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# THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SEPARATE BAPTISTS IN CHRIST

OCTOBER 10th & 11th, 2003

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 8th & 9th, 2004

WITH THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION AT THE HARMONY SEPARATE BAPTIST CHURCH IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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# MINUTES OF THE 91st ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SEPARATE BAPTISTS IN CHRIST

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Held with the South Kentucky Association at their Campground in Russell Springs, Kentucky

- 1. **Triangle**.....Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) as one.
- 2. **Cross**...... Salvation comes through Christ's sacrificial death on the cross into the church (crucified saviour).
- 3. **Descending Dove...** Expresses innocence and humility and purity. It signifies the Holy Spirit and the presence of God and Jesus at his Baptism.
- 4. **Circle**.....Eternal, because it is without beginning and without end, everlasting life.
- 5. **Open Bible**.....Symbolizes the word of God, eternal truth, the great plan of life.

#### SUMMARY OF SYMBOL

That whosoever will believe in God, Son and Holy Spirit, and that Christ was crucified and He is our salvation and being Baptized with the Holy Spirit, believing in the word the eternal truth can be saved, we will have everlasting life.

# 2004 GENERAL ASSOCIATION Held with the Northeast Florida Association

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**CENTRAL INDIANA** 

September 10 & 11, 2004

Midway Campground, 5 miles south of Morgantown, Indiana, on State Road 135.

Friday before the second Sunday in September.

Youth Camp June 21 through June 25, 2004

Campmeeting August 16 through 22, 2004 Evangelists: Rev. Johnny Davis & Rev. Jimmy Polston

#### CHRISTIAN UNITY (N. CAROLINA)

July 23 & 24, 2004

Friday before the fourth Sunday in July

Associational Campmeeting, July 18 through 22, 2004

#### MT. OLIVE (TENNESSEE)

September 3& 4, 2004

Friday before the first Saturday in September.

#### NOLYNN KENTUCKY

September 17 & 18, 2004

Associational Campground on State Road 1192, 2 miles south of Buffalo, Kentucky.

Friday before the third Saturday in September.

Associational Revival August 22 through 28, 2004

Youth Camp-Bible School June 20 through 25, 2004

#### NORTHEAST FLORIDA

July 10, 2004

Harmony Separate Baptist Church, 3850 Emerson St., Jacksonville, FL 32207.

Second Saturday in July.

#### SOUTH KENTUCKY

August 13 & 14, 2004

Associational Campground, 1 mile east of Russell Springs, Kentucky.

Friday before the second Saturday in August.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

June 19, 2004

Crum Separate Baptist Church. Third Saturday in June.

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CENTRAL INDIANA - Rev. Lonzo Wiggington
CHRISTIAN UNITY - Bro. Bill Barr
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NOLYNN KENTUCKY - Rev. Jim Hale
NORTHEAST FLORIDA - Rev. Mack Sparks
SOUTH KENTUCKY - Rev. Danny Bailey
WEST VIRGINIA - Rev. Willis Allen (chairman)

# PROGRAM FOR 2004 FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 & 9, 2004

#### **Eastern Time**

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

Congregational Singing

Call to Order by the Moderator

Silent Prayer for Service Personnel

Pledge to the American and Christian Flags and Bible

Invocation-Appointed by Moderator

Welcome Address by some Minister of the Association

Response by some visiting Minister

Seating of Standing Delegates (Ministers and Deacons)

Reading of District letters, Receiving their contributions and seating of delegates

Reading Articles of Doctrine

Appointment of Constitution Committee

Appointment of Divine Service Committee

Call for New Associations

Congregational Singing with offering for Associational Expenses

Introductory Sermon: Rev. Jerry Ridge - Central Indiana

Alternate: Rev. Gary Cutler - Northeast Florida

Handshake with Song

Partial Report of the Divine Service Committee

Dismissal

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

Congregational Singing

Devotional

Reading of Minutes of Previous Session

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Report of the Ministers and Deacons Conference Committee

Appointment of the General Association Ministers and Deacons Conference Committee (\*To be held at the Nolynn Associational Campground)

Appointment of Working Committees

Appointment of Auditing Committee

Report of Associational and Mission Treasurers

Five Minute Talks:

Northeast Florida Discipleship: Rev. Mack Sparks Bro. Lee Bertram Mount Olive Alternate: Youth Encouragement: Rev. Matthew Cowan South Kentucky Central Indiana Alternate: Bro. Stacy Wiggington Education: Bro. Rick Goff Nolvnn Kentucky Alternate: Bro. Bobby Allen West Virginia Rev. Johnny Davis South Kentucky Evangelism: Rev. David Irwin Alternate: South Kentucky

Congregational Singing and Offering for Associational Expenses

Sermon Dismissal

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

Special Singing 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Devotional

Reading of Minutes of Previous Session

 Doctrinal Sermon:
 Rev. Rex Hall
 Christian Unity

 Alternate:
 Rev. Jim Hale
 Nolynn Kentucky

Communion and Feet Washing

Dismissal with Song

#### SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 A.M.

Congregational Singing

Pledge to the American and Christian flags and the Bible

Devotional

Reading of Minutes of the previous session

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Report of working committees

Announcement of Mission Board members selected by the District Associations

Memorial Prayer

Mission Sermon by some minister selected by the Mission Board

Mission Offering

Congregational singing with Handshake

Dismissal

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

Congregational Singing

Devotional

Congregational Song and Offering for Associational Expenses

Reading of Minutes of Previous Session

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

Sermon

Election of Officers

Reading of Minutes of this session

Benediction

#### Committee:

Central Indiana- Bro.Randy Polston - Chairman

Christian Unity- Bro. John Hall

Mt. Olive- Sis. Judy Bertram

Nolynn Kentucky- Sis. Wilma White

Northeast Florida- Rev. Gary Cutler

South Kentucky- Bro. Dan Dishman

West Virginia- Bro. Bobby Allen

#### **PROCEEDINGS 2003**

#### OCTOBER 10, 2003 FRIDAY MORNING 10:00 A.M.

The 91st annual session of the General Association of Separate Baptists in Christ convened with the South Kentucky Association at their campground in Russell Springs, KY. The session was opened with Bro. Rick Goff of the Nolynn Association leading the congregation in singing, "I'll Live In Glory".

The body was called together by the Moderator, Rev. Jim Goff.

We observed a minute of silence in prayer for our service personnel.

Rev. Goff then led the congregation in pledges to the American and Christian Flags, and the Bible.

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Jimmy Mason of South Kentucky Association. He read Psalms 100. We gathered around the altar for prayer.

Rev. Danny Bailey of the South Kentucky Association welcomed everyone to the 91st annual session of the General Association.

Rev. Rex Hall of the Christian Unity Association gave the response.

The Corp of Ordained Ministers and Deacons present from the district associations were seated in council. They were as follows:

#### CENTRAL INDIANA

MINISTERS	DEACONS
Jimmy Polston	Allen Wiggington
Jerry Ridge	Chester Caudill
Mike Wilson	Jimmy McGaha
Charles Tichenor	Mike Hardwick
John Perkins	Bill Ridge
Lonzo Wiggington	Benny Walden

#### CHRISTIAN UNITY

Rex Hall	John Hall
	David Barr

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#### MT. OLIVE

Lee Bertram

#### NOLYNN KENTUCKY

John L Davidson	Winfred Simpson
Jim Hale	Rick Goff
Gerald Gardiner	Charles Jordan
Keith Sullivan	Noah Vance
Robert Gosser	Albert Peace
Jim Goff	Marvin Wolford
	James White

Wendell Benningfield

#### NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Mack Sparks

#### SOUTH KENTUCKY

Danny Bailey Bill Wilson David Irwin Wendell Minton Harvey Wheeler Albert Polston Johnny Davis Ray Dishman David Coffey Dan Dishman Jim Mason Terry Thrasher Matthew Dalton Fred Dalton Bobby Bryant Leerovce Melson Richard Antle Jim Rodgers Matthew Cowan

#### WEST VIRGINIA

Willis Allen	
25	27

The letters were read from the following district associations: **CENTRAL INDIANA**, **CHRISTIAN UNITY**, **MT. OLIVE**, **NOLYNN**, **NORTHEAST FLORIDA**, **SOUTH KENTUCKY** and **WEST VIRGINIA**. A motion was made and properly supported to receive the letters and to seat the appointed delegates, and any delegates that arrive later in council and print the letters in the minutes. The motion passed.

The Articles of Doctrine were then read by the clerk.

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The Moderator then appointed the following to the Constitution Committee:

Rev. Lonzo

Rev. Danny Rev. Willis

CENTRAL INDIANA
CHRISTIAN UNITY
Bro. Bill Barr
MT. OLIVE
Bro. Lee Bertram
NOLYNN
Rev. Jim Hale
NORTHEAST FLORIDA
Rev. Mack Sparks
SOUTH KENTUCKY
WEST VIRGINIA

The Moderator then appointed the following to the Divine Service Committee:

CENTRAL INDIANA	Bro. Jimmy Wheeler, Chair
CHRISTIAN UNITY	Sis. Brenda Barr
MT. OLIVE	Sis. Judy Bertram
NOLYNN	Bro. Rick Goff
NORTHEAST FLORIDA	Rev. Mack Sparks
SOUTH KENTUCKY	Bro. Wendell Minton
WEST VIRGINIA.	Bro. Bobby Allen

A call for new associations was made. None responded.

Rev. Matthew Dalton of the South Kentucky Association asked the blessing on the congregational offering for the Association expenses. Bro. Bill Barr of the Christian Unity Association then led the congregation in singing, "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian" during collection. An offering totaling \$278.75 was received.

Rev. Jim Polston of the Central Indiana Association came forward to deliver the Introductory Sermon. He read Genesis 2:8-17, Psalms 46:1-4 taking "There is a River" for a text.

Rev. Polston emphasized the river coming out the perfect place; Eden, that shall make glad the city of God. Reading Psalms 36:5-8 preaching that God's mercy is in the heavens. We need to pray one for another, ministering for us to contend for God's doctrine. We, as Separate Baptists, need to contend for God's doctrine.

When there is power in the church, it is from the river that flows from God. If we want to be part of that free-flowing river, we must come to church.

God is not only a God of love, but also a God of judgement. His judgements are a great deep. We will give account to God for every idle word we speak. Be swift to hear, slow to speak. That wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

God takes account for his actions and we will give an account for our actions/inactions to God.

No flesh should glory in God's presence. It is our joy that God blesses our weakness and feeble efforts.

God does not join a man and a man--it is of the devil. We need to continue stand against abortion.

If we want the joy from the river and happiness from God, then we must eat at God's table. More important than an education to provide for oneself and family, is teaching a duty to God. We have forgotten the sanctity of the Lord's day. We have much to rejoice even in our struggles. We need to thankful of our Association, and our association with our fellow brethren. Enter into his courts with thanksgiving. We need to be in prayer until we get into enjoying the fatness of God.

Then reading Psalm 27:1 preaching in God's strength we need to be confident. We need to seek and desire to dwell in the house of the Lord. Rev. Polston asked us "what have we desired of the Lord?"

As preachers, we must learn The Word before we can preach it to our people.

Rev. Polston read the remainder of the 36th Psalm. Exhorting if any man hear's His voice—He would come in. We need to sing and pray in understanding. He advised us to read Hebrews 12 and finished reading Revelations 22:1.

Bro. David Barr of the Christian Unity Association led the congregation in singing numerous songs as the Christians fellowshipped around the altar. After singing, many testimonies were given.

The partial report of the divine service committee was read.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

 DEVOTIONAL:
 Bro. Bill Ridge

 SERMON:
 Rev. David Irwin

 FRIDAY EVENING:

TRIDAT EVENING.

**DEVOTIONAL:** Rev. Jack Davidson

Rev. David Coffey of the South Kentucky Association prayed the benediction and Rev. Clifton Cowan of the South Kentucky Association asked the blessing on the afternoon meal.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30

The Friday afternoon service was opened by Bro. Danny Swanson of the Central Indiana Association leading the congregation in singing, "At the Cross"

Bro. Bill Ridge of the Central Indiana Association had charge of the afternoon devotional reading the 1st Psalm. After much prayer requests were made the saints joined in prayer led by Rev. Johnny Davis of the South Kentucky Association.

The clerk then read the minutes of the morning session. A motion was made and properly supported to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections and additions and to print them in book form. The motion carried.

Bro. Allen Wiggington moved to accept and seat delegates: Bro. Scott Polston, Sis. Shannon Smiley and Sis. Allison Dalton; who were inadvertently left out in the South Kentucky Association Letter. Motion carried and they were seated.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

#### NEW BUSINESS: None

The following working committees were appointed:

#### MINISTERS & DEACONS CONFERENCE:

Rev. Johnny Davis, Chairman

Rev. Matt Cowan

Rev. David Irwin

#### ARRANGEMENTS:

Rev. Mack Sparks, Chairman

Rev. Gary Cutler

Sis. Cathy Cutler

#### RESOLUTIONS:

Rev. Matthew Dalton, Chairman

Bro. Bill Ridge

Bro. Stacy Wiggington

#### TEMPERANCE:

Rev. Jerry Ridge, Chairman

Rev. Lonzo Wiggington

Rev. Keith Sullivan

#### WAYS AND MEANS

Rev. Clifton Cowan, Chairman

Bro. Lee Bertram

Bro. Noah Vance

#### AUDITING:

Bro. Charles Jordan, Chairman

Rev. Mark Polston

Bro. David Barr

#### ENROLLMENT:

Sis. Lisa Polston, Chairperson

Sis. Janet Barr

Sis. Kathy Cutler

#### PROGRAM:

CENTRAL INDIANA	Bro. Randy Polston, Chairman
CHRISTIAN UNITY	Bro. John Hall
MT. OLIVE TENNESSEE	Sis. Judy Bertram
NOLYNN	Sis. Wilma White
NORTHEAST FLORIDA	Rev. Gary Cutler
SOUTH KENTUCKY	Bro. Dan Dishman
WEST VIRGINIA	.Bro. Bobby Allen

The General Association Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Bill Barr, Associational Treasurer.

The Separate Baptist Missions, Inc. Treasurer's Report for Home & Foreign missions was given by Bro. Jimmie McGaha, SBMI Treasurer.

#### FIVE MINUTE TALKS

#### DISCIPLESHIP:

Rev. Charles Tichenor of the Central Indiana Association read Luke 10:42 emphasizing we want to take the good part. We should hold the word of God in high esteem and study it. Rev. Tichenor pointed out that Mary was with Christ giving Him her undivided attention. We must put Christ first to be his disciple. Turn to God in your youth; seek him in your life. We should let God guide us. Reading Matthew 19:27, reminding us to ask God "What would you have me to do?" II Timothy 2:15 relates that we should hold God's word in high esteem. If we want to be pleasing to him we must bear much fruit.

#### YOUTH ENCOURAGEMENT:

Bro. John Hall of the Christian Unity Association came forth hoping to inspire us to think about our youth, asking us "Are we doing enough for our youth?" He reminded us that if we tap into our youth's ability we could see our churches full. He recognized the ones who are currently working with our youth.

#### EDUCATION:

Bro. Lee Bertram of the Mt. Olive Association reminded us that education is extremely important to our youth. Reading 1Corinthians 2:13, Bro. Bertram reminded us to compare spiritual things with spiritual things. We worry more about our young people because we have failed to teach our youth. We need to be more on fire about God, allowing the Holy Ghost to teach our children.

#### **EVANGELISM:**

Bro. Chris Thompson of the South Kentucky Association read Matthew 22:1-12, stated that we need to compel people. Everyone needs the opportunity to hear. Quoting verse 14, reemphasizing the overwhelming need to compel. We need to get people in church so they can hear the gospel preach. We need not to be ashamed of the gospel.

Rev. Gary Cutler of the Northeast Florida Association led the congregation in singing; "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" as an offering of \$177.20 was received.

Rev. David Irwin of the South Kentucky Association came forward to deliver the afternoon sermon. He read Proverbs 18:1. Preaching "Spiritual Desire," Rev. Irwin pointed to Joshua. That after God chose him, he had a great desire. Reminding us that we must be strong and of good courage. He told us that serving us is not all common sense. Reading from Caleb's response that God was able to keep him as strong even at four score and five years of age. Caleb wanted the mountain where the giants were. We need to have the desire and strength. We need to say to the world "Give me that mountain." There will be a great risk, but the rewards will outweigh the risk.

We need to take advantage when God presents the opportunity, not just casting our pearls before the swine. We are at a point of transition in our movement. We need to begin to educate ourselves how to evangelize in the world we live in today. There is a great need to be precise in preaching the world of God.

We let weariness kill our desire. We're just as old as we feel. At 85 Caleb was ready to take that mountain. Standing on the principles of salvation, we have seen success and yet our churches are mostly half full. There are a few things in the world that are absolutely wrong; we should not want our young people to be a part of them.

He challenged us by asking if we sit around and not apply ourselves, who will suffer?

We need to quit sitting around and say to the Lord "Give me that mountain!" We're going to reap what we sow. We are so lazy, a lot of us has quit visiting nursing homes and hospital. We need to regroup. Do we have the desire to leave something for our children, for our young preachers. Some of us are worry if they ask us to work on Sunday, we'd have to think about it.

We're falling asleep and not aware of the things that are creeping in. The Hebrew children had desired not to loose their relationship with God. All that live Godly will suffer persecution. We're getting used to too many evil things. Instead of duct tape and bomb shelters, we need to get an altar in our living rooms, bedrooms and every aspect of our lives.

Wherever God sends us, he'll take care of us. We need courage, be brave. We get these by separating ourselves from the world. Tell people what we stand for, they'll figure out what we stand against. It takes a lot of courage to stand before the same people, and preach the word. Get in or get out of the way.

Rev. Mark Polston of the Central Indiana Association led the congregation is singing as the saints worshipped around the alter.

Rev. Mark Polston of the Central Indiana Association prayed the benediction. Rev. Jim Hale of the Nolynn Association asked the blessing on the supper meal.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

The Friday evening service was opened with one hour of special singing. Those singing were:

Sister Lula McGaha "Nothing Between"

Sister Eva Polston & Family "If Jesus My Lord is There"

"Well Glory"

The Gospel News "My Hope is in the Blood" Bus Choir "Jesus Hold My Hand"

with Rev. Leon Pettis "O How I Love Jesus/Amazing Grace"

Brother Gary, Sister Cathy Cutler , "O What A Savior Is Mine" & Sister Elaine Davidson "Winning Side"

Sister Shannon Smiley & Family "Serenaded By Angels"

Sister Janice Popplewell "Satisfied"

Brother Jerry & Sister Kathy Ridge "Thank God I Am Free"

Brother Mark Polston Family "I've Never Been Sorry"

Sister Kim Wilson "Blessed Be The Name of the Lord"
Brother Jim & Sister Barbara Hale "What Would I Leave Behind"

Upward Trio "What A Lovely Name"

"So Much To Thank God For"
Betty Wallace "The B-I-B-L-E"

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Witness "I Was There When It Happened"

Rev. John L. Davidson of the Nolynn Association came forward for the evening devotional reading James 1:22. After several requests Bro. John hall of the Christian Unity Association led the congregation in prayer.

The minutes of the Friday afternoon session were read and accepted with the necessary additions or corrections.

Rev. Willis Allen of the West Virginia Association came forward to deliver the Doctrinal Sermon. Reading Psalms 2:1-5 and Matthew 16:1-. 19. He preached we need to lead the people in the right direction. People do not want to live by the government of the church. God's requirements for a preacher are not man-made. The word of God is going to judge us whether were good or bad.

People have turned their back on God, they have started following men. All the Bible is to be read, not censored. People today are looking for a sign, instead of the Spirit of God.

When we're among false doctrines we're are in danger. Sometimes the Lord delivers people when they do not even realize it.

We need to be aware that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. We have to operate on facts, not opinions. The word is powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. When we go somewhere somebody needs to know we've been there. Why are we letting the gates of hell prevail against us?

All we got to do is tell the truth and use the facts, to stand for the Lord.

You can't get into the sheepfold without going through the door.

Aimed to is not good enough.

The Congregation then stood and sang "Amazing Grace."

Bro. Bill Barr of the Christian Unity Association led the congregation through the communion and feetwashing service reading .I Corinthians 11:27-29.

Bro. Barr read I Corinthians 11:23-24. Bro. Albert Polston of the South Kentucky Association asked the blessing upon the bread representing the broken body of Christ. The deacons then distributed the bread to the Christians. Bro. Barr read I Corinthians 11:25-26. Bro. Charles Jordan of the Nolynn Association asked the blessing upon the fruit of the vine. The deacons then distributed the fruit of the vine to the Christians. Bro. Barr read John 13:12-17. Following a personal testimony, he directed the saints to wash one another's feet. There were 106 taking part in the service. There was much shouting, singing, and testifying as we washed feet.

We sang a song and considered ourselves dismissed.

#### OCTOBER 12, 2002 SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 A.M.

The Saturday morning session was opened by the Moderator welcoming everyone and Bro. Rick Goff of the Nolynn Association leading the congregation in singing, "I'm Going That Way".

The body then gather around the altar for a special prayer for the Chester Caudill family, who just found out his sister had passed away. The prayer was led by Rev. Matthew Dalton of the South Kentucky Association.

The Moderator led the congregation in the pledges to the American and Christian flags and the Bible. Rev. Gary Cutler of the Northeast Florida Association came forward to deliver the morning devotional. He read Isaiah 54:12. After many prayer requests the saints prayed together around the altar.

The minutes of the Friday evening session were read and accepted with any necessary corrections or additions.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rev. Mack Sparks of the the Northeast Florida Association moved that the association purchase a video tape recorder and audio tape recorder for the purpose of recording the messages at our annual associational meeting, and that the equipment remain with the Associational Clerk during the year. The motion carried.

Rev. Jimmy Polston of the Central Indiana Association moved that the clerk be responsible for purchasing the items listed in the previous motion. The motion carried.

Bro. Bill Barr of the Christian Unity Association moved the Association give the Northeast Florida Association \$2000 for to help with the General Association expenses next year. The motion carried.

The following working committee reports were read and accepted: MINISTERS & DEACONS, WAYS AND MEANS, and RESOLUTIONS.

The Association gave a standing vote of thanks to the South Kentucky Association for hosting the General Association.

The following working committee reports were read and accepted: **PROGRAM, ARRANGEMENTS,** and **AUDITING.** 

Bro. Allen Wiggington of the Central Indiana Association moved that we accept the **ENROLLMENT** committee report when completed.

The Clerk announced the Mission Board members selected by the District Associations.

CENTRAL INDIANA: Rev. Charles Tichenor

CHRISTIAN UNITY: Bro. David Barr

MT. OLIVE: Bro. Lee Bertram

NOLYNN: Rev. Gerald Gardner

NORTHEAST FLORIDA: Rev. Mack Sparks

SOUTH KENTUCKY: Rev. Kevin Rogers

WEST VIRGINIA. Bro. Bobby Allen

Rev. Lonzo Wiggington of the Central Indiana Association led the congregation in the memorial prayer.

Rev Danny Bailey, Chairman of the SBMI addressed the body concerning the affairs of SBMI over the past year. Rev. Bailey announced that in Home Missions they had helped the East Columbus church of the Central Indiana Association.

He also addressed the status of the Rev. Steve Palmer from the Ivory Coast.

Rev. Bailey then announced the progress of Rev. Jerry Ridge of the Central Indiana Association, work in the Ivory Coast.

Rev. Bailey then announced the progress of the new website in development.

Rev. Jerry Ridge of the Central Indiana Association came forth addressing the body on his work in the Ivory Coast.

With assistance from Rev. Lonnie Palmer, Rev. Jerry Ridge gave us an example of translating from French to English and from French to Colongo.

Rev. Bailey then announced the Mission Boards choice to deliver the Mission sermon is Rev. Lonnie Palmer.

Rev. Lonnie Palmer read I Timothy 6:12. The word of God is absolutely true. We have to rightly divided the word of truth. We should stand for the things that God has given us and worth fighting for. The world desires to destroy the church. The person who is a Christian will not compromise their religion. The world does not set the moral standard for the church. The world also wants to determine the duties of a Christian. The church's job is to make known the Gospel. Do not substitute the things of God for the things of the world.

Christians are fighting on two fronts. Reading I Corinthians 9:24-27 exemplifies we must keep our body in subjection. The other front is the fight for the truth, and consequently denouncing false doctrines. We need to know what's worth fighting for, we're not God's policemen. How can we convince the "ordinary Christians" that we are at war? We need to rather be approved of God instead of men.

Rev. Mark Polston of the Central Indiana Association led the congregation in singing, "We'll Work" and "I'll Be Satisfied" as a mission offering of \$831.80 was received. We then gathered for a Christian handshake while the singing continued.

Rev. Danny Bailey then blessed the mission offering that was taken.

Rev. Jim Goff addressed the body concerning the Election of Moderator for the upcoming year.

Rev. Gary Cutler gave a universal welcome for everyone to come to Northeast Florida for the General Association next year.

Following many testimonies, Rev. Donnie Coffey of the South Kentucky Association prayed the dismissal and Rev. Johnny Davis of the South Kentucky Association prayed the blessing on the meal.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30

The Saturday afternoon session was opened with Rev. Mark Polston of the Central Indiana Association leading the congregation in singing, "When We All Get To Heaven".

We then gave a standing ovation to the cooks for the wonderful meals throughout the Association.

Bro. David Barr of the Christian Unity Association came forward for the devotional. He read the entire thirteen chapter of I Corinthians. Rev. Mike Wilson of the Central Indiana Association led in prayer.

Bro. Bill Barr of the Christian Unity Association led the congregation in singing, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" as an offering in the amount of \$205.00 was received under the blessing of Rev. Charles Tichenor of the Central Indiana Association.

The minutes from the Saturday morning session were read and accepted with any necessary additions or corrections.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A revision from the Divine Service Committee reported that the Saturday Afternoon Sermon will be preached by Rev. Johnny Perkins of the Central Indiana Association.

The Enrollment committee reported a total enrollment of 249.

The **TEMPERENCE** committee report was read and accepted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rev. Matthew Cowan of the South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptist moved to purchase a plaque with the dates of service of Rev. Jim Goff, the Moderator of the General Association of Separate Baptist in Christ to show our gratitude. Motion carried.

The Moderator asked Rev. Johnny Perkins of the Central Indiana Association to come forward with the afternoon message. Rev. Perkins read Acts 24:25. Rev. Perkins began preaching by showing appreciation to those who have laid down their life for the gospel. Encouraging that it was not always easy to the live a Christian life.

He referenced Abraham and Noah, how though while it wasn't convenient they obeyed God. A lot of the reason we have not seen the revivals of old; we've not seen young preachers called, it is not convenient. We need to put God first in our life. So many teenagers are getting pregnant and so many young people are getting put in jail, because it's not convenient to say no. The rich young ruler went away sorrowful because its not convenient. So few are going into mission work, because it's not convenient. It wasn't convenient for God to send his Son, and for Jesus to walk on this earth a perfect life. Its not convenient to step out from your seat and come pray, but today is the Day of Salvation.

Rev. Mark Polston of the Central Indiana Association led us singing "Tell It To Jesus."

The election of officers was held with the following results.

MODERATOR: Rev. Jimmy Polston
ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Rev. David Irwin

CLERK:	Bro. Allen Wiggington
ASSISTANT CLERK	Rev. Matthew Cowan
TREASURER	Bro. Billy Barr

The SBMI board nominated Bro. Jim McGaha as SBMI Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. The motion carried.

The minutes of this session were read and accepted with the necessary corrections and additions.

After announcements, the congregation stood as Bro. Lee Bertram of the Mt. Olive association prayed the final benediction thus closing the 91st annual session of the General Association.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### ARRANGEMENTS

We your committee on arrangements, recommend the following: that we have a General Association in 2004 with the Northeast Florida Association to be held on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, being October 8th & 9th, 2004, commencing at 10:00 A.M. EST.

We recommend that the Clerk print the associational minutes for the next year with quantities left to his discretion, and that the minutes be distributed to all churches comprising our General Association.

We encourage everyone to attend the General Association.

We recommend that written directions, an area map, and a list of motels be printed in the minutes. We recommend that written directions and a list of motels be posted on the Separate Baptist website.

Rev. Mach Sparks, Chairman Rev. Gary Cutler Sis. Kathy Cutler

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the auditing committee, find the Treasury reports of the SBMI, the General Association and the Ministers and Deacons Conference Committee to be free of any mathematical errors. We therefore accept these reports as being accurate, and wish to express our gratitude to those who have contributed, and to the Treasurers, both SBMI and General Association, for the work they have done in caring for these funds.

Bro. Charles Jordan. Chairman Rev. Mark F. Polston

#### RESOLUTIONS

We resolve this General Association give a standing vote of thanks to the South Kentucky Association for their hard work and warm hospitality during the 91st General Association.

We resolve that we continue to have a General Association at the time determined by the arrangements committee in 2004.

We resolve that we encourage all of our people, whatever their ages, to take an active part in the local church services, and that we give active support to Associational, and General Associational meetings, camps, conferences, and Bible Institutes.

We resolve that we urgently need to encourage the growth of churches and missions in all areas, so as to reach as many people as possible, with the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We resolve that we encourage and use our young preachers as much as possible.

We resolve that we let our light so shine among men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven, by being more involved in the decisions made by our communities.

We further resolve that we encourage all of our churches to continue to support our missionary work in the Ivory Coast, and our missionaries Rev. Jerry Ridge and Rev. Lonnie Palmer.

We resolve that we as Separate Baptists should strive to live closer to the Lord through daily scripture reading, prayer and witnessing so we can make heaven our home.

Rev. Matthew Dalton, Chairman

Bro. Bill Ridge

Bro. Stacy Wiggington

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Christians should be temperate in all things, and should abstain from:

- Consumption of drugs and/or alcohol, except for medications taken under a physician's care.
- All sexual relationships outside the sanctity of marriage. Therefore, fornication, adultery, and homosexuality are sinful behavior.
- 3) Evil communications. Filthy language, gossip, speaking evil of one another is sin, and is destructive to others as well as bringing condemnation on one's self. Just a few moments of gossip can tear down what a Christian has worked for years to build up.

The Bible also teaches us to respect the sanctity of human life, both of the born and unborn. Thus, all abortion and euthanasia, or "mercy killing," is biblically forbidden. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Romans 13:14: I Corinthians 9:25-27: Matthew 5:16

Rev. Jerry Ridge, Chairman Rev. Lonzo Wiggington Rev. Keith Sullivan

#### WAYS AND MEANS

We as Christians should give our very best unto the Lord's service as individuals, churches, and associations. We should have a passion for evangelism and find ways to effectively spread the gospel throughout the world.

We recommend each Church in the General Association select a member to be their Mission Representative and keep in contact with the Mission Board member of their Association.

We believe it is absolutely essential to have the leadership of the Holy Spirit in all our endeavors to fulfill the Great Commission.

We must pray earnestly for the salvation of lost souls, and be an example by living holy lives that do not hinder the gospel message. Also, we must support the church with faithful attendance as well as tithes and offerings.

We further submit that the only way to Heaven is through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Clifton Cowan, Chairman

Bro. Lee Bertram Bro. Noah Vance

# 2003 GENERAL ASSOCIATION MINISTERS AND DEACONS REPORT

#### Saturday Morning

The annual Ministers and Deacons meeting was held at the Nolynn Association Campground in Buffalo, KY on April 12, 2003.

The service began with congregational singing with Bro. Rick Goff at the piano, with Bro. Danny Bailey leading the singing.

Rev. Jerry Dishman of the Mount Olive Tennessee Association was in charge of the service.

Rev. Jim Tharpe from Central Indiana had the morning devotion. He read Revelation 2: 8-11. There were several prayer requests. We were led in prayer by Rev. Jim Hale of the Nolynn Association.

Sis. Kim Wilson sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus". There were several Testimonies and praise.

Rev. Leonard Bertram of the Mount Olive Tennessee Association came forth to deliver the morning sermon, He asked everyone to stand for a moment of silent prayer for our military personal. He read from 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14, Hosea 12:3 and Revelation 17:4. Bro. Leonard said we need God fearing people to lead our country. We have to follow the spirit. The devil will deceive us if we let him. People say the church is going down, but the bible says the church is going up. Bro. Leonard preached a great message. With Bro. Rick Goff at the piano, Rev. Danny Bailey led the congregation in "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian" and "Victory In Jesus".

Rev. Melvin & Sis. Dianna Underwood, Bro. Rick & Sis. Jo Goff sang "A Wonderful Saviour", "I Owe It All To You Lord" and "I'm A Winner Either Way". Sis. Freida Benningfield sang "I Keep Coming Back To The Well".

Rev. Jerry Ridge asked the blessing on the noon meal.

#### Saturday Afternoon

Came to order with singing. With Sis. Dianna Underwood at the piano, Bro. Wendell Benningfield led the congregation in singing "I Have Somebody With Me" and "Trust And Obey".

Bro. Chris Thompson had the afternoon devotion. He read from Revelation 5 and Revelation 1:17 & 18. After prayer request we were led in an altar prayer by Rev. Danny Bailey.

Rev. Jimmy Polston sang "Had It Not Been", Rev. Joshua Peak of the Christian Unity Association of North Carolina sang "Remind Me Dear Lord" and "Thank God For My Christian Home".

Rev. Johnny Davis of the South Kentucky Association came forth to preach. He read from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:1 – 12 and Acts 6: 1 – 7. His text was "we need to be a spiritual people". What people need today is more of the word of God. Let the Lord have control of your life. You can't go very far without God. Bro. Johnny preached a wonderful message. We sang "Leaning On The

Everlasting Arms" while having fellowship. There were several testimonies. Bro. Robert Gosser and Sis. Jean sang "I Got It That Way". We praised the Lord and were dismissed. We had a wonderful day of worship. There was a total of 96 registered.

Money received for functies	\$480.00
Expenses:	
Lunches	\$315.00
Drinks	\$ 20.00
Ice	\$ 4.50
Nolynn Camp Ground	\$ 92.06
Supplies (cups & napkins, etc.)	\$ 11.44
Total Expenses	\$480.00

Bro. Lee Bertram

Mount Olive Association of Tennessee

#### ENROLLMENT FOR 2003 SESSION MINISTERS

CENTRAL INDIANA: Mark F. Polston, Lonzo Wiggington, Charles Tichenor, Jerry L. Ridge,

Mike Wilson, Jimmy Polston, John Perkins

CHRISTIAN UNITY: Rex Hall.

MT. OLIVE: None

NOLYNN: Jim Hale, James Goff, Gerald Gardner, Robert Gosser, James White, John L. Davidson,

Keith Sullivan, Troy Arnett.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA: Mack Sparks, Gary Cutler

**SOUTH KENTUCKY:** Jimmy Mason, Danny Bailey, David R Irwin, Clifton Cowan, Johnny Davis, Matt Cowan, Troy H Grider, Matthew Dalton, David Coffey, Richard Antle, Bobby Bryant, J. E. McFall, Donnie Coffey, Garnett Hammond, Merly A. York, Jesse R. Long, Kevin Rogers,

Wendell Hadley.

WEST VIRGINIA: Willis Allen

#### DEACONS

CENTRAL INDIANA: Jimmie McGaha, Benny B. Walden, Chester Caudill, Bill Ridge, Allen

Wiggington, and Mike Hardwick.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: John Hall, David Barr, and Bill Barr.

MT. OLIVE: Lee Bertram

NOLYNN: Charles E Jordan, Sr., Winford Simpson, Marvin Wolford, Noah Vance, James P.

White, Rick Goff, Albert Peace, Wendell Benningfield.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA: None

**SOUTH KENTUCKY:** Ray Dishman, Albert Polston, Wendell Minton, Jim Rodgers, Dan K. Dishman, Terry Thrasher, Harvey Wheeler, Bill Wilson, Fred Dalton, Leroyse Melson, Hollis DeHart, Edwin Bryant, Jody Neal, Avalyum Zimmerman, Barry Stephen, F.M. Tallent.

WEST VIRGINIA: None

#### DELEGATES

**CENTRAL INDIANA:** Ruth Ann Walden, Randy Polston, Jim Tucker, Sherman Patrick, Donald Wiggington, Jimmy R Wheeler, Dan Swanson, Greg Tharpe, Stacy Wiggington, Laura Perkins, Opal Gentry, Rachel Tharpe, Marlene Hardwick, Lisa Polston ALT: Kim Wilson

CHRISTIAN UNITY: Brenda S. Barr, Janet Barr.

MT. OLIVE: Judy Bertram.

NOLYNN: Charlotte Jordan, Glenda Simpson, Geneva Peace, Margaret Beckner, Lester Beckner, Shelby Wolford, Pat Vance, Barbara Hale, Helen Caudill, Wilma White, Ella Mae Sullivan, Janice E. Despain, Kathy Skaggs, Bernice Oakes, Jane Penick, Ruth Chaney, Evelyn Hedgespath, Harden Hedgespath, Dan Arset.

#### NORTHEAST FLORIDA: Kathy Cutler.

SOUTH KENTUCKY: Scott Polston, Chris Thompson, Eva Wooldridge, Sonja Gilpin, L C Gilpin, Lois Wilson, Mae Hadley, Betty Warner, Lenea Kerns, Nevis Grider, Marshall Popplewell, Velta Brown, Edith Richards, Billie Wilson, Wilma Moons, Janice Popplewell, Evelyn McFall, Rollin McGaha, Jimmy Dick, Shannon Smiley, Alison Dalton, Clifford Wilson, Nellie Corbin, Joan Trevin, Lillian Conner.

WEST VIRGINIA: Bobby Allen.

#### VISITORS

CENTRAL INDIANA: Anthony Wiggington, Virginia Polston, Marie Roberts, Phyllis Wiggington, Jean Tichenor, Donnie Wiggington, Kim Wiggington, Betty Tucker, Margaret Wiggington, Reba McGaha, Roy McGaha, Lula McGaha, Donald Bryant, Deanie Bryant, Sue Fisette, Sharon Fisette, Louise Wheeler, Lorena Lee, Marlene Wheeler, Edna Caudill, Mayme Stapleton, Darinda Hadley, Janice Polston, Jessica Hounshell, Kathy Hounshell, Brittney Chasteen, Alyssa Polston, Bridget Richards, Hayzeign Richards, Louise Smith, John Burton, Agnus Burton, Marline Hardwick, Susan Wiggington, Jeffrey Wiggington, Caleb Wiggington, Rachel Walden, Kathy Ridge, Jordan Polston, Opal Patrick, Jonathan Polston, Chris Wheeler, Molene Hughes, Andrew Huddleston, Reba Lou Resley, Marie Sallee, Pamela Hall Aaron Hall, Sheryle Chestovich.

CHRISTIAN UNITY: None MT. OLIVE: Tony Bertram.

**NOLYNN:** Rejina Jo Goff, Carolyn Milby, G. J. Gosser, Patrica A. Gosser, Frieda Benningfield, Elaine Davidson, Gladys Milby.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA: None

SOUTH KENTUCKY: Kenneth Monday, Charles Irwin, Eva Myers, Emma Lou Bryant, Reeda Goodin, Marie Helm, Doug Anderson, Crystal Thompson, Garnett Thompson, Stacey Thrasher, Silas Thrasher, Leah Thrasher, Kyle Dalton, Mary E. Johnson, Jane DeHart, Myrtle Wilson, Lydia Crawford, Edith Wilson, Shirley Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Brenda B. Roy, Bessie Anderson, Lena Wright, Zella McGaha, Marvin Brown, Evelyn Lee, Norma Smith, Barbara Popplewell, Kada Dalton, Bonnie Tallent, Pearl Popplewell, Judy Anderson, Sam Dunbar, Charlene Dunbar, Amy Polston, Kendell Hoover, Ruth Hoover, Glenna Coffey, Jane Johnson, Mildred Polston, Lewis Bryant, Diana Antle, Ina Neal, Rosie Zimmerman, Walter Harris, Rena Harris, Tommie McWhorter, Estelle Dalton, Ida L. Dishman, Tracy L. Stephen Mary Lee McWhorter, Louise Mason, Shana Shipman, Amy Frost, Devin Frost, Taylor Frost.

WEST VIRGINIA: None.

#### OTHER VISITORS

Rev. Lonnie Palmer, Rev. Leon Pettis, Pamela Jones, Patsy Jones.

#### GENERAL ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT RECEIPTS

Balance on hand at beginning of 2002 Association	\$ 6,097.31
Offerings with Associational Letters	1,785.00
General Offerings at the 2002 Association	602.30
Returned from the Encourager	872.35
Interest on checking account	9.77
•	\$ 3,269.42
EXPENDITURES	
Clerk's Services	200.00
Postage for minute books	191.42
Tri-County Enterprises (Printing Minute Books)	\$ 1,014.00
Encourager	1,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,405.42

#### Bill Barr, General Association Treasurer

# Annual Report – Home Mission Separate Baptist Missions, Inc. Treasurer's Report October 2002 thru September 2003

<b>Beginning Balance</b>			\$ 21,413.38
Receipts:			
	General Fund	\$ 1,131.62	
	Mission Emphasis- Easter	\$ 2,280.30	
	Loan Payments	\$ 2,500.00	
	Roger Popplewell Memorial Tapes	\$ 60.00	
	Separate Baptist History Book	\$ 10.00	
	Interest	14.90	
Total			\$ 5,996.82
Expenditures:			
	SBMI Treasurer	\$ 420.00	
	Verisign Net Work Solutions-Web Pag	ge \$ 35.00	
	East Columbus Church – Grant	\$2,000.00	
	East Columbus Church - Loan	\$2,000.00	
Total			(\$ 4,455.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>			\$ 22,955.20

SBMI Treasurer: Jimmie W. McGaha

# Annual Report - Foreign Missions Separate Baptist Missions, Inc. Treasurer's Report October 2002 thru September 2003

Beginning Balance		\$ 26,199.50
Receipts:		
Contributions to General Fund	\$ 7,173.25	
Interest	<u>\$20.92</u>	
Total Regular		\$ 7,194.17
Designated Contributions:		
Lonnie Palmer	\$ 841.00	
2002 General Association Offering	\$ 1,074.00	
Jerry Ridge - Ivory Coast trip	\$ 4,482.30	
Shipping cost for truck	\$ 2,050.00	
Mission Emphasis - Thanksgiving	\$ 1,817.10	

Designated \$8,214.40

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Lonnie Palmer	\$ 841.00	
Steve & Rhonda Palmer	\$ 4,482.30	
Designated Contributions:		
SBMI Total		(\$ 6,650.00)
Lonnie Palmer's Air Fare – Ivory Coast	\$ 2,000.00	
Shipping crate to Ivory Coast	\$ 1,050.00	
World Missionary Press	\$ 300.00	
Gospel Recordings	\$ 300.00	
Lonnie Palmer	\$ 3,000.00	
SBMI Monthly Support		
EXPENDITURES:		

SBMI Treasurer: Jimmie W. McGaha

# ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS

# CENTRAL INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF SEPARATE BAPTISTS IN CHRIST

P.O. Box 63 Needham, In. 46162 317-736-6793

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

September 13, 2003

The Central Indiana Association of Separate Baptists in Christ sends greetings to the General Association when convening at the South Kentucky Association Campgrounds in Russell Springs, Kentucky on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

The Lord has truly blessed us in our services this year. Our Youth Camp's average daily attendance was 105 youth under the age of 18 years old and a total of 129 youth enrolled. Rev. Mark Polston was the evangelist for the camp. Bro. Mark preached messages to us each evening that the youth could understand and they responded by making decisions to follow Christ. Several youth

were saved during the youth camp and others gave their hearts to the Lord at their home churches over the next weekend.

Our Association Campmeeting was held August 18th thru August 24th. Rev. Mark Polston from our Association was our evangelist. We had singing from a choir made up of all our churches in the association and had a good time of fellowship and praise. We had wonderful preaching and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit was present each evening.

Our Association was held September 12th and 13th at the Midway Campgrounds. The Lord blessed us with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The messages in each session were Spirit filled and a great blessing. The communion and feet washing service was conducted on Friday evening, 61 saints participated in the service.

We send \$500.00 to the General Association Treasurer and \$250.00 to S.B.M.I.

Our S.B.M.I. Representative is: Rev. Charles Tichenor 1602 S. Iron Mine Road

Westport, In. 47283

Our Associational services for next year will be:

Youth Camp: June 21st thru 25th 2004

Campmeeting: August 16th thru 22nd 2004 Evangelist:

Rev. Johnny Davis &

Rev. Jimmy Polston

Association: September 10th and 11th 2004.

Our delegates are as follows:

Edinburgh: Marlene Hardwick, Jimmy Wheeler, Danny Swanson Alt. Reba McGaha. Marlene Wheeler. Edna Caudill

Franklin: Jim Tucker, Donald Wiggington, Stacy Wiggington

Friendship: Opal Gentry, Kentrina Freeman

Great Hope: Greg Tharpe, Rachel Tharpe, Laura Perkins

Indianapolis: Randy Polston, Sherman Patrick, Bobby Stephens

Alt. Lisa Polston, Kim Wilson, Andrew Huddleston

Midway: Margaret Waltz, Patricia D. Ellis Shiloh: Clara Emerson, Elsie Fields Union Laymon: Ruth Ann Walden

May God bless all of us as we do business for him in this association.

Rev. Ransom Covington, Moderator Bro. Allen Wiggington, Clerk

#### CENTRAL INDIANA CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### EAST COLUMBUS

Pastor- Rev. John Perkins

Clerk - Sharon J. Fields 14470 S. Jonesville Rd. Columbus, In. 47201

#### EDINBURGH

Pastor - Rev. Bill Noble

Clerk – Jessica Hounshell P.O. Box 217 Taylorsville, In. 47280

#### FRANKLIN

Pastor - Rev. Ed Tharpe

Clerk - Michele Leach 6692 W 300 S Morgantown, IN 46160

#### FRIENDSHIP

Pastor - Rev. Chester Atchley

Clerk - Jean Tichenor 1602 Iron Mine Rd. Westport, In. 47283

#### GREAT HOPE

Pastor - Rev. Jim Tharpe

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Pastor - Rev. Jimmy Polston

Clerk - Eunice Foley 1121 S Reisner St. Indianapolis, In. 46221

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Pastor - Rev. James B. Wilson

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Pastor - Rev. Charles Tichenor

Clerk - Patricia D. Ellis P.O. Box 545 Morgantown, In. 46160

#### MOUNT ZION

Pastor - Rev. Kevin Ooley

Clerk - Debbie Johnson 640 South Wayne Martinsville, In. 46151

#### SALEM

Pastor - Rev. Jim Stump

Clerk - Dee Freeman R.R. 3 Box. 319 Spencer, In. 47460

#### SHILOH

Pastor - Rev. Wayne Emerson

Clerk - Selma Lucas 11191 W. Georgetown Rd. Columbus, In. 47201

#### UNION LAYMON

Pastor -Rev. Sammy Freeman

Clerk - Ruth H. Walden 9448 W. Hedrick Rd. Gosport, In. 47433

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Jim Stump	
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Homer Whited	
Lonzo Wiggington	2465 S. Audubon Rd. Indianapolis, In. 46203 317-357-2977
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Mike Wilson	

#### CHRISTIAN UNITY ASSOCIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Christian Unity Association of Separate Baptists in Christ sends greetings to the General Association when convening on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grace unto you and peace from God the father. It is with great pleasure that we greet you with letter and delegates this year. Our delegates are Sis. Brenda Barr, Sis. Janet Barr, Sis. Dot Francis, Sis. Marie Peak, and alternate Rev. Joshua Peak.

Our annual Associational camp meeting revival was held Sunday, July 20 thru 24 with Rev. Rex Hall from the Christian Unity Association delivering the messages every night. We had wonderful services and sermons every night sent from God through his servant Bro. Rex. The youth gave a wonderful program Wednesday night in tribute to Bro. Rex, with Lauren Hall telling about Bro. Rex's early life and Josh Roten telling about his years in the ministry. Everything combined Bro. Rex has spent over 50 years in service for the Lord. The association loves and appreciates Bro. Rex and hopes the Lord will continue to bless as he continues on the path that the Lord has set for him. We are grateful to the Lord for the messages delivered and the sweet spirit felt each night of the camp meeting.

Our association convened of Friday and Saturday, July 25 - 26. The Lord continued to bless as we went into business session. There was a strong spirit as we held our associational communion and feet washing on Friday night, many people testified and service did not close until close to 11:00 pm that night. Our Vacation Bible School was held the third week in June this year. We had a good number turn out every night and the kids had a wonderful time learning about the Lord.

Our Association consists of seven churches, 9 ordained ministers, 1 licentiate minister, and 15 deacons. Our SBMI representative is Brother David Barr, 6256 NC Highway 194 North, Warrensville, NC 28693.

In order to help with the General association expenses, we are sending \$150.00. We invite everyone to come and join us next year for our associational camp meeting, which will be held July 18-22, 2004, and our association on July 23-24, 2004.

Our prayer is that the Lord will bless you all as you come together for the General Association.

Rev. Roger Peak, Moderator Joshua D. Roten, Corresponding Secretary 1114 Bee Tree Rd. Lansing, NC 28643

#### **CHRISTIAN UNITY OFFICERS FOR 2003-2004**

Moderator Rev. Roger Peak 1572 York Ridge Rd.

Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363

Asst. Moderator Rev. Jim Greer 282 Greer Hollow Rd.

Lansing, NC 28643

Clerk Bro. Bill Barr 115 Valley Dr

Jefferson, NC 28640

Treasurer Rev. Joshua Peak 1572 York Ridge Rd.

Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363

Corresponding Secretary Bro. Joshua D. Roten 1114 Bee Tree Rd.

Lansing, NC 28643

#### ORDAINED DEACONS

Bethel- Dennis Church, Johnny Johnson

Mouth of Wilson- John Hall

Pleasant View- Jim Baldwin, Bill Barr, David Barr, Darrell Miller, John Weaver

Sugar Grove- Worth Finley

Union- Jim Powers, Randy Rhodes, Tim Roten

Upper Helton- Melvin Blevins

Wolf Knob- Wayne Elliott, Cecil Roop

#### CHRISTIAN UNITY PASTOR DIRECTORY

Bethel Rev. Joshua Peak
Mouth of Wilson Rev. Junior Miller
Pleasant View Rev. Roger Peak
Sugar Grove Rev. Jim Greer
Union Rev. Rex Hall
Upper Helton Rev. Larry Peak
Wolf Knob Rev. Rex Hall

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS DIRECTORY

Jim Baldwin	Big Horse Creek Rd., Lansing, NC 28643	336-384-2359
Jim Francis	P.O. Box 76, Warrensville, NC 28693	336-384-2560
Jim Greer	282 Greer Hollow Rd. Lansing NC 28643	336-384-2045
Rex Hall	1685 Rugby Rd., Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363	276-579-4655
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Larry Peak	1516 York Ridge Rd. Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363	276-579-7264
Roger Peak	1572 York Ridge Rd. Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363	276-597-9456
Bud Pugh	3075 Jefferson Hwy. Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363	276-579-4442

#### LICENTIATE MINISTERS

Terry Mahaffey 735 Jack Jones Rd., Lansing, NC 28643 336-384-3981

#### CLERK DIRECTORY

BETHEL Geneva Johnson PO Box 25 Lansing, NC 28643 MOUTH OF WILSON 15178 Old Hwy. 16, Grassy Creek, NC 28631 Tony Reedy Brenda Barr 115 Valley Drive Jefferson, NC 28640 PLEASANT VIEW SUGAR GROVE Belinda McCov 756D E. Big Springs Rd., Lansing, NC 28643 UNION Lena Rhodes 1062 Bee Tree Rd., Lansing, NC 28643 UPPER HELTON Patty Powers 105 Helton Creek Lane. Whitetop, VA 24292 WOLF KNOB Wayne Elliott 161 Joe Thomas Rd, Lansing, NC 28643

#### MT. OLIVE ASSOCIATION

The Mt. Olive Association of Separate Baptist In Christ of Tennessee sends greetings to the General Association of Separate Baptist In Christ when convening with the South Kentucky Association on October  $10^{th}$  and  $11^{th}$ .

Our annual Association was held September 5th & 6th, 2003 at the Pleasant Home Church. We had a wonderful time in the Lord during our worship services and great harmony during the business. We praise God for this and for all our visiting ministers and everyone who came to be with us

We had a wonderful revival in August at Pleasant Home Church with Rev. Johnny Davis from South Kentucky as evangelist. It was a great help to the church.

We only have 1 active church in our association, but God has blessed us this year. We give Him the praise and glory for all he has done for us.

Our next association will be held September  $3^{rd}$  &  $4^{th}$ , 2004 at Pleasant Home Church, Rugby Tennessee being the Lord's will. We extend a warm christian welcome to each one to come and be with us.

Our lay delegates are Sis. Judy Bertram and Sis. Barbara Dishman.

Our SBMI representative is Bro. Lee Bertram, 115 Tinch Circle Jamestown, TN 38556, Phone number 931-879-7327.

We are sending \$30.00 to Association to help with expenses.

We truly desire your prayers for our association that God will bless us with more help and that we will see souls born into God's Kingdom

Rev. Leonard Bertram – Moderator Rev. Jerry Dishman – Assist. Moderator Sis. Judy Bertram – Corres. Secretary

#### **CHURCH CLERKS**

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#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

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 Rev. Leonard Bertram
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#### NOLYNN ASSOCIATION

The Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists in Christ of Kentucky, Inc. sends greetings and a special welcome to the 91st Annual General Association when convening at South Kentucky on October 10 and 11, 2003. We wish to meet you with letter and delegates. Our delegates are on an attached list.

Our Annual Association was held on September 19 and 20, 2003. We had another excellent Association this year with great preaching every session, wonderful harmony in business and worship, and great fellowship of our people and churches. We currently have 18 churches and a total membership of 1,964.

Our Annual Youth Camp and Bible School was held the week of June 15-20, 2003 with Rev. Jerry Ridge (Central Indiana Association) as the evangelist. We had a great time in the Lord as people were saved. Please pray for our youth camp that it will continue to grow. You may view pictures and camp information of the Nolynn Youth Camp on the web: <a href="www.freshdev.com/youthcamp">www.freshdev.com/youthcamp</a>

Our Association Revival was held August 17-23, 2003 with Rev. Brandon Goodin as our evangelist. The Nolynn churches and visitors were wonderfully blessed, as Rev. Brandon delivered spirit-filled messages that gave us all a greater desire to live closer to the Lord each day. The first four messages were what we, as an Association, could do to farther our work for the Lord. The last three were messages of encouragement. The choir, made up of members from the churches, did a wonderful job each night. Our total attendance for the week was approximately 411 making the nightly average 59.

Our next Association will be held on September 17 and 18, 2004. Our next Association Revival will be August 22-28, 2004 with Rev. Gerald Gardner (Nolynn Association) as the evangelist. Our next Annual Youth Camp and Bible School will be held the week of June 20-25, 2004.

The officials for the Nolynn Association are as follows:

Moderator	James Goff	1020 Gagel, Louisville 40216	502.368.4101
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Our Mission Board representative is Rev. Gerald Gardner, 403 W High St., Hodgenville, KY 42748 (270) 358-3222. We are sending \$375.00 to help defray the cost of printing the minutes and expenses of this General Association.

We invite each of you to attend our Association next year. May God bless this 91th session of the General Association of Separate Baptist Church in Christ.

Yours In Christ.

Rev. Jim Goff, Moderator Bro. Randy Kennedy, Clerk

# DELEGATES FROM NOLYNN KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION FOR 2003 GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Calvary Hill Sis. Barbara Hale, Sis. Angie Etherton, Sis. Diane Elliott

Coral Ridge Sis. Charlotte Jordan

Faith Sis. Ella Mae Sullivan, Sis. Barbara Heiskell

Friendship Bro. Lester Beckner, Sis. Margaret Beckner, Sis. Wilma White

Alternates: Sis. Regina Goff

Glasgow	Bro. Stanley Ramsey, Sis. Joann Ramsey, Sis. Betty Tarter
Mt. Zion	Sis. Rose Bostic, Sis. Geneva Peace, Sis. Pat Vance
	Alternates: Sis. Carolyn Milby, Sis. Shelby Wolford
Munfordville	Bro. M.E. Dorsey, Sis. Elizabeth Dorsey
Oak Grove	Sis. Glenda Simpson
Okolona	Sis. Debbie Brown
Otter Creek	Sis. Kathy Skaggs, Sis. Janice Despain, Sis. Bernice Oaks
Sand Lick	Sis. Ruth Chaney, Sis. Janie Penick, Bro. Doug Penick
Zion	Bro. Hardin Hedgespeth, Sis. Evelyn Hedgespeth

#### NOLYNN ORDAINED MINISTERS

Minister	Helpmate	Address	Phone
Arnett, Ronda	Gail	5101 Hwy 1464, Greensburg 42743	270.932.7260
Arnett, Troy		4279 Hwy 1464, Greensburg 42743	270.932.4976
Davidson, John	Elaine	208 Gentry Mill Rd, Russell Springs 42642	270.866.3577
Gardner, Gerald	Margie	403 W High St, Hodgenville 42748	270.358.3222
Goff, James	Ann	1020 Gagel, Louisville 40216	502.368.4101
Goodin, Brandon	Allison	5950 New Lebanon Rd. Campbellsville 42718	270.789.9880
Gosser, Robert	Jean	367 Glenview Rd, Louisville 40229	502.955.6415
Hale, James	Barbara	382 Ridge View Dr, Shepherdsville 40165	502.921.4019
Houk, Charlie	Regina	309 Mt Lebanon Church Rd, Greensburg 42743	270.932.9226
Howell, Nolan	Grace	1113 N Jackson Hwy, Magnolia 42757	270.324.3278
Huff, James	Nell	105 Crescent Hill Dr, Campbellsville 42718	270.789.3785
Lindsey, Clyde	Doris	307 Chieftain Dr, Fairdale 40118	502.367.8393
McGaha, Gary	Marcy	5515 National Turnpike, Louisville 40214	502.368.5174
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Underwood, Melvin	Dianna	310 Crestwood Ln. Louisville 40229	502.957.5834
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#### NOLYNN CLERKS DIRECTORY

NOLINN CLERKS DIRECTOR I			
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Friendship	Regina Goff	5208 Rollingwood Tr, Louisville 40214	502.364.0437
Glasgow	Betty Tarter	231 Anders Dr, Bowling Green 42101	270.843.3476
Little Barren	Ruth Ann Young	Box 253, Greensburg 42743	270.565.2035
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Munfordville	Elizabeth Dorsey	3121 Wilkie Rd, Louisville 40216	502.448.6646
Oak Grove	Winfred Simpson	300 Winfred Simpson Rd, Greensburg 42743	270.932.5678
Okolona	Carami Brown	115 Robin Rd. Louisville 40229	502.955.6378
Otter Creek	Kathy Skaggs	3124 Maple Rd, Campbellsville 42718	270.469.4000
Pleasant Ridge	Shirley Noe	120 Upton Rd, Magnolia 42757	270.324.4830
Sand Lick	Sharon Pepper	120 T Pepper Rd, Greensburg 42743	270.932.3351
True Gospel	Ann Huff	109 Crescent Hill Dr, Campbellsville 42718	
Union	Doriene Clark	140 Union Church Rd, Buffalo 42716	270.465.5733
Zion	Cozetta Sprowles	542 Levelwood Rd, Campbellsville 42718	270.465.7976

#### NORTHEAST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

The Northeast Florida Association of Separate Baptist in Christ send greetings to the General Association of Separate Baptists in Christ, when convening October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with the South Kentucky Association at the campgrounds in Russell Springs, Kentucky.

We are happy to greet you with letter and delegates. The delegates are as follows:

Brother Horace Costner Sister Juanita Costner

Sister Pat Sparks Sister Kathy Cutler.

Our annual association was held July  $12^{th}$  at the Harmony Separate Baptist Church. We are happy to report a spiritual association.

We extend an invitation to all to attend our next association meeting to be held on July 10, 2004, at the Harmony Separate Baptist Church in Christ, 3850 Emerson, Jacksonville, Florida.

Our mission board representative is Bro. Mack Sparks. His address is: 3855 Little Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32223, Phone number: A/C 904-262-0450

We are sending \$100.00 to help defray expenses for the General Association.

We, the Northeast Florida Association, request that the next General Association of Separate Baptist In Christ, (October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004) be held with our association.

May God richly bless the 2003 setting of the General Association.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Gary Cutler, Moderator Sis. Kathy Cutler, Clerk

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#### SOUTH KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that the South Kentucky Association is again blessed to host the General Association of Separate Baptist and to greet you with letter and delegates when the association convenes on October  $10^{th}$  and  $11^{th}$ , 2003.

#### Our delegates are:

Aaron's Chapel Bro. Chris Thompson, Sis. Wilma Moons, Sis. Joan Irwin.

Beckham Ridge Sis. Nevis Grider, Sis. Nellie Corbin.

Calvary Sis. Shannon Smiley, Bro. Scott Polston, Sis. Alison Dalton Fairview Sis. Janice Popplewell, Sis. Eva Wooldridge, Sis. May Hadley.

Free Union Sis. Velta Brown, Sis. Deltris Cravens.

Mount Hope Bro. Fred Conner.

New Hope Bro. Rollin McGaha, Sis. Edith Richards, Sis. Beverly Powell. Pleasant Grove Sis. Juanita Warner, Sis. Betty Warner, Sis. Helen Caudill.

Purdy Sis. Renea Kerns, Sis. Edith Irvin.

South Fork Sis. Billie Wilson, Sis. Mary Evens.

Square Oak Bro. Clifford Wilson, Bro. Jimmy Dick, Bro. Marshall Popplewell.

Trace Fork Sis. Sonya Gilpin, Sis. Lois Wilson, Bro. Lewis Gilpin.

Walnut Hill Sis. Vickie Cowan.

We were blessed to have Rev. Johnny Perkins, from Central Indiana, as our Youth Camp evangelist this past year. He preached spirit filled messages each night and through the moving of the spirit we witnessed several souls born into the kingdom. We are truly blessed to have some wonderful young people in our association.

Rev. Jimmy Polston and Rev. Donnie Coffey preached our Associational Revival from July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>. There were two souls saved and several others who came forward and prayed for spiritual help. All were blessed by the spirit filled singing and preaching. It is always a blessing to see God's people working together to further his kingdom.

Rev. Bobby Conner and Rev. Richie Curtis preached our Associational Revival from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup> 2003. These ministers helped all of us grow spiritually by feeding us from the word of God. Everyone was blessed by the wonderful preaching, singing, and testimonies.

The South Kentucky Association held our annual meeting at the campground in Russell Springs, Kentucky on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003, where we were joined together with our sister churches and associations. In addition to the spiritual food from the Word of God we enjoyed a bountiful table of natural food. It was great to enjoy the fellowship of God's people and to be reminded of what we are really striving toward.

We extend an invitation to everyone to join us August 1<sup>st</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004 for our camp meeting. The evangelists will be Rev. Donnie Smith and Rev. Casey Davis. Also our Association will convene on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Our prayers are with you for the accomplishments at the General Association meeting this year. We trust God to richly bless you with great success in the business sessions as well as in the worship services. We covet your prayers that the Holy Spirit will direct us in His ways and help us to reach lost souls for His kingdom.

May the Holy Spirit be with you! Jane De Hart, Corresponding Secretary 341 Baldett Rd. Russell Springs, KY 42642 1-270-866-5122

#### MINISTERS LIST

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	Friendship		42629
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Atwood, Bruce	Walnut Hill	606-423-2981	Rt. 3, Box 274, Somerset 42501
Atwood,	Robinson Chapel	270-384-5126	10737 Knifley Rd., Knifley 42753
Raymond			
Bailey, Danny	New Hope	270-384-4106	10550 Liberty Rd., Columbia 42728
Bell, Walter	Central Union	606-348-5510	Rt. 4, Monticello 42633
Blakey, Vernon	Fairview	270-343-4783	3004 W Hwy 619, Russell Springs
			42642
Boston, Robert	Mannsville	270-789-1364	1504 E Broadway, Campbellsville
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Brown, Glen	Campbellsville	270-465-2336	92 Webster Rd., Campbellsville 42718
Brown, Lester	Walnut Hill	606-787-7677	6513 Hwy 70, Liberty 42539

Bryant, Bobby	Bethlehem	270-866-5946	709 Old Sano Rd., Russell Springs 42642
Bryant, James	Freedom	270-384-5217	550 Edmonton Rd., Columbia 42728
Bunch, Lonnie	Coffeys Grove	270-866-4312	Rt. 7 Box 47, Russell Springs 42642
Burton, Clifton	Purdy	270-384-4532	1834 Vester Rd., Columbia 42728
Burton, Phillip	Revenna	270-678-5958	50 Kena Rd. , Glasgow 42141
Campbell,	Beckham Ridge	270-866-6570	1012 Hwy. 1729, Russell Springs
Ronnie	Deckinam Riage	270 000 0370	42642
Coe, Daryl	Mt. Hope	270-866-6942	42 Coe Lane, Russell Springs 42642
Coffey, David	Bethlehem	270-866-6518	733 S Hwy. 76, Russell Springs 42642
Coffey, Donnie	Square Oak	270-866-5104	79 Old Hoppertown Rd.,
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Coffey, Troy	Square Oak	270-866-4044	2091 Parksridge Rd., Russell Springs
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Conner, Robert	Mt. Hope	270-343-3522	794 Braxton Rd., Jamestown 42629
Corbin, Stephen	Beckham Ridge	270-384-3664	218 Wheat Rd., Columbia 42728
Cowan, Clifton	Purdy	270-866-7653	2605 W Hwy 80, Russell Springs
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Cowan, Matthew	Walnut Hill	270-343-2697	2605 W Hwy 80, Russell Springs
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Creekmore,	Aarons Chapel	606-387-6960	Rt 4 Box 758, Albany 42602
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Curtis, Richie	Freedom	270-384-3982	1125 Grassy Springs Rd, Columbia
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Dalton, Matthew	Coffeys Grove	270-384-4208	266 Providence Church Rd,
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Davis, Casey	Green River	606-787-6107	6372 S Hwy 127, Liberty 42539
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Davis, Johnny	Aarons Chapel	606-387-6541	Rt 3 Box 509, Albany 42602
Dishman, Sterlie	Old Union	606-348-8409	Rt 8 C86 Box 175, Monticello 42633
Dowell, Adre	Fairview	270-866-4278	PO Box 365, Russell Springs, 42642
Emerson, Amos	Shady Grove	606-787-6529	938 Joe Wright Rd, Liberty 42539
Furkin, Ronnie	Coffeys	270-384-9174	105 Tutt St Lot 14, Columbia 42728
	Friendship		
Giles, Hersey	Caldwell Chapel	270-465-2201	3836 Elkhorn Rd, Knifley 42753
Goodin, C.D.	Purdy	270-384-4335	10233 Liberty Rd, Columbia 42728
Goodin, Terry	Purdy	270-384-5809	4395 Sulphur Creek Rd, Columbia
			42728
Gosser, Garfield	Square Oak	270-866-3387	1370 S Hwy 76, Russell Springs
			42642
Grider, Troy	Freedom	270-384-9386	220 Davis Lane, Columbia 42728
Hadley, Buford	Melson Ridge	270-378-6463	1724 Melson Ridge Rd, Columbia
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Hadley, Ralph	Beech Grove	270-378-6383	5439 Fairplay Rd, Bakerton 42711
Hadley, Wendell	Free Union	270-384-2272	4040 Allen Schoolhouse Rd,
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Hammond,	Beckham Ridge	270-866-2288	1341 Hwy 1729, Russell Springs
Garnett			42642
Hancock, George	Robinson Chapel	270-384-2014	10736 Knifley Rd, Knifley 42753
Harris, Mitchell	Free Union	270-384-6535	3239 Pelham Branch Rd, Columbia
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Hayes, Corey	Shady Grove	606-787-5094	2851 Tenn. Ridge Rd, Liberty 42539
Hogue, Johnny	Mannsville	270-787-4455	361 Jim Lee Rd., Liberty 42539
Holmes, Junior	Purdy	270-384-5673	219 Christine Sano Rd, Columbia
			42728

Irwin, David	Aarons Chapel	606-387-6982	Rt 4 Box 470, Albany 42602		
Johnson, Gary	Pine Grove	270-866-2681	4426 S Hwy 76, Russell Springs		
·			42642		
Kerns, Roy	Purdy	270-385-9026	2882 Liberty Rd., Columbia 42728		
Kimbler, Kenny	Coffeys	270-343-4969	400 Beach Ridge Rd, Jamestown		
•	Friendship		42629		
Knight, Robert	Free Union	270-384-0677	718 Lee Bob Carter Rd, Columbia		
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Long, Jesse	Kings Run	270-866-3866	1959 W Steve Wariner Dr,		
			Russell Springs 42642		
Mason, Jimmy	Aarons Chapel	606-387-8996	Rt 3 Box 460, Albany 42602		
Neat, Earl E	Caldwell Chapel	270-384-4639	980 Neat Hollow Rd, Columbia 42728		
Parker, Harlan	Robinson Chapel	270-789-2348	4656 Speck Ridge Rd, Elkhorn 42733		
Perkins, Donnie	Robinson Chapel	270-384-5558	7973 Knifley Rd, Knifley 42753		
Raines, Richard	Beckham Ridge	270-384-3008	231 Raines Rd, Columbia 42728		
Rodgers, Kevin	Aarons Chapel	270-384-4042	2042 Vester Rd, Columbia 42728		
Russell, Avery	Free Union	270-384-9135	502 Free Union Rd., Columbia 42728		
Smith, Donnie	Mt. Hope	270-866-3817	601 French Valley Rd,		
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Stinson, Kenny	Aarons Chapel	606-387-8355	Rt 3, Albany 42602		
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Tucker, Elvis	Pine Grove	270-866-6778	539 K Tucker Rd, Russell Springs		
			42642		
Warner, Samuel	Pleasant Grove	270-465-6562	705 Cottage Ct, Campbellsville 42718		
Warner, Steve	Campbellsville	270-465-7116	74 Cindy Ann Dr, Campbellsville		
			42718		
Wheeler, Harvey	Pleasant Grove	606-787-8270	4432 Hwy 1547, Liberty 42539		
Wilson, Donald J	Trace Fork	859-854-9204	261 Scott Lane #118, Danville 40422		
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			Springs 42642		
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Green River	Nanette Wright	6282 S Hwy 127, Liberty 42539
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New Hope	S.D. McGaha	10671 Liberty Rd., Columbia 42728
Oak Grove	Hazel Pierce	2900 Blair School Rd., Russell Springs 42642
Old Union	Ida L. Dishman	PO Box 364, Monticello 42633
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Pleasant Grove	Carol Warner	1030 Buck Rd., Liberty 42539
Purdy	Margaret Antle	6365 Liberty Rd., Columbia 42728
Revenna	Louise White	1030 Breeding Rd., Edmonton 42129
Robinson Chapel	Linda Hughes	546 Robinson Rd., Knifley 42753
Sanders Chapel	Genevee Ware	143 E Barnett Rd., Columbia 42728
Shady Grove	Paula Price	PO Box 1352, Liberty 42539
South Fork	Michael Simpson	202 Jacob St., Danville 40422
Square Oak	Mary Johnson	1355 Parksridge Rd., Russell Springs 42642
Trace Fork	Sonja Gilpin	180 Danville Pike, Stanford 40484
Walnut Hill	Lydia Crawford	2598 W. Hwy 80, Russell Springs 42642
Whites Chapel	Tracy Stephens	505 SJW Harris Rd., Russell Springs 42642

#### WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Association of Separate Baptist in Christ send greetings to the General Association of Separate Baptist in Christ when convening October 10 & 11, 2003, held with South Kentucky Association.

We greet the said association with both letter and delegates. Our delegate is Bro. Bobby Allen.

We are sending 50.00 to help defray cost at the General Association. (Note: We did not receive copies of 2002 minutes of the  $90^{th}$  Annual Association held at Rugby, Tennessee. We request 25 copies this year.)

The West Virginia Association of Separate Baptist in Christ only harbors one church in Crum, West Virginia. We continue to grow both in spirit and in number. We extend a warm invitation for everyone to come and be with us at next years association, the third Saturday in June 2004.

Continue to pray for us that we will grow in the knowledge of the Lord and do his will.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Willis Allen, Moderator Sis. Debbie Allen, Clerk

p.s. We are sad to report that our pastors wife Sis. Mary Allen passed away on September 10, 2003. We shall miss her! We know we will meet again some day! Our pastor wants to personally thank all of our Brothers, Sisters and others for the flowers, phone calls, sympathy and prayers during our sorrow.

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# BY-LAWS OF SEPARATE BAPTIST MISSIONS, INC. UNDER THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SEPARATE BAPTISTS Separate Baptist Missions, Inc.

Separate Baptist Missions, Incorporated shall be a religious non-profit incorporation for the establishment, furtherance and overseeing of Separate Baptist home and foreign missionary enterprises. The Incorporation shall be established in accordance with the laws of the state of Kentucky and shall be registered to conduct its lawful affairs and privileges in each state, either represented by an established Separate Baptist Church or represented for the establishment of a new Separate Baptist Church in fellowship with the General Association of Separate Baptists in Christ (hereafter referred to as the General Association).

Separate Baptist Missions, Incorporated shall consist of a board of three members who are elected for three-year terms by the General Association and of associational directors who will be elected or appointed to yearly terms by the District Associations. It shall be the duty of this board, in-as-much as possible, to carry out the desires of the General Association in all mission matters.

Separate Baptist Missions, Incorporated shall be governed with the by-laws established and approved by the General Association. The by-laws may be altered or amended at any General Association by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting delegates. No by-law, established or amended, shall knowingly violate the law(s) of the states under which this incorporation is registered.

Should this incorporation ever be dissolved, all records, monies and properties held by the incorporation at the time of dissolvement shall be turned over to the General Association for disbursement as the General Association may deem necessary and proper.

# BY-LAWS OF SEPARATE BAPTIST MISSIONS INCORPORATED

#### Section One The Board

- 1. Separate Baptist Missions, Inc. shall have a board consisting of a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, and associational directors. Each board member shall assume his responsibilities upon his election or appointment to office and shall serve in said office until his successor is elected or appointed. The board members shall obtain office and serve terms of duration as follows.
  - A. The chairman of this board shall be elected by the General Association for a term of three years duration.
  - B. The treasurer of this board shall be elected by the General Association for a term of three years duration with his term expiring the year prior to the expiration of the chairman's term.

- C. The secretary of this board shall be elected by the General Association for a term of three years duration with his term expiring the year prior to the expiration of the treasurer's term.
- D. The associational directors of this board shall be elected by the District associations for a term of one year duration. They shall be elected yearly. There shall be one associational director elected from each District association.
- All members of the board and personnel serving under the board must be Separate Baptist personnel.
- 3. A board member may be re-elected or re-appointed to successive terms.
- 4. The board of Separate Baptist Missions, Inc. shall meet at least once during every associational year other than at the General Association. They may also meet on assent of the board members when and as necessary. Written notices stating the time, date, location and purpose of each special board meeting shall be sent in advance to each board member.
- 5. A Quorum of five board members shall be required to transact official board business.
- 6. All board members shall serve without pay or reimbursement from mission funds \*

(with the exception of the treasurer and the secretary-treasurer who may be reimbursed from the Home Missions fund as deemed proper by the board).

\* Changed October 12, 1991 at the General Association.

#### Section Two Funds and Property

- All funds are to be received on a voluntary manner and no church or District association shall ever be assessed for mission funds.
- 2. The treasurer of the board shall keep a permanent record of all receipts and expenditures and shall present a written yearly financial report to the general Association.
  - A. The treasurer's books are to be audited yearly at the General Association by the Auditing Committee.
  - B. The treasurer shall be bonded and said bond shall be paid for as general operating expenses.
- 3. Separate accounts and records shall be kept for home and foreign missions funds.
  - A. All undesignated funds received by the treasurer shall be subject to the discretion of the mission board, for either home or foreign mission purposes.
  - B. All funds received designated for a particular purpose shall be used entirely for such designated purpose. If such funds cannot be used for its designated purpose, they shall be returned to their donor and an explanation given as to why they could not be used.
  - C. A tax-exempt receipt shall be given upon request for all gifts and donations.
- 4. All general operating expenses of the board shall be paid for from the home mission fund.
- 5. The board shall have the authority to withdraw and use funds from their respective accounts for either home or foreign missionary projects.
  - A. Grants or loans cannot be made to any individual for personal use.
  - B. Grants or loans may be made for worthwhile purposes to District associations or churches which may request such aid.
  - \* C. Grant amounts given to any one church will be determined by the board. \*October 9, 1999, was changed at General Association from \$500/yr to any one church within an associational year
  - \* D. Loans may not exceed in the amount of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars and are to be repaid within a period designated at the time of said loan, but not to exceed five years. No interest shall be charged for money loaned. \*October 8, 1988, was changed at General Association to \$2,000.
    - E. A minimum of \$2,500.00 emergency fund will be maintained in the Foreign Mission Treasury.
- 6. All property purchased through the mission board for the establishment of a Separate Baptist Church shall be deeded to the trustees and their successors of the District association in which the church is established. (In event that the District association does not have trustees to

- which the property may be deeded, it shall remain deeded to Separate Baptist Missions, Inc.)
- All property purchased on the foreign field in behalf of Separate Baptist Missions, Inc. shall remain, where possible, the property of Separate Baptist Missions, Inc.

#### Section Three

#### Missionary Personnel

- All missionaries serving under this board shall preach and teach according to the doctrinal statement of the General Association of Separate Baptist Churches.
- All missionary candidates shall be examined by the board in regards to doctrinal, spiritual and mental requirements and shall furnish a doctor's statement on their physical condition.
- All missionary candidates must do their deputation work with the mission board only assisting.
- All missionaries shall serve pre-designated terms on the mission field and must spend a
  proportionate amount of time while on furlough in the states reporting to the churches which
  contributed to their support.
- All missionaries must send regular monthly reports to the board concerning their work and progress while on the field.

#### CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called "The General Association of Separate Baptists in Christ" and shall be composed of ministers, deacons and delegates of the various District Associations and their several churches.

ARTICLE 2. Officers of this body shall be: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, who shall be elected by this body and shall hold office one year or until their successors are elected, and shall serve free, except the Clerk, who shall be paid \$200.00 for his services by the Association.

ARTICLE 3. Duty of the moderator shall be: Preside at all meetings, appoint all committees and cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie. Duties of the Assistant Moderator shall be the same as the Moderator in case of his absence. The Clerk shall make complete Minutes of the proceedings of the Association, inserting in the Minutes the name and addresses of the ministers and church Clerks. The Clerk shall make completed minute books available to the churches no later than March 1 of each associational year if at all possible. The Assistant Clerk shall do the duties of the Clerk in his absence and assist the Clerk at any time he may need him. The Treasurer shall receive and pay out money and make a report at each meeting. No person shall hold more than one elected office in this organization. It shall be the duty of each District Association to contribute \$25.00 or more to the support of this body.

ARTICLE 4. The object of this body shall be to bring about a closer union and give united effort in putting forth the Word of Life.

ARTICLE 5. This Association thus formed shall be a council of advice and shall not exercise any undue authority over God's heritage. Each Association composing this body shall be entitled to three delegates from each church.

ARTICLE 6. This Association shall be governed by parliamentary rules.

ARTICLE 7. Any person wishing to address the body shall rise and address the Moderator.

ARTICLE 8. This body shall have a Mission Board which shall be authorized to oversee the Home and Foreign Mission aspects of our General Association. The said Mission Board shall be governed by the Rules and Regulations set forth by the General Association. Such Rules and Regulations shall become a part of our General Association Constitution.

ARTICLE 9. Any Association belonging to this Association failing to report at each annual meeting, the Moderator shall appoint a committee to investigate why they did not report.

ARTICLE 10. Any Association applying for membership in this body shall be required to give evidence of its orthodoxy and shall agree to comply with the rules before being received into this body.

ARTICLE 11. This Constitution, By-Laws or Articles of Doctrine, may be changed or amended by a two-thirds vote\* of the body at any regular session, after having been tabled for a period of one associational year. Any changes that are to be made in the Constitution will be presented to the Constitution Committee prior to its submission to this body. The Constitution Committee shall consist of one member from each district association. The Moderator shall appoint a member to the Constitution Committee from each district association. Should the committee be required to convene to act upon any proposal and the appointed member be absent, the General Association's Moderator shall name a replacement.

\* Pursuant to action taken at the 1991 General Association "two-thirds vote" was defined as: "two-thirds of those who vote on that particular motion.

ARTICLE 12. The Pledges to American and Christian Flags and the Bible to be conducted by the Moderator at each morning session, prior to invocation and/or devotion.

#### **BY-LAWS**

- 1. The Association or Church entertaining the General Association shall be given the privilege of setting the beginning time of each session to be held in that Association or Church and the entertaining Association or Church shall advise the Program Committee for the session about the starting time before the Program Committee reports to the body.
- 2. There shall not be anyone placed on a program or a committee that is not present at that session of the General Association.
- 3. Each District Association shall be responsible to list the names of all delegates and alternates from each church appointed to represent them at the General Association in or with their respective letter to the General Association. The delegates and alternates listed on or with the letter for the District Associations will be the only recognized appointed delegates to the General Association.

#### ARTICLES OF DOCTRINE

ARTICLE 1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice, using the King James version of the Holy Bible for English-speaking people (\*see below). ROM. 15:4, 1st COR. 10:11. 2nd TIM. 3:16-17, GEN. 1:1 through REV. 22:21.

ARTICLE 2. We believe that there is in the God Head three Divine Personages: The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. MATT. 28:19, 1st COR. 12:3, 1st TIM. 2:5, HEB. 1, 1st JOHN 5:7.

ARTICLE 3. We believe that man is in a fallen state before God and is unable to liberate himself by any ability he may possess by nature. ISAIAH 63:1-5, JOHN 6:44, 14:6, ROM. 8:1-20, 1st COR. 15:22.

ARTICLE 4. We believe that salvation, regeneration, sanctification, justification and redemption are through faith in the life, death and resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. JOHN 17:13-17, HEB. 4:1-3, EPH. 4:1-8, TITUS 3:3-7, REV. 1:18.

ARTICLE 5. We believe that he who endures to the end, the same shall be saved. MATT. 10:22, 24:13, HEB. 3:12, 10:38-39, REV. 2:10.

ARTICLE 6. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the just and the unjust, but every man in his own order, those who have done good, to eternal life, those who have done evil, to eternal damnation and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. DANIEL 12:2, MATT. 25:46, ROM. 5:21.

ARTICLE 7. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked are eternal. DANIEL 12:2, MATT. 25:46, ROM. 5:21.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and feet washing are ordained of Christ appointed in the Church and none but true believers are proper subjects, and that immersion is the Gospel mode of baptism. MATT. 28:19-20, LUKE 22:17-20, JOHN 13:14, ACTS 2:41, ROM. 6:4, COL. 2:12.

ARTICLE 9. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week, or Lord's Day, and it should be spent in public or private worship, and we abstain from worldly concerns, except in case of necessity or mercy. LUKE 23:56, JOHN 20:26, ACTS 20:7, 1st COR. 16:2, REV. 1:10.

ARTICLE 10. We believe it is our duty to be tender, affectionate to one another, 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. ISAIAH 53:1-10, ROM. 12:10, GAL. 6:1-2, 10, 2nd COR. 9:14.

ARTICLE 11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the Grace of God tasted death for everyman, that none can partake of His Holy Divine benefits except by repentance toward God and Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; Infants and the innocent, due to lack of mental ability excepted, they being included in the convenant of God's Grace. MATT. 9:13, LUKE 18:15-18, JOHN 3:15-17, ACTS 4:12, ROM. 5:15, 1st TIM. 2:5-6.

ARTICLE 12. We believe that, at Christ's coming in the clouds of Heaven, all Christians will be gathered with Him in the clouds and that time shall be no more, thus leaving no time for a literal one thousand year reign. MATT. 24:29-31. REV. 10:6, 1 THESS. 4:15-18, 2 PET. 3:10.

\*We believe that non-English speaking people should use a Bible comparable to the King James version of the Holy Bible.

#### **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 our Saviour for whose kingdom it stands, One Saviour, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

#### **Bible**

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

# **Host of the General Association**

2003 - South Kentucky

2004 - Northeast Florida

2005 - Nolynn Kentucky

2006 - Central Indiana

2007 - Christian Unity

2008 - Mt. Olive

#### SPECIAL OBITUARY

Sis. Mary Allen

Sis. Mary (Marcum) Allen, died September 10, 2003 at 6 p.m. at the age of 77.

She was the daughter of Lacy and Millie (Perry) Marcum. She was born January 1, 1926 at Jenny's Creek, West Virginia. She married Willis Allen on September 16, 1944. He survives. Other survivors include 3 sons and a daughter, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. 2 sons preceded her in death.

Sis. Mary was a devoted Christian, caring mother and loving wife. She was a member of the Crum Separate Baptist Church in Crum, West Virginia. She was saved the second Sunday of May 1945. Mary had many friends in her lifetime and was loved by everyone.

Sis. Mary and Rev. Willis Allen were married for 59 years. He spoke at the General Association of his love for her and the great respect they had for one another. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Willis and the family as we continue on the road of life toward our ultimate goal of heaven one day after while. Sis. Mary has passed from life here to life eternal with our Lord.