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CENTRAL INDIANA ASSOCIATION Of SEPARATE BAPTIST IN CHRIST, INCORPORATED

# ONE HUND<mark>RED AN</mark>D THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION MINUTES

Held at the Midway Campground 8329 State Road 135 N Morgantown, Indiana 46160

# SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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Sis. Glenda Swanson (Chairperson)Sis. Kim WiggingtonSis. Carla TharpeSis. Margaret Waltz

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#### **CHURCHES TO HELP IN KITCHEN FOR 2008 ASSOCIATION**

*Friday Noon*: Midway, Mt. Zion, Indianapolis, East Columbus *Friday Evening*: Edinburgh, Friendship, Shiloh, Pleasant Valley *Saturday noon*: Franklin, Great Hope, Jewell Village, Salem, Union Laymon

## ASSIGNED DAYS AND CHURCHES FOR BRINGING FOOD FOR 2008 ASSOCIATION

Friday noon: Edinburgh, Friendship, Jewell Village, Midway,Friday evening: Mt. Zion, Shiloh, Indianapolis and Union LaymonSaturday: East Columbus, Franklin, Great Hope, Pleasant Valley,Salem

### PROGRAM FOR 2008

### FRIDAY MORNING, 10:00 A.M.

Prayer Welcome by the Moderator Song Devotional: Rev. Homer Whited Alternate: Rev. Jimmy Polston Pledge to the American and Christian Flags and the Bible Moderator- Call for the fellowship of the standing delegates to transact business for the Lord Call for Church Letters and donations and the reading of same and seating of delegates \* Call for new Churches Appointment of Divine Service Committee **Recognize visiting Ministers and Deacons** Song and offering for Kitchen Committee Moment of silence in memory of service personnel Prayer for active service personnel and families Introductory Sermon: Rev. Ransom Covington Alternate: Rev. Guy Hardin Partial report of Divine Service Committee Adjournment

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

Song Devotional Reading minutes of previous session Unfinished business New business Call for Corresponding Letters and reading of same **Recognize Visitors** Appointment of delegates to sister associations Appointment of committees Report of Ministers and Deacons Institute Report of Fifth Sunday Meeting Report of Missions Inc., Representative Public offering Mission Sermon: Rev. John Perkins Jr. Alternate: Rev. Charles Tichenor Adjournment Suggested time for committee meetings

\* Omitting the reading of address, phone numbers and zip codes of all letters

#### FRIDAY EVENING, 5:30 P.M.

Special Singing- 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. Devotional Reading minutes of previous session Recognize Visitors Report of Divine Service Committee Sermon Communion and feet washing Adjournment

## SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 A.M.

Song Devotional Pledge to the American and Christian Flags and the Bible Reading of minutes of previous session **Recognize visiting Ministers and Deacons** Welcome Visitors Unfinished business New business Report of Association Treasurer Report of Mission Board and appointment of same Report of Young People's Separate Baptist Union President Report of Presbytery and appointment of same Report of part of committees Report of Youth Camp committee, Treasurer & appointment of same Public Offering Sermon Song and handshake (option of moderator) Adjournment

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

Song Devotional Reading of minutes of previous session Trustee Report Report of remaining committees Unfinished business Public Offering Doctrinal Sermon: Rev. Lonzo Wiggington Alternate: Rev. Mark Polston Election of Officers, Constitution Committee and Missions Inc. Representative Reading of the minutes of this session Dismissal Michael Hardwick

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## PLEASANT VALLEY

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#### SALEM

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Bloomington on State Road 48 to State Road 43 junction. Turn right, then continue for about 1  $^{1\!/}_{2}$  miles.

#### SHILOH

10970 Georgetown Road Columbus, Indiana. Take State Road 46 West to 500 W; turn left onto Georgetown Road, second church on right.

#### UNION LAYMON

385 Concord Road, Spencer, IN Go west out of Bloomington on State Road 46 for 13 miles, then turn north on Concord Road. Go approximately 1 mile. From Spencer, go east on State Road 46 for 4 miles, then turn north on Concord Road. Go approximately 1 mile.

# **STATISTICS**

CHURCH	Sunday School	Sunday Morning Worship	Received by Fellowship	Received by Letter	Dismissed	Deaths	Membership at Present	Missions contribution	Association contribution	Kitchen Committee contribution
East Columbus	10:00	11:00	0	7	0	0	26	\$100	\$100	\$100
Edinburgh	10:00	11:00	1	0	3	1	90		\$600	\$100
Franklin	10:00	11:00	0	0	0	0	56	\$200	\$1,000	\$250
Friendship	9:30	10:45	1	0	3	0	60		\$150	
Great Hope	9:30	10:45	0	0	0	1	28	\$100	\$100	\$50
Indianapolis	10:00	11:00	3	0	1	0	58	\$500	\$700	\$100
Jewell Village	10:00	11:00	0	0	0	0	28	\$100	\$100	\$50
Midway	9:30	11:00	0	0	0	1	34	\$100	\$100	\$50
Mount Zion	10:00	9:00	0	0	0	2	93	\$100	\$100	\$50
Pleasant Valley	9:30	11:00	0	0	2	0	25			
Salem	9:30	10:30	0	0	0	3	100	\$200	\$100	\$50
Shiloh	9:30	10:30	0	0	0	0	74	\$200	\$250	\$200
Union Laymon	9:30	10:30	0	0	0	1	38	\$100	\$400	\$150
TOTALS	-	-	5	7	9	9	710	\$1,700	\$3,700	\$1,150

# 2007 MINUTES FRIDAY MORNING

The one hundred and thirty eighth annual session of the Central Indiana Association of Separate Baptist in Christ, Inc. convened at the Midway Campground on Friday, September 7, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The Moderator, Rev. Ransom Covington, opened the service by leading us in prayer. Bro. Ransom then greeted everyone in the name of the Lord. Bro. Larry Calhoun led the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus" and "What a Day that will be", Sis. Clara Emerson accompanied on the Rev. J. B. Wilson led the devotional reading Romans 6:23 piano. commenting that we need to be mindful of our walk on earth that we may receive a heavenly reward when this life is over. Prayer requests were taken and Rev. Jimmy Polston led prayer around the altar. The assistant Moderator Rev. Jim Tharpe led the congregation in the pledges to the American and Christian Flags, and the Holy Bible. The Moderator asked that all standing delegates, which includes all Ministers, Deacons, and Sunday School Superintendents, to stand and constitute a quorum. A total of 29 delegates were present. The Moderator asked the delegates if they will work peaceably and in Godly counsel with one another during this setting of the association. All agreed and Rev. Homer Whited led in prayer.

- The letters from each of the following associational churches were read: Franklin, East Columbus, Edinburgh, Friendship, Great Hope, Indianapolis, Jewell Village, Midway, Mount Zion, Salem, Shiloh and Union Laymon. A motion was made after the reading of each letter to accept it, print the necessary information in the minutes, and seat any delegate(s) present and those who may come in later. Each motion was seconded and passed. The delegates were recognized after each letter was read and seated in fellowship to the Association by the Moderator.
- The Moderator had the clerk read By-Law Article I. He then opened the floor for churches desiring to apply for membership to this Association. There were none.
- The appointment of the Divine Services Committee was then made. This committee consisted of Bro. Jimmie McGaha- (Chairman), Bro. Donald Wiggington, and Bro. Benny B. Walden. All ministers and deacons from our sister associations were asked to stand for the benefit of the Divine services committee. The ministers and deacons from the Central Indiana Association were asked to stand.
- All visiting ministers and deacons were asked to stand to be recognized. The visitors included Rev. Danny Bailey, Rev. David Irwin, and Rev. Casey Davis from the South Kentucky Association, and Rev. Robert Gosser from the Nolynn Association.

• An offering that amounted to \$175.00 was taken up for the Kitchen Committee as we sang "*Count your Blessings*".

Rev. Ransom Covington asked all in attendance to stand in silent memory of service personnel. Rev. Jim Tharpe was asked to lead in prayer for active service personnel and families.

Bro Ransom then asked Rev. Eddie Freeman to come preach the introductory sermon. Bro. Eddie read II Samuel 5:1-3, II Chronicles 10: 12-16 and Matthew 21:8 & 9. Bro. Eddie asked Rev. Mike Fields to lead in prayer. Bro. Eddie spoke of some of the interesting testimonies the Bible has told us concerning the worship of God. He warned us to be diligent in our worship. It is our duty as Christians to worship God as he has directed us. We must remain together as a denomination to work together and hold to the doctrine we have. Our doctrine is of God and we must hold true to the doctrine. People should be afraid to stand against the doctrine of God. We should honor God with fear. We have nothing to be ashamed of as Separate Baptists unless we are not holding true to the doctrine of God. We should be proud of our relationship with God. We need leaders today that will step up and lead the church. We can not depend on those who have already passed on. We must continue on. Let's not back down. Let's be proud of God and what he has given us to guide us. People who love the Word of God will share that word with others.

We shook hands while singing "Have thine own way, Lord" and "Whiter than snow".

Several testimonies were given.

A partial report of the Divine Services committee was read, Rev. David Irwin for Friday afternoon devotion, Rev. Danny Bailey for Friday evening devotion, Rev. Casey Davis for Friday evening sermon and Rev. Robert Gosser for Saturday morning devotion. A motion was made and seconded to accept this partial report. The motion carried.

Rev. Mark Polston prayed the dismissal prayer and Bro. Benny Walden asked the blessing on the noon meal.

# FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Friday afternoon service began with the moderator asking Bro. Randy Polston to lead the congregation in song. We sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" while Sis. Phyllis Wiggington played the piano, Bro. Jon Polston and Rev. Danny Bailey played guitar and Bro. Jordan Polston played bass. Rev. David Irwin of the South Kentucky Association came with devotions. He read Matthew 6:1-7. He thanked the Divine service for asking him to do devotions and stated he felt welcome here. He encouraged us to continue to live right and to pray for each other.

Bro. David then called for an altar of prayer led by Rev. Jim Stump.

The minutes from the Friday morning session were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reading and print it in the minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion passed.

# **Unfinished business** There was none.

<u>New business</u> There was none.

The corresponding letter from the Nolynn Association was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the letter, print it in the minutes and seat the delegate(s) present and those that may come in later. The motion carried. The delegates were asked to stand and be recognized.

All visitors were asked to stand. Rev. Jim Hale and Sis. Barbara Hale of Nolynn was recognized. The Moderator thanked them for their support.

The Moderator appointed the following voluntary delegates to our sister associations:

Christian Unity: Jim Tharpe, Rhonda Palmer

Nolynn: Rev. Jimmy Polston, Bro. Allen Wiggington

South Kentucky: Rev. Jimmy Polston, Rev. Johnny Perkins, Rev. Mark Polston, Rev. Jerry Ridge, Rev. Jim Tharpe.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Resolutions, Missions, Ministry & Doctrine, Education, Sunday School, Ways & Means, Temperance, Young People, Obituary, Auditing, and Program.

The report of the <u>Ministers and Deacons Institute</u> was read. Motion was made and properly supported to accept the report and print it in the minutes. The motion carried.

The report of the <u>Separate Baptist Missions Inc.</u> representative was then read. A motion was made and seconded to accept this report and print it in the minutes with any needed additions or corrections. The motion carried.

The report of the <u>Fifth Sunday Meeting</u> was read. Motion was made and properly supported to accept the report, refer the financial portion to the Auditing Committee and print it in the minutes. The motion carried.

A public offering that amounted to \$125.00 was taken up as we sang "*I am bound for the promised land*".

The Moderator asked Rev. Jerry Ridge to come preach the Mission Sermon. Bro. Jerry read Matthew 5:13-16 taking verse 16 as his text, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven", asking us "Why Missions"? When you get saved, you're signed up to work for the Lord! It is a work or mission to share God's love. Helping people find the Lord will give them a new life, a better life. God gives us a good life here and a better life later. He spoke of Jonah's great influence on Nineveh. The city repented and God spared them. Phillip went to Samaria and had a great influence on them and the Eunuch. He mentioned Paul and his great work in all the churches and how he helped the jailer and his family. God will use you wherever you go. God can bless if we follow his instruction and his will. God's work is influential. If we share the word with others, God will use that work to spread it to many others. Serving the Lord and living right will influence others. Why missions? We can't be right without a desire to work for the Lord. Let your light so shine. Bro. Jerry then shared comments on the work being done in Africa.

We then sang "*The longer I serve Him*", "*That glad reunion day*" & "*I want to be ready to meet him*" while shaking hands. There were several Testimonies and announcements made. Rev. Lonzo Wiggington prayed the benediction and Rev. Charles Tichenor asked the blessing on the meal.

## FRIDAY EVENING

The Assistant Moderator Rev. Jim Tharpe opened the evening service. He asked Bro. Randy Polston to lead us in singing. We sang "Jesus hold my hand" while Sis. Phyllis Wiggington accompanied (piano), and Bro. Jordan Polston (bass guitar). Bro. Jim Tharpe asked Bro. Jim Tucker to lead in a word of prayer. Bro. Tharpe then asked the following individuals/groups to come forward to sing and play.

"The Savior is there"	Sherman Patrick
"Someday"	Witness
"Just a closer walk with thee"	Jimmy Polston & Witness
"Well Glory"	Eva Polston Family
"O the glory did roll"	Kayla & Susannah Freeman
"Between two thieves"	Kim Wilson
"The old story"	Mike & Kim Wilson
"The Lord's prayer"	Aaron Hall
"Calvary's Story"	Pam Hall
"Have you really been a friend"	Lonzo & Margaret Wiggington
"When the saints go marching in"	Roy & Lula McGaha &
& "Just a little while"	Randy & Jimmy Polston
"The Lighthouse"	Jimmy Polston & Witness
"Beulah Land"	Great Hope Girls
"The river of Jordan"	Mark, Lisa, Jordan & Jon
	Polston
"Touch of the Masters hand"	Danny Bailey

The Moderator asked Rev. Danny Bailey to bring devotions. Bro. Danny read Habakkuk 3:17-19. Bro. Danny urged us to keep working for the Lord. No matter what happens we have two choices, we can give up or we can continue to work for the Lord. We had an altar of prayer led by Rev. Guy Hardin. The minutes from the afternoon session were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept this reading with any needed additions or corrections and print them in the minutes. The motion passed.

Bro. Ransom asked new visitors to stand so they could be recognized.

A final report of the Divine Service committee was called for: Saturday morning sermon- Rev. Mark Polston, Sat. afternoon devotion-Rev. Jim Hale. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Divine Service committee report and print appointments in the minutes and discharge the committee at the end of the association. The motion passed.

Bro. Ransom asked Rev. Casey Davis to come forward with the sermon for the evening. Bro. Casey, of the South Kentucky Association read Psalms 32:1 & 2 and Matthew 5:1-12. He spoke to us concerning being poor in spirit. We need humbleness about us to serve the Lord. We must come to him broken in Spirit to be saved. The law of the Lord is *"Love thy neighbor as thyself"*. Being comforted not just in a heavenly rest after this life but God comforts us here. Meekness, being humble is a command if we want to see the kingdom of God. Forgiving, God showed us mercy and he expects us to be merciful. Pure, we must be pure in heart. We <u>can</u> live right and God expects it. If we want to see him we will be pure in heart. Great is our reward in heaven if we will live the beatitudes. Every good gift is of God. You will be tried but you can survive. God is faithful. If we serve him he will reward us. Are we hungry? Are we thirsty? We can be filled. Our heart can be filled with the Spirit of God. We need a passion for God.

We stood and sang "Only trust Him".

Bro. Ransom turned the service over to the Deacons for the Communion service. Bro. Jimmie McGaha came to direct the service. He asked his Brother Deacons to come forward to help with the communion service. He read Luke 22:7-18. Bro. Jimmy asked Bro. Benny Walden to bless the bread. Bro. Jimmie read verse 19 and we all ate the bread. Bro. Jimmie asked Bro. Grant Brant to bless the cup, Bro. Jimmie read verse 20 and we all drank of the cup. Bro Jimmie then read John 13:4-17. Bro. Jimmy then instructed the ladies that a place had been prepared in the kitchen for them to wash feet and the men would wash feet in the sanctuary. There were 68 people that took part in the communion service. We then began washing feet.

We sang "*Come and dine*" There were several praises and testimonies. We sang a verse of "*Amazing Grace*" and went out.

# SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session was opened with Moderator Rev. Ransom Covington welcoming everyone into the assembly. Rev. Lonzo Wiggington led the congregation in singing "*I shall not be moved*" while Sis. Margaret Wiggington played the piano, Bro. Jordan Polston played bass guitar and Rev. Danny Bailey played guitar.

Rev. Robert Gosser read I Peter chapter 1 for devotions. He testified of how great our God is. He mentioned that we need a revelation from God to help direct us in our walk for him. He encouraged us to love continually. We then gathered around the altar for prayer led by Rev. Mark Polston.

Rev. Jim Tharpe led us in the pledges to the American and Christian flags and the Holy Bible.

The minutes from the Friday night session were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reading with needed additions or corrections and print it in the minutes. The motion passed.

The Moderator asked any visiting Ministers or Deacons to please stand to be recognized. Any other visitors were then asked to stand and be recognized.

<u>Unfinished business</u>: The letter from the Pleasant Valley church was read. A motion was made to accept the letter, print the necessary information in the minutes. The motion carried.

# New business: None

- The <u>Treasurers</u> report was read by Bro. Benny Walden. A motion was made to accept the report as read, refer it to the auditing committee and print it in the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
- <u>Mission Board</u> report was read by the clerk. A motion was made to accept the report, refer it to the auditing committee and print it in the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed. The Clerk then read the appointment to the Mission board.
- The <u>Young People's Separate Baptist Union</u> report was read. A motion was made to accept the report and print it in the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
- The <u>Presbytery Board</u> report was read by Rev. Homer Whited, chairman. A motion was made and seconded to accept this report, print it in the minutes, and discharge the board. The motion passed. Bro. Homer then asked for a moment to speak concerning his son Mike's family. He asked for the prayers of the church. The Clerk then read the appointment of the Presbytery.
- The <u>Resolutions</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept this report, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee. The motion carried.

- The <u>Kitchen</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and supported to accept the report, refer it to the Auditing committee and print it in the minutes. The motion carried.
- The <u>Separate Baptist Bible Institute</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, refer the financial part to the Auditing Committee, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee. The motion passed.
- The <u>Ways and Means</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and properly supported to accept the report, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee. The motion passed.
- The <u>Temperance</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee. The motion passed.
- The <u>Sunday School</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee. The motion passed.
- The <u>Education</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee. The motion passed.
- The <u>Program</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, print it in the minute and discharge the committee. The motion passed.
- The <u>Camp Meeting</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, print it in the minute and discharge the committee. The motion passed.
- The <u>Young People</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, print it in the minute and discharge the committee. The motion passed.

A motion was made by the Clerk and seconded to postpone the remaining reports and continue on with the Program. The motion passed.

The <u>Youth Camp</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, refer the financial portion to the Auditing committee, print it in the minute and discharge the committee. The motion passed.

We sang "*I want to be ready to meet Him*" while a public offering was taken up which amounted to \$194.00.

Rev. Mark Polston came to preach the morning sermon. Bro. Mark spoke concerning "CULTURE". It allures, it defines, and it constantly changes. It impacts the church. We must be careful not to allow the "culture" to transform us to be like the world. We should be different from the world as instructed by the Bible. Bro. Mark read Jeremiah 35: 1-11 giving an illustration of how we should hold to what we know is right. We can not conform to the world. If we become worldly, we are no longer Christ-like. Preachers should be careful not to scratch the itching ear of the audience. We should hold to the Word of God. Set God apart in our life. Allow God to control your conscience and your life. Be not conformed to the world. Come out from among them. The way we live should tell the world that we are Christians. Bro. Mark used the three Hebrew children to illustrate how firmly we should stand for what is right. We should purpose in our heart to live right. We don't have to be like everyone else. Let's influence those out in the world to be more Godly. People want love and attention and that is what the church needs to offer. We should determine our heart and mind to live for God so when we are tempted, we will know what is right. We must have a personal relationship with God. We are as a city set on a hill that can not be hid. We must let our light shine.

We were dismissed by Bro. Jim Tucker and Rev. Jim Hale prayed the blessing on the noon meal.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator welcomed everyone then asked Rev. Guy Hardin to come with a congregational song. Bro. Guy led the congregation in singing "*I'm standing on the rock*" while Bro. Randy Polston played the piano, Bro. Jon Polston played guitar and Bro. Jordan Polston played bass guitar.

The moderator then asked Rev. Jim Hale from the Nolynn Association to bring devotions. He shared a testimony then read from II Peter 2:1-6. Bro. Jim then shared more testimony of how wonderful our Lord is. We were then invited to gather around the altar for prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the reading with needed additions and corrections and print them in the minutes. The motion carried.

The <u>Trustee</u> report was read by the Clerk. A motion was made and properly supported to accept the report and print it in the minutes. The motion carried.

The <u>Ministry and Doctrine</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and supported to accept the report, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee. The motion passed.

A motion was made and supported to accept the <u>Enrollment</u> committee report without reading it, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee. The motion passed. There were 133 enrolled.

The <u>Missions</u> committee report was read. A motion was made to accept the report, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

The <u>Auditing</u> committee report was read. A motion was made and supported to accept the report, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee at the end of this association. The motion carried. The <u>Obituary</u> committee report was read. A motion was made to accept this report, print it in the minutes, discharge the committee and ask Rev. Homer Whited to come forward with a few words and a prayer. The motion was seconded and passed. The Moderator asked Bro. Homer to come with a memorial. Bro. Homer spoke of those that have gone to their reward. He mentioned that we would not ask for anyone to come back to this earth but stated that we do miss them. Bro. Homer asked all in attendance to stand in reverence to those gone on this year with a moment of silence. Bro. Homer than prayed the memorial prayer.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

Appointments for the following committees were made: Camp Meeting, Kitchen, SBBI and Enrollment.

The Moderator called for a song and an offering to be collected. We sang "*I want my Lord to be satisfied with Me*." while the offering was collected. The offering amounted to \$ 141.00.

Bro. Ransom asked Rev. Homer Whited to come with the Doctrinal sermon. Bro. Homer read each article one at a time expounding on each article, quoting scripture and giving reference to definition of words. He encouraged us to use these articles and the scripture reference as a guide for our daily walk. He admonished us to use the King James Version of the Holy Bible as our daily guide. He shared many examples of his ministry that paralleled the articles. Bro. Homer gave stern warning that we need to live daily for the Lord for we know not the time or the hour of his return.

Bro. Ransom called for a song. We sang "The unseen hand".

Election of Officers was held with the following results: Moderator: Jim Tharpe, Assistant Moderator: Eddie Freeman, Clerk: Stacy Wiggington, Assistant Clerk: Allen Wiggington,

A motion was made to retain the current Treasurer, Ruth Ann Walden and Assistant Treasurer Benny Walden. The motion was properly supported and passed.

A motion was made to retain the Mission Incorporated Representative Mike Hardwick. The motion was properly supported and passed.

Election of evangelist for the camp meeting called for. A motion was made and properly supported to have two evangelists in 2008 Camp meeting. The motion carried. Rev. Casey Davis and Rev. Mark Polston were nominated. A motion was made and properly supported that nominations cease. The motion passed. Bro. Mark and Bro. Casey will be the evangelists in 2008 subject to the Lords will.

A motion was made and properly supported that we ask Bro. Randy Polston serve a 1 year term in place of Rev. John Cave on the Constitution Committee and that we elect someone to serve a two year term for Bro. Mike Whited and elect someone to serve a three year term on to the Constitution Committee. The motion carried. Rev. Mark Polston was elected to the two year term and Rev. Ransom Covington was elected to a three year term.

A motion was made to read the General letter. Motion properly supported and passed. The letter was read. A motion was made to accept this letter and send it to the Clerk of the General Association prior to the upcoming session on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bro. Ransom asked the body to allow Rev. Steve Palmer come with news from the Ivory Coast, Africa. It was so ordered. Bro. Steve shared news and greetings from Africa. He encouraged everyone to support the mission work.

The minutes of this session were read. A motion was made and supported that we accept the reading with needed additions and corrections. The motion carried.

Several announcements were made.

We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jimmie McGaha.

# ANNUAL REPORTS

# CAMP MEETING

The Central Indiana Association held its Camp Meeting July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup> with Reverend Melvin Underwood from the Nolynn Association as the evangelist. Brother Melvin did a wonderful job in preaching the gospel and (along with his wife Dianna) ministering to us in song throughout the Camp Meeting. We thank God for Brother Melvin's ministry and witness during his many years of service as well as this year's Camp Meeting.

Thanks go to the many that attended and supported the services with prayer and financial support. A special thanks also to the Edinburgh Church for providing the evangelist and his wife lodging during the Camp Meeting.

All offerings were given to Brother Melvin which amounted to \$735. The Committee asks that the associational treasurer be instructed to pay \$50 to the Midway Church to help defray the cost of utilities.

Eddie Freeman - Chairman

## PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery Board met at the closing of the 2006 association and agreed to send ministers cards to those who were not able to attend due to sickness.

We met at the Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church on June 1<sup>st,</sup> 2007 to examine Bro. Guy Hardin and Bro. Mike Fields for the ministry and approved both for ordination.

We met on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Edinburgh Church and ordained Rev. Guy Hardin. All board members were present.

We met on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the East Columbus church and ordained Rev. Mike Fields for the ministry. All board members were present.

Homer W. Whited Eddie Freeman Jimmy Polston John Perkins Jr. Jim H. Tharpe

## **SBMI REPRESENTATIVE**

The SBMI met on March 17, 2007 for our annual meeting at Mt. Hope Separate Baptist Church in Jamestown, Kentucky. We met with Brother's Jerry Ridge, Johnny Perkins, Lonnie Palmer and Steve Palmer concerning the Mission work in the Ivory Coast and France. Bro. Johnny talked about his trip to the Ivory Coast and he spoke with much excitement about the people and how friendly they were to him and of the love they have for everyone. The Christians waited for several hours at the airport in Abidjan for Bro. Johnny and Bro. Jerry to arrive. Bro. Johnny preached in several villages and churches. Bro. Jerry and Bro. Johnny accomplished two months of work in three weeks. Because of your offerings Bro. Jerry was able to make a sizable down payment on some property in Abidjan so the young people can build their own church. Bro. Lonnie Palmer gave a donation to help build a two story church building.

Bro. Jerry and Bro. Johnny drove for eight or nine hours to Laudi-ba. Many repairs need to be done on both houses, including refrigerators and washing machines. They also have a need to help ministers to purchase motorbikes so they can preach in different villages. Bro. Jerry is also working to complete the wall around the house at Laudi-ba.

Bro. Jerry and Bro. Johnny went up country with the truck overloaded with Christians evangelizing at villages where they live in mud huts and there aren't any churches established.

Bro. Lonnie Palmer has retired from the mission field and has offered to help SBMI in promoting mission work here in the states. We are asking all the churches to invite Bro. Lonnie to come to your church and speak about mission work. Please help with his traveling expenses as he travels from church to church. Contact your SBMI Representative.

When the SBMI met in March, Bro. Steve Palmer announced that Sis. Rhonda and he would be returning to the Ivory Coast to work with the school and to evangelize in the churches that are established and the villages where there are no churches established. They planned to go to France for a short Mission trip to look at the possibility of a mission work there. This trip was canceled however Bro. Steve did go to the Ivory Coast for their associational meeting. The SBMI voted to support Bro. Steve and Sis. Rhonda, but unfortunately our funds are not enough to support them adequately, because of lack of support

The SBMI helped the Coral Ridge Separate Baptist church in the Nolynn Association. They installed vinyl siding, repaired two windows on the church and the paving of their parking area.

A special thank you to the Mt. Zion Separate Baptist church, for giving SBMI a lot of support with many offerings and for their burden for mission work. They have been a great blessing to SBMI.

Bro. Michael Hardwick

# YOUTH CAMP

Youth Camp 2007 was a harmonious success. Rev. Ransom Covington brought us the Word each evening with visual aids to illustrate the evening's sermon. The youth came to the worship service each evening eager to see what Bro. Ransom had to share with them. A skit was performed one evening, and a bicycle was ridden down the center isle by one of the campers on another evening. We praise God for his love and grace and for Bro. Ransom and his vision and willingness to seek ways to gain the attention of the youth! Two youth were saved during the week.

We had 106 campers enrolled under the age of 18 with an average daily attendance of 96. Our theme was "Army of the Lord".

We wish to thank all those who volunteered their time to this camp, from the work day before camp began to the clean up of the grounds, buildings and equipment at the conclusion. We wish to thank the family who donated the t-shirts. We thank Bro. Mike Lewis for donating the ice and freezer for the camp. We thank Bro. Roger Sink for allowing us to use his volleyball equipment for the camp. We had several first time volunteers this year and appreciate their service. We also thank those who are willing to serve each year. Some have served since the first youth camp in 1960.

We want to thank all who attended evening services and for the prayers in all aspects of this venture. Please continue to remember Youth Camp in your prayers, and support this great event.

Committee: Allen Wiggington Benny Walden Randy Polston

## **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

The board of Trustees has had a relatively quiet year. We obtained the permit to install the new septic system at a cost of \$100. The septic contractor began installing the septic system on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Tim White was recently involved in an auto accident and is currently unable to continue the work himself. Mr. White has left the job in the hands of Lee Weddle to finish the project. They will be able to save both the basketball court and the playground equipment.

We would like to thank the Edinburgh church for donating tables and padded chairs. We thank those that helped move the old tables upstairs to make way for the new ones. We thank Bro. Homer Whited for leading the effort to level up the yard barn. We thank Wendell Conner for allowing us to use his truck for trash removal at the association this year.

We want to especially encourage all churches or individuals to help us pay off this loan for the new septic. This loan is currently in excess of \$23,000. We would like to move on to the next phase of the building project, but in order to do so we would need to pay off this current loan. We would still welcome any input you might have verbally or financially concerning the next building phase.

We again want to thank Bro. Don Wiggington and family for keeping the grounds mowed, and brother George and sister Martha Lewis for maintaining the flowers. We also want to thank those who help clean from time to time.

We the trustees met September 8, 2007 along with the delegates appointed by the churches and elected Bro. Benny Walden to a five-year term replacing Bro. Randy Polston.

> Randy Polston Daniel Sink Greg Tharpe Kentlin Floyd Michael Hardwick

## YOUTH UNION PRESIDENTS REPORT

On October  $13^{\text{th}}$ , 2006 the Youth Union meeting opened with a count of churches of youth ages 45 and under, they were as follows: Franklin – 11, Mt. Zion – 9, Great Hope – 10

This gave us a total of 30 youth. Franklin won the attendance banner with 11 youth present.

Great Hope presented games such as seed spitting, bobbing for apples, relays and finished with a contest between youth that dressed up as Bible characters. We then went inside, ate, fellowshipped and had a great time. It was decided that Mt. Zion will host the next meeting. On March  $30^{\text{th}}$ , 2007 the Youth Union meeting was held at the YMCA in Martinsville. The count of churches of youth ages 45 and under was as follows: Mt. Zion – 24, Franklin – 13, Edinburgh – 7. This gave us a total of 44 youth.

Mt. Zion won the attendance banner with 24 youth present. The kids enjoyed swimming, basketball and various other games as well as pizza and chips. Bro. Matt read the story of the Good Samaritan and asked the kids questions. The games, fellowship and eating continued well into the night. We all had a great time!

It was decided that Edinburgh will host the next meeting. *Balance on hand* \$690.51

The officers for next year are:

President: Vice-President: Secretary & Treasurer: Assist. Secretary & Treasurer: Song Leader: Assist. Song Leader: Matt Satter Greg Tharpe Susan Wiggington Lora Sink Donnie Wiggington Ashley Polston

Vice President: Gregory Tharpe

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMITTEE**

The Separate Baptist Bible Institute committee reports that two institute sessions were held at the Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in 2006-2007. The Fall session was held October 28<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and was titled *"Revelation: No One Left Behind – session 2"* The Spring session was held on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of 2007. The title of this second class session was the *"Study of the Book of Daniel"*. Rev. Steve Palmer was the teacher for these classes with Rev. Lonnie Palmer guest teaching one of the Book of Daniel classes. Each session included four classes, each one on a Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

We greatly appreciate the interest shown and the participation of all the students.

We have received a consignment of books that have been graciously donated to the Institute to help start our library.

Your committee hopes to continue this fall with a dual-topic study entitled "Separate Baptist Articles of Doctrine \ History of the Separate Baptists". Rev. Ransom Covington and Bro. Benny Walden have agreed to teach these classes.

Stacy R. Wiggington, Chairman

# AUDITING

We the Auditing Committee have examined the following reports:

- Association Treasury
- Fifth Sunday Meeting
- Mission Board Treasury
- Youth Camp Treasury
- Kitchen Committee Treasury
- Separate Baptist Bible Institute Treasury

We found the figures given to be correct.

Jim Tucker Greg Erdman Roger Sink

## EDUCATION

We the Education Committee believe that education should be life oriented in order that it may touch and be included in every facet of our daily walk with Christ at every moment. As taught by Moses in Deuteronomy 6:7, we should teach the Word of God "diligently" unto our children and talk of the commandments of God while in our homes, when walking by the way, when lying down, and when rising up.

We believe, as stated by the psalmist in Psalms 78:5-8, it is the present generation's responsibility to make the testimony and law of God known to our children in order that they might not make the mistakes of those before who have rebelled against God.

We believe that education is not limited to the teaching of the young but is necessary for people of all ages. As the Hebrew writer stated in chapter 5, verse 12, there are some "who ought to be teachers" yet they have need "that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God."

Proverbs 22:6 states, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We believe that we are all children in the eyes of God. Our first steps in our Christian walk of life must be aided through Sunday school and weekly Bible classes at our churches in order that we might not depart from the way.

> Eddie Freeman Jordan Polston Beverly Kennett

# MINISTRY AND DOCTRINE

We your committee believe in a God called ministry, Rom. 10:15, that our ministers preach the truth as written in the King James Bible. God our Ruler, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit our Guide.

We believe our ministers should meet the requirements of I Tim. 3:1-7, and Titus 1:6-9.

We believe that every minister should seek God's will for his life and labor to do that work, defending the truth and standing against false doctrines. 2 Pet. 2:1-3

We believe our people should study the word of God to be sure they are rooted and grounded in the truth. II Tim. 2:15

Homer Whited Jim H. Tharpe Mike G. Fields

## MISSIONS

We your committee on missions are very thankful to God for allowing us as a people to be a part of mission work today, both foreign and home. We praise God for some of the accomplishments in the Ivory Coast over the past few years. Some of these are as follows:

- Support of missionaries in the field as they labor among the Christians and evangelize new villages.
- Helping to build the new church/school at Bondoukou.
- Purchase of several motor bikes for pastors.
- Printing and shipping of 1900 Kolongo Bibles to Ivory Coast.
- Helping the young people at Abidjan to rent a place to worship.
- Purchase of a beautiful parcel of land for a building site for a future church in Abidjan.
- Purchase of a new 2005 Mitsubishi pick-up.

We are also very thankful for the work being done at home; the ongoing work of all our churches, radio ministries, tent revivals and more. Also that we have helped with the needs of our own churches here.

We urge our Pastors and churches to be aware and to respond to the great need for mission work throughout the world. We encourage our people to seek out ways to support mission fields and those who God has called into those fields. Let us pray fervently that God will call more from our midst to the mission field, "*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*" Mat. 9:38

"Ask of me, and I shall give the heathen for thine inheritance, and the utter most parts of the earth for thy possessions." Psalms 2:8 "Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." John 4:35-36

We would also encourage each church to prayerfully and physically support our sister churches during time of revival or any other special meetings.

Pastor Lonnie Palmer has volunteered to teach, preach and promote Missions among Separate Baptist Churches. We encourage you to promote missions by contacting your SBMI board member to schedule special services with Bro. Lonnie.

> John Perkins Jr. Jerry Ridge Edna Caudill

# **OBITUARY REPORT**

We your committee submits the following report:

Edinburgh	Dean Erdman
Great Hope	Rev. Clayton Mason
Midway	Patricia Merida
Mt. Zion	Orel Gilliant
	Raymon Tackett
Salem	Doris Malicoat
	Lloyd Hawkins
	Adrian Unger
Union Laymon	Pansy Smith

Several of our loved ones have passed from life on this earth unto life eternal with Jesus Christ our Savior. Our hearts grieve at their passing, yet we rejoice knowing that we can see them again in that heavenly city where, "God shall wipe all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away." (Rev. 21:4)

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints". (Psalms 116:15)

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. (John 11:25)

We have asked Rev. Homer Whited to come forward with a few words and prayer in memory of those passed on this year.

Mark Polston Rachel Tharpe Chester Caudill

# RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on Resolutions wish to thank the committees and officials of the Association for their effort in making our Camp Meeting and Association possible and extend our thanks to the ladies for the good food and service in the kitchen by a special word of thanks by the moderator, representing the whole body. Be it resolved that we have an Association at the regular time in 2008, being the Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September, and the clerk have the necessary minutes printed and distributed to the churches with an ample supply for the 2008 association. Be it resolved that we have a Youth Camp in 2008. Be it resolved that we have a Camp Meeting in 2008 starting August 10, 2008 and continuing through August 17, 2008 and that the Camp Meeting evangelist or evangelists be selected by the body by standing vote on Saturday afternoon during the election of officers. If the evangelist selected by the body cannot serve, the Camp Meeting committee shall select an alternate. The Camp Meeting committee shall notify all associational churches with a flyer stating times and dates of the Camp Meeting. As your committee we suggest each church consider dismissing evening services to attend Camp Meeting, and to support the camp meeting with their finances.

Be it resolved that we continue the Separate Baptist Bible Institute in the upcoming Associational year, and the Moderator appoint a committee of five to oversee, plan and select teachers for each class.

Be it resolved that a Camp Meeting Committee, Youth Camp Committee, and Kitchen Committee be appointed by the Moderator and the

Moderator divide the churches into three groups and assign members of each group to assist the Kitchen Committee with one meal in the 2008 Association and the Kitchen Committee divide the churches into three groups (Friday noon, Friday evening, Saturday) to bring desserts, salads, and breads for one day only of the Association. We your committee urge the churches to consider the financial needs of the Kitchen Committee in supplying the meats and vegetables for the Association.

Be It resolved that this Association meet the General Association by letter and delegates and send \$500.00 from the Association Treasurer to the General Association Treasurer and \$250.00 from the Association Treasurer to SBMI.

> Jimmy Polston Grant Brant Laura Perkins

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee on Sunday school, believe it is an essential work of the Church and is the primary method of teaching the Word of God. Our Superintendents and teachers should be spiritual and have a sincere desire to know the Word themselves and teach it to others. Our Superintendents should encourage our churches to invite others to attend Sunday school.

Teachers should use the classroom setting to witness to the lost, study and explore the eternal truths of God's Word, encourage Christians to grow spiritually, and be a friend in time of need. Christ left us a wonderful example of his teaching. He taught many things in his Sermon on the Mount, he also showed a personal interest in the children. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14)

Sunday school is an excellent opportunity to reach and teach children and families God's Word. Lessons taught in our Sunday Schools can have a lasting impression and influence. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

We encourage our churches to hold Sunday school in high regard and work for its success. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee," (Hosea 4:6) Daniel Sink

Kayla Freeman Ruth Ann Walden

#### TEMPERANCE

We your temperance committee, believe that every Christian should, "abstain from all appearance of evil." I Thessalonians 5:22

Including:

- Mind altering drugs and alcohol. Proverbs 20:1, Titus 1:7,8
- Immoral conduct and sexual conduct outside of marriage. Hebrews 13:4
- Homosexuality. Romans 1:25-27; I Corinthians 6:9
- Indecency. I Timothy 2:9, 4:12
- Evil communication in all forms, such as cursing, Exodus 20:7, gossip, speaking evil of one another or slandering one another. Ephesians 4:31.
- Closely monitoring our and our family's use of the mediums of the internet, television and radio programs, books and publications as they may be used for evil.
- Abortion and euthanasia (mercy killing). Exodus 20:13

- Defiling one's body (God's temple). I Corinthians 3:17

Randy Polston Charles Tichenor Marline Hardwick

## WAYS and MEANS

We your Ways and Means Committee believe we should all have the goal of bringing the plan of salvation to the lost. In order to do this, we must use any means that God may grant us to accomplish this goal.

Moses was asked of God, "What is in thine hand?" (Exodus 4:2) Moses' response was, "A rod." God then used this rod as a means to help deliver the children of Israel.

We must then ask, "What is in our hands and what means do we possess to see souls saved?"

God has given us the ability to fast and pray for the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5:16)

God has given us the opportunity to encourage and financially support the mission work abroad and at home.

Using the different means granted to us by God, we have been enabled to accomplish the command of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)

God provides both ways and means. We must be willing to be the instrument used to obtain the results God wants.

We believe that we all should be united in one accord as they were in the book of Acts. (Acts 1:14 and 2:1)

Bill Ridge Jimmy R. Wheeler Bobby Stephens

# YOUNG PEOPLE

We the Young People Committee believe our association has a great challenge in increasing the interest of our youth in the work of God. We believe that our Youth Camp, Youth Union Meetings, our Sunday Schools and our Vacation Bible Schools are an important way to encourage and increase our youth in our churches. "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me" (Proverbs 8:17) "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

It must be a priority in our homes to conduct daily Bible study and prayer as well as counseling our children in the way of the Lord. "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:7). We must free ourselves from the many worldly concerns to devote more time to the spiritual growth of our families. (Ephesians 5:15,16 Colossians 3:20,21)

We must as a church show the love that Jesus showed to us and be excited about all His blessings He has bestowed on us and to our youth. This will in turn encourage and excite our youth to tell their friends and family about Jesus. "Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him." (Luke 8:39)

We as adults and youth must strive harder to get more young people involved in our church services and use them in our Church to bring more labourers into the field. (Matthew 9:37,38) The young people are not only the church of tomorrow, but the church of today also.

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12) We would encourage our churches to have a Youth Program in their individual churches. We encourage parents, grandparents, neighbors and lay people to help bring our youth to our services and to help uplift and pray for our youth.

Jesus said in Mark 10:14 "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Kimberly Wilson Ginny Craven Lula McGaha

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S F	REPOI	RT
Beginning Balance September 9, 2006	\$	12,894.60
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Income	۴	
Associational Church Letters	\$	3,825.00
Associational Offerings	\$	568.00
Donations	\$	1,000.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	31.94
Refund from electric company-Bethel Church	\$	3.32
Refund from AT&T	\$	21.68
Mission benefit sing	\$	2,036.00
Loan for septic upgrade	\$	23,798.34
Total Income	\$	31,284.28
Total Working Balance	\$	44,178.88
Expenses		
General Association	\$	500.00
SBMI	\$	250.00
Guide One Insurance-Campground	\$	4,075.00
Campground maintenance-Septic pumping	\$	823.32
Septic permit	\$	100.00
Owen Community Bank-Septic Loan payments	\$	3,200.80
Clerk Fee	\$	100.00
Cinergy/Duke-campsite electricity	\$	124.76
SBC/AT&T-Campground telephone	\$	34.21
Wood-Mizer Products, Inc-printing of minutes	\$	251.55
Johnny Perkins-money from mission benefit	\$	200.00
Jerry Ridge-money from mission benefit	\$	1,836.00
Total Expenses	\$	11,495.64
Ending Balance-September 8, 2007	\$	32,683.24

Treasurer: Ruth Ann Walden

# **KITCHEN COMMITTEE REPORT**

Beginning Balance:	\$2,373.97
Donations and offerings:	\$1,725.00
Gordon's Rebate:	\$ 24.81
Total:	\$4,123.78
Expenses:	
GFS	\$ 371.07
Wal-Mart (drinks)	\$ 161.28
Ham	\$ 206.97
Wal-Mart (supplies)	\$ 364.00
Ice	\$ 27.80
7-K	\$ 31.05
Kroger	\$ 76.47
Jay C (chicken)	\$ 214.23
Ishmel's Catering	\$ 400.00
BCSC Food Service	\$ 33.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,885.87
ENDING BALANCE	\$2,237.91

Glenda Swanson

# MISSION BOARD TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance – September 9, 2006	\$ 551.72
Received from church letters	\$ 1,525.00
Savings Account Interest	\$ 4.65
Total	\$ 2,081.37
Paid Out:	
Bro. Johnny Perkins (tent revival fund)	\$ 600.00
Bro. Jerry Ridge (Ivory Coast bike fund)	\$ 1,000.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 481.37

**Mission Board:** Randy Polston Jim Stump Mike Hardwick Lonzo Wiggington

# YOUTH CAMP TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$3,035.91
Received (tuition and donations)	\$4,462.46
TOTAL	\$7,498.37
Expenses	
Kitchen Supplies Evangelist Rev. Ransom Covington Trash Pick-up Miscellaneous (prizes, teacher's supplies,	\$2,471.42 \$500.00 \$60.00
overnight, supplies, etc) TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 452.75 <b>\$3,484.17</b>
Ending Balance:	\$4,014.20

Sis. Lora Sink 5187 W 700 S Morgantown, IN 46160 317-878-4625

# **BIBLE INSTITUTE FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance from 2005-2006:	\$6	6,064.35
Tuition Received	\$1	,550.00
Expenses:		
Video camera & DVD burner	\$	922.16
50 books on Revelation		
and 50 book on Daniel	\$	500.00
Printing	\$	185.77
Supplies	\$	40.73
Paid teacher	\$	450.00
Sub-total	\$5	5,516.69
Interest Earned	\$	1.87
Ending Balance	\$5	,517.56

Stacy R. Wiggington, Chairman

#### ENROLLMENT

### Ministers

Ransom Covington, Kentlin Floyd, Homer W. Whited, Jim H. Tharpe, Wayne Emerson, Kevin Ooley, Mike Fields, J.B. Wilson, Roy Lambert, Lonzo Wiggington, Charles Tichenor, Eddie Freeman, John Perkins, Jimmy Polston, Mark F. Polston, Jerry Ridge, Michael Wilson, Jim Stump, Guy Hardin, Steve Palmer

### Deacons

Allen Wiggington, Larry Calhoun, Grant Brant, Benny Walden, Bill Ridge, Chester Caudill, Jimmie McGaha, Bob Freeman, Mike Hardwick, Roger Sink, Greg Tharpe

#### Delegates

Stacy Wiggington, Bobby Stephens, Ruth Ann Walden, Beverly Kennett, Jim Tucker, Clara Emerson, Donald Wiggington, Daniel Sink, Kayla Freeman, Laura Perkins, Jimmy R Wheeler, Edna Caudill, Dee Freeman, Larry Burton, Ginny Craven, Marline Hardwick, Debbie Johnson, Randy Polston, Sherman E. Patrick, Jordan Polston, Mary Ann Sink, Kimberly Wilson, Lula McGaha, Evangeline Burton, Greg Erdman, Rachel Tharpe, Bryant Burton, Barbara Floyd, Kentrina Freeman, Beth Tharpe

Alternates Jessica Hounshell, Lisa Polston, Sheryle Chestovich, Janice Polston

#### Visitors

Penny Covington, Margret Stanton, Kim Wiggington, Eva Polston, Phyllis Wiggington, Thelma Wilson, Susannah Freeman, Daryl Marker, Lance Freeman, Isaiah Perkins, Lily Perkins, Virginia Polston, Benjamin Stevens, Donald Burton, Lucas Cline, Grace Cline, Jonathan Polston, Roy McGaha, Suse Fisitte, Velma Burton, Lorena Lee, Kathy Ridge, Clyde Polston, Rhonda J. Palmer, Lucille Whited, Mildred Stephens, Glenda Swanson, Marie Roberts, Opal Patrick, Margaret Wiggington, Kylie Tharpe, Paul Tharpe, Margaret L. Polston, Pamela Hall, Aaron Hall, Jean Brant, Susan Wiggington, Jeffrey Wiggington, Caleb Wiggington, Rick Popplewell, Nick Popplewell, Jaylin Brown, Lora Roberts, Kenny Roberts, Riley Tharpe, Gabrielle Tharpe, Tammy Hardin, Rebecca Hardin, Michael R Lewis Arcena Burton, Jean Bastin, Marlene Wheeler, Frances Ridge, Athel Brown, Darlene Brown, Molene Hughes, Bryan McGaha, Donnie Wiggington, Olivia Covington, Jackie McGaha, Carla Tharpe

#### Sister Associations: Ministers

Robert B Gosser, Danny Bailey, Casey Davis, David Irwin, Jim Hale

### Sister Associations: Deacons

Sister Associations: Visitors Barbara Hale

> Sis. Barbara Floyd Sis. Kentrina Freeman Sis. Robin Abbott

### LETTERS OF CORRESPONDANCE.

### **Nolynn Association**

The Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists in Christ sends greetings to the Central Indiana Association convening at Midway Campground on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

We greet you with letter and delegates. Our delegates are: Bro. Charles & Sis. Charlotte Jordan.

Our Youth Camp and Bible School ended on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our average daily attendance including campers was 132. Rev. Danny Bailey delivered inspiring messages from God's Word. The young people were respectful and attentive. By the conclusion on Friday afternoon, 11-15 young people had been saved or rededicated their lives.

Our associational revival ended on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with Rev. Danny Bailey of South Kentucky as our evangelist. His messages certainly did stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance. He admonished us as Christians to remember that Jesus is the Rock and that we must be established on the Rock in order to be the persons that we out to be.

You have a special invitation to attend our Association on September  $14^{th} \& 15^{th}$ , 2007 at our campground.

We thank God for you. Let's be even more determined to serve the Lord and hold on until the end.

Rev. Jim Goff, Moderator Bro. Wendell Benningfield, Corresponding Secretary

#### South Kentucky Association (received after close of association)

The South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptist in Christ sends greeting to the Central Indiana Association. We are happy to greet you with letter.

Our prayers are with you as you meet and conduct business for our Lord. We are proud to report that we had a wonderful camp meeting and association. Rev. Mark Polston and Rev. David Irwin delivered soul stirring messages each night of the camp meeting. Our members should be able to return to their churches and be uplifted and eager to start the new year with zeal. We need to give God the praise for our spirit led ministers, who boldly stand for Him.

The South Kentucky youth camp was held in July with good attendance. Let us all keep our young people in our prayers as the youth of today have so much to face. We are grateful for people that give so freely of their time to work with our youth.

Bro. Donnie Coffey resigned as moderator of the association and we sincerely appreciate all that he has done during his time as moderator. Brother David Coffey was elected by the body to serve as moderator for the upcoming year. Please keep our association in your prayers that we will always do God's will.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Donnie Coffey, Moderator Rev. Donnie Smith, Assistant Moderator Sister Carol Simpson, Corresponding Secretary

### **Ministers and Deacons Institute**

The Ministers and Deacons Institute has met three times over the past associational year. Dismiss the meeting in December due to Christmas and things going on at each church. Our regular meeting time is the third Friday night before the fifth Sunday at 7:00 PM except in case of conflict with other associational meetings. Our meetings this year have been both instructional and educational with very good discussions on three different topics: (1) Parallels between the Gospel of John and Revelation, (2) The Case for Amillennialism and (3) STRESS, is it a blessing or a hindrance in our worship of God?

We pray that God will continue to bless us, and that more participation will take place in the coming year.

The officers for the coming year are:

Chairman Assistant Chairman Secretary & Treasurer Assistant Sec't & Treas. Bro. Allen Wiggington Bro. Benny Walden Rev. Jimmy Polston Bro. Mike Hardwick

> Benny Walden, Chairman Mike Hardwick, Secretary

#### **Fifth Sunday Committee Report**

The Fifth Sunday Meeting was held three times this year. We had an average of 7 ministers and 3 deacons present. The meetings were very inspirational and uplifting.

#### Officers for 2007-2008

Chairman:	Homer Whited
Assistant:	Johnny Perkins
Sec't. & Treas.:	Robin Abbott
Assist.:	Kim Wilson
Song Leader:	Jim Stump

Financial statement as follows:

Balance on hand September 2006:	\$178.62
Offerings:	\$201.55
Total:	\$380.17
Donations to Youth Camp: -	\$150.00
Balance as of September 7, 2007	\$230.17

Homer Whited – Chairman Robin Abbott – Secretary/Treasurer

#### ARTICLES OF DOCTRINE

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God and the only safe rule of faith and practice, using the King James version of the Holy Bible. \* II Tim. 3:16-17; I Cor. 10:11; II Peter 1:20-21

2. That there is in the God-Head three divine personages; Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. I John 5:7; Matt. 28:19; Matt. 3:15-17

3. That man is in a fallen state before God, and is unable to liberate himself by any ability we possess by nature. Isa. 63:1-5; I Cor. 15:22; Ps. 51:5; John 14:6

4. That salvation, regeneration, justification, sanctification and redemption are through faith in the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. John 17:19; Acts 13:39; Titus 2:14; Rom. 3:24-26

5. We believe that he who endures to the end the same shall be saved. Rev. 2:10; Matt. 24:13

6. That the joys of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matt. 25:46; Dan. 12:2; Rom. 5:21

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and feet washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the Church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of baptism is immersion of believers. Matt. 2819-20; Acts 2:41; John 13:14; I Peter 3:21; Matt. 3:14; I Cor. 11:23-26

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or Lord's Day, which ought to be observed and spent in public or private worship of God and that we should abstain from worldly concerns except in cases of necessity or mercy. Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:2

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust, but every man to his own order. Those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. I Thes. 4:16; I Cor. 15; John 5:28-29

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate one to another and in honor preferring one another, to study the happiness of God's people in general and do all we can to support, promote, and spread the Gospel. Rom. 12:10; Luke 14:23

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for everyone, and that all may partake of his Divine benefits through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, infants and those who have never developed the mental ability to receive regeneration, are included in the covenant of God's grace. John 3:15-17; Acts 4:12

• the King James Version of the Bible being the choice for English speaking people.

### **CONSTITUTION**

### THE PREAMBLE

The name of this Association shall be called the Central Indiana Association of Separate Baptist in Christ, Incorporated, and we agree to be governed by the following Constitution:

#### **ARTICLE I**

Section 1. This body shall be composed of lay delegates sent from different churches, and Ministers, Deacons and the Sunday School Superintendents from Sunday Schools of the churches comprising the body, if they are members of the Separate Baptist Church.

Section 2. Each church comprising the body of this Association shall be entitled to 2 lay delegates for the first 25 members or fraction thereof; one lay delegate for each additional 25 members or fraction thereof.

#### **ARTICLE II**

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall include the following: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, who shall be elected and hold their office one associational year, and a Board of Trustees composed of five members selected by vote of delegates appointed by the churches; each church to be allowed one delegate. No church is to have more than one Association Trustee serving at one time. If a trustee is from your church he will automatically be the voting delegate when the new trustee is to be elected. The Chairman of the Trustees will preside over the meeting. Members of the first Board of Trustees shall serve 1,2,3,4 and 5 years respectively. Thereafter, each member shall be elected for five years, one members term of office to expire at each annual session.

Section 2. The duties of the Moderator shall be to preside at all meetings, be it either business or divine worship, and to appoint all committees except the Constitutional Committee, and to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

Section 3. The Assistant Moderator shall perform all duties of the Moderator in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The duties of the Clerk shall be to make complete written record of the proceedings of all meetings of this body and keep a file record of the same, and carry on all correspondence.

Section 5. The duties of the Assistant Clerk shall be to perform the duties of the Clerk in the absence of the Clerk.

Section 6. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all money and pay out the same upon order of the Trustees.

Section 7. The duties of the Assistant Treasurer shall be to perform the duties of the Treasurer in case the Treasurer is not able to perform his duties or is deceased.

Section 8. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be to decide all questions arising under the constitution and by-laws of the association and to have the responsibility of the care and upkeep of all associational properties.

#### ARTICLE III

This body shall meet once each year (or more often) if called by the Moderator.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

No delegate shall absent himself from this body while in session without permission from the Moderator.

#### **ARTICLE V**

No person has the right to perform the Ordinance of God's House unless legally ordained according to the mode adopted by the Separate Baptist Association. **ARTICLE VI** 

Section 1. This association shall have a Mission Board consisting of five members. The members of this Board, shall be appointed by the Moderator.

Sections 2. The duties of the Mission Board shall be to solicit the support of our churches and ministers, and to organize new churches and Sunday Schools. The churches of the association shall raise a fund necessary for this. The Mission Board shall solicit each church for support.

Section 3. The duties of the Mission Board shall be also to take care of any mission money sent in by the different churches.

#### ARTICLE VII

Section 1. This body shall have a Presbytery composed of five ordained ministers appointed by the moderator.

Section 2. The duties of the Presbytery shall be to attend the examination and ordination of all candidates for the ministry and deacons in the churches.

Section 3. If any church of this association wishes to ordain a deacon, they shall notify the Presbytery by letter, not less than three members of the Presbytery shall be present to examine the candidate and if found worthy to set apart or ordain. The Presbytery then may, if needed, ask any ordained personnel of this association to assist in the ordination only at which time the candidate shall be given a certificate of ordination.

Section 4. The qualifications required of those seeking ordination to the ministry are set forth in the by-laws of this association. The duties of the board shall extend from one session to another, and said board shall make a report at each meeting. **ARTICLE VIII** 

This association shall have a Young Peoples Department, to be known as the Young Peoples Separate Baptist Union. It's officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It will include all the Young Peoples Separate Baptist Unions of the association and will hold at least one meeting a year for the purpose of promoting the Young Peoples Work. Other meetings may be held upon call by the President. All officers shall be elected at the regular annual meeting. The Union may draft its own by-laws, but no by-laws shall be accepted which will conflict with or be in disagreement with the belief of the Separate Baptist Church. Said Young Peoples Separate Baptist Union shall make a report at each association. **ARTICLE IX** 

This constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Doctrine may be changed or amended by a two-thirds vote of the association after an amendment has been submitted by a committee selected by the association for that purpose and after having been tabled for a period of one associational year. All amendments shall be submitted to the committee before being voted upon by the association. Said committee shall be composed of three members elected by the associational delegates. Members of the first Constitutional Committee shall serve one, two, three years respectively. Thereafter, each member shall be elected for three years, one members term of office to expire at each annual association.

#### **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

Any church applying for membership in this body by letter or delegate shall be requested to give evidence of orthodoxy and agree to comply with the rules of this body before being received.

#### **ARTICLE II**

When any minister seeks membership in this body, or licentiate seeks ordination, his church shall notify the Presbytery by letter, the Presbytery shall be appointed at each association. Not less than three members of the Presbytery shall be present to examine him on his faith and doctrine, his standing in the church to which he belongs, his ability to expound the Gospel, and his educational qualifications. Any minister shall be licensed for two years before being set apart or ordained by the Presbytery. Then if found in complete accord with the association's Article of Doctrine, able to intelligently expound the Gospel, and worthy, then the Presbytery may if needed ask any ordained personnel of this association to assist in ordination only.

#### **ARTICLE III**

Should any church or any member minister of this body fail to report to this body, the Presbytery shall investigate the cause of such failure and report the same to the association.

If any minister fails to report to the association or fails to pick up his minister's card within 2 years, they shall be placed on file with the association papers.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

When more than one candidate is nominated for any office in the association, the election shall be by ballot.

#### **ARTICLE V**

This body shall have the power to expel any church, minister, deacon, pastor or member from membership in the body for heterodoxy and disorderly conduct, and shall demand the surrender of credentials to the association. No church shall employ a minister as pastor who is not identified with the Separate Baptist Church, except in case of shortage of ministers, and then only by and with the consent and approval of the Presbytery. Said ministers so employed shall sign an agreement that their preaching shall be in accord with the Articles of Doctrine adopted by this body during his pastorate. The Separate Baptist Church is opposed to the doctrine of sanctification as a second definite work of grace and a thousand years literal reign of Christ, and will not permit its being preached in its churches.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

In case of a discussion with any church of this body, and inability of the members of such church to settle such discussion, any member of such church shall have the privilege of calling upon the Board of Trustees of this body, and not upon the association, for settlement, upon giving due notice to the church of said appeal from the decision of such church to said board. The board shall take such action as it shall see fit and necessary in the case. Any member or church, if dissatisfied with the decision and action of the board, may appeal the decision of said board to the association.

### **ARTICLE VII**

It shall be the duty of the moderator of each church body to remind the church body to support the Central Indiana Association and Mission Board with their financial aid.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

The clerk shall receive one hundred dollars annually for his/her services as clerk and shall draw on the treasury to defray expenses in the printing and distribution of the minutes of the association.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

No officer of this association shall hold the same office more than five years in succession.

### ARTICLE X

All elected and appointed officers of this association shall serve the time for which they are elected and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

This association may act prudently as protectorate for a limited time toward any church of this association which fails to have any meetings.

### **ARTICLE XII**

This association shall not issue minister cards to licentiate ministers.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

This association forbids the ordination of women as ministers of this body.

### ARTICLE XIV

This association prohibits the ordination of homosexuals as ministers or deacons of this body, Also, no person shall be ordained who has more than one living wife or whose wife has more than one living husband.

### **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

- 1. This association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 2. All officers of this association shall be elected by a majority vote of delegates present. No one shall be allowed to vote by proxy.
- 3. All nominations of officers shall be by delegates.
- 4. Only members who presented the motion under discussion may speak more than once upon the motion, except when he be given permission by the moderator.
- 5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the moderator and when given permission to speak, must adhere strictly to the subject without casting any reflections upon any previous speaker.
- 6. No person shall be interrupted when speaking as long as he adheres to the rules and decorum of the association and is casting light upon the subject.
- 7. Any delegate shall have a right to rise to a point of order any time one speaking is thought out of order by the objector. When recognized by the moderator, the objector may state his point of order. The moderator's decision on the point of order shall be final, unless appealed to the body.
- 8. Creating disturbances, speaking harshly to a brother, sowing discord, talking off the subject under discussion, or any act creating disturbances, shall be considered out of order.
- 9. There must be at least twenty delegates present to constitute a quorum.
- 10. All grievances or complaints that come before the association shall be heard by a committee appointed by the moderator and approved by association. Said committee shall immediately hear the evidence on the complaint or grievance and immediately report their decision to the association. Said decision shall be final unless an appeal is taken to the association.
- 11. Where these rules fail to provide, the moderator shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order."
- 12. These rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at the regular association.

### **RULES & GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH CAMP**

Last revised September 10, 2004

- 1. No Camper shall be permitted to leave the campgrounds without the permission of the committee.
- 2. All campers must stay out of the woods and stay on the playground.
- 3. Each camper will be under the supervision of his or her teacher.
- 4. There will be no smoking while at the campground.
- 5. All girls must wear dresses or skirts to a length no higher than the knees.
- 6. Slacks will not be permitted for girls.
- 7. Boys must wear sleeved shirts and long pants.
- 8. Shorts will not be permitted for any camper.

### MINISTERS AND DEACONS INSTITUTE CONSTITUTION

#### PREAMBLE

The name of this association shall be the Ministers and Deacons Institute of Central Indiana Association of Separate Baptists in Christ.

#### Article I

This body shall be composed of all pastors, licentiate/ordained ministers and ordained deacons of the Central Indiana Association of Separate Baptist Churches.

#### Article II

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be a Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, who shall be elected and shall hold this office one year.

Section 2. No member shall be allowed to serve in the same office more than two consecutive years.

Section 3. All committees shall be appointed by the chairman.

Section 4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall make a complete written record of each meeting and keep on file, carry on all correspondence, and keep a record of receipts and expenditures.

### Article III

This body shall meet on the third Friday night before the Fifth Sunday Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

#### Article IV

Section 1. This institute shall have a program committee of two members of the Institute.

Section 2. The committee will have the responsibility of providing a program that will be acceptable to the chairman and pastor of the host church.

#### Article V

No one shall be eligible to make motions or speak in the business meeting except pastors, licentiate/ordained ministers or ordained deacons of the Central Indiana Separate Baptist Churches.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEPARATE BAPTIST UNION BY-LAWS JULY 14, 1991

- **1**. The purpose of YPSBU is to gather the Central Indiana Association Young People together for worship and fellowship and to encourage young people to attend church and to be Christians.
- **2**. The YPSBU will have quarterly meetings to be held in accordance with YPSBU President.
- **3**. Officers for the YPSBU will be elected annually at the second quarterly meeting.
- **4**. No officer is to hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive years.
- **5**. Officers for YPSBU will be as follows:

President - conducts quarterly meetings and appoints committee.

<u>Vice-President</u> - assist President; hold the position of President in the absence of the President.

- <u>Secretary and Treasurer</u> record minutes of meetings; control bank account; handle any correspondence.
- <u>Assistant Secretary and Treasurer</u> assist Secretary and Treasurer; hold office in their absence.

Song Leader - lead congregational singing at YPSBU quarterly meetings.

Assistant Song Leader - assist Song Leader; hold office of Song Leader in their absence.

- **6**. Each quarterly YPSBU meeting will have a program for Young People especially designed by a program committee.
- **7**. There will be a program committee of three members (or one church) appointed by the President at each quarterly meeting. They will be responsible for the following quarterly program.
- **8**. Young People from the ages 10-45 will be eligible to vote in business if they attend one of the Central Indiana Association Churches.
- **9**. The by-laws can be amended by two-thirds majority vote at the YPSBU quarterly meeting.

*NOTE: Piano player and assistant piano player removed as officers at the May 18, 2002 meeting.* 

### DISTRICT ASSOCIATION DATES

CHRISTIAN UNITY (NC) July 18 & 19, 2008 Bethel Church, 2 miles north of Lansing on Highway 194; Lansing, North Carolina.

MT. OLIVE (TN) Sept Pleasant Home Church, Rugby, Tennessee.

September 5 & 6, 2008

**NOLYNN (KY)** September 19 & 20, 2008 Nolynn Campgrounds, Highway 1192; 2 miles south of Buffalo, Kentucky.

**SOUTH KENTUCKY** August 8 & 9, 2008 Associational Campgrounds, Highway E 80; Russell Springs. Kentucky.

**SOUTHWEST WEST VIRGINIA** June 14, 2008 Crum Church; Crum, West Virginia.

### **PLEDGES**

### **AMERICAN FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### **CHRISTIAN FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one Savior crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

#### BIBLE

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, "a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," its words will I hide in my heart that I may not sin against God.

Rev. Clayton Mason, 79, died May 24, 2007. He was born Feb. 8, 1928 in Casey County, KY. Bro. Clayton was a wonderful and faithful man of God. He was ordained as deacon for the Lickspring Separate Baptist church on May 3, 1956. He then was ordained as a minister on March 24, 1961 Bro. Clayton astured Pleasant Valley, Greenwood,



and Great Hope Separate Baptist churches. He also astured Goshen church in Brown County.

He was a member of the Great Hope Separate Baptist church. He was always willing to fill in and preach whenever he was called. Bro. Clayton was loved by young and old alike. He is sorely missed by our church, the association and all who knew him.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The next meeting of the Sunday School Convention will be held May 4, 2008 @ 1:45p.m..

### FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

### OFFICERS

# DATES

Chairman: Homer Whited Assistant: Johnny Perkins Sec't. & Treas: Robin Abbott Assist: Kim Wilson Song Leader: Jim Stump March 30, 2008 June 29, 2008 August 31, 2008 November 30, 2008

# YOUTH CAMP

June 16 thru 20, 2008

# CAMPMEETING

August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 17, 2008 Evangelists: Rev. Casey Davis and Rev. Mark Polston

#### **CENTRAL INDIANA ASSOCIATION**

September 12 & 13, 2008

# **GENERAL ASSOCIATION**

October 10 & 11, 2008 At Pleasant Home Separate Baptist Church – Rugby, TN Mt. Olive Association

### **MINISTERS & DEACONS INSTITUTE MEETINGS**

March 21, 2008 June 20, 2008 August 15, 2008 November 21, 2008

## SEPARATE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Spring session: Feb. 16 and 23 and March 1 and 8, 2008

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