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Notes

Articles of Faith

I. Of the Scriptures:

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

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

II. Of the True God:

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

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

III. Of the Fall of Man:

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

Scriptures: ¹*Genesis 1:27, Genesis 1:31, Ecclesiastes 7:29, Acts 17:26-29, Genesis 2:16-17, Galatians 3:10, Romans 3:19;* ²*Genesis 3:6-24;* ³*Romans*

5:12, *Romans 5:15-19, Galatians 3:22, Ezekiel 18:19-20*; ⁴*Psalms 51:5, Romans 8:7, Isaiah 53:6, Genesis 6:12, Romans 3:9-18, Ephesians 2:1-3, Galatians 3:10*; ⁵*Romans 1:18-32, Romans 2:1-16, Romans.1:20*

IV. Of the Way of Salvation:

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

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

V. Of Justification:

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

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

VI. Of the Freeness of Salvation:

¹We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; ²that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial penitent, and obedient faith; ³and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest

sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; ⁴which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

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

VII. Of Grace in Regeneration:

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

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

VIII. Of Repentance And Faith:

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

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

IX. Of God's Purpose Of Grace:

We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly

excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel, that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and desires the utmost diligence.

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

X. Of Sanctification:

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

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

XI. Of The Perseverance Of Saints:

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

Scriptures: *¹Job 17:9, John 5:24, John 8:31, Philippians 1:6, I Peter 1:22-23; ²John 6:35-40, John 10:27-30, Romans 8:1, I Corinthians 1:4-8; Ephesians*

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

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

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

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

XIII. Of a Gospel Church:

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

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

XIV. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper:

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

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

XV. Of the Christian Sabbath:

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

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

XVI. Of Civil Government:

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

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

XVII. Of the Righteous and the Wicked:

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

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

XVIII. Of the World to Come:

¹We believe that the end of this world is approaching; ²that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to the final retribution; ³that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; ⁴and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

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

XIX. Of Marriage:

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

with His bride, the church and to pervert this relationship is to distort the gospel message.

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

XX. Of The Sanctity of Human Life:

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

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

CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article X: These meetings shall be missionary.

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

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

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

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

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

Amendments

Ninth Session

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

Tenth Session

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

Eleventh Session

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

Twelfth Session

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

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

Eighteenth Session

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

Nineteenth Session

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

Thirty-Seventh Session

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

Forty-Seventh Session

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

Forty-Ninth Session

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

Fifty-Fourth Session

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

Fifty-Seventh Session

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

Fifty-Eighth Session

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Order of Business

Friday Morning

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

Friday Afternoon

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

Friday Evening

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

Saturday Morning

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

Saturday Afternoon

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

Roll of Messengers

Amana

Elder Bruce Adamson, Elder Richard Huskins, Brother Ryan Morgan, Brother Talon Morgan

Bethel

Deacon CJ Madsen, Elder Jeff Moran, Brother Larry Jones, Brother Tyler Wix, Brother Ronald Stewart

Faith (IN)

Elder Dereck Mobley, Brother Jeremy York, Deacon Jeff Brown, Deacon Chris Harper, Deacon Cory Houchens, Brother Craig Dulworth, Brother Terry Reed, Brother Brett Dulworth

Faith (MI)

Unable to send any messengers for 2019

Fellowship

Deacon Don Binion, Elder Jeremy Collins, Deacon Dean Hauskins, Brother Scott Hauskins, Brother Steve Reeve, Brother Kenny Turner, Elder Jim Whitney, Brother Michael Turner

Freedom

Elder Terry Foster, Elder William Shoulders, Deacon Tim Shoulders

Friendship

Elder Jonathon Elliott, Elder Brad Hicks, Deacon Jeff Thompson, Deacon Mark Coomer, Brother Scott Newman, Elder Danny Edwards, Brother Buel Napier, Brother Keith Gilbert

Harvest

Elder Stephen York, Deacon Brett Jones, Deacon Mark Adamson, Brother Steve Jones

Kokomo

Brother Curtis Ward, Elder Larry McClain, Brother Mark Ramey, Brother Dan Willis, Elder Monty Shoulders, Deacon Donnie Ennis, Brother Richard Mince, Deacon Kenneth Roe

Macedonia

Elder Nick Reuter, Deacon Roger Elamon, Brother Etsel Davis

Outreach

Elder Jeremy Miller, Elder Nathan York, Brother Monte Botkin, Brother Brent Summers, Brother Wyatt Summers, Brother Don Parker

Pleasant Valley

Elder Stephen Thompson, Deacon Mike Kneer, Deacon Jim Dailey, Deacon Steve Woody

Salem

Elder Rich Jenkins, Deacon Darrell Cochran, Brother Roy Sexton, Brother Gary Phillips, Brother Eustolio Abello

Southside

Elder Andrew Horton, Deacon Jason Elliott, Deacon Tim Rose, Deacon Doug Brock, Brother Tyler Kemp, Brother Devon Shive, Brother Harold Nolan

Whiteland

Elder James Whitney, Deacon Mark Rich, Brother Billy Lacefield, Brother Walt Miller, Brother Daniel Rich, Brother Charles Rich

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 13th, 2019

Morning Session

The 62nd Annual Session began by Brother Scott Hauskins leading *I'll Have A New Life*, and *When God Dips His Love In My Heart* with the assistance of Brother Danny Edwards on the piano.

Brother Rich Jenkins came forward to welcome the churches to the 2019 Association. He went over the accommodations and a brief overview of the day. He thanked God for being able to host and that God has already blessed Salem. Brother Rich then turned the moderator duties to the Moderator Brother Jeff Moran. Brother Moran thanked God for the opportunity and for all the churches that were able to be here. *"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"* - Psalm 133:1

After the scripture reading, Brother Moran opened the floor for prayer requests. After several requests, Brother Moran asked Elder Don Watts to lead the congregation to the Lord in prayer. After prayer, it was requested that we sing *Victory Was Won At Calvary*. Brother Cory Houchens lead with Brother Brad Hicks playing the piano. Following the song, Elder Jeremy Miller came forward to preach the introductory sermon.

Introductory Sermon

Elder Jeremy Miller

After some opening remarks and thanking the churches for the opportunity to stand for the Lord, he began by reading Revelation 12:7-17. He stated that some things in the book of Revelation are hard to understand, but there are some things that he does understand. He said that the present state of this world is in decay; the devil has come to this Earth and is trying to destroy the people of God. The chosen scripture is about a great conflict in heaven and the center of the conflict is Satan. No matter what Satan knows that he is defeated, but he is still trying to fight the war. He convinced a third of the heavenly angels to rebel against God, but he was defeated by Michael and his angels through the Blood of the Lamb. Satan was then cast out and he chose to take up the war here on Earth.

Satan has his devices. Firstly, he is very cunning and skilled in deceitfulness and through his lies. He was cunning in the beginning and he still uses his abilities to cause issues. In the beginning, he deceived the first humans to go against the desire of God. Satan's rebellious nature influenced Adam and now mankind carries that rebellious desire in our hearts. The 12th verse states *"...woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth he hath a short time."*

He stated that our churches should take a stand to recognize sin and all the influences of the devil. We should point out that the love of the world is sin! Our war is spiritual, and it should be fought in a spiritual fashion. Brother Jeremy called this war “The Great War.” World War I was referred to as this, but this war is a war for the souls of men. This war effects every child that has ever been born. Brethren let us not be ignorant to the fact that this war is a battle that is fought on all fronts every single day. We must warn souls of the wrath of God that is to come to wipe out sin forevermore. II Corinthians 4:3-4 states, *“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost; In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”*

Brother Jeremy then read from Ezekiel 28 to explain the attributes of the devil. Some things that we need to remember is that he is not omnipotent, he is not omniscient, and he is not omnipresent. Only God himself has those attributes. The devil is a created being of God and he has limited power, but he does have power.

As a reminder to us as believers, we need to remember that we are not alone to fight this battle. If we attempt to fight it alone, we are destined to fail. However, we have a Captain in this battle, the “Captain of our salvation.” Our captain goes before us like a Good Shepherd. In Hebrews 2, the writer speaks about the qualifications of Jesus Christ to be our captain, or shepherd. He stated that it is good to be in God’s army. God is a good general that takes care of his soldiers. He mentioned that in World War II that there were soldiers on the opposing side that were almost glad to be captured by America or surrender to our armies. Much the same as we put on Christ’s uniform, we are made very glad and are now symbolic to the world of Christ.

He concluded by saying we need to call upon the Lord and ask for his assistance daily. Our battle is too great by ourselves, but we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. **(find a video of the full sermon online at www.bethelmba.com)**

Following the sermon, our moderator, Elder Jeff Moran thanked God for the good message. He asked that we have a song and invited Brother Cory Houchens and Brother Brad Hicks to come forward to lead *Hallelujah, What A Savior*.

After the song and several wonderful testimonies, Brother Moran invited our clerk pro temp, Brother Jeremy York, to come forward to read the rules of decorum. After the reading, Brother Moran then asked Brother York to read each letter from the churches, and the messengers were seated. **(Roll of Messengers on page 14)** With 50 members present of the churches present, Moderator Elder Moran called a quorum.

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

Moderator 2019	Introductory Sermon 2020
Brother Jeff Moran, Elected	Brother Jeremy Collins, Elected
Brother Bruce Adamson, Assistant	Brother Nick Reuter, Alternate
Clerk 2019	Memorial Sermon 2020
Brother Chris Harper, Elected	Brother Nick Reuter, Elected
Brother Jeremy York, Assistant	Brother Terry Foster, Alternate
Treasurer 2019	Doctrinal Sermon 2020
Brother Cory Houchens, Elected	Brother Bruce Adamson, Elected
Brother Jason Elliott, Assistant	Brother Brad Hicks, Alternate
Host Church 2020	
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church	
Southside Missionary Baptist Church	

Brother Moran then called for any petitionary letters to present themselves before the association. None came forward.

Following the call for petitionary letters, visitors from other churches and associations were recognized. They were present as follows:

- Elder Don Watts, Harmony MBC Versailles, KY
- Elder Jerry Miller, Lyons MBC, Louisville, Ky, Siloam Association
- Brother Bob Vanderpool, wife Rebecca, Mt Lebanon MBC, Alvaton, KY, Siloam Association
- Elder Billy Moran, Fairview Memorial, Bowling Green, KY, Siloam Association

Moderator Moran then appointed Elder James Whitney, Elder Bruce Adamson, and Elder Jeremy Collins as the subject selection committee for 2021.

Elder Moran then called on Brother Cory Houchens, with Brother Brad Hicks accompanying to lead I Call it Home and Victory in Jesus to allow for the congregation to pass by and shake hands with Brother Jeremy Miller. After the handshake and songs Brother Moran then called upon Brother Bruce Adamson to dismiss the morning session and pray a blessing over lunch.

Afternoon Session

After returning from lunch, Brother Jeff Brown opened the afternoon session by leading *I See Jesus* and *Rock of Ages* with Brother Danny Edwards accompanying on the piano. Following the songs, Brother Moran thanked all of those who put effort into the lunch, and called the association back to order. He asked Brother Rick Huskins to lead our hearts in prayer.

After prayer, Brother Jeff asked Brother Nick Reuter to come forward and present the first subject **“Cultural Philosophies in the Church”**.

Cultural Philosophies in the Church

- 1. Identify and thoroughly define the cultural philosophies that are infiltrating and impacting the church.**
- 2. Prescribe what the church can do to overcome the challenges presented by these philosophies**

The first part of our subject requires us to identify and thoroughly define the cultural philosophies that are infiltrating and impacting the churches. The term “infiltrating” seems to carry with it an implication that such philosophies or “wisdom of this world” are impacting God’s people in a negative way. That being said, we will seek to call out some of the harmful ideas of our culture. As we will see, they are harmful inasmuch as they are a departure from the truth of God’s word. Upon immediate consideration, this would seem to be a daunting task. Our culture and, regrettably, our people are “carried about with every wind of doctrine,” (Eph. 4:13). The task appears less daunting upon realizing “there is no new thing under the sun,” (Ecc. 1:9-10). Satan seems to reuse and recycle philosophies as it suits his purposes within a culture. Still, we will not consider the list provided in this report to be a complete list. Yet, hopefully, it will evoke some thought and prompt some much needed discussion about our people’s departure from the Lord in worldview and practice.

Individualism, As Manifested in Self-Worship

Merriam-Webster defines individualism as, “a doctrine that the interests of the individual are or ought to be ethically paramount,” (Merriam-Webster, 2019). Each person is made in the image of God, and Christ died for every individual. Every soul is immeasurably precious to God and ought to be regarded as such. However, each person has an undeniable tendency to promote one’s self at the expense of God’s glory and the welfare of his or her neighbor. We could say that “self” is the motive behind every sin committed against God and neighbor. This type of self-worship is evidenced in our culture by the tendency of people to serve themselves more than their Creator (Rom. 1:25) and to say “Not Thy will but mine!” In an effort to consider how “self-worship” has impacted our people, please reflect on the list of issues below. The issues listed are likely influenced by any number of things. However, it could be they are signs and symptoms that we have taken individualism to its extreme.

- **Hypersensitivity/Inability to take instruction or constructive criticism**
- **Meager Giving**
- **Living Beyond Means/Accumulation of Consumer Debt**
- **Church Absenteeism**
- **Weakened or Non-existent Sense of Community in the Churches**
- **Obsession with Social Media**
- **Loving Entertainment/Other Pleasures More than God as Evidenced by our use of Time**
- **Misusing the Lord’s Name by Saying, “The Lord told me...” in Order to Justify our Self-Motivated Decisions**

Moral Relativism, A Fruitless Tree with Many Branches

“Moral relativism is the view that moral or ethical statements, which vary from person to person, are equally valid and no one’s opinion of “right and wrong” is really better than any other,” (AllAboutPhilosophy.org). If this ideology is carried to its inevitable conclusion, then anything and everything are permissible. Furthermore, those who make exclusive truth claims (ie. “This is right, but that is wrong”) are viewed as and proclaimed to be intolerant, prejudiced, ignorant, and even hateful. This being the case, many people, and yes, even our people, are much more willing to participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness rather than expose them for what they are (Eph. 5:11). Even if our people are not actively participating in the societal ills listed below, it is feared we are a long way from declaring, “Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you,” (Eph 5:14). We are afraid of the opinions of others much more than He who has power to confess or deny us before the Father in heaven (Matt. 10:33). When a brother or sister says, “I don’t agree with that, but I will not judge you for doing it,” at least two evils are committed. First, the erring soul is kept in the dark because we decided to cover up our light with a basket. Second, we have perpetuated the lie of moral relativism. What we have communicated to the erring person is, “you can have your truth, and I will have mine.” We should love God and people better.

Moral relativism is here called a fruitless tree with many branches because it opens the floodgates for the allowance of any philosophy and all sorts of societal ills. As we consider the list below, have we exposed the darkness or been content to let ourselves and others dwell in it?

- **A Woman’s Right to Elective Abortion/Infanticide**
- **Transgenderism**
- **Homosexuality**
- **Marital Infidelity**
- **Sexual Promiscuity**
- **Living Together/Cohabitation**
- **Unbiblical divorce**
- **Irrelevance of Organized Religion**

The Attack on Masculinity, the Deconstruction and Demeaning of Manhood.

The Apostle Paul told the Corinthian church, “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love,” (1 Cor. 16:13-14). The Scriptures inform us on what a man is to be, and what his role is. If we ever find ourselves at a loss in trying to ascertain what godly manhood looks like, we need look no further than the God-man, Jesus Christ. He is our standard (Eph 4:13, Rom. 8:29). Our culture is in a state of confusion, as the male gender role has been deconstructed. In their Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Boys and Men, the American Psychological Association maintains that, “psychologists aspire to help boys and men over their lifetimes **navigate restrictive definitions of masculinity and create their own concepts of what it means to be male**, although it should be emphasized that expression of masculine gender norms may not be essential for those who hold a male gender identity,” (American Psychological Association, Boys and Men Guidelines Group, 2018; emphasis added). Not only is masculinity deconstructed by academia, but men are openly ridiculed by the media and

entertainment industry. Who hasn't seen a sitcom in the last 20 years featuring an unintelligent, lazy, unattractive, or incompetent male as the source of humor? It is no wonder that gender roles are confounded.

Our boys must have their character intentionally shaped and their roles defined. Failure to do so will result in weak leadership in their homes, their churches, and their communities. Our women must beware of believing or perpetuating what the media and entertainment industry say about men. The culture has conditioned women to resist male leadership. This can have disastrous consequences for our homes and churches.

"Come, let us return to the Lord. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but he will bandage us," (Hos.6:1).

The second part of our subject requires us to prescribe what the churches can do to overcome the challenges presented by these philosophies. We will look at Paul's urgent plea found in Romans 12, and how it may be obeyed by the individual. We will also examine some other contexts or spheres of influence each church member may fall under. We will look to the Scriptures for what we ought to do in each context/sphere of influence. A few practical instructions or resources will also be suggested to aid us as we try to overcome the challenges presented by these philosophies.

"It Starts with Me."

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect," (Rom. 12:2).

We must not be like the world in thought, speech, or action. Instead, we are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Proving God's perfect will for ourselves, our people, and our neighbors in this world begins with our minds being renewed. This transformation is a work of the Holy Spirit in us (Rom 8:11). It is God who works in us both to be willing and to do according to His good pleasure (Phil 2:13). We must depend on God to transform us. Yet, God expects certain effort from us for this to be accomplished. What are some of the means which God intends to use as He supernaturally transforms us? Our article of faith on Sanctification, taken from the New Hampshire Confession of Faith, lists several things God has appointed for the believer to use continually:

- **The Word of God (Ps 1:1-3; Mt. 4:4; Jn. 15:7; Jn. 17:17)**
- **Self-Examination (Ps 139:23-24; 1 Cor. 11:28-32)**
- **Self-Denial (Lk. 9:23; Rom. 13:14)**
- **Watchfulness (Mt. 26:41; Lk. 21:36)**
- **Prayer (Lk. 11:9-13; Lk. 18:1-8; Eph 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17)**

We would also like to mention **song** as a means of spiritual-mindedness in aligning our hearts and minds with gratitude to God. The Scriptural precedent for this is impressive (Ps. 1-150; Mt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19). It should be noted that not all songs are created equal. With reference to their help with our sanctification, the

Scriptures seem to set forth that the best songs are those that help us to “let the word of Christ richly dwell” in us (Col 3:16).

○ Practical Suggestions and Resources

- **PRAY**
- **Slow Down and Make Time**-Choose what is best.
- **Be Smart with your Smart Phone**-Use whatever Apps you may to get the Word in you.
- **“Let’s Have a Song”**-A day can take a different tone when our hearts look up.
- **Get Alone with God**-Do what you must; ask Him to help

Truly, overcoming the challenges presented by our culture’s philosophies begins with each of us individually. Yet each one of us has other spheres of influence or contexts in which these same principles ought to be applied. We will address the home, the church member-church member dynamic; the preaching/teaching ministry of the church, and the church-church dynamic.

The Home

The marriage relationship is the foundation of the home and family. Wives are to be subject to their husbands, as to the Lord (Eph. 5:22); A husband is to sacrificially love his wife, be a means of her sanctification, and nourish and cherish her as he would himself (Eph. 5:25-29). The relationship is to be one of such harmony that the two people are said to be “one flesh.” In order to depict the relationship between Christ and His Bride, the husband and wife will likely find themselves utilizing the same means of personal sanctification (Scripture, self-denial, self-examination, watchfulness, prayer, song) in the context of the marriage relationship.

The responsibility of raising children “in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” falls upon married couples who are blessed to become parents. More accurately, it lies squarely on the shoulders of fathers (Eph 6:4). Mothers are not exempt from responsibility as they are to be a help to their husband. The Scriptures are ripe with examples of godly mothers who made all the difference concerning the eternal welfare of their children. The goal with raising children is not merely getting them to memorize doctrine or conform to certain patterns of behavior, but that they would belong to Christ, seeking and serving Him all of their days. (Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 78:1-8; Prov. 23:26)

○ Practical Suggestions and Resources

- **PRAY**
- **Be the Example**-“It starts with me.” Our spouses and our children need to see us desiring God above all else.
- **Attend a Marriage Retreat/Workshop/Seek Marriage Counseling From a Trustworthy Source**-Preventative maintenance can go a long way.
- **“Sacred Marriage” by Gary Thomas**- We recommend with mild reservation, but the book is useful for helping couples to see how God intends to use their marriage to sanctify them.
- **“Shooting for the Mark-Aiming for Excellence in Parenting” by James Keen**- Elder Keen’s book is a great resource for every parent.

- **“Bringing up Boys” and “Bringing up Girls” by Dr. James Dobson**-We would recommend these books to every parent as they elaborate on many of the cultural influences pitted against our children.
- **“Diligence in the Home” a lesson present by Elder Brad Hicks**-It is a comprehensive survey on God’s will for the Christian home. Many practical suggestions are included.
- **Catechizing/ “Old-er Time Baptist” Q&A** - a method of teaching the essentials of the faith through memorization of answers to specific questions. The record of history shows us that a number of our Spiritual ancestors, like the ancient Waldenses, utilized this teaching method. A sample from Charles Spurgeon’s, “A Catechism with Proofs,” compiled from The Westminster Assembly’s and Baptist Catechisms is as follows:
 - **Q.** What is the chief end of man?
 - **A.** Man’s chief end is to glorify God, (1 Cor. 10:31) and to enjoy Him forever (Ps. 73:25,26)
- **Family Devotions/Worship**-This is something many of us covenanted to do when we joined the church. Schedule a time and be aware of the dangers of overcomplicating.

The Church-Member-Church Member Dynamic

The members of the local body are to be unified, “that the members may have the same care for one another,” (1 Cor. 12:25). We are all called to pray for each other (Eph. 6:18), encourage each other (1 Thess. 5:14), admonish each other (Rom. 15:14), serve each other (1 Pt. 4:10), and to do whatever else practical love may require (1 Jn. 3:16-18). Furthermore, Titus chapter two informs us that older men and older women are not only to be exemplars but teachers of good things to the younger (Tit. 2:1-6).

○ Practical Suggestions and Resources

- **PRAY**
- **Maximize Opportunities for Church Fellowship**-Get to know your fellow members. How can you help them? How may they help you?
- **Practice Hospitality**- Have members in your home and look for opportunities to love each other practically.
- **Find Ways to Interact Throughout the Week**
- **More than Just “Hanging Out”**-Let your conversation be concerning Spiritual things. Let your relationship as brothers and sisters become deeper than the social chatter. Discuss Scripture and how the Lord is working in your daily life.

The Preaching/Teaching Ministry of the Church

Our preachers and our members with gifts of teaching exist to help disseminate the truth of God’s word to us. Our pastors and other ministers, like Paul, should not shrink from declaring the whole purpose of God to us (Acts. 20:27). The Apostle did this not only publicly, but in the homes of the believers (Acts. 20:20). Also, churches should not be afraid to utilize those other members of their congregations that have gifts of teaching. The current practice of having Sunday school is a good outlet. We need not think it is the only one.

- Practical Suggestions and Resources
 - **PRAY**
 - **Financially Free Up Pastors so They can do the Work**
 - **From House to House-** Home Bible studies/prayer meetings will strengthen the church bond with one another; Ministers, carry the Word with you, and be ready to use it to speak truth into the lives of members when you make home visits.
 - **Deacons Lead in Practical Service-** Show the other members what service looks like and get them involved. This will not only free up the minister of the word, but a church that shows “love one for another” will be a better witness to the world.
 - **Use your Experts-** Utilize your members that have specific knowledge as it pertains to some of these philosophies.

The Church-Church Dynamic

While the churches of the New Testament were autonomous, they were not islands to themselves. They were a help to one another. The church at Jerusalem gave a recommendation to several Gentile churches concerning a doctrinal issue (Act 15:1-31). Several of the churches also came together to financially relieve the saints in Jerusalem (1 Cor 16: 1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9). Our concern for God’s people ought to extend beyond our own congregation. We are all suffering the consequences to conforming to the world in thought, word, and action. Let’s help each other.

- Practical Suggestions and Resources
 - **PRAY**
 - **Deal with Individual Philosophies During Association**
 - **Have Lessons Presented Throughout the Year on Specific, Relevant Topics**
 - **Network More Effectively**

It seems appropriate, as we conclude the subject, to encourage our audience to refuse be intimidated. 1 Corinthians chapter one assures us that the wisdom of this world is not to be compared with God’s wisdom. “Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men,” (1 Cor. 1:22). We serve an All-Knowing God Who not only has access to our hearts and minds, but those who support the harmful philosophies of our culture. If we find ourselves lacking the wisdom to properly contend for the faith (Jude 3), we have the assurance from God’s word that He will give us wisdom if we ask; He gives to all generously and He will not reproach us for asking (James 1:5). Refuse to be intimidated.

“...For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ...” (2 Cor. 10:4-5).

Following the reading of the subject, a motion and 2nd was made to adopt the report. The following brethren came forward to speak on the subject: Brother Nick Reuter, Brother Bruce Adamson, Brother Jonathon Elliott, Brother Larry McClain,

and Brother Brad Hicks. A question was called, vote taken, and the subject was adopted.

Following the adoption, Brother Moran then called upon Brother Jeff Brown to present the second subject: **"God's Sovereignty vs Human Responsibility"**.

- 1) **What does the Bible teach about God's sovereignty?**
- 2) **What does the Bible teach about human responsibility?**
- 3) **How does the Bible reconcile these two doctrines and what can we gain from them to deepen our knowledge of God and our purpose as His people?**

The goal of this subject committee is to first define both questions and separate the topics; then reconcile the differences between the two views as it relates to God's word.

1) **What does the Bible teach about God's sovereignty?**

The first thing that must be done is to define the word sovereignty. **Sovereignty** is the full right and power of a governing body (*in this case, God*) over itself, without any interference from outside sources or bodies. (Etymology) The term arises from the unattested Vulgar Latin's **superanus*, (itself derived from of Latin *super* - "over") meaning "chief", "ruler". (From Wikipedia)

The three great monotheistic religions Judaism, Christianity, and Islam maintain that their God is absolutely sovereign! While many other religions maintain that their god or gods are very powerful yet most were plagued with flaws. As an example, the Greek god Zeus reportedly cohabited with women of the human race producing offspring. Almost all possessed very real weaknesses similar to human weaknesses. This is not surprising, because these false deities were invented by human beings. In addition, there was always a tension between the various or local gods and surprisingly enough, most cultures were more than willing to acknowledge other gods as long as their gods were also acknowledged. There were many contests or wars among local cultures as to which gods were more powerful. It does not appear that many if any of these cultures claimed that their deities were absolutely powerful or absolutely sovereign.

For Christians, there are several dozens of quotations from the Bible that at the very least suggest a sovereign being is in charge of everything. According to the Bible, Jehovah God created the heavens and the earth out of NOTHING and maintains them or upholds them by His power. (Gen 1:1) Jehovah is a supreme God and has "omni" attributes. He knows all, sees all, is everywhere. (Psalms 139:7-12) He does not change as he has no need to. He is eternal or better timeless, and very importantly is self-existent. The reason for His existence lies solely in His will and nature. (Mal 3:6) Jehovah has absolutely perfect moral attributes! He is good, just, truthful, loving, wise, and holy and according to His own testimony, there are no other gods. (1 Kings 18:17-46)

Can Jehovah God do absolutely anything and everything he wants to? Does he have absolutely no limitations? The surprising answer to many is no. He does have limitations! For one, God cannot lie and it would be totally against His divine nature (Psalms 31:5). Likewise, He could never create a rock so large and heavy that He could not lift it as it would be totally illogical. God cannot do or create anything

that is illogical. A few examples may be in order. He cannot make a married bachelor, they are mutually exclusive, a man is either a bachelor or he is married. He cannot make a square a triangle. The properties of a square require that it is a four-sided object where as a triangle's essential properties demand that it is three sided. Once again to suggest otherwise would be illogical and Jehovah God is very logical. Why can't He do those things mentioned? HIS NATURE! Human nature determines what humans can and cannot do, likewise the very nature of God (His nature is who He is) determines what He does. God is not a man that should lie, God declares that he does not or rather that He cannot change. God's nature forbids Him to do things that He cannot and will not do. **Numbers 23:19 God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?**

2) What does the Bible teach about human responsibility?

The first man, Adam, was created as a righteous man free from sin and its consequences. He was given free will, providing him the privilege to make a choice. The choice that was set before him was obedience or disobedience, resulting in life or death. (Gen 2:16-17) No other man born thru his seed has since been given the same choice. In his disobedience Adam chose death and the consequence of his choice has passed upon all humanity, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" (Romans 5:12)

Man, in his lost condition and apart from the influence of God is not searching for God. "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." (Romans 3:10-11) As the good shepherd searches for the lost sheep, God is searching the minds and hearts of man in an attempt to retrieve that which was lost. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

Through creation God is calling mankind to consider His power as creator. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*" (Ps 19:1-3) He is speaking clearly and must be heard. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even his eternal power and Godhead*; so that they are without excuse:" (Romans 1:20) In consideration of the created world, man's responsibility is to take notice of its thoughtful design and enquire who it's architect must be and what plans He has for him. This inquiry will not go without a response from God.

Through the "gospel of His dear Son" God is calling "all men everywhere to repent." (Acts 17:30) Through the work of the Holy Spirit His word is made alive in our hearts, making us aware of our sinful condition by awakening our conscience to the sin sickness that afflicts us. This is done in order to bring us to a place where we willfully submit ourselves to the care of the Great Physician. As a sick man will never seek a cure for his illness till he comes to terms with the fact that he is indeed sick,

even so the sinner once made aware of his sin must not run from it, but determine to go to the One who alone has the remedy. That same sick man can do nothing but present himself to the care of the physician and wait for the help he requires, even so the sinner presents himself to Jesus Christ as nothing more than a poor sinner and cry out for Him to be “merciful to me a sinner.” (Luke 18:13)

God is calling and man’s responsibility is to respond to the gospel call. The choice which is set before Adam’s race is whether they will remain in a state of rebellion and resist the calling of God or whether they will respond to the calling of God by humbly submitting themselves thru “repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 20:21)

3) How does the Bible reconcile these two doctrines and what can we gain from them to deepen our knowledge of God and our purpose as His people?

In order to effectively reconcile these two doctrines, we will provide answers through three main points.

- A. God loves his people and receives glory from our free will of worship and servanthood.

As we have read God is completely sovereign and also allows His people to make decisions in their lives that will have a positive and Godly effect in their walk or His people will make poor decisions that will negatively affect their lives. In order to do this, we must draw our attention to why God chose to make human kind. God is perfect in every way and did not need to create something out of nothing to fulfill a need. God was not lonely or unfulfilled as these types of feelings are not of God. When God created the universe and everything contained within, it was with purpose and order. We find when God created everything from day one through six, it was purposeful and in order. Day one he created light and day two He created the firmament and the atmosphere. In day three He created dry land and seas. (Gen 1:3-10) Can you imagine creating the light after the heavens or the dry land before light? On the sixth day God made man which He created in his image and gave man dominion over all things because God had a purpose for mankind. (Gen 1:26-28). God’s purpose for mankind was to populate the earth and live happy lives and He intended it for the first family. After God created Adam he determined that Adam would be happier with a help mate and then created Eve. (Gen 2:18)

God Jehovah created the perfect atmosphere for all of the living creatures to dwell and live in peace and harmony. In the Garden of Eden there lived the first couple who had favor with the Lord but were given instructions and a choice of a path to choose. Gods’ instruction to Adam was to eat freely of the garden but to avoid the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God was sovereign and all-knowing but allowed his first creation to make a choice to follow HIS instruction and live eternally or to make a wrong choice and die.

God knew the choice that Eve, and eventually Adam, would make but yet He created them for his Glory and to Love and worship HIM freely of their choice. (Isa 43:7) Even before He created the first family God knowingly allowed Satan to rise up in pride which allowed sin to enter into Heaven and eventually earth. (Isa 14:12-15)

Did God know the choice of Lucifer and his effect on humankind and the eventual outcome? Of course He is God.

God loved his creation so much that He created them in His image. (Gen 1:26) He also loved his creation so much that he sent his only begotten son to deliver his people from their own sin and destruction. (John 3:16). For centuries mankind has constantly questioned God's sovereignty and rule but the fact is that mankind was put onto this world by a loving God which was free of sin, but it was mankind's choice to allow sin to enter into her race.

B. God gave us instruction to allow us to make proper choices.

Even though His creation allowed sin to enter into this world, our sovereign God Jehovah developed a plan for the redemption of His people and has given His people the instruction of almost fifty prophets, sixty six books and nearly eight hundred thousand words of instruction to reform his people and allow them to freely worship Him. As mentioned above, there is a constant calling from God to his people to repent of their sins and to depend upon Him for their salvation from the depths of hell. (Joel 2:12-13; Luke 13:2-5; 2 Cor 7:9-10) We find in the Old Testament that God warned the children of Israel to not elect a king because He knew their heart would turn away from Him. (1 Sam 8:6-10) Yet the children of Israel were allowed to make a choice in a king which ultimately turned their focus away from God. Even after the law was accepted by the children of Israel, they perverted the law through their works and had forgotten the instructions from Jehovah that their repentance was a heart condition and not of works. Our Savior died to fulfill the prophecy so that man could clearly understand the Law of God and His love for mankind. (John 19:28-30)

C. God never saved a person without their desire to repent and Gods desire to save them.

In order to be saved a person must come to the knowledge that they are a sinner and are separated from God. The sinner must realize their separation from the creator of the universe and ask for repentance to be saved from an eternal hell. The scriptures are filled with a call to repentance and therefore implies that all who desire salvation must seek after salvation from the Lord. (Heb 11:6; Eph 1:12-13) In addition, God desires that all of His children repent of their sins and to be cleansed through the blood of His son Jesus. (2 Cro 7:14; Acts 17:30; Rev 3:20). All of these scriptural accounts indicate a bilateral desire from both parties to obtain the free gift of salvation. It is not one sided as some views might suggest.

In conclusion, it may seem impossible to attempt to reconcile these two different poles of belief but consider this. If a sovereign God decided to create the heavens, the earth and mankind, and His number one priority was to give man free will who are we to challenge His will? Thus He did, and He had to know (and did know) that there was a real possibility that mankind would rebel against Him and actually hate Him. Is not the sacred word a living testimony and history of God's loving endeavor to recover and save his fallen creatures? Of course it is, He loves His creation with eternal love that while on this earth we cannot fully comprehend. We do however see a glimpse of His great love through the gift he gave to mankind for the eternal redemption of their souls. (John 3:16)

Following the reading of the subject, a motion and 2nd was made to adopt the report. The following brethren came forward to speak on the subject: Brother Jeff Brown and Brother Jeremy Miller. A question was called, vote taken, and the subject was adopted.

Brother Moran asked Clerk Brother Chris Harper to come forward and read the minutes of the day. After the reading of the minutes, a motion and 2nd to approve the minutes to this point was made. Motion carried.

A motion and 2nd was made to dismiss until 7pm. Motion carried.

Friday, September 14th, 2018

Evening Session

Brother Cory Houchens and Brother Brad Hicks began the service by singing *I'm Bound For That City*, and *Son Go Bring My Children Home*.

After the song service, Our Moderator, Elder Jeff Moran, welcomed everyone to the evening session. He thanked the congregation for making their way back this evening. He stated that this service is a good opportunity to remember our dear brothers and sisters that have passed on and remember their good works.

Brother Moran opened the floor for prayer requests before prayer. There were several requests and hearts were burdened for lost souls. He asked Brother Jeff Elliott to lead the congregation in prayer. After prayer, the assistant clerk, Brother Jeremy York, came forward to call the roll of messengers. With 32 messengers present and 12 churches represented out of a possible 15 a quorum was called.

(Roll of Messengers on page 14)

Following the messenger roll call, Brother Moran asked Brother Stephen Thompson to come forward to read the Obituary Report and read the list of the dearly departed. **(Obituary Report on page 42)**

Memorial Sermon

Elder Stephen Thompson

After the report was read a motion and second was made to adopt the report. Brother Moran asked Brother Cory Houchens and Brother Brad Hicks to come forward to lead *The Love Of God*. It was then requested that Brother Brad Hicks sing *We Have A Hope*. Following the songs, Brother Stephen Thompson came forward to bring the memorial sermon.

Memorial Sermon

Brother Thompson thanked the churches for the opportunity to be here and stand. He said that it's almost been 37 years since he had announced his calling to preach, and he still needed the Lord's help. He thanked God for the services thus far and called our attention to Proverbs 4:23 - *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."*

He began his sermon by reading John 11:18-45. He said that there was so much teaching about Jesus and his compassion in these passages of scriptures. In this passage of scripture there was more theology than all the theologians of this world could ever come up with. He pointed out that Thomas, Didymus, asked that he would die so that the savior could raise him. What a picture of salvation of a soul dying to sin and being raised in newness of life.

Brother Thompson said that Jesus desired to show the people in this account about the compassion of God. Jesus completed so many works in his life and through his death. Jesus had to overcome self, sin and all the works of the flesh. He was tempted as we are and yet without sin, he defeated this flesh and won the war against sin. Through his perfect work, he holds all the power over sin and death. This account shows the true power of God manifested in front of a gathering of people. Not only did He love Lazarus and his close friends, but for the benefit of the people standing by Jesus showed his might.

Brother Thompson said that we needed to be so close to God that we can feel him wipe the tears from our eyes. We need to draw close to the Lord and we need his presence now more than ever. Jesus wept for his friend, and the congregation commented how much Jesus loved Lazarus. Jesus weeps over us. He desires for his people to draw close to Him and have that close relationship that every father desires for their children.

Brother Thompson pointed out that Jesus wanted Mary to believe and pointed out that her faith was weak. Jesus wanted her to recognize that He had power over life. When Jesus asked that the people remove the stone covering the grave of Lazarus, He said that *"if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God."* Again, the Glory of God is his power over life! He said that he was saved as an 8-year-old boy and his grave clothes were gone and stood as a newborn child of God.

Brother Thompson read Philippians 3:7-11, saying that out of everything we could have in this life there was nothing more important than attaining Christ. Christ is should be the full focus of our aim in life. He asked the churches to pray for one another and encourage one another to hit the mark. We should be as the archer shooting for the bullseye and not just aiming at the target. **(find a video of the full sermon online at www.bethelmba.com)**

After the sermon, Brother Moran thanked God for the message. He said that the family members that were present that had lost loved ones this past year were in our prayers. He exhorted us to encourage one another in these last days. Brother Moran then asked Brother Cory Houchens and Brother Brad Hicks to come forward to lead a few congregational songs while we shake hands with Brother Thompson. *Beulah Land*, and *He'll Hold My Hand* were selected for the handshake.

After the song service, Brother Moran entertained a vote to adopt the Memorial Report. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. A motion and second was made to adjourn until Saturday morning at 10am.

There were several prayer requests and announcements made at the end of the service, and there is a need for the Lord's help. Brother Moran asked his father, Elder Billy Moran to lead the congregation in a dismissal prayer.

Saturday, September 15th, 2018

Morning Session

Brother Cory Houchens welcomed the associational messengers and lead the congregation in singing *Because He Lives* and *How Great Thou Art*. Brother Brad Hicks accompanied on the piano. After the wonderful singing, Moderator Elder Jeff

Moran began by welcoming each one back to the Saturday Morning session of the 62nd Bethel Associational meeting. Brother Moran then called for any prayer requests. After requests, Brother Moran called upon Elder Del Compton to lead our hearts in prayer.

Following prayer, Brother Jeff asked association clerk, Brother Chris Harper, to come forward and read the roll of messengers.

With 14 churches present, and 49 members in attendance, a quorum for transacting business was declared. **(Roll of Messengers on page 14)**

Brother Moran requested that any new visitors make themselves known before the association. In attendance was:

Brother Del Compton, Calvary MBC, Bolivar, MO, Hope County Association

Brother Moran then asked Brother Houchens to come forward and lead the congregation in a song as we collect the missions offering. Brother Houchens lead Thank You Lord. Brother Jonathon Elliott requested Brother Brad Hicks to sing *We have a Hope*.

Following the special song, Brother Moran then asked Brother Jonathon Elliott to come forward and bring the doctrinal sermon.

Doctrinal Sermon

Elder Jonathon Elliott

Elder Jonathon Elliott began by thanking the association for the opportunity, all of the efforts and services thus far in the meeting. He states he is humbled at the opportunity in presenting the word in the doctrinal sermon. He spoke to he as a preacher is just a vessel and presenting what thus sayeth the Lord. He asked for prayer for the word, and for our hearts and ears to hear.

The Doctrine of God's Wrath

Brother Elliott spoke to a coworker asking a question recently that was "Do you serve a benevolent God or a loving God?" He spoke to his coworker not having a clear understanding of who God is. The question itself implies God can't be both. The world thinks talking about the wrath of God is what is wrong with religion, gives the wrong idea of religion. These thoughts of society has infiltrated the minds of the church and the minds of our ministers and cause people to believe we cannot discuss the things of God or that we have to make some sort of excuse for Gods wrath so that it sits better for the hearers that are listening to us. It comes from not knowing who God is. Our prayer is that he opens our hearts to who he really is.

Brother Jon then referenced multiple scriptures referencing how loving God truly is. He has proven who he is over and over again, GOD IS LOVE! However, God does not make any attempt in concealing his wrath either. There are hundreds upon hundreds of references to his wrath as well. So, the answer to the question to the question "Is God a God of wrath?" Unequivocally yes!

God is both a God of love and wrath. We as individuals misunderstand the love and wrath of God. God is in no way like us, he is above us and higher than us. When we compare him to us, we misrepresent him as a whole. Don't ascribe the wrath of man to God, it is not inconsistent. His wrath is arisen from one thing, evil. Comes from nothing else. His wrath is consistent.

God is perfectly good, and just. He is made to be angry because of evil. God's love and wrath are not against each other. In our mind, it does not add up. The world does not want to hear that it is possible. If we do not have a change in our hearts(salvation) we will forever feel his wrath. Propitiation was necessary and the God of wrath and anger was the one who initiated it! God appeased his own wrath by giving us Jesus. God initiated it and Christ accomplished it. For our sakes, God made Christ who knew no sin to be our sin. Became our sacrifice. It pleased the Lord to bruise him. God's indignation towards sin was satisfied by his perfect Son's sacrifice.

If you are an object of God's wrath, flee from the wrath to come. THERE IS A HOPE. We can win victory over sin in Jesus Christ. Be sure you are safe and secure in the blood of Jesus Christ. Nothing should make us more zealous than sharing the hope of Jesus Christ! God has righteous anger towards sin and so should his believers.

Ephesians 2:4-10 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Brother Elliott finished by thanking God for the glorious news of the gospel and that our only hope relies solely in the propitiating sacrifice of Jesus Christ. **(find a video of the full sermon online at www.bethelmba.com)**

Brother Moran praised the Lord for the good message. After testimonies, Brother Cory Houchens came forward to bring a few congregational songs and allow time for the association to pass by and shake hands with Brother Elliott. Brother Houchens led *Jesus Paid it All* and *Amazing Grace*.

Following the handshake and further testimonies, Brother Moran entertained a motion and 2nd to suspend further business and adjourn for lunch until 1p.m. Motion carried. Brother Moran called upon Brother Monty Shoulders to pray a blessing over the fellowship and lunch.

Saturday Afternoon

Brother Cory Houchens welcomed the association back after lunch and we sang *I Can Tell You Now the Time*. Brother Brad Hicks accompanied on the piano.

Following the song, Moderator Elder Jeff Moran called the association back to order. Elder Moran called our hearts to prayer and asked Brother Jimmy Whitney to lead us to the throne of grace.

After prayer, Brother Jeff asked for Brother Andrew Horton, Chairman of the subject "**The Association's Purpose and Desired Effect**", to come forward and present the subject.

What is the Biblical purpose of the annual association meeting? In what ways can we improve the structure or format to better achieve its purpose? Traditionally the Association meets (2) days out of the year. Are there ways to utilize the resources, finances, talents of the association to enhance these efforts?

It is easy for those who have invested minimal time and energy into something to criticize it, and it is equally easy for those who have invested a considerable amount of time and energy into something to immune themselves to any criticism. In fairness to both, when we consider this topic we must proceed with honesty and humility. **Humility**, because after serious consideration some skeptics may learn that our predecessors (in a different time and under different circumstances) developed an institution that played a pivotal role in establishing sound churches. But, we must also proceed with **honesty**. If we desire to carry out the commission of The Lord and maintain orthodoxy in both doctrine and practice, then we must address the true state this association. This report is our attempt at a humble and honest analysis of the association. We have tried to accurately gauge the present utility of this institution and whether the format and structure of our association is biblical, and most beneficial as it is presently constructed. As a whole we find it well constructed; However, in a few areas we recommend modest changes to enhance its effect.

As our committee discussed this topic and informally polled various associational participants what quickly became evident was the lack of understanding regarding the purpose of the association.

Much of our **younger generation** thought it was largely an outdated gathering of “old men” who “talked about stuff.” The ones who grew up in church grasped a semblance of purpose, *but struggled to see the association's relevance and benefit to their church, and respectfully questioned its utility.* Common questions we heard were:

- What is the association trying to do?
- Is the association a year-round thing or is it just a once a year thing?
- Can anyone attend? What can non-messengers do?

As for the **older generation**, they understood more clearly the broader purposes of the association but explained it with hesitance and uncertainty. Some said the association's purpose was to discuss important topics the churches should consider about doctrine and practice. Some said it was merely a weekend of fellowship meant to cultivate the relationship between the churches. Others said it was to foster encouragement and redirect our churches in the paths of righteousness.

These are all good answers. But what became evident to our committee was the lack of clarity about the purpose of the association.

In the scriptures, we do not see any type of formal associations as we have in modern times. But we do see things that resemble what can be considered an *informal* association. What we mean by informal associations: occasions when churches are spoken about collectively or accounts when groups of elders (presumably from different local churches) are called together to counsel the early churches. Examples include:

- The dispute about circumcision following Paul and Barnabas first missionary journey (Acts 15)
- Paul's letter to the *churches* of Galatia (Galatians 1:2) where he addresses doctrinal and practical issues this group of churches had gotten wrong.
- Jesus words of encouragement and correction to the *churches* of Asia Minor in the book of Revelation (Revelation Chapters 2 and 3)
- Peter's explanation to the Judean elders about the expansion of the church to the Gentiles and his experience with Cornelius (Acts 11)
- Associational teachers or representatives sent to young Gentile churches to establish doctrine, identify false teaching, and encourage sound behavior (Acts 15)
- An offering is sent by the Gentile churches to the church(es) in Judea because of a famine (I Corinthians 16:4; Acts 11:27-30)

In each of these accounts, we find a variety of reasons for the interconnectedness of the early churches: instruction, reproof, encouragement, charitable contributions, and mission support to name just a few. ***It seems as though the purpose of their association was contingent on the challenges and circumstances confronting them at the time.*** If they were falling into doctrinal error, instruction and reproof became the predominant reason for their meetings. If one of the churches needed financial support, they contributed to their relief.

In all of these situations the early church clearly identified the purpose of their actions, discussed it, and strove to carry out whatever solution God helped them to identify. Because of this pattern, they were able to successfully address the pressing challenges of their time. The Judean believers were relieved of their hardship during the time of famine. The Corinthian church repented of their sin because of Paul's reproof. The Jewish elders clinging to circumcision were corrected of their doctrinal error. Teachers were sent to young churches to help establish doctrine and practice and were welcomed by those gentile Christians.

It is vital that we recognize that none of these things appeared to be done with the intention of usurping authority from the local congregation, nor does it seem like these actions were interpreted that way. The intent of the apostles was clearly a love for God and their fellow brethren, and as a result they were received with joy, not suspicion or dread.

In the Bethel Association, we know of no church or messenger present today that has the desire to usurp authority over any other church in the association. Nor do the signs of such an inappropriate action seem to be on the horizon. We do, however, see these churches facing challenges which we are all struggling to address in one way or another.

And so, the following recommendations are humbly presented to improve the association's effect and to better utilize the various gifts which are collectively held.

1. **Pass a resolution which clearly identifies short-term and long-term goals we want to see addressed.** In the pattern of the apostles, we think it would be helpful to periodically establish short-term and long-term goals which identify the challenges our churches are collectively facing, and that we desire the association to tackle jointly. Once we identify them, it will give a tremendous

amount of guidance to those who will participate in the association in the future. It will help the subject selection committee identify subjects. It will help all participants better prepare to attend the association. Ministers who are preaching will be able to better know what doctrines and practices are being questioned or compromised.

These resolutions could include topics such as: the attrition of our young people, how to incorporate new music in church, ministerial education, how to support widows and orphans, aiding addicts in the church, how to assist single parents in the church, and other topics that are both doctrinally and practically relevant. *Churches would participate voluntarily* after the close of the associational meeting, but the annual meeting would present a good opportunity to discuss the matters in one setting.

2. **Allow each church to select a member of their church to be on the subject selection committee.** Since a large portion of our annual meeting is dedicated to subjects, the topics discussed at the association are often dictated by the interests, age, and church culture of the members of the subject selection committee. For our subjects to cover a wider array of concerns which are actively affecting the churches, it may be helpful for the committee to meet once a year (or more based on the committee's desire) to discuss what doctrines and practices need to be addressed at the time. The associational moderator could serve as moderator of this group (*with no vote unless his church selected him to represent them*) and each church could select one of their messengers to serve on this committee.
3. **Find a way to engage our young people.** Each year the average age of our associational participants gets older. Many of the younger men, including those on this committee, are young ministers who may or may not always be a part of this particular body. To ensure a stable future, it is vital that the association begin engaging and training young men and women (especially non-pastors) to support and participate in this body. There are tasks and procedures of this body that will not come instinctively to our next generation, and must be taught with a measure of love, and with a measure of persistence. A failure to do this will become noticeable in the very near future.

In conclusion, our committee believes the association is a valuable institution and has done much good for the churches involved for multiple decades. It has served as a measure of fellowship, and has brought about innumerable subject and sermons that have helped shape all of our church in one way or the other. We further believe that modest changes can be made to better address the concerns facing all our churches. At the heart of each of these recommendations, is the hope that our relationships with each other will grow deeper and help one another to address the problems we all face.

Following the presentation, a motion and 2nd was made to adopt the report. Speaking to the subject were: Brother Andrew Horton, Brother Monte Botkin, Brother Danny Edwards, Brother Del Compton, Brother Jeff Moran, Brother

Jonathon Elliott, Brother Bruce Adamson, and Brother Terry Foster. A question was called, vote taken, and report adopted.

Brother Moran then called upon Brother Jeff Thompson, Chairman of the Missions report, to come forward to present the report. A motion and 2nd was made to adopt the report. Speaking to the subject were: Brother Jeremy Miller, Brother Monty Shoulders, Brother Jeff Moran, Brother Kenny Turner and Brother Scott Hauskins. A vote was taken and report adopted.

Following the mission report, Brother Jeff Moran asked Brother Jeremy York, Chairman for the Correspondence committee, to come forward and present the correspondence received, and the letter we will send to the other associations. A motion and 2nd was made to adopt the report. A vote was taken and report adopted.

Brother Moran then called upon Brother Cory Houchens to bring the financial report. Following the report, a motion and 2nd was made to adopt the report. A vote was taken and the report adopted. **(Report on page 38)**

Old Business

Brother Brad Hicks came forward to present the **“Bible Translation committee report”**.

The Translation Committee presented their report using Microsoft Power-Point. There was no written copy of the presentation. Within the presentation the committee presented the history of the King James Bible, the history of ancient biblical manuscripts since the King James Bible, the various translation approaches, the process they used to research other translations, and concluded with a recommendation of the New American Standard Bible. At the end of the presentation they made the following recommendations to the association:

- As a supplemental reference source.
- In parallel studies with both KJV and NASB during personal devotions.
- In parallel usage during church services, especially mid-week Bible study or during Sunday School.
- Placement of copies of the NASB in the pews, so that if a teacher/preacher references this version, congregants would be able to follow along.
- Follow-up meetings to provide a forum in which all our churches could discuss their usage experiences and share helpful/best practices.

(Find a video of the full report on the association website, www.bethelmba.org)

Following the report, a motion and 2nd to adopt the report were put forward. Speaking to the report were Brother Brad Hicks, Brother Jeff Moran, Brother Jeremy Miller, Brother Dereck Mobley, Brother Bruce Adamson, Brother Jonathon Elliott, and Brother Darrell Cochran. Report adopted.

Discussion was held on the motion from 2018 about an associational ambassador. During the discussion, the main request of the churches present was more clarity/definition around the position.

New Business

Brother Moran then called on Brother Tyler Kemp to bring forward the subjects for the 2020 association. A motion and 2nd was put forth to adopt the subjects for presentation. A vote was taken, and the subjects adopted.

2020 Subjects for Presentation

1. The Necessity of Personal Evangelism-

- What effect does a decline in personal evangelism and Soul winning have on our churches, our communities, our circles of influence, and for the advancement of the Kingdom as a whole?
- What, if any, additional enterprises can our churches pursue in effort to aid in our endeavor to Win Souls to the Lord?
- What existing hindrances impede personal evangelism among our members, and what steps or tools can be utilized to aid in the reversal of the decline of personal evangelism?

**Committee – Brother Scott Hauskins (Chairman), Brother Roger Elamon,
Brother CJ Madsen**

2. Just, Faithful, Exemplary-

A thoughtful consideration of our prescribed deportment. Seeking a sharpened understanding of our covenantal instruction to be JUST in our dealings, FAITHFUL in our engagements, and EXEMPLARY in our deportment.

- What effect can unfavorable deportment, unjust dealings, and unfaithful commitment have on the local church? Also, how does this effect our ability as Christians to outreach to those we contact outside of the body of Christ?
- What hazards arise when unbecoming deportment is present within our Churches, and what benefits and blessings come from holy relationship and interactions among members?
- What biblical truths can be applied to this matter in a measure to ensure our consecration toward Holy living, as a means of more accurately reflecting the Nature of God?

**Committee – Brother Cory Houchens (Chairman), Elder Stephen York,
Brother Donnie Binion**

3. A Timeless Gospel-

- What strides can the church and ministers take to demonstrate the relevance of a Gospel message that has spanned all of existence since the time of creation, to the current world of today?
- How can/should we combat the growing stigmatism of an outdated Religion, practice, and message as widely accepted and promoted in our present generation?
- What advancements can be made to minimize hindrances or barriers to the reception of the Gospel Message? (i.e. Using outdated or unfamiliar terminology or vernacular that could create a language barrier to the average unchurched individual)

**Committee – Elder Jonathon Elliott (Chairman), Elder Dereck Mobley,
Brother Tim Rose**

4. Missions Committee- Brother Dean Hauskins (Chairman), Brother Jason Elliott, Brother Darrell Cochran

5. Correspondence Committee- Brother Chris Harper (Chairman), Brother Jeremy York

A motion and 2nd was made that the minutes be printed and distributed within 6 months of the association, and that those who have presented subjects at the association have them submitted to the clerk in an electronic format within one month of the association. Motion carried.

A motion and 2nd was made to purchase a new laptop for the use of the clerk with a budget of \$600. Motion carried.

Brother Jeff Moran then asked Association Clerk, Brother Chris Harper, to read the minutes from Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon services. Following the reading, a motion and 2nd was made to approve the minutes as read, and to allow the clerk liberty to make any corrections as needed. Motion carried.

Motion and 2nd to adjourn until September 18, 2020 at 10am, with Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Motion carried.

REPORTS

TREASURY REPORT			
Ending Balance as of 2018		Contributions 2019	
\$5,201.04			
Disbursements			
Clerk	\$300.00		
Printing	\$2,148.00		
Cloud Storage (per year)	\$99.99		
Domain Name (5 Years)	\$75.85		
Assumed Name Cert	\$11.00		
Missions	\$1060.00		
Beginning Balance for 2019			
\$1,506.20			
Total Contributions for 2019			
\$3,228.00			
New Balance			
\$3,806.20			
Missions Collection/Disbursement			
\$928.00			
Distributed equally between Pleasant Valley Food Pantry, the Putnam County Mission, and Monty Shoulders' Belize trip			
		Amana	\$150
		Bethel	\$150
		Faith (IN)	\$200
		Faith (MI)	\$150
		Fellowship	\$125
		Freedom	\$100
		Friendship	\$150
		Harvest	\$150
		Kokomo	\$200
		Macedonia	\$100
		Outreach	\$200
		Pleasant Valley	\$200
		Salem	\$150
		Southside	\$200
		Whiteland	\$75

MISSIONS REPORT		
Amana		
Mission Name	Missionary	Amount
Old Fashioned Gospel Hour	N/A	
Upper Spotsylvania MBC	N/A	
Total: \$1,800.00		
Bethel		
New Hope School	N/A	\$3,150.00
Total: \$3,150.00		
Faith (IN)		
Old Fashioned Gospel Hour	N/A	\$600.00
Gold Coast Mission Fund	Bradley Hicks	\$600.00
Putnam County Mission	Brent Summers	\$150.00
Online Publication of Sermons	N/A	\$480.00
Total: \$1,830.00		
Faith (MI)		
Anchor MBC	James Keen	N/A
Peacemaker International	N/A	N/A
Upperspotsylvania MBC	N/A	N/A
Total: Not reported		

MISSIONS REPORT		
Fellowship		
Walking in the Old Paths-Live	Scott Hauskins	\$1,260.00
New Hope Mission	N/A	\$1,069.00
Pleasant Valley Food Pantry	N/A	\$900.00
Old Fashioned Gospel Hour	N/A	\$153.00
\$3,382.00		
Freedom		
Home Missions	N/A	\$300.00
Foreign Missions	N/A	\$0
Total: \$300.00		
Friendship		
Home Mission Support	N/A	\$2,160.00
Foreign Missions	N/A	\$0
Total: \$2,160.00		
Harvest		
Nursing Home Ministry (Danville, IN)	N/A	N/A
Family Promise Hendricks County	N/A	N/A
Total: \$500.00		
Kokomo		
Home Missions	N/A	\$0
Total: None Reported		
Macedonia		
New Hope School	N/A	\$600.00
Total: \$600.00		
Outreach		
Old Fashioned Gospel Hour	N/A	\$600.00
Jamaica Fund	Rick Jones	\$600.00
New Hope School	N/A	\$900.00
Total: \$2,100.00		
Pleasant Valley		
Home Missions	N/A	\$9,501.00
African Fund	N/A	\$600.00
Total: \$10,101.00		
Salem		
Putnam County Mission	Brent Summers	\$300.00
Total: \$300.00		

MISSIONS REPORT

Southside

Wells Of Hope	N/A	N/A
East End Mission (Louisville)	N/A	N/A
Jamaica Fund	Rick Jones	N/A

Total: Not Reported

Whiteland

Gold Coast Mission Fund	Bradley Hicks	N/A
Guatemala Mission	N/A	N/A
Cedars of Lebanon MBC	N/A	N/A
Walking in the Old Paths	Scott Hauskins	N/A

Total: \$1,400.00

CORRESPONDENCE

Outgoing Correspondence to Our Sister Churches:

September 14, 2019

To the Churches of our Sister Associations:

Greetings and blessings to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We trust that God has blessed you in His work and that you have seen many souls converted and to unite themselves to the body of Christ through baptism.

We were very blessed to have been apart of the 62nd annual Bethel Missionary Baptist Association held at Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Greenwood, IN. With a total of 14 churches represented and messengers from each church, we sat in heavenly places. There were eight baptisms and a total of 1,326 members in our churches for the 2019 year. This year we heard sermons from Elder Jeremy Miller from Outreach Missionary Baptist Church, Elder Stephen Thompson from Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, and Elder Jonathon Elliott from Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. We also heard spiritual lessons that challenged us and encouraged us to draw closer to God.

Next year, in our 63rd annual session, we will be meeting at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, IN. Our meetings will be held on Friday September 18, 2020 starting at 10am. Elder Jeremy Collins from Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will be preaching the Introductory Sermon. Elder Nick Reuter from Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church will be preaching the Memorial Sermon. Elder Bruce Adamson from Amana Missionary Baptist Church will be preaching the Doctrinal Sermon. We will also be hearing lessons on *The Necessity of Personal Evangelism - Being Just, Faithful, Exemplary* – and *A Timeless Gospel* – as well as the yearly missions report.

We would like to cordially invite any and all who would like to attend and be a part of this upcoming session, but most of all please pray for the meetings and all our churches.

Moderator Elder Jeff Moran
Clerk Brother Chris Harper

**Incoming Correspondence:
Wiseman Baptist Association**

August 19, 2018

To the Churches of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association:

We trust you have received many blessings from the Lord this past year.

We were greatly blessed by the Lord during our one hundred twenty-seventh annual session, which was held with Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Goodletsville, Tennessee. Eight churches reported 38 additions in the past year, with 16 being by baptism and a total membership of 1892.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join us for our one hundred twenty-eighth session, which will begin at 10 AM on Friday, October 26, 2019, at Three Springs Baptist Church. The church is located at 1440 Three Springs Road in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Brother Jesse Miler is scheduled to preach the Introductory Sermon on Friday morning, and Brother Brian Johnson is scheduled to preach the Doctrinal Sermon on Saturday Morning.

Please make your plans to attend.

In Christ's Love,
Charles Patterson, Clerk

Jamaica and Nassau Missions Update, Elder Rick Jones

September 2019

From the Desk of Elder Rick Jones.

My Dear Indiana Brothers and Sisters,

I had previous plans to attend this year, but my mother passed and her services were planned for that Saturday your churches are gathering. I asked my son-in-law if he would present this letter to your association in my absence. This year I spent thirty days in Nassau in the Bahamas and held revival and did the same in August in Jamaica near the seashore confirming the burden I have from the Lord to begin these two new works.

So I will spend October in Nassau receiving as my helper Brothers Ron Spurgeon and Don Curtis. Then I will return in December for another revival in Runaway Bay near the seashore in Jamaica. Beginning in January 2020 I will begin a mission work preaching in Nassau every other month until I am issued a work permit. Then return as the Spirit leads to Jamaica.

I want to thank each church and persons in your association for your prayers during our illness and continued support and prayers for our mission work.

In His majesty's service, out on the high seas,
Elder Rick Jones

Obituary Report

Elder Stephen Thompson

I Peter 1:3-5- *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”* We give thanks for our beloved Brothers and Sisters who departed this life since our last 2018 session. Their testimonies in the Lord still live on in our memories and we rejoice in the evidence of Jesus Christ in their lives. May we continue to honor their witness with our continued dedication to know our Savior in the power of His death and resurrection.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elder Stephen Thompson

Bethel

Erma Pauline England Cox

April 3, 1932- February 6, 2006

Erma Pauline England Cox, 73, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006 at Bethany Village Nursing Home in Indianapolis. She was born April 3, 1932 in Monroe County and was the daughter of the late Jay England and Gracie Proffitt England. Mrs. Cox was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter: Fonda Cox of Glasgow, one brother: Louis R. England of Indianapolis, two sisters: Geraldine Butler of Tompkinsville, and Dicie Oliver of Portland, Tenn; a sister-in-law, Betty England of Tompkinsville. She was preceded in death by her husband, CJ Cox; a brother, Burnis England; and a sister Sibil Mae England Bunting. Funeral services will be Thursday at 11am at the Strode Funeral Home, Tompkinsville, with Brother Stoney Morris officiating. Burial will be in the Monroe Couth Memorial Lawn.

Evelyn Gene (Patterson) Moss

1937-2016

Robert B. “Rob” Smith

1923-2018

Robert “Rob” Smith, 95, of Indianapolis, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on December 10, 2018. He was born December 9, 1923 in Kentucky to the late Benjamin and Grace Smith. He was a member of Speedway Masonic Lodge and Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for 61 years. Rob proudly served his country in the United States Army during WWII in Germany. He was a draftsman at Allison’s for 37 ½ years retiring in 1987. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, walking the golf course with them looking for golf balls. He was a servant of the Lord, volunteering at the church in various roles. Rob was known for working on small engines and lawn mowers for many of his neighbors.

Lucy Jewell (Stinson) Turner

July 31, 1920- April 1, 2018

Lucy Jewell Turner, 97, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2018, at Wesley Manor Retirement Community. She was born July 31, 1920, in Scottsville, KY to the late Fred and Harrietta Stinson. She was a graduate of Fountain Run High School. On November 15, 1941 she married Louell Turner; he passed away June 1999. She lived most of her married life in Indianapolis before moving to Frankfort from 1970-75. Jewell then lived in Hartford City, Greenfield, and Scottsville, KY before returning to Frankfort in 2011. She loved gardening, preserving vegetables she grew, sewing, and being with her grandchildren.

Stephen "Steve" White

March 4, 1954- July 31, 2019

Stephen White, 65, passed away on July 31, 2019. He was born March 4, 1954 in Indianapolis, IN to the late Thurman C White and Wilma Dean McCombs. Steve had many hobbies: drag racing, working on cars, boating, fishing, going to the horse track, and teaching his daughters how to drive anything and everything. Steve was always putting his family first. He enjoyed family vacations in Florida, and could spend hours watching his grandchildren play outside. Steve will never be forgotten because of all the pranks and jokes he pulled over the years on his family and friends. His laugh was so loud it could be heard from miles away.

Faith (IN)**Rella M Roy**

Rella M. Roy (Gosser), 91 of Franklin peacefully passed away on August 27, 2019 surrounded by her loving children. She was born on August 14, 1928 in Russell Springs, Kentucky to James Joshua and Eva (Chumbley) Gosser. She married Avert Gerald Roy on March 22, 1947. He preceded her in passing in 2009. She attended school at Pine Grove School. Rella was a homemaker. She was a member of Faith Missionary Baptist Church for many years. Rella was a loving mother and grandmother. She loved bingo, gardening and working puzzles.

Faith (MI)**Sharon Kay Crandall****Fellowship****Hollis J Bradley****Freedom****Kenneth A. Shoulders**

Kenneth Shoulders passed away 6/18/2019 in his home in Manchester, NH. Born 11/25/1952, he is survived by wife Judy, son Michael, daughter Nicole (L) Patch, Grandsons: Dalen, Brayden, Ryan and Connor, father William, brother Tim, sister Carol. Preceded in death by mother Ruby. Kenneth was a graduate of Ben Davis High School 1971, he was an electrician by trade. He could often be found watching NASCAR, working in his garage or enjoying time spent with his grandchildren.

Odus Cummings

Reverend Odus R. Cummings, 93, of Indianapolis, went to be with the Lord on June 6, 2019. He was born on July 22, 1925 to Thomas Love and Bertha (Maynard) Cummings in Sanford, FL. He served honorably in the United States Army during World War II. He married Grace E. (Little) Cummings on November 2, 1946. Odus was a Machinist at Allison's Transmission, General Motors Division for 35 years, retiring in 1987. He was a former Pastor and current member of Freedom Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Indianapolis Masonic Lodge #669. He was an avid carpenter and enjoyed reading the bible. He has lived in Indianapolis since 1951, Byrdstown, TN and his birthplace of Sanford, FL for three years.

Friendship

Kevin Hatton

Kokomo

Charles "Chuckie" Sanders

Lavern Bryant Roberson

Lavern Roberson passed away Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at her home. She was born May 11, 1934 in Greenbrier, AK. She was the daughter of the late Arville and May McClain. On December 24, 1953, she married Billy Joe Bryant, who preceded her in death in January of 1988. She then married William "Ed" Roberson on June 24, 1994, who also preceded her in death in September of 1997. Lavern was a homemaker who had worked for Cuneo Press, Howard Community Hospital, and Steve Martin Construction Company. Lavern was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, who enjoyed playing cards, and cooking for her family.

Macedonia

Shirley A Carter

Salem

Delpha B Holland

Delpha B. (Ferguson) Holland, 82, of Franklin, Indiana, passed away on April 3 at her residence in Franklin, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Dec. 6, 1936, in Red Boiling Springs, to Lucian and Dessie (Copass) Ferguson. She married Elder Lewis Holland on Aug. 25, 1956. in Macon County. He preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 1999. Delpha was a loving and devoted homemaker who opened her doors with hospitality to all. She was a charter member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Bargersville, Indiana. Her faith in the Lord was unshakeable, and she spent her life in service to her savior, church and her family. She truly believed in loving thy neighbor and treating others as it was their last day. Her love for gospel and bluegrass music was second to none. Her light-hearted spirit and wit brought smiles and laughter to all those around her.

Brenda Curry

Brenda Lou Curry, 59, of Indianapolis, IN passed away July 6, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. Brenda was born July 13, 1959 in Franklin, Indiana the daughter of Victor and Corean West. Brenda is survived by her husband of 34 years; Timothy Curry, son; Matthew (Hope) Curry, grandchildren; Nevaeh and Malakai siblings; Clifton, Carolyn, Rita and Delbert.

Southside**Valerie Patterson**

Valerie Kay Patterson 64, of Whiteland, passed away April 14, 2019. She was born in Indianapolis to Raymond (Pa) and Virginia (Ma) Wise. Valerie did not have any brothers or sisters, but in her church she had many. Valerie was saved May 12, 1969 at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized into the congregation. She loved her church family and was involved in different roles; Sunday school teacher, Christmas play director, event coordinator, pastor's wife, preacher's mom, prayer warrior, and leader of the alto section. Valerie is a member of Southside Missionary Baptist Church, that she has always considered her home church. In recent years she was unable to attend, but the church was always on her mind and in her heart. Besides her love for the Lord and her church her love for her grandson, Matthew, was evident, great, obnoxious...take your pick. She was known as GG to him, many kids in the church, and in her neighborhood. Valerie became disabled when he was just a baby, but was still able to provide childcare, read every dinosaur and animal book imaginable, and spoiled him until his school days and beyond. She would worry about his safety and celebrate his accomplishments through the numerous activities and sporting events. GG will be missed. Valerie enjoyed cooking and set the gold standard for chicken and dumplings as can be seen by looking at the heftiness of her family. She also enjoyed crocheting. Many expecting mothers received handmade baby blankets from her.

Nancy Dick

Nancy Lee (Jones) Dick, age 69, of Indianapolis went home to be with Jesus Sunday, August 4, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born December 30, 1949 in Franklin, Kentucky to the late Louie and Mazelle (Gammons) Jones. Nancy was a graduate of Arsenal Tech High School. She married the love of her life Daniel Dick on July 19, 1969 and they recently celebrated 50 wonderful years of marriage. Nancy was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a 40-year member of Southside Missionary Baptist Church where she enjoyed teaching Sunday School and member of TOPS. She loved spending time with Danny especially in their flower garden and cherished her time with her girls and grandchildren. She will forever be remembered as "Sweet Nancy."

Whiteland**Lela Harmon**

Lela Delpha (Thompson) Harmon, 89, of Greenwood, IN passed away Friday, April 5, 2019 at Homeview Health and Rehabilitation in Franklin, IN. She was born December 29, 1929 in Cub Run, Kentucky to Chester Levi Thompson and Mary Hannah (Butler) Thompson. She married Hanly Pirtle Harmon on August 6, 1948 in Indianapolis, IN, he preceded her in death on November 19, 2017. She owned and operated Harmon's Construction Cleaning Services in Greenwood. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She loved cooking, canning, gardening, making pot holders, working puzzles, doing word searches, and listening to country music. She loved her "Hugs" and you couldn't visit her without getting one.

Betty Williamson

Betty J Williamson, 83, of Greenwood, passed away Saturday, June 1, 2019. She was born to Oral and Dessie (Woodall) Bray on November 5, 1935 in Somerset, Kentucky. Betty was a parts inspector for Berg Electronics for 15 years, retiring in 1999. Betty was married to Fred Williamson; he precedes her in death. She loved gardening and planting flowers. Betty enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The staff and residences of Greenwood Village Pavilion held a special place in her heart.

2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Church Data			Received by				Dismissed by			Current Attendance	
Name	Organized	Last Year's Membership	Baptisms	Letters	Restorations	Statements	Letters	Expulsions	Deaths	Present Membership	Sunday School
Amana	1966	24	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	28	N/A
Bethel	1944	232	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	226	25
Faith (IN)	1956	160	1	6	0	0	1	0	1	165	45
Faith (MI)	1949	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	20
Fellowship	1957	84	0	2	1	1	3	2	1	82	19
Freedom	1961	82	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	79	N/A
Friendship	1952	88	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	88	25
Harvest	1990	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	10
Kokomo	1952	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	111	N/A
Macedonia	1986	20	0	3	0	0	0	3	1	19	10
Outreach	2001	60	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	57	14
Pleasant Valley	1961	45	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	43	20
Salem	1967	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	106	14
Southside	1959	200	2	3	0	0	1	2	2	200	50
Whiteland	1970	65	0	2	0	0	3	0	2	62	10
Totals		1342	8	18	1	2	15	9	20	1326	262

MEETING HISTORY

Year	Location	Moderator	Clerk	Introductory	Memorial	Doctrinal
1958	Bethel	H.B. Eaton	Milburn Calvert	Odus Cummings		W.T. Taylor
1959	Kokomo	H.B. Eaton	Milburn Calvert	Ben R. Taylor		L.H. Parker
1960	Harmony	M.V. Hammack	Billy Moran	Othneil Finley		M.V. Hammack
1961	Bethel	Othneil Finley	Finis Jent	H.B. Eaton		W.T. Taylor
1962	Kokomo	L.C. Long	Finis Jent	H.B. Eaton		W.T. Taylor
1963	Faith	H.B. Eaton	Odus Cummings	Othneil Finley		Billy Adamson
1964	Grace	H.B. Eaton	Billy Moran	C. C. Gregory	Othneil Finley	W.T. Taylor
1965	Bethel	H.B. Eaton	Billy Moran	Richard Huskins	Mitchell Smith	Billy Moran
1966	Kokomo	M.V. Hammack	Jack Kidwell	Earl C. Coker	Mitchell Smith	Othneil Finley
1967	Faith	M.V. Hammack	Jack Kidwell	Billy Moran	Edward Bradley	Mitchell Smith
1968	Harmony	Kenneth Morgan	Jack Kidwell	Othneil Finley	H.B. Eaton	M.V. Hammack
1969	Bethel	H.B. Eaton	E.H. Carter	D.C. Russell	Paul Kinnard	Mitchell Smith
1970	Kokomo	D.C. Russell	Edd Sanders	Richard Huskins	Odus Cummings	M.V. Hammack
1971	Southside	D.C. Russell	Edd Sanders	Wm. Marvin	Lewis Holland	D.C. Russell
1972	Faith	Lewis Holland	Edd Sanders	Lewis Holland	Richard Huskins	Hugh Hudson
1973	Rossville	Odus Cummings	John Keen Jr.	Berlin Roy	Clellon Buster	Billy Moran
1974	Liberty	Hugh Hudson	John Keen Jr.	Jimmy Parker	Bill Martin	Mitchell Smith
1975	Harmony	Hugh Hudson	John Keen Jr.	John Keen Jr.	Lewis Holland	Billy Moran
1976	Bethel	Hugh Hudson	John Keen Jr.	Marvin Emberton	Oliver Day	Hugh Hudson
1977	Southside	Hugh Hudson	John Keen Jr.	Glen Yaden	Lewis Holland	Mitchell Smith
1978	Fellowship	Calvin Perrigo	John Keen Jr.	Calvin Perrigo	Nathan York	Kenneth Massey
1979	Grace	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Billy Moran	James Jones	Hugh Hudson
1980	Freedom	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Odus Cummings	Ron Galloway	John Keen Jr.
1981	Bethel	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Tim Binion	Billy Moran	Calvin Perrigo
1982	Fellowship	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Steve Perrigo	Don Watts	John Keen Jr.
1983	Southside	Odus Cummings	Terry Lyles	Del Compton	Nathan York	Odus Cummings
1984	Salem	Calvin Perrigo	Jeff Moran	Eugene Brown	Hugh Hudson	James Lones
1985	Kokomo	Calvin Perrigo	Del Compton	Dan Edwards	Roy Brooks	Dwayne Greer
1986	Bethel	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Nathan York	Don Watts	Eugene Brown
1987	Freedom	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Jerry Patterson	Don Watts	Roy Brooks
1988	Faith (IN)	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Larry Taylor	Ronald Cook	Roy Brooks

Year	Location	Moderator	Clerk	Introductory	Memorial	Doctrinal
1989	Pleasant Valley	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Garfield Saylor	Dexter Bacon Jr.	Terry Foster
1990	Fellowship	Odus Cummings	Jeff Moran	Jerry Miller	Jerry Patterson	Jerry Patterson
1991	Southside	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Danny Edwards	Nathan York	Larry Taylor
1992	Bethel	Odus Cummings	Kenneth Roe	Larry McClain	Dexter Bacon	Terry Lyles
1993	Kokomo	Larry Taylor	Kenneth Roe	Monty Shoulders	Larry Taylor	Don Watts
1994	Friendship	Larry Taylor	Kenneth Roe	Bruce Adamson	Lewis Holland	Dexter Bacon
1995	Faith (IN)	William Shoulders	Kenneth Roe	Brad Foster	Carlos Gammon	Don Watts
1996	Faith (MI)	William Shoulders	Mike Jackson	Randy Thompson	Jerry Patterson	William Shoulders
1997	Freedom	William Shoulders	Mike Jackson	Chris Jones	Jerry Miller	Terry Foster
1998	Fellowship	William Shoulders	Mike Jackson	Bart Jones	Nathan York	J.R. Thompson
1999	Whiteland	William Shoulders	Mike Jackson	James Keen	William McElroy	Monty Shoulders
2000	Bethel	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Matt Patterson	Michael Adamson	Jerry Miller
2001	Southside	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Michael Jackson	Don McDonald	John Keen Jr.
2002	Outreach	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Mark Greer	Chris Jones	Bruce Adamson
2003	Friendship	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Jerry Miller	Del Compton	Nathan York
2004	Bethel	William Shoulders	Bart Jones	Gary Smith	Terry Foster	Don Watts
2005	Kokomo	William Shoulders	Jeremy York	Richard Jenkins	Ron Stott	Jerry Miller
2006	Fellowship	William Shoulders	Brad Farris	Lance Jackson	Nathan York	Kenneth Davis
2007	Salem	William Shoulders	Brad Farris	Jeremy Miller	Doug Skinner	Jimmy Whitney
2008	Whiteland	William Shoulders	Brad Farris	Stephen York	Aaron Hood	Chris Jones
2009	Faith (IN)	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Jeff Moran	Stephen Thompson	Bruce Adamson
2010	Freedom	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Kent Welch	Stephen York	John Keen Jr.
2011	Southside	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Jeremy York	Rick Huskins	Aaron Hood
2012	Kokomo	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Matthew Rickett	Nathan York	Jeff Moran
2013	Bethel	Chris Jones	Bradley Hicks	Dereck Mobley	Bradley Hicks	Nathan York
2014	Whiteland	Chris Jones	Nick Reuter	Jonathon Elliott	Nathan York	Jeff Elliott
2015	Fellowship	Chris Jones	Nick Reuter	Charles Pratt	Jeff Elliott	Bradley Hicks
2016	Harvest	Jeff Moran	Noah Adamson	James Whitney	Jeff Moran	Dereck Mobley
2017	Faith (IN)	Jeff Moran	Noah Adamson	Jerry Burke	Scott Hauskins	Charles Pratt
2018	Friendship	Jeff Moran	Jeremy York	Andrew Horton	Stephen York	Monty Shoulders
2019	Salem	Jeff Moran	Chris Harper	Jeremy Miller	Stephen Thompson	Jonathon Elliott

DIRECTORY

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FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (MI)

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FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Indianapolis, IN. 46221

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

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CHURCH OFFICERS

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Superintendent	Steve Reeve	418 S. Norfolk St. Indianapolis, IN 46241	317-909-0594	Steve.reever71@gmail.com

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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FREEDOM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

350 N. Fuller Dr.
Indianapolis, IN. 46224

Sunday: 9:30am

CHURCH OFFICERS				
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Clerk	Bethany Toler	75 Maxwell Rd. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-918-8190	bethshoulders10@gmail.com
Treasurer	Tim Shoulders	10884 E. Cr. 700 S. Camby, IN. 46113	317-319-9241	toolman94@aol.com
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FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

5520 E. Base Rd.
Columbus, IN. 47203

Sunday: 10:00 AM,
6:00 PM

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CHURCH OFFICERS				
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HARVEST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday: 9:00 AM,
6:00 PM

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KOKOMO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday: 10:00 AM,
6:00 PM

CHURCH OFFICERS				
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Treasurer	Ginger Ennis	8465 E. SR-18 Galveston, IN. 46932		
Superintendent	Mark Ramey	1508 Linwood Dr. Kokomo, IN. 46902	765-437-7393	
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Mark Ramey	1508 Linwood Dr. Kokomo, IN. 46902		765-437-7393	

MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Sunday: 10:00 AM,
6:00 PM

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CHURCH OFFICERS				
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Superintendent	Etsel Davis	2254 Redstone Dr. Greenfield, IN. 46140	317-318-9832	etseldavis878440@att.net
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OUTREACH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

7544 E. Hadley Rd.
Camby, IN. 46113

Sunday: 10:00 AM

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ORDAINED MINISTERS				
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PLEASANT VALLEY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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CHURCH OFFICERS				
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Superintendent	Kathy Springer	811 Woodland Knolls Rd, Metamora, IL 61548	309-339-2106	kspringer@aol.com
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SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Bargersville, IN. 46106

Sunday: 11:00 AM,
5:00 PM

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SOUTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1850 E. Sumner Ave.

Sunday: 10:00 AM, 6:00 PM

Indianapolis, IN. 46227

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

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Treasurer	Jason Elliott	822 Boulder Rd. Indianapolis, IN. 46217	317-640-1619	
Superintendent	Hayden Patterson	2722 Barth Ave Indianapolis, IN. 46203	317-709-7926	haypatt96@gmail.com
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Cory Kemp				

WHITELAND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday: 10:00 AM

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Treasurer	Walt Miller	663 W 500 North Franklin, IN 46131	317-417-2273	miller1992@embarqmail.com
Superintendent	Billy Lacefield	206 Washington St Franklin, IN 46131	317-736-6151	
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ORDAINED DEACONS				
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