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MINUTES**

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Bro. Roger Sink
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Sis. Robin Abbott
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KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Sis. Glenda Swanson (Chairperson)
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MUSIC

To be appointed each session by the Moderator.

CHURCHES TO HELP IN KITCHEN FOR 2009 ASSOCIATION

Friday Noon: Midway, Mt. Zion, Indianapolis, and 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 2009 ASSOCIATION

Friday noon: Edinburgh, Friendship, Jewell Village, Midway,

Friday evening: Mt. Zion, Shiloh, Indianapolis and Union Laymon

Saturday: E.Columbus, Franklin, Great Hope, Pleasant Valley, Salem

PROGRAM FOR 2009

FRIDAY MORNING, 10:00 A.M.

Prayer

Welcome by the Moderator

Song

Devotional: Rev. Jimmy Polston

Alternate: Rev. Matt Satter

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. Guy Hardin

Alternate: Rev. Darren Covington

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. Charles Tichenor

Alternate: Rev. Steve Palmer

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. Mark Polston
 Alternate: Rev. Ransom Covington
Election of Officers, Constitution Committee and Missions Inc. Representative
Reading of the minutes of this session
Dismissal

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Spencer, IN.
or, west out of Bloomington on
State Road 48 to State Road 43
junction. Turn right, then continue
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SHILOH

10970 Georgetown Road,
Columbus, IN.
Take State Road 46 West to 500 W
Turn left onto Georgetown Road,
second church on right.

UNION LAYMON

385 Concord Road, Spencer, IN

From Bloomington go west on
State Road 46 for 13 miles
Turn north on Concord Road. Go
approximately 1 mile.

From Spencer, go east on State Road
46 for 4 miles
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	Average Sunday School Attendance	Missions contribution	Association contribution	Kitchen committee contribution
East Columbus	10:00	11:00	0	0	0	0	18	7	\$100	\$100	\$100
Edinburgh	10:00	11:00	1	0	3	2	86	84		\$500	\$100
Franklin	10:00	11:00	2	0	0	0	58	50	\$200	\$800	\$250
Friendship	9:30	10:35	0	0	0	0	60	14		150	
Great Hope	9:30	10:45	0	0	2	1	25	17	\$100	\$100	\$50
Indianapolis	10:00	11:00	0	0	0	0	59	35	\$500	\$700	\$100
Jewell Village	10:00	11:00	2	0	0	0	30	22	\$100	\$100	\$50
Midway	9:30	11:00	0	0	0	0	34	6	\$100	\$100	\$100
Mount Zion	10:00	9:00	1	0	0	0	94	29	\$100	\$100	\$100
Pleasant Valley	9:30	11:00	0	0	0	0	9	?	\$50	\$50	\$50
Salem	9:30	10:30	0	0	0	0	100	17	\$200	\$100	\$50
Shiloh	9:30	10:30	2	0	0	2	74	20	\$200	\$250	\$200
Union Laymon	9:30	10:30	0	0	1	0	37	26	\$100	\$400	\$150
TOTALS	-	-	8	0	6	5	684	327	\$1,750	\$3,450	\$1,300

2008 MINUTES FRIDAY MORNING

The one hundred and thirty ninth annual session of the Central Indiana Association of Separate Baptist in Christ, Inc. convened at the Midway Campground on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 10:00 AM. The Moderator, Rev. Eddie Freeman, asked the congregation to stand in silence for the first minute of the session in memory of our deceased moderator Rev. Jim H. Tharpe. Bro. Eddie then asked Rev. Jimmy Polston to lead the body in prayer. Bro. Randy Polston led the congregation in singing "*That Heavenly Home*", Sis. Phyllis Wiggington accompanied on the piano and Rev. Jimmy Polston on the guitar.

Rev. Homer Whited led the devotional reading Psalm 8. Bro. Homer encouraged us to always honor and glorify the name of the Lord. Prayer requests were taken and Rev. Melvin Underwood of the Nolynn Association led prayer around the altar.

The Moderator then 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 32 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. Ed Tharpe led in prayer.

A motion was made and properly supported that we elect an assistant for the Moderator for this association due to the death of Rev. Jim Tharpe. Motion carried. Rev. Darren Covington was nominated. Motion was made and properly supported that nominations cease. Motion carried.

- The letters from each of the following churches were read: Franklin, East Columbus, Edinburgh, Friendship, Great Hope, Indianapolis, Jewell Village, 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 (for those sending delegates). 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. Roger Sink- (Chairman), Bro. Rick Poplewell, and Bro. Greg Tharpe.

- All ministers and deacons were asked to stand for the benefit of the Divine services committee.
- All visiting ministers and deacons were asked to stand to be recognized. The visitors included Rev. Melvin Underwood, Bro. Olyn Sprowles, Rev. Jim Goff, Bro. Rick Goff, Bro. Charlie Jordan, Rev. Robert Gosser from the Nolynn Association and Rev. Danny Bailey, Rev. David Coffee, and Bro. Terry Thrasher from the South Kentucky Association.
- An offering that amounted to \$269 was taken up for the Kitchen Committee as we sang "*Come and Dine*".

Rev. Eddie asked all in attendance to stand in silent memory of service personnel. Rev. Roy Lambert was asked to lead in prayer for active service personnel and families.

Bro. Eddie then asked Rev. Ransom Covington to come preach the introductory sermon. Bro. Ransom asked Bro. Melvin Underwood to ask Gods blessing on the message. Bro. Ransom read Ezekiel 34:1-10. Bro. Ransom announced that we need to have the "Power of Integrity in Preaching". We as leaders of the churches should live right. The world would have us believe that we only need to live close enough to God to fool those around us. This is false! We must have integrity to live our lives the way the Bible instructs us. We are not to let the "bottom line" dictate when we exercise integrity. God needs people of integrity to expound on His word wholly and undivided. Reading Philippians 3:12 Bro. Ransom instructed us to follow after the word of God. To "give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" as instructed in I Timothy 4:12. Lead by example. We should not expect the church to study Gods word and pray if we find ourselves not doing these things. Christ left examples of how we are to conduct ourselves. We as Christians are to follow these examples. Forgiveness, forbearance and loving one another are expected of us when we carry the title of Christian.

We sang "*That Glad Reunion Day*".

Several testimonies were given.

A partial report of the Divine Services committee was read, Bro. Terry Thrasher for Friday afternoon devotion, Bro. Matt Satter for Friday evening devotion, Rev. Ed Tharpe for Friday evening sermon, Rev. Darren Covington for Saturday morning devotion and Rev. Jerry Ridge for Saturday morning sermon. A motion was made and seconded to accept this partial report. The motion carried.

Rev. Jim Stump prayed the dismissal prayer and Rev. Melvin Underwood 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 singing “*Jesus is Coming Soon*” while Sis. Phyllis Wiggington played the piano & Rev. Jimmy Polston played guitar. Bro. Terry Thrasher of the South Kentucky Association came with devotions. He read Acts 2:1-7. He jokingly questioned the ability of the Devine service committee for asking him to do devotions but confirmed that he promised God he would serve him wherever he could and today was an opportunity. He encouraged us to continue daily in one accord. Bro. Terry then called for an altar of prayer led by Rev. Charles Tichenor.

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

Unfinished business Reading of the Pleasant Valley and Midway church letters. Motion was made and supported to accept the letters, print the necessary information in the minutes and seat the delegate present. Motion carried.

New business There was none.

The corresponding letters from the South Kentucky and Mount Olive Associations were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the letters, print them in the minutes and seat the delegate(s) present and those that may come in later. The motion’s carried. The delegates were asked to stand and be recognized. Bro. Jerry asked for permission to read a letter of correspondence from the Ivory Coast, Africa.

All visitors were asked to stand and be recognized. The Moderator thanked them all for their support.

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

Nolynn: Rev. Johnny and Sis. Laura Perkins

South Kentucky: Rev. Jimmy & Sis. Janice Polston, Rev. Johnny & Sis. Laura Perkins, Rev. Mark & Sis. Lisa Polston, Rev. Jerry & Sis. Kathy Ridge.

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

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

The report of the Fifth Sunday Meeting 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. Motion carried.

The report of the Separate Baptist Missions Inc. 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.

A public offering that amounted to \$120.00 was taken up as we sang *"What a Friend"*.

The Moderator asked Rev. John Perkins Jr. to come preach the Mission Sermon. Bro. Johnny thanked everyone for their support of the mission work in the Ivory Coast. He shared a story about his trip to Africa. Bro. Johnny encouraged us to examine what kind of mission work we could do even here at home. He also shared experiences of his Tent Revival ministry. Bro Johnny read Jonah 3 and Romans 10:10-17 using as his text "So then Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Bro. Johnny encourages us to be mindful of the great mission. We need to be determined to do the work. We must get the word of salvation out to the lost and dying world. The world doesn't know what a rainbow symbolizes. They never heard of Zaccheus. They don't know about Jesus or how much he loves them. Laziness in the work of the Lord is unacceptable. Jonah was not determined to do the work when God first called him but God got his attention and he became very determined to warn the city of Nineveh of the wrath that was coming for them. The people listened and repented. We need to be determined to see souls saved. If we plead with God to send a great revival he will. We should show the world we are one of God's elect by living a life that shows Jesus in us. We should never be ashamed to speak of Jesus Christ. We have a mission!

We then sang *"Amazing Grace"* & *"There is Power in the Blood"* while shaking hands. Testimonies and announcements were made. Rev. Matt Satter prayed the benediction and Rev. Guy Hardin asked the blessing on the meal.

FRIDAY EVENING

Rev. Darren Covington opened the evening service. He asked the following individuals/groups to come forward to sing.

"Thank You for the Valley"

"Once Upon a Hill"

"Just One More Soul"

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

"Jehoshaphat"

Kayla & Susannah Freeman

Lula McGaha

Kim Wilson

Mary Ann Sink, Dan Sink &

Ed Tharpe

Guy Hardin

<i>"When You Have Done Your Best"</i>	Ransom Covington, Jimmy, Mark and Eva Polston
<i>"Tears Will Never Stain"</i>	Randy & Jimmy Polston
<i>& "I'm Longing for Home"</i>	Dan Swanson, Danny Bailey
<i>"It Won't be Long"</i>	Moline Hughes, Margaret Polston, Phyllis Wiggington
<i>"Well Glory"</i>	Eva Polston and Grandsons
<i>"Read Your Bible"</i>	Lily & Isaiah Perkins,
<i>& "Everyone ought to go to Sunday School"</i>	& Kylie Tharpe
<i>& "This is the Day"</i>	
<i>"Touch of the Masters Hand"</i>	Danny Bailey
<i>"Some Glad Day"</i>	Congregation
<i>& "Heaven's Jubilee"</i>	
<i>"I've got so much to thank Him For"</i>	Guy Hardin & Linda Luttrell

The Moderator asked Rev. Matt Satter to bring devotions. Bro. Matt read Psalms 116: 1-15. He encouraged us to seek the will of God. He expounded on several of the verses and asked us to place ourselves in the place of the writer when we read the Bible and make the verses real to us. We had an altar of prayer led by Rev. Darren Covington.

The minutes from the afternoon session were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept this report with any needed additions or corrections and print them in the minutes. The motion passed.

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

Bro. Eddie asked Rev. Ed Tharpe to come with the sermon for the evening. Bro. Ed read from John 6:63. He spoke concerning the false security the Jews of today believe they have by simply being Jews. He spoke concerning the falsehood unconditional eternal security for we know you must endure to the end to be saved. He read Daniel 12:11 speaking of Daniels prophecy concerning the great kingdoms of the world. Bro. Ed spoke of Daniel's great faith in God by praying three times a day. Our faith now as then is what God is interested in. Be faithful to God's word. The promise made to Abraham is ours today if we chose to accept it. Bro. Ed read Romans 2:9-11 & Romans 10:11-13. Whosoever believeth is a great promise. Whosoever is everybody! What a wonderful thought. We should try to persuade people to come to the Lord and be saved. We need to read and study the Bible so we know what God has for us. We need to get up and get to work and help win the lost to Christ. Bro. Ed read II Thessalonians 2:1-4 and encouraged us to understand that the blood of Christ is what is needed to cleanse us from our sins. The need of the day is for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be preached.

Bro. Ed asked for a song. We stood and sang *“I Want to be Ready to Meet Him”* .

Bro. Eddie Freeman turned the service over to the Deacons for the Communion service. Bro. Allen Wiggington came to direct the service. He read 1 Corinthians 11 verses 27-29. He gave opportunity for anyone to come forward if they felt they were unworthy of partaking in the Communion. He asked his Brother Deacons to come forward to help with the communion service. He asked Bro. Bill Ridge to ask a blessing on the service. Bro. Allen read Matthew 26: 26-29 as the Deacons distributed the bread. Bro. Benny said a prayer and we ate the bread. Bro. Allen read St. Mark 14: 22-25. He read again from 1 Corinthians 11:25 as the cup was distributed and Bro. Grant Brant to bless the cup, Bro. Allen read verse Luke 22: 24-25 and we all drank of the cup. Bro Allen then read John 13: 3-17. Bro. Allen then instructed the men that a place had been prepared in the kitchen for them to wash feet and the women would wash feet in the sanctuary. There were 71 people that took part in the communion service. We then began washing feet.

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. Eddie Freeman welcoming everyone into the assembly. Bro. Dan Sink led the congregation in singing *“Sweet By and By”* while Sis. Mary Ann Sink played the piano, and Rev. Jimmy Polston played guitar.

Rev. Darren Covington read Matthew 28:19 for devotions. Bro. Darren shared his concern for the lack of growth we have witnessed over the past several years as Separate Baptists. Bro. Darren shared that we have great things to offer here in the Separate Baptist. We should share the gospel message with those around us. We must “go ye therefore, and teach”. He asked us to consider what we can do to help grow our churches. We then gathered around the altar for prayer led by Bro. Benny Walden.

The Moderator 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 this report 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.

Unfinished business: None

New business:

- I move that the Sunday school attendance average reported at the most recent Sunday school convention be printed alongside the membership statistics of each church in the minutes. Rev. Darren Covington, motion seconded and passed.
- Let it be adopted by the body, that a special committee of five be formed, whose Chairman and members are appointed by the Moderator, whose function will be to make a report to the next session of the Central Indiana Association on the “State of the Central Indiana Association Churches” along with any recommendations that the committee may have. Let it be resolved, that all of the churches in the Central Indiana Association will give their full cooperation to this committee. Motion made by Rev. Darren Covington. Motion seconded. Discussion on the motion was made. Rev. Mark Polston made a motion to amend the motion by adding “we strongly encourage” after “Let it be resolved”. Motion seconded. The amendment was voted on and passed. The motion was voted on and passed.

The Treasurers report was read by Bro. Benny Walden. A motion was made to accept the report as read and refer it to the auditing committee and print it in the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mission Board report was read by the clerk. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read and refer it to the auditing committee and print it in the minutes. Bro. Randy Polston explained that the money given to the listed ministers were for driving expenses while helping at the Pleasant Valley Church. The motion passed. The Moderator then read the appointment to the Mission board.

The Young People's Separate Baptist Union report was read by the Clerk. A motion was made to accept the report as read and print it in the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Presbytery committee 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.

The SBBI Report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Discussion was accepted. Motion carried. The financial report from SBBI was read, motion was made to accept the report refer it to the Auditing Committee and print it in the minutes. Motion passed.

The Education report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, print it in the minutes. Motion passed.

The Ministry and Doctrine report was read. Motion was made and supported to accept the report, print it in the minutes. Motion passed.

The Resolutions committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept this report, print it in the minutes. Motion carried.

The Kitchen Committee report was read. Motion was made and supported to accept the report, refer it to the Auditing committee and print it in the minutes. Motion carried.

The Camp meeting Committee report was read. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report, refer the financial portion to the Auditing committee and print it in the minutes. 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 Youth Camp report was read. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report, refer the financial portion to the Auditing committee and print it in the minutes. Motion passed. The moderator then appointed the committee for 2009.

We sang "*Trust and Obey*" while a public offering was taken up which amounted to \$178.00.

Rev. Jerry Ridge came to preach the morning sermon. Bro. Jerry read Isaiah 66:1-8. He shared some of his experiences in the association and the ministers that made great impressions on him. He shared the blessings God has shared in his ministry at the Aaron's Chapel in South Kentucky. He read Psalms 68:1-11 using verse 11 as a text. You can't get above what God Sends. God sent ministry is a great thing. The word is God sent. The Word is powerful. People today have slipped away from God. They feel condemned for their sins and to try to justify themselves they blame the church and refuse to attend and speak bad of the church to their children. We need to plead with God to help us know how to walk daily. We must be begotten by the Word. The prophets of yesterday and the ministers of today share a responsibility and a privilege to share the Word. He encouraged us not to be quitters but to continue in the faith.

Let's get serious about this great work. Do we know what to do? Do we understand what God is expecting of us? This work we are in is real. Don't be ashamed to share your relationship with God with those around you. Give God praise, glory and honor.

We sang "*Are you Washed in the Blood?*", "*There is Power in the Blood*" & "*When we all get to Heaven*" while shaking hands around the altar.

We were dismissed by Rev. Charles Tichenor and Bro. Rick Popplewell prayed the blessing on the noon meal.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator welcomed everyone. He then asked Rev. Mark Polston to come with a congregational song. We sang "*Won't it be wonderful there?*" while Lisa Polston played the piano, Rev. Jimmy Polston played guitar.

The moderator then asked Rev. Buddy Cave to bring devotions. He testified about how gracious God is to us. He read Malachi 3:16-18 & 4:1-2. He asked for an altar of prayer. Requests were made and we were led in prayer by Rev. Charles Tichenor.

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

The Trustee Report was read by the Chairman of the trustees Bro. Dan Sink. Motion was made and properly supported to accept the report and print it in the minutes. Motion carried.

The Ways and Means committee report was read. Motion was made and properly supported to accept the report and print it in the minutes.

The Temperance committee report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and print it in the minutes. The motion passed.

The Sunday School report was read. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report and print it in the minutes. Motion passed.

The Program Report was read. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report and print it in the minutes. Motion passed.

The Young People report was read. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report and print it in the minutes. Motion passed.

Motion was made and supported to accept the Enrollment committee report without reading it, print it in the minutes. Motion passed. There were 139 enrolled.

The Missions report was read. Motion was made to accept the report and print it in the minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

The Auditing committee report was read. Motion was made and supported to accept the report, print it in the minutes and discharge the committee at the end of this association. Motion carried.

The Obituary report was read. Motion was made to accept this report, print it in the minutes and ask Rev. Mark Polston to come forward with a few words and a prayer. Motion was seconded and passed. The Moderator asked Bro. Mark to come with a memorial. Bro. Mark spoke of the importance of being ready to meet our reward as we know not when we will be named in the Obituary report. Bro. Mark asked the congregation to stand for prayer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

The Moderator called for a song and an offering to be collected. We sang *"When the roll is called up yonder."* The offering amounted to \$220.00.

Bro. Eddie asked Rev. Lonzo Wiggington to come with the Doctrinal sermon. Bro. Lonzo read Revelation 3:14-22. He instructed us to practice the Word of the Lord. He preached about the importance of accepting the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Enduring to the end should be our goal. You cannot live without sin unless you have Jesus in your heart. We possess nothing of ourselves that will justify us. Listen to God, he will direct you. He will give you a good conscious and help you keep it clear. Lonzo spoke of the necessity to keep the Lord's Day holy. He spoke of the fact that we will receive the resurrection we have lived in this life. We should come out from among the world. We should present ourselves as Christians by the way we act and the way we dress. We have more poutin' in our churches than shoutin' today. This should not be. We have been blessed we should give God the praise he deserves and desires. The world today doesn't desire an eternal life in heaven. Some of the church members desire things of the world over fellowship with the church on Wednesday night. We need to keep ourselves in the will of God.

Election of Officers was conducted with the following results. Moderator Eddie Freeman, Assistant Moderator Darren Covington, Clerk Stacy Wiggington, Assistant Clerk Allen Wiggington, Treasure Ruth Ann Walden, Assistant Treasurer Benny B. Walden, Mission Incorporated Representative Bro. Mike Hardwick, Constitution Committee Kentlin Floyd.

Election of evangelist for the camp meeting called for. Motion made and properly supported to have one evangelist in 2009 Camp meeting. Motion carried. Rev. Jerry Ridge was elected.

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

A motion was made to allow the Clerk to prepare a letter to the General Association. Motion properly supported and passed. The letter was read.

Several announcements were made.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lonzo Wiggington.

ANNUAL REPORTS

CAMP MEETING

We the committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make the camp meeting a success. Thanks to all the churches for the special singing, each evening. Thanks to Witness, for the great concert Saturday evening. A special thanks to Rev. Mark Polston and Rev. Casey Davis for their inspirational messages each evening. We would also like to thank the mission board for their help with the finances this year. We the committee hopes the fellowship dinner was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our hope was to inspire us all for next year's camp meeting, if the Lord will allow.

Ed Tharpe
Dan Sink
Bobby Stephens

PRESBYTERY REPORT

We the Presbytery agreed at the closing of Association 2007 to send minister's cards to ministers unable to attend the 2007 sessions due to sickness: Rev. Ray Unger, Rev. Chester Atchley and Rev. Hubert Hadley.

On January 23, 2008 we received a letter from the Edinburgh church asking us to examine Bro. Nick Whited stating he had been set aside for 2 years as a minister.

On February 2, 2008 we met with Bro. Nick and after many questions we voted to ordain Bro. Nick. The vote was unanimous.

On March 1, 2008 we met at Edinburgh church and ordained Bro. Nick Whited as minister of the gospel. Rev. Jimmy Polston held charge of the service.

Homer W. Whited
Eddie Freeman
John Perkins Jr.
Jimmy Polston

YOUTH CAMP

“Youth and the Church” was the theme for the 49th camp, Youth Camp 2008. We were blessed to have Rev. Guy Hardin as the evangelist this year. Bro. Guy did a fabulous job ministering to the campers and adults alike. He spoke of the effect Youth Camp had on him when he was young and trumpeted the importance of continuing this ministry. He conveyed his belief that Youth Camp is not just for the youth. He testified of how his sister was saved at Youth Camp two years earlier as an adult and how her being saved during Youth Camp made it even more special to him. He encouraged us to not be narrow minded in our thinking. Youth Camp is geared toward the youth but is for EVERYONE!

Each day campers had opportunity to participate in bible study, craft (for the younger classes), quiz time and singing. Campers also participated in activities on the playground each day. Basketball, volleyball, table tennis and quiz tournaments were held. Dinner was served each evening, and a snack was provided twice a day. We gathered each evening before the sermon to sing praises to God led by sister Lora Sink.

We had 122 campers enrolled who were 18 years old and younger with an average daily attendance of 106.

Wednesday evening campers of the age of 8 to 18, with permission from their parents, were allowed to spend the night. Volleyball, knockout and table tennis games were played throughout the evening. Those 18 and under played those 19 and over in volleyball with the “oldies” emerging victorious. We enjoyed a talent search hosted by brother Jordan Polston with all in attendance supporting the contestants in traditional Youth Camp fashion. We ate pizza, sang around the campfire with very little sleep overnight but a lot of fun and camaraderie.

The Youth Camp committee would like to thank all teachers, kitchen help, the music leader, outside helpers and all other volunteers who worked so hard throughout the week. We want to thank the churches for their donations to the camp. Without these contributions we would not be able to have Youth Camp. We also would like to thank those who came to the worship services in support of the camp.

We hope that you will continue to remember Youth Camp in your prayers, and continue to support the youth. 2009 will mark the 50th Youth Camp for Central Indiana. We ask that each church consider making a poster board of pictures from your church’s youth attending camp over the years and display it at the 2009 Youth Camp.

Allen Wiggington
Benny Walden
Bryant Burton

SBMI REPRESENTATIVE

The SBMI met on March 29, 2008 for our annual meeting at the Mt. Hope Separate Baptist church in Jamestown, Kentucky. The SBMI helped two churches this year; the Wolf Knob Separate Baptist Church from the Christian Unity Association, with new restrooms and a well. And the Okolona Separate Baptist Church from the Nollynn association, with new windows in their church. They are very pretty.

Our hearts were saddened this past year because of the passing of two men who have done much work for missions. They worked hard in their own associations and for the General Association: Rev. Jim Tharpe, of the Central Indiana and Bro. Lee Bertram of the Mt. Olive Association. They both will be missed by everyone.

We met with Brother Jerry Ridge concerning the Mission work in the Ivory Coast. Bro. Jerry talked about his trip to the Ivory Coast that was his seventh trip. Bro. Jerry was able to visit all of the churches. He preached almost every night while in the Ivory Coast. The pastors help make up the schedule of services. Bro. Jerry had service in many churches and evangelized in several villages. Five of the pastors helped interpret for Bro. Jerry in those services. At Adonvagne village the elders refused to let Bro. Jerry have a service there. After many of them reasoned with the elders they agreed to allow them to have a service but only if it was right beside a large Islamic Mosque.

We want to thank all of the churches in the association for the offering that was used to purchase two motor bikes for two of the pastors.

Bro. Steve and Sis. Rhonda Palmer returned to the Ivory Coast. Bro. Steve taught a Bible Research class to seventeen students at the Bible Institute in the Ivory Coast. They now have over one thousand references arranged alphabetically in their Koulango Bible Concordance. They updated the Koulango Bible Institute text for the class on Jeremiah.

Bro. Steve conducted a church wedding at Bondoukou. The husband was unsaved when they married years ago and wanted to renew their vows as Christians. Bro. Steve preached at the inauguration of the new building built on the property purchased in Abidjan. Bro. Steve completed three days of outdoor evangelization in the village of Longogara. The Bondoukou church built a baptistery. Bro. Steve baptized eight young ladies.

Sister Rhonda became very sick while there, with a high temperature, difficulty breathing, an irregular heartbeat and infection. Bro. Steve was taken to the clinic and was treated for being dehydrated. After all of their sickness, God brought both of them back home to us. There were many things accomplished in the Ivory Coast this year.

Please pray for Bro. Jerry and family and Rev. Steve and Sis. Rhonda as they return to the Ivory Coast. Pray for the pastors over there as well.

SBMI Representative (continued)

A special thank you is extended to the Mt. Zion Separate Baptist church who gave 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

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The septic system is done. The electrical work was completed just after last year's association. The electrical work was necessary to power the new pumps that were installed. We now have a state-of-the-art system that should take care of us for many years. We want to thank Lee Weddle for assisting in the seeding process. Lee was called upon to finish installing the new septic system after the unfortunate accident Mr. White was involved in. Lee allowed us to use his straw blower and was able to get straw and seed for us. We want to thank all those who took part in this finish grade process.

We want to thank Ed Tharpe for finding us some free top soil. This top soil was needed to fill in trenches that settled over the past months and was also needed in some other areas. We thank Matt Satter and Don Wiggington for assisting us with placing the dirt in the proper areas. We also want to thank Ed for grinding the surface of the east ball court. One of the panels had settled and needed to be repaired; we want to thank him for his work.

Some re-seeding of grass was done this summer after filling in the areas that settled over the winter. Thanks to all who helped with this.

We want to thank all those involved with building new doors on the storage barn. The old doors were rotten and needed repair. Homer Whited led a contingent of men during youth camp this year and we want to thank all those who were involved. This repair prompted the need to paint the building. There were several involved with completing this process and we thank you.

We want to thank Don Wiggington and family for taking such great care of the lawn this past year. We appreciate their dedication to keeping the grounds looking nice each year. We thank all of those who volunteered their time to keep the bathrooms and sanctuary clean. These are jobs we tend to take for granted and we don't want your work to go unnoticed.

We want to thank the ones who anonymously donated a CD recorder for the public address system. This allows us to record services onto a CD rather than an increasingly out dated cassette.

Trustee's report (continued)

We feel that it is time for us to move forward with the next building phase here at Midway Campground. We have committed ourselves to these grounds with the recent investments that have taken place. We have a new classroom and kitchen facility, a new entrance with bathrooms and now a new septic system. We need to turn our attention towards the aging sanctuary. Many ideas have been tossed around. Here are some examples: 1) completely remove the roof and raise it to match the elevation of the roof over the kitchen while adding a vaulted ceiling on the interior. 2) Remove the paneling on the interior walls and replace the old windows with new ones. 3) Remove the existing floor and make it to slope downward to match the elevation of the kitchen area floor similar to the slope of the sidewalk on the south side of the new building. 5) Replace the existing pews with padded chairs. These are just a few suggestions to help possibly stir up your minds to the exciting possibilities. With the Lords help we know we can accomplish this. It will take some time to organize a plan of attack.

With all of this being said, we the trustees will begin conducting a feasibility study beginning immediately following this association. This study will determine an exact plan of what we can do to the sanctuary and determine an approximate cost of the project. We invite everyone who has any input on this project to consult with the trustees. This study should be complete and ready to be presented to you by the next session of the Central Indiana Association.

Last year we asked all churches or individuals to help us pay off the loan for the new septic. Response to this has been very little. We would like to urge all churches to prayerfully consider making a serious monetary commitment such as a monthly pledge or donation towards the septic loan so that we can continue moving forward with the next building phase of the Midway campground. This pledge could help us pay off the loan and start building funds for the new project. We hope that you will consider supporting this project. If your church could make a small commitment, when it is combined with all other churches, it would be very significant.

The trustees met September 13, 2008 along with the delegates appointed by the churches and elected Bro. Matt Satter to a five year term replacing Bro. Dan Sink.

Daniel Sink
Greg Tharpe
Kentlin Floyd
Michael Hardwick
Benny Walden

YOUTH UNION PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Youth Union met three times this past associational year. At the first meeting, organized by Great Hope, the Youth Union gathered in Indianapolis at the Right to Life rally to show support against abortion. There were approximately 20 people in attendance from our churches. We heard testimonies of people who were affected by the choices of abortion or life. We were also given approximate numbers of abortions that have happened in the last 40 years. The numbers were alarming. We then joined a silent march to the circle in support of pro-life choice.

The second meeting was hosted by Franklin Church and held at Northwood Elementary. We ate pizza, played volleyball and basketball and fellowshiped. Attendance was low, but we had a great time. We had 22 in attendance.

The third meeting was hosted by Friendship Decatur and held at Midway. Everyone had a great time playing volleyball, basketball, participating in a cake walk, fellowshiping and eating the pitch-in lunch. This meeting was well attended with 45 youth and several adults. We also had the election of officers which are:

President – Matt Satter
Vice President – Greg Tharpe
Secretary/Treasurer – Susan Wiggington
Assistant Sec./Treasurer – Lora Sink
Song Leader – Riley Tharpe
Asst. Song Leader – Megan Sink

We would like to thank all those that attended the events and encourage the churches to support these meetings. The youth are the future church.

Bro. Matt Satter
Youth Union President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SEPARATE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

We your Bible Institute committee express our deepest sympathy to the family of Rev. Jim H. Tharpe. Rev. Tharpe was one of the pioneers in establishing a Bible Institute for our association. His contributions were many and his presence is missed.

We are happy to report the Separate Baptist Bible Institute held classes in the fall of 2007 titled "*Separate Baptist History*" and "*Articles of Doctrine*" and again in the spring of 2008 with classes entitled "*Study of Denominations*". The classes were very well attended and the students seemed to enjoy having a variety of teachers for each session. We extend a special thank you to Rev. Danny Bailey, Rev. Mark Polston, Rev. Ransom Covington, Rev. Jimmy Polston and Bro. Benny Walden for their generous time spent in preparation and teaching certain of these classes for the Institute. Each session included four classes, each one on a Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. till noon.

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

Your committee hopes to continue this fall with a series of lessons designed to study individual bible characters in detail. Rev. Darren Covington has agreed to teach these classes.

We your committee would like to encourage everyone to set aside time to attend these classes.

Stacy R. Wiggington
Chairman

AUDITING

We the Auditing Committee have examined the following reports:

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

We found the figures given to be correct.

Jimmie McGaha
Jack Polston

EDUCATION

We the Education Committee believe that education should be included in every facet of our daily walk. “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 believe our children’s education is our individual responsibility. We should be aware of and instrumental in what our children are being taught on a daily basis. “Train up a child in the way he should go” (Proverbs 22:6) “he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments (Psalms 78:5-7)

We believe our Youth Camp is a vital part of our children’s spiritual education, and very important outreach in our association.

We believe that education is not limited to the teaching of the young but is necessary for people of all ages. (Titus 2:3-4)

We believe that education may be a means of building our churches spiritually.

Lisa Polston
Kentrina Freeman
Martha Lewis

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
Guy Hardin
Mark F. Polston

MISSIONS

We your committee on missions, wish to remind the body of how important the work of missions is. Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" Matt. 28:19 This commandment is first and foremost the function of the church. If we fail to obey this commandment, then all of our other labors are in vain.

The work of missions is not limited to missionaries, pastors or deacons. It is the responsibility of every believer. Jesus likened the kingdom of Heaven as to a man who took a far journey and gave to ever man a work. Mark 13:34

Missions are the lifeblood of the church. Without missions, our churches will continue to decline. If we desire to see our churches grow we must recognize that the mission field is beyond the four walls of the church building. We cannot expect sinners to be interested in coming to us for they are already at enmity against God. We must deliver the gospel message to them. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" Rom. 10:14

A preacher in the New Testament was a herald, one who delivered news, and was distinguished from the office of the bishop. All believers can be "preachers" of the gospel and all ought to.

We urge our churches to consider this calling and find opportunities and ways to deliver the gospel message outside of their regular church meetings. We urge all members to realize that they have a stake in the mission field and that if they want to be in God's will they will work together in the mission field.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30

"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." 1Cor. 15:34

Every saved individual receives from God a burden for lost souls. May we pray as did David of old that God would search us to see where we stand with God for if our hearts are right we will seek ways to reach others.

When we leave church on Sunday morning, we enter the mission field. May our lives be a light to others.

"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

Jerry Ridge

Edna Caudill

Darren Covington

OBITUARY REPORT

We your committee submits the following report:

Edinburgh	Gertie Green , Louise Wheeler
Great Hope	Rev. Jim Tharpe
Shiloh	Nancy Bennett , Virginia Flohr-Irwin

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. Mark Polston to come forward with a few words and prayer in memory of those passed on this year.

Jimmy R. Wheeler
Athel Brown
Beverly Kennett

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

Johnny Perkins
Ransom Covington

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 2009, 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 2009 association.

Be it resolved that we have a Youth Camp in 2009.

Be it resolved that we have a Camp Meeting in 2009 starting August 9, 2009 and continuing through August 16, 2009 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 2009 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.

Charles Tichenor
Bill Ridge
Barbara Cave

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)

Randy Polston
Virginia Craven
Donald Wiggington

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. God will continue to bless the youth and all future generations who follow Him.

"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." (1Timothy 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."

Kelly Satter
Barbara Floyd
Kayla Freeman

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)

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)

Go with God for all things are possible.

Follow after spirit and not be led by flesh. (John 3:6)

They that worship God must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

Them that hear let come to the Lord and not just be hearers only. (James 1:22)

Let us live righteousness so God can reveal all things to us that we need to do.

Lonzo Wiggington
Mike Wilson
Kentlin Floyd

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance September 8, 2007	\$	32,683.24
Income		
Associational Church Letters	\$	3,700.00
Associational Offerings	\$	460.00
Donations	\$	2,700.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	10.77
Total Income	\$	6,870.77
Total Working Balance	\$	39,554.01
Expenses		
General Association	\$	500.00
SBMI	\$	250.00
Guide One Insurance-Campground	\$	3,845.00
Campground maintenance	\$	31,348.39
Camp meeting Expense	\$	50.00
Clerk Fee	\$	100.00
Cinergy/Duke-campsite electricity	\$	119.92
Wood-Mizer Products, Inc-printing of minutes	\$	375.00
Total Expenses	\$	36,588.31
Ending Balance-September 8, 2007	\$	2,965.70

(Loan balance as of Sep't. 13th 2008 : \$21,636.38)

Treasurer: Ruth Ann Walden

KITCHEN COMMITTEE REPORT

Beginning Balance:	\$2,237.91
Donations and offerings:	\$1,475.00
Gordon's Rebate:	\$ 15.42
Total:	\$3,728.33

Expenses:

Ham	\$ 99.95
Wal-Mart (supplies)	\$ 300.40
BCSC Food Service (supplies)	\$ 85.33
Jay C (chicken)	\$ 245.18
Ishmel's Catering	\$ 400.00
Stacy Wiggington (pots and pans)	\$ 73.84
GFS	\$ 277.40

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,482.10

Ending Balance: \$2,246.23

Glenda Swanson

CAMP MEETING FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from offerings:	\$1,600.00
Paid out:	
Rev. Mark Polston	\$ 700.00
Rev. Casey Davis	\$ 700.00
Midway Church	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Ending balance:	\$ 0.00

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand September 2007:	\$230.17
Offerings:	\$287.12
Total:	\$517.29
Donations to SBBI in honor of	
Rev. Jim Tharpe -	\$100.00
Balance as of September 12, 2008	\$417.29

MISSION BOARD TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance – September 8, 2007	\$ 481.37
Received from church letters	\$ 1,750.00
Savings Account Interest	\$ 5.40
Total	\$2,236.77
Paid Out:	
Bro. Chris Thompson	\$ 300.00
Bro. Dustin McGowan	\$ 200.00
Bro. David Powell	\$ 100.00
Bro. Corey Hayes	\$ 200.00
Bro. Steve Corbin	\$ 200.00
Bro. Richard Raines	\$ 100.00
Bro. Jerry Ridge (Ivory Coast Bike Fund)	\$1,128.77
Bank fees	\$ 8.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 0.00

Mission Board:

Randy Polston
Lonzo Wiggington
Mike Hardwick
Jim Stump
Charles Tichenor

BIBLE INSTITUTE FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from 2007-2008:	\$5,517.56
Tuition Received	\$1,450.00
Money Received in memory of	
Rev. Jim Tharpe -	\$ 925.00
Interest	\$ 2.90
Total	\$7,895.46
Expenses:	
Paid to instructors	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 303.62
Funeral flowers	\$ 53.00
Snacks	\$ 59.00
Sub-total	\$ 915.62
Ending Balance	\$6,979.84

Jimmy McGaha, SBBI Treasurer

YOUTH CAMP TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$4,014.20
Received (tuition and donations)	\$5,819.25
TOTAL	\$9,833.45

Expenses

Kitchen Supplies	\$2,907.01
Evangelist Rev. Guy Hardin	\$ 500.00
Trash Pick-up	\$ 100.00
Carpet Cleaning	\$ 246.72
Miscellaneous (ping pong table, prizes, Teacher's supplies, overnight, supplies, ice)	\$1,371.51
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,125.24
Ending Balance:	\$4,708.21

Sis. Lora Sink
5187 W 700 S
Morgantown, IN 46160
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YOUTH UNION TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on hand Sept. 2007	\$690.51
Offerings and interest	<u>\$ 18.86</u>
Balance on hand	\$709.37

Susan Wiggington

ENROLLMENT

Ministers

Eddie Freeman, Kentlin Floyd, Kevin Ooley, Steve Palmer, Homer W. Whited, Roy Lambert, J.B. Wilson, John Perkins, John “Buddy” Cave, Jimmy Polston, Samuel Freeman, Charles Tichenor, Ransom Covington, Darren Covington, Jerry Ridge, Jim Stump, Lonzo R. Wiggington, Matt Satter, Ed Tharpe, Mike Wilson, Mark F. Polston, Guy Hardin, Mike Fields, Nick Whited.

Deacons

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

Delegates

Stacy Wiggington, Kayla Freeman, Kentrina Freeman, Barbara Floyd, Edna Caudill, Rick Popplewell, Jimmy R. Wheeler, Mary Ann Sink, Randy Polston, Jack Polston, Athel Brown, Daniel Sink, Laura Perkins, Dee Freeman, Donald Wiggington, Dan Swanson, Ruth Ann Walden, Beverly Kennett, Virginia Craven, Lisa Polston, Martha Lewis, Rachel Tharpe, Jim Tucker

Alternates Sheryle Chestovich, Evangeline Burton, Marline Hardwick, Kelly Satter, Kim Wilson, Janice Polston

Visitors

Lance Freeman, Kim Wiggington, Susannah Freeman, Virginia Polston, Marie Roberts, Frances Ridge, Rhonda J. Palmer, Benjamin Stevens, Nick Popplewell, Gracie Cline, Gloria Ooley, Daryl Marker, Isaiah Perkins, Lily Perkins, Irma Freeman, Kathy Ridge, Penny Covington, Eva Polston, Phyllis Wiggington, Linda Tharpe, Lynn Stephenson, Matt Stephenson, Candace Stephenson, Carla Tharpe, Mattie Satter, Marqi Satter, Beth Tharpe, Eliza Tharpe, Roy McGaha, Lula McGaha, Danny Cave, Clyde Polston, Robin Abbott, Louse Smith, Pamela Hall, Jean Brant, Kylie Tharpe, Paul Tharpe, Lucille Whited, Glenda Swanson, Mildred Stephens, Margaret L. Polston, Margaret Waltz, Margaret Wiggington, Donnie Wiggington, Molene Hughes, Jaydon Polston, Shainna Whited, Lauren Whited, Linda Luttrell, Jaylin Brown, Barbara Cave, Darlene Brown, Tammy Hardin, Suzan Brown, Susan Wiggington, Caleb Wiggington, Jeffrey Wiggington, Olivia Covington, Mike Whited, Vernon Luttrell,

Sister Associations: Ministers

Robert B Gosser, Jim Goff, David Coffey, Danny Bailey, Melvin Underwood

Sister Associations: Deacons

Charles Jordan Sr., Rick W. Goff, Olyn Sprowles, Terry Thrasher

Sister Associations: Visitors

Dianna Underwood (delegate), Cozetta Sprowles, Stacey Thrasher, Leah Thrasher, Silas Thrasher

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

LETTERS OF CORRESPONDANCE.

South Kentucky Association

The South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptist in Christ sends greetings to the Central Indiana Association of Separate Baptist in Christ. We are happy to greet you with letter and delegates. Our delegates are as follows:

Rev. Danny Bailey, Rev. Johnny and Sis. Shirley Davis,
Rev. David Coffey, Bro. Jonathan Polston

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 this year. Brother Robert Conner and Brother Donnie Coffey delivered soul stirring messages each night of the camp meeting. Our Association was August 8th and 9th. The Lord blessed us with wonderful messages at each session uplifting and encouraging us with God's Word. Everyone had a good time fellowshiping and meeting friends we hadn't seen since last year.

The South Kentucky youth camp was held in July with good attendance. Let's 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.

Please keep our Association in your prayers that we will continue to grow in number and spirit. We extend a warm welcome to each of you to join us at our Association next year. May God bless you is our prayer.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. David Coffey, Moderator
Rev. Donnie Smith, Assistant Moderator
Sister Michelle Kerr, Corresponding Secretary

Michelle Kerr
1580 E. Brown Ridge Rd.
Russell Springs, KY 42642

Mt. Olive Association

The Mount Olive Association of Tennessee sends greetings to Central Indiana Association of Separate Baptist in Christ. We have had a wonderful year in the Lord. He has blessed us with love and Spirit filled services, which we are very thankful for. Our prayers are with you as you meet and conduct business for our Lord. We held our association September 5th and 6th, 2008. We are looking forward to seeing each one of you at the General Association next month. Our next Association will be September 4th and 5th, 2009, if it be our Lord's will. May God bless each one who has a part in this Association.

Moderator: Rev. Jerry Dishman
Asst. Moderator: Rev. Leonard Bertram
Asst. Sectary: Sister Sue Bauswell

Sue Bauswell
304 Concord Rd.
Robbins, TN 37852

Nolynn Association

(Received after the end of Association)

Greetings to the Central Indiana Association of Separate Baptist in Christ.

The Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists in Christ of Kentucky, Inc. is happy to meet you with letter and delegates. Our delegates are: Bro. Charles & Sis. Charlotte Jordan, Rev. Melvin & Sis. Dianna Underwood, Bro. Noah & Sis. Pat Vance, Bro. Olyn & Sis. Cozetta Sprowles.

We are pleased to report that our annual youth camp and bible school, held June 15-20, 2008, was very successful and Rev. Matthew Lawhorn preached effectively with several young souls saved. Also we are glad to report that our association revival held August 17-22, 2008, was a spiritual success with excellent preaching by Rev. Jim Goff.

Our association will be Sept. 19th and 20th at the Nolynn Association Campground. We invite everyone to attend. Please keep our association in your prayers and we will do the same for you. We all need each other in the work of our Lord and Savior. May God bless all of you.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Melvin Underwood, Moderator
Bro. Paul Shofner, Corresponding Secretary

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Fifth Sunday Meeting was held five times this associational year. We had an average of 6 ministers and 3 deacons present. We had an average of 5 ministers' wives and widows and 3 deacons' wives and widows present. The meetings were very inspirational and uplifting.

Officers for 2008-2009

Chairman:	Homer Whited
Assistant:	Matt Satter
Sec't. & Treas.:	Robin Abbott
Assist Sec't. & Treas.:	Kim Wilson
Song Leader:	Kim Wilson

Homer Whited – Chairman
Robin Abbott – Secretary/Treasurer

Ministers and Deacons Institute

The Ministers and Deacons Institute has met five times during the past associational year. Our regular meeting time is the third Friday night before the fifth Sunday at 7:00 PM. We changed some of those dates because it conflicted with other associational meetings.

At the September 21, 2007 meeting, Rev. Ray Unger talked about his memories of the Separate Baptist in Christ. Rev. Steve Palmer brought the message at the Dec. 21, 2007 meeting, encouraging us to offer to the Lord sacrificially and from our hearts, an offering acceptable to God. Rev. Eddie Freeman spoke on the topic, "Conflict Resolution" in the March, 14, 2008 meeting, stressing conflicts can be resolved in the church if done in the right way. The June 13th, 2008 meeting was held at Union Laymon Separate Baptist church and the message was preached by Rev. Samuel Freeman with the text "One thing is Needful". He preached about the need for God's people to hear God's Word.

The August 8th, 2008 meeting was held at the Indianapolis Separate Baptist church, Rev. Homer Whited brought the message preaching about foundations. Jesus is the only foundation to Heaven.

Hopefully more of our ministers and deacons will attend and participate in our future meetings.

Chairman, Allen Wiggington
Sec't. and Treas., Jimmy Polston

The officers for the coming year are:

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

General Assembly of the Free Will Baptist Church of Ivory Coast

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TO:
OUR MUCH LOVED BROTHERS
AND SISTERS OF THE SEPARATE
BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE UNITED
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Object: Giving Thanks

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a great joy for us to transmit our greetings to you in the Lord. We are very recognizing of your support and divine work here in Ivory Coast.

May the Eternal God bless you abundantly and guide you in His mission.

We pray always for the children, the young, the families, the Church, and for the work of the United States of America.

Pray also for the Church, for the work, and for the laborers here in Africa.

On this, we recommend you the Grace of our Lord.

Made at Bondoukou the 27th of January 2008

for the General Assembly

the Secretary General

Pastor Badjimane Kouamé Honoré

Scan of original letter from Ivory Coast
(Interpretation on previous page)

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NOS BIEN AIMES FRERES ET SOEURS
DE L'EGLISE BAPTISTE SEPEREE
AUX ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE

Objet : Remerciements.

Frères et Sœurs en Christ,

C'est une grande joie pour nous de vous transmettre nos salutations dans Le Seigneur.

Nous sommes très reconnaissants pour votre soutien à l'œuvre divine ici en Cote d'Ivoire.

Puisse l'Eternel Dieu vous bénir abondamment et vous conduire dans sa mission.

Nous prions toujours pour les enfants, les jeunes, les familles, l'Eglise ainsi que pour l'œuvre aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique.

Priez aussi pour l'Eglise, pour l'œuvre et pour les ouvriers ici en Afrique.

Sur ce, nous vous recommandons à la Grâce du Seigneur.

Fait à Bondoukou, le 27 Janvier 2008

Pour l'Assemblée Générale
Le Secrétaire Général



Pasteur Badjimane Kouamé Honoré

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. 28:19-20; 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.
 - Vice-President - assist President; hold the position of President in the absence of the President.
 - Secretary and Treasurer - record minutes of meetings; control bank account; handle any correspondence.
 - Assistant Secretary and Treasurer - 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 24 & 25, 2009

Pleasant Home Separate Baptist Church

103 White Oak Creek Road Rugby, TN 37733

MT. OLIVE (TN)

September 4 & 5, 2009

Pleasant Home Separate Baptist Church, Rugby, Tennessee.

NOLYNN (KY)

September 18 & 19, 2009

Nolynn Campgrounds, Highway 1192; 2 miles south of Buffalo,
Kentucky

SOUTH KENTUCKY

August 7 & 8, 2009

Associational Campgrounds, Highway E 80; Russell Springs. Kentucky.

SOUTHWEST WEST VIRGINIA

June 20, 2009

Crum Separate Baptist Church; Crum, West Virginia.

PLEDGES

AMERICAN FLAG

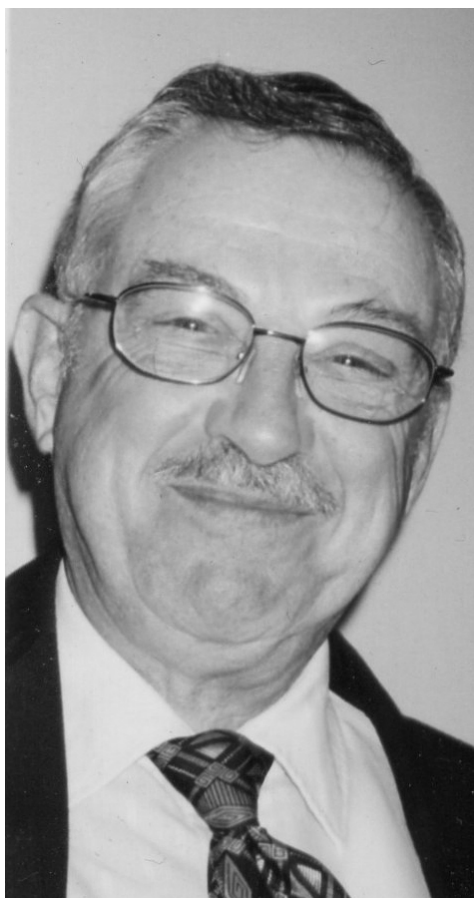
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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. Jim H. Tharpe was called out of this life on December 22, 2007. He was 63 years old. He was a loving husband to his wife, Carla. They were married on July 8, 1967. He was a wonderful father and grandfather to three children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He was a Vietnam veteran 1966-1967.

We'll always remember him as being a faithful man of God. He was a member of Great Hope Separate Baptist Church. He was ordained as a Separate Baptist minister on October 29, 1972. He pastored Midway, Green River Valley in Casey County, Kentucky, Kings Run in Cincinnati, Ohio, Indianapolis, Union Layman, Great Hope and Salem Separate Baptist Churches in Indiana. Bro. Jim had a great burden for mission work. He took two Missionary trips to the Ivory Coast, Africa. He served as Moderator for the Central Indiana Association for many years.

He is dearly missed by his family, this association and all who knew him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The next meeting of the Sunday School Convention will be held
May 3, 2009 @ 1:45p.m..

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

OFFICERS

Chairman: Homer Whited
Assistant: Matt Satter
Sec't. & Treas: Robin Abbott
Assist: Kim Wilson
Song Leader: Kim Wilson

DATES

March 29, 2009
May 31, 2009
August 30, 2009
November 29, 2009

YOUTH CAMP

June 15 thru 19, 2009

CAMPMEETING

August 9th through August 16th, 2009
Evangelist: Rev. Jerry Ridge

CENTRAL INDIANA ASSOCIATION

September 11 & 12, 2009

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

October 9 & 10, 2009

At the South Kentucky Association Campground – Russell Springs, KY

MINISTERS & DEACONS INSTITUTE MEETINGS

March 20, 2009
May 22, 2009
August 21, 2009
November 20, 2009

SEPARATE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Spring session: Feb. 21st and 28th and March 7th and 14th, 2009

2010 CALENDAR

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