:38-39 states

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” We want to take a look at the doctrine of the eternal security of the believer. This doctrine is sometimes misused or not understood completely. But first and foremost, we must realize that we are saved by grace and kept by grace. As referenced in Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Nothing within our means gives us the power or ability to save ourselves, nor is it within our power to keep ourselves saved. It is all due to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his work on Calvary. Jesus gave his life, and his shed blood was the atonement for our sins and conquered sin by rising from the dead on the third day. Therefore he conquered death, hell, and the grave. And because of the risen Savior, we shall be resurrected to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

We then conclude that the new birth is unto eternal life. The spirit dwells in us and is our security. Jesus promised eternal life to all those that believe on him. Not with a head belief but “with the heart man believeth unto righteousness” (Romans 10:10) and that for eternity. If one believes that he can fall from grace then he must think which sin would separate me because the scripture says we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Salvation cannot be earned by good works or merits. It is not a process, it is a gift and it is eternal.

Sanctification is however an ongoing process leading, guiding, and directing us in our Christian lives by the Holy Spirit that we may grow in grace and favor in the sight of God. Not to be saved but because of the regeneration and adoption into the family of God, we are to follow the Lord trusting in Him to guide our lives each day and not be misled by the worldly teaching. Proverbs 4:18 “But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”

Eternal security of the believer is one of the core teachings of the Missionary Baptist Churches or as we often say “once saved, always saved.” And according to the word of God the covenant between a born-again believer and God is sealed by the Holy Spirit the moment he fully trust in Jesus with all his heart and that cove-

nant is eternal.

Reference:

Psalm 16:10-11; Psalm 121:1-3; Psalm 125:1; Matthew 6:30-33; Matthew 13:20-21; John 4:13-14; John 6:66-69; John 8:31-32; Romans 8:28; Romans 8:35-39; II Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 4:30; II Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 13:5; I Peter 1:3-5; I John 2:19; I John 3:9; I John 4:1-4; Jude 24-25.

Phillip Gulledge
Dennis Lunsford

The report **Explain the statements and principle described in our 10th Article of Faith. “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”** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Phillip Gulledge, and Dennis Lunsford.

Bro. Andrew Stokes talked about the Missionary Baptist Literature. Starting out as a writer, he is now the editor and producer. They currently have literature from *Elementary* up to *Adult*. He wanted all the churches to know there is some sound literature available if anyone is interested.

Motion and second was made to adjourn the meeting until 10:00 am on Saturday; **motion carried.**

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ron Stewart, Landmark Church.

Saturday, October 08, 2022

It was a cool morning at Shiloh Church, as we gathered together for the Saturday session of the 174th Annual Session of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association.

The moderator called on Bro. Ron Stewart, Landmark Church, to open us in prayer.

The congregation began singing “Getting’ Ready To Leave This World” and “Won’t It Be Wonderful There” lead by Bro. Larry Pritchard, Shiloh Church, with Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, playing the piano.

The moderator, Bro. Ray Smith, read from Philippians 4:4-8. He then called the association to business order.

Roll call was made with 33 messengers to be seated for the Saturday session. **A motion and second** were made to seat these messengers; **motion carried.**

The moderator called for the **Finance Report**. The report was read, and a **motion and second** was made to accept the report; **motion carried.**

The moderator called on Bro. Dennis Stokes to give the **Obituary Report**

As we think about our loved ones WHO have passed from this life to their reward, it's only natural that we mourn and weep for their passing, but having OUR HOPE of eternal salvation for those WHO have gone to receive that reward, we should have joy that only comes from GOD. Our broken hearts should shed tears of joy for the redeemed WHO now rest in the arms of our LORD. Our tears of sadness should become tears of thanksgiving for that precious word that GOD gives us, "THAT to be absent from this world is to be present with HIM our Lord."

John writes the words of Christ that when he goes away it is "to build us a mansion not made with earthly hands, but a heavenly home prepared for us with his hands". Christ tells us not to be troubled that he will come and carry us to that HEAVENLY home to be with him forever in that paradise that he has prepared for his saints. Missing

the presence of family and friends is always a difficult part of our lives. God understands that, so that's why he sent us OUR COMFORTER the HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE US THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES and RESTORE OUR SOULS.

Dennis Stokes

Motion and second was made to place the Obituary Report in the minutes; **motion carried.**

The moderator called for the report from the **Historical Committee**
The committee reported that progress is still being made and work is still being done. Many minutes are available on the website.

The moderator called for the report from the **Topics Committee**.
2022 Topic Committee: Bro. Randy Thompson-Chairman, Bro. Steve Sablan and Bro. Phillip Gullledge

- *How do we Prepare/ equip our children to deal with our countries changing/deteriorating moral, social, political and economic conditions?*

Bro. Andrew Stokes, Bro. Chris Wallace, Alt. Bro. Jeff Simmons

- *How important is "Foot washing" in the Missionary Baptist Churches?*

Bro. David Leslie, Bro. Trey Crews, Alt. Bro. Jerry Dodd

- *The necessity of proper practice of Church discipline.*

Bro. James Keen, Bro. Johnny McClure, Alt. Bro. Donald Parish

- *How do we disciple our young converts to become committed, faithful Christians of the Church?*

Bro. Ryne Bivens, Bro. Josh Parker, Alt. Bro. Clint Ezell

A **motion and second** was made to include the four topics in the minutes; **motion carried.**

The moderator asked for visitors to be recognized: Eld. Rick and Sis. Linda Jones, Missionary to Craighead Old Timey Missionary Baptist Church, Jamaica.

The moderator asked for a **report from missionaries.**

Bro. Khrys Paige reported that Covid has hindered the work in Trinidad. The government shut the mission down for several months, and they also instill the hour time limit. During one of the services, the time allotted was surpassed, and the government detained Bro. Paige for one night then issued a steep fine. He told of his thankfulness for God continuing to watch over him and the

work in Trinidad.

Bro. Dennis Lunsford thanked the association for the confidence they have put in him. During this past year, he told of the difficulties he encountered due to sickness. He said his desire is to meet with Marlsboro and let them know we miss them and love them. He submitted the following report.

Missionary Report

During the year of 2021-2022 as the missionary things were tough. We traveled many miles at times to find churches closed because of sickness. I failed to visit all of the churches this year, and I apologize for this failure. We pray God will bless everyone in their endeavor to serve him. If I may assist anyone, feel free to call any-time. We close this year thanking all who supported us financially and spiritually.

Isaiah 6:8-9 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Submitted By,
Dennis Lunsford

Bro. Rick Jones gave a report on Jamaica.

I write today to inform the churches that my last trip as a full-time Missionary to Jamaica & the Caribbean will be the upcoming October 11, 2022 journey, to finalize my mission work. I want to thank the churches for their prayers and support for the last 27 years in our feeble attempts in Jamaica & the Caribbean; the measurement of my success will be judged in heaven.

I'm grateful for the blessings God has bestowed upon the islands. Many have been saved; I have humbly baptized in water, 121 Jamaicans into the fellowship of the first Old Timey Missionary Baptist Church in the West Indies. Some of the youth embracing the truth have now been scattered over the world, literally. As they say in Jamaica like the Doctor Bird (Humming) The church in Jamaica is one of a kind. A number of doors of utterance were opened to me over the years in places I never thought possible. My experiences in Grand Cayman, Bahamas, for several years were hindered due to Hurricane Ivan and the Covid virus. The gospel was preached and seeds planted. I am grateful to all for making it possible to fulfill my burden on the Islands -a burden now lifted by the Lord who called me to the work. I pray brethren will still visit

and preach and help the remaining members as Bro Scott Carter will continue scheduled trips to Jamaica. DocMike clinics will continue semi-annually. Depending on my health, I may aid him. I am hopeful the Lord will put this "old gray mare" out to PASTOR, revival, or fill-in preaching or a new US mission work. May the Lord bless each church as they assemble until the Lord comes back.

God Bless
Elder Rick Jones

The moderator then asked for a song while we prepared for the Doctrinal Sermon. The congregation stood and sang "I'll Fly Away" led by Bro. Larry Pritchard, Shiloh Church, and Sis. Kim Carter, Shiloh Church, playing the piano. We then sang "The Glory-Land Way" led by Bro. Harold Webb, Huntingdon Church, with Sis. Kim Carter, playing the piano.

Doctrinal Sermon

The moderator asked Bro. Rick Jones to come and deliver what God had placed on his heart. He wanted to thank the association for allowing him this opportunity to be able to convey why we're Baptist and to convey that old-timey salvation that we believe in and that we're one of those churches that Jesus built on the foundation of repentance and remission of sins. Bro. Jones began by telling about an old-timey experience we have in salvation. He read in Luke 1:1 and titled his message "Which Are Most Surely Believed Among Us." He told how pastors are unprofitable servants and do not rule over the church. The church, if there's any ruling, rules over us. For example, when a church is ordained, we carry the church's name wherever we go and the doctrine of that church wherever we go. "And that is which are most surely believed among us." If that ought to be a declaration today in the world that we live in, preach that from the mountaintop so that the message of Christ can go out unto a lost and dying world. He referenced how he had Anglicans on one side in Jamaica, Pentecostal above him, and the Seven Day Adventists, the fastest-growing church in the Caribbean. He told how he was surrounded by them all. He did his best to declare God's whole counsel and establish that little church on a foundation. In Jamaica, we were trying to establish the first missionary Baptist church in the



West Indies. The same thing happened. There were all kinds of religions around them. And after Christ established his church on the day of Pentecost, other religions surrounded him. Adultery, all of that was around. Here, Luke is inspired to write this book and relate the truth. Some were passing it around, but it wasn't the truth.

He turned to Acts 1 and reminded us that the Hebrew letter would tell us that Jesus is our high priest and the one we go to for cleansing.

Luke points out to Theopolis about the birth of John the Baptist, fulfilling the prophets of the forerunner of Jesus Christ. And that's what the Baptist preached and taught, that John the Baptist was the Elias to come to prepare a people for the Lord. How do you make them ready? Repentance in faith, inseparable gracious of God. And that's what our articles of faith declare. Luke then tells him of the miraculous birth of John the Baptist. John the Baptist and Samson were both born to elderly parents. God used these elderly parents to instill the ways of God.

We believe in repentance and remission of sins. We believe sinners must bow. Beware that we do not let our emotions hinder lost sinners seeking. It is essential to let the Holy Spirit lead us in our actions.

He loves to be a Baptist. Growing up in a Church of God of Prophecy, his grandmother told him about a day that the Lord would show him he was a sinner. We should encourage our children to seek the Lord and call upon His name.

Bro. Jones told us that we should wear our best and look the best we can. The outward apparel will no longer matter when we get in the spirit. We will become concerned about being clothed by God as he did with Adam and Eve; they were covered completely. He told how his grandmother would clean them up as a child because she wanted them to look nice. That's just like salvation. You can try to clean yourself up on the outside, but until you get cleaned up on the inside by the blood of Jesus Christ, you can feel to be cleaned. We can try to clean ourselves up all we want, but we need to be cleaned from the inside.

Psalm 66:16 "Ye that fear God let me tell you what the Lord hath done for my soul."

In Matt 28:18-20 their responsibility was to carry whatsoever Jesus taught unto them to the church, even in our generation. He said, go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Luke 24:45-47 What a wonderful experience when we can get in a

deep study with God and the Holy Spirit moves.

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

Bro. Smith thanked Bro. Jones for his message and asked for a motion to adjourn for one hour. **Motion and second** was made to adjourn for one hour; **motion carried.**

Bro. Kenny Rush, Huntingdon Church, dismissed the service and blessed the food.

Saturday Afternoon

After a wonderful lunch, we met together for the afternoon session. We began with a welcome from Bro. Ray with scripture Romans 12:5-12.

The moderator called for the report **Some churches have taken liberties to modernize the verbiage in the Church Covenant. Is the Church Covenant in its original format still relevant and an important Document for our Churches to adhere to, or, does or should it be updates**

Should A Church Change The Covenant

The definition of church by J.M. Pendleton: Congregation of Christ's baptized disciples, united in belief of what He has said, and covenanting to do what He has commanded.

This covenant is written; or unwritten; we agree to do something: To be under or submissive to its' rules, doctrines and practices.

The most common "written" Baptist Church Covenant was written by John Newton Brown in 1853.

Most of our churches adopt this covenant and hang a copy of it on the wall to be read by members of the congregation. Whether a copy of the Church Covenant is hung on the wall is every church's decision. If desired, a church could write their own words to adhere to what they want to admonish. The church has authority over its members, so any rules, doctrines and practices should be understood.

God has not changed, sin has not changed, Satan has not changed,

society has not changed, but very little. The bootlegger has mostly been replaced by the drug dealer and five to six years ago, I would not know what you were talking about if you said "LGBTQ+."

Any church that feels it needful to make changes to their Church Covenant are free to do so. A Church Covenant is not the word of God, but of John Newton Brown. Every member should agree to the truth, rules and practices of the church when they join. If an individual does not believe the Church's Covenant to be grounded on truth, much like Christ and the apostles taught, they should never join. Foundational doctrines must be believed, moral standards must be upheld.

Submitted by W.R. Stewart

The report **Some churches have taken liberties to modernize the verbiage in the Church Covenant. Is the Church Covenant in its original format still relevant and an important Document for our Churches to adhere to, or, does or should it be updates** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Ron Stewart, Randy Thompson, Andrew Stokes, Ray Smith, and Dennis Lunsford.

The moderator called for the report on **Identify types or ways to express Personal Evangelism outside the four walls of the church**
Topic: Identify Types or Ways to Express Personal Evangelism outside the four walls of the Church

Introduction

The topic set before us today is a weighty one and one with eternal consequences. How do we reach a lost and a dying world? How do we get the message of the glorious gospel (good news) into every home, school, family, and place of employment? The reality is sobering when we consider a world population of roughly 8 billion people and in the United States alone a population of roughly 338 million people.

Matthew 28: 18 – 20 says, “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”. Brothers and Sisters of the association, by the declaration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we (the church) have been given all power to

teach and preach to the whole world. Jesus said “all nations” and by the declaration of His Holy Word and His commandment in the aforementioned passage of scripture this is not a simple recommendation, but a commandment penned down in red letters by Christ Himself.

Jesus said to Peter and Andrew in Mark 1: 17-18, “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed Him”. The reality is plain in the great commission that we are all missionaries and we should all (preachers/deacons/lay members/new members/old members) strive to become “fishers of men”.

Personal Evangelism Defined

In order to carry out the great commission we must take the gospel outside of the four walls of our churches and personally evangelize people in our families, communities, schools, and places of employment. Personal (Webster 1828) is relating to an individual; their private actions or character. Evangelizing (Webster 1828) is instructing in the doctrines and precepts of the gospel; converting to Christianity. Therefore, the definition of personal evangelism could be stated as follows “how a saved individual (based on their private actions/character) presents/expresses the gospel to those within their sphere of contact or sphere of influence, which results in a real, heartfelt, individual (born from above spiritual rebirth) experience based on repentance and faith and complete trust in the Master of our souls”.

Aim of Topic

There are many types and ways to express personal evangelism outside the four walls of our churches. Our aim today is focused on the following: Personal Testimony, Living Testimony, and Students of the Word of God.

Personal Testimony

First, a personal testimony can be a powerful tool to share our experience of salvation. The scripture gives an amazing account of the Samaritan woman at the well. She had a face-to-face encounter with the Messiah and she went into the city and testified in John 4: 29-30 to “Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him”. John 4: 39 - 41 further states “And many of the Samaritans of the city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told

me all that I ever did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word. And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world". A personal testimony will never save another individual, but it can be a useful tool to speak to the hearts of a lost sinner that something is missing from their lives and souls. This can produce the same results as the Samaritans mentioned above which resulted in lost individuals seeking after truth and salvation that one must know for themselves. This resulted in the conversion of the souls of men that sprang up into every lasting life, which was triggered by a personal testimony.

Living Testimony

Second, a living testimony is another way to express personal evangelism in our sphere of contact or influence outside the four walls of the Church. How is this accomplished? Matthew 5: 16 says "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven". By our everyday actions one can live a life that is different than those in the world. One doesn't have to say a word, but live their lives in a Godly spirit of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. James 1: 22 says "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only...". We as God's people should act and behave in the same manner whether at church, home, school, or in our places of employment. King Josiah was eight years old when he reigned over Judah and his father Amon was a wicked king. Josiah could have chosen a similar wicked path as his father, but at the age of sixteen in Chronicles 34: 3 Josiah "...begin to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images". Josiah began to take a stand against wickedness and let the people of Judah know he wouldn't follow in the footsteps of the wicked and would lead the people of Judah back to the things of God. Josiah had a living testimony that was put on display within the kingdom of Judah to do what is right in the eyes of God. Josiah's living testimony reached the southern kingdom of Judah, but our living testimony could open doors for personal evangelism discussions with people within our sphere of contact or influence.

Students of the Word of God

Lastly, we must be students of the Word of God and armed with the gospel of truth as we encounter people in our sphere of contact or influence. Why do we believe what we believe? How do we back up what we believe with the Word of God to rightly divide the Word of truth? How can we present the gospel in a way (vernacular or view) that people outside our churches can understand? The Apostle Paul tells the young minister Timothy in 2 Timothy 2: 15 to “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. At best, we get four hours a week with our congregations if we have services Sunday morning (Sunday school/ worship), Sunday night (worship) and Wednesday night bible study. God didn’t call all men to be preachers, but He did call us all to be students of the Word of God and partake of the meat of God’s Word and not the milk only during our Christian life. We must teach that all of God’s people are students of the Word of God, which requires study time and continuous prayer. Philip was led of the Spirit to leave Jerusalem and go to Gaza to speak to the Ethiopian eunuch in his chariot and asked the eunuch if he understood what he was reading. The eunuch says in Acts 8: 31 “How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him”. Philip preached to him Jesus and the eunuch was saved and baptized. Philip was a student of the Word and personally evangelized the eunuch and God graciously saved his soul.

In 2 Kings 5 there was a young girl referred to as a “little maid” that was captured from her homeland of Israel and found herself in the house of Naaman (captain of the armies of Syria). Naaman was a leper and was looking for relief of this dreadful disease. The “little maid” told Naaman’s wife in 2 Kings 5: 3 “...Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy”. In other words, I can’t save you from this dreadful disease, but I can point you to the one (prophet Elijah – picture of Jesus Christ) who serves the true and living God and this God alone is the only one that can bring you relief. We’re not given a specific name for this “little maid”, but I can assure you today that God knew all about her and she knew her theology. She was a student of the Word of God and pointed a lost man to the very foot of the cross!

Closing

In closing, the expression of personal evangelism can be a powerful and effective tool outside the four walls of our churches. The door of opportunity is constantly opening and closing within our sphere of influence and contacts. We must be led of the spirit of God and in prayer for each situation we find ourselves in and be ready to give an account of our personal testimony, living testimony, and armed with the Word of God to present to a lost and a dying world. May God use each and every one of His children for the Master's use when expressing personal evangelism and many souls are saved by His marvelous grace. May God bless you all!

Respectfully Submitted,

Elder Steve Sablan

The report **Identify types or ways to express Personal Evangelism outside the four walls of the church** was read, adopted, and spoken to by Brothers Steve Sablan, Ron Stewart, and Dennis Stokes.

The moderator called for new business.

New Business:

No new business at this time.

The moderator asked the clerk to read 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 Shiloh Church in Carroll County for serving as host for this session. Our fellowship is always needed, but this year seemed to be extra special. We last met with you in 1998, 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. Randy Thompson and his message on "This Is Not The Time to Fear" and for Bro. Rick Jones and his sermon "Which Are Most Surely Believed Among Us". We were once again blessed with ministers being lead of the Spirit.

I once again give thanks to the Topic Committee for their selecting the topics and the ones to prepare 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 the association officers. 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 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for your hospitality. 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 Bible Grove 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 Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church for the 175th annual session on October 06-07, 2023 at 10:00 am ready to receive another blessing from the Lord.

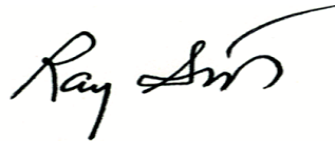
Under His wings,
Scott Carter, Clerk

Motion and second was made to approve it; **motion carried.**

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Scott Carter, Shiloh Church.

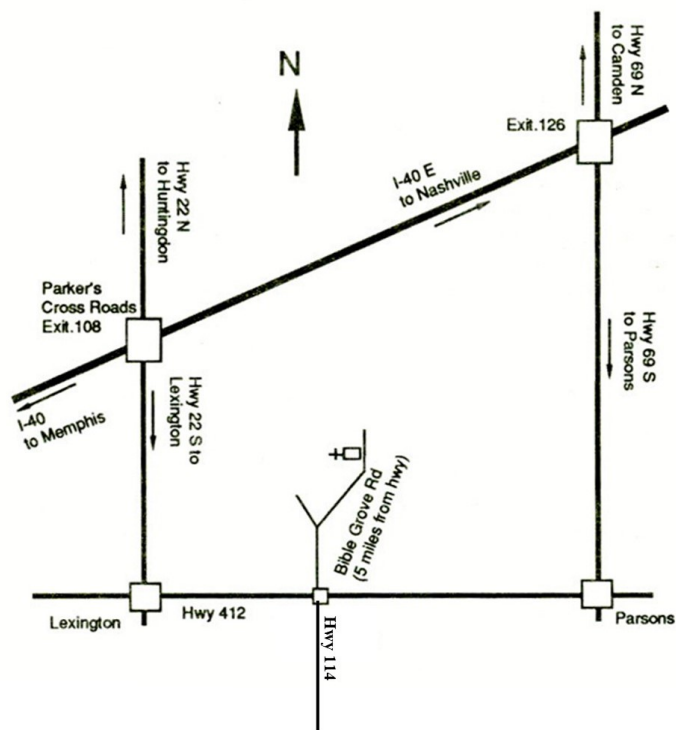
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Bro. Scott Carter, Clerk

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Bro. Ray Smith, Moderator

Directions to 2023 Session Bible Grove Missionary Baptist Church



5365 Bible Grove Rd, Lexington, TN 38351

Messengers for the 174th Annual Session

Bethel:

Friday– Johnny Hawkins, Jeff Carter
Saturday– Johnny Hawkins, Jeff Carter

Bible Grove:

Friday– Andrew Stokes, Randy Wood, Retha Wood
Saturday– Andrew Stokes, Melanie Stokes

Center Point:

Friday– Jenny Moon, Kay Grooms, Jonathan Vaughn
Saturday– Jenny Moon, Kay Grooms, Jonathan Vaughn

Clarksburg:

Friday– Represented by letter
Saturday– Represented by letter

Concord:

Friday–Dennis Stokes, Alvin Boyd, Rosalind Cole
Saturday– Dennis Stokes, Alvin Boyd, Rosalind Cole

Cross Roads:

Friday– Randy Thompson, Jim Dungan, Myron Kirk
Saturday– Randy Thompson, Jim Dungan, Myron Kirk

Huntingdon:

Friday– Kenny Rush, James Keen, Harold Webb
Saturday– Kenny Rush, James Keen, Harold Webb

Landmark:

Friday– Ron Stewart, Wallace Douglas
Saturday– Ron Stewart, Ken Carrington

Marlsboro:

Friday– Did not represent
Saturday– Did not represent

Mixie:

Friday– Represented by letter
Saturday– Represented by letter

New Cross Roads:

Friday– Represented by letter
Saturday– Represented by letter

New Hope:

Friday– Phillip Gullledge, Scott Gallimore, Michael Montgomery
Saturday– Phillip Gullledge, Scott Gallimore, Michael Montgomery

New Spring Hill:

Friday– Represented by letter
Saturday– Represented by letter

Oak Grove :

Friday–Jimmy Wallace, Glenn Lewis, Ernie Gibson
Saturday–Jimmy Wallace, Ernie Gibson

Pleasant Grove:

Friday– Melanie Rickman, Frank Rickman

Saturday– Chelsey Jones, Melanie Rickman

Pleasant Hill:

Friday– Edward Ellis, Perry Cook

Saturday– Edward Ellis, Perry Cook

Pleasant Ridge:

Friday– Represented by letter

Saturday– Represented by letter

Rushing Creek:

Friday–Bruce Seaton

Saturday– Tony Boyd

Shiloh:

Friday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, Jerry McDaniel

Saturday- Scott Carter, Larry Pritchard, Jerry McDaniel

Westport:

Friday– Brenda Leslie, Jerry Howell, David Leslie

Saturday– Jerry Howell

Financial Statement

2022 Minute Fund

Balance October 10, 2021 \$ 12,946.40

EXPENDITURES:

First Bank (lock box)	\$ 60.00
Peterson Printing (minutes)	\$ 975.00
O’Neil Enterprise (CD’s)	\$ 181.49
Website	\$ 375.43

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Minute Fund 2022	\$ 1,523.00
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Balance October 08, 2022 \$ 12,877.48

Clerk Contributions \$ 1,080.00

Associational Missionary Offering \$ 1,057.00

Submitted by:

Larry Pritchard-Shiloh Church

Myron Kirk-Cross Roads

Harold Webb-Huntingdon Church

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August 01, 2022

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 Eighty-Sixth Annual Session with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. We had 14 churches reporting an increase of 22 with 10 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 27 with a total membership of 1,059. 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 187th Annual Session to be held with Flat Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Lawrence County, Alabama. The church is located east of Moulton, Alabama, off of Alabama Highway 24. This session will be held October 08, 09, 10, and 11, 2022. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's love,



Keith L. Hood, Clerk

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3895 Divider and Natchez Trace Road, Camden, TN 38320

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11110 Lexington Street, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR– James Keen-----907-317-3486
368 Woodland Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
CLERK-Ray Smith -----731-986-4717
19950 East Main St., Huntingdon, TN 38344

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PASTOR– Ron Stewart -----615-394-0314
1327 Cedar Drive, Camden, TN 38320
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1230 Cherry Road, Eads, TN 38028

MARLSBORO- 25165 State Route 114 N, Hollow Rock, TN 38342
PASTOR-
CLERK-

MIXIE- (Est. 1945) 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
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NEW CROSS ROADS- (Est. 1903)
2110 Long Rock Church Road, Huntingdon, TN 38344
P.O. Box 268, Huntingdon, TN 38344
PASTOR-Tracy McDaniel-----731-636-1503
630 Stafford Store Road, Greenfield, TN 38230
CLERK-Frank Gregg-----731-694-9315
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
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P.O. Box 186, Huntingdon, TN 38344

NEW SPRING HILL-
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CLERK-Laura Hutcherson -----731-986-4557
6820 Smyrna Road, Westport, TN 38387

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 PASTOR-
 CLERK-Jimmy Wallace----- 731-967-9794
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 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388
 PASTOR- Blake Singleton ----- 731-415-5752
 CLERK-Ernest Wood----- 731-845-5464
 375 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

PLEASANT HILL-
 1675 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
 PASTOR- Michael Butler ----- 731-733-1583
 17565 Hwy 70, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 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 ----- 731-415-8390
 955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 CLERK-Mary Oakes----- 731-986-2347
 955 Old 22 Lane, Huntingdon, TN 38344

RUSHING CREEK (EST 18250)-
 4005 Rushing Creek Church Road, Camden, TN 38320
 PASTOR- Tony Boyd----- 731-243-2693
 65 West College Street, Henry, TN 38231
 CLERK-Carol Ann Broadway----- 731-584-8567
 4175 Reynoldsburg Road, Camden, TN 38320

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 PASTOR- Scott Carter ----- 731-415-1688
 400 Chickasaw Drive, Huntingdon, TN 38344
 CLERK-Larry Pritchard----- 731-845-5444
 730 Pritchard Road, Wildersville, TN 38388

WESTPORT (EST 1896)- 7080 Westport Road, Westport, TN 38387
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 1118 Crazy Doe Road, Lexington, TN 38351
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2023 Summer Revival Schedule

Church	Start Date	Revival Helper	Sunday Starting Time	Monday – Friday Starting Time
Rushing Creek	5/1/2023		6:00 PM	7:00:00 PM (Mon-Wed)
Landmark	6/4/2023		6:30 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Hill	6/4/2023		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
New Hope	6/11/2023		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Shiloh	6/18/2023		7:30 PM	10:30 AM; 7:30 PM
Huntingdon	6/25/2023		7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Pleasant Ridge	6/25/2023		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Cross Roads	6/25/2023		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Westport	7/2/2023		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Center Point	7/9/2023		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Concord	7/9/2023	Andrew Stokes	7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Pleasant Grove	7/9/2023		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
Cross Roads	7/9/2023	Johnny Carver	6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Bethel	7/16/2023		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Bible Grove	7/16/2023	Scott Carter	7:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Oak Grove	7/23/2023		6:00 PM	10:30 AM; 7:00 PM
Clarksburg	7/23/2023		7:00 PM	7:00 PM
New Spring Hill	7/30/2023		6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Mixie				
Marlsboro				

Historical Table

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

<u>DATE AND CHURCH HELD WITH</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u> ----	<u>CLERK</u>
1846-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County -----	E. Autry -----	J. P. Arnold
1847- Mt. Pisgah, Henderson County -----	E. Autry -----	J. P. Arnold
1848-Ramble Creek, Benton County-----	E. Autry -----	B. W. Foster
1849-Pleasant Hill, Benton County-----	E. Autry -----	B. W. Foster
1850-Hopewell, Henderson County -----	E. Autry -----	J. P. Arnold
1851-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	E. Autry -----	J. P. Arnold
1852-Beaver Dam, Benton County-----	E. Autry -----	J. P. Arnold
1853-Union, Benton County -----	E. Autry -----	J. P. Arnold
1854-Bible Union, Carroll County -----	E. Autry -----	J. P. Arnold
1855-Concord, Carroll County-----	M. S. Corbett -----	J. P. Arnold
1856-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County -----	E. Autry -----	J. P. Arnold
1857-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County -----	M. S. Corbett -----	J. P. Arnold
1858-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold -----	W. C. McAuley
1859-Holly Springs, Henderson County -----	J. P. Arnold -----	B. W. Foster
1860-Ramble Creek, Benton County-----	J. P. Arnold -----	J. P. Doherty
1861-New Prospect, Decatur County -----	J. P. Arnold -----	Geo. Hollowell
1862-1864-----No Association during Civil War		
1865-Union, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold -----	W. C. McAuley
1866-Salem, Decatur County-----	J. P. Arnold -----	B. W. Foster
1867-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County -----	W. Pugh -----	Geo. Hollowell
1868-Ephesus, Carroll County -----	J. P. Arnold -----	Geo. Hollowell
1869-Concord, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold -----	Geo. Hollowell
1870-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----	J. P. Arnold -----	G. C. Thomas
1871-New Prospect-----	J. P. Arnold -----	G. C. Thomas
1872-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold -----	Geo. Hollowell
1873-Marlsboro, Carroll County-----	Geo. Hollowell -----	G. C. Thomas
1874-New Hope, Carroll County -----	J. H. Park-----	G. C. Thomas
1875-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----	J. W. Brewer-----	J. F. Rogers
1876-Rushing Creek, Benton County -----	J. Richardson -----	J. F. Rogers
1877-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----	J. P. Arnold -----	J. F. Rogers
1878-New Prospect-----	J. P. Arnold -----	J. F. Rogers
1879-Bethel, Carroll County -----	J. C. Park-----	J. F. Rogers
1880-Wildersville, Henderson County -----	J. C. Park-----	J. H. Thomas
1881-Ramble Creek -----	J. P. Arnold -----	D. J. Allen
1882-Cross Roads, Benton County-----	J. C. Park-----	D. J. Allen
1883-Prospect, Carroll County-----	J. C. Park-----	D. J. Allen

1884-Sardis Ridge, Decatur County-----Geo. Hollowell ----D. J. Allen
 1885-Concord, Carroll County-----Geo. Hollowell ----C. H. Rogers
 1886-Trace Creek, Humphreys County -----J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
 1887-Liberty, Carroll County -----J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
 1888-Unity, Benton County -----J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
 1889-Holly Springs-----J. F. Rogers -----D. J. Allen
 1890-Mt. Nebo, Carroll County-----J. C. Park-----D. J. Allen
 1891-Rushing Creek, Benton County -----E. M. Joyner -----D. J. Allen
 1892-New Hope, Carroll County -----E. M. Joyner -----D. J. Allen
 1893-Chalk Level, Benton County -----E. M. Joyner -----D. J. Allen
 1894-Mt. Comfort -----E. M. Joyner -----C. H. Rogers
 1895-Flatwoods, Benton County -----E. M. Joyner -----D. J. Allen
 1896-Marlsboro, Carroll County-----E. M. Joyner -----D. J. Allen
 1897-Bethel, Carroll County -----E. M. Joyner -----D. J. Allen
 1898-Shiloh, Carroll County -----N. L. Joyner-----D. J. Allen
 1899-Pleasant Hill, Benton County-----W. S. Roney -----C. H. Rogers
 1900-Salem, Decatur County-----W. S. Roney -----C. H. Rogers
 1901-Chalk Hill, Benton County -----N. L. Joyner-----C. H. Rogers
 1902-Cross Roads, Benton County -----E. Z. Newsom -----C. H. Rogers
 1903-New Prospect, Decatur County -----E. M. Joyner -----C. H. Rogers
 1904-Ephesus, Carroll County -----E. M. Joyner -----C. H. Rogers
 1905-Pleasant Grove -----E. M. Joyner -----C. H. Rogers
 1906-Ramble Creek -----T. M. Boyd-----C. H. Rogers
 1907-Oak Grove, Carroll County-----T. M. Boyd-----C. H. Rogers
 1908-Concord, Carroll County-----T. M. Boyd-----C. H. Rogers
 1909-Pleasant Ridge-----T. M. Boyd-----C. H. Rogers
 1910-Perryville, Decatur County -----T. M. Boyd-----C. H. Rogers
 1911-Unity, Benton County -----T. M. Boyd-----D. H. Franks
 1912-Chalk Level, Benton County -----Joe N. Joyner -----D. H. Franks
 1913-Holly Springs-----J. G. Cooper -----D. H. Franks
 1914-Mt. Nebo -----J. G. Cooper -----D. H. Franks
 1915-Liberty, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner -----D. H. Franks
 1916-Tom's Creek, Perry County-----J. N. Joyner -----D. H. Franks
 1917-Westport, Carroll County -----T. M. Boyd-----Geo. S. Price
 1918-Mt. Pisgah, Carroll County -----T. M. Boyd-----L. E. Mincey
 1919-Cross Roads, Benton County -----J. N. Joyner -----L. E. Mincey
 1920-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County -----J. N. Joyner -----C. E. Butler
 1921-Ephesus, Carroll County -----J. N. Joyner -----C. E. Butler
 1922-Eva, Benton County -----J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
 1923-Prospect, Carroll County -----J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
 1924-Flatwoods, Benton County -----J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
 1925-Bunches Chapel -----J. N. Joyner -----A. H. Franks
 1926-Oak Grove -----J. N. Joyner -----C. V. Cooper
 1927-Pleasant Hill -----J. N. Joyner -----C. V. Cooper
 1928-Shiloh, Carroll County -----T. M. Boyd-----C. V. Cooper
 1929-Bruceton, Carroll County -----T. M. Boyd-----C. V. Cooper
 1930-New Prospect, Decatur County -----J. N. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
 1931-New Hope, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
 1932-New Liberty, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
 1933-Westport, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
 1934-Ephesus, Carroll County -----S. W. Joyner -----W. S. Brinkley
 1935-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County -----E. H. Martin -----W. S. Brinkley

1936-Marlsboro, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1937-Cedar Hill, Decatur County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1938-Concord, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1939-Yuma, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1940-Caledonia, Henry County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1941-Oak Grove, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1942-New Cross Roads, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1943-New Bethel, Henry County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1944-Westport, Carroll County	W. H. Hopper	W. S. Brinkley
1945-Marlsboro, Carroll County	S. W. Joyner	W. S. Brinkley
1946-Mt. Comfort, Carroll County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1947-Pleasant Grove, Henderson County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1948-Old Union, Benton County	E. F. Prince	W. S. Brinkley
1949-Cross Roads, Benton County	E. F. Prince	T. L. Campbell
1950-Bible Grove, Henderson County	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1951-Republican Grove	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1952-Pleasant Hill, Benton County	C. F. Carter	T. L. Campbell
1953-Ephesus, Carroll County	John Hedges	T. L. Campbell
1954-Mixie, Carroll County	John Hedges	Ray Smith
1955-Concord, Carroll County	John Hedges	Ray Smith
1956-Tom's Creek, Perry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1957-Independent, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1958-Bethel, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1959-Oak Grove, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1960-New Bethel, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1961-Center Point, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1962-Caledonia, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1963-Old Union, Benton County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1964-New Bethel, Henry County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1965-Rushing Creek, Benton County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1966-Westport, Carroll County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1967-New Prospect, Decatur County	T. L. Campbell	Ray Smith
1968-Ephesus, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1969-Concord, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1970-New Frank's Chapel, Decatur County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1971-Landmark, Shelby County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1972-Yuma, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1973-Pleasant Ridge, Benton County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1974-New Cross Roads, Carroll County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1975-Cross Roads, Benton County	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1976-Second Baptist, Lexington	C. F. Carter	Ray Smith
1977-Bible Grove, Chesterfield	M. Rayburn	Ray Smith
1978-New Bethel, Henry County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1979-Independent, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1980-Bethel, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1981-Landmark, Shelby County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1982-Pleasant Hill, Benton County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1983-New Prospect, Decatur County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1984-Concord, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1985-Oak Grove, Henderson County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1986-New Liberty, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith
1987-Westport, Carroll County	Harold Carver	Ray Smith

1988-Center Point, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver -----	Ray Smith
1989-Mixie, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver -----	Ray Smith
1990-New Cross Roads, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver -----	Ray Smith
1991-Bible Grove, Henderson County -----	Harold Carver -----	Lee Carter
1992-Independent, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver -----	Lee Carter
1993-Marlsboro, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver -----	Lee Carter
1994-Clarksburg, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver -----	Lee Carter
1995-Cross Roads, Benton County -----	Harold Carver -----	Lee Carter
1996-Landmark, Shelby County -----	Harold Carver -----	Lee Carter
1997-New Hope, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver -----	Lee Carter
1998-Shiloh, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver -----	Lee Carter
1999-Concord, Carroll County -----	Harold Carver -----	Lee Carter
2000-Bethel, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Lee Carter
2001-Old Paths, Shelby County -----	A. G. Hayes -----	Lee Carter
2002-Oak Grove, Henderson County -----	A.G. Hayes -----	Scott Carter
2003-New Cross Roads, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2004-Center Point, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2005-Bible Grove, Henderson County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2006- Huntingdon, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2007-Clarksburg, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2008-Oak Grove, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2009- Cross Roads, Benton County -----	Johnny Wall -----	Scott Carter
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
2017-Pleasant Hill, Benton County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2018-Cross Roads, Benton County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2019-Oak Grove, Henderson County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2020-Concord, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2021-New Hope, Carroll County -----	Ray Smith -----	Scott Carter
2022-Shiloh, Carroll 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

I. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God; and the only rule of faith and practice. (Proverbs 30:5-6; 2 Samuel 23:2; John 5:38-39; John 12:47-48; Romans 1:16; Romans 3:4; Galatians 1:8-9; Philippians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:1; Revelation 22:18-19)

II. 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 the 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. (Exodus 15:11; Exodus 20:3; Psalms 83:18; Psalms 147:5; Isaiah 6:3; Jeremiah 2:12-13; Jeremiah 10:10; Matthew 10:37; Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:30; John 4:24; John 5:17; John 10:30; John 14:23-28; John 15:26; John 17:5, 10; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 1:20; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 2:18; Philippians 2:5-6; Hebrews 3:4; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 John 5:7; Revelation 1:4-5; Revelation 4:6-8; Revelation 4:11)

III. 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. (Genesis 1:27, 31; Genesis 2:16; Genesis 3:6-24; Genesis 6:5-6; Genesis 6:12; Psalms 51:5; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 4:22; Ezekiel 18:19-20; Matthew 20:15; John 3:6; Acts 15:26; Romans 1:18-32; Romans 2:1-16; Romans 3:10-19; Romans 5:12-19; Romans 8:7; Galatians 3:10; Galatians 3:22; Ephesians 2:1-3; Titus 3:3)

IV. 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. (Psalms 45; Psalms 89:19; Isaiah 42:21; Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 18:11-14; Matthew 20:28; John 1:1-14; John 3:16-18; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:10-26; Romans 4:25; Romans 5:12, 19; 1 Corinthians 3:5-7; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:22; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:5-9; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 2:9; Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 1:3,8; Hebrews 2:9,14,18; Hebrews 4:14; Hebrews 7:25-26; Hebrews 9:13-15; Hebrews 12:24; 1 John 2:3; 1 John 4:5-10)

V. 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. (Proverbs 1:24; Isaiah 55:1; Matthew 11:20; Matthew 23:37; Mark 1:15; Luke 14:17; Luke 19:27; John 3:19; John 5:40; Acts 13:46; Romans 1:15-17; Romans 5:19; Romans 9:32; Romans 16:26; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Hebrews 2:9-10; Hebrews 5:1-10; Hebrews 6:16-20; Hebrews 7:11-28; Revelation 22:17)

VI. 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. (Isaiah 64:4-8; Daniel 9:18-19; Zechariah 3:1-5; John 3:36; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Acts 10:42-43; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 John 5:11-12; Revelation 20:15)

VII. 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. (Psalms 45:6; Psalms 89:19; Isaiah 53:4-5; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Timothy 2:3-6; Hebrews 1:3, 8; Hebrews 2:9; Hebrews 2:14; Hebrews 2:18; Hebrews 4:14; Hebrews 7:25-26; Hebrews 9:13-28; Hebrews 12:24; 1 John 2:1-3; 1 John 4:10)

VIII. 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. (Psalms 34:18; Luke 15:7; John 6:44; John 6:65; John 14:16-18; John 14:25-26; John 15:26-27; John 16:7-14; Acts 3:19; Acts 8:22; Acts 9:4-5; Acts 16:14; Romans 8:16; 2 Corinthians 7:10; 1 John 2:20)

IX. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are freely justified by the righteousness of Christ, which comes to all that believe. (Proverbs 4:18; Matthew 26:41; Luke 9:23; Luke 11:35; John 3:6; Acts 13:38-39; Romans 8:5-15; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Corinthians 13:5-9; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 1:3-14; Ephesians 4:11-12,30; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 1:9-11; Philippians 2:12-13; Philippians 3:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Hebrews 6:11; 1 Peter 1:5-8; 1 Peter 2:2; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 2:24-29)

X. 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. (2 Kings 6:16; Job 17:9; Psalms 16:10-11; Psalms 91:11-12; Psalms 121:3; Psalms 125:1; Jeremiah 32:40; Matthew 6:30-33; Matthew 13:20-21; John 4:14; John 6:66-69; John 8:31; John 13:18; Romans 8:28,35-39; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 4:30; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 1:14; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 2:19,27-28; 1 John 3:9; 1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:18; Jude 24-25)

XI. 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. (Matthew 3:7-17; Matthew 18:15-20; Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:15,21; John 15:12; Acts 2:37-38,41-42,47; Acts 8:1,36-38; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 14:23; Acts 15:22; Acts 16:30-33; Acts 19:1-7; Romans 16:17-20; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 4:11,17; 1 Corinthians 5:6,12-13; 1 Corinthians 11:2,23-26; 1 Corinthians 12:14; 1 Corinthians 14:12; 2 Corinthians 2:7; 2 Corinthians 8:5; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 4:7; Philippians 1:1,27; 1 Thessalonians 4:2; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 1 John 4:21; 2 John 6; 3 John 9)

XII. 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. (Matthew 16:16-19; Matthew 18:15-20; Acts 14:23; Acts 15:22; Romans 16:17-20; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 1 Corinthians 5:6, 12-13; 1 Corinthians 11:2, 23; 1 Corinthians 12:14; 1 Corinthians 14:12; 1 Corinthians 14:26-33; 2 Corinthians 8:5; Galatians 6:2; Philippians 1:27; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 1 Timothy 5:21)

XIII. 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. (Genesis 2:3; Exodus 20:8; Exodus 35:2-3; Leviticus 19:30; Psalms 26:8; Psalms 118:24; Isaiah 56:2-8; Isaiah 58:13-14; Matthew 28:1; Mark 2:27-28; John 20:19-20; Acts 11:26; Acts 13:44; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Hebrews 4:3-11; Hebrews 10:24-25; Revelation 1:10)

XIV. 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. (2 Kings 5:11, 13; Jonah 3:4-5; Psalms 94:11-13; Mark 16:15; Acts 8:31; Acts 11:29-30; Romans 10:13-17; Romans 12:13; Romans 15:25-27; 1 Corinthians 1:17-18, 21; 1 Corinthians 9:9-14; 2 Corinthians 8:13-15; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; Titus 1:2-3; 1 Peter 1:25; 1 John 3:17)

XV. 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. (1 Samuel 3:4, 10; Acts 13:2-3; Acts 16:10; Acts 20:27; Romans 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:17; 1 Corinthians 1:23-29; 2 Corinthians 4:1-7; 2 Corinthians 6:3-4; Galatians 1:10-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4; 1 Timothy 4:6; 1 Timothy 4:12-16; 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 6:1-2; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:9-10; 1 Peter 5:1-3; 2 Peter 1:10)

XVI. 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. (Matthew 3:5-6; Matthew 26:26-29; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 3:13-14; Mark 14:22-25; Mark 16:16; Luke 22:14-20; John 3:22-23; John 4:1-3; John 6:26-71; Acts 2:38,41-42; Acts 6:6; Acts 8:12,36-39; Acts 10:47-48; Acts 14:21-23; Acts 16:32-34; Acts 18:8,24-28; Romans 6:4; 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:3-32; 1 Corinthians 11:17-32; Galatians 3:26-28; Colossians 2:12; Titus 1:5; 1 Peter 3:20-21)

XVII. 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. (Job 19:25-27; Ecclesiastes 3:17; Daniel 12:1-2; Malachi 3:18; Matthew 13:41-43; Matthew 13:49-50; Matthew 24:30-31; Matthew 24:35-44; Matthew 25:31-33; Matthew 25:46; Luke 14:13-14; John 5:28-29; Acts

24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:19; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Peter 2:9; 2 Peter 3:11-12; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 20:11-12)

XVIII. 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. (Proverbs 1:24; Isaiah 55:6-7; Matthew 11:20-24; Matthew 23:37; Matthew 24:14; Mark 1:15; Mark 13:9-11; Mark 16:15; Luke 19:27; John 3:19; John 5:39-40; Acts 13:46; Romans 1:15-17; Romans 9:32-33; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-12; 2 Timothy 1:7-10; Revelation 14:6-7).

Missions Supported

*addresses available upon request to clerk

Rick Jones	• Bethel • Clarksburg • Oak Grove	• Shiloh • New Cross Roads
Eugene Brown (<i>Words of Hope</i>)	• Bible Grove • Cross Roads • New Hope • Oak Grove	• Pleasant Hill • Rushing Creek • Shiloh • Huntingdon
Belize Mission - Monte Shoulders	• Cross Roads • Oak Grove • Rushing Creek	• Huntingdon • Shiloh
Ministerial Alliance, Camden	• Cross Roads	• Pleasant Ridge
Ministerial Alliance, Huntingdon	• Pleasant Ridge	
Back to the Bible	• Bethel	• Pleasant Hill
Eric Hammett (<i>Mexico</i>)	• Center Point	
Todd Marks (<i>Peru</i>)	• Center Point	
Khrys Paige (<i>Trinidad</i>)	• Bible Grove • Bethel	• Shiloh • New Hope
8 Days of Hope	• New Spring Hill	
Nueva Missionary Baptist Church (<i>Guatemala</i>)		• Oak Grove
Second Harvest Food Bank	• Huntingdon	
UT Martin Bible Study	• Huntingdon	• Pleasant Ridge
Pre Born	• New Spring Hill	
Samaritan's Purse	• Huntingdon	• New Spring Hill
Kenya African Fund	• Cross Roads • Oak Grove	• Huntingdon • Shiloh
Jamaica Mission	• Bethel • New Hope • Shiloh	• Cross Roads • Huntingdon • Concord
Don Curtis , <i>Wells of Salvation</i>	• Oak Grove	
Harvey Ambrose (<i>Alaksa</i>)	• Landmark	
F.U.E.L School Lunch Program	• Cross Roads	
Place of Hope Ministries c/o Mike Cope		• Huntingdon
Hope Center Ministries McEwen Sponsorship Fund		• Huntingdon
Gregory McClerkin-Hope for Sudan:		• New Spring Hill
Carroll Academy	• Huntingdon	
East End Mission, Bowling Green	• Oak Grove	
Waverly Food Mission	• Cross Roads	
Operation Christmas Child	• New Spring Hill	

In Memory of Our Sainted Dead-32
Deacon-2
Minister-1

Bethel

Sis. Janet Rich Bybee	05/30/22
Sis. Darlene Baker	08/19/22

Bible Grove

Sis. Nadene Wood	04/05/22
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Center Point

Bro. Jack Hopper (Minister)	12/11/21
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Clarksburg

Bro. Bobby Waugh	10/18/21
Sis. Lucille Lowe	05/09/22
Sis. Elizabeth Crum	05/20/22
Sis. Nettie Ellis	07/10/22
Sis. Paulette Bartholomew	08/31/22

Cross Roads

Sis. Rachel Pierce	10/20/21
Bro. Jerry Higdon	10/25/21
Bro. Bill Kee	11/25/21
Sis. Delana Rayburn	02/17/22
Sis. Ginger Davis	03/12/22
Sis. Opal Ridley	08/07/22
Bro. Jackie Wimberly	08/19/22
Bro. David Rayburn	09/10/22

Huntingdon

Sis. Jean Miller	01/22/22
Bro. Johnny Bartholomew	01/25/22
Sis. Janis Lindsey	02/26/22
Sis. Jane Kirby	02/28/22
Sis. Mary Anderson	04/19/22
Bro. Billy Handley	05/28/22
Bro. James Hodge	08/02/22
Bro. James Webb (Deacon)	08/16/22
Bro. Joe Glisson	08/27/22

Landmark

Bro. Nickey Gurley	05/29/22
Sis. Sharon Douglas	08/27/22

New Cross Roads

Bro. Jim Ridings	06/02/22
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Oak Grove

Bro. Royce "Butch" Grooms	04/25/22
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Pleasant Hill

Sis. Rita Williams	01/04/22
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Westport

Bro. Cody Tyler Byrum	10/26/21
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Sunday School Statistical Table 2022

Church	Superintendent	Teachers & Officers	Enrollment	Expenditures
Bethel	Joe Rich	6	54	\$6,139.82
Bible Grove	Stuart Milam	8		
Center Point		2	38	\$118.90
Clarksburg	Jeff Simmons	10	28	\$1,004.00
Concord	Alvin Boyd	13	45	\$9,494.09
Cross Roads	Jim Dungan	22	89	\$1,402.43
Huntingdon	Ray Smith	25	130	
Landmark				
Marlsboro				
Mixie				
New Cross Roads		6		
New Hope		9	28	\$644.10
New Spring Hill				
Oak Grove	Ernie Gibson	15	97	
Pleasant Grove	Ryan Maness	2		
Pleasant Hill	Waymon Umstead	5	25	\$500.00
Pleasant Ridge	Anthony French	5	21	
Rushing's Creek				
Shiloh	Chance Carlton	7		\$986.30
Westport	Jerry Dodd	8		
TOTALS		143	555	\$20,289.64

Statistical Table 2022

Church	Lord's Supper	Foot Washing	Baptisms	Additions by Letter	Restorations	Total Additions	Deaths	Losses by Letter	Exclusion	Total Losses	Membership
Bethel	1	0	0	4	0	4	4	0	0	4	151
Bible Grove	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	
Center Point	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	115
Clarksburg	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	5	0	9	122
Concord	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	6	136
Cross Roads	2	0	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	186
Huntingdon	2	0	3	4	0	7	6	2	0	8	
Landmark	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	49
Marlsboro						0				0	
Mixie						0				0	
New Cross Rd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	75
New Hope	1	0	4	4	0	8	2	0	0	2	90
New Spring Hill	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	12
Oak Grove	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	4	8	154
Pleasant Grove	1	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	
Pleasant Hill	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	116
Pleasant Ridge	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	81
Rushing Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
Shiloh	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	41
Westport	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	64
TOTALS	20	3	14	18	1	33	37	14	5	56	1,392

Financial Table 2022

Church	Minute Fund	Clerk Fund	Church Expenditures	Ministerial Help	Mission Support	Grand Total
Bethel	\$160	\$50	\$62,032.86	\$2,385.00	\$12,480.00	\$77,107.86
Bible Grove	\$120	\$75				\$195.00
Center Point	\$50	\$50	\$3,623.09	\$3,991.00	\$938.42	\$8,652.51
Clarksburg	\$80	\$50	\$16,909.00	\$33,780.00	\$5,238.00	\$56,057.00
Concord	\$100	\$70	\$1,408.13	\$1,000.00	\$974.00	\$3,552.13
Cross Roads	\$160	\$50	\$157,992.55	\$2,200.00	\$23,479.62	\$183,882.17
Huntingdon	\$200	\$200				\$400.00
Landmark	\$75	\$75				\$150.00
Marlsboro	\$0	\$0				\$0.00
Mixie	\$0	\$0				\$0.00
New Cross Rds.	\$100	\$25				\$125.00
New Hope	\$48	\$50	\$9,649.82	\$1,998.00	\$10,297.93	\$22,043.75
New Spring Hill	\$20	\$20				\$40.00
Oak Grove	\$140	\$50				\$190.00
Pleasant Grove	\$125	\$125				\$250.00
Pleasant Hill	\$100	\$50	\$13,472.00	\$400.00	\$850.00	\$14,872.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$50	\$200	\$7,124.76	\$1,000.00	\$1,852.00	\$10,226.76
Rushing Creek	\$40	\$20	\$18,215.58	\$800.00	\$3,770.00	\$22,845.58
Shiloh	\$80	\$50	\$17,460.69	\$900.00	\$7,322.00	\$25,812.69
Westport	\$60	\$40				\$100.00
TOTALS	\$1,708	\$1,250	\$307,888.48	\$48,454.00	\$67,201.97	\$426,502.45

Bro. Jack Hopper

1935-2021



Bro. Hopper was born on July 27, 1935, in Huntingdon, to the late Roy and Ruth Tubbs Hopper. First and foremost, Bro. Hopper was an ordained minister and pastored several churches in the area. He was also cabinet maker at Jack's Cabinet Shop. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Carol Lee Hopper, a daughter, Cynthia Carol Himes, two sisters, Wilma Lowery and Verna Mae Jackson, and four brothers, Norman Hopper, Robert Hopper, Leslie Hopper, and Murphy Gene Hopper.

He is survived by two daughters, Phyllis Hopper, of Hollow Rock, and Jackie Hopper, of Jackson, a brother, Wes Hopper, of Hollow Rock, four grandchildren, Amber Sam, Brittany Harris, Savanna Hopper, Jacob Wilkes, and four great-grandchildren, Madison Minard, Lily Sam, Kylan Milton, and Rowan Rice.

