

**SILOAM MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**
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SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

October 4-5, 2024

Convened at

**Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church
Bethpage, TN**

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Westmoreland, TN
October 3-4, 2025

**SILOAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
2025 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

FRIDAY MORNING – 10:00AM

INTRODUCTORY SERMON
Alternate

Jason Wheeley
Wes Pedigo

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Roll Call

Reading of Letters

Election of Officers

Moderator and Assistant

Clerk and Assistant

Treasurer and Assistant

Petitionary Letters

Selection of Preachers for 2026

Introductory Sermon and Alternate

Memorial Sermon and Alternate

Doctrinal Sermon and Alternate

Selection of Media Personnel

Webmaster

Audio Recording Coordinator

Meeting Place for Year 2026

Recognition of Visitors

Reading of Rules of Decorum

REPORTS

1. Missions

Damon Carlock, Chairman

Harvey Ambrose

Gayle Snoddy

2. What doctrines/principles is Jude referring to When He Exhorts Us To, "...Contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints?"

Jerry Miller, Chairman

Jeremy McWhorter

Tony Day

3. How necessary is the spirit of community for a church to thrive (Acts 2:44-47)?

Brian Stotler, Chairman

Cordis Russell Jr.

Ronnie Sanford

FRIDAY NIGHT – 7:00PM

4. Obituary Report
Alternate

Michael Nesbitt, Chairman
Phil Creasy

MEMORIAL SERMON
Alternate

Michael Nesbitt
Phil Creasy

READING OF MINUTES

SATURDAY MORNING – 9:00AM

Roll Call

DOCTRINAL SERMON
Alternate

Cary Kemp
Danny Chandler

REPORTS

5. **How can a church balance honoring the older members and the past without destroying the hope of the next generation for what lies ahead (Ezra 3:10-13)?**
Doug Skinner, Chairman
Ronald Delk
Ryan Skinner
6. **Resolutions**
Doug Haley, Chairman
Cliff Spears
Eddie Toney
7. **Correspondence**
Glen Hale, Chairman
Elon Wilkerson
Brian Carter
8. **Treasurer's Report**
Michael Nesbitt, Chairman
Van Blankenship
9. **Business Order**
Ronald Delk, Chairman
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Bradley Hicks

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

READING OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Ronald Delk
Brother Van Blankenship
Brother Bradley Hicks

HISTORY OF SULPHUR FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

455 Fairfield Road – Oak Grove Community
Bethpage TN 37022 P- (615) 888-3089

Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church was organized as an independent body at a meeting held for that purpose at the old Bon Air School house in Sumner County, TN on September 14, 1888. The building that housed Bon Air School is located approximately 200 yards to the rear of the current church site. It stands today as a converted residence.

The presbytery was enrolled with Elders S.H. Pope and J.S. Thompson from New Middle Fork Baptist Church as ministers; deacons enrolled were J.W. Simpson from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Levi Cantrel from Rock Bridge Baptist Church and T. Stamps from New Middle Fork Baptist Church. The presbytery was organized by electing S.H. Pope as Moderator and J.S. Thompson as Clerk. The following brothers and sisters presented themselves with letters to be constituted into a Baptist church. Brothers L.J. Escue, R.W. Karr and B.F. Gregory; Sisters M.L. Escue and M.E. Escue.

After presenting of letters, their Articles of Faith were read and adopted, and the constitutional sermon was delivered by Elder S.H. Pope. Prayer was offered by J.S. Thompson, and the presbytery extended the hand of fellowship to the above-named charter members, and they were declared an independent church of Jesus Christ.

The newly organized church then called Brother L.J. Escue and R.W. Karr as deacons and set them before the presbytery for ordination. They were examined by Elder J.S. Thompson; sermon and prayer was given by Elder S.H. Pope and the laying on of hands was done by the presbytery.

Brother B.F. Gregory was elected as the church Clerk
Brother J.W. Bracken, Sister Emma Lamb, and Brother J.L. Bell were received into the church.
Elder J.S. Thompson was elected as the first Pastor.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to call the church Sulphur Fork.

According to the minutes of record, at its inception Sulphur Fork Church was called by the name of the United Baptist Church of Christ at Sulphur Fork and used that name until it joined the Wiseman Association in September of 1916. The preamble to the Wiseman Association as recorded in J.H. Grime's History of the Middle Tennessee Baptist states, "We the missionary Baptist churches of Christ..." and that appellation was adopted by this body. Thereafter, the Missionary Baptist Church of Christ at Sulphur Fork was used until November 1934, when without reference the name Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church was used and is still in use today.

The church was an offspring of Rock Bridge Missionary Baptist Church located on Whitson Road (the Highland Rim in Sumner County), which was constituted on

January 20, 1883. The Rock Bridge church is an offspring of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church located at A.B. Wade Road (off Highway 174 East-Dobbins Pike) in Sumner County. Pleasant Hill Church was organized on October 15, 1876.

Sulphur Fork Church has represented in the following associations: Bays Fork Association from August 1890 until September, 1916; Wiseman Association from 1916 through 1952 and then in the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association from its beginning in October 1952.

Four churches have been organized out of Sulphur Fork:

- Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church – Gallatin, TN
- Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church – Portland, TN
- Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church (#3) – Liberty Community
- Piper's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church – Fowler Ford Road, Portland TN

Sulphur Fork has had the privilege of sending forth the following ministers:

Vernon Gregory – Licensed March 14, 1891

B.F. Gregory – Ordained February 15, 1896

Raymond Gregory – Ordained July 21, 1957

Clemmons B. Huddleston – Ordained January, 1958

James Edward Suttle – Ordained June 19, 1959

James Lee Finn – Ordained June 19, 1959

Arlie J. Huddleston, Jr. – Ordained May 26, 1968

Jerry D. Boze – Ordained December 7, 1985

Sulphur Fork is currently searching for a Pastor. Elder Justin Ferris recently served as Pastor from July 2021 through September, 2024.

This information was excerpted from the 100 Years of Sulphur Fork History, which was prepared in 1988 by Sister Joyce Minor with information provided from the minutes of record of Sulphur Fork Church. In addition, historical notes and memories were received by Sister Ruth Gregory Barber, Sister Vergie Graves Huddleston, Brother Kenneth W. Mandrell, Brother John D. Minor, Sr., Brother James R. Minor, Sr., Sister Dixie Graves Suttle, Sister Estelle Minor Thompson, Sister Paulette Barber Whaley, and Sister Sandra Barber Whaley, as well as various other members.

This information is submitted to Elder Todd Fugate, Clerk of Siloam Missionary Baptist Association for inclusion in the minutes of record of the seventy-first session when convened at Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church on October 4 and October 5, 2024.

Submitted by Elder Daniel G. Chandler

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and shall while speaking, confine himself to the subject under discussion and shall not be interrupted unless he digresses from the subject 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.
3. No member shall excuse himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
4. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body. The chairman on each subject shall have an opening speech of ten minutes and two other speeches of five minutes each.
5. Each motion and second shall come under the immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.
6. All members shall conduct themselves in these sessions in a manner conducive to godliness.
7. No member shall address another by any appellation other than that of Brother.
8. On the first day, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to read the Rules of Decorum and call the roll of members the second day.
9. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.
10. Any member violating these rules, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the Gospel, shall be reproved or such other course taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own option or the intimation of any other member.

CONSTITUTION

Article I - This Body shall be known as Siloam Missionary Baptist Association.

Article II - These Associations shall be composed of members duly chosen by regular and orderly Missionary Baptist Churches within our bounds.

Article III - The letters from the Churches to the Association shall give the number of members of fellowship, received by experience and baptism, received by letter, restored, excommunicated, and dead since last annual meeting, and financial statement.

Article IV - Each church shall be entitled to three male messengers.

Article V - These Associations shall elect annually as officers, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer chosen from their Church's membership representing in the Association 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 interests.

Article VIII - These Associations shall meet annually on Friday at 10 o'clock a.m., before the first Sunday in October, and continue for two days, the meetings to be held at such places as may be agreed upon by the Association at its annual sitting.

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 in practice as well as theory.

Article XI - New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and messenger, and on examination, if found Orthodox and orderly, may be received, and made known by the Moderator's 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 principal or disorderly in practice.

Article XIII - No Proceedings shall be had against any Church except on charges preferred by a sister Church, which shall first have followed the direction of Matthew 18:15, in attempting to bring it to repentance.

Article XIV - The Association at its sittings, welcomes all visiting brethren and sisters from sister churches present, to meet with them, which persons shall have liberty to worship and testify, but no voice nor vote on any subject or question, except by the approval of the Association.

Article XV - Any alteration may be made to this constitution at any regular meeting, by a majority vote of the members present.

Article XVI - That all questions arising before this Association be decided by a majority vote of the messengers present, including the reception of churches.

Article XVII - That we will not hold in fellowship any church or correspond with any association that tolerates or practices alien immersion.

Article XVII - That all elections (officers, sermon electees, and meeting- place) should follow the procedure of nominations and an open vote.

Article XIV - A preacher must hold membership with one of the Churches representing in the Siloam Association to preach before the Association.

Article XX - No preacher can preach before the Association for two consecutive years.

* The Association will contribute annually, from the Association treasury, fifteen hundred dollars to the host church to assist in the expenses of hosting the session.

* The Association will contribute annually, from the Association treasury, five hundred dollars to the clerk for costs associated with printing and distributing the minutes.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES - We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter, that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried. II Tim. 3:16-17; II Tim. 3:15; Prov. 30:5-6; Rom. 2:12; Phil. 3:16; I John 4:1.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD- We believe that there is one, and only one living and true God, an infinite intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. John 4:24; Ps. 83:18; Heb. 3:4; Rom. 1:20; Jer. 10:10; Ex. 15:11; Ps 147:5; Isa. 6:3; I Pet. 1:15-16; Rev. 4:6-8; Mark 12:30; Rev. 4:11; Matt. 10:37; Jer. 2:12-13; Matt. 28:19; John 15:26; I Cor. 12:4-6; I John 5:7; John 10:30; John 5:17; John 14:23; John 17:5 & 10; Acts 5:3-4; I Cor. 2:10-11; Phil. 2:5-6; Eph. 2:18; II Cor. 13:14; Rev. 1:4-5.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN- We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 1: 31; Ecc. 7:29; Acts 17:26-29; Gen. 2:16-17; Gen. 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 5:15-19; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Isa. 53:6; Gen. 6:12; Rom. 3:9-18; Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 1:18,32; Rom. 2:1-16; Gal. 3:10; Matt. 20:15; Ezek. 18:19-20; Rom. 1:20; Rom. 3:19; Gal. 3:22.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION - We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins: that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and 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 Savior. Eph. 2:3; Matt. 18:11; I John 4:10; I Cor. 3:5-7; Acts 15:11; John 3:16; John 1:1-14; Heb. 4:14; Heb. 12:24; Phil. 2:6-7; Heb. 2:9 & 14; II Cor. 5:21; Isa. 42:21; Phil. 2:8; Gal. 4:4-5; Rom. 3:21; Isa. 53:4-5; Matt. 20:28; Rom. 4:25; Rom. 3:21-26; I John 4:10; I John 2:3; I Cor. 15:1-3; Heb. 9:13-15; Heb. 1:8; Heb. 1:3; Col. 3:1-4; Heb. 7:25; Col. 2:9; Heb. 2:18; Heb. 7:26; Ps. 89:19; Ps. 45.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION - We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is justification; that justification includes the

pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity. John 1: 16; Eph. 3:8; Acts 13:39; Isa. 53:11-12; Rom. 5:1-2; Rom. 5:9; Zech. 13: 1; Matt. 9:6; Acts 10:43; Rom. 5:17; Titus 3:5-7; I Peter 3:7; I John 2:25; Rom. 5:21; Rom. 4:4-5; Rom. 6:23; Phil. 3:7-9; Rom. 5:19; Rom. 3:24-26; Rom. 4:23-25; I John 2:12; Rom. 5:3; Rom. 5:11; I Cor. 1:30-31; Matt. 6:33; I Tim. 4:8.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION - We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial penitent, and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation. Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Luke 14:17; Rom. 16:25-26; Mark 1:15; Rom. 1: 15-17; John 5:40; Matt. 23:37; Rom. 9:32; Pro. 1:24; Acts 13:46; John 3:19; Matt. 11:20; Luke 10:27; II Thess. 1:8.

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 its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life. John 3:3; John 3:6-7; I Cor. 2:14; Rev. 14:3; Rev. 21:27; II Cor. 5:17; Ezek. 36:26; Deut. 30:6; Rom. 2:28-29; Rom. 5:5; I John 4:7; John 3:8; John 1:13; James 1: 16-18; I Cor. 1:30; Phil 2:13; I Peter 1:22-25; I John 5: 1; Eph. 4:20-24; Col. 3:9-11; Eph. 5:9; Rom. 8:90; Gal. 5:16-23; Eph. 3:14-21; Matt. 3:8-10; Matt. 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 Savior. Mark 1:15; Acts 11:18; Eph. 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 Cor. 7:11; Rom. 10:12-13; Ps. 51; Rom. 10:9-11; Acts 3:22-23; Heb. 4:14; Ps. 2:6; Heb. 1:8; Heb. 8:5; II Tim. 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 deserves the utmost diligence. II Tim. 1:8-9; Eph. 1:3-14; I Peter 1:1-2; Rom. 11:5-6; John 15:16; I John 4:19; II Thess. 2:13-14; Acts 13:48; John 10:16; Matt. 20:16; Acts 15:14; Ex. 33:18-19; Matt. 20:15; Eph. 1:11; Rom. 9:23-24; Jer. 31:3; Rom. 11:28-29; James 1: 17-18; II Tim. 1:9; Rom. 11:32-36; I Cor. 4:7; I Cor. 1:26-31; Rom. 3:27; Rom. 4:16; Col. 3:12; I Cor. 3:5-7; I Cor. 15:10; I Peter 5:10; Acts 1:24; I Thess. 2:13; I Peter 2:9; Luke 18:7; John 15:16; I Thess. 2:12; II Tim. 2:10; I Cor. 9:22; Rom. 8:28-30; John 6:37-40; I Thess. 1:4-10; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:29; II Peter 1:10-11; Phil. 3:12; Heb. 6:11.

X. OF SANCTIFICATION - We believe that sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and 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. I Thess. 4:3; I Thess. 5:23; II Cor. 7:1; II Cor. 13:10; Phil. 3:12-16; I John 2:29; Rom. 8:5; Eph. 1:4; Pro.4:18; I Cor. 3:18; Heb. 6:1; II Peter 1:5-8; John 3:6; Phil. 1:9-11; Eph. 1:13-14; Phil. 2:12-13; Eph. 4:11-12; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18; II Cor. 13:5; Luke 11:35; Luke 9:23; Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:18; Eph. 4:30.

XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS - We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. John 8:31; I John 2:27-28; I John 3:9; I John 5:18; I John 2:19; John 13:18; Matt. 13:20-21; John 6:66-69; Job 17:9; Rom. 8:28; Matt. 6:30-33; Jer. 32:40; Ps. 121:3; Ps. 91:11-12; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:13; Jude 24-25; Heb. 1:14; II Kings 6:16; Heb. 13:5; I John 4:4

XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL - We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin; to 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. Rom. 3:31; Matt. 5:17; Luke 16:17; Rom. 3:20; Rom. 4:15; Rom. 7:12; Rom. 7:7, 14, 22; Gal. 3:21; Ps. 119; Rom. 8:7-8; Josh. 24:19; Jer. 13:23; John 6:44; John 5:44; Rom. 8:2-4; Rom. 10:4; I Tim. 1:5; Heb. 8:10; Jude 20 & 21.

XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH - We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only scriptural officers are bishops or pastors and deacons whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus. I Cor. 1:1-3; Matt. 18:17; Acts 5:11; Acts 8:1; Acts 11:21-23; I Cor.

4:17; I Cor. 14:23; III John 9; I Tim. 3:5; Acts 2:41-42; II Cor. 8:5; Acts 2:47; I Cor. 5:12-13; I Cor. 11:2; II Thess. 3:6; Rom. 16:17-20; I Cor. 11:23-24; Matt. 18:15-20; I Cor. 5:6; II Cor. 2:17; I Cor. 4:17; Matt. 28:20; John 14:15; John 15:12; I John 4:21; John 14:21; I Thess. 4:2; II John 6; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 4:7; I Cor. 14:12; Phil. 1:27; I Cor. 12:14; Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23; Acts 15:22; I Tim. 3; Titus 1.

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER - We believe that the Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's 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. Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:5-6; John 3:22-23; John 4:12; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:12; Acts 16:32-34; Acts 18:8; Acts 10:47-48; Gal. 3:26-28; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; I Peter 3:20-21; Acts 22:16; Acts 2:41-42; I Cor. 11:26; Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; I Cor. 11:28; I Cor. 5:1-8; I Cor. 10:3-32; I Cor. 11:17-32; John 6:26-71.

XV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH - We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath; and 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; and by preparation for the rest that remaineth for the people of God. Acts 20:7; Gen. 2:3; Col. 2:16-17; Mark 2:27; John 20:19; I Cor. 16:1-2; Ex. 20:8; Rev. 1:10; Ps. 118:15,24; Isa. 58:13-14; Isa. 56:2-8; Heb. 10:24-25; Acts 11:26; Acts 13:44; Lev. 19:30; Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2-3; Ps. 26:8; Ps. 87:3; Heb. 4:3-11.

XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT - We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and those magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except 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. Rom. 13:1-7; Deut. 16:18; II Sam. 23:3; Ex. 18:23; Jer. 30:21; Matt. 22:21; Titus 3:1; I Peter 2:13; I Tim. 2:1-4; Acts 5:29; Matt. 10:28; Dan. 3:15-18; Dan. 6:7-10; Acts 4:18-20; Matt. 23:10; Rom. 14:4; Rev. 19:16; Ps 72:11; Ps 2; Rom. 14:9-13.

XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED - We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that 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; while 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. Mal. 3:18; Pro.12:26; Isa. 5:20; Gen. 18:23; Jer. 15:19; Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 6:16; Rom. 1:17; Rom. 7:6; I John 2:29; I John 3:7; Rom. 6:18, 22; I Cor. 11:32; Pro.11:31; I Peter 4:17-18; I John 5:19; Gal. 3:10; John 3:36; Isa. 57:21; Ps. 10:4; Isa. 55:6-7; Pro.14:32; Luke 16:25; John 8:21-24; Pro.10:24; Luke 12:4-5; Luke 9:23-26; John 12:25-26; Ecc.3:17; Matt. 7:13-14.

XVIII. OF THE WORLD TO COME - We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the Last Day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness. I Peter 4:7; I Cor. 7:29-31; Heb. 1:10-12; Matt. 24:35; I John 2:17; Matt. 28:20; Matt. 13:39-40; II Peter 3:3-13; Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7; Heb. 9:28; Acts 3:21; I Thess. 4:13-18; I Thess. 5: 1-11; Acts 24:15; I Cor. 15:12-58; Luke 14:14; Dan. 12:2; John 5:28-29; John 6:40; John 11:25-26; II Tim. 1:10; Acts 10:42; Matt. 13:49; Matt. 13:37-43; Matt. 24:30-31; Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 22:11; I Cor. 6:9-10; Mark 9:43-48; II Peter 2:9; Jude 7; Phil. 3:19; Rom. 6:23; II Cor. 5:10-11; John 4:36; II Cor. 4:18; Rom. 3:5-6; II Thess. 1:6-12; Heb. 6:1-2; I Cor. 4:5; Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:2-16; Rev. 20:11-12; I John 2:28; I John 4:17; II Peter 3:11-12.

STATEMENTS OF BELIEF

In the 2016 session, the Siloam Association voted to print the following statements concerning what we believe the Bible to teach on the following subjects: 1. Of Marriage; 2. Of the Sanctity of Human Life.

Of Marriage

(1) We 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. (2) Marriage 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. (3) That it is for the mutual benefit of the man and the woman and is intended to give glory to God. (4) We believe that it is a life-long union. (5) That 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.

1. Genesis 2:23, 24; Mark 10:6-8
2. Psalm 127:3-5; Ephesians 6:14; Genesis 2:18; 1 Corinthians 7:2, Genesis 1:28
3. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; Ephesians 5:28-29; Revelation 4:11
4. Matthew 19:6-8; 1 Corinthians 7:39
5. Ephesians 5:22-27, 2 Corinthians 11:2

Of the Sanctity of Human Life

(1) We believe that mankind was made in the image and likeness of God, and that human life is sacred and holy. (2) In the creation, mankind was given dominion and priority over the animal kingdom. (3) Human life is highly valued by God and should therefore be protected in every stage. (4) We believe that life begins at conception and ends at a time appointed by God. (5) We 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.

1. Genesis 1:27; Genesis 9:5-6
2. Genesis 1:28-29; Genesis 2:19
3. Matthew 10:29-31; Matthew 12:11-12; John 3:16
4. Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Job 14:5; Acts 17:26
5. Revelation 4:11; John 9:1-3; Proverbs 6:16-17; Deuteronomy 27:25

FRIDAY MORNING PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME

The Siloam Association convened Friday October 4, 2024 for the 71st session. The proceedings began with Brother Jerry Miller welcoming everyone to the Association. “I’m Bound For That City” and “How Great Thou Art” were sung with Brother Eli Farris leading the singing with Sister Adrienne Farris accompanying on piano. Brother Miller spoke regarding the Sandy Creek Church in North Carolina pastored by Shubal Sterns who, “laid aside all worldly honors and became a laborer in the Lord’s vineyard.” Brother Miller quoted Robert Simple’s History of the Virginia Baptist concerning the importance and necessity of Baptist Associations. “Mr. Sterns conceived that an association composed of delegates from all these would have a tendency to impart stability, regularity, and uniformity to the whole. For this prudent purpose he visited each church and congregation and explained the contemplated plan, induced them all to send delegates to his meetinghouse the ensuing January, which was in the year 1760.” “Here it may suffice to observe that through these meetings the Gospel was carried into many new places, where the fame of the Baptists had previously spread, for great crowds, attending from distant parts, mostly through curiosity, many became enamored with these extraordinary people, and petitioned the Association to send preachers into their neighborhoods. These petitions were readily granted, and the preachers as readily complied with the appointments. Thus the Association became the medium of propagating the Gospel in new and dark places.” Brother Miller then declared that worship needs to be an integral part of this associational meeting. Brother Miller called on Brother Damon Carlock to lead the association in prayer. Brother Christopher Solomon was then introduced by Brother Jerry Miller to preach the introductory sermon.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

After some pious comments Brother Christopher Solomon stated he has great concerns regarding our churches and lost humanity. Lost Sinners unaffected by the preaching of the gospel when preached in power bothers him. It is important we edify one another and remain close to one another. To love one another is particularly important and it should define us. He expressed his love for each in attendance and stated that his desire is not to offend his brethren. He then shifted to scripture reading Matthew 5:37, “But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.” This spoken to those whom Jesus chose as disciples instructing them to let their communication be yea, yea or nay, nay. The word yea is the most solid answer that can be given in the affirmative through the preaching of Jesus Christ. Nay regards anything that falls outside the bounds of what constitutes the truth. The truth is something that will stand when the world is on fire. My words will never pass away. We have the truth, the honest truth, the whole truth. Any deviation from this truth is a lie. Then there are outright lies, even heresy. We should relate the unmitigated truth to the world today that they may know Jesus. These men knew the truth, they knew the yea. Today there are untold numbers of people looking for something and they will fall prey to the first thing that grabs their attention. We need to consume ourselves with the truth of God. We should know what these other religions

teach so we may adequately advocate against their lies. It is easy for us to understand outright truth, but we need to understand almost truth. It will have a marring wound. He then moved to Revelation 3:14-15 focusing on their lukewarm nature in verse 15. Jesus placed the parameters of yea, yea and nay, nay upon this church because they had fallen into a self-satisfied state unconcerned with the weightier matters of the law. Caught in between truth and lies. A lukewarm nature is spewed out of the mouth of God. They were not appealing to God. What need have we of God seemingly their mantra. Laodicea was a wealthy port city, and that allure of wealth drew them away into a lie. The United States is a rich profitable nation where people have grown disconnected from the most important things in life. Today when we look at this nation and look at what Jesus said to the church of Laodicea and their contentedness with temporal possessions absent from God. Look at our churches now compared to where they once were. We must contend for the faith that was delivered to us. We must guard to ensure the next generation can hear the truth. Those that stood in the past did not stand for themselves but rather for the next generation. Do we not see the same un-concerning disposition from lost sinners? We as the church have become content with this world. Laodicea has gotten to this state because they have become content and complacent with worldly gains. We better course correct. We presently are failing miserably but we serve the same God as these disciples who Jesus promised he will go with them unto the end of the world. We have that same promise. Churches need to turn around right now. We tell ourselves we will stand when it matters but this is a sanctimonious statement. We need to stand now and make time now holding onto the truth of the gospel. Men gave their lives that we may have this leatherbound book. It will not be the end of the church, but it may be here. One day it will be removed when the bride has made herself ready. We need to ready ourselves. We need to heed the warning given.

Afterward Brother Miller called for a Christian handshake with Brother Christopher Solomon. Brother Eli Farris leading the congregational singing culminating with Blessed Assurance. Brother Miller then moved to seat the association.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

The association went into organization of the 2024 session. The clerk called the roll as follows:

Becker Drive	Elder Jonathan Elliott, Bill Faust, Rob Baker, Alternate: Matt Thomasson
Beech Grove	Jason Wheeley, Troy Deckard, Buck Riddle
Cedar Grove	Elder Michael Nesbitt, Cordis Russell, Jeremy Russell, Alternate: Mike Smith
Fairhaven	Jim Harrigan, Jim Underwood
Fairview	Elder Doug Skinner, Ronnie Pitts, Damon Carlock, Ronnie Sanford, Alternate: Trey Skinner
Fairview Memorial	Elder Don Curtis, Elder Billy Moran, Neel Young
Faith	Elder Todd Fugate

Grace (MI)	Jackie Doss, Jimmy Doss
Grace (TN)	John Minor, Gary Duncan, Kyle Mahaney
Harvest	Elder Barry Armour, Elder Ottis Jones, George Snow
Hillsdale	Elder Doug Haley, Elder Clayton Spears, Lanny Spears, Alternates: Brodie Spears, Justin Bradford
Liberty	Bryan Stotler, Matt Bacon, Elder Cary Kemp
Lyons	Elder Jerry Miller, Tony Clark, Robert Watkins, Alternate: Brian Watkins
Macon	Elder Christopher Solomon, Logan Dozier, Cody Thomas, Alternate: Mark Brown
Maple Grove #2	Elder Dean Dyer, Tony Day, Mikey Johnston, Alternate: Anthony Shrum
Monoville	Kenneth Summers, Kenny Summers, Michael Key, Alternate: Jason Jendras
Mount Lebanon	Cory Glass, Elder Michael Reid, Jay Snoddy
Mount Zion	Nathan Devasher
Old Macedonia	Van Blankenship, Tim Bonds, Justin Gentry, Alternate: Rodney Carter
Old Path	Gayle Snoddy
Old Time	Elder Phil Creecy, Christian Cain
Old Union	Elder Bradley Hicks, Harvey Ambrose, Ron Gray, Alternate: Joe Patterson
Pleasant Hill	Not received
Rocky Mound	Elon Wilkerson, Bryan Carter, Wesley Pedigo, Alternate: Glenn Hale
Sulphur Fork	Elder Justin Farris, Ken Legge, Parker Farris,, Alternate: Eli Farris
Union No. 1	None
Union No. 2	Elder Jeremy McWhorter, Dennis Devore, Gerry Bowman
Unity (IN)	John Sampson
Unity (KY)	Elder Roger Carter, Elder Jimmy Hogue, Kevin Haley, Alternate: Tyler Burysek
Walnut Grove	Not received
White Hill	Not received
Woodlawn	Adam Nash, George Krulik

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After roll call, Brother Miller stated there was enough to constitute a quorum and called the association into business order beginning with the election of officers. Brother Miller asked Brother Ronald Delk to moderate the election of office of Moderator. Officers elected as follows:

Moderator: Jerry Miller by acclimation
Assistant Moderator: Ronald Delk by acclimation
Clerk: Todd Fugate by acclimation
Assistant Clerk: Bradley Hicks by acclimation
Treasurer: Michael Nesbitt by acclimation
Assistant Treasurer: Van Blankenship by acclimation

PETITIONARY LETTERS

None

SELECTION OF PREACHERS FOR THE 2025 SESSION

<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Introductory	Jason Wheeley	Wes Pedigo
Memorial	Michael Nesbitt	Phil Creecy
Doctrinal	Cary Kemp	Danny Chandler

MEDIA PERSONNEL

Webmaster: Jason Lambert by acclimation
Audio Recording Coordinator: Cory Glass by acclimation

MEETING PLACE FOR 2024

Rocky Mound MBC has offered to host the 2025 Siloam Association. Motion and second to accept the invitation. Motion adopted.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Luke Spurgeon – Caney Fork
Tim Binion – Victory
Billy Neal Davis – Antioch at Lamb
Kenneth Massey – Murfreesboro
Stuart Spicer - Murfreesboro
Matthew Clark – Beckwith
Hunter Larkin – Beckwith
David Reed - Beckwith

The clerk was called upon to read the Rules of Decorum.

Brother Miller announced the Virginia Baptist History Tour taking place October 23-25 and encouraged anyone who can to attend. Brother Kenneth Massey brought two books, A Chosen Vessel: The Life of F.L. Ray & Apples of Gold in Pictures of Silver, which are available for \$5 dollars each. Brother Miller asked Brother Luke Spurgeon to lead the congregation in song as lunch was prepared. Brother Luke Spurgeon chose, “My Real Home,” with Brother Bradley Hicks accompanying on piano. Brother Miller selected Brother Ronald Delk to bless the food and adjourn us with prayer until the afternoon session.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME

The afternoon service began with Brother Justin Farris leading, "What A Meeting In The Air" with Sister Adrienne Farris accompanying on the piano. Brother Miller made two announcements, one being Brother Tony Day relayed donations are being collected at the Lafayette, TN Courthouse for those ravaged by the recent Hurricane in North Carolina. The association was then directed to prayer by Brother Miller then proceeded into business order.

REPORTS

MISSIONS

Brother Casey Cole came forward to present the report:

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in consciences." 2 Cor 5:11

As the Missionary Baptist Church, our name should be something we hold with high honor, something which we should be thankful to be called and privileged to belong. Although we have not always been known by this name, as our enemies have called us Christians, Anabaptists, and Waldenses, we have gladly accepted these labels with joy. We are the Lord's Church, His bride and with His spirit we proclaim.

"Come. And let him that is athirst Come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev 22:17

The desire to spread the gospel to all the world, to every creature should be upon our hearts. The apostle Paul states, "knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." As believers and born-again

Christians, we know the destruction that awaits those souls that are lost and undone. Those that are dead in their sins and trespasses are without God. They will perish forever, burning endlessly in the torments of hell. The reality is that we have enormous responsibility to warn the world, and witness to as many people as we can about Jesus saving to the uttermost, eternal security.

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor 6:2

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." 1 Thess 5:2

There is coming a day when Jesus will return. Though it may not be in our lifetime, we know that our Deliverer will call us home. Peter tells us, we are to be looking for and hasting the coming of the day of God, but not to count his delay as slackness

concerning his promises. This earth and all its works shall be burned up, and the elements shall melt with a fervent heat. John the Revelator asks the question, "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev 6:17

Paul provides instruction to the Thessalonians about the end times. When the Lord returns, he will descend in a cloud of glory, with a shout. The dead in Christ shall rise first, and those of us that are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds. We will meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. We can comfort each other with these promises and encourage one another with these words, knowing the grave is not our end. Paul through the Spirit penned "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor 15:55-57

But for those that are lost and undone, we desire to point them to Jesus our Redeemer and Savior. Paul stated the Lord knows our hearts, and if only our desire and burden similar to the early church many remarkable wonders would be done. Though the early church faced persecution, sword, stoning, imprisonment, they had a zeal to reach the world. Paul had an immense desire to reach his Jewish brethren. Paul wrote: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Rom 10:1

We may not all be called to preach the gospel or to be missionaries in foreign countries, but we are Missionary Baptists, with the heart and the knowledge to "warn others to flee from the wrath that is to come" to seek the Lord while there is time, to repent and cry out to him from the depths of their soul, and to trust in the Lord completely. Salvation cannot be found in any other name, but Jesus Christ. We cannot save anyone because that is a work of grace, by God, through faith. We have found such wonderful peace at the foot of the Cross, let us point others to Him. As countless others came before us were willing to lay their lives down, for the sake of spreading the "GOOD NEWS let us be willing to do the same. Millions have picked up their cross and followed Jesus.

Seeing the old blood stained cross, the Savior who bore it, and the "Power of his Resurrection" let us go into the world proclaiming His truths. Maybe we will not be on the mission field or foreign lands but

we most certainly have influence on our neighbors, co-workers, church members, friends, and family. We can persuade the world of "The Light" shining out into darkness which is our hope, our Lord, and our King. However, there will be many, just as "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Acts 26:28

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isa 6:8

We press forward because some will believe and be saved. If just one more soul was to be saved it would be worth every challenge and struggle. However, it is much more likely that a lifetime of labor would rescue many more. We should pray for burdens, and God's leadership, with the desire to say; "Here am I; send me." Through fulfilling our responsibility with the Lord's assistance, many more lives can be changed for all eternity.

Humbly submitted,

Brother Casey Cole
Brother Cary Kemp
Brother Brad Wheeler

Motion and second to adopt the report. Those speaking on the subject: Casey Cole, Cary Kemp, Don Curtis, Phil Creecy, Michael Reid, Harvey Ambrose, Kevin Haley, Phil Mayle. Question called; motion passed; report adopted.

WHAT DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT TEACH ABOUT HONORING THE LORD'S DAY?

Brother Rodney Carter came forward to present the report:

SABBATH, (1) The day which God appointed to be observed by the Jews as a day of rest from all secular labor or employments, and to be kept holy and consecrated to his service and worship. This was originally the seventh day of the week, the day on which God rested from the work of creation; and this day is still observed by the Jews and some Christians, as the *sabbath* But the Christian church very early begun and still continue to observe the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ on that day, by which the work of redemption was completed. Hence it is often called the Lord's Day. American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster – 1828.

Worship – Elements, Times, and Places

Elements of Worship. The worship of the early Christians was very free and informal. It consisted of prayer, the singing of psalms, and the reading and exposition of the Old Testament Scriptures (prophesying). The participation in worship was not confined to the official members, but to every male member it was permitted to utter his apprehension of truth. The ordinary services of the early churches were similar to those of a good prayer meeting at the present time.

Times of Worship. The Jewish Christians continued for a long time to observe the Jewish Sabbath, assembling also on the Lord's Day. The Jewish Sabbath seems never to have been enjoined upon the Gentile churches; and we find early in the second century the first day of the week observed as a matter of course.

The process of the change was probably as follows: At first the Jewish Sabbath and the Lord's Day were celebrated by most Christian communities. Two circumstances led to the abandonment of the former. First, the inconvenience of celebrating two days in immediate proximity. Secondly, The spirit of opposition to the extreme Judaizers. Christians saw that a large and influential party was trying to make Christianity a mere Jewish sect. They were disposed, therefore, to reject as much as possible the Jewish ceremonial.

With regard to the propriety of the change, two views have obtained currency among those who defend it: First, that the Sabbath is a perpetual obligation, but that the essential idea is that of rest and worship on one day in seven. As the resurrection of the Son of God is to Christians of fundamental importance, it was fitting that the one day in seven should be made to coincide with the day of this great event. Second, Christianity in its ideal form is entirely without ceremonial and holy days. All days alike are holy and are to be spent in the service of God. But as actual Christianity is not ideally perfect, and as Christians are obliged to engage in secular callings, it is necessary that there should be some fixed time for special religious services. Christianity had a right to adopt any day for this purpose. In fact it very appropriately adopted the day on which the Savior rose from the dead. A Manual of Church History by Albert Henry Newman, Volume 1, pages 140-141.

As it is the law of nature, that in general a proportion of time, by God's appointment, be set apart for the worship of God, so by his Word, in a positive moral , and perpetual commandment, binding all men, in all ages, he hath particularly appointed one day in seven for a sabbath to be kept holy unto him, Exodus 20:8, which from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ was the last day of the week, and from the resurrection of Christ was changed unto the first day of the week, which is called the Lord's Day: (1 Cor 15:1-2, Acts 20:7, Rev. 1:10) and is to be continued to the end of the world as the Christian Sabbath, the observation of the last day of the week being abolished.

The Sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord, when men, after preparing of their hearts, and ordering their common affairs aforehand, do not only observe an holy rest all day, from their own works, words, and thoughts, about their worldly employment and recreations, (Isa. 58:13, Neh. 13:15-22) but are also taken up the whole time in the public and private exercises of his worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy. (Matt. 12:1-3). The London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, chapter 22, section 7 and 8.

We do not say that there is any express command in the New Testament positively making it a duty to worship on the first day of the week; yet from the examples of the disciples, we have reason to believe that the disciples met by the authority of Christ; for some of his last words to his apostles were a solemn injunction, to do as he commanded, which are these: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," Matt. 28:20. If we admit that the apostles were faithful, of which we

can have no doubt, we must believe that their practices was conformable to the command of Christ; we would, therefore, refer you to their example, recorded in John 20:19 and 26, "Then the same day, at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples assembled, for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them; then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you." And in Acts 20:7, "And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them." The historian mentions it as the practice of the church at Troas, and hence we find it as the known and established order of Christian churches in Galatia and Corinth, as appears from 1 Cor. 16:1-2. And in John's time, it seems to have obtained the name of the Lord's Day, Rev. 1:10. Minutes of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, 1707-1807 page 338.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath; and 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; and by preparation for the rest that remaineth for the people of God. The New Hampshire Confession of Faith 1833

We must close this epistle in a few words respecting the manner in which this day of worship ought to be observed.

Ler us avoid all worldly business as far as possible, that we may with singleness of heart wait upon God in all the appointed means of grace. In order to obtain this end, we should use our best endeavors to dismiss all our worldly affairs on the seventh day of the week, that we may be prepared for divine worship.

We should spend the morning of the Lord's Day in prayer or reading the holy scriptures, or other good books composed by the servants of Jesus Christ; and never allow small excuses to prevent our meeting with the disciples of Christ for divine worship. None can tell how much is lost by omission of duty. It is good to wait on the Lord, for he walks in the midst of the golden candlesticks and sits as a refiner or purifier of his people. From the apostle's words in Heb. 10:25, it seems some were faulty in his day, and forsook the assembling together, a sure sign of backsliding of heart. Think not that the duties of the day ended when you have attended public worship: but make a good improvement of time, for it is very precious. Therefore, redeem the time by doubling your defense.

Be not conformed to the vain customs of the present age in paying or receiving unprofitable visits on the Lord's Day, for this will tend to destroy the power of religion.

From the above arguments, we may justly infer, the religious observance of the Lord's Day for divine worship is warranted by the examples of the apostles and churches in their days. Consequently, we have sufficient grounds to believe that it was by the

authority of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the head of his church and lawgiver to the body. Minutes of the Philadelphia Baptist Association 1707-1807 pages 338-339.

Respectively submitted,

Elder Rodney Carter
Elder Roger Carter
Elder Randall Carter

Motion and second to adopt the report. Those speaking on the subject: Rodney Carter, Roger Carter, Randall Carter, Jerry Miller. Question called; motion passed; report adopted.

HOW DO WE RAISE GODLY CHILDREN IN A PROGRESSIVELY UNGODLY CULTURE?

Brother Justin Farris came forward to present the report:

“Parenting is the hardest job you’ll ever love.”-Anonymous.

Introduction

Raising godly children in our progressively ungodly culture requires identifying evil and shielding its influence as well as providing teaching that promotes godly instruction.

Throughout the world and in every age, parents have been challenged with raising children in ungodly cultures. This is evidenced in scripture in times such as Noah’s day, and when Isaiah mentions those “that call evil good and good evil, that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;” *Isa. 5:20*. Our ungodly culture is increasingly becoming a picture of this as time goes on. Unfortunately, it seems many who call themselves “Christian” are conforming to this world and thus turning out children who look and act just like the ungodly culture we say we, as followers of Christ, oppose.

This pressure of our culture pushes parents into seemingly difficult situations. When we stand for the truth, we become targets. We get called names such as ignorant, bigots, homophobic and transphobic, even extreme, close-minded, and radical. We are told we are “judging” others just for simply not allowing our children to participate in certain ungodly cultural norms.

Through all of this, we have a great responsibility as called-out Christians to raise up children in the admonition of the Lord. Our aim should be for boys to become godly men and for girls to become godly women.

Our greatest guide for parenting and God’s ultimate authority in shaping values is God’s Holy Word. Spiritual guidance, prayer, and God’s grace are also necessary to help us in this noble endeavor. This report only scratches the surface of a few points to be considered and cannot contain every angle and example that is needful/helpful to Christians responsible for raising children.

Our ultimate desire for our children is to find salvation and to learn to follow and please Him all their lives. While their salvation is between them and God, it is our role to keep them pointed towards the Lord throughout their childhood.

A Biblical Foundation

As parents, knowing what scripture says about raising godly children is vital. Setting a biblical foundation early can help shape your outlook and will provide guidelines for raising children. You might get a few tips here and there from secular writings, but nothing can replace what is taught in the Word. By natural order, when the Lord blesses a family with children, parents become the sole provider of all things for them. What a tremendous responsibility that He bestows on us!

His word instructs us that we as parents must be teachers. ***Proverbs 22:6*** and ***Ephesians 6:4*** show forth that we are to train up, give instruction, and provide discipline to our children. Teaching our children about who God is, His character, His expectations of us, the plan of salvation, and how to live and worship Him should be continuous and daily. The Word of God is given to us to learn and to teach because it shows us all we need to know in life. In the Old Testament, there was an importance placed on learning the commandments and statutes of the Lord. These were to be taught diligently to their children as soon as they were capable of learning. It was to be done in a way that was incorporated in all parts of the day. ***Deuteronomy 6:4-7*** tells us that instruction was to be done when doing “life” at home, when traveling about through the day, in the night hours, and when we wake in the mornings.

One of the best practical ways to implement the principles from Deut. 6 is to home educate our children. Certainly, there are instances where homeschooling is not possible, but this model is closest to the biblical model that is found. Any model where parents have direct influence and have godly people who are instructing is preferable. The more a parent is removed from the child and those teaching, the greater the opportunity it will be for Satan to influence their minds.

We want to instill a love for God’s Word in our children, guiding them to turn to it for direction, hope, knowledge, and for every issue that arises in their life (***Rom.15:4***). It needs to be the “Go to” for all things. This does not just happen overnight. It takes diligence, patience, love, leading by example, and prayers to see this through.

No one will get everything right as a parent. The greatest parents in scripture still had children who made poor choices in their life. For example, Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his many brothers, David’s children, etc. There are many things that even if we were to be “perfect” in all our parenting endeavors and follow precisely what the scriptures teach, we need the Lord and His Spirit to help affect our children in those things that we cannot.

The Parent’s Relationship with God and with their children

One of the greatest blessings of having children is to have gained a greater understanding of the relationship between us and our Heavenly Father. Observing how our children respond and act towards us as parents can be rewarding and convicting when we consider how we must be responding to our Heavenly Father.

We see in scripture that we should (and must) continually grow closer in our walk with our Lord and Savior. (*1Pet.3:15*) Our spiritual closeness with Him should be first and foremost. How are we to conduct tasks such as parenting our children biblically and spiritually if we ourselves are far from the Lord? This life is more than salvation. Salvation alone will get you into that heavenly home, but without conscious effort, study, prayer, meditation, and a life that is submitted to Christ, we will be most miserable here until we enter Heaven.

Our spiritual closeness with Christ is paramount in trying to raise children.

Our relationship with our Heavenly Father should be that of reverence, respect, love, and obedience, among other attributes. In turn, we must be able to lead and instruct our children to have reverence, respect, love, and obedience to us as parents. This is not always easily achieved. This takes determination and consistency. Our culture has produced a set of norms that says it is ok to have a child-centric home; to be “best friends” with your child, to allow the children to demand and rule their parents, to do whatever they want when they want, and to disregard and disrespect other authority figures. As parents, we must lead by example, provide discipline when necessary, and understand that uncorrected behavior can lead to disregard for what is taught to them. This is stressed in the qualifications of a Bishop. The candidate must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity. *1 Tim.3:4*. If this is a qualification of a man of God called to be a bishop, we would do well to follow this pattern in every Christian home.

Left unchecked, a child-centered environment and children left out of control can ultimately lead to distrust in you as a parent and distrust in the Lord, producing self-focused and self-righteous viewpoints and behaviors, and a lack of humility and submission necessary for following and exemplifying Christ in their life.

Practical Concepts

Our children look up to us whether we realize it or not. They observe us day in, and day out and eventually will mirror what they observe. Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate! As parents, we should model Godliness in and out of our homes. Our children should see and know that we as parents are the same people when in church and in private. The Apostle Paul gave a humble request to those at Corinth by admonishing them to imitate him as he follows Christ *1 Cor. 11:1*. This heart should be in us to be examples to our children not only in word but also in deed. They need to see that we love the Lord first in our lives. Living out our faith will do more than we can imagine in molding our children to the likeness of our beloved Savior.

A well-known saying with a very destructive sentiment is “Do as I say, not as I do.” I am afraid that more people subscribe to this thinking than we know. This is not taught in scripture. Our works need to match what comes out of our mouths, and we are to strive to be more like Christ, to continue in sanctification. We acknowledge our sinful flesh and errors, but it is no excuse to “continue in sin that grace may abound”;

Romans 6:1. In the book of James, instruction is given for us to be doers of the word, and not hearers only, (**James 1:22**) and that faith is to be shown by our works (**James 2:14-26**).

We are to create a Christ-centered environment in our homes. How do we create such an environment? Praying as a family, studying the bible together, and having time for family worship are great ways to promote such an atmosphere. We should be resolute in promoting Christ in our homes, such as Joshua when he addressed Israel: "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” **Joshua 24:15.** The focal keyword here is “serve.” He qualifies this in verse 14 by saying to fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth.

In the safety of our homes, we are to instruct on spiritual discernment and consistently present a biblical lens through which to view the world. We need to help them navigate cultural influences and to do this requires laying a foundation of a biblical worldview, which is critical. We are to teach sound biblical truths of Creation, how sin entered the world, how sin continues to ruin and corrupt, the plan of salvation, God’s grace, mercy, love, judgment..

Romans 12:2 says, to be not conformed to the world but be transformed. We are in a spiritual warfare, and we must teach our children to look deeper. Spiritual discernment can help them make godly decisions in our ungodly world. It takes knowledge of God’s word and His Spirit to guide.

As parents, we want to foster a culture of prayer in their lives, and modeling this is important. We will not be present for them all their lives and cannot fix everything that is broken. If prayer is not part of our lives, it will not be incorporated into theirs. The primary one to turn to in life should be the Lord. Children need their own prayer life, and we need to cultivate that. This means having constant communication both in the good times and the bad.

The Apostle Paul instructs in **Phil. 4:6** that we should make our requests known to God by prayer and supplication.

Guarding against ungodly influences

Frederick Douglass once said, “It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”

Parents have the responsibility to guard what comes in and out of the home and what their children are influenced by. This includes identifying potential entry points where evil can enter. The adversary seeks to influence our children through any means

possible. One of the traditional ways is through peer relationships. Our children will have many friends and acquaintances in their lives, and we must make tough decisions and often must take strong stances on who and how much freedom we allow them to have with their peers. Parents must be involved in who their children hang out with and what the environment surrounding them is like. Decisions such as whether or not we should allow our child to spend the night with friends, extracurriculars to be involved in, homes they go to, activities they are permitted to attend with friends, what school environment they are in, etc., just to name a few.

1 Cor. 15:33 says, “Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.” AMP.

We should be promoting the importance of positive Christian influences. To do this though, it takes commitment on our part to get them involved in church activities, youth groups, youth weekends, etc. It takes effort to get them around like-minded Christian families. In our current culture, valuable resources of time, effort, and money are spent to prioritize children’s sports. The focus becomes sports rather than using those resources to give children access to more Christ-centric activities.

One of the greatest concerns of our time regarding what influences our children is how to manage technology, social media, gaming, and its usage. Before the digital age of cable TV and the internet, it was easier to manage what came in and out of our homes. Now, the internet has opened up the entire world, the good and the bad, to our children and it is right at their fingertips. Parents have the responsibility to guard this portal of entry. You do not get a pass or an exception to what comes through to influence your children. Ignorance and not understanding technology is not an excuse in the sight of God. For many of us, this is uncharted territory, and many parents do not know how to navigate this appropriately. We as parents **MUST** restrict the wide-open use of such technology for many reasons. Here are a few issues that may arise:

- Addiction to screen viewing &/or social media
- Introduction and normalization of sinful notions such as pornography, alternative lifestyles, etc.
- Body image concerns (especially in girls)
- Cyberbullying
- Online predators pretending to be other kids
- Exposure to deadly viral trends
- Changes in daily behavior such as increased irritability, anxiety, depression, sleep issues, and lack of self-esteem, focus, and concentration.

You might be perceived as a “bad” or “mean” parent for restricting screen time, social media, and internet use, but if they are being instructed on what the Lord expects, if they can see Christ in you, if you can be open with them (as much as age appropriate) on the dangers that you are protecting them from, and if they can sense your love as the motivation, then the Lord will help you! We must also think about the consequences of taking an extreme stance by withholding all technology and outside influences completely. Our world revolves around technology and if we do not

introduce these things to our children responsibly, and in a Godly way, our children will be at a great disadvantage, in their upper education and workforce opportunities, to others who can navigate technology.

Suggestions:

- Not allowing children to have social media accounts until age 18.
- Set limits for screen time (video games, videos/movies, etc.)
- Limit screen time to certain areas of the house. (example: living areas only, not bedrooms or isolated areas)
- Parents have full access to devices and audit regularly.

Conclusion

Throughout this report, we have emphasized the great need to be intentional in our involvement to raise godly children with prayer and biblical guidance. We need to be diligent in identifying evil and shielding its influence from our children and providing sound biblical and godly instruction. As parents, our ultimate goal should be to raise godly children who will honor the Lord with their entire life. **3 John 1:4** says, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” To be what Christ has called them to be. To be submissive to God’s calling in their life and to follow Him all of their days. The importance of this task is a great one. Your children can influence future generations and even the broader culture if the Lord allows. As parents, focusing on our own relationship with Christ and fostering it will help us to become more sensitive to His will in our lives and allow us to parent as would be pleasing to the Lord. We need God’s grace and much prayer, asking Him to help us every day.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Justin Farris
Brother Bradley Hicks
Brother Jonathon Elliott

Motion and second to adopt the report. Those speaking on the subject: Justin Farris, Jonathan Elliott, Bradley Hicks, Michael Nesbitt, Clayton Spears, Phil Creecy. Question called; motion passed; report adopted.

Brother Miller entertained a motion to adjourn until 7 PM when the association resumes for the Memorial Service. Motion made to adjourn until 7PM tonight; motion seconded; motion passed; association adjourned. Brother Miller called upon Brother Kenneth Massey to adjourn us with prayer until the Memorial Service at 7PM.

FRIDAY NIGHT PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME

The association reconvened at 7PM Friday night. The proceedings began singing “My God Is Real,” and “Because He Lives.” Brother Eli Farris led singing with Adrienne Farris accompanied him on the piano. Brother Jerry Miller then welcomed everyone. After several prayer requests, Brother Miller called upon Brother Ronnie Sanford to lead the congregation in prayer. Next, Brother Miller requested Brother Billy Moran come to deliver the obituary report.

OBITUARY REPORT:

Brother Billy Moran came forward to present the report:

Each year, as a part of our Associational Procedure; We recognize and honor, those deceased.

Brothers and Sisters, who were constituent members of our churches, who worshipped and labored with us, in the Lord's work.

Their life work has ended; and now, they are enjoying the rest which God has prepared for His people. (Hebrews 4:9) However, the memory of their good works will continue to live in the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved them.

The Palmist, while speaking of the security of the Godly, said," the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance." (Psalms 112:6)

Today we have sadness, and we grieve, because of the loss of our loved ones; But, we also rejoice, because of their Victory in Jesus: Meanwhile, we rest in the promise and hope, of the glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ, when those who sleep in Jesus will be raised from the dead, and those who are yet living, shall be instantly changed, The Mortal will put on immortality and the corruptible shall put on incorruption, and together, in our glorified bodies, we shall rise to meet our Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (1 Th. 3:13-18)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elder Billy Moran

Motion and second to adopt.

Brother Miller then requested the clerk to come forward to read the names of those who had gone on to be with the Lord this past year. The clerk read the following names:

2023 OBITUARY LIST

Becker Drive:	Kendell Huff	December 3, 2023
	Carol Wook	August 17, 2024
Beech Grove:	Ruth Simmons	October 16, 2023
	Katherine Bellamy	May 25, 2024

Cedar Grove:	Jerry Russell	February 2, 2024
	Robert Butler	February 25, 2024
Fairhaven:	Beulah Webb	December 16, 2023
Fairview:	Joe Wheet	January 28, 2024
	Ruth Dinning	August 14, 2024
Fairview Memorial:	Bobby Latham	
	Sarah Farmer	
	Steve Sampson	
	James Greer	
	Ruth Carlo	
	Eunice Maston	
	Joe Price	
	Steve Owens	
Faith:	Cletus Williams	December 12, 2023
	Shirley Hogue	
Grace (MI):	Not received	
Grace (TN)	Michael L. Whitefield	October 3, 2023
Harvest:	None	
Hillsdale:	None	
Liberty:	Wendell Langford	October 2023
Lyons:	Pearl Jessie Tarter	May 1, 2024
Macon:	None	
Maple Grove #2:	Lucille Carr	October 12, 2023
	Cherri Keller	July 25, 2024
	Marion Oldham	September 13, 2024
Monoville:	Tommy Roberts	January 15, 2024
	Lilly Lavergne Sircy	August 14, 2024
Mount Lebanon:	Randall Henson	October 7, 2023
	Doris Marilyn Smith Pruitt	June 20, 2024
Mount Zion:	None	
Old Macedonia:	Alma Rippy	February 1, 2024
	Jenna Lauren Wolfe	July 26, 2024
Old Path:	None	
Old Time:	None	
Old Union:	Phyllis Caudill	March 13, 2024
Pleasant Hill:	Not received	
Rocky Mound:	Faye Meador	March 2022
	Hilda Ruth Massey	April 2022
	Charles Hale (Deacon)	February 17, 2024
	Bob Lollar	July 10, 2024
Sulphur Fork:	Sandra Whaley	August 25, 2024
Union #1:	None	

Union #2:	Louise Russell LeMay Delzie Wiley Rollin Bacon	March 2024 May 2024 July 2024
Unity (IN):	Not received	
Unity (KY):	None	
Walnut Grove:	Not received	
White Hill:	Not received	
Woodlawn:	Roy Wheat	October 29, 2023

Brother Miller then quoted the Bible stating God does not rejoice in the death of the wicked while simultaneously the death of the righteous is precious in the sight of the Lord. These that have died have hope in their death and they died in hope. Brother Moran then asked Brother Bradley Hicks to sing the song, “We Have A Hope.” After some heartfelt comments Brother Hicks fulfilled the request. Brother Miller spoke highly of Brother Billy Moran, then Brother Moran stood to preach the Memorial Sermon.

MEMORIAL SERMON

Following reverent reminiscing Brother Moran took his scripture text from 1 Corinthians 15:21-23 taking for a subject When Death is swallowed up in victory. Job 14:1-2 states, “Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.” Job 14:7-9 reads “For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; *Yet* through the scent of water it will bud and bring forth boughs like a plant.” After a tree dies it is able to be brought back by water, “but man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?” Job 14:10 The answer is given in Job 14:12, “So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more.” We remain in the grave following our death, Job Verse 14:14. Job tells us of the brevity of life which blooms for a little while and afterward vanishes away. But death is not the end! There is life after death through the Lord Jesus Christ. Job was a good man and was blessed by the Lord though he had much trouble but through it all Job maintained his integrity. Everyone alienated him, including his wife, but Job would not relent in his praise of the Most-High. Job wanted what he was saying to be preserved, and he know that his redeemer liveth... Job had a hope that was beyond life and that is related in Job 14:15, ““Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.” Likewise, David also was a man after God’s own heart though he made mistakes in his life. But God forgives sin! David ultimately put God first as demonstrated in Acts 2:34-35, “For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool.” David put the Lord first and was at David’s right hand. God will go before us and walk beside us. David was aware of the Lord’s goodness and mercy toward him and his flesh rested in

peace. The first verse of the 40th Psalm relays the same thought as expressed in Psalm 116:1, “I love the lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.” These two men lived before the Lord and had his presence with them.

2 Peter 1:20 states, “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.” The old testament states that life is brief and that we should presently live with the Lord as we will in the future. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine. The glorious resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is our focus. The Bible states that life on earth will eventually end. Our bodies will rest in the grave and return to dust. But there will be a resurrection! Death brings with it sadness and grief, but the promise of the resurrection will drive the sorrow and grief away! 40 members of our churches have died, but they are going to live again because of Jesus. John the Baptist, the forerunner, warned of Jesus’ coming stating but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear.” John the Baptist made Jesus manifest to Israel fulfilling his task. The same redeemer who Job spoke of is who delivered us. The angels announced in Luke 2:10-12 to the shepherds in the fields’ ‘Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” The shepherds found him even as the angel of the Lord had said. Chapter three is all about Jesus, then the 23rd chapter tells us about his death. Jesus was sinless! He paid the debt for sin with his own life. The 24th chapter speaks of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. They did everything to safeguard his body, but he rose from the dead and was seen alive by Mary. The disciples saw him. He was seen by over five hundred people at one time! We know John outran Peter to the tomb, but Peter entered and found it empty. Jesus kept his word and rose from the dead. The most remarkable part of the gospel. He lived a perfect life and sacrificed it for us. “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” This shows the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the resurrection of the dead. The greatest proof that Jesus was the savior was the fact that he was resurrected! Paul said last of all he was seen of me. Some deny the resurrection of Jesus Christ but regardless we serve a risen savior! He was declared to be the son of God by the resurrection from the dead. Paul preached the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the only plan to save fallen man declaring to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified. We are saved by the gospel that is the power of God unto salvation. That is how Paul said these people were saved, by the preaching of the gospel. Salvation is real but many have made a false, vain profession. There is a genuine experience in being saved. It is real and we can feel it. Paul said by the grace of God I am what I am. Brother Moran then related his salvation experience. Emphatically stating it is real! I know that the Lord saved my soul. According to his mercy he saves

us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. 1 Corinthians 15:12 asks, "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?" A slanderous lie was spreading that Jesus did not rise from the dead, but Jesus showed himself by many infallible truths. Without the resurrection preaching is vain, faith is vain, and we are still in our sins. The only way we stay out of hell is by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul challenges this assertion in the 18th through the 23rd verses, "Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly," 1 Corinthians 15:49. Then in verse 51 and 52, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." The corruptible must put on incorruption and the mortal must put on immortality then is death swallowed up in victory. We can believe what the bible says. In the memory of the 40 that died, they are going to live when Jesus descends from heaven with a shout! Every eye will behold him, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. There will be no hiding from him in that day. The saved will rejoice, the wicked will seek refuge and find none. "O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?" We are living in a sad day, our churches are in decline, attendance has fallen off, there are few professions of faith due to unbelief. I believe we need to preach the Lord Jesus more. Tell of his life and his death. He arose in power. The power to save. I would like to see revival come to this country and it will only come through the preaching of the gospel. There is power in the Word of God. Be ye steadfast and unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord for as much as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord. The day of rejoicing is coming, and we need to take as many as possible with us. Be blessed, flourish, keep the faith.

Brother Moran then stepped aside, and Brother Miller commended the sermon. We preach Christ Jesus the Lord. Motion passed; report adopted. Brother Miller then asked Eli Farris and Adrienne Farris to lead the congregation in singing. "What A Day That Will Be," and "It Is Well," was chosen. Brother Miller then directed a Christian handshake for Brother Moran. Brother Miller then commented on how thankful he was for the day's proceedings.

Following the handshake, Brother Miller called on the clerk to read the minutes of the day's proceedings. Motion and second to approve as read noting three corrections that were observed. Motion carries.

Motion and second to adjourn until 9 AM tomorrow morning. Brother Miller asked Brother Ronald Delk to dismiss the association with an adjourning prayer.



ROBERT RUSSELL BUTLER

September 22, 1930 — February 25, 2024
Castalian Springs, TN

Robert “Bobby” Butler, age 93, of Castalian Springs, TN, entered into rest on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

He was born on September 22, 1930, to his parents Frank and Laura Butler, in Jackson County, TN. As a young man, he was a marine in the United States Marine Corps. He served during the Korean conflict. Following his military service, he was a cattleman and did agricultural work. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Robert will be remembered as a stellar man with many friends and for how he loved the Lord.

Robert Russell Butler Sr. is survived by his loving wife Patsy Butler; daughters, Kathleen Patricia Ruffing (David Ruffing) of Lexington, Ky, Wanda Gwyne Choate (Bill Choate) of Springfield, TN, Jody Diane Butler of Gallatin, TN; daughter-in-law, Cathy Butler of Bethpage, TN; grandchildren, Christopher R. Choate of Nashville, TN, Cody S. Choate (Caitlin Choate) of Springfield, TN, Porter Curtis III of Hendersonville, TN, Steven Curtis of Gallatin, TN, Amanda K. Butler of Bethpage, TN; great grandchildren, Wyatt Choate of Springfield, TN, Allie Choate of Springfield, TN, Jason Curtis of Gallatin, TN, Cheyenne Curtis of Gallatin, TN, Thomas Porter Curtis V “TC” of Hendersonville, TN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carlos Frank Butler; mother, Laura (Russell) Butler; son, Robert Russell Butler Jr.; brothers, Billy Ray Butler, James Rudolph Butler, Charles Fredrick Butler, Harold Corman Butler; sister, Bonnie Marie Woodard; and his first wife and mother of his children, Mary Gessner.

He was a member of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church from June 30, 1996 until his death on February 25, 2024 and served as a Trustee for many years.

Brother Butler attended the Siloam Missionary Baptist Church multiple times over the years, and he cherished every moment he was able to fellowship with Brothers and Sisters in Christ.



DORIS MARILYN SMITH PRUITT

March 4, 1937 - June 20, 2024

On June 20, 2024, Doris Marilyn Smith Pruitt of Bowling Green, Kentucky, peacefully passed from this life into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all eternity. If you knew her, you could certainly imagine her smile, excitement, and passion as she joined her loved ones that have gone before, including her husband of 38 years, James Robert Pruitt, and her parents, Milza

Guy Smith and Autie Pearl Smith. Doris, aka "Mrs. Good Food" and "Gram" was born on March 4, 1937.

Doris was saved and joined Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church at

Alvaton, Kentucky, in 1949. She was active in singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, playing the piano and organization of hosting the association for several years. She was a faithful member until her illness prohibited her from attending regularly. One of her most fulfilling accomplishments was her burden to start a women's mentoring group called The Lighthouse Ladies, a women's Bible study. Doris often quoted to this group that "You can't out-give the Lord" and "Where there is a will, there is a way" because she knew that God would provide.

After Doris graduated from high school, she acquired her BS (1959) and MS (1976) in Home Economics and received her Rank 1 Dietetics Certification in 1986 from Western Kentucky University. After her graduation from WKU, she assumed roles as Warren Rural Electric Home Service Advisor, Warren County Home Economics Teacher and Warren County Public Schools Food Service Director (1978-2003). She held many leaderships roles, honor awards, and achievements that spanned the Kentucky and National Food Service Industry for decades. She loved serving kids good and nutritious food but was not satisfied unless it included some extra element of creativity and excellence. In retirement, Doris continued to thrive with travels around the USA and abroad, good home cooking and family get-togethers filled with laughter, stories and music.

Doris is survived by her four children, Barry Pruitt (Cristi), Kerry Pruitt,

Bobette Franklin (Steve) and Chad Pruitt (Christy). Six Grandchildren, Corey

Pruitt (Lindsay), Brandon Pruitt (Ellen), Noah Franklin, Collin Pruitt, Caylyn Pruitt and Henry Pruitt; her great-grandson, Riley Pruitt; two siblings, Ophelia Smith Forshee (Kenneth) and Gary Guy Smith (Sandra); and several nieces and nephews.



GRACIE TAYLOR HESSON

Gracie Taylor Hesson, 92, of Adolphus, KY passed away Friday, October 6, 2023 at the Medical Center at Scottsville. The Adolphus, KY native was a homemaker and member of Old Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church where she enjoyed singing and playing her auto harp. She was a daughter of the late Noah Matthew Rippy, Sr. and Lucy Frances Brown Rippy and wife of the late George David Taylor and Eldon Hesson.

She is survived by 1 son: George David Taylor, Jr. and wife, Cathy, Adolphus, KY;

1 daughter: Lydia Taylor Richey and husband, Steve, Adolphus, KY;

1 brother: Jarvis Rippy, Adolphus, KY;

3 sisters: Mary Oakes, Scottsville, KY; Betty Harper and Diana Isabell, both of Adolphus, KY;

1 brother-in-law: Paul Sullivan, Adolphus, KY;

8 grandchildren: Todd Taylor (Lanie), Lisa Alderson (Anthony), Kristie Owens (Chad), Allen Taylor, Connie Taylor, Jonathan Hunter, Levi Shearer (Leslie) and Bradley Shearer;

14 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter: Janice Marie Taylor; a son: Charles Scotty Taylor; 2 grandchildren: Misty Joy Taylor and Kelly Lynne Hunter; 2 brothers and 4 sisters.



RANDALL LEE HENSON

Randall Lee Henson, 77, of Alvaton passed away Friday, October 27, 2023 at Alive Hospice in Nashville, TN. He was a native of Trammel, KY and was born October 2, 1946. He was preceded in death by his parents, Riley R. Henson and Christine (Howell) Henson, brother-in-law, Billy Joe Pearson and father and mother-in-law, J. C. and Christine Carlock.

Randall was retired owner of Discount Carpet and Floor Covering, a deacon, former church clerk, Sunday School teacher and very faithful member of Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church. Randall loved spending time with his family and was a masterful story teller.

Survivors include his loving wife of 57 years, Daphna Carlock Henson, two daughter, Marlee Henson Boenig (Raymond) and Ralna Henson Saxton (Michael). One sister, Rita Henson Pearson and one brother-in-law, Damon Carlock (Beverly). Three grandchildren, Caitlyn Boenig Head (Mike), Meaghan Boenig and Michael Riley Saxton. Three great-grandchildren, Easton, Leland and Connor Head. Several nieces and nephews also survive.



DEACON CLOYDE "KENDELL" HUFF

September 24, 1936 - December 3, 2023

Cloyde "Kendell" Huff was one of twelve children born to Samuel and Leona Strode Huff in Monroe County, Kentucky. He attended Mud Lick School in Monroe

County and at the age of 22 was drafted into the US Army, serving in Korea. After his military tour was over he returned to Farmington, New Mexico looking for his Bride to be.

He was a retired mechanic for Town and Country Ford and after retirement, worked at Quail Chase Golf

Course. Kendell enjoyed wood working and gardening.

Bro. Huff began attending Becker Drive Missionary Baptist Church in 1967. After several trips to the altar, he was saved at home while laying across his bed on a Sunday afternoon. He joined Becker Drive Missionary Baptist Church in June, 1970 and was baptized shortly after. He was ordained as a Deacon on August 29, 1987 by Becker Drive Missionary Baptist Church.

On December 23, 1962 Bro. Huff married Eva Ann Copass Huff. He is survived by a son-in-heart, Clarence Pennington and his family. Kendell is survived by his brothers, David, Clyde, Eddie, James and Jerry Huff and sister Glenda Sanders.

Brother Huff was a faithful servant to the church and served as a Sunday school teacher for many years. Bro. Huff left behind many testimonies and works that will be remembered by his church family. He passed away from Alzheimer's as his family was gathered by his side on December 3, 2023.

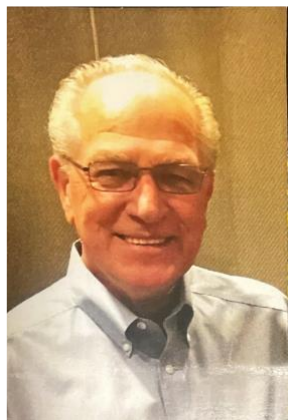


ROLLIN MATISON BACON

Rollin Matison Bacon, age 88, of Glasgow, KY, passed away Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at NHC of Glasgow. He was born in Glasgow, on June 21, 1936, to the late Charlie Bacon and the late Lottie (Matthews) Bacon. He owned Bacon and Copas Body Shop for 9 years. Mr. Bacon was a proud veteran of the Army National Guard and a member of Union #2 Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Bacon; daughter, Cherolyn Stacey (Michael); granddaughter, Mollie Ross (Jerred); grandsons, Caleb Stacey and Trevor Stacey (Cynthia); great grandson, Jason Ross; stepdaughters, Cheryl Rogers (Howard) and Cindy LaFond (Todd); grandchildren, Hannah Rogers, Lauren Rogers, Adam Puckett, Jill Puckett, and Jared Puckett; brother, Reid Bacon (Dot); several nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Patsy Bacon; grandson, Landon Rogers; brother, Gordon Bacon.



BOBBY J. LATHAM

Bobby J. Latham 81, of Bowling Green, KY, passed away, at his residence, following a lengthy illness; Upon passing, Bobby entered into Heaven and the rest that remaineth for all of the Born-again Children of God.

Bobby was born December 14, 1941 and died, Thursday Sept. 21, 2023, making his life span 81 years, 8 Months and 18 days.

Bobby's parents were the late Rev. Iva Latham and the late Stella McGhee Latham. He was also preceded in death by one son, Barry J. Latham, I Sister Willodean

Estes and 2 brothers, Bernis Latham and Earl Latham. Bobby grew up in the Clifty community and Graduated from Clifty High School in 1959.

Brother Latham made a profession of faith in Christ, at an early age, and was baptized by his father into 1st General Baptist Church of Russellville, KY. In 1986 Bobby was united in Holy Wedlock to Patricia Latham, his devoted wife of 37 years. After marriage, they began attending Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Bowling Green, and on November 20, 2005 Bobby was baptized and became a member also. They faithfully attended as long as Bobby's health permitted. Pat lovingly cared for Bobby during his long illness which allowed him to remain at home, in comfortable and familiar surroundings.

Bobby began his career with Woodman of the World as a sales representative. He was remarkably successful; rising through several promotions to the level of State Manager of Woodman Life, the position he held at the time he retired, in 2006. Bobby was honest, and friendly, and enjoyed traveling. He never met a stranger. His smile was contagious; He was the most generous and giving person. He loved his family, his church and his Lord.



SARAH CARR FARMER

Sarah Carr Farmer, age 93, of Bowling Green, passed peacefully on March 23, 2024 at Hospice of Southern Kentucky. A native of Macon County, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late James Wilson Carr and the late Bonnie Smith Carr.

She was also preceded in death by husbands William Frederick Law and Wilson Lewis Farmer. Preceding her in death were also her brothers James Hillman Carr, Gerald Dean Carr, and Billy Wilson Carr.

Sarah is survived by her daughters Judy (Currie) Milliken, Nancy (Gary) Hillyer, Paula (Stephen) Mattison, all of Bowling Green, and step daughter Connie Farmer Loveless of Henderson, Kentucky. Her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren are Bill (Shelley) Lowe, Bowling Green, Will (Katia) Milliken, Falls Church, Virginia, Sarah Mattison, Atlanta, Georgia, Reed Mattison, Jackson, Wyoming, Clay Mattison, Bowling Green, Davis Lowe, Bowling Green, and Sloane Milliken, Falls Church, Virginia. She is also survived by her nephew, Eric (Leslie) Carr, and niece, Courtney Gass, all of Bowling Green.

Sarah graduated from Franklin Simpson High School in 1947 and married William Law in 1949. This union lasted until his untimely death in 1959. Sarah became a military wife when she married Wilson Farmer in 1962. They ended their military career in

Bowling Green when Wilson retired from teaching ROTC at Western Kentucky University. Sarah enjoyed her days in the dress department at Caster Knott and later Dillard's. She made lifelong friends with many coworkers and customers. Her favorite pastime was gardening, and her lawn and gardens were among the most beautiful in Briarwood.

She was a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a friend to all who knew her. She was a devoted member of Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church where for many years she taught Sunday school class.

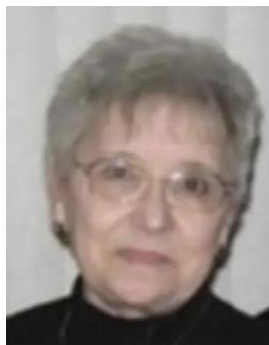


JAMES W. GREER

James W. Greer age 43 of Bowling Green, died Monday at his residence. James was born in Bowling Green. He owned and Operated Personal Touch Lawn and Pond and was a Baptist. He was loved and respected by his friends and family.

James is survived by his daughters, Kendall Greer and Hannah Greer and a son Jonathan Greer Bonus Daughter Kylie Drew Flowers all of Bowling Green. Grandson Kingston James Michael McClanahan. Mother, Lajuana Lee Carlo of Bowling Green. Step Dad James Copsy. Grandmother Ruth Carlo. Sister Brittany Haynes and brother Chad Church. Several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

James was preceded in death by Grandfather William Frances Carlo and Cousin Kami Williams.



RUTH ANN CARLO

Ruth Ann Raines Carlo age 85 of Bowling Green, passed away on Monday at 6:05 am at the Signature Health Care of Bowling Green. She was born in Simpson County, Kentucky to the late James Oscar and Charlene Marie Galloway Raines. She is the widow of William F. Carlo. She is also preceded in death by Grandson, James Greer, niece, Kami Ramsey. She was a member of the Fairview

Missionary Baptist Church. She was an office clerk at FMC, and a switch board operator for South Central Bell. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved her animals.

Ruth was survived by her daughters, Lajuana Carlo (James) and Lavonda Lynn Grogan (Gilbert) both of Bowling Green. Granddaughter's Brittany Haynes and Joni Copsy both of Bowling Green, and grandson, Chad Church (April) of Elizabeth City, N.C.15

great grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren. sisters, Elouise Gugel, Janice Harrison, and Alice Williams. Several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great-great-nephews and also cousins.



KAMI WILLIAMS RAMSEY

Kami Williams Ramsey, age 48, of Bowling Green passed away on Friday, August 11, 2023. She was born on January 14, 1975, to the late David W. Williams and Alice Raines Williams who survives.

She is survived by her children: Christopher Patrick Ramsey and Alli Marie Ramsey all of Bowling Green; Her brother, Dennis W. Williams (Scott) of Bowling Green; and her fiancé, John McKee and his son of Bowling Green.

Kami had a passion for her children, family, and her soulmate John McKee. She had an infectious laugh and smile. She spread joy and love everywhere she went. Kami loved the ocean and beach trips with her family.

She also enjoyed people, and she never met a stranger; and if you were a stranger, you would soon be her friend. Kami loved hard and to be loved by her was an amazing gift, you knew this by the way she loved you. She enjoyed being with her entire family, this included her aunts, uncles, and many close cousins. We will forever miss her. She made each and every one of us better people by just loving us.



JERRY WAYNE RUSSELL

OCTOBER 6, 1950 – FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Jerry Russell 73, of Gallatin passed away on February 2 at his home surrounded by family with the assistance of Hospice care.

Jerry was born in Madison to the late Odie and Laurine

Russell. He has two siblings, Jane (Mike) Christian and Jeff Russell (deceased).

Jerry was a licensed preacher and found great joy in spreading God's word either through preaching at a pulpit or through the radio ministry. He was a long-time member of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church and served as a messenger to the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association for several years.

He attended UT Knoxville and was an AVID Vols fan from that day to the last. Jerry worked at Electrolux in Springfield as an Industrial Engineer until he retired.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Cristal; his two sons,

Wesley (Shawna) Young and three children Maddie (8),

Ben (6), Sam (3); Jeremy (Elizabeth) Russell

His presence is truly missed by all; our joy is knowing that Heaven is enriched by such a wonderful man.



CLETUS E. WILLIAMS

Cletus E. Williams, 90, passed away peacefully December 12, 2023 at Christian Care Center following a brief illness.

Born on November 25, 1933 to Arnold and Vertie Buchanon Williams in the Bays Fork Community of Warren County, he was raised on a farm in the Halifax Community of Allen County. He was preceded in death by his parents along with Father-in-law, Clyde Farris and Mother-in-law, Ruby Farris formerly of Scottsville.

He was a 1953 graduate of Allen County High School, a longtime member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church, and a licensed minister. He worked at Cutler Hammer and the Hoover Company. He also owned and operated his own small business called All Vac, selling and repairing vacuum cleaners in Bowling Green. Cletus was also a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 68 years.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Frances Farris Williams; Sons, Rick Williams (Deborah) and Ron Williams (Sandy) of Bowling Green; Granddaughters, Casey Rouse (Matt), Kristen Gregory (Taylor), Bethany Milburn (Shane) and Amanda Robinson (Micah); Great-Grandchildren, Hunter and Easton Rouse, Jackson and Beau Gregory, and Adelaide, Charlotte and Chip Milburn; Sister, Nelda Blankenship (Bill) of Halifax and Nephew, Robey Blankenship (Karen) of Hanson, KY.

SATURDAY MORNING PROCEEDINGS

WELCOME

The Siloam Association reconvened at 9AM on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Brother Parker Farris with Sister Adreienne Farris accompanying on piano led the congregation in singing "O The Glory Did Roll." Brother Ronald Delk spoke of the glorious work of grace wrought in the heart and wished everyone in attendance a good morning thanking everyone for their attendance. After prayer requests Brother Delk called on Brother Don Curtis to lead the congregation in prayer. Following prayer Brother Miller announced there are two books written by Brother Jerry Reynolds available for purchase. Next, Brother Miller requested the clerk to call the role of messengers. Afterward, upon determination that enough was present to establish a quorum, Brother Miller then proceeded to business reports.

REPORTS

HOW DO WE EFFECTIVELY EVANGELIZE IN A PROGRESSIVELY UNGODLY CULTURE?

Brother Tony Clark came forward to present the following report:

As Christians, God's word tells us that God expects us to bring the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire world. "...and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8). We also know that the gospel of Jesus Christ should never, for any reason, be changed or perverted. The Apostle Paul wrote to the erring Galatian church, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:8). That is an incredibly strong statement. Paul was telling the Galatians that even if he were to return to them to preach another gospel, or an angel from heaven were to preach to them another gospel, they were to be considered accursed and to reject their message. As Christians, and specifically as Missionary Baptists, we should never be caught preaching anything contrary to the gospel as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. We should never compromise on the truth of God's Word. We should never compromise on the holiness of God or the sinfulness of man. We should never compromise on the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ. We should never compromise on the substitutionary death of Christ on the cross for our sins. We should never compromise on the glorious truth of his resurrection. We should never compromise on the fact that salvation is by grace through faith, and not of work. We should not compromise the fact that it takes the convicting power of the Holy Spirit dealing with the hearts of sinners to enable them to truly repent and believe the gospel. Furthermore, we should never compromise on the fact that the Holy Spirit is the one who assures people of their salvation - not man. Over the centuries, many false teachers have compromised the true gospel of Christ -- often because they were pressured to fit into mainstream society.

While we understand that the gospel of Jesus Christ never changes, our society over the past century has changed a great deal. The theory of evolution has been taught in our schools for over 100 years. The Scopes Monkey trial will have its 100-year anniversary next year in 2025. Prayer and Bible reading in public schools were made

illegal in 1962 and 1963. Since the 1960's, the government has largely replaced the churches as the primary means of welfare for the poor. No-fault divorce, so-called same sex marriage, and transgenderism have been considered acceptable by the mainstream culture. Businesses being open on Sundays, increased acceptance of gambling, and greater influence of ungodly movies, music, and other forms of entertainment have grown more prominent in our society as well. As a result, we are living in a society that is far more ignorant of the Word of God than in times past. We also have received an extraordinary amount of legal and illegal immigrants into our country over the past few years. Many of these people bring false beliefs with them.

At the same time, things do not appear to be so hopeless when we look at the history of the church with a broader lens. When the apostles and early Christians were busy bringing the gospel to the outer reaches of the Roman Empire and beyond, they were often bringing the gospel to pagan idol worshippers. The people of the Roman Empire worshipped a multitude of different gods. In Lystra, Paul healed a lame man who had never walked. Shortly after the man was healed, the town went into an uproar. The locals thought that Barnabas was the pagan god Jupiter, and that Paul was the pagan god Mercury. (Acts 14:12). The locals nearly offered sacrifices unto Paul and Barnabas until they begged them to stop. The people of Lystra were so deluded by their idolatry that they could only interpret what had happened in light of their false worldview. Later, Paul preached at Mars' Hill in Athens (Acts 17). Many of the people who listened to him were intellectual advocates of different pagan philosophies. The scripture only mentions a few people getting saved at Athens on that visit. Throughout the book of Acts, we also see many examples of how the apostles were persecuted by both the unbelieving Jews and the pagans. We should also consider that God's true churches were persecuted by the Catholic Church throughout much of the Middle Ages. Many true Bible-believing Christians gave their lives during the Dark Ages because they were unwilling to compromise the truth of the gospel. Even throughout the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, many nations in the world persecute anyone who proclaims to be a Christian. By these standards, we still have it very easy today in America. Jesus himself said, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." (John 15:18). To one extent or another, the world will always hate the true gospel. That does not mean that we should give up preaching it.

Furthermore, a part of the reason lost people are not listening to us preach the gospel is because we are not making more of an effort to bring it to them. The idea that evangelism should be restrained to church services is simply not Biblical. Jesus and the apostles preached in synagogues, at the Temple, and anywhere they could get an audience. We are not going to reach people with the gospel if we are unwilling to take it to people outside the walls of the church.

While understanding that the gospel does not change, it might be helpful to recognize the following:

1. In general, people are more ignorant of the Word of God than they used to be. When evangelizing people today, we may have to spend more time patiently teaching them the basics. An atheist, pagan, Muslim, etc., may need more time to fully grasp what we are teaching than someone who grew up in a Southern Baptist church. God can save people in an instant, but some people take more time to understand what we

are teaching. We should not expect everyone we meet to know what the Bible teaches, or to have anything close to a Biblical worldview. We have to reach people where they are, and that may take more effort. Nevertheless, in many cases, we may be the first people who get the opportunity to share Christianity with these unbelievers. Many of the younger people are not as familiar with the false methods of evangelism like repeating a prayer, signing a card, or shaking the preacher's hand. We may be able to bring them the gospel before the heretics get to them first.

2. It is incumbent upon us to know why we believe what we believe. If I tell a Hindu from India that I know that Christianity is true because I was raised Missionary Baptist, he will not take me seriously. He can simply reply that his parents raised him as a Hindu, and that is why he believes in Hinduism. From his perspective, why should my upbringing be superior to his? We should "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you..." (1 Peter 3:15).

3. We should desire to reach out to people of other ethnic groups and nationalities. In Matthew 28, Jesus said that we should make disciples of all nations. Over the past few years, the nations have overwhelmed our country. While we may disapprove of our nation's immigration policy, we should realize that these foreigners need the gospel just as much as our children do. It would not hurt our churches in the least to reach out to these people -- although it might take more work.

4. It is possible for homosexuals to be saved by the grace of God. Our hearts grieve at how our society has sunk so far into the depths of sin that it has become accepting of a lifestyle that God considers to be an abomination. Nevertheless, God can save homosexuals and other perverts.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 says the following:

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

The phrase "abusers of themselves with mankind" is from the Greek *arsenokoitēs*, which can also be translated as "homosexuals."

By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul is stating that some of the members of the Corinthian church were former homosexuals who had been washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. In other words, they had been saved.

Therefore, the Bible does teach that homosexuals can be saved from their evil lifestyle. As much as it grieves us to see our society accept homosexuality as mainstream, we should also have a desire to point the homosexual to Christ so he can also repent and be saved.

Evangelizing the lost in a progressively ungodly culture may not be easy, but it is what God has placed us here to do.

Humbly submitted by,

Brother Tony Clark (Chairman)
Brother Jay Snoddy
Brother Michael Reid

Motion and second to adopt. Speaking on the subject: Tony Clark, Michael Reid, Jerry Miller, Phil Creecy, Roger Carter, Rodney Carter, Michael Nesbitt. Question called; motion passed; report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Brother Josh Parrish came forward to present the report.

Siloam Resolution 2024

We, the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, meeting in our seventy-first annual session with Sulphur Fork MBCJ express our thanks for their Christian fellowship and gracious hospitality they have shared.

We resolve to show a greater love for the Lord through prayer and worship so that we may serve our churches, our community and one another in a greater capacity, pray fervently for the lost, our families and our nation, ask God to search us and know our hearts and if any wickedness be found in us, that he will lead us in righteousness, and, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, work together in love and unity in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Dean Sircy, chairman
Brother Josh Parrish
Brother Clayton Spears

Motion and second to adopt. Speaking on the subject: Josh Parrish. Question called; motion passed; report adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brother Parker Farris came forward to present the report.

We the members of Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church have been honored to have had the privilege to host the seventy-first annual session of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association.

We feel that our Church has been strengthened from the many good reports, in depth discussions, Spiritual sermons and wonderful fellowship we have enjoyed during these sessions. We want to thank God for these many blessings.

We especially thank not only the good sisters of our church, but others within the Association who have brought food and helped us in any way.

Most of all we are thankful for the presence of the Holy Spirit in each and every service, that we were made to sit together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

As we part and go our separate ways today, may we work together and pray for one another. And may God bless each messenger and each church that has been represented by them.

We at Sulphur Fork ask each and every one to remember our Church in prayer, that lost souls may be saved and the Lord's church will grow and prosper in this community.

May God watch over each and every one until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Chandler - Chairman
Ken Legge
Parker Farris

Motion and second to adopt. No one spoke on the subject. Question called; motion passed; report adopted.

TREASURERS REPORT

Brother Nesbitt came forward to present the report.

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association 2024 Treasurer's Report	
Balance at End of 2023 Association	\$ 8,160.27
2023 Additional Deposit from Checks After Report Given	\$ 150.00
2023 Minutes Printing Cost (Todd Fugate - Gerald Printing)	\$ (2,116.06)
2023 Minutes Supplies and Postage	\$ (111.34)
Remaining Balance from 2023	\$ 6,082.87
2024 Association Host Church - Sulpher Fork Missionary Baptist Church	\$ (1,500.00)
2024 Website Yearly Hosting Fee	\$ -
Collection from 2024 Association	\$ 3,230.00
Balance at End of 2024 Association	\$ 7,812.87

2023-2024 Association Expenses Detail	
Todd Fugate - Gerald Printing - 2023 Association Minutes Printing Cost	\$2,116.06
Todd Fugate - 2023 Minutes Supplies and Postage	\$111.34
Total 2023 Association Expenses	\$2,227.40
Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church - Host Church - 2024 Association	\$1,500.00
2024 Website Yearly Hosting Fee	\$0.00
2024 Association Expense Total As Of October 5, 2024	\$1,500.00

Motion and second to adopt. Those speaking on the subject: Michael Nesbitt. Question called; motion passed; report adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Brother Ronald Delk came forward to present the report as it appears on pages 1 and 2. Motion and second to adopt. No one spoke on the subject. Question called; motion passed; report adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to add into the obituary report Sister Doris Pruitt and Brother Randall Henson. Motion and second. Motion carries.
- Motion to add to the obituary report Kendall Huff Deacon from Becker Drive. Motion and second. Motion carries.
- Motion to add to the obituary report Rollin Bacon. Motion and second. Motion carries.

Upon conclusion of the business portion of the association Brother Miller called upon Brother Parker Ferris to lead the association in congregational singing. Brother Farris chose, "I Call It Home." Sister Adrienne Farris accompanied on piano. Following testifying, Brother Miller introduced and directed attention to Brother Doug Skinner and the Doctrinal Sermon. Brother Doug Skinner came forward to preach the Doctrinal Sermons.

DOCTRINAL SERMON

Brother Skinner opened with humble commentary regarding his brethren in Christ requesting and coveting their prayers. He then thanked Brother Christopher Solomon and Brother Billy Moran for their sermons. He mentioned that Brother Billy Moran mentored him and thanked him for that service.

Brother Skinner took his scripture reading from Matthew 28:16-20 then Matthew 5:1-2. The making of disciples is his subject. He finds it compelling that the first moments of Jesus's public ministry was teaching disciples and warned in Matthew 24 of what was to come. He knew the first from the last. He was teaching those John had prepared. His instructions were threefold, but the emphasis was to teach. Jesus was a teacher. Declaring the gospel and giving himself as a ransom to the whole world. He declared the truth publicly to multitudes but spent his final moments alone. He taught in parables. Jesus craves disciples. We should follow his example in baptism after being saved. Jesus bestowed the authority to baptize to the church. It is not oral history we follow but rather what is written. We are to be followers of Jesus Christ. This is the day we are in, and our time should not be spent romanticizing the past. A disciple is an imitator. We are supposed to imitate Jesus' character. It is an expectation we emulate him. He was all God at all times and spoke with the authority of God. In Matthew 11:28-29 Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." He directed his disciples in Matthew 10:16 to, "be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves," but being saved does not make us disciples of Christ. They may demonstrate zeal but that alone does not constitute discipleship. We need to evangelize the world, but we need to stop

dropping them. We need to teach those the Lord has been brought into our numbers. We need to prioritize discipleship. How is our discipling going? We focus on quantity but not quality and we are losing the battle due to not nourishing them like babies, as new born babes in Christ. We need to find joy in discipling young people. We do not gain scriptural knowledge by virtue of being saved or hanging out with Christian people. It requires effort. It is a work. It is painful. Some are mere followers opposed to being disciples. John 6:66 even tells us that the teachings of Jesus were so hard that “From that *time* many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him.” However, they are less likely to fall away if properly disciplined. Evangelizing without teaching effectively renders that word null and void. They need to be taught. A follower can be well thought of but that falls short of what Jesus commanded us to be. It is not just checking a box; it is an obligation. The phrase, “I’m just a lay member,” is an excuse. Why do we need disciples? Matthew 16:17-19 tells us that the church is constructed of disciples and well instructed disciples stand and battle the kingdom of Satan whose gates cannot prevail against the rock, the foundation of the church. The Lord will assuredly find people that are discipling, but they may not be here. We are a certainly a long way from Jerusalem but through the leadership of the Holy Spirit saved disciplined men desired other people to be saved. It is not just the work of preachers. It was individuals and families that were disciplined. We need to be like him a man of sorrows well acquainted with grief who sorrowed over Jerusalem because they rejected him. He was perfect and lived his life perfectly according to God’s will. Why aren’t we all disciples? It requires an honest desire to be more like Jesus. As I draw closer to him and feel his presence I want more and that is the purpose of discipleship. Luke 14:33 shows us the cost of discipleship, “So: likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.” Discipleship requires forsaking all things to be Christ’s disciple. The rich young ruler rejected this requirement. He went away sorrowful because he wanted the world more than Jesus Christ. If your heart is attached to the things of this world you are disqualified from being a disciple. In verse 26 we are admonished to love Jesus even more than our family, “If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.” You have to love Jesus more than your own family! People by their actions declare their family means more than Jesus deluding themselves in the process. This is a disqualifier. Verse 27 tells us to bear our own crosses, “And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.” If you will not bear your cross you are disqualified to be a disciple. How many would come if we said church was number one in your life? Very few. Bearing your cross is not hardship but rather mortifying your own flesh. Paul said I die daily and until I die, I will be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Following Jesus does not mean worldly gain. We cannot teach our kids that they can live their life however they want as long as they have been saved. Demonstrate discipleship in our home life. In John 8:31 Jesus added this qualifier, “If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed.” If we continue in the word following the pattern of Jesus’s life emulating him then you will be a disciple. The disciples of Christ have always been despised. Be willing to be despised for the gospel’s sake. If we are like Jesus, we will

offend but he never sinned against them. Are you okay with being hated to be like Jesus. He cared what people thought regarding himself too. John 15:8, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." Bearing fruit is evidence of discipleship. The fruits of the spirit cannot be generated by the flesh. By their fruit you shall know them. People should know there is something different. We should not be chameleons in an ungodly world. John 13:35, "By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Sowing discord among the brethren is a disqualifier. We should not be at odds with one another. We should forgive one another and get that spirit of being offended out of the way. These are prerequisites to be disciples. Who teaches those that have been saved? We need not shy away from discipling new converts. We need to build them from the ground up. Much of our conventional wisdom is contrary to scripture. We need to instruct people who are hungry for the Lord. We need to cultivate that. We need to teach. Babies need to be taken care of. "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." The Holy Spirit is the perfect teacher. The Holy Spirit hears the conversations around the throne. He molds us, convicts us, builds us into what he would have us to be. "This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." Among these qualifications laid out by Paul to Timothy being apt to teach is a requirement. You must be able to relate the doctrines of the bible. The bulk of the pastor's work is discipling converts. They should devote themselves to prayer and the study of God's word. The pastors have an obligation to disciple. Titus 2 shows it is the responsibility of the older to teach the younger. This is not natural knowledge. We have to teach these things practically. The old and the young should value one another. Us older ones should rejoice in teaching the younger ones to love Jesus. I am eager to see those I have helped begin to teach others. Testify of all the things God has done for you in your life. A gap in the home cannot be overcome by the church and pastors. We need to direct our children to discipleship. All our young men should be raised to be ordainable. It should not be a struggle to find them. Young ladies need to be raised to be marriage material. The person you marry needs to be someone willing to grow with you because she will make you or break you. We need to teach that to our children. Our children need to be raised to be holy. What do we teach? Scriptures. If you know the scriptures, you will want to teach them. The scriptures are the whole council of god. There is a difference between indoctrination and discipleship. We need to teach the why? I want them to have Jesus' knowledge which is the difference between being indoctrinated and discipled. We teach them how to love according to Jesus's

expectation. The two precepts of the law. The pinnacle of the beatitudes is that we can love like Jesus. Even on the cross Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." In 1 Corinthians 4:16 Paul said, "Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me." In Philippians 3:17 Paul lauded disciples, "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample." In Acts 7:60 Stephen emulated Jesus in his death. Historically we find that Peter was crucified upside down because he did not feel worthy die in the same manner as Jesus. That is a disciple. Philippians 1:21 truly gives the disciples mindset, "For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain." He said his Granddad was more convinced at his death than ever before. Mable Roberts used flour sacks to sew a suit for James Skinner so he could go to church, and he was saved as a result. Brother Skinner stated he was a beneficiary of the disciples of Christ that came before him and Fred and Mable Roberts is who he often feels most thankful for because it set a course for their family to hear the gospel. She has no plaque, but she is his favorite disciple. We would benefit to have a church full of Mable Robert's. We need disciples.

Afterward, Brother Miller then requested Brother Parker Farris to lead the congregation in singing and called for a Christian handshake for Brother Doug Skinner. Brother Farris chose, "Near The Cross."

Following the handshake Brother Miller called upon the clerk to read the minutes of the day's proceedings.

Motion and second to accept the minutes with one correction noted. Motion adopted.

Brother Miller then stated that this concludes the 2024 session of the Siloam Association. Motion and second to adjourn the Association. Everyone in attendance were requested to stand to be adjourned. Brother Cary Kemp was called upon to pray the adjourning prayer.

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Fairview Memorial (KY)

www.fmmmbc.org

Harvest (TN)

www.harvestmissionarybaptistchurch.com

Liberty

www.liberty-mbc.com

Mt. Lebanon (KY)

www.mtlebanonmbc.net

My Salvation Experience

www.mysalvationexperience.com

Old Fashion Gospel Hour

www.ofgh.org

Old Union (KY)

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- **Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church**
- **Fairview Missionary Baptist Church Woodburn**
- **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**
- **Harvest Missionary Baptist Church**
- **Liberty Missionary Baptist Church**
- **Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church**
- **Old Path Missionary Baptist Church**
- **Old Union Missionary Baptist Church**
- **Unity Missionary Baptist Church Charlestown**
- **Western Kentucky University Student Fellowship of Old Time Baptists**
- **White Hill MBC**
- **Woodlawn MBC**

REVIVAL DATES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Helper</u>
Cedar Grove	June 8, 2025 @ 7PM	
Fairview Memorial	June 1, 2025 @ 7PM	
Faith	July 6, 2025 @ 7PM	
Grace (TN)	July 13, 2025	
Hillsdale	June 1, 2025 @ 7PM	
Maple Grove #2	July 13, 2025 11:30AM & 7:30PM	
Monoville	3 rd Sunday in June @ 7PM	
Mt. Lebanon	June 15, 2025 @ 7PM	Jeff Likens,, Carter Robinson
Mt. Zion (Summer)	June 16-23, 2025	Bengi Blackwell, Jeff Likens
Mt. Zion (Fall)	October 20-27, 2025	David Towe
Old Macedonia	July 20, 2025 @ 7PM	
Old Path	August 22-24, 2025 @ 7PM	
Old Union (Summer)	July 18-27, 2025 @ 7PM	James King
Old Union (Fall)	October 20-23, 2025 @ 10AM & 7PM	Justin Farris
Pleasant Hill	July 13, 2025 @ 7PM	
Rocky Mound	June 29, 2025 @ 11AM & 7PM	
Sulphur Fork	June 19, 2024	Bradley Hicks
Union #1	July 20, 2025	
Union #2	July 20, 2025	Danny Holland

MISSIONARIES

Clerk's note - The association voted for the clerk to list all known missionaries, the church where they hold membership and the church treasurer in the minutes. No criteria were given by the Association for determining who is to be considered a missionary or worthy of support. The following list should not be used as a determining factor.

This list is prepared for each church or person desiring to support mission work. Please use this list to become acquainted with the missionaries and their work and support mission work as the Lord leads.

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Mission work under the authority of Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church International Radio Ministry

Short Wave radio station in Red Lion, PA reaching out to people in over 40 countries.

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FM stations in Kenya (2), Rwanda (1), Uganda (1), and Nigeria (3) reaching out to millions of people.

Churches in Ghana, West Africa (5), Kenya East Africa (2), Liberia (1), and Nigeria (1) along with a number of missions.

Send funds direct to Brother Curtis to support the radio programs and a portion of his mission trips.

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Gold Coast Fund:

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A fund set up to spread the gospel throughout Ghana by providing financial support.

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www.goldcoastmissions.com

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FLORIDA

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Mission outreach of Old Union MBC, Mt. Lebanon MBC, and Fairview MBC

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Winter Bible Study

Date and time to be announced at 2025 Siloam Association meeting.

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OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR REPORT

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Churches of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The only purpose of the Old Fashion Gospel Hour (OFGH) is to broadcast your Missionary Baptist worship services on TV stations, Radio Stations and the Internet. We pray that we follow the leadership of the Lord as we do His work. The following tables provides a summary of our year-to-date results.

Thank you for your support,

The Old Fashion Gospel Hour Board

BROADCAST FUND

Brothers and Sisters, thank you for your support during the first two quarters of 2024. The Lord continues to bless your work for the Lord. The OFGH is also blessed that the ANON FUND and RESERVE FUND provided over twenty-seven percent of the OFGH costs for the period.

BROADCAST FUND	1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		2024 YTD	% YTD
Opening Balance	\$	0.00	\$	(1,776.22)	\$	(11,493.96)	\$ 0.00	0%
Contributions								
Churches and Individuals	\$	23,510.00	\$	18,515.52	\$	16,794.24	\$ 58,819.76	58%
Anon Fund Allocation	\$	5,125.00	\$	5,125.00	\$	5,125.00	\$ 15,375.00	15%
Reserve Fund Allocation	\$	4,250.00	\$	4,250.00	\$	4,250.00	\$ 12,750.00	12%
Total Contributions	\$	32,885.00	\$	27,890.52	\$	26,169.24	\$ 86,944.76	85%
Expenditures								
Broadcasts	\$	30,755.93	\$	35,969.77	\$	28,006.17	\$ 94,731.87	93%
Building Maintenance	\$	330.99	\$	260.06	\$	249.94	\$ 840.99	1%
General Expenses	\$	107.28	\$	169.46	\$	10.00	\$ 286.74	0%
Insurance	\$	605.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$ 605.00	1%
Internet Expense	\$	204.87	\$	177.57	\$	112.47	\$ 494.91	0%
Office Supplies & Software	\$	132.29	\$	200.85	\$	81.89	\$ 415.03	0%
Utilities	\$	864.12	\$	654.38	\$	1,180.99	\$ 2,699.49	3%
Equipment	\$	1,660.74	\$	176.17	\$	197.53	\$ 2,034.44	2%
Total Expenditures	\$	34,661.22	\$	37,608.26	\$	29,838.99	\$ 102,108.47	100%
Cont. less Exp.	\$	(1,776.22)	\$	(9,717.74)	\$	(3,669.75)	\$ (15,163.71)	-15%
Closing Balance	\$	(1,776.22)	\$	(11,493.96)	\$	(15,163.71)	\$ (15,163.71)	-15%

ANON FUND	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	2024 YTD
Opening Balance	\$ 125,032.15	\$ 119,980.03	\$ 116,004.00	\$ 125,032.15
Contribution to Broadcast Fund	\$ (5,125.00)	\$ (5,125.00)	\$ (5,125.00)	\$ (15,375.00)
Investment Gain (Loss)	\$ 72.88	\$ 1,148.97	\$ 1,583.83	\$ 2,805.68
Total Changes	\$ (5,052.12)	\$ (3,976.03)	\$ (3,541.17)	\$ (12,569.32)
Closing Balance	\$ 119,980.03	\$ 116,004.00	\$ 112,462.83	\$ 112,462.83

RESERVE FUND	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	2024 YTD
Opening Balance	\$ 324,649.40	\$ 318,720.09	\$ 318,513.16	\$ 324,649.40
Contribution to Broadcast Fund	\$ (4,250.00)	\$ (4,250.00)	\$ (4,250.00)	\$ (12,750.00)
Investment Gain (Loss)	\$ (1,679.31)	\$ 4,043.07	\$ 3,102.45	\$ 5,466.21
Closing Balance	\$ 318,720.09	\$ 318,513.16	\$ 317,365.61	\$ 317,365.61

OFGH TV Stations - 2024 Sunday Broadcast			OFGH Radio Stations - 2024	
Location	Station	Local Time	Sahara FM, Kisumu, Busia and Kakamega, Kenya, Sun. 2:00 PM	
Knoxville, TN	WKNX	9:00 AM	Dunamis Shortwave, Kampala, Uganda, Friday 8:00 PM	
Nashville, TN	WUXP	8:30 AM	Saviour FM, Asamuk, Uganda, Tue. 10:30 AM	
Jackson, TN	WBBJ	10:30 AM	MBVOA - Missionary Baptist Voice of Africa, Missionary Baptist's Liberia radio station	
Bowling Green, KY	WNKY	7:30 AM	WINB Shortwave, Red Lion, PA to SW USA	
Louisville, KY	WBNA	9:00 AM	Sunday 6:30 PM Eastern time. 9265 kHz	
Beattyville, KY	WLJC	9:00 AM	Belize Toledo Christian Radio 99.9 FM	
Springfield, MO	KOZL	7:00 AM	Wed, Thru, Fri. at 9:00 AM	
Russellville/Hamilton, AL	WMTY	9:30 AM		
DeFuniak Springs, FL	WWEO/WEWA	8:30 AM		
Boonville/Fulton, MS	W34DV/W39DV	9:00 AM		

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WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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HISTORICAL TABLE

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association was organized at Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Holland, Kentucky, Allen County, on November 28, 1952. The following is a brief record of the past sessions:

Date	Place	Introductory	Memorial	Doctrinal	Moderator	Clerk
1953	Siloam	Howard Taylor	F. W. Lambert	Lloyd Fishburn	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1954	Haysville	Enloe Jones	D. C. Russell	W. R. Overton	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1955	Mt. Zion	Huey Brooks	Lloyd Fishburn	N. C. Fuqua	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1956	Drakes Creek	Enloe Jones	Lloyd Fishburn	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1957	Maple Grove 2	Huey Brooks	W. R. Overton	L. W. Smith	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1958	Old Union	C. D. Miller	Rex Hunt	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1959	Fairview	James G. Beal	W. R. Overton	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1960	Fairview Mem.	Huey Brooks	H. C. Vanderpool	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1961	Macedonia	Enloe Jones	H. C. Vanderpool	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1962	Rocky Mound	Wm. Johnson	H. C. Vanderpool	W. R. Overton	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1963	Brattontown	Doc Johnson	H. C. Vanderpool	W. R. Overton	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1964	Liberty	L. W. Smith	H. C. Vanderpool	W. R. Overton	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1965	Long Creek	D. C. Barton	Eugene Brown	W. R. Overton	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1966	Macedonia	W. E. Massey	James G. Beal	J. D. Birdwell	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1967	Red Hill	Wm. Johnson	H. C. Vanderpool	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1968	Mt. Zion	Calvin Perrigo	H. C. Vanderpool	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1969	Grace	J. D. Sanders	H. C. Vanderpool	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1970	Lyons	L. W. Smith	H. C. Vanderpool	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1971	Siloam	Doug Curtis	H. C. Vanderpool	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1972	Old Union	Kenneth Massey	H. C. Vanderpool	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1973	Rocky Mound	Kenneth Davis	H. C. Vanderpool	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	H. C. Vanderpool
1974	Old Macedonia	Doug Curtis	Kenneth Massey	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	Kenneth Massey
1975	Faith	Don Curtis	Kenneth Massey	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	Kenneth Massey
1976	Fairview Mem.	William Shoulders	Kenneth Massey	F. W. Lambert	F. W. Lambert	Kenneth Massey
1977	Brattontown	Rex Hunt	Don Curtis	W. T. Russell	Doug Curtis	Kenneth Massey
1978	Mt. Zion	Jerry Reynolds	Kenneth Davis	E. G. Williams	W. T. Russell	Don Curtis

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Introductory</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Doctrinal</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
1979	Madison	Bernard Skaggs	Doug Curtis	F. W. Lambert	W. T. Russell	Don Curtis
1980	Macedonia	L. W. Smith	Paul Bryson	W. T. Russell	W. T. Russell	Don Curtis
1981	Pleasant Hill	Doug Curtis	Charles Patterson	Jerry Reynolds	W. T. Russell	Don Curtis
1982	Maple Grove 2	D. C. Barton	L. W. Smith	F. W. Lambert	W. T. Russell	Don Curtis
1983	Drakes Creek	Don Curtis	Paul Bryson	Billy Moran	W. T. Russell	Don Curtis
1984	Lyons	Lynn Stapleton	Darrell Hicks	Rex Hunt	W. T. Russell	Don Curtis
1985	Long Creek	Berlin Roy	Billy Moran	Don Curtis	Doug Curtis	Don Curtis
1986	Mt. Lebanon	Thomas Earl Roark	Paul Bryson	Doug Curtis	Doug Curtis	Don Curtis
1987	Old Union	Charles Stapleton	Ronald Delk	Billy Moran	Doug Curtis	Don Curtis
1988	Mt. Zion	Gerald Cherry	Doug Matthews	Paul Bryson	Doug Curtis	Don Curtis
1989	Cedar Cross	Neal Forshee	G. W. Knight	Thomas Earl Roark	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1990	Grace	Danny Chandler	David Swindle	Jerry Reynolds	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1991	Fairview Mem.	Dean Dyer	Gary Fisher	Terry Patterson	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1992	Mt. Juliet	Roy Mullins	Bernard Skaggs	Billy Moran	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1993	Lyons	G. W. Knight	David Swindle	Rex Hunt	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1994	New Zion	Ron Spurgeon	Richard Wilson	H. C. Vanderpool	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1995	Old Union	Kenneth Summers	Terry Patterson	Kenneth Davis	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1996	Antioch	Ensley Wright	Chris Solomon	Doug Curtis	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1997	Lyons	Jeremy Wilson	Tom Carter	H. C. Vanderpool	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1998	Bethel	Walter Andrews	Rodney Carter	G. W. Knight	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
1999	Mt. Lebanon	Rick Huskins	Vernon Roark	Doug Matthews	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
2000	Fairview Mem.	Danny Holland	G. W. Knight	Hilman Duncan	Billy Moran	Clifford Hayes
2001	Harvest	Don Curtis	Ron Spurgeon	Roy G. Mullins Jr.	Billy Moran	Ottis Jones
2002	Mt. Zion	Steve Skinner	Rick Huskins	Ricky Huff	Billy Moran	Ottis Jones
2003	Lyons	James Shoulders	Roy G. Mullins Jr.	William House	Billy Moran	Ottis Jones
2004	Old Union	Marcus Spicer	H. C. Vanderpool	Rodney Carter	Billy Moran	Ottis Jones
2005	Old Meedonia	Glen Webster	Roger Carter	Rick Huskins	Billy Moran	Ottis Jones
2006	Sulphur Fork	Dean Sircy	Ronald Delk	Jerry Reynolds	Billy Moran	Ottis Jones

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Date	Place	Introductory	Memorial	Doctrinal	Moderator	Clerk
2007	Rocky Mound	Phil Creecy	Dean Dyer	Steve Skinner	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2008	Mt. Lebanon	Jeff Elliott	Jerry Miller	Billy Moran	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2009	Fairview	Mike Reid	Cary Kemp	Danny Chandler	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2010	Antioch	Dee Russell	G. W. Knight	Rick Huff	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2011	Maple Grove No.2	Danny Holland	Neal Forshee	Jerry Reynolds	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2012	New Bethel	Mitchell Glasscock	Jason Stotler	Ron Spurgeon	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2013	Fairview Memorial	Rick Oliver	John Sampson	Jerry Miller	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2014	Old Union	Wayne Deering	Ivan Smith	Berlon Roy	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2015	Mt. Lebanon	Todd Fugate	Cary Kemp	Jerry Miller	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2016	Fairview	Jimmy Claiborne	Chuck West	Roy G. Mullins, Jr.	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2017	Liberty	Alex Fisher	Dean Dyer	Ronald Delk	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2018	Sulphur Fork	Phil Creecy	Stephen Skinner	Billy Moran	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2019	Harvest	Ricky Holland	Doug Skinner	Rodney Carter	Billy Moran	Roger Carter
2021	Fairview Memorial	Michael Reid	Don Curtis	Kenneth Summers	Jerry Miller	Todd Fugate
2022	Lyons	Justin Farris	Jonathan Elliott	Ronald Delk	Jerry Miller	Todd Fugate
2023	Mt. Lebanon	Casey Cole	Jimmy Hogue	Dean Dyer	Jerry Miller	Todd Fugate
2024	Sulphur Fork	Christopher Solomon	Billy Moran	Doug Skinner	Jerry Miller	Todd Fugate

STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	Year Organized	Meeting Days	Pro-fissions of Faith	Membership Gains			Membership Losses			Present Membership	Sunday School Role	Number of Teachers	Value of Church Property
				Baptism	Letters	Restor-ations	State-ments	Letters	Expul-sions				
Becker Drive	1961	All	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	91	55	350,000
Beech Grove	1855	All	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	76	34	400,000
Cedar Grove	1958	All	7	7	5	-	6	1	-	2	173	20	455,000
Fair Haven	1989	All	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	6	6	275,000
Fairview	1951	All	4	4	-	-	-	-	2	1	181	-	-
Fairview Memorial	1924	All	2	2	-	-	1	3	2	9	360	57	1,671,000
Faith	1955	All	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	143	25	500,000
Grace (MI)	1955	All	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grace (TN)	1958	Sundays	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	109	-	-
Harvest	1980	All	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	-	500,000
Hillsdale	1881	All	3	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	86	-	-
Liberty	1957	All	1	1	-	-	-	-	6	1	26	18	260,000
Lyons	1953	All	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	194	18	475,000
Macon	-	All	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	92	-	-
Maple Grove #2	1947	All	-	-	5	1	1	1	1	3	216	20	533,500
Monoville	1990	All	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	43	20	156,000
Mt. Lebanon	1886	All	24	21	1	-	-	-	-	2	189	-	-
Mt. Zion	1888	All	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	113	33	350,000
Old Macedonia	1873	All	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	80	-	200,000
Old Path	2003	All	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	18	6	125,000
Old Time	1976	All	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	20	105,000
Old Union	1795	All	3	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	51	1,500,000
Pleasant Hill	1840	All	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	18	5
Rocky Mound	1885	All	-	2	5	-	2	6	3	4	291	131	5
Sulphur Fork	1888	All	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	90	-	4
Union #1	1853	1,3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	10	200,000
Union #2	1905	All	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	5
Unity (IN)	1998	All	3	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	49	29	300,000
Unity (KY)	1998	All	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	42	15	50,000
Walnut Grove	1908	All	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White Hill	1946	All	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-
Woodlawn	-	All	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	19	3
TOTALS			54	61	25	2	10	31	13	41	2,772	635	8,405,500

FINANCIAL TABLE

Church	Missions	Benevo- lence	Paid Pastor	Revival Helper	Visiting Ministers	Building & Repairs	Associational Expenses	All Other Causes	Total
Becker Drive	4,800	4,298	52,600	1,542	5,259	5,473	125	3,561	77,658
Beech Grove	-	-	9,600	500	-	5,000	75	1,800	16,975
Cedar Grove	11,015	3,944	10,408	2,052	1,335	12,098	250	3,752	44,854
Fair Haven	1,100	1,500	-	200	7,000	12,300	50	2,100	24,250
Fairview	25,217	1,112	38,840	2,088	7,584	25,060	125	3,497	107,883
Fairview Memorial	35,969	7,117	81,974	1,790	6,338	105,966	300	17,007	256,461
Faith	3,407	285	5,501	400	611	11,776	100	996	23,076
Grace (MI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grace (TN)	3,600	950	8,500	1,046	2,633	8,749	200	-	25,678
Harvest	1,800	-	12,000	900	600	12,000	50	-	27,350
Hillsdale	8,731	3,850	12,222	600	-	682	50	-	26,135
Liberty	570	1,429	13,700	2,317	5,483	2,711	100	16,662	42,972
Lyons	7,902	50	43,772	1,050	1,329	24,442	350	3,261	82,156
Macon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maple Grove #2	7,019	-	12,215	2,470	1,745	25,937	200	-	49,586
Mononville	-	-	500	1,500	6,000	1,500	100	-	9,600
Mt. Lebanon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mt. Zion	4,800	-	-	2,000	-	7,825	234	2,000	16,859
Old Macedonia	4,200	3,691	20,330	1,188	1,101	-	200	-	30,710
Old Path	200	200	4,164	900	1,030	1,794	100	7,113	15,501
Old Time	1,200	650	825	-	500	8,367	100	189	11,831
Old Union	5,915	1,635	61,175	3,400	600	32,408	-	-	185,075
Pleasant Hill	2,784	366	7,924	500	581	128,024	100	10,106	150,385
Rocky Mound	11,092	1,121	-	2,501	9,746	6,878	-	10,078	41,416
Sulphur Fork	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union #1	400	1,400	3,308	1,075	1,016	5,000	50	5,216	17,465
Union #2	4,500	772	21,830	1,680	350	7,894	130	10,903	48,059
Unity (IN)	13,963	472	18,200	1,125	594	470	50	25,189	60,063
Unity (KY)	8,005	500	13,097	1,350	645	-	100	-	23,697
Walnut Grove	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
White Hill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodlawn	-	-	-	400	400	7,320	100	1,900	10,120
TOTALS	\$ 168,188	\$ 35,341	\$ 452,685	\$ 34,574	\$ 62,480	\$ 459,674	\$ 3,239	\$ 125,330	\$1,341,511

MAP TO ROCKY MOUND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



From I-65 Exit 22:

Take US 231 South toward Scottsville, KY
 19 miles then Turn left onto Old Gallatin Rd .3 miles
 0.3 miles turn Right onto E Locust St .3 miles
 0.3 miles turn Right again to stay on E Locust St
 2.0 miles Turn Right onto Mount Union Rd
 4.1 miles make a slight Right to stay on Mount Union Rd
 6.2 miles left onto Rocky Mound Rd
 The Church is on your left

From 31E in Westmoreland:

Take a slight right turn onto Pleasant Grove Rd
 2.3 miles turn Right onto Williams Rd
 3.6 miles turn right onto Rocky Mound Rd
 The Church is on your left