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Friday, September 18th, 2026 at 10 AM,

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Articles of Faith

I. Of the Scriptures:

¹We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and it is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; ²that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, ³and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; ⁴that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; ⁵and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, ⁶and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

Scriptures: ¹*II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:21; 2II Timothy 3:15, I Thessalonians 2:13, I Peter 1:9-12; 3Proverbs 30:5-6, II Peter 1:20; 4Romans 2:12, Romans 2:16, John 12:48; 5Philippians 3:16, Matthew 24:35, Amos 3:3; 6I John 4:1*

II. Of the True God:

¹We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, ²an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, ³the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth; ⁴inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; ⁵that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, ⁶and executing distinct and harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Scriptures: ¹*Isaiah 45:5, Deuteronomy 4:35, Jeremiah 10:10, I Corinthians 8:4-6; 2Psalm 147:5, John 4:24, Psalms 83:18; 3Romans 1:20, Hebrews 3:4; 4Exodus15:11, Isaiah 6:3, I Peter1:15-16, Revelation 4:6-8, Mark12:30, Revelation 4:11, Matthew10:37, Jeremiah 2:12-13; 5Matthew 28:19, I John 5:7; 6I Corinthians12:4-6, John10:30, Philippians 2:5-6, John 5:17-18, John 15:26, Acts 5:3-4, I Corinthians 2:10-11, Ephesians 2:18, Revelation 1:4-5, II Corinthians 13:14*

III. Of the Fall of Man:

¹We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, ²but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; ³in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; ⁴being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; ⁵and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

Scriptures: ¹*Genesis 1:27, Genesis 1:31, Ecclesiastes 7:29, Acts 17:26-29, Genesis 2:16-17, Galatians 3:10, Romans 3:19; 2Genesis 3:6-24; 3Romans 5:12, Romans 5:15-19, Galatians 3:22, Ezekiel 18:19-20; 4Psalms 51:5, Romans 8:7, Isaiah 53:6, Genesis 6:12, Romans 3:9-18, Ephesians 2:1-3, Galatians 3:10; 5Romans 1:18-32, Romans 2:1-16, Romans.1:20*

IV. Of the Way of Salvation:

¹We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; ²who by the appointment of the Father freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin; ³honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full atonement for our sins; ⁴that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in heaven; ⁵and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Saviour.

Scriptures: ¹*Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 18:11, Acts 15:11, Hebrews 12:24;* ²*I John 4:10, John 3:16, John 1:1-14, Hebrews 4:14, Philippians 2:5-7, II Corinthians 5:21, Psalms 89:19;* ³*Isaiah 42:21, Galatians 4:4-5, Philippians 2:8, Romans 3:21, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 20:28, Hebrews 2:9&14;* ⁴*Romans 4:25, Colossians 3:1-4, Hebrews 1:3, I Corinthians 15:3-4;* ⁵*Hebrews 7:25-26, Romans 3:21-26, Hebrews 2:18, Colossians 2:9, Hebrews 1:8, Hebrews 9:13-15*

V. Of Justification:

¹We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; ²that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; ³that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; ⁴by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; ⁵that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

Scriptures: ¹*Acts 13:39, Isaiah 53:11-12;* ²*Romans 5:1-2, Romans 5:9, Zechariah 13:1, Matthew 9:6, Acts 10:43, Romans 5:17, I John 2:25, Romans 6:23;* ³*Titus 3:5-7, Romans 4:4-5, Romans 3:24-26, John 1:16;* ⁴*Romans 5:21, Philippians 3:7-9, Romans 5:19, Romans 4:23-25, Romans 8:1;* ⁵*Romans 4:4-5, Romans 5:11, I Corinthians 1:30-31, Matthew 6:33*

VI. Of the Freeness of Salvation:

¹We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; ²that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial penitent, and obedient faith; ³and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; ⁴which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

Scriptures: ¹*Isaiah 55:1, Revelations 22:17;* ²*Romans 16:25-26, Mark 1:15, Romans 1:15-17, Luke 14:17;* ³*John 5:39-40, Romans 9:30-32, Matthew 23:37, Proverbs 1:24, Acts 13:46;* ⁴*John 3:19, Matthew 11:20, II Thessalonians 1:7-8*

VII. Of Grace in Regeneration:

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that it's proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith and newness of life.

Scriptures: *John 3:3; John 3:6-7; I Corinthians 1:14; Revelations 8:7-9; Revelations 21:27; II Corinthians 5: 17; Ezekiel 36:26; Deuteronomy 30:6; Romans 2:28-29; Romans 5:5; I John 4:7; John 3:8; John 1:13; James 1:16-18; I Corinthians 1:30; Philippians 2:13; I Peter 1:22-25; I John 5:1; Ephesians 4:20-24; Colossians 3:9-11; Ephesians 5:9; Romans 8:9; Galatians 5:15-23; Ephesians 3:14-21; Matthew 3:8-10; Matthew 7:20; I John 5:4 & 18*

VIII. Of Repentance And Faith:

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.

Scriptures: *Mark 1:15; Acts 11:18; Ephesians 2:8; I John 5:1; John 16:8; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 16:30-31; Luke 18:13; Luke 15:18-21; James 4:7-10; II Corinthians 7:11; Romans 10:12-13; Psalms 51; Romans 10:9-11; Acts 3:22-23; Hebrews 4:14; Psalms 2-6; Hebrews 1:8; Hebrews 8:5; II Timothy 1:12*

IX. Of God's Purpose Of Grace:

We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel, that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and desires the utmost diligence.

Scriptures: *II Timothy 1:8-9; Ephesians 1:3-14; I Peter 1:1-2; Romans 11:5-6; John 15:16; I John 4:19; Hosea 12:9; II Thessalonians 2:13-14; Acts 13:48; John 10:16; Matthew 20:16; Acts 15:14; Exodus 33:19; II Timothy 1:9; Romans 11:32-36; I Corinthians 4:7; I Corinthians 1:26-31; Romans 3:27; Romans 4:16; Colossians 3:12; I Corinthians 3:5-7; I Corinthians 15:10; I Peter 5:10; Acts 1:24; I Thessalonians 2:13; I Peter 2:9; Luke 18:7; John 15:16; Ephesians 1:16; I Thessalonians 2:12; I Timothy 2:10; I Corinthians 9:22; Romans 8:28-30; John 6:37-40; II Peter 1:10; I Thessalonians 1:4-10; Isaiah 42:16; Romans 11:29; II Peter 1:10-11; Philippians 3:12; Hebrews 6:11*

X. Of Sanctification:

¹We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; ²that it is a progressive work; ³that it is begun in regeneration; ⁴and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means – especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

Scriptures: ¹*II Corinthians 7:1, II Corinthians 13:9, Ephesians 1:4, I Thessalonians 4:3-4, I Thessalonians 5:23-24, I Peter 1:14-16;* ²*Proverbs 4:18, II Corinthians 3:18, Philippians 3:12-16, Heb 6:1; II Peter 1:5-8;* ³*Romans 8:5, Philippians 1:6, I John 2:29;* ⁴*Matthew 26:41, Luke 9:23, Luke 11:34-36, II Corinthians 3:18, II Corinthians 13:5, Ephesians 4:11-12, Ephesians 6:17-18, Philippians 1:9-11, Philippians 2:12-13; I Thessalonians 4:3-4, I Peter 2:2, II Peter 3:18*

XI. Of The Perseverance Of Saints:

¹We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; ²that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; ³that a special providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Scriptures: ¹*Job 17:9, John 5:24, John 8:31, Philippians 1:6, I Peter 1:22-23; ²John 6:35-40, John 10:27-30, Romans 8:1, I Corinthians 1:4-8; Ephesians 4:30, I John 2:19, I John 2:27-29, I John 4:4; ²John 6:35-40, John 10:27-30, Romans 8:1, I Corinthians 1:4-8, Ephesians 4:30, I John 2:19, I John 2:27-29, I John 4:4; ³Psalms 121:3, Jeremiah 32:40, Lamentations 3:22-23, Matthew 6:30-33, Romans 5:1-2, Romans 8:28, Philippians 2:12-13, Hebrews 1:13-14, Hebrews 13:5, I Peter 1:3-6, Jude 24-25*

XII. Of the Harmony of the Law and the Gospel:

¹We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; ²that it is holy, just, and good; ³and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; ⁴to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

Scriptures: ¹*Matthew 5:17-18, Luke 16:17, Romans 3:19-20; ²Psalms 119:137-142, Romans 7:7, Romans 7:12,14,22, Galatians 3:21; ³Joshua 24:19, Jeremiah 13:23, Romans 8:7-8; ⁴John 6:44, Romans 3:31, Romans 8:2-4, Romans 10:4, II Corinthians 5:18-21, I Timothy 1:5, Hebrews 8:10, Hebrews 12:14*

XIII. Of a Gospel Church:

¹We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; ²observing the ordinances of Christ; ³governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; ⁴that its only scriptural officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistle to Timothy and Titus.

Scriptures: ¹*Corinthians 1:1-13, Matthew 18:17, Acts 5:11, Acts 8:1, Acts 11:22, I Corinthians 4:17, I Corinthians 14:23, III John 9, I Timothy 3:5, II Corinthians 8:5, Acts 2:47, I Corinthians 5:12-13, I Corinthians 12:14; ²Acts 2:41-42, I Corinthians 11:2, I Corinthians 11:23-34, Matthew 28:20; ³II Thessalonians 3:6, Romans 16:17-20, Matthew 18:15-20, I Corinthians 5:5-13, II Corinthians 2:5-8, John 14:15, John 15:12, I John 4:21, John 14:21, I Thessalonians 4:2-12, II John 6, Galatians 6:2, Ephesians 4:7, I Corinthians 14:12, Philippians 1:27; ⁴Philippians 1:1, Acts 14:23, Acts 15:22, I Timothy 3, Titus 1, Acts 6*

XIV. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper:

¹We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; ²to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; ³that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; ⁴and to the Lords Supper in which the members of the

church by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Scriptures: ¹Acts 8:36-39, Matthew 3:5-6, John 3:22-23, John 4:1-2, Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:12, Acts 16:32-34, Acts 18:8, Acts 10:47, Galatians 3:26-28; ²Colossians 2:12, I Peter 3:20-21, Acts 22:16; ³Acts 2:41-42, Acts 8:12-13, Acts 9:1-31; ⁴Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 11:17-30, I Corinthians 5:1-8, I Corinthians 10:3-32, John 6:26-71

XV. Of the Christian Sabbath:

¹We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath; ²and it is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; ³and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Scriptures: ¹Acts 20:7, Genesis 2:2-3, John 20:19, I Corinthians 16:1-2; ²Colossians 2:16-17, Mark 2:27, Exodus 20:8, Revelation 1:10, Isaiah 58:13-14, Isaiah 56:2-8, Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 11:26, Acts 13:44, Leviticus 19:30, Luke 4:16, Acts 17:2-3, Psalm 26:8; ³Hebrews 4:3-11

XVI. Of Civil Government:

¹We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; ²and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; ³except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

Scriptures: ¹Romans 13:1-7, Deuteronomy 16:18, II Samuel 23:3, Exodus 18:19-23, Jeremiah 30:21, Matthew 22:21, Titus 3:1, I Peter 2:13; ²I Timothy 2:1-8; ³Acts 5:29, Matthew 10:28, Daniel 3:15-18, Daniel 6:7-10, Acts 4:18-20, Matthew 23:10, Romans 14:4, Revelation 19:16, Psalm 72:11, Psalm 2, Romans 14:9-13

XVII. Of the Righteous and the Wicked:

¹We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; ²that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; ³while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

Scriptures: ¹Malachi 3:18, Proverbs 12:26, Isaiah 5:20, Genesis 18:23, Jeremiah 15:19, Acts 10:34-35, Romans 6:16, Ecclesiastes 3:17; ²Romans 1:17, Romans 7:6, I John 2:29, I John 3:7, Romans 6:18-22, I Corinthians 11:32, Proverbs 11:31, I Peter 4:17-18, I John 5:19; ³Galatians 3:10, John 3:36, Isaiah 57:21, Psalm 10:4, Isaiah 55:6-7, Proverbs 14:32, Luke 16:19-31, John 8:21-24, John 12:25-26

XVIII. Of the World to Come:

¹We believe that the end of this world is approaching; ²that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to the final retribution; ³that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be ad-

judged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; ⁴and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

Scriptures: ¹*I Peter 4:7, I Corinthians 7:29-31, Hebrews 1:10-12, Matthew 24:35, I John 2:17, Matthew 28:20, Matthew 13:39-40, II Peter 3:3-13;* ²*Acts 1:11, Revelation 1:7, Hebrews 9:28, Acts 3:21, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 24:30-31, I John 2:28;* ³*I Thessalonians 5:1-11, Acts 4:15, I Corinthians 15:12-58, Luke 14:14, Daniel 12:2, John 5:28-29, John 6:40, John 11:25-26, Acts 10:42, Matthew 13:49, Matthew 13:37-43, Matthew 25:31-46, Revelation 22:11;*⁴*Mark 9:43-48, II Peter 2:9, Jude 7, Philippians 3:19, Romans 6:22, II Corinthians 5:10-11, John 4:36, Romans 3:5-6, II Thessalonians 1:6-12, Hebrews 6:1-2, I Corinthians 4:5, Acts 17:31, Romans 2:2-16, I John 4:17*

XIX. Of Marriage:

¹We believe that marriage is a divinely established union. That it is defined in the Holy Scriptures as being between one natural born man and one natural born woman. ²Marriage is the foundational relationship of the natural family. The Scriptures teach that it was instituted to combat loneliness through companionship, to prevent sexual immorality and to populate the earth. ³That it is for the mutual benefit of the man and the woman and is intended to give glory to God. ⁴We believe that it is a lifelong union. ⁵That the ultimate purpose of marriage is to reflect the relationship that Christ has with His bride, the church and to pervert this relationship is to distort the gospel message.

Scriptures: ¹*Genesis 2:23-24, Mark 10:6-8;* ²*Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 2:18 & 21-22, Psalms 127:3-5, I Corinthians 7:2, Hebrews 13:4;* ³*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, Ephesians 5:28-29, Revelation 4:11;* ⁴*Matthew 19:6-8, Romans 7:2-3, I Corinthians 7:39;* ⁵*Ephesians 5:22-32*

XX. Of The Sanctity of Human Life:

¹We believe that mankind was made in the image and likeness of God and that human life is sacred and holy. ²In the creation, mankind was given dominion and priority over the animal kingdom. ³Human life is highly valued by God and should therefore be protected in every stage. ⁴We believe that life begins at conception and ends at a time appointed by God. ⁵We believe that mankind was created with the purpose of glorifying God and that innocent human life should not be devalued or destroyed. In every stage it should be protected and nurtured to fulfill the purpose for which it was originally created.

Scriptures: ¹*Genesis 1:27, Genesis 9:5-6;* ²*Genesis 1:28-29, Genesis 2:19;* ³*Exodus 21:22-25, Psalms 106:37-40, Matthew 10:29-31, Matthew 12:11-12. John 3:16;* ⁴*Job 14:5, Psalms 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Acts 17:26;* ⁵*Deuteronomy 27:25, Proverbs 6:16-17, John 9:1-3, I Corinthians 6:19-20, Revelation 4:11*

Constitution

Article I: This body shall be known as the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association.

Article II: These Associations shall be composed of members duly chosen by regular and orderly Missionary Baptist Churches.

Article III: The letters from the Churches to the Association shall give the number of members in fellowship, received by experience and baptism, received by letter, restored, excommunicated, and dead, since last annual meeting and mission work supported with financial information. (Amended in 2011)

Article IV: Each Church shall be entitled to six messengers or alternates who shall serve in the absence of messengers. (Amended in 1984)

Article V: These Associations shall elect annually as officers, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen from their memberships, whose duties shall be to serve their brethren in their several capacities.

Article VI: These Associations shall never interfere with the independence of any Church, or claim any ecclesiastical power or rights of supervision over any of the Churches.

Article VII: It shall be the object of these Associations to promote the union of the faith of the gospel with our educational and mission interest.

Article VIII: These Associations shall meet annually on the Friday before the third Sunday at 10 a.m., Friday evening at 7 p.m. and Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at a location agreed upon by the Association.

Article IX: Messengers from one third of the Churches shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any regular meeting.

Article X: These meetings shall be missionary.

Article XI: New Churches shall be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and on examination, if found orthodox and orderly, may be received and made known by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messenger or messengers present.

Article XII: The Association may exclude from the union any Church or Churches that are heterodox in principle or disorderly in practice.

Article XIII: The Association at its sitting may admit any visiting brethren and sister, from sister churches present, to sit with them, who shall have liberty to discuss any question and give their views, but not to vote except upon subjects of general union.

Article XIV: Any alteration may be made to the constitution at any regular meeting by a two thirds majority vote of members present.

Article XV: That all questions arising before this Association be decided by a greater number of the vote of the messengers present, including the reception of Churches into our Fellowship. (Amended in 1963)

Motions Passed at Previous Sessions That are Still in Effect

Fifth Session

-Petitionary Letters from sister churches should be presented after the seating of messengers.

Ninth Session

-Be it resolved that any Church having been admitted into the membership of the Association, if said Church fails to present a letter to the Association for three consecutive years, that said church shall be removed from the membership of the Association.

Tenth Session

-Those assigned to a subject will prepare it, or the Moderator be allowed to appoint a committee to write one to read before the Association.

Eleventh Session

-In the electing of officers, if anyone elected to an office or to preach a sermon does not have an assistant or alternate, one shall be appointed by the Moderator.

Twelfth Session

-That the Clerk have the authority to print the obituary and picture, if the family so desires, of deceased members in the fellowship of the Association in the minutes from this time on.

-In the seating of visitors, the Moderator has the right to question them as to their acceptance of alien immersion, and to deny them the privilege of being seated if they do accept or fellowship alien immersion.

Eighteenth Session

-The Clerk has the authority to dispose of the handwritten copies of our minutes after being kept a minimum of two years.

Nineteenth Session

-The time spent reading associational letters be shortened by reading the greeting from the first letter and omitting all addresses and the list of ordained and licensed preachers.

Thirty-Fourth Session

-Messengers voted to reduce the number of subjects from six to five.

-Messengers voted to discontinue reading the financial information from each churches letter

Thirty-Seventh Session

-That a report, presented in writing, concerning the status of missions, missionaries, their addresses, their financial needs and progress of their work be always included in the list of subjects for discussion.

Thirty-Ninth Session

-Association recommends to the churches that they send male messengers only.

Forty-Third Session

-Churches shall write information about missions from their churches to be read during the mission report.

Forty-Sixth Session

-Word limit for subject reports shall be increased from 1,200 to 2,500 words.

Forty-Seventh Session

-No proceedings shall be had against any Church, except of charges preferred by a sister church, which shall first have attempted reconciliation before bringing the issue before the Association.

Fifty-Fourth Session

-The letters from the Churches to the Association shall give the number of members in fellowship, received by experience and baptism, received by letter, restored, excommunicated, and dead, since last annual meeting, and mission work supported with financial information

Fifty-Sixth Session

-Word limit for subject reports shall be increased from 1,200 to 2,500 words

Fifty-Seventh Session

-No preacher shall preach two years in a row.

Fifty-Ninth Session

-New American Standard version of the Bible be recommended as an alternate version for study/reference

Sixtieth Session

-The Associational Clerk's contact info to be included in the minutes.

-The pastor of the host church shall not be named as the chairman of a subject committee.

-In the Order of Business, the item of prayer shall always be listed as the first item for each service

- Doctrinal Sermon shall be given immediately after the Missionary Collections that is split between the mission efforts of the Association

-Website budget be increased from \$50 to \$200 a year.

Sixty-Second Session

-Subject committeemen will submit their report to the clerk in an electronic format within one month of the Association, and the minutes will be printed and distributed within six months of the Association.

Rules of Decorum

I: The Association shall be opened and closed in prayer.

II: Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and shall, while speaking, confine himself to the subject under discussion and shall not be interrupted unless he digresses from the subjects, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state his views without sophistry or criticism.

III: No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

IV: No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body. The chairman of each subject shall have an opening speech of ten minutes and two other speeches of five minutes each.

V: Each motion and second shall come under the immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.

VI: All members shall conduct themselves in these sessions in a manner conducive to Godliness.

VII: No member shall address another by an appellation other than that of Brother.

VIII: On the first day it shall be the duty of the clerk to read the Rules of Decorum and call the roll of messengers.

IX: The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association is equally divided.

X: Any member violating these rules, or any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the gospel, shall be reproved or such other course taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either of his own option or the initiation of any other member.

Order of Business

Friday Morning

- _____ Prayer
- _____ Moderator calls Association to order
- _____ Introductory Sermon
- _____ Clerk reads the Rules of Decorum
- _____ Clerk reads Associations Letters and Messengers are seated
- _____ Moderator declares quorum for transaction of business
- _____ Association elects Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer
- _____ Moderator calls for Petitionary Letters
- _____ Association elects preachers for next year's sermons
- _____ Association elects host church for next year
- _____ Moderator recognizes visitors
- _____ Association adjourns for lunch

Friday Afternoon

- _____ Prayer
- _____ Moderator calls Association to order
- _____ Discussion on subjects begin
- _____ Clerk reads minutes of the day
- _____ Association adjourns until 7:00 PM.

Friday Evening

- _____ Prayer
- _____ Moderator calls Association to order
- _____ Clerk calls Roll of Messengers
- _____ Obituary Report and Adoption
- _____ Memorial Sermon
- _____ Association adjourns until Saturday Morning at 10:00 AM.

Saturday Morning

- _____ Prayer
- _____ Moderator calls Association to order
- _____ Clerk calls Roll of Messengers
- _____ Moderator declares quorum for transaction of business
- _____ Moderator recognizes any additional visitors
- _____ Missionary Collection
- _____ Doctrinal Sermon
- _____ Unfinished subjects are presented
- _____ Association adjourns for lunch

Saturday Afternoon

- _____ Prayer
- _____ Moderator calls Association to order
- _____ Mission Report
- _____ Correspondence
- _____ Financial Report
- _____ Old Business
- _____ New Business
- _____ Appointment of subjects and respective committees

Roll of Messengers

Amana

Elder Ryan Morgan

Bethel

Elder Jeff Moran, Brother Larry Jones, Brother Barry Hagan, Brother Ron Stewart, Brother John Hale, Brother Todd Wix

Charity MBC

Elder Brent Summers, Elder Bruce Adamson, Brother Kenneth Turner, Brother Michael Turner

Faith (IN)

Elder Dereck Mobley, Deacon Cory Houchens, Elder Gary Smith, Deacon Jeff Brown, Deacon Chris Harper, Brother Jacob Brown, Brother Andrew Mitchell, Brother Rex Grey

Faith (MI)

Elder Matthew Patterson

Fellowship

Elder Stephen Thompson, Elder Jeremy Collins, Elder James Whitney, Elder Jim Whitney, Brother Scott Hauskins, Brother Byron Mcullough, Deacon Don Binion, Brother Grayson Hauskins

Freedom

Elder Harold Nolan, Deacon Tim Shoulders, Elder Terry Foster

Friendship

Elder Micah Barber, Elder Delbert Compton, Brother Scott Newman, Deacon Jeff Thompson, Deacon C.L. Saltsman, Brother Greg Edwards, Brother Merle Livesay, Elder Danny Edwards

Harvest

Elder Nick Reuter, Deacon Brett Jones, Brother Stephen Jones, Brother Brian Gregory

Kokomo

Elder Bill Vaughn, Brother Adam Vaughn, Brother Ken Roe, Elder Larry McClain, Brother Donnie Ennis, Brother Jason McClain, Brother Brett Schoffner, Elder Mark Ramey

Macedonia

Elder Melvin Jones, Brother Etsel Davis, Brother Ray Sexton, Brother Cooper Rogers, Brother Brad Rodgers, Elder Stephen York, Brother Billy Walden

Outreach

Elder Jeremy Miller, Elder Nick Reuter, Brother Monte Botkin

Pleasant Valley

(None)

Salem

Elder Rich Jenkins, Brother Craig Dulworth, Brother Brett Dulworth, Brother Gary Phillips, Deacon Tim Spurgeon, Brother Mike Hooten, Brother Samuel York, Brother Bentley Goff, Brother Dalton Watkins, Brother Jackson Barger, Brother Brandon Stover

Southside

Elder Andrew Horton, Deacon Jason Elliott, Deacon Bart Patterson, Brother Brian Debolt, Brother Chris Fulmer, Brother Tim Spurgeon

Whiteland

Deacon Walt Miller, Brother Billy Lacefield, Brother Daniel Rich

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 19th, 2025

Morning Session

The 67th session of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association opened with Brother Cory Houchens leading the congregation in singing I'm Bound for that City, I Call it Home, and Sweet Beulah Land with Sister Regina Binion accompanying on the piano.

Following the beautiful singing, new pastor of Harvest Missionary Baptist Church came forward to welcome the Association and challenged each one to participate in the worship of the Lord throughout the weekend. Brother Hayden opened the floor for any prayer requests that may be on the hearts of those in attendance. After a time of requests among the congregation, Brother Patterson called on Elder Andrew Horton to lead us in prayer.

At the conclusion of prayer, Brother Hayden mentioned different accommodations of the church and turned the meeting over to the 2024 Moderator Elder Jeff Moran. Brother Moran acknowledged the crowd and welcomed each one to the association once again this year. Brother Moran commented on the time and efforts that Harvest MBC has put forward to host the association and commended them on their efforts in being such a good host.

As we had already had prayer, Brother Moran called the association meeting to order. Brother Moran remarked as the first order of business to the association, we would welcome Brother Brent Summers to come forward to bring the Introductory sermon.

Introductory Sermon

Elder Brent Summers

Brother Brent Summers opened the introductory sermon with a great appreciation for the opportunity to stand before the Bethel Association and the work of each of the churches that are a part. Brother Brent recounted the countless endeavors of grace and encouragement several messengers have bestowed upon him and his family throughout his years of encounters with different ones. He spoke to the stony ground, of his heart, that the Lord has used different men and women of the faith to prepare him for the moment the Lord impressed him with conviction, Godly sorrow, and then repentance when he received salvation. Brother Summers shared with those in attendance the word which the Lord had given him to bring before the association being one of preparation, planting, and reaping lost souls that we meet throughout our journeys of life.

Brother Summers began his thought with a challenge to those in the congregation, it is time to work. The fields are white and ready for harvest, it is time to work! Whether you are young or old, male or female, preacher or lay member, we each have a part in reaching those around us. Time will not be

with us forever. Today is the day of salvation. We were challenged by Brother Brent to caution ourselves about being too busy for God's work.

He spoke to different times in his life where other things were prioritized over doing the work of the Lord. Houses, children, jobs, worldly commitments, do not put them above the Lord's work. Our nation of lost souls needs the light of Jesus Christ in their life. We hold that seed and we need to cast that seed as often as we can. John 4:35-38 *Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.* We get the opportunity to speak to a world in which we may not have the chance to deliver the entirety of the Gospel. But that shouldn't stop us from delivering the good news that lives within us! It may be that it is our lot to prepare the ground and set an example that a lost sinner may need.

Brother Brent used an example of fire by friction and the work that it entails to illustrate the work that a small spark can lead to a mighty wildfire. The spark of one soul being saved can light a lost nation on fire and turn them to the Lord. God can use a multitude of opportunities to be the spark this lost and dying world can be changed.

Brother Brent spoke to the recent tragedy of violence in the killing of Charlie Kirk. He spoke to the realization that life is short and can be gone in a moment of a second. He has considered the opportunities that will come from the spark of conversation that can take place because of the work Charlie did to share different parts of the Gospel message. Brother Brent challenged each one present to find a reason to strike up conversation about the Lord. Take opportunities when the Lord gives them. Be willing to work for the Lord and his cause. Brother Summers spoke to the starving of the nation to hear the truth of the Lord

Brother Brent closed by speaking to his prayer that we leave this fellowship and association meeting with a renewed kindling of the spark that lives within us. He prayed each one would be renewed through the events of the weekend and for us to take that renewing back to our congregations to allow for our sparks to ignite a fire in the tinder that is in each church and we would see a multitude of lost souls come to find true salvation.

Brother Moran came forward to endorse the good message and praise the Lord for the word that was brought before us. A few other testimonies and admonishments for the message were shared from those in attendance.

Brother Chris Harper, 2024 Clerk, was then asked to come forward read the rules of decorum.

Following the reading of the Rules of Decorum, the roll of Messengers was read.

With 14 of the 16 churches present from the association, Brother Moran declared a quorum for transacting business.

Brother Moran then opened the floor for this year’s nominations:

Moderator 2025	Introductory Sermon 2026
Elder Jeff Moran, Elected	Elder Matt Patterson, Elected
Elder Dereck Mobley, Assistant	Elder Melvin Jones, Alternate
Clerk 2025	Memorial Sermon 2026
Brother Chris Harper, Elected	Elder Micah Barber, Elected
Brother Jacob Brown, Assistant	Elder Del Compton, Alternate
Treasurer 2025	Doctrinal Sermon 2026
Brother Cory Houchens, Elected	Elder Nick Reuter, Elected
Brother Jason Elliott, Assistant	Elder Jeremy Collins, Alternate
Host Church 2026	
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church	
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church	

Our moderator then recognized the visitors that were present to the association meeting. The visitors were:

- Elder Mark Gregory, Happy Hollow #2
- Brother Jim Sexton, Happy Hollow #2
- Elder Jerry Miller, Lyons MBC, Siloam Association
- Elder Jeff Elliott, Rio Blanco MBC, Belize
- Elder Billy Moran, Fairview MBC, Siloam Association

Following the recognition of visitors, Brother Moran asked Brother Houchens to lead the congregation in singing *I’d Rather Have Jesus* and *Win the Lost at Any Cost* while shaking hands with Elder Brent Summers and endorsing the message.

Following the handshake, a motion and 2nd were made to adjourn until 1pm for lunch. Motion carried. Elder Jerry Miller was asked to dismiss the morning session and bless the food.

Friday Afternoon Session

The Friday afternoon session of the Bethel Association reconvened with Brother Bart Patterson leading the congregation in singing *A Beautiful Life* and *Living by Faith* with Sister Sandy Grider accompanying on the piano.

Brother Moran then welcomed the association back together and thanks the hospitality and efforts from Harvest MBC. Brother Moran spoke to the

importance of the topics that are to be presented before the congregation in the coming hours and encouraged us to be engaged in their presentations. Elder Billy Moran was then asked to lead the association in prayer as we reconvene.

Our Moderator called the association back to order and requested Elder Del Compton to come forward to present the first subject.

Church Consolidation, Mergers, and Dissolution

If or When it Becomes Desirable for Two or more Churches to Merge their Congregations, How Could this Best be Accomplished, and What are the Related Details that Would Need to be Considered and Addressed?

Introduction:

Churches are becoming smaller to the point of difficulty of keeping the doors open financially. Our churches should assist each other prayerfully, physically and financially in carrying out the great commission at home as well as outside our local territories.

This presentation will address mergers, consolidation, and the closing of both incorporated and unincorporated churches. In a merger, one's legal existence is closed; in a consolidation, two churches legal existence is closed and a new one created; and in only a closing one church's existence is dissolved.

All references to an incorporated church are applicable to unincorporated churches except for tax and legal incorporation comments. Unincorporated churches may have additional tax responsibilities that incorporated churches do not have. Still, it is advisable to obtain the services of an attorney specializing in nonprofit law or religious organization law.

In a merger or consolidation, if one church is incorporated, incorporation rules apply.

Definitions:

Although 'Merger' and 'Consolidation' are used interchangeably many times, for this discussion, they are defined separately

Merger of Incorporated Churches: Church A absorbs Church B and Church A remains in existence while Church B is legally dissolved.

Consolidation of Incorporated Churches: Church A and Church B unite creating a new Church C and both Church A and Church B are legally dissolved.

Rules and Regulations

Indiana does not require churches to incorporate but does require incorporation to be recognized to avoid taxation along with other legal protections. Church incorporation in Indiana has been found as early as 1807, interestingly, a Baptist Church.

Procedures for merging or consolidating incorporated churches are regulated by a state's laws covering nonprofit corporations (Indiana Code Title 23, Article 17).

Unincorporated churches are not fully regulated or governed by state nonprofit corporation laws, but are when considering a merger or consolidation with an incorporated church. But it is needful for most nonprofit corporation laws to be followed except filing dissolution with the state.

Avoid the Need to Merge, Consolidate, or Close

Churches need to labor prayerfully, physically and financially to avoid the need to dissolve. Some suggestions are:

- a. Plan services that encourage non-attending members to come and support the church.
- b. Plan outreach into the community during the year that will encourage them to visit.
- c. Have cross-functional services with sister churches to support the Lord's work. Include those that have been left out due to lack of associational fellowship.
- d. Multiple Sister Churches may choose to take on the struggling church as a mission outreach while maintaining the sovereignty of the struggling local church.
- e. The church may choose to sell its building and grounds, meet in a rented location or in the homes of members. This is commonly referred to as a "Church Without Walls".

Baptist Churches should never compromise Bible Baptist principles in their solutions, but they may find themselves needing to merge, consolidate, or close when other solutions have failed. Always remember "When God closes one door, He opens another".

Merging or Consolidating

Possibilities for a church continuation are merging with another sister church or combining their efforts with one or more sister churches to facilitate the church's continuance as an outreach or mission point from another sister church. See **Closing** for details a church must follow in mergers, consolidation, and in closing.

Merging:

Details should be drawn up between the churches documenting active membership, members under discipline, leadership and property, and an organizational plan for the future.

Things to Consider when Contemplating a Merger or Consolidation.

1. Will the members and church leaders handle the **CHANGES REQUIRED**?
2. Would God be pleased? Will you seek His Will? Is it a practical change?
3. Do both churches agree doctrinally? Our Core doctrines may be the same but small things such as business practices, service traditions and style can cause divisions in the body.
4. If consolidating, how will the offices be filled?
5. Are both churches aligned on supporting missions and will the plan include continuing to support current missions & missionaries financially?
6. How will the property of both be handled?
7. Will there be a new location in the case of Consolidation?
8. How will the churches legal and tax status be affected as only one legal entity will emerge?
9. Are current fundraising practices compatible for both churches?
10. How do you propose to increase the resulting church's effectiveness in the community?
11. How will the steps, checks and balances in the process be determined?
12. In Consolidation, will all officers resign and let the resulting church make a new selection? Or how will it be handled?
13. Will you prayerfully seek God's leadership throughout the process?

Merger

A **smaller church [B]** may simply join a **larger church [A]** by mutual agreement, legally turning over their physical property and treasury. **Church A** will be accepting the physical things and the existing members of **Church B** but also their members under discipline [identified many times as excluded from the fellowship] should they ever return and make their acknowledgements.

In addition to the membership rolls, physical property, and church treasury, **Church A** takes on the responsibility of **Church B's** tax numbers and other legal documents that need to be legally dissolved.

There should be a sharing of the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and Constitution of **Church A** with **Church B** facilitating the opportunity to resolve any potential issues. Agreement should be reached before any binding transfers occur.

In some cases, a merger may be legally considered a new corporate entity instead of only the dissolution of **Church B**. If so, it would require both incorporations to dissolve. An attorney specializing in nonprofit law or religious organization law should be involved to assure all legal requirements are met.

Consolidation of Two Churches to Become One New Church

This requires additional planning on the church name, location, leadership, Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and Constitution of the new organization. The Name, By-laws and Constitution should be agreed to by both congregations. With these agreed upon, the Articles of Incorporation become more of a legal document.

An attorney specializing in nonprofit law or religious organization law should be involved to assure all legal requirements are met.

Following Baptist democracy, it would be expected that the new body would prayerfully select their leadership.

Due to control issues being one of the main opportunities for controversy, potential issues and questions should be resolved before the final merger.

Closing or Dissolution:

These notes also need to be followed by the “dissolving” churches in both **Mergers** and **Consolidations**.

Failing to find a solution working with sister churches, the church may need to legally close the church at that location.

Under the Indiana Nonprofit Corporation Act (Indiana Code Title 23, Article 17), 501c3 churches in Indiana voluntarily dissolving have legal requirements to achieve dissolution. Included are notes for unincorporated churches as they must also follow most of the same procedures.

Seek guidance from an attorney specializing in nonprofit law or religious organization law and an accountant to ensure the church is complying with the legal and tax requirements.

1. **Review the Church's Governing Documents:** Review articles of incorporation, constitution, and bylaws for specific dissolution procedures or voting requirements.
2. **Conflicts:** If internal rules for dissolution cannot be met, the church may need to amend the church's governing documents or failing that, seek court approval to dissolve.

3. **Board [Trustees] Approval:** The board [called trustees by many of our churches] must agree to the dissolution.
4. **Member Notification:** All members with eligible voting rights by the church's rules, are required to be notified in writing that issue of dissolution will be addressed at a stated time and place or at a regular stated meeting.
5. **Member Approval:** The trustees' decision must be presented to the eligible voting church members. The voting provisions in the original incorporation must be met. If the church has made a change that conflicts with the original incorporation documents, it should have had the change legally appended to the incorporation. If there has been a change in the rule of voting that conflicts with the incorporation documents and that change has not been legally affected, the original documents should be followed. Some require more than a simple majority.
6. **Trustees or a specially designated person** should be selected who can legally meet the requirements of the process. The church should authorize that all church records should be deposited with a church of "like faith and order" or a responsible historical society for historical purposes. Notify sister churches with which you fellowship, of the location of the church records.
7. **Church Debts and Assets:** The church must formally close all business accounts [including banks at the end of the process], notify creditors, pay all debts, and distribute any remaining assets to one or more non-profit church organizations engaged in like or similar activities the stipulations in the church's organization documents, charter or bylaws. To Baptists operating in similar manner to the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association, that would fall in the category of "like faith and order". To avoid any perceived conflict of laws and regulations, if the church wishes to distribute support to a non-profit organization other than a church of "like faith and order", it would be best to achieve that before a vote for dissolution.
Unincorporated churches must additionally address outstanding tax obligations with local, state, federal tax authorities.
8. **Preparing Documents of Dissolution:** The document needs to include: Churches legal name; quorum met for valid vote; date of vote authorizing the dissolution of the incorporated church; debts paid; balance of assets transferred as per charter, church rules, or law. [Unincorporated churches need to prepare and maintain this as well as preceding documentation, but filing with the state is not required.]
9. **Filing Dissolution Documents:** Formal "*Articles of Dissolution*" are to be filed with the *Indiana Secretary of State*. In case of objections, this requires obtaining from the Attorney General either a written waiver of objections to the dissolution re distribution of the corporation's assets, or a written confirmation that the corporation has no assets.

State corporation law controls the process as only the state which created the incorporation can dissolve it. The state should issue a certificate of dissolution to a specified representative of the church dissolved. This is to be recorded at the recorder of deeds in the Indiana county where the church was located.

It appears it might be best to dispose of all property before finalizing the dissolution of a church if there are disagreements.

10. **Notify Government Agencies:** Indiana Department of Revenue, IRS*, and any other applicable agency. (See Form 990 with Schedule N).

*(The IRS requires that an incorporated church must provide in its charter for the dissolution of church assets to pass to a tax-exempt organization. See IRS Publication 557, and Rev. Proc. 82-2, 1982-1 C.B. 367.)

11. **Winding Up Affairs:** The corporation exists after dissolution to finalize affairs, liquidating assets and handling liabilities.

Although dissolved, it is possible that the church may still encounter lawsuits.

Other Options for Churches

The church property can be rented, disposed of as a church or converted to housing according to local regulations. It can be donated to a nonprofit organization or sold. If it is sold, as a church or after conversion, the proceeds must be donated to a church or other nonprofit organization.

In a “**Closing Only**”, the church needs to provide its active members with letters of Recommendation for joining “like faith and order” churches. It needs to deposit its church records to another Baptist Church of “like faith and order”. This permits members under discipline [excluded from the fellowship] a path to return should they ever choose to make their acknowledgements.

Web Sites: Due to potential changes or errors in entering web sites, it may be beneficial to do an independent search for your state laws governing non-profit organizations.

Respectfully Submitted, Elder Del Compton - Chairman, Elder Gary Smith,
and Elder Bill Vaughn

Following the reading of the report, a motion and 2nd were made to adopt the subject. Speaking to the subject were Elder Del Compton, Elder Bill Vaughn, Elder Gary Smith, and Elder Jeff Elliott. Question called; vote taken. Motion carried.

Next, Moderator Moran called for Elder Jeremy Miller to come forward to bring the 2nd subject. Brother Jeremy came forward and presented:

Qualifications for the Full Work of the Ministry

- What is the full work of the ministry according to the Scriptures?
- Who qualifies a man to be ordained to the full work of the ministry?
- Do the Scriptures teach that one qualification listed in Timothy or in Titus is more important than the other?

What is the full work of the ministry according to the Scriptures?

The “full work of the ministry,” as we understand the term, identifies the responsibilities incumbent upon a man in the office of pastor. The term is not mentioned in the Scripture. Paul taught Timothy “to make full proof of thy ministry” (**2 Timothy 4:5**). We generally define the full work of the ministry as preaching sermons, teaching lessons, and administering the ordinances. This is

a significant underestimation of the full scope of the ministry. The work of a pastor is more than having a place to preach every Sunday and administering the ordinances.

The “full work of the ministry” is a call to stewardship, not simply a list of tasks to be fulfilled. Paul declares himself “a servant of Jesus Christ...separated unto the gospel of God” (**Romans 1:1**). Paul’s words to Archippus express the need for diligence in this stewardship, “Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.” (**Colossians 4:17**) This work is both public and personal, requiring self-sacrifice and affecting every aspect of a man’s life. It is not accomplished within the four walls of the church alone. At the foundation, he must meet the qualifications for the office. There must be an individual pursuit of holiness and he must strive to meet these qualifications throughout his life and ministry. Every man called to the Gospel ministry, ordained or not, should strive to live by these standards. It is a continued work of sanctification, and every worthy man will feel unworthy. Each of the qualifications should be met as they work in unison to exemplify a godly life to all.

These qualifications are applicable in every area of life. These include his maturity, his aptitude to teach, his relationships with the world and his family, his understanding of the Word, and his ability to “convince the gainsayers” and “do the work of an evangelist”. Paul warns against ordaining a novice and directs Timothy as the vessel of God, to “flee from youthful lusts” and to “...follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” (**2 Timothy 2:22-23**) This works in accordance with **1 Timothy 4:12** where Paul charges Timothy “to be an example to the believers in word and conversation, ...an example in love, faith, spirit”.

In **Titus 2:7-8**, Paul gives direction to Titus show himself as “...a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned...” to all believers, including men and women, both aged and young, that all would “adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.” The full work of the ministry is best understood in the words which Jesus Christ spoke to Peter, “...lovest thou me more than these? Feed my lambs.” (**John 21:15-17**). Three times Christ asked this question of Peter, desiring confirmation of Peter’s love for Christ above all else. No man will be able to fulfil this calling if his love of Jesus Christ is not pre-eminent. “For the love of Christ constraineth us...” (**2 Corinthians 5:14**) If love for Christ is not first, the pastor will never be able to feed the sheep, and love them as Christ loves them. In Christ’s words to Peter to “feed my sheep,” He places upon the office the duty “...of a Christian teacher to promote in every way the spiritual welfare of the members of the church.” Paul emphasizes the same truth to the Elders in Ephesus saying, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (**Acts 20:28**). This is his primary responsibility, to feed them with the “milk” and the “meat” of God’s word. It is to nurture, to care for,

to love, as well as “to reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (**2 Timothy 4:2**). It is to teach, to counsel, to weep with, to rejoice with, and to direct their hearts to the worship of their Savior. Success in the full work of the ministry is measured by “the perfecting of the saints.” (**Ephesians 4:12**)

Christ’s instructions to Peter reveal that he is to be a servant leader, a watchman, the man standing in the gap. Peter repeats this charge in his letter to “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof...neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.” (**1 Peter 5:2-3**) A Pastor is a steward, endowed with authority not of his own making or for his own glory, but by the calling of the Lord. **2 Samuel 5:12** says, “David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.”. This is by oversight and not as an overlord or tyrant. His duty is to ensure the doctrines and practices align with the Scriptures and the gospel message is presented to “give the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”. He is to ensure the discipline is carried out timely and properly to protect the purity of the Lord’s church, that the ordinances are observed as intended, and the vision and direction of the Lord for that body is present and pursued.

Who qualifies a man to be ordained to the full work of the ministry?

The word “qualifies” can have a variety of applications based on the context in which it is used. One such application would be “to enable, or empower” (**1 Timothy 1:12**). In this context, God must first qualify a man. This work begins with conversion, a fact which should not be overlooked. The process is continued with the individual sanctification of the man as a disciple of Christ, even apart from ministry. Through learning, trials, and fellowship with Christ, the individual grows and becomes spiritually mature. This course readies the man for a greater work, if that should be God’s will for his life.

In like manner to which he is called of God in salvation, he is called of God into the ministry. Such a calling is evident throughout the Scripture, being seen in the OT among the Prophets and in the New Testament, as it was with the calling of the Apostle Paul. It is not a matter of mere personal choice, yet it is also not advisable that the work be taken up with hesitation. (**Hebrews 5:4**) A man who receives a call into the ministry may, in time, be ordained—provided he is both called and qualified for the work.

Another interpretation of the word “qualifies” is to “meet requirements”. In this sense, the man is largely responsible for whether or not he will be qualified for ordination by the way he lives his life. The qualifications in Timothy and Titus are of a moral or ethical nature. The moral examines the internal character, while the ethical examines how those internal qualities are demonstrated in external matters within the church, his home, and in public life. Does his life reflect Christ and the standards He left us through His teaching and example? (**1 Corinthians 9:27**)

The word “qualified” can also denote “approved”. In the instance of being blameless, though none are perfect, Paul is conveying that these men should be “above reproach”. Our lives are on public display. Neighbors, co-workers, and members of the church and community will judge our ethical integrity. With all, we should be above reproach. He should be a man of integrity in his home, church, work, and in each function in which he engages with the community. He will have a reputation, and it should align with these qualifications. **(1 Timothy 3:7)**

The word “qualified” can also have the sense of “authorized” in an official capacity. Perhaps the intent of the question was “Who determines whether or not a man is qualified to be ordained to the full work of the ministry?” in an official capacity. Both the church and the presbytery are responsible. The Holy Spirit should initiate this work, impressing upon the church to call for his ordination **(Acts 13:2)**. Under the guidance of the Spirit, the church should choose men who are fit to be ordained **(Acts 6:3)**. Seeing that the church will be most familiar with the candidate, it is fitting that they would be in the position of selecting and vetting the candidates. In **Acts 6**, the candidates were brought before the Apostles, who prayed and laid hands on them **(Acts 6:6)**. The presbytery plays a crucial role in the ordination of a minister. Paul instructed Titus, as an elder, to ordain other elders **(Titus 1:5)**. This suggests that ordination requires the involvement of others who are ordained to accomplish the work. Paul taught Timothy to “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.” **(1 Timothy 4:14)** The work of the presbytery is not compulsory. They should be satisfied that the man meets the qualifications before they lay hands on him as demonstrated by Paul’s instructions to “Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure” **(1 Timothy 5:22)** The qualifications emphasize doctrinal soundness **(Titus 1:9, 1 Timothy 3:9)**. Although Scripture does not record a formal examination process, it is reasonable to assume such a practice is appropriate to determine his doctrinal soundness.

The authority to ordain lies with the church but necessitates the cooperation of a presbytery. Without this cooperation, they do not lose their authority, but they lack the means to carry out that ordination. A prudent custom we have adopted is to invite ordained brethren from sister churches. However, the presbytery may consist of elders within the membership of that body alone. While a church motion is appropriate, it alone does not fulfill the biblical pattern, being absent the laying on of hands. In the unusual circumstance that a presbytery finds a candidate unfit for ordination, they should advise that the ordination does not continue. Yet, if a church has elders within its membership who are willing to take up this work, the church may perform the ordination. The prudence of this action under such circumstances might be questionable.

A man must not only be qualified when ordained, but must maintain those qualifications throughout his ministry or be willing to forfeit his credentials. If he is unwilling, it is the responsibility of the church to revoke them.

Do the Scriptures teach that one qualification listed in Timothy or Titus is more important than the others?

This question has often been raised among churches seeking to uphold scriptural standards and foster healthy congregational leadership. When examining the passages in **1 Timothy 3** and **Titus 1**, it becomes clear that Paul provides a comprehensive framework rather than a hierarchical list. The unity and balance of these qualifications reflect the multifaceted nature of spiritual maturity.

Both Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus present a list of spiritual and moral qualifications for church leaders, yet the Scriptures do not elevate one specific requirement above the others. Instead, each attribute—whether it is being above reproach, self-controlled, hospitable, able to teach, or having a well-ordered household—works together to paint the portrait of mature spiritual leadership.

It is generally agreed that 1 Timothy and Titus were written after Paul was freed from his first Roman imprisonment (A.D. 62-65) and had begun his missionary travels again. By this time, the Apostle had been ministering for nearly 30 years. The experience borne out these years likely influenced the content of these letters and the qualifications for bishop he included.

Paul had sent Timothy to Ephesus and Titus to Crete to correct and strengthen the work of the Gospel. Timothy and Titus were to address many issues which had developed, ensuring that elders would meet the requirements in those churches and be capable of addressing the impending issues which would arise. Over the course of his journeys, Paul had spent about 3 years in Ephesus (**Acts 20:31**), longer than any other place. He saw the need for strong leadership, leaving Aquilla and Priscilla in Ephesus after his first, brief stay. Returning on his third missionary journey for a much longer stay, he appointed multiple elders in Ephesus. He was aware of the challenges of establishing a church there and the cultural impediments which would likely arise, especially for those who would be leaders. Ephesus was an immoral city, filled with idolatry and false teaching, the latter often being a means to one enriching himself. Upon his final departure from Ephesus, he warned them that "grievous wolves" would arise after his departure both from without and within. Being a major cultural hub, there was also a great opportunity for the gospel to spread. Establishing leadership in the church at Ephesus that would maintain and teach sound doctrine and distinguish themselves from others by their moral and ethical lives was crucial. As a result, Ephesus was better established than Crete, with a reputation of having good teachers among them.

In A.D. 59, after appealing to Caesar, Paul stayed for several weeks at Fair Havens in Crete, likely permitted off the ship by Centurion Julius. **(Acts 27:3)** Certainly, Paul would have continued to preach as a captive wherever permitted in Fair Haven. Titus going on to the city of Crete would have been instructing churches established by others, having not benefited from capable teachers and leaders as Ephesus had.

Thus, Paul instructed Titus in the essential points of these qualifications, emphasizing “to set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city” **(Titus 1:5)**. The lack of foundational organization and spiritual leadership in the churches of Crete left them weak against false doctrines and the lifestyle of their culture. By the time Paul wrote these letters, he had nearly 30 years of ministerial experience and had learned what type of men were suited to be leaders within the church. He had all of this in view when setting forth the qualifications found in 1 Timothy and Titus. They describe the attributes to look for in men who would be suited to such leadership.

In practice, churches are not to single out specific criteria but to discern the overall character and consistency of those called to serve. Understanding the broader context reveals how each requirement interlocks to create an environment where accountability, wisdom, and compassion thrive. The emphasis lies in the integrity and wholeness of character, rather than in the prominence of a single qualification. Each aspect is essential, contributing to the leader’s ability to faithfully shepherd the community and uphold the reputation of the church.

In His Service -Elder Stephen Thompson, Elder Jeremy Collins, Elder Jeremy Miller - Chairman

Upon finishing the presentation, Brother Moran entertained a motion and 2nd to adopt the subject. Speaking to the subject were Elder Jeremy Miller, Elder Jeremy Collins, Elder Stephen Thompson, Elder Bruce Adamson, Brother Cory Houchens, Elder Del Compton, and Elder Dereck Mobley. Question called; vote taken. Motion carried.

A motion and 2nd to suspend the reading of any further subjects this afternoon. Motion carried.

The clerk was welcomed to the front to read the minutes so far in the day. After the reading, a motion and 2nd were made to approve the minutes as they were read. Motion carried.

A motion and 2nd were made to adjourn until 7pm this evening. Motion carried.

Friday, September 19th, 2025

Evening Session

The Friday evening session of the Association opened with Brother Bart Patterson leading us in singing *When I’ve Traveled My Last Mile, What a Savior*, and *The Old Rugged Cross*. Sister Morgan Collins accompanied on the piano.

At the conclusion of the songs, Brother Moran welcomed the good number back to Harvest and encouraged the worship of God's people tonight in this service. He reminisced at the sweet spirit we have had in previous Friday evening services here at the association. Opportunity for prayer requests and praise was given. Brother Jeremy Collins then led us in prayer. Following prayer, Moderator, Elder Jeff Moran, called the association to order and requested clerk, Brother Chris Harper, to come forward and call the roll of messengers.

With 13 of the 16 churches present and 37 members in attendance, a quorum for conducting business was declared. Brother Bill Vaughn was then welcomed forward to present the obituary report. Following the reading of the report, a motion and 2nd were made to adopt the report. Motion carried.

With the obituary report being read, Brother Moran asked Brother Bruce Adamson to come forward and sing a special. He sang *Right On Time*. Sister Cathy Jones then came forward and sang *Well Done*.

Following the good songs, Brother Moran welcomed Elder Bill Vaughn, pastor of Kokomo MBC, to bring the Memorial Sermon.

Memorial Sermon **Elder Bill Vaughn**

Elder Bill Vaughn opened with Proverbs 23:10 *Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless*. He spoke to the recent passing of his father last month and the landmark he left in Brother Bill's life. While he may be gone from this life, the value of serving the Lord left will be a landmark on his life and all of those who knew him. Brother Vaughn accounted though, that while we will miss the departed of the association churches over the past year, we should be more focused on the one that they served, Jesus Christ. The saints of God have shown us a path in serving the Lord that we must continue to walk. In this earthly life, when attempting to navigate to a new place, we often utilize landmarks as a way to find our way. What better way can we find, than when we can walk with the Lord utilizing the landmarks and individuals who have shown the way before us. To begin, we must ensure that our first landmark, being salvation, is more than just a tent. We must place the cornerstone of Jesus Christ and his salvation as the first landmark to build off of. John 12:23-32 *And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it*

thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Brother Vaughn spoke to the landmark from last years association in Brother Ryan Morgan's message of the path that has been paved before us. How we should reflect on the path each of the saints of God have created in working for the Lord. We should be mentoring others around us in showing them both the good and bad times that the Lord has brought us through to establish the way that leads us to serving Him. Brother Vaughn reflected on those in the country that will have chosen to "return to church" based on the recent tragedy. He challenged those in attendance not to "return to church or serve the Lord" because of one man, but to serve the Lord because of THE Man, Jesus.

He then spoke to how the devil will work to distract us from the path the Lord would have for our life. Using the example of Christ, and the devils attempts to distract him, how much easier are we to get distracted that Jesus ever was. Brother Vaughn spoke to the need for us to anchor ourselves to Jesus. The examples of those who have departed us have all pointed us to Him. The path to Jesus does not go away. It cannot be erased, and no man can cover it over. He is always there.

We should be making every effort to serve the Lord. Through our attendance at church or our efforts in sharing the gospel, we have a work to do in laying landmarks before those around us. In that work though, it should never be about us, but all about Jesus.

1 Corinthians 2:2 *For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.* Paul's example here is to share all about Jesus. There is a dying world who is looking for something. Point them to Christ! Allow them to see the landmarks that the Lord has worked through you to point them to him. Our work should not be taken lightly. So that others may come upon the landmarks we place and want to know more about the Lord.

Brother Vaughn spoke to the lost that may be present. There is an opportunity before the congregation tonight for them to call upon the Lord and be saved. To build on the cornerstone of salvation a landmark to their life.

He challenged those in attendance to talk to those you interact with. Cause them to question where they stand with the Lord and if the temporary landmarks they may have in their life is truly built on the solid rock. Works cannot save them, but there is one who sticks closer than a brother that can save.

Our moderator came forward after the message and praised the word of the Lord that was spoken. Brother Moran thanked God for the Landmarks that those in his life have left to show him the way to the Lord. He spoke to the witness each of the saints of the Lord have left behind for others to see and

remember. Testimonies of the Lord's people were shared of the landmarks and blessings the Lord has shown his people.

Sister Morgan Collins came forward to sing *I Can Make It*. The spirit of the Lord continued with the congregation and testimonies continued.

During worship, we sang the Days of the Week. The Lord blessed each one in attendance.

Once the spirit of the Lord had finished, Brother Moran entertained a motion and 2nd to adjourn until Saturday morning. Motion carried. Brother Moran called upon Brother Jacob Brown to dismiss the service in prayer.

Saturday, September 20th, 2025

Morning Session

Saturday Morning at the Association began with *Just Over in the Gloryland*, *Heaven will Surely be Worth it All*, and *I am Redeemed* being led by Brother Bart Patterson and Sister Morgan Collins accompanying on the piano.

Brother Moran welcomed the association back and thanked the Lord for his redeeming of our souls. He spoke words of appreciation of the services that took place on Friday and voiced desires of today's service to be what the Lord would desire. Prayer requests came from the crowd, and Brother Micah Barber led our hearts in prayer.

Following prayer, Sister Morgan Collins came forward to sing *Goodness of God*. Praises to the Lord came from the congregation and we dwelt in the presence of the Lord for a time.

Brother Moran called the association to order and asked for the roll of messengers to be taken. Brother Chris Harper came forward to read the roll. With 15 out of 16 churches present and 45 messengers in attendance, a quorum for transacting business was declared. Opportunity for additional visitors to be recognized was given, no others were present.

The missionary collection was taken up while Brother Patterson led us in singing *Precious Memories*. With the collection completed, Brother Moran introduced Brother Dereck Mobley to the association.

Doctrinal Sermon

Elder Dereck Mobley

Seventeen and thirteen. Brother Mobley began the doctrinal message of the 67th session of the Bethel Association by recounting the sobering reality of the state of the churches assembled. 17 represents the number of deaths within the association in the last year, while 13 represents the number of baptisms. We're dying. Let us wrestle with that reality. Brother Mobley spoke to one of the topic's we took up to review contending how churches finish well. Confronted with the reality that in the next 5-10 years if something doesn't change, some of the churches represented today will no longer be in existence. He spoke to the emotions that flood over him in response to that reality. Ones of sadness and others of anger. Do we not have a right to be angry about that

reality. Failure of the Lord's people should not be something we are ever content with. The scriptures have made plain, the church will continue in perpetuity until He returns. Unfortunately, that is not guaranteed to any one of our churches.

Brother Mobley called the congregation's attention to was the doctrine of Christian Excellence. When confronting the emotions in response to the statistics of the association is that we need an excellence of evangelism. If we are not willing to go and share the gospel and sit idly by with the charge from Christ to share the gospel. Brother Mobley submitted to the congregation one of the reasons we are seeing failure of our churches is that we are failing in the work of evangelism. A challenge was put forth of being through with the mediocrity of our efforts in the work of the Lord. Let us ascend to the excellency of Jesus Christ. Paul in his letter to the Philippians counted many things a loss, however he still pressed to the high calling of Christian excellency. We are called to follow the example of Christ in his model of excellency in all that he did and accomplished in his walk of worldly life.

Philippians 1: 9-11 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. Paul is writing to the church from a jail cell. That their love may abound in truth and discernment. One reason that we need to hold to the Christian excellence is that it shapes our Christian worldview. All of the things we combat today, the scriptures give us a clear instruction on how to work through them. We stand in need of a clear understanding of how God directs our paths throughout this life.

Brother Mobley gave the example of guardrails that he and his wife have put up in their life. The purpose of those guardrails being placed allows them not to wrestle with decisions when they are clearly outside the guardrails that would help them keep on the path with the Lord. Brother Mobley spoke to the wrestling he had when the Lord had shown him his need to pastor Faith church. He recounted a sermon he had heard from a minister at Old Union in which the preacher spoke to the need for pastors to lead their church and in leading them he also had to love the people of the church. There must be a desire from a pastor to be a part of the church and its community in order to best serve them. This service allows pastors to put up guardrails that shape the location they live, the job they are employed by, and the activities that they are a part of. When you place guardrails up, you don't have to wrestle with decisions that are outside of those bounds, but instead focus on the work God has called you to.

Brother Mobley spoke to the next couple of verses in Philippians in which Paul is calling the church to examine the works of themselves to ensure they have an excellence about them. He cautioned the churches of the association that if we continue of the ways of the last 15-20 years we will continue to receive what

we have received. We were cautioned of continuing to reflect on memories of days gone by but to instead focus on the work and souls that are before us. Our focus and desire should be that what we leave behind will point others to Christ for generations to come. We must continue to magnify the goodness and excellence of God.

2nd Peter 1: 5-8 *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Christians are called to excellency in our morality. How we handle the world around us in their immorality, calls us to return the excellency of Christ. Let it be said of us, as church members, that we hold to a moral excellency. Examine your lives, are you morally excellence? Are you tangled up in the world? Or are you following in the footsteps of Christ and his excellence? What we are called to is not too high, in consideration of what Christ has done for us and not what the world would want us to do.

Brother Mobley continued by putting before the congregation the entire book of Haggai. He outlined the prophecy from Haggai in which the people reported being too busy to do the work of the Lord in tending to the temple. How long are we going to continue to be too busy to do the Lord's work? We don't face the same struggles of the people of the book of Haggai, but it does seem that we allow the busyness of the world to occupy our time.

Men, we have a work to do. If we reflect on the work of the Lord when our churches were started. Those men had a greater concern for the work of the Lord than we do today. The work of our churches is too great to give up on. When considering the days gone by, we often reflect on the goodness and blessings from the Lord. We often recount how things are different now. However just as in Haggai, we must be strong in the work of the Lord. The declaration of the Lord was for the people to work! The Lord has called us to labor with the season he has given us.

If you are a Sunday school teacher, song leader, prayer warrior, encourager, preacher, or whomever the Lord has called you to be, strive for excellence in all that you do for Him. Everything we do should reflect the excellency of Jesus Christ. Do you spend time with the Lord in preparation for the work He has called you to?

Brother Mobley concluded his sermon by encouraging the association to reflect on the excellence of the Lord Jesus Christ. He called us to return to the promises of the Lord and continue on in the work of Christian Excellence in the pursuit of serving the Lord. Be encouraged, the Lord's spirit is with us. He will continue with us in his work!

After the stirring challenge of Brother Mobley, Brother Moran read Philippians 3:14 "I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". Brother

Moran called us to a strong self-reflection of where we stand in our desires to be excellent in the work we are called to. We met in the altar to search ourselves before the Lord.

Thanksgiving and reflection came from those in attendance. Following words from several in the congregation, Brother Bart led us in singing *I Want to Know More About My Lord*, *Lord Lead Me On*, and *The Unclouded Day* while we passed by and offered our thanksgiving for the word of the Lord from Brother Vaughn and Brother Mobley.

A motion and 2nd were made to adjourn for lunch. Motion carried. Brother Jeremy Miller was called upon to dismiss the morning session and bless the food.

Saturday Afternoon

The Saturday afternoon session opened with Brother Bart Patterson leading the congregation in singing Victory in Jesus and Near the Cross. After the wonderful singing Brother Moran welcomed us back together and thanked Harvest MBC for their continued efforts in hosting the churches of the Association in this meeting. Brother Moran then asked Brother Scott Hauskins to lead the congregation in prayer.

At the conclusion of prayer, the association was called back to order and Brother Melvin Jones was welcomed to present the 3rd subject.

How should we respond to people who disagree with our belief that homosexuality is wrong, in a way that provides scriptural evidence of our view, but that does not turn those people away from God?.

We must always approach people with love in our hearts for them to be the kind of person that God will accept and grant them eternal life. We should never claim to be better than them or that we are perfect. We need to try to convince them that sin is sin because God declared it to be and there is no degree of sin, but God will not accept any sin and He will forgive any sin or any number of sins if we will turn from our wicked ways and turn to Him and repent. The sin of unbelief is the unpardonable sin; all other sin will be forgiven if we repent, but we must turn from any one or all sin to be accepted of God. We need to admit to people that at one time we were just as lost as them or any other person or persons. We were unsaved sinners, but now we are sinners saved by grace. Note: Ephesians 2:1-5 *And you have he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherin He loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved) and hath raised us up together, and make us sit together in heavenly*

places in Christ Jesus.” John 3:17 says: For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. We need to try and show people that we are also striving for the same goal; to see people saved.

Let’s note at this time a few scriptures: 1st Corinthians 6:9-10: Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. Leviticus 18:22: Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Jude 7: Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Note also: Genesis 19 and Romans 1:21-32.

We are to always welcome anyone to our service and rely on the Gospel and Spirit of God and Spirit of God to convince them and pray they will receive the truth and turn from their sin and turn to God. REPENT.

Prayerfully submitted - Elder Melvin Jones, Brother Jimmy Sexton,
Elder Brent Summers

Following the reading of the report, a motion and 2nd were made to adopt the report. Speaking to the subject was Elder Melvin Jones, Elder Brent Summers, Elder Jeremy Collins, Elder James Whitney, and Elder Nick Reuter. Question called; vote taken. Motion carried.

Next Elder Ryan Morgan was asked to come forward and present the missions report.

A motion and 2nd were made to adopt the mission’s report as presented.

Speaking to the motion was Elder Ryan Morgan, Brother Barry Hagan, Brother Monte Botkin, Elder Jeremy Miller, Elder Hayden Patterson, and Brother Mike Hooten. Question called; vote taken. Motion carried.

Following the missions report adoption, Brother Walt Miller was welcomed to the front to present the correspondence for the association.

A motion and 2nd were made to adopt the correspondence as presented.

Question called; vote taken. Motion carried.

Our Treasurer, Brother Cory Houchens, came forward to present the treasurer’s report. A motion and 2nd were made to adopt the report allowing our treasurer to amend the report with any additional funds that come in following the association meeting. Motion carried.

Old/Unfinished Business

Brother Jeremy Miller came forward to present on the committee whom evaluated the subject selection process.

Brother Moran referenced the motion from last year regarding Brother Del Compton's compiling of Missionary Baptist Literature. Brother Compton has provided paper copies and information will be placed on the website in the coming weeks.

New Business

Motion and 2nd to adopt the recommendation of the subject selection process committee to leave the appointment of the Subject Selection committee to the moderator and to allow each church to submit 2 subjects for review to the committee by August 1st. Motion carried.

Following the motion, Moderator, Elder Jeff Moran, appointed Elder Micah Barber – Chairman, Elder Bruce Adamson, and Elder Stephen Thompson as the Subject Selection committee for next year.

Brother Jeremy Miller, chairman of the Subject Selection Committee, came forward to present the subjects for 2026. Following the proposal, a motion and 2nd were made to adopt the recommended subjects. Motion carried.

A motion and 2nd to establish a committee of Brother Ryan Morgan, Brother Scott Hauskins, and Brother Brian Debolt to review and establish a structure to the mission's report and to evaluate and make a recommendation on how to enhance the membership report. Motion carried.

Brother Chris Harper was then asked to come forward and read the minutes from Friday evening and Saturday. Following the reading, a motion and 2nd were made to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

A motion and 2nd were made to adjourn. Motion carried.

Elder Bruce Adamson dismissed the association in prayer.

2026 Bethel Missionary Baptist Association Subjects

Subject #1-Artificial Intelligence and the Church

What is Artificial Intelligence (A.I.), and how should the churches be viewing the technology? In what ways can a church benefit from the use of A.I.? What are the potential pitfalls and areas of harm that churches should be on guard against when it comes to the use of A.I.? What insights do the scriptures provide on this subject?

Chair-Deacon Cory Houchens, Elder Andrew Horton, Brother Scott Hauskins

Subject #2-Refocusing our worship around Christ

Have our churches drifted away from a biblical view of worship in our church services? Have our services become too “self” focused and not as “Christ” focused as they should be? Please provide insight and scriptural support on this subject.

Chairman-Elder Jeremy Collins, Elder Ryan Morgan, Elder Micah Barber

Subject #3-Homeschooling

With the rise of homeschooling among families in our churches, what potential impact will this have on the future of our churches? In what ways can our churches support and foster homeschooling? What are some practical ways we may help these families? Please provide any insights the scriptures contain on this subject.

(Additional)-We have created a questionnaire that we would like the committee to consider sending to all willing homeschool families within our association, as well as families considering homeschooling or those who have already homeschooled. This questionnaire will be provided to the committee.

Chairman-Elder Nick Reuter, Elder Bruce Adamson, Deacon Walt Miller

Subject #4 -Missions

Chairman-Elder Hayden Patterson, Elder Harold Nolan, Deacon Jason Elliott

Subject #5 Correspondence

Chairman-Brother Larry Jones, Elder Jeff Moran

Respectfully Submitted,

Elder Jeremy Miller (Chair), Elder Rich Jenkins, Elder Jeremy Collins

Reports

Treasury Report

Ending Balance as of 2024		Contributions 2025		
\$5,204.82			Printing Fund	General Fund
Disbursements				
Clerk	\$500	Amana	\$50.00	\$200.00
Printing	\$1173.52	Bethel	\$125.00	
USPS Shipping	\$36.65	Charity	\$60.00	\$100.00
Deposit Item Fee	\$1.60	Faith (IN)	\$100.00	\$150.00
Computer and Supplies	\$850.43	Faith (MI)	\$200.00	\$150.00
Beginning Balance for 2025		Fellowship	\$75.00	\$150.00
\$2,642.62		Freedom	\$50.00	\$50.00
Total Contributions for 2025 - General Fund		Friendship	\$75.00	\$200.00
\$2,125.00		Harvest		\$100.00
Total Contributions for 2025 - Printing Fund		Kokomo	\$125.00	
\$1,350.00		Macedonia	\$100.00	
New Balance + \$0.14 Interest		Outreach	\$40.00	\$150.00
\$6,117.76		Pleasant Valley		\$250.00
Missions Collection/Disbursement		Salem	\$250.00	\$300.00
Amana Shelter - \$343.50		Southside		\$200.00
Pleasant Valley Food Pantry - \$343.50		Whiteland	\$75.00	\$125.00

Correspondence**Outgoing Correspondence to Our Sister Churches:**

Greetings from the churches of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association. Grace and peace be multiplied onto you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with great joy and a thankful heart that we reach out to you celebrating the bond we share as members of Christ's body and laborers of his vineyard. I pray this message finds you in good health, strong in faith and encouraged in the work of the Lord.

Romans 8:28 God works all things for the good for all who love Him and are called for his purpose.

The 67th annual meeting of the Bethel Missionary Baptist association was held on September 19th & 20th 2025. The host church was Harvest Missionary Baptist Church in Avon Indiana. On behalf of the association, we want to thank Harvest for the hospitality, preparation and effort to make this gathering possible. We were truly blessed by your love and kindness and providing the delicious meal.

There were 16 churches represented, 13 baptized into the Lords Church, with membership totaling 1,256.

The 68th association meeting will be held September 18th & 19th 2026 at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Subjects being considered include:

Subject 1: Artificial Intelligence and the Church

Subject 2: Refocusing our Worship around Christ

Subject 3: Homeschooling

As we continue this coming year may Gods peace, grace and strength be with us. Let us continue to encourage one another, remain steadfast in prayer, and serve faithfully with joy. Be prayerful for the 2026 association meeting. God Bless.

Moderator Elder Jeff Moran

Clerk Brother Chris Harper

Obituary Report

Amana

Sister Maggie Hart

Maggie Lee (Houchell) Hart, 94, Kokomo, was freed from the confines of her earthly body on March 8, 2025 at 7:42 P.M. Maggie was born in Wallins Creek, KY on April 12, 1930 to Elbert and Martha (Rogers) Houchell.

On July 19, 1950 Maggie was betrothed to the love of her life, Mickey Hart, by the Rev. McFarland in Kokomo, Indiana. Maggie and Mickey were blessed with 70 years together in beautiful, loving matrimony before Mickey's passing in 2020. Maggie was loved and adored by her husband, who was keenly aware of how lucky he was and was known to speak at length on his darlin' baby's sweet and angelic nature.

Maggie and Mickey were also blessed with a large, loving family of their own through their five children: Vivian (Lynn) Rudolph, Dale (Janice) Hart, Paul David Hart, Theresa Hart, and DuJuan Hart. Their family grew with their six grandchildren: Chris Hart, Paul David (Bethany) Hart, Heather Whitacre, Zach Rudolph, Rhiannon Hart, and Caitlyn (Alex) Rudolph-Schram.

Carrying on the legacy are 18 great-grandchildren, along with Maggie's first great-great grandchild, due the day after her passing, and yet to arrive by the time this is published. We would be remiss to leave out the dozens of nieces and nephews Maggie helped rear and raise over the last century.

Maggie's story is one of humble beginnings. In her early years she spent her childhood in the coal mining camps and hollers of southeastern Kentucky before moving to Corbin. As the oldest daughter, she left school after 8th grade to help take care of her younger siblings and support her household. She was 19 and working in a boarding house when the young Mickey spotted her in a diner and their lives were changed forever. A woman of deep faith, she knew that he was the one for her after hearing him preach. It also probably helped that he was handsome, had a good job at one of the new car factories up north, and was madly in love with her. She moved to Kokomo, secured her own job at Delco and was married that July.

Maggie was incredibly social, active, and independent. She remained at Delco until her retirement in the 1980's, working full time while raising her children and supporting Mickey's ministry, where they would help establish over a dozen churches in Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. She was continuously involved with the UAW local 292, the UAW Hobby Club, the Del-Ra women's group, and the local Democrat party. She traveled to Washington to advocate for senior citizens. She regularly attended church, attending several Missionary Baptist churches in the area over the years, most recently attending Amana Missionary Baptist in Kokomo. Maggie was a talented artist and crafter, accomplished with awards in painting, sewing, quilting, and crocheting along with other crafts. She truly treasured her time crafting in community with other women at Hobby Club and spent over 40 years of her life doing so. She was a fantastic cook and

an award-winning baker, with children and grandchild who often fought over her leftovers. She often participated in things like bowling leagues or line dancing with her friends. In fact, even at the age of 94 and within weeks of her passing, she was attending at least three social functions a week. She loved to sing, especially her hymns and spent time each day with her daily devotions. More than anything, Maggie Hart exemplified the nature of the matriarch. She was an incredibly kind, generous, and loving person. The patron saint of patience. She raised so many generations of children, whether they were hers or not, and took absolute joy in every new life and opportunity to love. She continuously urged us to love each other fiercely. There were no burned bridges or scorned children, we all flocked to her love and grace. She was gentle and soft spoken, yet always the firm, unwavering foundation on which our family was built.

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Sister Clara Morgan

Clara Inez (Jones) Morgan, age 92, passed on Monday, September 23, 2024, after a lengthy illness. She was born on December 16, 1931, to Joseph Walter Jones and Laura Lucille Doss, in Macon County, Tennessee, the eldest of four daughters and three sons.

Clara grew up on a farm where chores and hard work were the norm, but when Clara was almost four years old, she and her parents moved to Plant City, Florida, where they lived for two years before back to a Sumner County, Tennessee farm. During this time, Clara learned her way around a kitchen and became an excellent cook like her mother. Perhaps her most admired dish was her sage cornbread dressing, which was a staple at special occasions like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Her recipe has been documented for future generations to enjoy.

Clara was in her early teens when she was saved by God's grace during a Vacation Bible School held at a rural Missionary Baptist Church in Sumner County. When she was 19 years old, she moved to Indianapolis and lived with her Grandpa & Grandma Doss. It was here that she landed her first job, making television tubes on a production line at RCA. Her next job was at Western Electric, where telephones were the primary product. While employed there, Clara was selected by her coworkers to represent their department in a company-wide contest. When the whole plant had voted, Clara was crowned the "Hello Charley" girl for 1956 at a gala event held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. In her capacity as "Queen", she attended various functions and speaking engagements, representing the company. Along with having her portrait painted by a renowned artist/photographer, she received a beautiful, engraved brooch.

Clara married Paul Powell Morgan on August 24, 1951, after having dated for a year. They had 40 years together before he passed on October 25, 1991. Their love produced one daughter, Lisa Ann, who was born on June 20, 1965.

A few years later, on July 20, 1970, Clara and Paul were baptized into the fellowship of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where she has held continuous membership for the last 54 years.

Clara loved gardening, music, springtime, and time with her family. She especially enjoyed summer trips to her brother's mountain cabin in North Carolina, where she and her siblings would gather for a few days of vacation. In 2022, Clara's autobiography was published by StoryWorth, and is now a treasured keepsake.

Clara is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Jeff) Moran; grandson, Andrew (Lyndee) Moran; granddaughter, Morgan (Andy) Mitchell; great-granddaughter, Maeve Eleanor; and great-grandson Ellis Lee. Additionally, she is survived by her brother, Richard (Sharon) Jones; sister, Glenda White; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul Morgan; her brothers, Gene and Billy Jones; and by sisters, Peggy Bernardi and Joann Long.

Sister Inez Jones

Mildred "Inez" Jones, 93, of Indianapolis, passed away October 2, 2024 surrounded by her family.

She was born March 8, 1931 in Lafayette, Tennessee to the late Coy and Amy Doss. Inez took pride in creating a loving, happy, and immaculate home. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing and a good Mounds candy bar. She was most proud of her family, and cherished making memories with them. Inez was a longtime member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where she was enjoyed being active in the choir.

Survivors include, Michael Jones, Larry Jones and Roy Jones (Joe Lackner); two grandchildren, Nicole McMahon (Chris) and Zachary Jones; two great granddaughters, Caitlin and Anna McMahon; one brother, Roger (Dee) Doss. She was preceded in death by husband of 56 years, David H. Jones in 2007 and siblings JP (Mary) Doss, Frances (Lamoin) Holland, Jack (Ruby) Doss, Claude (Norma) Doss, Willard E. Doss and two infant brothers.

Sister Dewanna Rose

Dewana Dean Rose, 64, of Indianapolis, passed away on April 10, 2025 while sleeping peacefully next to the love of her life, her husband of 32 years, Jeffery Rose Sr.

Born June 25, 1960 in Indianapolis, IN, she was the youngest daughter to the late Noel and Willow Dean Fishburn. Dewana was a 1978 graduate of Franklin Central High School and worked at Dobbs International at the airport. Dewana was a beautiful singer which was showcased during evenings at karaoke and dancing with her husband. Dewana enjoyed reading a good book and collecting fairy statues. Her favorite activities in the world included spending time in the sun at the beach or pool while spending time with her family and friends but especially with her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband Jeffery Rose Sr.; bonus children Tabitha (Bryan) Lowery, Jeffery (Loretta) Rose Jr. and Tara (Matthew) Houchin; beloved grandchildren, Garrett, Patrick, Sophia, Taya, AJ, Jack, Rebbecca, Robert, Lily and Alex; great-grandchildren Ryder and Kailo; sister Wilma Thacker; best friend Mistie Ohler and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings: Eddie Fishburn, Patricia Eads, Barbara Hodges, nieces: Alycia Ann Trauterman, Joyce Burwell, nephews Rick Burwell and Bobbie Collis and brother-in-law Fred Thacker.

Dewana will be remembered for her generosity, her love of family, blood or chosen, and the genuine kindness she extended to everyone she met. Her warmth and joyful spirit live on in those she touched.

Sister Verdie Higgins

Verdie E. Higgins, 93, of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 after a brief illness in Cornelius, North Carolina. Born on August 16, 1931, in Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee to the late Carson R. and Loler Carver, "Nana" was a woman of unwavering faith who loved deeply and unconditionally.

Verdie retired from American Art Clay after 35 years of hard work working the assembly lines on her feet. Despite the long days, Verdie managed to make many lifelong friends and created wonderful memories with them. She was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana.

In addition to her parents, Verdie is preceded in death by her husband Howard J. Higgins, daughters Donna M. Combs and Phyliss Mutschler, grandson Greg Mutschler, and all of her eight siblings; brothers Ottis Carver (Helen), Aaron Carver (Leslie Mae), Benton Carver (Dexter), and Steve Carver (Hilda), sisters AV (Carver) Wilmore (Roy), Louise (Carver) Gregory (JD), Dorothy (Carver) Adamson, Hazel (Carver) Goad, and brother-in-law Wilbur (Florence) Higgins. She is survived by her daughters Kim (Tom) Burkart, Glenda (Rod) Snyder and Debbie (Rob) Hallagan, grandchildren Joshua, Jason, Megan, Molly, Jennifer, Kevin, Christopher, Emily, Maya and Lilli, ten great grandchildren and many beloved nieces (including great), and nephews (including great), brothers-in-law Cordell Adamson, and Lelon Goad.

Verdie leaned hard on her foundation of faith and relationship with Jesus Christ to give her the grace, compassion and comfort to get through the many losses and difficult times of her life. She was a true example of a godly woman of quiet strength and resilience which she demonstrated until her very last breath.

Those that were fortunate enough to know her would describe her as "the best human" showing a unique sweet spirit of determination and humbleness.

Her life was a testimony of her faith and is best described by this poem as seen through the eyes of her beloved daughters, Donna and Kim:

I am the daughter of a woman who, even when broken, kept walking. And every time I doubt my strength, I remember I come from her fire. That's where my resilience, my courage, and my magic were born. ~Sabine Jacobs.

Verdie's passing leaves behind a void that can never be filled. However, her legacy of faith, dedication to her family and friends, courage, resilience and quiet strength will continue to inspire and carry those that were lucky enough to know and adore her.

Faith (IN)

Sister Hazel Goad

Hazel Ruth (Carver) Goad, 90 of Franklin, IN passed away September 26, 2004, at Compass Park in Franklin, IN.

She was born April 21, 1934, in Red Boiling Springs, TN to Carson R. Carver and Lolar Vasne (Tuck) Carver. She married James Lealon Goad on December 29, 1951, in Georgia and was welcomed into the family by his parents Carmon Carsley Goad and Lela Gertrude (McClard) Goad. He survives.

Hazel was a loving homemaker. For a short period in the 1960's, she worked at the Big Cone Drive-in Restaurant in Franklin relaying stories and great memories through the years of her time at the fountain.

Hazel loved school and enjoyed learning from books and the Bible.

She was a member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin. Hazel was the caretaker of the family, friends, and neighbors. Hazel was a seamstress having made many dresses and pantsuits for herself and daughters throughout the 1970's and 1980's. Known for her Bar-B-Que chicken, desserts, sweet tea and chocolate pie, her husband's favorite. She was also an avid shopper.

Hazel, at home in her bed at the age of nine years old, called on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to help her by saving her lost soul, and God saved her. She knew she was saved by the peace He gave her. Hazel has gone to be with her Savior. She would encourage any who may be lost to seek him and be saved so that we all meet in heaven again.

Faith (MI)

Sister Betty Jane Parker

July 30, 1938 - August 9, 2024

Betty J. Parker. Age 86 of Macomb.

Beloved wife of the late Billy Parker. Loving mother of Lloyd (Julie) Parker, Hope (the late Morris) Hall, David (Denise) Parker and Leann (the late James) Banfield. Dearest grandmother of Lloyd Parker, Jr., Matthew Parker, Odell Hall, Betsie Parker, Jamie Banfield, Natalie Banfield and the late Claude Parker. Great grandmother of 12. Also survived by brothers Bob Jordan and Daniel Jordan. Preceded in death by her parents Lloyd and Rosie Jordan, sister Brenda Jordan and brother Edward Jordan.

Sister Anna Carr

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Anna Carr, 88, who passed away peacefully on April 18, 2025. Born in Kingston, West Virginia, on July 1, 1936. Anna was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Anna is survived by her son, Steve Carr, her daughter-in-law, Nancy Carr, her granddaughters, Sydney (Ethan) McKee and Ezra Carr, and great granddaughter, Paisley McKee. She was preceded in death by her husband, Freddie Carr, her parents, Alex Young and Hannah (Jay) Parrott, and siblings.

Deacon Jimmie Lee Thompson

Jimmie Lee Thompson, 88, of Bowling Green, KY - went to meet the Lord, August 28, 2025. Jimmie was born in Pennington Gap, VA on February 23, 1937, to the late Olin James and Ruby Mae Thompson.

Jimmie was blessed with a very full, long, and happy life. As a young teen, he moved from Virginia to Michigan, securing his first and only job at Michigan Bell / AT&T. It was at that time he met his first wife, Jackie, at church, and fell head over heels in love. They married in 1955 and celebrated 34 years together, raising 3 loving sons before Jackie's passing in 1989. A few years later he retired, moved to Kentucky, and in 1992, married Treva. They shared many wonderful retirement years together until her passing in 2015.

Jimmie enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing and working in his yard. He loved to sing gospel music and for decades, anchored the bass row in the church choir with his boys. He was proud of his salvation, his beautiful patio and his bowling scores. He loved his family and many friends.

Brother Thompson was a faithful member & Deacon of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Michigan for many years and after moving to Kentucky, where he attended Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church.

Fellowship

Sister Barbara Reneau

Barbara Jean Reneau, born on June 20, 1949, passed away on May 30, 2025, leaving behind a rich legacy of love and kindness. She will be remembered for her unwavering faith in God, her commitment to her family, and her dedication to her community.

Barbara was a cherished mother, beloved grandmother, and doting great-grandmother. She lead with love, always letting each person in her life know how much she cared. As a fervent prayer warrior, she dedicated her prayers and support to all in her life. Barbara was also deeply committed to giving back to her community. Her service at the Jullian Center and local food pantries showcased her compassionate heart and desire to make a positive impact.

Friendship**Brother Gerald Caffee**

Gerald Allen Caffee, 76, of Columbus, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at AMG Specialty Hospital in Greenfield, IN. Gerald was born on May 29, 1948, in Columbus, IN to Alvin Caffee and Essie Stephens Caffee. A proud graduate of Columbus High School in 1966, Gerald's strong work ethic and commitment to excellence were evident early on. His professional journey was marked by his significant contributions as a Journeyman Roofing teacher at Arsenal Tech in Indianapolis, where he shared his extensive knowledge and skills with countless students. Gerald's career in the roofing industry was distinguished, having been previously employed as a Forman at Hinshaw Roofing where he worked on several large projects that included some very tall buildings, and later as the owner of Caffee Construction, where he was respected for his leadership and craftsmanship. Gerald's devotion to his faith and community was exemplified by his active membership in the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. His faith was a cornerstone of his life, guiding his daily actions and providing a foundation of support and love for his family and friends. Even as his health declined, his faith in God never diminished. To Gerald, his first job was to provide for his family, followed closely by his interest in building race cars. A hobby that combined his love for mechanics, his high intellect, and speed. The first drag car he ever built; he took to the NHRA U.S. Nationals competition. His eyes would light up as he talked about his latest project, and his enthusiasm was contagious. However, what truly brought Gerald the most joy was spending time with his family. He was a beacon of strength and love and was always there to offer support, share wisdom, or simply enjoy life's simple pleasures together.

Sister Lisa Caffee

Lisa Gail Caffee passed away January 16, 2025, after a battle with cancer. She battled her cancer with admirable strength and courage, and she still lived her life to the fullest with joy and happiness in her heart.

Lisa was born June 5th, 1964, in Columbus Indiana, to Orbin Caffee and Dorthy Baker. Lisa's greatest blessings in her life were her daughters, Jennifer Jacobson and Lindsey Hacker Zinda. She was a loving grandmother to her grandchildren, Emily, Savanna, Jade, Lucy and August. She loved gardening, baking, crafts, her family and her faith. Lisa was surrounded with loving a community of family members and friends until her passing.

Macedonia**Deacon Roger Elamon**

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of Roger Elamon, Fairland, IN on May 14, 2025 at the age of 77. He was a cherished spouse, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

Roger was born in 1948 in Logan County, Kentucky and was the second son of William and Madie (Allen) Elamon, both of whom preceded him in death. Roger

is survived by his sister Brenda Kammerer, as well as his two stepbrothers Harry Duarte and Michael Duarte, and sister-in-law, Iris Elamon. He was preceded in death by his brother, James Elamon.

He leaves behind his beloved wife Sandy Elamon, two children, Gordon (Michele) Elamon of Indianapolis and Toney Elamon of Shelbyville, 6 grandchildren, Dylan (Taylor) Elamon, Emily (Phil) Elamon, Ashley (Stephie) Reno, Justine Perrin, Kristian (Lauren) Leach and Tyler Leach, and 8 great grandchildren. Roger worked construction for many years mostly hanging and finishing dry-wall. He opened a sports card/memorabilia shop in Shelbyville in the early 90's. In the late 90's he became the head of maintenance for Blue River Vocational School in Shelbyville, where he retired in 2016.

Pleasant Valley

Deacon Michael Kneer

Michael "Mike" D. Kneer, 74, of Washington, passed away Saturday, June 14, 2025 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born September 10, 1950 in Peoria to the late Everett D. and Rose (Hietter Koller) Kneer. He married Sandi Spoon in Camden, TN on September 29, 1969. She survives. Also surviving are two children, Michele (David) Holliday-Hedley and Ryan (Erica) Kneer; six grandchildren, Kayla, Claire, Austin, Erin, Alyssa and Ayden; five siblings, Connie (Hal) McIntosh, Deanna (Bob) Reeder, Bob (Lynn) Koller, Tim (Sue) Koller, Susan (Jim) Juskiv; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mike was a United States Army Veteran. He worked at Mitsubishi Motors retiring as the General Manager of the paint department after 25 years of service. He was an avid fisherman, enjoying many summers in Minnesota catching Bass and Northern Pike. He also enjoyed woodworking, gardening and golfing. He was a Deacon at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Washington, and was involved with the food pantry there.

Salem

Brother Paul Brown

Paul "Poppy" Brown, 90, of Mooresville, passed away on October 6, 2024 at home, surrounded by his family. Poppy was born on October 10, 1933 in Ulvah, Kentucky to the late Wayne Brown and Phoebe (Sumners) Brown. Poppy was known as a jack of all trades as he worked many different jobs throughout his life to provide for his family, including coal miner, brick mason, gas station owner, and most recently for Navistar for 28 years, before retiring in 1995. He enjoyed fishing and hunting every chance he could. He was an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan and a member of Salem Missionary Baptist church. He will be remembered for his high standards and his great sense of humor. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Doris Brown, grandson Jason Phillips, and 3 siblings. He is survived by his daughters Geneva Huffman, Grethel Johnson, Jeanine Parker; son Carl Brown, 8 grandchildren, 20

great grandchildren, 8 siblings and many extended family and friends, who will dearly miss “Poppy”.

Deacon Raymond Murle Grace

Raymond Murle Grace, 88, of Whiteland, Indiana, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2025, with family by his side. That evening, Murle's soul entered the presence of God, eternal joy, peace, and a state of perfect happiness, free from all suffering and pain. He was born on August 28, 1936, in Robertson, Tennessee, to the late Carman and Sarah Elizabeth (Crafton) Grace. He was the oldest of four children. He spent his early years as a farm-hand on his family's tobacco farm where he learned the importance of hard work. Murle married the love of his life, Ellen Olene Wright, on February 20, 1954. They were married for 61 years before she took her heavenly flight home on November 10, 2014. Murle dedicated nearly three decades of his life working on the production line at Navistar, retiring in 1998. He took pride in his work and was a longstanding member of the United Auto Workers Local #226. After retirement, he worked part-time at Greenwood Village South Retirement Community. During this time, he and Ellen enjoyed their retirement vacation home in South Carolina. Murle was a man of deep faith, serving as a longtime member and deacon of Salem Missionary Baptist Church. He was saved on April 19, 1954. Murle and Ellen enjoyed motorcycling and road tripping in their RV. Murle's love for nature extended to his favorite pastimes of fishing off the back of their pontoon, throwing pool parties with family, and catching too many rays of sun outdoors. Murle radiated joy and God's love. He was a light to all he encountered. His smile lit up the room, his jokes made him the life of the party, his stories were like something straight out of a book, and his kind eyes made him easy to talk to. He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by his daughter, Dianne Halcomb; grandchildren, Brian (Melissa) Halcomb, Kim (Dewayne) Dunn, Michele (Byron Back) Mummaw, and Misty Halcomb; his thirteen cherished great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and his sister, Judy Clark. Murle was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen; son, Ronnie M. Grace; sister, Betty Fay Ghent; his infant brother, Billy Ray; and a great-great-granddaughter, Isla James. Raymond Murle Grace is now enjoying a "glad reunion" in the air. He will forever be rejoicing in heaven and singing with the angels.

2024-2025 Membership Report

Church Data			Received by				Dismissed by			Current Attendance	
Name	Organized	Last Year's Membership	Baptisms	Letters	Restorations	Statements	Letters	Expulsions	Deaths	Present Membership	Sunday School
Amana	1966	21	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	17	N/A
Bethel	1944	201	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	195	13
Charity	2023	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	14
Faith (IN)	1956	168	1	0	2	0	2	6	1	162	45
Faith (MI)	1949	20	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	18	15
Fellowship	1957	71	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	74	10
Freedom	1961	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	N/A
Friendship	1952	82	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	79	20
Harvest	1990	29	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	31	N/A
Kokomo	1952	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	109	N/A
Macedonia	1986	29	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	25	10
Outreach	2001	47	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	49	14
Pleasant Valley	1961	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	N/A
Salem	1967	113	3	3	0	0	0	3	2	114	N/A
Southside	1959	196	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	191	28
Whiteland	1970	56	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	56	N/A
Totals		1278	13	10	4	0	19	13	17	1256	169

Meeting History

Year	Location	Moderator	Clerk	Introductory	Memorial	Doctrinal
1958	Bethel	H.B. Eaton	Milburn Calvert	Odus Cummings		W.T. Taylor
1959	Kokomo	H.B. Eaton	Milburn Calvert	Ben R. Taylor		L.H. Parker
1960	Harmony	M.V. Hammack	Billy Moran	Othneil Finley		M.V. Hammack
1961	Bethel	Othneil Finley	Finis Jent	H.B. Eaton		W.T. Taylor
1962	Kokomo	L.C. Long	Finis Jent	H.B. Eaton		W.T. Taylor
1963	Faith	H.B. Eaton	Odus Cummings	Othneil Finley		Billy Adamson
1964	Grace	H.B. Eaton	Billy Moran	C. C. Gregory	Othneil Finley	W.T. Taylor
1965	Bethel	H.B. Eaton	Billy Moran	Richard Huskins	Mitchell Smith	Billy Moran
1966	Kokomo	M.V. Hammack	Jack Kidwell	Earl C. Coker	Mitchell Smith	Othneil Finley
1967	Faith	M.V. Hammack	Jack Kidwell	Billy Moran	Edward Bradley	Mitchell Smith
1968	Harmony	Kenneth Morgan	Jack Kidwell	Othneil Finley	H.B. Eaton	M.V. Hammack
1969	Bethel	H.B. Eaton	E.H. Carter	D.C. Russell	Paul Kinnard	Mitchell Smith
1970	Kokomo	D.C. Russell	Edd Sanders	Richard Huskins	Odus Cummings	M.V. Hammack
1971	Southside	D.C. Russell	Edd Sanders	Wm. Marvin	Lewis Holland	D.C. Russell
1972	Faith	Lewis Holland	Edd Sanders	Lewis Holland	Richard Huskins	Hugh Hudson
1973	Rossville	Odus Cummings	John Keen Jr.	Berlin Roy	Clellon Buster	Billy Moran
1974	Liberty	Hugh Hudson	John Keen Jr.	Jimmy Parker	Bill Martin	Mitchell Smith
1975	Harmony	Hugh Hudson	John Keen Jr.	John Keen Jr.	Lewis Holland	Billy Moran
1976	Bethel	Hugh Hudson	John Keen Jr.	Marvin Emberton	Oliver Day	Hugh Hudson
1977	Southside	Hugh Hudson	John Keen Jr.	Glen Yaden	Lewis Holland	Mitchell Smith
1978	Fellowship	Calvin Perrigo	John Keen Jr.	Calvin Perrigo	Nathan York	Kenneth Massey
1979	Grace	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Billy Moran	James Jones	Hugh Hudson
1980	Freedom	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Odus Cummings	Ron Galloway	John Keen Jr.
1981	Bethel	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Tim Binion	Billy Moran	Calvin Perrigo
1982	Fellowship	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Steve Perrigo	Don Watts	John Keen Jr.
1983	Southside	Odus Cummings	Terry Lyles	Del Compton	Nathan York	Odus Cummings

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1984	Salem	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Eugene Brown	Hugh Hudson	James Lones
1985	Kokomo	Calvin Perrigo	Del Compton	Dan Edwards	Roy Brooks	Dwayne Greer
1986	Bethel	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Nathan York	Don Watts	Eugene Brown
1987	Freedom	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Jerry Patterson	Don Watts	Roy Brooks
1988	Faith (IN)	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Larry Taylor	Ronald Cook	Roy Brooks
1989	Pleasant Valley	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Garfield Saylor	Dexter Bacon Jr.	Terry Foster
1990	Fellowship	Odus Cummings	Jeff Moran	Jerry Miller	Jerry Patterson	Jerry Patterson
1991	Southside	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Danny Edwards	Nathan York	Larry Taylor
1992	Bethel	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Larry McClain	Dexter Bacon	Terry Lyles
1993	Kokomo	Larry Taylor	Kenneth Roe	Monty Shoulders	Larry Taylor	Don Watts
94	Friendship	Larry Taylor	Kenneth Roe	Bruce Adamson	Lewis Holland	Dexter Bacon
1995	Faith (IN)	William Shoulders	Kenneth Roe	Brad Foster	Carlos Gammon	Don Watts
1996	Faith (MI)	William Shoulders	Mike Jackson	Randy Thompson	Jerry Patterson	William Shoulders
1997	Freedom	William Shoulders	Mike Jackson	Chris Jones	Jerry Miller	Terry Foster
1998	Fellowship	William Shoulders	Mike Jackson	Bart Jones	Nathan York	J.R. Thompson
1999	Whiteland	William Shoulders	Mike Jackson	James Keen	William McElroy	Monty Shoulders
2000	Bethel	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Matt Patterson	Michael Adamson	Jerry Miller
2001	Southside	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Michael Jackson	Don McDonald	John Keen Jr.
2002	Outreach	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Mark Greer	Chris Jones	Bruce Adamson
2003	Friendship	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Jerry Miller	Del Compton	Nathan York
2004	Bethel	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Gary Smith	Terry Foster	Don Watts
2005	Kokomo	William Shoulders	Jeremy York	Richard Jenkins	Ron Stott	Jerry Miller
2006	Fellowship	William Shoulders	Brad Farris	Lance Jackson	Nathan York	Kenneth Davis
2007	Salem	William Shoulders	Brad Farris	Jeremy Miller	Doug Skinner	Jimmy Whitney
2008	Whiteland	William Shoulders	Brad Farris	Stephen York	Aaron Hood	Chris Jones
2009	Faith (IN)	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Jeff Moran	Stephen Thompson	Bruce Adamson
2010	Freedom	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Kent Welch	Stephen York	John Keen Jr.

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2011	Southside	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Jeremy York	Rick Huskins	Aaron Hood
2012	Kokomo	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Matthew Rickett	Nathan York	Jeff Moran
2013	Bethel	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Dereck Mobley	Bradley Hicks	Nathan York
2014	Whiteland	Chris Jones	Nick Reuter	Jonathon Elliott	Nathan York	Jeff Elliott
2015	Fellowship	Chris Jones	Nick Reuter	Charles Pratt	Jeff Elliott	Bradley Hicks
2016	Harvest	Jeff Moran	Noah Adamson	James Whitney	Jeff Moran	Dereck Mobley
2017	Faith (IN)	Jeff Moran	Noah Adamson	Jerry Burke	Scott Hauskins	Charles Pratt
2018	Friendship	Jeff Moran	Jeremy York	Andrew Horton	Stephen York	Monty Shoulders
2019	Salem	Jeff Moran	Chris Harper	Jeremy Miller	Stephen Thompson	Jonathon Elliott
2021	Bethel	Jeff Moran	Chris Harper	Jeremy Collins	Nick Reuter	Bruce Adamson
2022	Faith (IN)	Jeff Moran	Chris Harper	Micah Barber	Jason Stotler	Stephen Thompson
2023	Faith (MI)	Jeff Moran	Chris Harper	Jeremy Jenkins	Melvin Jones	Andrew Horton
2024	Freedom	Jeff Moran	Chris Harper	Harold Nolan	Ryan Morgan	Jason Stotler
2025	Harvest	Jeff Moran	Chris Harper	Brent Summers	William Vaughn	Dereck Mobley

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Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Brent Summers	3062 N CR 325 East Greencastle, IN. 45135	765-719-5040	btsummers98@gmail.com
Clerk	Bruce Adamson	633 W CR 200 N Danville, IN 46122	317-500-1419	Bruce.g.adamson @gmail.com
Treasurer	Tim Gierke	1559 N CR 275 E Fillmore, IN 46128	765-720-1400	
Ordained Ministers				
Name	Address		Number	Email
Brent Summers	3062 N CR 325 East Greencastle, IN. 45135		765-719-5040	btsummers98@gmail.com
Bruce Adamson	633 W CR 200 N Danville, IN 46122		317-500-1419	Bruce.g.adamson @gmail.com
Licensed Ministers				
Kenneth Turner	7176 E CR 800 N Bainbridge, IN. 46105		765-522-1207	

Faith Missionary Baptist Church (IN)

1400 Graham Rd,
Franklin, IN. 46131

Sunday: 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM

www.faithindiana.com

Preferred Mailing Address: 1400 Graham Rd, Franklin, IN 46131

Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Dereck Mobley	5925 W 125 S Bargersville, IN 46106	317-625-1120	mobleydereckd@gmail.com
Clerk	Chris Harper	2030 Gosling Ct Franklin, IN. 46131	317-410-2568	clerk.faithmbc@gmail.com
Treasurer	Jeff Brown	5227 Rocklane Rd. Greenwood, IN. 46143	317-997-5779	ljeffrey.brown@att.net
Superintendent	Jacob Brown	5227 Rocklane Rd. Greenwood, IN. 46143	317-946-2303	
Ordained Ministers				
Name	Address		Number	Email
Dereck Mobley	5925 W 125 S Bargersville, IN 46106		317-625-1120	mobleydereckd@gmail.com
John Thompson	16102 E Lake Shore Dr. South, Hope, IN 47246		812-390-0921	jwtcbt@yahoo.com
Ordained Deacons				
Jeffrey Brown	5227 Rocklane Rd. Greenwood, IN. 46143		317-997-5779	ljeffrey.brown@att.net
Cory Houchens	5440 E Neitzel Rd Mooresville, IN 46158		317-938-1326	houchenscory@yahoo.com
Chris Harper	2030 Gosling Ct Franklin, IN. 46131		317-410-2568	clerk.faithmbc@gmail.com

Faith Missionary Baptist Church (MI)

39401 Townhall St.

Sunday: 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM

Harrison Township, MI. 48045

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

www.faithmb.org

Church Officers

Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Matt Patterson	429 W Banta Rd Indianapolis, IN 46217	317-435-5979	Mattpatterson76@gmail.com
Clerk	Pamela Hohf	46354 Chalmers Dr. Macomb, MI 48044	586-944-9812	Pamhohf1009@gmail.com
Treasurer	Mike Baker	15871 Torraine Ct. Clinton Twp, MI. 48038	586-212-6491	bakerjim2@bignet.net

Ordained Ministers

Name	Address	Number	Email
Matt Patterson	429 W Banta Rd Indianapolis, IN 46217	317-435-5979	Mattpatterson76@gmail.com

Ordained Deacons

Mike Baker	15871 Torraine Ct. Clinton Twp, MI. 48038	586-212-6491	bakerjim2@bignet.net
Eric Hohf	46354 Chalmers Dr. Macomb, MI. 48044	586-201-2826	erichohf22@gmail.com
Donald St. Clair	42045 Montroy Dr. Sterling Heights, MI. 48313	586-739-8569	donaldandiris@att.net

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

1032 S. Holmes Ave. Sunday: 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Indianapolis, IN. 46221 Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Stephen Thompson	3642 Ironwood Dr Columbus, IN 47203	317-767-5097	sgthomps1963@gmail.com
Clerk	Scott Hauskins	7626 Firewalker Ln. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-502-1846	hauskins3@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Don Binion	6913 S. Franklin Rd. Indianapolis, IN. 46259	317-373-7566	dbin6913@icloud.com
Superintendent	Grayson Hauskins	7626 Firewalker Ln. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-459-8934	hauskins3@hotmail.com

Ordained Ministers			
Name	Address	Number	Email
Jeremy Collins	5373 Dollar Forge Court Indianapolis, IN 46221	615-423-9132	Jeremycollins81@gmail.com
Stephen Thompson	3642 Ironwood Dr Columbus, IN 47203	317-767-5097	sgthomps1963@gmail.com
Jim Whitney	5867 E. Cr. 150 N. Avon, IN. 46123	317-531-1114	jwhitney100@yahoo.com
Mick Woodard	204 Sequoia Dr Springfield, TN 37172		mickwoodard@bellsouth.net
James Whitney	366 Main St Hope, IN 47246	317-695-7494	Brotherwhitney@gmail.com

Ordained Deacons			
Don Binion	6913 S. Franklin Rd. Indianapolis, IN. 46259	317-373-7566	dbin6913@icloud.com
Dean Hauskins	2644 Big Bear Ln Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-672-8393	deanoh155@yahoo.com

Licensed Ministers			
Scott Hauskins	7626 Firewalker Ln. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-502-1846	hauskins3@hotmail.com

Freedom Missionary Baptist Church

350 N. Fuller Dr.
Indianapolis, IN. 46224

Sunday: 9:30am

Preferred Mailing Address:

Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Harold Nolan	9917 Fulbrook Dr, Apt E Indianapolis, IN. 46229	317-313-0640	haroldnolan1959@gmail.com
Clerk	Bethany Toler	1211 Old Vines Tr Greenwood, IN. 46143	317-918-8190	bethshoulders10@gmail.com
Treasurer	Tim Shoulders	10884 E. Cr. 700 S. Camby, IN. 46113	317-319-9241	toolman94@aol.com
S. S. Super	Tim Shoulders	10884 E. Cr. 700 S. Camby, IN. 46113	317-319-9241	toolman94@aol.com
Ordained Ministers				
Name		Address	Number	Email
Terry Foster		1152 Wood Sage Dr. Avon, IN. 46123	317-383-1110	elderterry@aol.com
Harold Nolan		9917 Fulbrook Dr Indianapolis, IN. 46229	317-313-0640	haroldnolan1959@gmail.com
Ordained Deacons				
Tim Shoulders		10884 E. Cr. 700 S. Camby, IN. 46113	317-319-9241	toolman94@aol.com

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

5520 E. Base Rd.
Columbus, IN. 47203

Sunday: 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 6:30 PM

friendshipmbchurch.com

Preferred Mailing Address: 16102 E. Lakeshore Dr, Hope, IN 47246

Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Micah Barber	535 12 th St Columbus, IN 47201	615-504-0051	bmicah57@gmail.com
Clerk	Jeff Thompson	16102 E. Lakeshore Dr. S. Hope, IN. 47246	812-390-0701	jsusa84@reagan.com
Treasurer	Gail Lawles	112 E. 550 S. Columbus, IN. 47201	812-342-6624	
Superintendent	Greg Edwards	3233 S CR 710 E Seymour, IN 47274	810-287-0684	Gme002@yahoo.com

Ordained Ministers			
Name	Address	Number	Email
Micah Barber	535 12 th St Columbus, IN 47201	615-504-0051	bmicah57@gmail.com
Danny Edwards	PO Box 373 Taylorsville, IN. 47280	812-526-2973	
Delbert Compton	2130 S Riley Hwy Shelbyville, IN 46176	317-412-2644	delbertLcompton@gmail.com

Ordained Deacons			
C.L. Saltsman	4941 Cottonwood Ct. N Columbus, IN 47203		
Jeff Thompson	16102 E Lake Shore Dr. S Hope, IN 47246	812-390-0701	jsusa84@reagen.com

Licensed Ministers			
Scott Newman	13300 W Old Nashville Rd, Columbus, IN 47201	812-447-4519	snewman13300@gmail.com

Harvest Missionary Baptist Church

4285 E. Main
Avon, IN. 46123

Sunday: 10:30 AM,
6:00 pm

www.harvestmbc.org

Preferred Mailing Address: 6731 Woodridge Dr, Avon, IN, 46123

Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Hayden Patterson	953 Timber Creek Ln Greenwood, IN 46142	317-709-7926	haypatt96@gmail.com
Clerk	Brett Jones	6731 Woodridge Dr. Avon, IN. 46123	317-600-8331	Jonesofavon@gmail.com
Treasurer	Stephen Jones	6095 Timberbend Dr Avon, IN 46123	317-361-3345	jonesjax@bellsouth.net
Ordained Ministers				
Name	Address		Number	Email
Hayden Patterson	953 Timber Creek Ln Greenwood, IN 46142		317-709-7926	haypatt96@gmail.com
Ordained Deacons				
Brett Jones	6731 Woodridge Dr. Avon, IN. 46123		317-600-8331	jonesofavon@gmail.com
Mark Adamson	1814 S. Avon Ave. Avon, IN. 46123		317-839-7568	maadamson@aol.com

Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church

1723 N. Lindsey
Kokomo, IN. 46901

Sunday: 10:00 AM,
6:00 PM

Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Bill Vaughn	1724 N Lindsey Kokomo, IN 46901	615-405-3576	Williamgvaughn@gmail.com
Clerk	Jason McClain	13651 S. Cr. 950 E. Galveston, IN. 46932	765-434-9291	jasonmcclain75@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Brandy McClain	13651 S. Cr. 950 E. Galveston, IN. 46932	765-434-9292	
Superintendent	Curtis Ward	609 Sante Fe Blvd Kokomo, IN 46902	765-457-3759	

Ordained Ministers			
Name	Address	Number	Email
Mark Ramey	1508 Linwood Dr. Kokomo, IN. 46902	765-437-7393	
Larry McClain	2311 W Carter St Kokomo, IN 46901	765-252-7111	
Bill Vaughn	1724 N Lindsey Kokomo, IN 46901	615-405-3576	Williamgvaughn@gmail.com

Ordained Deacons			
Donnie Ennis	8465 E. SR-18 Galveston, IN. 46932	765-271-2245	

Licensed Ministers			
Dan Willis	1022 N. Forest Dr. Kokomo, IN. 46902	765-419-0128	

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

1009 S. Cr. 100 E.
Greenfield, IN. 46140

Sunday: 10:00 AM

macedoniambcgreenfield.com

Church Officers

Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor		No Current Pastor		
Clerk	Megan Schulz	1208 Fairview Dr Greenfield, IN 46140	317-525-0026	Jones.megan.13@gmail.com
Treasurer	Ray Sexton	2398 E 500 N Greenfield, IN 46140	317-468-3172	
Superintendent	Ray Sexton	2398 E 500 N Greenfield, IN. 46140	317-468-3172	

Ordained Ministers

Name	Address	Number	Email
Stephen York	6037 Riva Ridge Dr Indianapolis, IN 46237	317-289-5742	yorkstephen@yahoo.com
Melvin Jones	3601 S State St, Greenfield, IN 46140	317-727-2181	eldermel@att.net

Ordained Deacons

Billy Walden	4594 N. 25 W. Greenfield, IN. 46140	317-326-2946	
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Licensed Ministers

Etsel Davis	2254 Redstone Dr. Greenfield, IN. 46140	317-318-9832	etseldavis878440@att.net
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Outreach Missionary Baptist Church

7544 E. Hadley Rd.
Camby, IN. 46113

Sunday: 10:00 AM

www.outreachmbc.org

Church Officers

Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Jeremy Miller	390 Shadow Rd. Greenwood, IN. 46142	317-473-5246	jbmillier2@gmail.com
Clerk	Nick Reuter	408 Wayles Dr Pittsboro, IN 46167	317-437-0650	nmreuter@gmail.com
Treasurer	Peggy Botkin	5151 N. Frontage Rd. Fairland, IN. 46126	317-695-4039	monteppeg@yahoo.com

Ordained Ministers

Name	Address	Number	Email
Jeremy Miller	390 Shadow Rd. Greenwood, IN. 46142	317-473-5246	jbmillier2@gmail.com
Nick Reuter	408 Wayles Dr Pittsboro, IN 46167	317-437-0650	nmreuter@gmail.com

Licensed Ministers

Don Parkker	1302 Pin Oak Ct Martinsville, IN 46151	317-442-9608	don@beckydon.com
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Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church

301 Bittersweet Rd.
Washington, IL. 61571

Sunday: 10:00 AM

pleasantvalleymb.com

Preferred Mailing Address: P. O. Box 329, Washington, IL 61571

Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor		No current pastor		
Clerk	Sandi Kneer	402 Redbud Dr. Washington, IL. 61571	309-635-4798	kneersj@comcast.net
Treasurer	Steve Woody	1605 Barton Dr. Washington, IL. 61571	309-275-9573	swoody51@msn.com
Superintendent	Kathy Springer	811 Woodland Knolls Rd, Metamora, IL 61548	309-339-2106	kspringer@aol.com
Ordained Deacons				
Jim Dailey	102 Peachtree Ln. Metamora, IL. 61548		309-645-5150	jmdailey47@yahoo.com
Steve Woody	1605 Barton Dr. Washington, IL. 61571		309-275-9573	swoody51@msn.com

Salem Missionary Baptist Church

4121 W. Whiteland Rd.
Bargersville, IN. 46106

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Rich Jenkins	1279 N. Banta Rd. Bargersville, IN. 46106	317-349-3327	r.jenkins1279@gmail.com
Clerk	Barb Jenkins	1279 N. Banta Rd. Bargersville, IN 46106	317-345-4399	Clerk.salemmbc@gmail.com
Treasurer	Frances Denney	2310 South 125 East Shelbyville, IN 46176	317-902-5988	frannyx50@gmail.com
Superintendent	Mike Hooten	6861 Bannock Dr Indianapolis, IN 46221	317-403-4496	carol.hooten@comcast.net

Ordained Ministers			
Name	Address	Number	Email
Rich Jenkins	1279 N. Banta Rd. Bargersville, IN. 46106	317-349-3327	r.jenkins1279@gmail.com
Berlon Roy	200 Meadow Lakes Dr Mooresville, IN 46158	270-670-4464	

Ordained Deacons			
Tim Spurgeon	PO Box 371 Paragon, IN 46166	317-601-0896	Timpurg21@gmail.com

Licensed Ministers			
Craig Dulworth	233 Mooreland Dr. Whiteland, IN. 46184	317-677-3910	Dulworthcraig@gmail.com
Jeremy York	961 Wilson Way Franklin, IN 46131	317-273-9088	Jeremy.york30@gmail.com

Southside Missionary Baptist Church

1850 E. Sumner Ave.
Indianapolis, IN. 46227

Sunday: 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM

www.southsidembc.org

Church Officers

Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor	Andrew Horton	1811 Friendship, Dr. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-373-7332	mahorton62@gmail.com
Clerk	Laura Call	3045 Tuscarora Lane Indianapolis, IN 46217	317-418-5774	Southsidembc1@gmail.com
Treasurer	Jason Elliott	822 Boulder Rd. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-640-1619	jbradleyelliott94@gmail.com
Superintendent	Chris Fulmer	6720 Troon Way Indianapolis, IN 46237	317-775-3296	chrisfulmer425@gmail.com

Ordained Ministers

Name	Address	Number	Email
Andrew Horton	1811 Friendship, Dr. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-373-7332	mahorton62@gmail.com

Ordained Deacons

Jason Elliott	822 Boulder Rd. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-640-1619	jbradleyelliott94@gmail.com
Bart Patterson	89 Meadow Creek East Blvd Whiteland, IN 46184	317-340-2124	Bartblackz7199@gmail.com

Licensed Ministers

Brian Debolt	345 E. Edwards Ave. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	804-380-5709	bdebolt@amfbakery.com
Chris Fulmer	6720 Troon Way Indianapolis, IN 46237	317-775-3296	chrisfulmer425@gmail.com
Timothy Spurgeon	329 W Edwards Ave Indianapolis, IN 46217	317-308-8499	timothyspurgeonii@gmail.com

Whiteland Missionary Baptist Church

210 Front Street

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Whiteland, IN. 46184

Church Officers				
Position	Name	Address	Number	Email
Pastor		no current pastor		
Clerk	Daniel Rich	934 Constellation Way Franklin, IN. 46131	317-840-4133	danrich46184@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Walt Miller	663 W 500 North Franklin, IN 46131	317-417-2273	millerwt1992@gmail.com
Superintendent	Billy Lacefield	206 Washington St Franklin, IN 46131	317-736-6151	
Ordained Ministers				
Name	Address		Number	Email
Ordained Deacons				
Mark Rich	119 Ardmoor Dr. Whiteland, IN. 46184		317-523-7989	mark.rich64@yahoo.com
Walt Miller	663 W 500 North Franklin, IN 46131		317-417-2273	millerwt1992@gmail.com