

BETHEL MBA - 50TH ANNIVERSARY

RELIGIOUS SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING OUR ASSOCIATION

Alphabetical by Topic with Titles & Year Reported

CATEGORY	SUBJECT TITLE	YEAR REPORTED
ASSOCIATION	What is the Object of an Association and are We Fulfilling This Purpose?	1962
	What is the Duty of Sister Churches in the Same Association Toward Each Other?	1962
	What Constitutes Fellowship Among Churches?	1966
	The Dangers of Conventionism (& Federal Council of Churches and Why the True Church Cannot be a Part of Either)	1958, 1959, 1960, 1971
	What Is the Purpose of an Association?	1973
	What are the Duties of Messengers Representing Their Church in the Association?	1975
	It Should be the Object of the Associational Sessions to Promote the Union of the Faith of the Gospel. How Do We Accomplish This?	1976
	Where is the Proper Place to Make a Test of Fellowship? Is It at the Association or is It at the Independent Church?	1976
	How Can the Churches Assist and Promote Fellowship with Their Sister Churches?	1977
	Define the Difference Between an Association and a Convention	1984
	Give a Biblical Definition and Description of the Phrase, "Like Faith and Order"	1999
	What Can We Do to Improve Our Association, i.e., Make It More Responsive to the Needs of Our Churches?	1999
	CHRISTIAN LIFE	Temperance & Morality
Temperance		1964
Hinderances to the Cause of Our Lord		1958, 1959, 1970
Will There Be Any Rewards for God's Children? If so, When Will They Receive Them?		1972
What Is a Christian? How Should a Christian Conduct His Life?		1973
The Need and Obligation for Every Child of God to Study God's Word		1975
Drug Abuse: It's Effect Upon Our Youth and Preventative Measures		1979
Pray! Who, What, Why, When and Where		1979
What Importance Should Be Given to the Adherence to the Teachings of Our Church Covenant?		1980
We Live in a Fast-Paced, Pleasure-Loving and Godless Society. How Can We Attain the Distinction "They Are in the World, But They Are Not of the World" As Taught in the 17th Chapter of John's Gospel?		1980
Is There a Need for the Harm of Drugs and Strong Drink to be Taught in our Churches?		1983
What Should be the Doctrinal Position of the Church Regarding the Moral Issues Such as Alcoholism, Homosexuality and Abortion?		1986
Does the Bible Teach that We Are "To Abstain from the Sale of, and Use of, Intoxicating Drinks as a Beverage" as Called Out in our Church Covenant? If So, Would This Violation Be Considered as a Personal Offense Against One Member, or a Public Offense Against the Church?		1989
The Scriptures Teach for Christians to Abstain from All Appearance of Evil, Therefore, Do You Think It Is Proper for Church Members to Buy Lottery Tickets?		1992
Should We Forgive Our "Brother?" How Important Is It?		1995
What Happens When Church Members Neglect Their Prayer Life?		1998
With the Increasing Popularity of Video Rental and Cable/Satellite Television in America, What Precautions Should Christians Take to Keep Inappropriate Programming Out of Their Home? What Can Our Churches and Our Ministers Do to Promote a Higher Level of Vigilance in This Area?		1998
Using the Scriptures As a Guideline and Our Example, What Is the Responsibility of Our Churches, or As Christian Individuals, As It Relates to Our Political System?		2002
Extra-Biblical Helps in Our Churches (Declarations of Faith, Church Covenants, Church Manuals, etc.), How Strict Must Our Conformity Be to Them and Why?		2002
Prayer		2006
Biblical Fasting		2006
Personal Evangelism		2007

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CHURCH WORK	Church Attendance	1961
	(Scriptural) Sunday School and/or Prayer Meeting	1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1970, 1978
	How to Organize a New Testament Church	1962
	Church Discipline	1958, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1969, 1970, 1978
	Why are Baptists So Strict on Ordained Ministers & Deacons and What Would Terminate Their Ordained Office?	1966
	Where Has the Power of the Church Gone?	1967
	What is the Great Hindrance in our Churches that is Dividing the Spirit Among Our Brethren?	1967
	Church Membership, Its Duties, Obligations, Rights and Privileges	1968
	In Our Church Covenant We Agree that by the Aid of the Holy Spirit We Will Promote the Prosperity and Spirituality of the Church. How is This to be Done?	1968
	Is the Purpose of the Office of Deacons the Same as When First Established?	1968
	State of Religion	1970
	The Commission of the Church	1971
	Is the Church Required to Discipline Disorderly Members? How Do We Do This?	1973
	Should the Majority Rule in all Cases in a Baptist Church?	1974
	Is It Scriptural and According to Baptist Practice to Rescind the Act of Receiving a Member and Send Them Back to the Church They Came From?	1974
	What Is the Importance of Sunday School and How Can We Build Our Sunday School?	1974
	Duties of Sister Churches in Their Relations and Dealings With One Another	1974
	What Could Encourage Church Attendance?	1974
	What is the Difference Between a Spiritual Service and an Emotional Service and is Emotionalism Essential to Spirituality?	1975
	What the Churches Can Do to Help Their Young Preachers	1975
	Can a Church Honor Her Head, Which is Christ, Without Disciplining Her Members?	1976
	What Are the Primary Causes of Hinderances To the Lord's Work Arising Within the Local Churches?	1960, 1977, 1979
	Should the Churches Promote the Teaching and Preaching of Morality as Taught by the Word of God?	1977
	Should a Person Impose His Political or Fraternal Views on His Church?	1977
	Commission to the Church	1978
	What Can Sunday School Teachers Do to Encourage Class Participation	1979
	What Should be the Proper Course of Action or Discipline Toward a Member, Including Our Ordained Brethren, Who Continues in Willful Non-Fellowship?	1980
	Are We, As Individual Churches, Meeting the Needs, Both Spiritually and Materially of Our Respective Communities? How Can We Improve Our Efforts?	1980
	Regular, Faithful Attendance! Regular, Cheerful Financial Support! Humble, Meaningful, Prayerful Support! Can We, As Churches, Survive Unless Our Memberships Embrace These Habits? Why Not?	1980
	Scriptural Ways to Encourage Church Attendance of Members and People fo the Local Community	1982
	Ways to Improve Singing to the Glory of God	1982
	Is There a Difference Between Teaching and Preaching? If So, Biblically Define.	1983
	The Right Way to Interrogate a Deacon and a Preacher in an Ordination	1984
	How Do Singing Groups Help or Hinder the Lord's Work?	1985
	What Guidelines Can Be Used in Deciding When to License a Minister?	1985
	Ways of Publicizing Church, Church Services and Activities As Well As Missions	1986
	Does a Pre-Business Meeting Work Toward an Advantage or Disadvantage to the Church?	1988
	Dangers to the Church from Within and Without	1989
	What Are the Church Ordinances and Their Relationship to Each Other?	1990
	Should Churches Have Special Activities for the Youth? If So, What Kinds of Activities Are Recommended?	1991
	Modern Society Has Given Us Social Evils That Our Ancestors Rarely, If Ever, Were Confronted With. Should These Evils, Such as Abortion, Homosexuality, Surrogate Motherhood, Euthanasia, etc., Come Under the Same Scriptural Disciplinary Rules That Have Been Applied By Our Churches for Public Sins in the Past?	1991
	There Are Two Offices in a Church, i.e., Pastors and Deacons. Are There Any Limitations on a Church's Work, Such As the Administration of the Ordinances, etc., If Either of These Offices Is Temporarily Vacant?	1991
	What Can Our Churches Do to Draw Our Members Closer Together in Their Personal Lives, as Well as in Their Church Lives, and Also Draw All Our Churches Closer as Well?	1996
	The Attendance of Members at the Local Visible Church. Is There Scriptural Examples for Discipline Toward Members Who Do Not Attend?	1996
	What Role Can Our Youth Play in the Church of Today and What Can We Do to Keep Them Involved in the Church of Tomorrow?	1997
	How Is the Deterioration of the American Family Affecting Our Churches and Their Effectiveness?	1998
	With the Numerous Religious Resource Materials Available Today for Organized Religion, Is it Scriptural and Acceptable, and Is There Benefit in Blending Traditional and Contemporary Elements of Word, Music, Skit and Drama in Our Churches as a Medium to Reach People with the Gospel for Their Spiritual Need?	2000
	If and When at any Point Does Using Different Methods of Practice (Example: Youth Weekends, Vacation Bible School, Minister School) Effect the Scriptural Well Being of Our Churches?	2002
	What, and If Any, Responsibility or Choice Does a Church Have in Dealing with Members Who No Longer Support or Attend Church, and Have Not Done So in So Many Years, that the Church Has No Knowledge of Where They Are Now or How to Contact Them?	2003
	Our Churches Today Are Experiencing Difficulty in Keeping a Close Spiritual Relation with God! What Is the Cause or Reason We Are Experiencing Difficulty in Our Relationship with God? Give Us a Biblical Remedy for this Situation.	2003

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DOCTRINAL	What is (Distinctive) Baptist Doctrine?	1958, 1959, 1960, 1964, 1971
	Why Must We Set Apart God's Day of Worship for Him?	1965, 1979
	What is Our Church Government?	1965
	What is the Foundation of our Faith & How Can We Recognize It's Author?	1966
	Can a Person Keep the Ten Commandments? If So, Why Did Christ Have to Die for the Sins of the World?	1967
	(II Thessalonians 2:3) - Is This the True Children of God? If So Be, Does God Cause His Children to (Sin)?	1967
	How the Gospel is being Perverted and What Is our Duty Concerning This Perversion	1968
	How is the Independence of Our Churches in Jeopardy?	1969
	What is Apostasy and Is it Scriptural?	1969
	Distinct Baptist Doctrines	1969
	Baptist Heritage	1970
	The Leadership of the Spirit	1971
	What is Alien Immersion?	1971
	Does Man Have Any Part in His Redemption from Sin?	1971
	What are the Blessings of True Spiritual Worship and the Dangers of Spiritualism?	1972
	Church Independence	1975
	What Avenue Should be Taken When a Preacher's Convictions and His Home Church's Views Differ Concerning Basic Baptist Beliefs and Practices as Taught in God's Word?	1977
	Doctrinal Principles Compared to Traditional Formats	1979
	What Constitutes a "Spiritual" Church?	1981
	What Is the Proper Relationship Between the Church and the Local, State and Federal Governments?	1984
	The Difference Between Traditions and Truths	1986
	How Can We Recognize the Lord's Churches? What is, "Like Faith and Order?" Is One Visit Enough to Distinguish Truth?	1987
	What Does the Bible Teach on the Second Coming of Christ and the Resurrection of the Dead?	1987
	Did Christ Die for All Mankind or Just for the Elect (Those that Will Be Saved)?	1988
	The Independence of a Baptist Church	1988
	Does the Doctrine, "Once Saved Always Saved," Encourage Men to Willfully Sin?	1990
	What Particular Roles Do the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Perform in the Gospel Plan of Salvation?	1990
	Anointing With Oil - James 5:14-15	1994
	Describe the Connection Between the New Covenant and Jesus Christ as High Priest	1995
	Define & Distinguish Election & Foreordination	1995
	Can We Baptist Prove by the Scripture That the Church Jesus Set Up, Has an Unbroken Line From the Days He Set It Up Until He Returns?	1996
	What Is the Official Designation of the Holy Spirit and His Specific Ministry in the Church?	1997
	Based on Luke 21:24 and Also Romans 11:25, What Are the Dangers of We Gentile People, As a Nation, Losing the Mercy and Grace of God?	1997
	Is the Scriptural Administration of the Ordinance of Baptism Dependent on the Candidate's Intent to Unite with the Church?	1999
	What Is the Biblical and Missionary Baptist Position As It Relates to Interracial Relationships and Marriage?	2000
	Explain the Office Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the Salvation of the Soul	2001
	The Divine Calling to Preach the Gospel	2003
	What Is the Bride of Christ? What Qualifies a Person to be in That Final Body?	2004
	The Holy Spirit	2006
	Truth	2007
Church Authority	2007	
EDUCATION	Christian Education and/or Religious Literature	1958, 1959, 1960, 1961 (2), 1972
	What Means is to be Used in Religiously Educating Our Children?	1968
	What Are the Hinderances in Our Sunday School?	1969
	Ministerial Education! What Preparation Can and Should a Preacher Make to Better Prepare for the Work of the Ministry?	1975
	Should Churches Require Young Christians to Believe All Distinctive Baptist Doctrine Before Baptism or Should They Be Taught Doctrine After Baptism?	1976
	How Can We Better Improve Our Sunday School Attendance?	1978
	How Can We Best Educate Ourselves to Defend Our "Old Time" Baptist Doctrine and Practices?	1980
	How Effective is Bible Teaching in Our Churches? How Can We Improve our Teaching?	1987
	What Can Sunday School Superintendants Do to Promote More Interest in Sunday School, Especially Children? What Are Some of the Things the Superintendent Should Do to Increase Attendance?	1992
	Investigate and Report What Steps Are Necessary to Develop an Educational Facility for Children	1994
EVANGELISM	How to Reach the Lost	1961
	How Can Our Churches Become More Effective in Their Impression Upon Society?	1964
	Where are We Failing as Churches & What Effect Does It have on Our World and On the Cause of Christ?	1966
	What Methods Can be Employed to Reach the People in the Community Where Our Churches Are Located?	1968
	What is the Baptist Interpretation of the Term Evangelism? Paul told Timothy to do the Work of an Evangelist. How is This to be Done?	1968
	God Gave the Church a World Wide Commission to Go Preach the Gospel. How Do We Accomplish This?	1973
From a Scriptural Viewpoint, How Did Jesus, Our Master Teacher and Paul the Apostle Teach How a Proper Altar Call Should Be Given?	1988	
FALSE TEACHINGS	What is Modernism?	1963, 1969
	What are the Dangers of the Doctrine, "One World, One Religion?"	1964
	What Threat is Catholicism & Communism Making Against the Holy Scriptures?	1965
	What is the Cause of the Practice of Error?	1971
	How the Divinity of Christ is Being Denied and Its Effect on our Youth	1972
	The Evils of the Doctrines of the Apostasy	1972
	What Are the Dangers of Heresy and Formalism? Do they Affect Us?	1973
	How Can We Best Instruct and Encourage Lost Souls Who Are Earnestly Seeking Salvation, Especially During Revivals?	1981
	What is "Humanism" and is It a Threat to Us?	1985
	Witchcraft	1994
Creation: Countering the Attack on a Fundamental Teaching, Part A - Overview of Attacks Against a 6-Day Creation, Part B - Overview of Doctrines We Believe That Are Tied to a 6-Day Creation, Part C - Biblical Resources	2005	

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FINANCES	Financing the Lord's Work	1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1970, 1972, 1978, 1982
	Is Tithing Scriptural and Should It be Taught by the Church?	1962
	The Bible Teaches the Support of the Ministry, Therefore Do the Scriptures Provide a Method That Would Enable Us to Fully Support Our Pastors and Missionaries?	1993
	What, and If Any, Is a Church's Responsibility Concerning Governmental Laws and Regulations, Such As IRS and Other? What Are They, That We Can be Aware of Them?	2004
MISSIONS	Missions	1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007
	Report on Home & Foreign Missions	1965, 1966, 1967, 1978
	How Was Mission Work Carried on by the New Testament Churches and Should It be Carried On the Same Way Today?	1962
	Where Does the Authority of Home & Foreign Missions Lie & By Whom are They Supported?	1966
	Is it Necessary for the Church to Support and Maintain Mission Work? Are We Living Up to this Obligation?	1973
	What Is the Purpose of Mission Work and How Can It Be Built Up?	1974
	Are Missions Important to Our Churches? If So, How?	1977, 1992
	Ways to be of Assistance to Needy Missionaries Throughout Our Country	1982
	Scriptural Missions - Who Should Go? By What Authority? How Should It be Financed?	1985
	What Constitutes a New Testament Church From the Point of a Mission to One That is Organized?	1986
	The Necessity of Missions	1989
	What Can and Should a Church Do to Prepare a Missionary Spiritually, Doctrinally and Financially for the Mission Field	1990
	The Support of Missionaries is a Basic Part of the Work of Our Churches. Is There a System to Insure That They Get Adequate Support That Is Both Workable and Scriptural?	1991
	What is the Best Way for the Churches in Our Association to Begin a Cooperative Television Ministry?	1993
	Mission Work: Among Our Families and Beyond, Part A - How to Witness to Unsaved Family Members, Part B - Mission Work of the Churches in the Bethel MB Association	2005
	PASTORAL	How the Churches Can Help Their Ordained Ministers in Their Work?
Does a Pastor of a Church Have Any Authority? If So, What is It and Where Does He Get It?		1962
How Can We Encourage our Young People to Remain Faithful to God and to Their Church?		1967
How Should We Treat Our Excluded Members?		1969
Duties of a Pastor		1971
The Duty of a Minister to be on Watch for Error and Approaching Danger		1976
Should the Elders of a Church be Approached for Opinion and Advice on Matters of Church Business?		1976
Are Pastors Sometimes Hindered in Their Work by Insufficient Compensation?		1977
How Can We as a Church, Create More Interest With Our Youth?		1978
How Can the Churches Help Their Pastors?		1978
Are There Any Advantages in a Church Electing a Pastor Indefinitely? If So, What are They?		1980
What is the Place and Usefulness, in the Church of the Elderly, the Sisters and the Youth?		1981
How Can the Church Effectively Say, "Take Heed to the Ministry Which Thou Hast Received in the Lord, That Thou Fulfill It?" (Colossians 4:17)		1983
The Church's Responsibility Toward Its Non-Ordained Preachers: Teaching Them How to Study the Bible and the Role of Works Pulpit Department		1983
What are the Benefits of Teaching Music in Our Churches?		1986
Are the Counseling Needs of Our Members Being Met? How Can Counselors Improve Their Effectiveness?		1987
How Can We Improve Church Attendance?		1989
What Is Our Responsibility Towards Our Older Brethren Who Have Devoted Their Lives to the Gospel Ministry, Who Have No Means of Support, Such as a Pension in Their Last Days?		1993
Should Missionary Baptist Ministers Perform Marriage Ceremonies for Divorced Individuals? If So, Under What Circumstances?		2000
With the Future of Our Faith and Doctrine at Stake - And Very Possibly At Great Risk - Should We Encourage Our Ministry to Rely On the Holy Spirit in Studies to Develop Responsibilities and Duties, Rather Than Their Secular Knowledge?		2001
Christian Marriage: The Foundation of a Christian Home, Part A - Study Guide, Part B - Testimonials, Part C - Biblical Resources		2005
God's Word: The Standard and Rule for a Christian Home, Part A - Importance of Children Observing Parents Study & Obey God's Word, Part B - Daily New Testament Study Schedule, Part C - Role of Sunday School		2005
Jesus Christ: The Unseen Family Member, Part A - Building a Hedge Around Our Children & Setting Priorities Within the Home, Part B - Repentance & Forgiveness Between Family Members, Part C - Communication Between Parents & Children		2005