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NOTES

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;*

³*Proverbs 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; 2I John 4:10, John 3:16, John 1:1-14, Hebrews 4:14, Philippians 2:5-7, II Corinthians 5:21, Psalms 89:19; 3Isaiah 42:21, Galatians 4:4-5, Philippians 2:8, Romans 3:21, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 20:28, Hebrews 2:9&14; 4Romans 4:25, Colossians 3:1-4, Hebrews 1:3, I Corinthians 15:3-4; 5Hebrews 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: *¹II 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; ²Proverbs 4:18, II Corinthians 3:18, Philippians 3:12-16, Hebrews 6:1; II Peter 1:5-8; ³Romans 8:5, Philippians 1:6, I John 2:29; ⁴Matthew 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: *¹Job 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; ³John 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; ⁴Psalms 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: *¹Matthew 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*I 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: ¹*Acts 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: ¹*Acts 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: ¹*Romans 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: ¹*Malachi 3:18, Proverbs 12:26, Isaiah 5:20, Genesis 18:23, Jeremiah 15:19, Acts 10:34-35, Romans 6:16, Ecclesiastes 3:17;* ²*Romans 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;* ³*Galatians 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 adjudged 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.

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

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.

AMENDMENTS

Ninth Session

I: 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

II: 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

III: 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

IV: 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.

V: 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

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

Nineteenth Session

VII: 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-Seventh Session

VIII: 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.

Forty-Seventh Session

IX: 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.

Forty-Ninth Session

X: An offering is to be collected on Saturday and split between all of the missionary efforts within the Association.

Fifty-Fourth Session

XI: 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-Seventh Session

XII: No preacher shall preach two years in a row.

Fifty-Eighth Session

XIII: The missionary collection shall take place after the unfinished subjects during the Saturday morning session of the Association meeting.

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 digress 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 reprovved 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
- Moderator appoints Subject Selection Committee
- 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
- 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			
Name	Fri. AM	Fri. PM	Sat.
Elder Rick Huskins	✓	✓	✓
Brother Robert Keck	✓	✓	✓
Brother Micky Hart	✓	✓	
BETHEL			
Elder Jeff Moran	✓	✓	✓
Brother Larry Jones	✓	✓	✓
Brother Kevin Jones		✓	✓
FAITH (IN)			
Elder Dereck Mobley	✓	✓	✓
Brother Bobby Ralph			✓
Deacon Jeff Brown	✓	✓	✓
Deacon CJ Madsen	✓	✓	✓
Brother Brian Madsen	✓		✓
Brother Craig Dulworth	✓	✓	✓
Brother Daniel Barger		✓	
FAITH (MI)			
Elder Charles Pratt	✓	✓	✓
FELLOWSHIP			
Deacon Don Binion	✓	✓	✓
Elder Jeff Elliott	✓	✓	✓
Deacon Dean Hauskins	✓	✓	✓
Brother Scott Hauskins	✓	✓	✓
Elder Jim Whitney	✓		
FREEDOM			
Elder Terry Foster	✓		
Elder William Shoulders			✓
Deacon Tim Shoulders			✓
FRIENDSHIP			
Elder Jonathon Elliott	✓	✓	✓
Brother Scott Newman	✓		
Deacon Merle Livesay	✓	✓	✓
Brother Keith Gilbert	✓		✓
Elder Danny Edwards			✓
HARVEST			
Elder Stephen York	✓		
Deacon Brett Jones	✓		
Brother Steve Jones	✓		

KOKOMO			
Name	Fri. AM	Fri. PM	Sat.
Elder Monty Shoulders	✓		
Brother Richard Mince	✓		✓
Brother Donnie Ennis			✓
Brother Dan Willis	✓		
Brother Ken Row	✓		✓
MACEDONIA			
Elder Nick Reuter	✓	✓	✓
Brother Etsel Davis			✓
OUTREACH			
Elder Jeremy Miller	✓	✓	✓
Elder Nathan York	✓	✓	✓
Elder Bruce Adamson	✓	✓	✓
Elder Jeremy York		✓	✓
Brother Noah Adamson	✓	✓	✓
PLEASANT VALLEY			
Elder Steve Thompson	✓		✓
Elder Mark Greer	✓	✓	✓
SALEM			
Elder Rich Jenkins	✓	✓	✓
Brother Gary Phillips	✓	✓	✓
SOUTHSIDE			
Elder Andrew Horton	✓		✓
Brother Tyler Kemp	✓	✓	✓
Brother Junior Rhoton	✓		
WHITELAND			
Deacon Roger Elamon	✓	✓	✓
Brother Walt Miller		✓	✓
Elder Bradley Hicks	✓	✓	✓
Brother Jerry Burke	✓	✓	✓

MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2017

MORNING SESSION

The 60th annual Bethel Missionary Baptist Association meeting began with Brother Cory Houchens leading the congregation in *Touring That City*, *The King is Coming*, and *I'd Rather Have Jesus* with Sister Tiffany Mobley accompanying him on the piano.

Brother Dereck Mobley, the pastor of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, welcomed everyone to the church and thanked the Association for meeting with them this year. Brother Mobley turned the service over to Moderator, Brother Jeff Moran. Brother Moran expressed his thankfulness for each one being present at the association and called the association to order.

He then shared a portion of the History of the Association. Brother Moran then entertained prayer requests and testimonies. It was then requested that Brother Del Compton led the congregation in prayer.

Following prayer, Brother Moran introduced Brother Jerry Burke, a member of Whiteland Missionary Baptist Church, to preach the Introductory Sermon.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON-"MESSAGES OF HOPE"

BROTHER JERRY BURKE

Brother Burke began by expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to bring the Introductory Sermon and requested that the congregation pray for him to deliver the message that the Lord had placed on him.

He began by acknowledging the many arduous and/or troublesome circumstances that have been occurring in our world today. Brother Burke introduced the sermon by stating that he wanted to speak on "Messages of Hope."

Every time we speak from the Scriptures, we are to convey a message of hope. It is our responsibility as God's children to sound the trumpet. Brother Burke, invited the congregation to turn to the Book of Ezekiel 33:1-9.

After reading, Brother Burke stated that there are certain thoughts that are troubling him. There are people out in this world who have a desire to hear the Truth. However, many of those same people are fed a false gospel.

As our Lord's messengers, we must make sure those hungry souls get to hear the Truth.

Our empty church pews bear witness, that we have a problem. We must be on fire for the Lord! The tragedies and tribulations in our world also bares witness that the world is in need of His Gospel.

We are blessed to hear the Word of God in our churches, but what do we do with it once we exit the church doors? The fields are ripe for harvest, yet we do not have a presence there.

Every child of God has a responsibility to convey the Truth to this lost and dying world. We should have the boldness to speak to people about their souls when the Lord opens the doors. We should not allow our adversary to intimidate us into silence when opportunities arise. God is with us. Are we living in the Lord? Or are we alive in the Lord? He invited us to consider the difference.

The Lord desires for us to sound the trumpets. We should improve the practice of calling lost souls to pray at the altar. We have been blessed to have the opportunities available to us to hear the Word of God. Brother Burke encouraged us to make the very most of such opportunities.

The Lord has provided us His Word, the tools and knowledge to take it to the people of this world. If we fail to sound the trumpets, would the blood not be on our hands?

Brother Moran then asked Brother Noah Adamson to come forward to read the churches Association Letters and to read the roll of messengers (**Pg. 12**).

With 15 churches represented and 43 messengers, Brother Moran declared a quorum to conduct regular business.

Brother Moran then opened the floor for 2017-2018 nominations:

MODERATOR 2017

Brother Jeff Moran, Elected
Brother Bruce Adamson, Assistant

INTRODUCTORY SERMON 2018

Brother Andrew Horton, Elected
Brother Tyler Kemp, Alternate

CLERK 2017

Brother Noah Adamson, Elected
Brother Nick Reuter, Assistant

MEMORIAL SERMON 2018

Brother Steve York, Elected
Brother Terry Foster, Alternate

TREASURER 2017

Brother Tim Shoulders, Elected
Brother Jason Elliott, Assistant

DOCTRINAL SERMON 2018

Brother Monty Shoulders, Elected
Brother Jeff Elliott, Alternate

HOST CHURCH 2018

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Salem Missionary Baptist Church

Brother Moran then inquired if there were any visitors that wished to be recognized:

VISITORS RECOGNIZED

Brother Bob and Sister Rebecca Vanderpool, *Mt. Lebanon M.B.C. - Siloam Association*
Brother Del Compton, *Calvary M.B.C. - Polk County Association*
Brother Billy Moran, *New Bethel M.B.C. - Siloam Association*

Brother Moran then appointed the members of the Subject Selection Committee:

SUBJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE 2017-2018

Brother Rick Huskins, *Amana Missionary Baptist Church*
Brother Jonathon Elliott, *Friendship Missionary Baptist Church*
Brother Dereck Mobley, *Faith (IN) Missionary Baptist Church*

The congregation sang *Thank You Lord* as they passed around to shake hands and endorse Brother Burke's message. The Association then adjourned for lunch after a blessing was said over the food.

After returning from lunch, Brother Cory Houchens led the congregation in *Little is Much, When God is in It* and *Hallelujah, What a Savior!* with Sister Tiffany Mobley accompanying him on the piano.

Brother Moran called the association to order. He then thanked the host church for the meal and asked the Association to bow in prayer.

Following prayer, Brother Moran requested for the Clerks to read the Rules of Decorum (**Pg. 10**).

Brother Moran then requested that Brother Don Binion, the chairman of the committee, come forward to read the first subject (**Pg. 18**).

Following the reading of the report, a motion and second was made to adopt the report. The following Brothers spoke to the subject: Brother Don Binion, Brother Jonathon Elliott, and Brother Stephen Thompson.

Following discussion, question was called and the subject was adopted.

Brother Moran then asked Brother Steve York to come forward to read the second subject (**Pg. 19**).

After reading the report, a motion and second was made to adopt the report. The following Brothers spoke to the subject: Brother Steve York, Brother Jeff Elliott, Brother Mark Greer, Brother Noah Adamson, and Brother Bruce Adamson.

Following discussion, question was called and the subject was adopted.

It was then requested that the Clerks come forward to read the minutes. Brother Cory Houchens led the congregation in song while the minutes were prepared.

Following the reading of the minutes, a motion and second was made to approve. A motion was then made to adjourn until 7 PM that evening. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2017

EVENING SESSION

The service began with Brother Brett Dulworth leading *Victory Was Won At Calvary*, *Swing Wide the Gates*, and *My Real Home* with Sister Tiffany Mobley accompanying him on the piano.

Moderator, Brother Jeff Moran welcomed the congregation, expressed his gratitude for the singing and entertained prayer requests. Following requests, the congregation bowed in prayer.

Brother Moran called the Association to order and asked the Clerk to come forward to read the role of Messengers (**Pg. 12**).

With 12 churches represented and 32 messengers in attendance, Brother Moran declared a quorum to conduct regular business.

Brother Moran then asked Brother Scott Hauskins to come forward to read the Obituary Report (**Pg. 25**).

Following the reading of the report, a motion and second was made to adopt the report. Speaking to the motion was Brother Scott Hauskins in the following message.

MEMORIAL SERMON – “BUILDING MEMORIALS”

BROTHER SCOTT HAUSKINS

Brother Hauskins began by expressing his thanks to the Lord for the opportunity to stand. Brother Scott spoke about his reflections on how the Lord would have him preach a memorial sermon. With the Lord's help, he eventually came to the conclusion that the Lord had laid a message upon his heart.

Brother Hauskins asked the congregation a question, “What will you leave behind?” While some may be concerned about leaving a financial estate for their children, we should be more concerned about leaving a spiritual legacy.

As the children of Israel piled up stones at the Jordan river to serve as a memorial of the crossing and entering of the Promised Land, our children and people of the world should be able to look at our lives and see a memorial as descendants of God's hand in our lives.

Our churches are full of members who are advanced in age. The age gap among us is a witness that we need to be more intentional about leaving spiritual memorials for our children and people of this world. The Lord works in the lives of His children and we must set up memorials in order to remember what He has done.

Those memorials can be a source of strength for us, and for our children. We must be careful and evaluate our lives, lest our poor example led our children and others astray. If, by our actions, we tell them that the service of God is not important, they will believe us.

As our aged members continue to pass on to be with the Lord, the younger generations must take up the torch, to run the race and set up memorials for future generations.

Just as the death of Goliath was a memorial for the Lord's army, He showed them that he was their Deliverer. He has carried us through many battles and He is still as capable of securing future victories in the midst of present difficulties.

We are all apart of the church of the True and Living God. We should set up memorials so we may be strengthened to sound the trumpet and present Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world.

Brother Hauskins concluded the memorial sermon by exhorting to the Lord's people to persevere in their efforts to reach the world with the Gospel.

Following the Memorial Sermon, a motion and second was made to adopt the report; the motion carried. A motion and second was made for the association to adjourn until 10:00 AM Saturday; the motion carried and business was adjourned.

The congregation then passed around to shake hands with Brother Scott Hauskins while the congregation sang *What a Savior*. After a few heartfelt testimonies and songs (*My God is Real*, *Praise Him*, *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*) the congregation sang *Sweet Hour of Prayer* while gathering together in the altar for dismissal prayer.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2017

MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session began with the congregation singing *Because He Lives*, *The Love of God* and *I'm Bound for that City*.

Following the singing, Moderator Brother Jeff Moran welcomed everyone to the association. After a few prayer requests, Brother William Shoulders led the congregation in prayer. After prayer, Brother Moran called the association to order and asked the Clerks to read the Roll of Messengers (**Pg. 12**).

With 15 churches present and 42 messengers in attendance, a quorum for transacting business was declared.

A motion and second was made to suspend regular business until after lunch for the preaching of the doctrinal sermon; the motion carried.

Brother Brett Dulworth then led the congregation in *It Is Well With My Soul* while the missions collection was taken.

Brother Moran then introduced Brother Charles Pratt, pastor of Faith (MI) Missionary Baptist Church, to preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

DOCTRINAL SERMON

BROTHER CHARLES PRATT

Brother Pratt began his message by expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to stand before the association and bring the Lords message. Brother Pratt introduced his topic by explaining to the congregation that he intended to preach about the church of the Living God.

While Abraham was not a member of the church, we see a great example in him as we read Hebrews 11:8-10. Brother Pratt declared to the congregation that he desired to expound upon “the city that has foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God.”

Jesus Christ is the Head of the church. This church is not about us, it is about Him. He intends to present her without any blemish or spot whatsoever.

From there, Brother Pratt introduced an allegory from the Old Testament.

Ezra had begun to reconstruct the Temple. It was later abandoned and then taken up again. Brother Pratt then read from Ezra 5:6-17, intending to show the similarities between what was occurring then and the commission that has been given to the Lord’s church.

When the builders were asked who gave them the authority to build and what their names were, the response was given, “We are the servants of God.” The builders placed no great importance upon their names; they identified themselves as servants who received their authority from the God of Heaven.

Like the builders in Ezra, Nehemiah also was not deterred by the attempts of the enemy to slander him or slow the work. We encounter many obstacles and trials in this life. We must persevere in the midst of trials. Jesus tells us, “Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world,” (John 16:33).

Queen Esther was placed in a position that offered her the opportunity to save her people from certain death, but it was a dangerous position. She could have lost her life. Her uncle Mordecai reminded her that God would send a deliverer to His people, even if she didn’t step up. It could be that God has brought us to the kingdom for such a time as this.

Brother Pratt then advised the congregation that our God has orchestrated the events of our lives and has brought us to our current state and place in order to serve Him.

The builders in Ezra were laboring in the house of God, whose foundation was laid in Jerusalem. From the time the foundation was laid, it continued to be built and it was not finished when the text was written. Even so, the church was established by Christ and has continued to be built. Even now, she is not finished. Jesus continues to build her up. “Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” Ephesians 3:21.

Following the message, a motion and second was made to adjourn for lunch; Motion carried.

Brother Brett Dulworth led *I Call It Home* and *Victory In Jesus* while the congregation passed by for a hand of fellowship with Brother Pratt.

Following testimonies and announcements, a blessing was said over the food, and the congregation broke for lunch.

Following lunch, Brother Cory Houchens and Brother Brett Dulworth led *I Can Tell You the Time*, with Brother Bradley Hicks accompanying them on the piano. Sister Sandi Cooper then came forward to sing a special for the congregation.

Brother Jeff Moran welcomed the congregation back and the Association went to prayer.

Brother Moran asked Brother Bruce Adamson to bring forth the third subject (**Pg. 21**).

After reading of the subject, a motion and second was made to adopt the report. Brother Bruce Adamson spoke to the subject.

After discussion, question was called. A vote was taken, and the subject was adopted.

Brother Jeff Moran asked Brother Dereck Mobley to come forward to read the 2017 Mission report (**Pg. 22**).

After the report was read, the following Brothers spoke to the subject: Brother Dereck Mobley, Brother Stephen Thompson, Brother Noah Adamson, and Brother Jeff Elliott.

A motion and second was made to bring discussion to a close. A vote was then taken on the motion to adopt the report; motion carried.

Brother Moran asked Brother Nick Reuter to come forward to address the subject of Correspondence (**Pg. 24**). After reading the Correspondence letter, Brother Reuter read a letter from Brother Rick Jones concerning his work in the Caribbean and a letter from the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. A motion and second was made to approve the correspondence letter. Brother Dean Hauskins spoke to the subject. A vote was then taken to send the correspondence letter; motion carried.

Brother Moran asked Brother Tim Shoulders to read the Treasurer’s Report (**Pg. 22**). After the report was read, a motion and second was made to approve the report; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Brother Moran asked Brother Jeremy Miller to come forward and speak on the revisions made to the Scripture references of the two new articles of faith adopted in the previous year.

A motion and second was made to adopt the revisions. Brother Jeremy Miller spoke to the subject. Question was called and a vote was then taken; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The first order of new business was the reading of next year’s association subjects.

Brother Rich Jenkins came forward to introduce the 2018 subjects:

SUBJECT 1: CHURCH DISCIPLINE BEING NEGLECTED	MISSIONS REPORT
<i>Why is it happening and what steps should be taken To reinstate the practice?</i>	Brother Craig Dulworth <i>Chairman</i>
Brother Jeremy York <i>Chairman</i>	Brother Brian Debolt
Brother Nick Reuter	Brother Jeff Groover
Brother Jeff Brown	

SUBJECT 2: MUSIC IN THE CHURCH	CORRESPONDENCE
<i>What is the biblical approach and significance of singing and music in the Lord’s Church?</i>	Brother Noah Adamson <i>Chairman</i>
Brother Melvin Jones <i>Chairman</i>	Brother Nick Reuter
Brother Noah Adamson	
Brother Stephen Thompson	

SUBJECT 3: TAKING MEMBERS IN ON STATEMENT

Is it ever acceptable and if so, when?

Brother James Whitney *Chairman*

Brother Darrell Cochran

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the subjects. Brother Scott Hauskins, Brother Jeff Elliott, Brother, Dereck Mobley and Brother Rich Jenkins spoke to the motion; motion carried.

Brother Jeff Elliott made a motion to include the Association Clerk’s contact information in the Association minutes. Motion was seconded; motion carried.

Brother Dereck Mobley made a motion that “The Pastor of a host church should not be placed as the chairman of a subject committee; the motion was seconded. Brother Dereck Mobley spoke to the motion; motion carried.

Brother Jerry Burke made a motion that “The item of prayer be the first one listed in the order of business for each service and that the Doctrinal Sermon be moved to immediately follow the Missionary Collection on Saturday Morning.” These changes are to be reflected in the printed order of business provided in each minute book. The motion was seconded; motion carried.

Brother Noah Adamson made a motion to increase the yearly website budget from 50 dollars a year to 200 dollars per year; the motion was seconded. Brother Noah Adamson spoke to the subject; motion carried.

Brother Moran asked the Clerks to come forward to read the minutes. A motion and second was made to accept the minutes.

A motion was then made to adjourn until Friday, September 14, 2018 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church at 10 AM. The motion was seconded; motion carried.

After several announcements, testimonies, and prayer requests, the congregation was dismissed in prayer.

SUBJECT #1 – SELECTION OF A PASTOR

“What is the Scriptural approach to pastoral selection?”

This subject is about making the scriptural selection for a pastor, not the election of a pastor. This will come after the selection. The most important thing in the selection is for the Church to come together in one mind and one accord with prayer and leadership of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the head and founder of the Church, so we should be listening for His voice and His leadership.

The calling of a pastor is a divine calling. God must be the one to place him there, that he may properly feed the flock. Acts 20:28 says, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.” We, as the Church, have promises from God as in John 14:16, “And I will pray to the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.” John 14:18, “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”

Jesus setup His Church when He was here and gave her everything that she needs to operate until He comes back. As in John 14:26, “But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

We have a guide if we would just listen. John 16:13, “Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth, for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come.” We find in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 the qualifications of an Elder. We must consider these, knowing that God does not lead contrary to His word. Ephesians 4:11, “And He gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”

By this we know that all God called preachers are not pastoral selections. We may choose more than one in our selection that qualify. As in Acts 1:23, they appointed two, Barsabas and Matthias to take the place of Judas. Acts 1:24, “And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen.”

We need to leave our fleshly desires out of it. Follow the spiritual practice of selecting the man God would have to oversee the flock that the church may be fed and grow in the work of the Lord.

The Church should be listening for who the Lord has chosen. As in John 10:4 for His own sheep know His voice.

Respectfully submitted,
Deacon Donnie Binion (chairman)
Elder Danny Edwards
Elder Jonathan Elliott

SUBJECT #2 – BIBLICAL COUNSELING

“How is Biblical Counseling Useful and who should use it?”

Counseling can have multiple meanings, including offering advice, sharing wisdom and skills, and resolving conflict. Biblical counseling is distinctly different from secular counseling. Biblical counseling rises to another dimension referring to the Bible (Holy Word of God) as the guide and reference and to the Lord Jesus Christ as the main source of all truth.

Typically, a secular counselor does not often have the same standards, but instead they will rely on the latest psychological findings and modern medicines. Therefore secular counsel often uses no absolutes with which to judge morals and values and the choices that people make. Biblical counsel, on the contrary, will use the Bible as source of wisdom about human nature, marriage, family relations, suffering and sinful behavior.

Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.” Many people lean on their own understandings, education and training to guide their thoughts / actions.

Psalms 1:1, “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,” which teaches that a righteous man does not listen to the advice of a sinful man.

Jeremiah 17:5-7 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.”

Many seek help (guidance) from men (mankind) only to get into more trouble and often receive poor advice from people who they themselves have not been saved and do not understand having a relationship with the Lord. First and most important, is to be truly saved and have a relationship with Jesus Christ. We should pray with faith, believing that our Heavenly Father who knows the past, present and future and who is the same yesterday, today and forever knows best about what we should be doing. Hebrews 13:8

A Biblical viewpoint looks at both the Old and New Testament with many examples of putting our trust in the Lord. Joseph learned through many trials and experiences to not put his trust in mankind, but to put his trust in the Lord. It would be the Lord who would deliver him out of his many challenges.

I Peter 5:7, “Casting all your cares upon Him; for He cares for you.” We as Christians are to strive to bring our cares to the Lord, learning to bring our daily problems to Him in prayer and asking the great Counselor for His divine help in all situations.

Matthew 6:6, “When you pray, go into your room and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

Caution: Be careful not to put complete confidence in men but to put complete confidence in the Lord. Even well intentioned Counselors (Christian Brothers and Sisters) unfortunately, may not always be confidential and discreet and things that should have been kept private are sometimes not kept private, breaching confidence. People can and do at times let us down but our Lord never will. Proverbs 18:24 states that “A friend that sticks closer than a brother is Jesus.”

Sound biblical Christian counselors should always be confidential: Christian leaders such as pastors, ministers and teachers should be students of the Word of God and they themselves should be asking the Lord for His direction before imparting counsel. They should pray for divine direction and reference the Word of God for giving counsel and not just offering their opinion; sharing in love what the Word of God teaches. I Corinthians 13 teaches that we are to display an attitude of love and do all things in love.

Biblical counsel provides a definitive set of morals and values by which all men should live and by which all men are and will be judged.

Biblical counsel encourages confession of sin, repentance of sin and trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin. It is the best known source of treatment and meets with a high percentage of success when the plan is followed. It is useful in that it provides a solution for life problems.

It is important to seek our counsel from a qualified counselor, for example, those who have been ordained to the work of the ministry and through years of faithful service have gained wisdom by experience. Also, the aged woman who has gained wisdom by experience can counsel the younger women and children.

Titus 2 States”But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine; that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; the older women likewise be reverent in behavior, teachers of good things that they would admonish (teach) the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”

Note of caution to biblical counselors: Never counsel the opposite sex without a spouse or witness present. Be careful not to offer private counsel alone. Private counsel can lead to an emotional attachment which can lead to sin.

Caution to someone seeking counsel: Seek counsel with a leader in the proper manner and proper setting and if it is with the opposite sex, always request a witness or spouse to be present.

It is important to pray and wait on the Lord: Psalms 24:14 “Wait on the Lord and be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart; wait I say, on the Lord.”

People in general often will attempt to pray but will not wait on the Lord to deliver. Waiting is the challenge. There are blessings in waiting on the Lord. He always has a plan for everyone and His timing is perfect. Often, people will panic while waiting and will take matters into their own hands. They will do what they think best of what they have heard from someone else, often going to other outside sources such as social media or friends. They may take advice from someone they do not know or get someone else’s opinion.

Pray More, Worry Less. Sound biblical counsel will encourage prayer: Philippians 4:6-7, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Secular counselors will often offer mood altering drugs such as anti-depressants, etc. to attempt to aid people with their problems which often are only “temporary fixes” to the real problems at hand. This may only compound the problem, which also can lead to addictions. Biblical counsel will offer the better alternative; advice to encourage to learn to put trust in the Lord, not in men, medicine, etc.

Luke 18:27, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

Conclusion: True biblical counsel can be beneficial to everyone if it is sought with prayer and consideration before going to just anyone. It is useful if approached in the correct way by the counselor using the word of God as the reference with the Lord Jesus Christ having the final authority. The one being counseled should strive to be teachable and receive the counsel given and learn that they are accountable to God for what the word of God says. Where there is known sin, it should be addressed and therefore encouraged to be repented of through prayer to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is able to aid everyone and make the changes in life that are necessary as His word is ministered, accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 4:12, “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thought and intents of the heart.”

Ultimately Jesus Christ is the great Counselor. To the Lord be the glory!

Respectfully Submitted,
Elder Steve York
Elder Jeff Elliott
Elder Jeremy Miller

SUBJECT #3 – INCREASE OUR FAITH

“How does Jesus apply work to increase our faith?” and “How is our faith increased?”

Luke 17:5, “and the apostles said unto the Lord, increase our faith.”

Definition of terms:

Increase - (prostithemi - Gr) Add to, to place beside, multiply – Strong’s Concordance

Faith - The assent of the mind or understanding to the truth of what God has revealed. Simple belief of the scriptures, of the being and perfections of God, and of the existence, character and doctrines of Christ, founded on the testimony of the sacred writers – 1828 Webster’s Dictionary

Background:

Romans 10:17, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

Notice the correlation between the “hearing” of the Master in our text of Luke 17 and the response necessary to have faith increased. For truly we cannot expect an increase of faith without the spiritual ears to hear.

The context in which the request was made to the Lord by the apostles was in reference to Jesus’ instruction to them to not be the ones by whom offenses come to injure the new babes in Christ. Forgive your brother even if he requests it repeatedly in the same day. They found themselves lacking the faith to exercise these requirements, so they asked for an increase of faith.

Jesus responds with two very strong examples for the apostles to exercise to increase their faith through obedience and humility. These graces extended to us by the Father of Lights allows us to increase our faith by walking not as we think we should, but how Jesus Himself walked in relationship to the Father.

Luke 17:7-10: Jesus first explained the obedience of following the will of the master and not expecting anything in return but that you have offered that which was expected from a position as a servant. After laboring in the field for the day, the servant was to still address the needs of the master before tending to their personal needs. The priority of placing the Lord’s requests of our life and service above our personal wants and needs must be exercised for faith to be increased.

Jesus also taught the grace of humility being necessary. Where the servant may have thought he had performed his duty in the field and came in for the evening meal, it was a humbling experience for him to realize that until the master is satisfied, his work is not finished. As the Apostles considered the humbling experience of forgiving those that trespass against them and having the need to not offend the weak or new Christians, Jesus taught them their total commitment to this labor in the vineyard of the Lord is all or nothing. No easier path for any member of the Lord’s body has been given. Without exception, all are to walk by faith, exercising the graces of obedience and humility to be pleasing unto the master of our lives, Jesus Christ.

In all the examples of faith being exercised: “great faith” Matthew 8:10, “little faith” Matthew 14:31, “strong in faith” Romans 4:20, etc., there is that Romans 12:3 “Measure of Faith” (Metron - Gr) of faith = a measured out portion - Strong’s Concordance) each one of us are to walk with and there always seems to be suffering tied to this action of walking by faith.

Our faith is honed and focused by the result of suffering. The Apostles, except John, went from standing afar off watching our Lord die alone on the Cross to boldly placing their lives on the line, suffering and shining ever brighter due to the result of suffering (see Hebrews 11 for more examples). Even John the Revelator suffered and was delivered to give glory to God by penning the last book/letter to the seven Churches of Asia concerning the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

To conclude, the increasing of faith requires the spiritual ear hearkening to the call of humiliation, and obedience before Christ beyond our current state as well as the submission to the understanding that surrendering to sufferings must accompany this request.

Elder Stephen Thompson

Elder Bradley Hicks

Elder Bruce Adamson

REPORTS

TREASURY REPORT			
Ending Balance as of 2016		Contributions 2017	
\$4,374.19		Amana	\$125.00
		Bethel	\$300.00
Disbursements		Faith (IN)	\$200.00
Clerk	\$300.00	Faith (MI)	\$150.00
Printing	\$2,297.00	Fellowship	\$100.00
		Freedom	\$150.00
Beginning Balance for 2017		Friendship	\$150.00
\$1,978.39		Harvest	\$150.00
		Kokomo	\$200.00
Total Contributions for 2017		Macedonia	\$100.00
\$2,300.00		Outreach	\$200.00
		Pleasant Valley	\$200.00
New Balance		Salem	\$125.00
\$4,278.39		Southside	N/A
		Whiteland	\$150.00
Missions Collection			
\$808.00			

MISSIONS REPORT		
Amana		
Mission Name	Missionary	Amount
Home Missions	N/A	\$400.00
Foreign Missions	N/A	\$800.00
Total: \$1,200.00		
Bethel		
Home Missions	N/A	\$1,000.00
Foreign Missions	N/A	\$2,400.00
Total: \$3,400.00		
Faith (IN)		
Old Fashioned Gospel Hour	N/A	\$600.00
Gold Coast Mission Fund	Bradley Hicks	\$600.00
Hope Mission	Damon Carlock	N/A
Total: \$1,200.00		
Faith (MI)		
The Anchor M.B.C.	James Keen	N/A
Upper Spotsylvania M.B.C	Justin Farris	N/A
Peace Keepers International	N/A	N/A
Total: N/A		

MISSIONS REPORT		
Fellowship		
Mission Name	Missionary	Amount
Gold Coast Mission	Bradley Hicks	\$1,091.00
New Hope Mission	N/A	\$1,600.00
Old Fashion Gospel Hour	N/A	\$1,100.00
Walking in the Old Paths - Live	N/A	\$305.00
Ghana Trip Expense	N/A	\$2,171.00
Hope Mission	Damon Carlock	N/A
Total: \$6,267.00		
Freedom		
Home Missions	N/A	\$650.00
Total: \$650.00		
Friendship		
N/A	Rick Jones	\$720.00
N/A	Paul Bryson	\$720.00
Gold Coast Mission Fund	Bradley Hicks	\$720.00
Total: \$2,160.00		
Harvest		
New Era School (Ghana, Africa)	Paul Owusu	\$1,000.00
Total: \$1,000.00		
Kokomo		
Old Time (Ohio)	N/A	\$1,200.00
Upper Spotsylvania M.B.C.	N/A	\$1,200.00
Total: \$2,400.00		
Macedonia		
New Hope Fund	Tom and Sarah Olonde, Ashley Lawson	\$600.00
Total: \$600.00		
Outreach		
Jamaica Fund	Rick Jones	\$600.00
Upper Spotsylvania M.B.C.	Tom and Sarah Olonde	\$900.00
Old Fashioned Gospel Hour	Ottis Jones	\$600.00
Total: \$2,100.00		
Pleasant Valley		
Home Missions	N/A	\$7,494.95
Foreign Missions	N/A	\$600.00
Total: \$8,094.95		

MISSIONS REPORT		
Southside		
Mission Name	Missionary	Amount
Jamaica Fund	Rick Jones	\$1,200.00
Africa Fund	Paul Bryson	\$2,400.00
Nursing Home	Brian Debolt, Brian Shive	N/A
Total: \$3,600.00		
Whiteland		
Gold Coast Mission Fund	Bradley Hicks	\$750.00
Total: \$750.00		

CORRESPONDENCE

Southern District Missionary Baptist Association
September 9, 2017

Bethel Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings from the Churches that make up the Southeastern District Missionary Baptist Association. It is our prayer that the fruits of your labor in the Lord have been most productive. As we met for our one hundred sixty eighth annual session, October 07-08, 2016, 20 churches reported 29 baptisms with a total membership of 1,940.

At the past session, the messengers of our association elected Br. Ray Smith as our moderator. Bro. Andrew Stokes was elected as the Assistant Moderator. Brother Clint Sanders was selected as the assistant clerk.

God blessed us again with the visitation of His Holy Spirit. We are thankful for those who were able to visit with us during the 2016 session and pray that you found it an uplifting visit.

We want to remind you of the association website. On this site you will find audio sermons and topics along with minutes. You may visit our website at www.swdmba.org

We would like to invite all to join us for the 2017 session to be held with Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church located just off Highway 70, in Camden Tennessee. The sessions will be held October 06-07, 2017 starting at 10:00 am. Bro. Jeff Simmons will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday and Bro. Chris Wallace will be preaching the Doctrinal Sermon on Saturday.

Please remember our efforts in your prayers and we look forward to hearing from you soon. May the Lord bless you in your efforts to serve Him.

Under His Wings,
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Jamaica and Nassau Missions Update, Elder Rick Jones
September 13, 2017

Greetings with a prayer your association will be a blessing to all.

This past summer, during DocMike's visit in Jamaica, a revival convened nightly and two were saved. The Warsop deacon's mother-in-law and a young aid that DocMike worked with back in Bowling Green. This was a great uplift to the church in Jamaica and for me to baptize three into her membership.

I will be returning for another revival in November, joined by brethren to ordain Bro. Patrick Campbell who has been called to Pastor Craighead.

I am still patiently waiting on a work permit for Nassau, Bahamas. Recently, my status came to the forefront of the office of work permits, only to be postponed due to the recent Hurricane, Irma. So I wait on the Lord and hope to be relocating soon to Nassau.

Please accept our appreciation and thanks for your churches prayers and support for the work in Jamaica and soon to come in Nassau.

God Bless

Missionary Rick Jones

OBITUARY REPORT

Brother Scott Hauskins

Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Since this association last met in Sept. of 2016, there have been 17 dear saints that have departed this world and went to their home in heaven.

Jesus said in John 11:25-26, “I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” By the testimony that was left behind by these dear saints I am persuaded that they believed this.

These brothers and sisters earthly course here is finished. Let us that remain always remember their faith, love, joy, and desire to see lost souls saved. Let us pick up the torch and continue to fight the good fight. Even though their presence is no longer with us, their memory will never fade. Revelation 14:13, “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

These are the names of the ones the went home to be with the Lord:

Respectfully Submitted
Brother Scott Hauskins

FAITH (IN)

Hazel Marie Beaty

March 15, 1940 – September 21, 2016

Hazel Marie (Langford) Beaty, 76, went home to be with God, departing her residence here on earth, Wednesday Sept. 21, 2016 in Franklin. She was a resident of Franklin, IN.

Hazel was born in Liberty, Kentucky to William and Elsie (Long) Langford. She was the eldest of three children. She married Harold E. Beaty on Oct. 1, 1955. He preceded her in death on October of 2015. Between them, they had five children.

Hazel retired from the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin. She was a member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin, IN.

She derived joy from her family and one of the last things she said was, “ how thankful she was for her grandchildren.”

She is survived by five children: Bonnie McTarsney, Susan Crutcher and Steve Beaty all of Franklin, Connie Johnson of Florida and Thomas Beaty of North Carolina, two brothers, William J. Langford of Indiana and Larry J. Langford of Ohio, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, William and Elsie Langford.

FAITH (MI)

Lorene White Alloway

December 11, 2016

Lorene was a member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Michigan.

She was the daughter of the late William J. and Ethel Lee White. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Reverend Edison Alloway; six sisters and six brothers.

She is survived by her sister, Ruth Hicks of Clinton Township, Michigan, her brother, William D. “Bill” White of Etowah, TN, and several nieces and nephews.



Peggy J. Greene

February 24, 1936 - June 2, 2017

Peggy was a member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Harrison Township, MI.

Wanda Lee Rhodes

July 21, 2017

Wanda was a very artistic person. She enjoyed ceramics most of all. So much so that she found herself teaching the ceramics class. She was a great baker and loved to garden. Family was very important to her and she made sure to take the time to give each person advice.

A loving wife of the late Carl, beloved mother of Kathy (Thomas) Rueger, Peggy (Robert) Tate, Carl (Denise) Rhodes, Rebecca (Bradley) Morisette and Linda (Larry) O'Hare; cherished grandmother of Matthew (Deborah), Darrel (Kristen), Marcus (Kristin), Tracey (Jason), Shannon (Robert), Vincent (Aubrey), Derek, Amanda (Matthew), Bradley (Alex), Michelle (Steven) and Nicholas (Katie); proud great-grandmother of Sarah, Jacob, Nathan, Ryan, Colin, Owen, Nicholas, Evan, Scarlett, Delaney, Celia, Dominic, Annabella, Paolo, Rhodes and Hadley; predeceased by her brother Ralph;



FELLOWSHIP

**Bobby F. Harwood**

August 26, 1932 - February 17, 2017.

Bobby was born in Scottsville, KY to Harry and Norma Harwood.

He worked as a supervisor at Standard Brands for 37 years before retiring at the age of 55.

He has been a loving husband to Cathy and a wonderful father to his daughters and grandchildren. Bobby was an outdoors-man who loved to raise and train dogs. He enjoyed raccoon and rabbit hunting.

Bobby is survived by his wife Cathy; his children, Pam (Jerry) Goldsberry and LaRessa (Doug) Scheffel; his grandchildren Nicholas (Paige) Goldsberry, Natalie (Nick) Holtgrave, Justin (Kristin) Scheffel and Heather Scheffel; and two great granddaughters; McKenzie and Adelynn. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Shirley and brother, Jerry.

Helen B. Conner

February 25, 1934 - August 14, 2017

Helen was born in Indianapolis, IN to Max and Crittie Jent.

She retired from Magnode Corporation. She also worked for Profit Foods at General Motors for many years.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister. Helen loved spending time with her family

and was a member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis IN.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Sandy (Jerry) Woodard; her grandchildren Brian (Jennifer)

Woodard, and Michael (Brittany) Conner; four great grandchildren and sister, Cathy Harwood. Preceded in death by her parents; husband Fred; sons Steve and Gary; brothers Alex, Hop, Jack, Edward and sister Velma Crow.



FREEDOM

**Ruby Dee (Troutt) Shoulders**

September 24, 1931 - September 19, 2016

Ruby was called to her heavenly home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the age of 84. She

is survived by her husband William Lee Shoulders and three children, Carol (Robert Henderson) of St. Paul, IN; Kenneth (Judy) Shoulders of Manchester, NH; and Timothy (Sandra) Shoulders of Camby, IN.

Ruby was a loving grandmother to 7 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Ruby Dee was born to Betty Mae (Slayton) and Hoyt Wilson Troutt in WestMoreland, TN.

Ruby found her soul mate and future husband, William, in her home town of Westmoreland, TN. They were married on May 20, 1950. They started their home in Gallatin where Carol and Kenneth were born.

In 1955, they moved their home to Indianapolis, IN where Timothy was born.

William was called to serve the Lord's Church in ministry in 1962 and by extension, Ruby became a Missionary Baptist preacher's wife.

Throughout his preaching career, William led congregations at Southside, Faith (MI), Macedonia, Bethel and Freedom M.B.C. in Indianapolis. With each change, Ruby dutifully moved her home and family and served those churches at William's side.

Ruby was a member of Freedom M.B.C. In addition to her service to God, Ruby was a manager at Zayres in Indianapolis during the 1980s and a tireless worker.

She always kept a clean house and neat garden and was known for her ability to cook and can. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren tremendously.

In her later years, she endured a decade long battle with Alzheimer's with William serving her during those challenges as she had served him in his work.

In John 5, the sick wait by the Bethesda pool in Jerusalem for a healing. Ruby Dee's family has been waiting by the pool with her for a long time.

Today by passing through this earthly realm, she has received her healing. Her family awaits the day we can meet her again, shed of her earthly infirmities, at the foot of Our Father in heaven. From the mouth of Jesus in John 5:8 "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk"

Ryan E. Hunnicutt

April 13, 1976 - August 4, 2017

Ryan was born to Lyle and Rhonda Hunnicutt.

Along with his parents, Ryan is survived by his brother, Marc (Heather) Hunnicutt; grandmother, Jacqueline Hunnicutt, his aunt, Debbie (John) Tarver, and cousin, Tammy (Mike) Van Hook.

Ryan attended Carmel High School and Purdue University. He enjoyed cooking, cars, travel, and spending time with his family and friends.

**Cheryl Andrews Hamilton**

August 11, 2017

Cheryl is survived by her daughter Cayleigh Hamilton, San Diego, CA, her sons Ryan Hamilton and Caleb Hamilton, both of Speedway, IN, sisters Rose Tremain, Lawrence, IN, and Patricia Neff, Livingston, TN, brothers Gary Andrews and Gale Andrews, both of White House, TN, Tom Ramirez, St. Petersburg, FL, Step-Brothers: Don Greenwood, Gallatin, TN, Chuck Greenwood, Greenbrier, TN, Denny Greenwood, Thailand, Step-Mother: Jane Andrews, Greenbrier, TN.

James "Jimmy" Michael Reneau

November 8, 1960 - March 3, 2017



Jimmy was born to the late James L. and Betty Reneau.

Jimmy graduated in 1979 from Warren Central High School, and has lived most of his life in and around Indianapolis.

Jimmy was a member of Freedom Missionary Baptist Church. He worked for his father at Reneau Electric as an electrician from 1980 to 2005. After that, he started his own electrical business. But in reality, Jimmy lived to golf. His favorite spot was the Morning Star Golf Course, where you would find him every day as long as it wasn't a snow storm or hurricane.

Jimmy is survived by his children, Bobbi Barger (James), Natasha Reneau, and Jason Reneau (Megan); grandchildren, Miles James Barger and Waylon David Reneau; sister, Barbara Reneau; niece/sister, Beth Smith; and nieces and nephews, Jordan Bailey, Katie Smith, Brian Smith, Cameron Freeman, Zion Ray Smith. He is preceded in death by his parents.

**William H. Snowden**

March 18, 2017

William went home to be with our Lord in Cape Coral, Florida. Formerly, He lived in Indianapolis, IN, and Dayton, OH.

He was a veteran of WWII, having proudly served in the U.S. Army. William loved his country and was proud to be an American.

He had retired from Allison Transmission with 39 years of service. William was also a past Master of Murat Temple Masonic Lodge in Indianapolis, IN and a long standing member of the American Legion and VFW.

He is survived by his daughters: Sharon ("Sheri") (John) McIver of FL, Carolyn Evans of Rochester, NY, grandchildren: Tammi (Rich) Nocon, Dawn (Jason) Boyd, great grandchildren: Nigel, Mattie, Mazie, Henry, numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Grover and Mattie (Scott) Snowden, brothers: Arthur, Robert, Grover and Kenneth Snowden and sister: Joyce Snowden Rice.

FRIENDSHIP**Sandra "Denise" Reeves**

February 2, 1958 - March 24, 2017

Denise was the daughter of Garnett Edwards and Lola Caffee England. She married Stanley Eric Reeves on May 28, 1999 in Columbus.

She worked for seven years as a Direct Support Professional for Clients for DSI, Stonebelt and AHS Support Living all in Columbus. She was a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist in Columbus, IN. She was strong in her faith and enjoyed spending time with her husband, Stan, her family, grandchildren and birdwatching.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley Reeves of North Vernon; her daughters, Frantisca DelPapa of North Vernon, Brandale Combost of Madison, Jamie Anderson of Columbus, Stephanie (Troy) Horstman and Alicia Reeves both of Scottsburg and Erika Mae Reeves of Salem; mother, Lola England of Columbus; brothers, Larry (Dawn) Edwards of Lansing, Michigan, Randy (Roberta) Edwards and Danny (Treva) Edwards both of Taylorsville; grandchildren, Patience Adams, Serenity, Justice and Faith DelPapa all of North Vernon, Amos Combost, Jayden and Jazmyne Parrigain, and Jerrica Anderson all of Columbus, Shelby Combost of Madison, Katie Horstman, Ian and Hannah Tatlock all of Scottsburg and Alexis Reardon of Salem.

She was preceded in death by her father, Garnett Edwards and son-in-law, Richard DelPapa.

MACEDONIA**Lena C. Miller**

February 28, 1927 - March 30, 2017

Lena departed this life one month after celebrating her 90th birthday. At the time of her death she was a resident of Kindred Nursing Home in Greenfield, IN. She is now residing in her Heavenly Home!

She was born to Tom and Nova Walden in Monroe County, KY.

In July of 1943, at the age of 16, she experienced the greatest blessing that can be known. She testified many times that while living on the farm, she went to the garden one day to pick green beans and while in the garden, she began to seek the Lord and was gloriously saved right there! Soon after her conversion she was baptized into the fellowship of Skaggs Creek Baptist Church in Monroe County, KY by Elder Raymond Jones.

On, July 29, 1949 Lena was united in marriage to Joe K. Miller, also from Monroe County, KY. To this union was born six children: Shirley, Wayne, Jerry, Diana, Peggy and Roger. They made their home in Indianapolis, IN. where they worked hard and raised their children.

Lena worked outside the home some, but was mostly a homemaker. She loved to cook, bake and just take care of her family.

In addition to her six children, God blessed her with 17 grandchildren and 28 great grand children.

She loved the Lord, she loved her family, she loved her church and she loved lost souls, always expressing her hearts desire for people to be saved and come to know the Lord as she did.

At the time of her death, Lena was a member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Greenfield, IN. She is sorely missed by her family, church family and many friends. But earth's loss is heaven's gain and we who are saved will surely see her again when we gather at God's throne!

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Revelation 14:13

Joe Oliver Eads

June 19, 1931 - May 7, 2017

Joe was born in Edinburg, IN. He was the son of the late Eldon and Janie (Baxter) Eads.

He retired from Chrysler in 1983. He was preceded by his wife of 57 years, Mary E. Eads in

2010 and his son, Russell Joe Eads.

Joe is survived by 2 sons, Rickey Eads and Randall Eads, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.



OUTREACH

Thomas R. Rigsby

October 20, 1949 - March 14, 2017

Thomas was born in Clinton, IN, and was the son of Raymond and Wilma Ruth Martin Rigsby.

He married Patsy Patterson.

Thomas worked as a guard for the Indiana Department of Correction Youth Center before retiring and had previously served with the National Guard.

He was a member of Outreach Missionary Baptist Church in Camby, IN.

Tom was an avid Cubs fan, loved Nascar, Elvis and John Wayne. Survivors include his wife, Pat Rigsby; children, Steve Wray, Scott (Sheri) Wray; granddaughter, Emma (Joe) Carden and two

aunts of Clinton.



Margie Lee (Brawner) York

April 15, 2017

Margie was born in Lafayette, Tennessee in Macon County, to the late Jesse P. Brawner, and Rettie May (Doss) Brawner. She was a graduate of Macon County High School with honors, such as salutatorian of her graduating class.

Margie attended Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lafayette where at the age of 11-years-old she fell under conviction in a revival meeting while listening to the preaching of God's word and through the drawing power of the Holy Spirit. After calling on God

with humble repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ she was saved by the grace of God.

Margie was baptized into the fellowship of the church by the late Elder Levi Smith.

After graduation, she moved to Indianapolis, Indiana where she was employed by Stewart Warner where she worked as a secretary from 1956 to 1960. Margie attended beauty college and became a licensed beautician while working with her sister Louise.

Margie and Nathan York were united in holy matrimony on August 17, 1957 and were married 59 years and 8 months. Until death do us part was the promise that was made to God in the presence of witnesses.

Margie was blessed with a wonderful son, Stephen D. York, on August 29, 1958. Steve is also an ordained minister. Steve's wife of 35 years, Doreen Y. (Allen) York is a wonderful Christian lady.

Margie was also blessed with one grandson, Jeremy N. York, also an ordained minister. Jeremy is married to Kirstee (Braun) York. Jeremy and Kirstee have two sons, Samuel (4) and Daniel (1) who were Margie's great grandson's that she adored and what a gift from God! The scripture teaches us that there is nothing that makes you happier than to know your children are serving God.

Margie was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse P. Brawner and Rettie M. (Doss) Brawner, sisters, Louise (Brawner) Hutcherson-Gregory and JoAnn (Brawner) Wix, brothers, Donald D. Brawner and George D. Brawner.

Survivors include her husband, Elder Nathan York; son, Elder Stephen D. York (Doreen); grandson, Elder Jeremy N. York (Kirstee); great-grandsons, Samuel and Daniel. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends who she loved very much.

We look forward to meeting her again someday and being reunited with her if we have been born again by God's grace. "What a Meeting in the Air" and live forever in Heaven. Don't you want to go?



Margie was a member of Outreach Missionary Baptist Church in Camby, IN, where she remained a faithful member. She was also a member of the Eastern Star Lodge #159 for the last 48 years. Margie was a faithful wife, wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was truly qualified, according to Proverbs 31:10, a virtuous woman. Literally a wife of valor and worth.

PLEASANT VALLEY

James A. Spoon

April 25, 1924 - May 22, 2017

James was born on April 25, 1924, in Rosser, TN, to Herman and Lillie Hendricks Spoon. He married Marjorie Jordan in Camden, TN, on Aug. 3, 1948. She preceded him in death on Aug. 13, 2013.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Warren and Bobby; and two sisters, Marjorie and Estelle.

Surviving are two daughters, Sandra (Michael) Kneer of Washington and Kathy (Doug)

Springer of Germantown Hills; six grandchildren, Michele, Scott, Ryan, Mark, Colby and

Megan; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, LouNell Smith of Nashville, TN; and several nieces and nephews.

James was a World War II Army veteran, and was very proud of that. He worked as a core setter in the foundry at Caterpillar, Inc., retiring in May of 1986, after 39 years of service.

He was a charter member and Deacon of Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Washington.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Church Data			Received by				Dismissed by			Current Attendance	
Namea	Organized	Last Year's Membership	Baptisms	Letters	Restorations	Statements	Letters	Expulsions	Deaths	Present Membership	Sunday School
Amana	1966	21	2	3	0	0	1	2	0	23	N/A
Bethel	1944	230	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	232	30
Faith (IN)	1956	156	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	159	45
Faith (MI)	1949	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	32	15
Fellowship	1957	89	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	87	21
Freedom	1961	84	3	2	0	0	2	0	5	82	N/A
Friendship	1952	137	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	138	35
Harvest	1990	28	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	20
Kokomo	1952	112	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	113	N/A
Macedonia	1986	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	22	10
Outreach	2001	64	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	61	15
Pleasant Valley	1961	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	47	N/A
Salem	1967	105	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	107	12
Southside	1959	189	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	196	50
Whiteland	1970	69	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	67	N/A
Totals		1391	17	20	1	1	13	3	16	1399	253

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. Hammick
1961	Bethel	Othneil Finley	Fimis Jent	H.B. Eaton		W.T. Taylor
1962	Kokomo	L.C. Long	Fimis 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. Hammick
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. Hammick
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
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

Year	Location	Moderator	Clerk	Introductory	Memorial	Doctrinal
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
1994	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.
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	Friendship	Jeff Moran	Noah Adamson	Jerry Burke	Scott Hauskins	Charles Pratt

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AMANA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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PM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM

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FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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FREEDOM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday: 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM

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FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday: 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM

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HARVEST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Treasurer	Eleanor Adamson	1914 S. Avon Ave. Avon, IN. 46123	(317) 839-7568	maadamson@aol.com
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KOKOMO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1723 N. Lindsey
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Sunday: 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM

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MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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OUTREACH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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SOUTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1850 E. Sumner Ave.
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Wednesday: 7:00 PM

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WHITELAND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Superintendent	Roger Elamon	210 E. Jackson St. Fairland, IN. 46126	(317) 835-4706	N/A
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ORDAINED DEACONS				
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