

TRUETT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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“TO GOD BE THE GLORY IN OUR ASSOCIATION”

**“... WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.”
(1 COR 10:31 KJV)**

“FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD...” 1 COR. 3:9

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THE 2004 SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH
LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH BON AQUA, TN
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Constitution

ARTICLE I - NAME

This Association shall be called the Truett Association of Missionary Baptist.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- 1. To foster fellowship among the churches cooperating with the Association.**
- 2. To assist the churches in strengthening their programs of enlistment, evangelism, teaching, and training.**
- 3. To encourage churches in the establishment of missions and new churches.**
- 4. To promote these programs of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention as it may deem proper.**

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The Membership of this Association shall be composed of messengers elected by the churches with the Truett Association on the following basis.

- 1. Each church, regardless of size, may have three (3) messengers.**
- 2. Each church may have one (1) additional messenger for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof over 100 members.**
- 3. No church may have over ten (10) messengers.**
- 4. All pastors of the churches, officers of the Association and members of the standing committees shall be members of this Association. Churches may be admitted to membership in this Association by a two-thirds majority vote after a petitionary letter has been received by the Credentials Committee. and upon said committee's recommendation.**

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer and any other officers that the Association may deem necessary in order to perform the work which needs to be done. The officers shall be elected on the first day of the Association's Annual Meeting, and their tour of duty will begin at the dose of the Annual Session. The Moderator may not be eligible for election if he has served two or any part of two terms until at least a year has passed.

ARTICLE V - AUTHORITY

The Association claims no jurisdiction over the churches, and shall exercise no authority over them; however, it shall be the duty of the Association to offer fraternal council to any church in need of the same, upon their request. The Association will reserve the right to refuse to recognize messengers from any church which persists in disorderly practices.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. This Association shall have an Executive Board composed of the regular officers of the Association, and other elected officers, Pastors and Chairman of the Standing Committees, along with two elected laymen from each church.**
- 2. This committee shall meet on the fourth Monday night, in October, January, April, July and August. (July shall be the planning meeting). November, January, March, May and June be given to promoting Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Brotherhood, W.M.U. and Stewardship. Only urgent business will be introduced at an emphasis meeting.**

ARTICLE VII - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

1. The By-Laws may be added or the Constitution altered by a two-thirds majority of those present at any regular meeting of the Association. Said recommendations shall be presented to the Executive Committee at the meeting prior to the annual meeting.

2. Robert's Rule of Order shall be the governing procedure.

BY-LAWS

I. One-half of all messengers attending the Association meeting shall constitute a quorum.

II. Brethren not messengers of the Association and visiting Brethren invited to sit with the Association may be privileged to discussion but not the right to vote.

III. The Nominating Committee shall make recommendations for all officers and committee members of Standing Committee.

IV. The Moderator shall appoint any committees not otherwise provided for.

V. The Moderator shall have the same privilege, as other members, provided he vacate the chair. While occupying the chair, he may vote only in case of a tie. These rules shall apply to the Assistant Moderator while he is occupying the chair.

VI. The Association year closes August 31st. Church letters shall be in hand of Clerk by September 15th.

VII. The Annual Association shall meet Thursday evening after the last Sunday in September.

VI 11. The Executive Board shall be the governing body of the Association between Annual Meetings and shall meet on the fourth Monday night of October, January, April and August with the Moderator given the authority to call special meetings of the Executive Board when needed, upon 7 days advance notice.

IX. An Associational Calendar of events for the coming year shall be prepared and printed in minutes each year.

X. All resolutions and reports shall be presented in writing, signed by person offering such report and shall become a part of the permanent record.

XI. The Clerk and Treasurer shall be paid for services rendered by the amount set by the Budget and Finance Committee.

XII. The following committees compose the standing committees of this Association

1) Promotion - All elected officers compose this committee and the Vice Moderator will serve as Chairman.

2) Missions - This committee shall work with the Director of Missions in various projects in the Association, and shall be composed of five members.

3) Budget and Finance - This committee will have two Pastors, Associational Treasurer and two other laymen.

4) Program - This committee shall have three members, including Associational Clerk.

5) Nominating - This committee shall nominate all officers, standing committees and fill any vacancies, which may occur. This committee shall be composed of five members.

6) Credentials and Doctrine - This committee shall examine Credentials of new Churches and make the necessary recommendation after examination, and also counsel with any church when requested.

Each committee shall make a report of the work accomplished and of the plans for the future to the Executive Committee at the four (4) Executive Board Committee meetings. Report of Committees to be made to the Executive Committee at the meeting prior to the Annual Associational Meeting.

XIII. The Moderator shall be ex officio members of all committees, standing or special.

XIV. The By-Laws may be amended or changed at any time by a majority vote of those present - Executive Committee or Annual Association.

**WORKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRUETT ASSOCIATION
OF MISSIONARY BAPTIST AND ASSOCIATION
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**

I. POSITION TITLE: Association Director of Missions will be the official title, hereinafter called DOM of the Truett Association of Missionary Baptist, hereinafter called the Association.

II. BASIC FUNCTION: Provide leadership in the work of the Association in the interest of strengthening the cooperative Baptist witness throughout the area.

III. QUALIFICATIONS:

1) Personal dedication and consistent Christian living.

2) A sense of call to mission service.

3) Adequate educational preparation, preferably college and seminary training or the equivalent in experience and other training.

4) Thorough knowledge of the work of a Southern Baptist Church.

5) Knowledge of Association work from personal experience as a DOM or as a participating pastor or other Church leader.

6) Reasonable knowledge of Southern Baptist denominational life and willingness to continue to learn.

7) Ability to relate effectively to rural and small town Pastors and Churches.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:

4) Work with Association leaders and' committees in planning and conducting activities designed to strengthen the churches according to their needs, and to maintain effective mission ministries in the area.

5) Lead in planning and coordination of a calendar of Association activities to be presented each year to the annual meeting business session and printed in the minutes of the annual meeting as already provided for the By-Law number (9) of the By-Laws Association.

- 6) Lead in training Association organizational leaders and committees.
- 7) Publish monthly a newsletter of the Association. The newsletter should contain news of interest, highlights of Executive Board action, treasurer's report, upcoming dates of Association activities, and other information and inspiration at the discretion of the DOM.
- 8) Provide counsel and help as reasonably requested by Pastors and Churches.
- 9) Assist in stewardship development in order to undergird the work of the Association and encourage growth in the support of mission causes through the Cooperative Program.
- 10) Assist in maintaining a Biblical evangelism concern in the Association.
- 11) Serve as denomination contact person in the Association relaying quickly news of interest to churches by use of monthly newsletter, reports to the Executive Board, or other communication as considered appropriate by the DOM.
- 12) A report of DOM activities and concerns will be made at each Executive Board meeting and an annual report will be presented by the DOM to the Association Clerk for inclusion in the "Book of Reports" for the annual meeting. The DOM will report regularly to the Missions Department of the TBC.
- 13) The DOM will demonstrate true commitment to the purpose of Association as prescribed in Article II, "Purpose", of the Constitution of the Association.

V. CALL:

- 1) The call and employment of the DOM be by approval of the Association Executive Board. The Association Executive Board. The Association Missions Committee will serve as search committee when a vacancy of the position occurs and will recommend a nominee for the position to the Executive board.
- 2) The call of the DOM of the Association is a indefinite one. The position of DOM himself, or the Executive Board. The DOM will give the Executive Board thirty (30) days notice if resignation is desired; and the Executive Board will give the DOM sixty (60) days notice if the DOM's resignation is called for.
- 3) The amount of salary and allowances will be worked out and presented for approval annually. It is suggested that the Missions committee and the Budget and Finance committee work together when negotiating a pay package with the DOM.
- 4) Four (4) weeks per year will be allowed, off the field, for revivals, world mission conferences and other such activities. Consideration of the Association calendar is suggested when such activities are scheduled by the DOM.
- 5) The DOM will be allowed two weeks paid vacation each year, with three weeks after five years of service. Vacation time cannot accumulate one year to the next, and payment will not be made for time not taken. Consideration of Association activities is suggested in the scheduling of vacation time by the DOM.
- 6) One day of sick leave with pay shall accumulate for each month of service to a total of ninety (90) days. Sick leave is intended for use by the DOM in case of his illness of that of his immediate family that requires his attention or assistance, including funerals. Sick leave will be forfeited at the time of

the DOM's resignation, or dismissal. The Association will not make payment for accumulates sick leave.

7) The DOM shall be entitles to receive and keep honorariums from revivals and from supply preaching when the church normally would provide and honorarium.

8) The work schedule may vary from week to week as need arises in the Association and Churches.

9) Due to the size of the Association and the rural setting of most of our Churches this agreement does not propose to regulate how many times the DOM can supply the pulpit, occasionally or successively in each Church, however, it is not intended that the DOM will serve any Church as interim Pastor, but rather assist as requested by the Church in securing pulpit supply so that DOM time and attention can be equitably shared with other churches and Association responsibilities. It is suggested that the DOM compile and maintain a current list of licensed and ordained ministers, and lay speaker in the Association that are available for supply work.

10) The employment of the DOM shall be considered full time.

11) The Association treasurer will be the payroll officer and the DOM will report to the treasurer when vacation time and sick leave is used, so a record of leave may be maintained.

VI. SUPERVISION:

1) The DOM will be basically "self supervised".

2) The Missions committee will serve as an advisory committee to the DOM in all matters pertaining to terms of employment and this agreement.

3) The Association Executive Board will direct the Missions committee and the DOM, and the Association will be the final authority pertaining to all matters of the agreement

VII. MISCELLANEOUS:

1) All other working agreements which have been made between this Association and other DOM's are null and void.

2) This agreement shall be recorded annually in the Association minutes and may be amended as necessary by the Executive Board or in the annual meetings. Two months notice should be given before amendments are made. The DOM will be informed in writing of any proposed amendments two months before action is taken.

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**ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT
 2002-2003**

Miles Travels.....30,358
 Messages Preached.....120
 Revivals Held..... 8
 Revivals attended within the associations..... 27
 Associational Mtgs. / Committee Mtgs. attended..... 125
 Attended Land Between the Lakes Area Campground Mtgs. 3
 Associational Executive Board meetings attended.....12
 Ministerial meetings attended.....11
 State and S.B.C. meetings..... 19
 Annual Associational Meetings Judson, Stewart Co. and Truett
 Tenn. Baptist Convention
 Southern Baptist Convention
 Attended at Home Week for Directors of Missions
 Served as Chaplain at Campgrounds, 5 weeks
 Participated in 7 Ordination services
 Taught Old Testament Survey Class
 Attended Staff Sharing Conference for 3 days
 Attended Associational Leadership Conference
 Attended State Evangelism Conference
 Area Wide Crusade planning and attendance in Stewart and Judson
 Worked with the New Missions
 Conducted 5 church planters assessments for TBC

It has been a good year and I personally have been blessed working in the associational office for The Associations. I served as associate pastor and Sunday school teacher in home church. I preached 32 sermons, attended 33 meetings and made 50 visits to the churches. I served on some committees and as parliamentarian in Stewart's Association. I am very grateful for all these opportunities to serve as your Administrative Assistant and to work with Bro. Gray.

Thank you,
 Pat Merrell

PROGRAM

53RD ANNUAL SESSION

TRUETT ASSOCIATION OF MISSIONARY BAPTIST

(1 COR 10:31 KJV) "... WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD."

**Thurs., October 2, 2003
First Baptist Church, Waverly**

- 6:00 Supper and Fellowship**
- 6:45 Congregational Singing Led by Roger Allen**
Devotional and Welcome by Host Church
- 7:00 Call to Order – Moderator**
- 7:05 TBC Representative – Bro. Tim Holcomb**
- 7:20 Summary of Executive Board Actions -**
Digest of Church Letters – Ginny Brown
- 7:25 Election of Officers**
Miscellaneous Business
Nominating Com. Report - Neal Westerman
- 7:35 Treasurer's Report – Carmen Westerman**
Budget and Finance Committee Report
Adoption of 2003-2004 Budget
- 7:45 Missionary Report - William Gray**
Recognition of New Pastors and Staff
Adoption of Calendar Events
- 7:55 Organizational Reports**
- 8:10 Resolutions Committee Report -**
- 8:15 Memorial Service - Liane Keaton**
- 8:20 Congregational Singing Led by Roger Allen**
Special Music - Host Church
- 8:30 Evening Message – Bro. Mark Warren**
Adjournment & Dismissal Prayer

54TH ANNUAL MEETING AT LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

**THE FIFTY THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUETT
ASSOCIATION OF MISSIONARY BAPTIST AT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WAVERLY
OCTOBER 2, 2003**

1. Congregational singing of “Down At The Cross”, “Redeemed How I Love To Proclaim It”, and a medley of “We Have Heard The Joyful Sound” and “Send The Light” led by Bro. Roger Allen with piano accompaniment by Ms. Geri Hole’ and organ accompaniment by Mrs. Billie Northcut.

2. Bro. Dennis Perkins pastor of First Baptist of Waverly welcomed everyone and gave a devotional.

3. Bro. Cecil Gilliland then called the meeting to order.

4. TBC Representative Bro. Tom Holcomb spoke on how we as Tennessee Baptists are different and how we are alike. 47% of Tennessee Baptist pastors are bi-vocational. 90-95% of Tennessee Baptist churches average 40-50 in Sunday School. 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 tells us we all have spiritual gifts which gives us unlimited resources, unlimited access and unlimited strength. Our history as Baptist with the Cooperative Program proves this. Of your gifts to the Cooperative Program about \$30,000 was used to train about 3500 Sunday School workers over the last 6 weeks in about 37 different meetings. Two years ago VBS trained 540 VBS multipliers who went out into the state and trained about 7000 VBS workers costing about \$21,000. These are the two best ways of growing churches in Tennessee. The Golden Offering in Tennessee among other things completely supported 2 college teams of traveling missionaries who reached 3000 children and youth and saw 300 professions of faith.

5. Ginny Brown presented the Digest of Church letters and Summary of Executive Board Actions, which were approved as presented.

6. Bro. Neal Westerman presented the Nominating Committee Report, which was approved as presented.

7. Carmen Westerman presented the Treasurers Report which was approved as presented.

8. Carmen Westerman presented the Budget Report for 2003-2004.

Bro. B. Carter Elmore moved to accept as presented. Motion seconded and passed.

9. Carmen Westerman presented the Scholarship Report, which was approved as presented.

10. Bro. Gray, D.O.M. presented his report, which was approved as presented. He introduced new staff Donna Pearl, Administrative Assistant, first time attendees: Bro. Dennis Perkins pastor First Baptist Waverly and Bro. Brian Price Music/Youth Director First Baptist Waverly.

11. Bro. Gray presented the Calendar of Events, which was approved as presented.

12. Organizational reports were given by WMU Director, Scholarship Committee, and Evangelism Director. These can be found on the following pages.

13. Mrs. Elizabeth England presented the Resolutions Committee report as presented in the following pages.

14. Memorial Service was presented by Liane Keaton. Bro. Doug Hasley sang “Imagine” with guitar accompaniment.

15. Congregational singing of “Oh How I Love Jesus”, “Amazing Grace”, and “He Keeps Me Singing” led by Bro. Roger Allen accompanied by Ms. Geri Hole’ on the piano and Mrs. Billie Northcut on the organ.

16. Special music was presented by the ministerial staff singing “Standing On The Promises”.

17. Evening message was brought by Bro. Mark Warren of Trace Creek Baptist. Using Hosea 10:9-12 as his text, Bro. Mark spoke of how our churches have become apathetic. The divorce rate within the churches is the same as without. Statistics show that 20% of evangelicals believe in reincarnation and 50% believe all religions are equally true. Our world is full of hopelessness and we possess the meaning of life. We have to have revival. We need to show mercy. We should be giving praise to God, not to ourselves, our church or anything else. We must be involved and be persistent in prayer. We must break up the fallow ground and allow God to do a new work in and through our lives.

18. Bro. Cecil Gilliland led in closing prayer for this annual meeting.

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIONS

Truett Association has adopted the theme for the upcoming year of “To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen .” taken from Roman 16:27 KJV.

The Executive Board meetings business actions this past year were as follows:

Truett welcomed Slayden Baptist into the Association in October at the Annual Meeting. In January, Buffalo Mission petitioned to become a member and was welcomed into the Association as Buffalo Baptist.

In April a committee was formed to gather information regarding whether the Association should become incorporated. In July the committee reported back with a recommendation that the Association pursue this matter. The Association voted to accept this recommendation.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be It Resolved, that we offer praise and gratitude to the Sovereign God, our Heavenly Father, for His favor upon the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Truett Baptist Association.

Be It Further Resolved, that we express our heartfelt appreciation to Bro. Dennis Perkins and the First Baptist Church of Waverly for extending to us so many courtesies and making available to us all the splendid facilities of this beautiful host church.

Be It Further Resolved, that we express our gratitude to our Lord for having sent Bro. William Gray to lead our Association.

And Whereas, we express our abiding love and deep appreciation for his able leadership, his tireless efforts, his inspired vision, his dedication to the task, and his spirit of love as he has worked with us and led us forward into accomplishing together what we could not accomplish alone. To Bro. William Gray and his entire staff we pledge our continual prayer, support, love, esteem, and cooperation. We always appreciate TBC personnel and representatives who always so faithfully join us at this time and keep us informed and involved in carrying on our Christian programs.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth England, Jean Cathey, and Ginny Brown

CHURCH HISTORY 2003

BUFFALO - On December 1, 2002 constituted as a church and became Buffalo Baptist instead of Mission with 13 coming for membership by letter from Waverly First Baptist Church and 4 on promise of letter from other churches.

OAK GROVE – Held our first Baptism within the walls of Oak Grove Baptist Church. Baptistry was installed May/June of 2003.

SYLVIA - This past year we did the first drive through nativity at Sylvia Baptist Church. We held the drive through three nights with cars lined up every night. It was a great outreach for people that would not normally go into a church for a program. God truly blessed us through this ministry.

VANLEER – Vanleer Baptist Church has been in operation for 41 years. New pastor July 27, 2003.

WAVERLY FIRST – In December 2002 the Buffalo Community Church was constituted. This was a mission church of First Baptist Waverly. In June 2003 FBC Waverly called Dr. Dennis Perkins and wife Lana, sons Drew, Chris and Alex to be our new pastor.

IN MEMORIAL

MCEWEN FIRST:

MS. ARLENE VAN DOLEN
MS. SHIRLEY COLE
MS. RUTH SUGG
MR. GODFREY GREENWELL
MS. EUNICE MAYBERRY

OAK GROVE

MS. BESSIE ATON

POMONA:

MR. GEORGE M. HALL

SLAYDEN

MR. MONROE HARGROVE
MR. ERNEST WILLIAMS

SYLVIA:

MR. ROBERT ENGLAND
MS. PAM SILER
MS. MILDRED WILLIAMS

TRACE CREEK:

MR. JASON HEWITT
MR. BILL BUCKNER
MR. C.A. WINTERS
MR. GLEN MAY
MR. PHIL BELL
MS. CAROLYN BLACKWELL
MS. DOROTHY PHILLIPS

WAVERLY FIRST:

MR. ZANE ELLEN
MS. LULA BELLE MOSLEY
MS. GAYLE RICE
MS. VIOLA SLAUGHTER
MS. LOIS GWIN SMITH
MS. ROBERTA VANDIVER

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears far me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; but when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready in heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, far all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die, I had so much to live far so much yet to do, It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had, If I could relive yesterday, Just even far awhile, I'd say good bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile, But then I fully realized that this could never be, far emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne, He said 'This is eternity, and all I've promised you.' Today far life on earth is past but here it starts anew, I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day's the same day there's no longing far the past.

But you have been so faithful, so trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things, you knew you shouldn't do, but you have been forgive and now at last you're free, so won't you take my hand and share my life with me?

So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, so every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

Rev. 21:4 "And God shall wipe away 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'.

**TRUETT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2004**

January 2004

19: Ex. Bd @ FBC, McEwen &
Fellowship Meal, 6 pm
24: Advisory Council Mtg. @ Sylvia,
10:00 am

SBC and TBC

**16-17: Bi-Vo Evang. Conf. @
Gladeville**
18: Sanctity of Human Life Day
18-25: Baptist Men's Week
**23-24: Hispanic Evangelism
Conference @ Judson Baptist
Church/Nashville**
25: One Day Revivals
26-27: State Evangelism Conference

February

9: Joint Assoc. Evang. Conference, 7
pm, @ Sylvia - Meal, 6 pm

SBC and TBC

"True Love Waits" Emphasis Week
8: Racial Reconciliation Day
**9-15 : Focus on WMU Emphasis
Week**
**10 : Financial Issues Seminar @
Cookeville**
**11: Financial Issues Seminar @
Jackson**
**12-14: Bio-Vocational Minister &
Wives retreat @ Pigeon Forge**
**20-21: Great Commission Prayer
Conf. @ Jackson**
**23: Assoc. VBS Training @ West
Jackson, 6pm**
**25: Assoc. VBS Training @
Brentwood, 9 am**
**27-28 : Assoc. Men's Ministry
Training @ TBC**

March

SBC and TBC

**7-14: Week of Prayer for North
American Missions and Annie
Armstrong Easter offering**
**5-6: Youth Evangelism Conference
@ Murfreesboro**
**10-14: Church Conflict Mediation
Seminar**
15-21: Youth Week
21: Substance Abuse Sunday
**19-21—Mission Get-together
WMU Annual meeting in Gatlinburg**
**28: On Mission Planting New
Congregations Sunday**

April

24: Advisory Council Mtg. @ Sylvia,
10:00 am
26: Executive Board Meeting @ FBC,
McEwen & Fellowship Meal, 6 pm
?26: VBS Clinic @ Sylvia BC, 6:30—
8:30 pm

SBC and TBC

**2-3: WMU Conf. Leaders Training,
Middle TN**
18: Cooperative Program Sunday
19-23: Baptist Doctrine Week
**22-24: National Celebration of Bi-
Vocational Ministries @ SBC
Nashville**
**23-24: Hispanic Pastors and family
retreat**
**24: Bible Drills and Speakers
Tournament @ Hendersonville, FBC**
25: Life Commitment Day

May

No Assoc Dates for May

SBC and TBC

6: National Day of Prayer
3-4: New Church Staff Training @ Brentwood
7-8: Training for Assoc. WMU Leadership Teams
2: Senior Adult Day
2-9: Christian Home Week
9: MOTHER'S DAY CHILDREN HOME OFFERING
12-14: Directors of Missions Retreat, Gatlinburg
17-23: Associational Missions Week

June

SBC and TBC

4-5: Disaster Relief Training @ TBA
11: State Intercessors' Prayer Retreat @ Brentwood
14-15—WMU Annual Mtg, @ Indianapolis
15-16: SBC Annual Mtg. @ Indianapolis
20: Father's Day Offering
21-25: Super Summer @ Austin Peay
27: Adopt an annuitant day

July

24: Link-up (Budget 9am and Planning Mtg. 10:00 am) @ Sylvia BC
26: Executive Bd. @ FBC, McEwen, 7 pm & Fellowship Meal,, 6 pm (Budget and Nominating Committee to follow)

SBC and TBC

4: Religious Liberty Day

August

23: Executive Bd. Mtg. @ FBC, McEwen Fellowship Meal @ 6 pm

SBC and TBC

1: Social Issues Sunday
9-11: Pastors retreat, Camp Carson
8: Day of Prayer for Students
15: Baptist & Reflector Day
28: Graded Choirs Workers Tr. @ Brentwood

September

30: Annual Meeting @ Liberty BC

SBC and TBC

12: Single Adult Sunday
12-19: Week of Prayer for State Missions
15: See you at the Pole Day
19: Anti-Gambling Sunday
24-25: Prayer Retreat for Women

October

2: Joint Annual Mtg. @ Sylvia BC, 4-6 pm meal 6-7 pm

SBC and TBC

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
Ministers Appreciation Month
3: Soul Winning Commitment Day
10: World Hunger Day
1-2: New Work Pastors and Wives Retreat
15-16: Ministers Wives Retreat
16: ADD Conf. @ Brentwood

November

15: Joint M-Night @ Parker's Creek, 7 pm

SBC and TBC

11-12—TBC An. Meeting @ FBC, Sevierville
Nov. 28-Dec. 5: Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions

December

2: Christmas Banquet, FBC, Waverly-6:30 pm

SBC and TBC

Nov. 28-Dec. 5: Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions

HISTORICAL RECORD

Truett Association convened on August 3, 1951, 10:00 a.m. for the organizational meeting under the leadership of Rev. Fred T. Evans, in the Sylvia Baptist Church, Sylvia, Tennessee.

1951 Sylvia Baptist Church, with Rev. Fred T. Evans as Moderator and Rev. Fulton Robertson as Clerk. Rev. Laurin Suiter delivered the annual sermon from the text Jude 3.

1952 Oak Grove Baptist Church, McEwen, TN, with Rev. Fred T. Evans as Moderator, Mr. Geo. P. Tucker, Clerk. The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. C.W. Pope.

1953 McEwen, First, McEwen, TN with Dr.- W.B. Haynie as Moderator and Mr. Geo. P. Tucker, Clerk. The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. L.G. Frey.

1954 Waverly, First, Waverly, TN, with Rev. Harry B. Sutton, Moderator and Mr. Geo. P. Tucker as Clerk. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. L.L. Presson, Sylvia, TN. Scripture, Exodus 4:1-31. "Using What We Have for the Lord."

1955 Cedar Grove, Hurricane Mills, TN, Rev. Harry B. Sutton, Moderator and Mr. Geo. P. Tucker, Clerk.

1956 Sylvia Baptist Church, Sylvia, TN, with Rev. L.L. Presson, Sylvia, as Moderator and Mr. Geo. P. Tucker as Clerk. The annual sermon was by Rev. Harry S. Sutton.

1957 Oak Grove, McEwen, TN, with Rev. Wm. E. Lyies, Moderator, Mr. Robert L. Moore, Clerk. The annual sermon was delivered by L.L. Presson.

1958 McEwen, First, McEwen, TN with Rev. Wm. E. Lyies, Moderator, Mr. Robert L. Moore, Clerk. The annual sermon was delivered by Bro. Will E. Langford, Pastor, Erin Creek.

1959 Maple Grove, R.1, Sylvia, TN, with Rev. James L. Hamey, Moderator, and Robert L. Moore, Clerk. The annual sermon was by Rev. Foy Phillips, Sylvia, TN.

1960 Waverly, First, with Rev. James L. Hamey, Moderator and Robert L. Moore, Clerk. The annual sermon was by Rev. Wendall H. Knight, McEwen, TN.

1961 Trace Creek, R.1, Denver, TN, the first day and Sylvia Church the second day Rev. A.J. Northcutt was Moderator for both sessions and Robert L. Moore served as Clerk the

first day and Rev. Emery O. Farmer served as Clerk the second day. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Emery O. Farmer.

1962 Oak Grove, McEwen, TN, the first day and McEwen, First, McEwen, TN, the second day. Rev. Emery O. Farmer was Moderator for both sessions and Mrs. Robert L. England served as Clerk. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Herman J. Ellis.

1963 Night sessions with Waverly First Baptist Church, Waverly, second day at Maple Grove Baptist Church, R.1, Sylvia; Rev. Herman J. Ellis was Moderator for both sessions and Mrs. Robert L. England served as Clerk. The annual sermon was delivered by the Rev. L.L. Presson.

1964 Night session with Trace Creek; Day session with Cedar Grove; Vice- Moderator H.B. Speights presiding at both sessions. Mrs. Robert L. England, Clerk. Annual sermon by H.B. Speights.

1965 Night session with McEwen, First; Day session with Waverly. Moderator Carl Simpson presiding at both sessions Mrs. Robert L. England, Clerk. Annual sermon by Lauren Atkins.

1966 Night session with Waverly, First; Day session with Sylvia Church; Carl Simpson, served as Moderator; Mrs. Robert L. England, Clerk. Annual sermon by Rev. J.B. Sisk. Doctrinal message by Rev. X.L. Doss.

1967 Night session with Trace Creek; Day session with Oak Grove, Lauren Atkins, Moderator. Mrs. Robert England, Clerk. Guest speaker, Dr. David Byrd, pastor, West Jackson Baptist, Jackson, TN. Doctrinal sermon, James Gray. Missionary message Bill Robertson.

1968 Night session with McEwen, First; Day session with Trace Creek;

Moderator, Lauren Atkins; Clerk; Mrs. Robert England. Guest Speaker, Bro. Bob Norman, pastor Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, Doctrinal sermon, Maurice Coleman, Missionary Sermon, Bill Fox.

1969 Night session with Waverly, First; Day session with McEwen, First. Maurice Colman, Moderator, Mrs. Robert England, Clerk. Guest speaker, Bob Mowrey, Park Ave. Church, Nashville; Missionary sermon by Bro. L.J. Hatcher, pastor of Oak Grove.

1970 Night session with Trace Creek; Day session with Immanuel, Maurice Coleman, Moderator. Mrs. Robert England, Clerk. Guest speaker, Dr. Bill Sherman, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville. Missionary sermon, Dr. Glen Yarbrough, Dir. of Student Dept., T.B.C. Doctrinal sermon by Bro. Bill Fox.

1971 First night session with Cedar Grove; second night session with Sylvia Church. Maurice Coleman, Moderator. Mrs. Robert England, Clerk. Guest speaker, Herschel Woodbum, pastor of Maplewood Baptist Church, Nashville. Speaker for second night, Bro. Thomas E. Duffey, pastor, Cedar Grove Church.

1972 First night session with Waverly; second night with Oak Grove. William Fox, Moderator, Mrs. Robert England, Clerk. Guest speaker first night, Bro. Leslie Baumgartner, Secretary, Missions Dept, T.B.C. Second night, Dr. Don McCoy, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dickson, TN.

1973 First night session, 10-4-73, held with Trace Creek Baptist Church;

second night, 10-5-73, held at First Baptist Church, McEwen, Moderator, William Fox; Clerk, Mrs. Robert L. England. Guest speaker first night, Bro. Can-oil E. Owen, pastor, First Baptist Church, Paris, TN. Guest speaker second night, Bro. Jack Self, pastor, First Baptist Church, McEwen. Theme for meeting, "One Mission, One Lord, One People".

1974 First night session held with Cedar Grove. Moderator, L.J. Hatcher. Guest speaker Courtney Wilson, pastor, First Baptist Hendersonville;

second night session, Immanuel Baptist. Speaker, E.G. Mullinax, Sr, Mrs. Robert L. England, Clerk for both sessions. Moderator second session, Vice-Moderator Foy Phillips. "Commemorating our Heritage- Committing our Future".

1975 First night session held with Sylvia Baptist Church. Buffet meal was served prior to business session. Moderator Foy Phillips. Guest speaker, Bro. Fulton Robertson, former pastor of Sylvia Church, and organizer of Truett Association. Presently Director of Mission, Hardeman County Baptist Association. Second night session held with First Baptist of Waverly. E.G. Mullinax, Sr., Vice-Moderator served as Moderator. Mrs. Robert L. England served as clerk for both sessions. Speaker, Thomas Drake, pastor, First Baptist Church, McEwen. "25th Anniversary of Truett Association".

1976 First night session held with Oak Grove. Buffet supper was served prior to business session. Moderator Foy Phillips. Guest speaker Dr. Gaye McGlothen. Second night session held with Trace Creek. E.G. Mullinax, Vice-Moderator served as Moderator. Mrs. Robert L. England served as Clerk for both sessions. Speaker, David Deavers, pastor of Oak Grove Church. Theme, "If My People ..".

1977 First night session held with McEwen First Baptist Church. Buffet meal was served prior to business session. Moderator, E.G. Mullinax, Sr. Guest speaker, Bro. Bob Norman, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville. Second night session held at Cedar Gove Church, Hurricane Mills, TN. Vice-Moderator Thomas Drake served. Guest speaker Bro. Joe Estes, pastor, White Bluff Baptist Church, White Bluff, TN. Mrs. Robert L. England served as Clerk for both sessions. Theme, "Bold Missions".

1978 First night session, September 28th, held with Immanuel Baptist Church, McEwen, TN. Buffet meal was served prior to business session. Moderator, E.G. Mullinax, Sr. Guest speaker, Dr. William Skinner, missionary from Paraguay. Second night session, September 29th held at First Baptist Church, Waverly. Vice-Moderator Lauren Atkins served. Bro. William D. Fox, pastor of Trace Creek, was the speaker. Mrs. Robert L. England served as Clerk for both sessions.

1979 First night session, October 4th, held with Waverly, First Baptist Church. Covered dish supper was served before the evening session. Vice- Moderator, William D, Fox. Guest speaker, Dr. Tom Madden Executive- Secretary, TBC. Second session, October 5th, held at

Oak Grove Baptist Church, McEwen. Vice-Moderator served due to illness of Moderator, Lauren Atkins. Dr. Jonas Stewart, Foundation Dept., TBC, was speaker.

1980 First night session, October 2, held with Sylvia Baptist Church. Buffet meal served. Moderator Lauren Atkins. Guest speaker, Rev. Jarvis Heam, associate in Missions Department, TBC. Second session, October 3, McEwen, First Baptist Church. Vice-Moderator, William D. Fox. Speaker, Rev. Paul Hall, associate in Missions Department, TBC. Mrs. Thomas Drake served as Clerk for both sessions.

1981 First night session, October 1, held with trace Creek Baptist Church. This was their 100th anniversary year. Dr. J.W. Harbin, TBC, brought the afternoon message on "The Church". Rev. E.R. Alexander brought the evening message. On October 2, we met with Cedar Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Joe Harris brought the closing message. Rev. Wm. Fox served as Moderator and Mrs. Thomas Drake as Clerk for both days.

1982 First and second sessions, September 30, held with Liberty Baptist Church. The afternoon message was brought by Dr. Herbert Gabhart, Chancellor of Belmont College. The evening message was on "Amazing Grace" by Rev. F.H. Watkins, TBC. On Friday we met with Immanuel Baptist Church. The host pastor, Rev. Foy Phillips closed the session with an inspirational message. Moderator Wm. Fox, Mrs. Thomas Drake, Clerk.

1983 First day sessions held at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, September 29. Rev. Ernest Pippin, TBC Foundation, brought the afternoon message. Dr. Tom Madden, TBC Executive-Sec'ty/Treasurer closed the evening session with a stirring message. The second day we met with Sylvia Baptist Church. Their beloved pastor, Rev. Lauren Atkins, brought the closing message. Moderator, Thomas Drake. Mrs. Thomas Drake, Clerk.

1984 First Day sessions held with Oak Grove Baptist Church, Oct. 4. Evening speaker, Dr. Gerald Stow, TBC Children's Homes. The second day we met with Trace Creek Baptist Church and Carroll Owen, TBC Convention Ministries Director, brought the closing message. Moderator, Thomas Drake. Mrs. Thomas Drake, Clerk.

1985 First day sessions held with First Baptist Church, McEwen, October 3. Evening speaker, Rev. Leslie Baumgartner, Missions Department, TBC, who also recognized retiring Bro. H.D. Knight. The second night we met with First Baptist Church, Waveriy. Dr. Earl Wilson, Foundation Department, TBC, brought the closing message. Moderator, L.J. Hatcher. Mrs. Thomas Drake, Clerk.

1986 Met with Immanuel Baptist Church for the first Day (October 2), Rev. Jerry King, TBC, brought the Evangelism Message. Rev. J.D. Rains brought the Missionary Message, then the Association met with Liberty Baptist Church, White Bluff, October 3, Moderator L.J. Hatcher, Mrs. Thomas Drake, Clerk.

1987 The first and second sessions were held with Waveriy, First as host church (October 1). Dr. Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, evening speaker. Friday (October 2) Truett Baptist Association met with Oak Grove. Clarence Stewart, Coordinator for Tennessee/Venezuela brought the mission sermon. Moderator, E.G. Mullinax, Shiriey Drake. Clerk.

1933 Truett Association met with Sylvia Baptist Church on September 29. Rev. Raymond Langlois, pastor of Judson Baptist Church, brought the inspirational message. On Friday night, First Baptist Church, McEwen, hosted the Association. Moderator E.G. Mullinax, Shiriey Drake, Clerk.

1989 On September 28, 1989, Truett Baptist Association met with Trace Creek. The 4:30 session was given to men from TBC, and others represented with college, ect. Dr. D.L. Lowrie, new Exec. Sec./Treas. brought an inspirational message. We met with Cedar Grove on September 29. Rev. E.G. Mullinax host pastor brought the message on missions.

1990 On Thursday, October 4th, Truett Baptist Association met with Liberty Baptist Church. At the 4:30 session several from the TBC spoke. Robert Mowery, pastor of Park Avenue brought the inspirational message. October 5th was held at Vanleer Baptist Church. Jere' Phillips Missions Department, TBC, brought the closing message. Charles Gibbs, Moderator and Shiriey Drake, Clerk.

1991 Truett Baptist Association met with Cedar Grove (September 26) and Sylvia (September 27). We heard reports from several persons representing our work. Dr. Fred Kendall, Belmont University, brought the evening message. The speaker for Friday night was Dr. Archer Tnorpe, Jr. of Tennessee Baptist Convention, Cooperative and Stewardship Programs. David Deavers, Moderator and Shirley Drake, Clerk.

1992 Thursday, October 1, Truett Baptist Association met with Oak Grove. Between the 4:30 session and the 7:00, a bountiful meal was enjoyed under their new pavilion. The message, on Thursday, was given by our new Director of Missions, Bro. William Gray. Friday evening session was held at Trace Creek. What a beautiful sanitary they have. Jeff and Regina Palmer (on furlough from the Philippines) told of their work. David Deavers, Moderator and Shiriey Drake, Clerk.

1993 Thursday, September 30, Truett Baptist Association met at First Baptist Church, McEwen. Several of our TBC leaders shared with us their work. A bountiful meal was served. Dr. John Compton spoke at the end of the program. Friday evening, October 1, we met with First Baptist Church, Waveriy. Rev. Bart Gibbs. missionary to Burkina Faso (French West Africa) Dale Ledbetter, Moderator and Shiriey Drake, Clerk.

1994 Thursday, September 29, 1994, Truett Association met with Immanuel Baptist Church, McEwen. At the 4:30 session many TBC leaders caught us up on their different and challenging works. The meal and the fellowship between sessions was excellent. The presence of Mrs. Shiriey Drake was sadly missed and the minutes dedicated to her memory. Dr. Roger Freeman, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Clarksville brought the evening message. • Friday night, September 30, we journeyed to Fellowship, Dickson. The spirit was felt in every part of the service from the reports, to the memorial service, thru the wonderful singing by Fellowship choir and the inspirational message brought by Terry Sharp, Partnership Missions, Tennessee Baptist Convention. James Moody, Moderator and Brenda Sewell, Clerk.

1995 Thursday, September 28, 1995, Truett Association met with Sylvia Baptist Church, Sylvia. The 4:30 meeting was a light and informative meeting where different TBC

department heads gave their reports and their prayer requests. Christian fellowship was enjoyed during an excellent meal. Highlighting the evening session was the dedication of the annual for these associational meetings to Mrs. Elizabeth England for her dedicated service to the Association. Bro. Buddy Mullinax brought the evening message which encouraged us to act on the vision God gives us. Friday September 29, 1995, Macedonia Baptist Church in Waverly hosted the third session which was full of informative reports. Bro., Charles Gibbs gave the evening message which inspired and convicted us all. James Moody, Moderator and Brenda Sewell, Clerk.

1996 Thursday, October 3, 1996, Truett Association met with Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Hurricane Mills. The 4:30 meeting was an entertaining and informative look at some of the departments of the TBC. The food and fellowship was enjoyed during the supper hour. The evening service was a time to catch up on Truett business and enjoy the message presented by Bro. Tommy Webb, Pastor of Sylvia Baptist

1998 Thursday, October 1, 1998, Truett Association met with FBC McEwen. This was the first year to go with a one night annual meeting. Both after- noon and evening sessions were well attended. The highlight of the evening was a time of sharing by Bro. Dale Ledbetter, Missionary to the Ukraine. Bro. Gary McEwen, Moderator and Brenda Sewell, Clerk.

1999 The Forty-Ninth Annual Session of Truett Association of Missionary Baptist met September 30, 1999 at Pomona Baptist Church in Dickson, Tennessee. During the first session spokesmen from several Baptist organizations presented reports. These included Gerald L. Stowe from Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Gary Coltharp from Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Fred Kendall from Belmont University, and Eleanor Yarbrough from Tennessee Baptist Convention. Each of these reports were enlightening and enjoyable. After a break for meal and fellowship, the second session of this meeting was held. Associational business was transacted and numerous committee reports were presented for approval. The evening message was presented by Bro. William E. Gray, D.O.M. for Truett Association. The message challenged each church in the association to seek new methods of witnessing and reaching the lost as we enter a new century. Bro. Tommy Webb, Moderator. Ginny Brown, Clerk.

2000 The Fiftieth Annual Session of Truett Association of Missionary Baptist met September 28, 2000 at Trace Creek Baptist Church in New Johnsonville, Tennessee. During the afternoon session several spokesmen from various Baptist organizations presented reports. These included Dr. Carroll Owens from Baptist Hospital, Paul Veazy from Union University and Tennessee Drug Awareness Council, Eleanor Yarbrough from Tennessee Baptist Convention, Ray Conners from Belmont University, Lawrence Steiner, D. Min. from Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Mark Anderson from Tennessee Adult Homes, and Gary Coltharp from Tennessee Baptist Foundation. After a break for meal and fellowship, the second session of this meeting was held. Associational business was transacted and numerous committee reports were presented for approval. The evening message was presented by Bro. Fulton Robertson who was a former pastor at Sylvia Baptist Church and the first clerk of Truett Association. He reminded us that God brought the association together and challenged us to remember its foundation and the leaders who God used to bring this about. Bro. Tommy Webb, Moderator, Ginny Brown, Clerk

2001 The Fifty-First Annual Session of Truett Association of Missionary Baptist met October 4, 2001 at Sylvia Baptist Church in Dickerson, TN. During this session TBC Representative Dr. James Porch spoke to us about what is going on in the TBC. Following

this, associational business was transacted and numerous committee reports were presented for approval. The evening message was presented by Bro. Ed Camp who was the first pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church. He reminded that people are what are important to Christ and we must not let plans, programs, etc. take priority over the people. Bro. Tommy Webb, Moderator; Genny Brown, Clerk.

2001 The First Annual Session of the Joint Associations of Truett, Stewart and Judson Associations was held on October 6, 2001 at Sylvia Baptist Church in Dickson, TN. During the afternoon session of this historical meeting several representatives from various departments in the TBC gave organizational reports. These include Larry Kirk with TBC/EMS;

Lawrence Steiner, D.Min with Baptist Children's Homes; Gary Coltharp with Tennessee Baptist Foundation; Kenny Cooper with Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes; Phil Lovelace with Tennessee Drug Awareness Council; and Candy Phillips with Women's Missionary Union. After a break for the meal and fellowship, the second session of this meeting was held. Recognition of churches was done and a total of 101 people were in attendance. Link-Up committee reports were given as well as the DOM report. Evening message was presented by Bro. Dale Ledbetter, former pastor of Sylvia Baptist and missionary to the Ukraine for 61/2 years. The message was on our changing times since recent terrorist attacks on our country. Bro, Cecil Gilliland led the closing prayer. Bro. Tommy Webb, Moderator; Ginny Brown, Clerk.

2002 The Fifty-Second Annual Session of Truett Association of Missionary Baptist met October 3, 2002 at First Baptist McEwen, TN. During this session TBC Representative Bro. Don Pierson and Sis. Heather Nelson spoke to us about the lottery vote coming up. Following this, associational business was transacted and committee reports were presented for approval. The evening message was brought by Bro. Cecil Gilliland of First Baptist McEwen reminding us that we must have a vision for winning lost to Christ. Bro. Cecil Gilliland, moderator. Ginny Brown, clerk.

The second Annual Session of the Joint Associations of Truett, Stewart and Judson Associations was held on October 5, 2002 at First Baptist White Bluff. During the afternoon session several representatives from TBC gave organizational reports. These include Bro. Larry Lirk; Mac Hannah with Belmont University; Bro. Kenny Cooper with Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes; Bro. Phil Lovelace with Tennessee Drug Awareness Council; Bro. Gary Coltharp with Tennessee Baptist Foundation; and Connie Davis with Baptist and Reflector. We also had a guest speaker on the lottery, Bro. Jerry hall. After a break for the meal, Bro. Bob Talbert, pastor of Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church introduced Bro. Antonio Polanco, pastor of Iglesia Nueva Jeruaslen, Chalchuapa, El Salvador, Sis. Leyla Polanco, Sis. Sonia Valente, and Sis. Rocio Foster who gave wonderful testimonies. Link-Up Committee reports and the DOM report were presented. Evening message entitled "As You Go On Mission" was presented by Bro. Larry Kirk of TBC. Using Matthew 28:19-20 and John 4:35 who reminded us not to get so busy going to do God's work that we miss doing His work on the way. We must be on mission constantly to win souls for Christ. Bro. Frank Tennyson, Judson Association moderator 1st session and Benny Mann, Stewart Association moderator 2nd session. Ginny Brown, clerk.

CHURCH HISTORY 2003

BUFFALO - On December 1, 2002 constituted as a church and became Buffalo Baptist instead of Mission with 13 coming for membership by letter from Waverly First Baptist Church and 4 on promise of letter from other churches.

OAK GROVE – Held our first Baptism within the walls of Oak Grove Baptist Church. Baptistery was installed May/June of 2003.

SYLVIA - This past year we did the first drive through nativity at Sylvia Baptist Church. We held the drive through three nights with cars lined up every night. It was a great outreach for people that would not normally go into a church for a program. God truly blessed us through this ministry.

VANLEER – Vanleer Baptist Church has been in operation for 41 years. New pastor July 27, 2003.

WAVERLY FIRST – In December 2002 the Buffalo Community Church was constituted. This was a mission church of First Baptist Waverly. In June 2003 FBC Waverly called Dr. Dennis Perkins and wife Lana, sons Drew, Chris and Alex to be our new pastor.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS 2003

Churches	Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Memb.	Sunday School Enroll.	Sunday School Avg.	VBS Enroll.	D.T. Enroll.	Music Enroll.	WMU Enroll.	Brotherhood Enroll.
Buffalo	0	2	19	17	11	14	9	0	11	0
Gedar Grove	2	2	242	56	45	65	25	0	0	0
First Community	1	0		47	37	0	0	3	4	5
Immanuel	2	3	87	36	29	45	21	16	0	0
Liberty	3	6	59	45	36	58	0	0	0	0
McEwen First	8	14	383	121	70	106	25	28	0	0
Oak Grove	1	1	64	23	17	23	30	10	11	6
Pomona	18	12	171	148	58	32	0	33	9	0
Slayden	3	0	241	52	45	85	35	0	28	12
Sylvia	6	6	692	339	189	268	206	37	134	29
Trace Greek	0	5	567	211	121	0	101	15	68	0
Vanleer	0	4	30	13	9	0	0	4	0	0
Waverly First	5	11	837	347	183	119	43	56	91	12
<i>Associational Totals</i>	49	66	3392	1455	850	815	495	202	356	64

Churches	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program	Assn. Missions	Total Mission Expend.
Buffalo	18172	1199	606	2492
Gedar Grove	39862	2884	2884	7083
First Community	16783	1175	503	2946
Immanuel	25000	1650	1650	4500
Liberty	25100	777	777	2428
McEwen First	111783	5778	1445	8564
Oak Grove	28122	2543	1043	4206
Pomona	103026	6768	2408	10285
Slayden	47457	2302	1149	4015
Sylvia	336404	42657	7110	51487
Trace Greek	262692	33374	6675	55422
Vanleer	5582	0	140	140
Waverly First	407337	59572	10983	101492
<i>Associational Totals</i>	1427320	160679	37373	255060

TRUETT ASSOCIATION BUDGET 2003 - 2004

DOM Staff	\$ 27,180.00
DOM Appreciation Bonus	750.00
Annual Meeting	200.00
Associational Minutes	500.00
Associational Clerk	600.00
Associational Treasurer	500.00
Bi-vocational Ministry	150.00
Brotherhood	100.00
Discipleship Training	100.00
Evangelism	250.00
Insurance	150.00
Media Material	75.00
Miscellaneous	450.00
Mission Committee	2,200.00
Music	200.00
Office Supplies & Postage	120.00
Pastor Fellowship	800.00
Prayer Ministry	100.00
Scholarship Fund	1,500.00
Seminary Extension	300.00
Sunday School	100.00
Youth Ministry	250.00
Vacation Bible School	200.00
Woman's Missionary Union	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	
BUDGET	\$ 37,275.00

Truett Association Annual Scholarship Report 2002-2003

The following applicants received scholarships for the 2002-2003 academic school year:

Patrick Compou Union University (2)
Anissa Smith Union University (2)
Rocky Stinson Mid-Continent College (2)
Mary Wales Union University (1)

Total Scholarship Expenditure: \$1300.00

Balance on hand: \$1279.56

Scholarship Budget for 2002-2003: \$1500

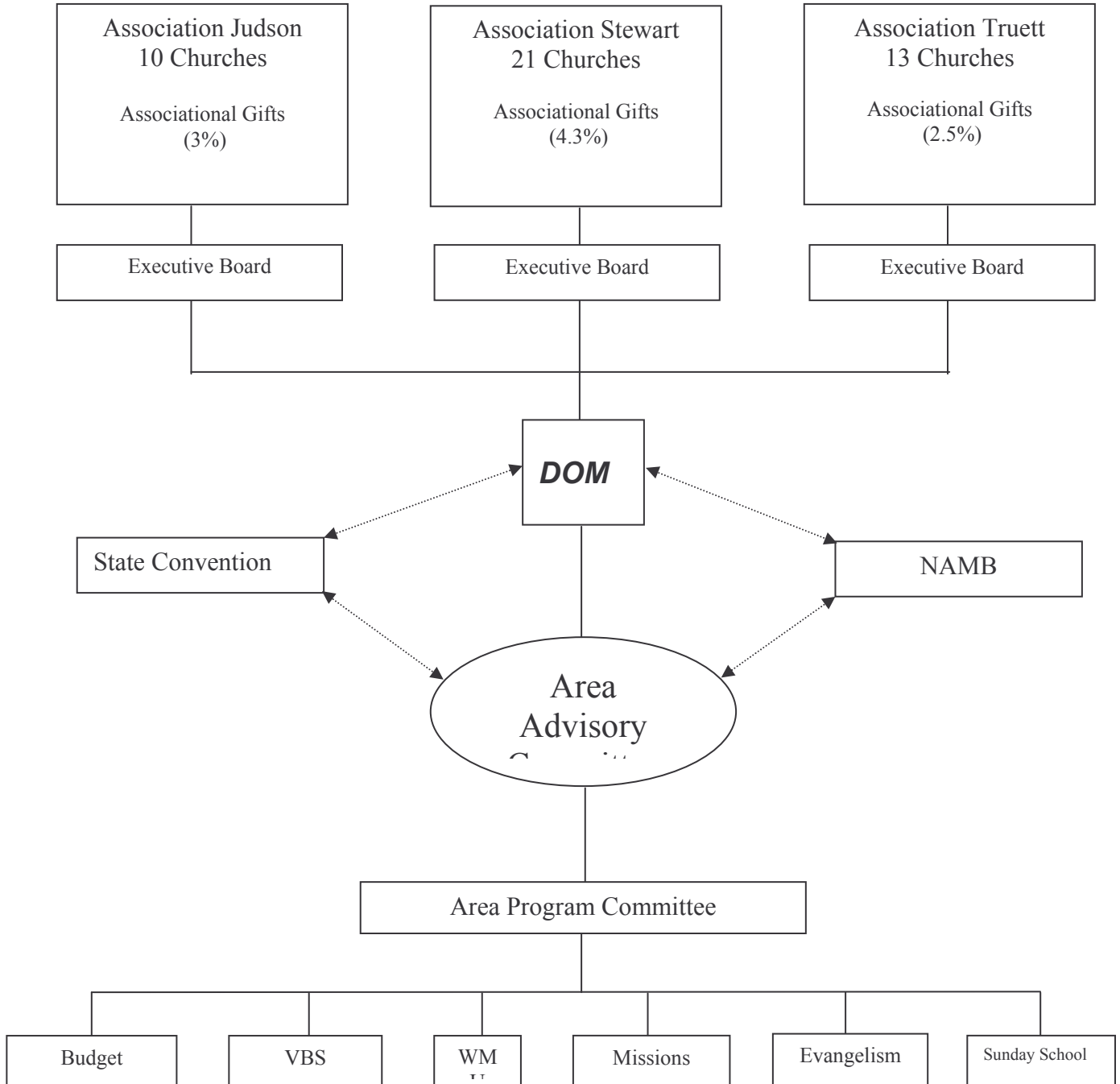
No. Scholarships granted for Fall '02:4

**Fall '02 Recipients: Patrick Compou, Anissa Smith,
Justin Deasy, and Ashley Cherry - all attending Union**

(*) Denotes number of semesters scholarships awarded

Strength Through Link-Up
“...a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:12



This model allows for maximizing of resources, minimizing of meetings, and empowering decision-makers to impact the Kingdom of God.

PROGRAM

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION THE ASSOCIATIONS - LINK-UP

Theme: (Rom 16:27 KJV) To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Saturday, October 4, 2003 Little Rock Baptist Church, Erin Afternoon Session

4:00 Congregational Singing Led by Judson BA
Welcome by Host Church
Devotion by Moderator In Judson BA
Call to Order - Moderator of Stewart BA
Adoption of Program - Moderator of Stewart BA

4:30 Reports from State Baptist Department and
Institutions:
TBC Representative - Richard Skidmore

6:00 Supper and Fellowship

Night Session

7:00 Congregational Singing - Truett BA
Welcome by Host Church
Devotion by Host Pastor, George Wyatt

7:30 Call to Order - Moderator in Truett BA
Recognition of Churches - DOM
Recognition Pastors and Staff - DOM
Link-up Calendar of Events - DOM
Link-up DOM Report

7:40 Link-up Advisory Council Report - Neal Westerman
Link-up Budget Report - Neal Westerman
Offering for Link-up - Neal Westerman

7:50 Congregational Singing Led by Stewart BA
Special Music - by Little Rock Baptist Church

8:00 Mission Sermon - Bro. Willie Freeman
(Pastor of Greater Missionary Baptist Church, Clarksville - TN)

**Adjournment & Dismissal Prayer
by Judson BA, Moderator**

FOURTH ANNUAL LINK-UP MEETING

At SYLVIA BAPTIST CHURCH - DICKSON, TN October 2, 2004

**THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD ANNUAL
JOINT ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING OF
TRUETT, STEWART, AND JUDSON ASSOCIATIONS
AT LITTLE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH ERIN TN
OCTOBER 4, 2003 4:00 TO 6:00 P.M.**

1. Congregational singing of “He Keeps Me Singing” led by Bro. James Parham of Judson Association accompanied by Bro. Kenny Cooper from TBC.
2. Bro. George Wyatt host pastor of Little Rock Baptist welcomed everyone.
3. Bro. Ken Russon from Rolling Hills of Judson Association led the devotion using as his text 2 Corinthians 1:24 reminding that we are laborers together with God, partners one with another and with God. We are three associations working together with God using our individual gifts to do God’s work.
4. Bro. Morris Lee of Stewart Association called the meeting to order.
5. Bro. Neal Westerman made a motion to adopt the program. Motion seconded and passed.
6. Bro. Richard Skidmore TBC Representative presented information on insurance for pastors, secretaries, music directors, DOM’s, etc. and his liaison between the annuity board and these ministers and staff. He also spoke on the Baptist Adult Homes. The two major areas of work in the adult homes are for seniors and the developmentally disabled. For seniors there are retirement homes, nursing homes, assisted living and senior adult homes. One of the very special programs for the developmentally disabled is the Special Friends Camp at Camp Linden. This year there were 276 campers. Not only is this a ministry to these campers but to their family as well. The Cooperative Program funds 2/3 of this program. There are also homes for the developmentally disabled as well.
7. Recognition of churches and pastors attending.
8. Recognition of staff. Bro. Pat Merrell and Donna Pearl
Administrative Assistants.
9. Bro. Gray presented the Calendar of Events and the Link-up D.O.M. report.
10. Bro. George Wyatt led in dismissal prayer and blessing on the evening meal.

**THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRD ANNUAL
JOINT ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING OF
TRUETT, STEWART, AND JUDSON ASSOCIATIONS
AT LITTLE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH ERIN
OCTOBER 4, 2003 7:00 P.M.**

1. Congregational singing of “Victory In Jesus”, “There’s Power In The Blood”, and “Are You Washed In The Blood” led by Bro. Roger Allen and accompanied on the piano by Ms. Geri Hole’.
2. Bro. George Wyatt welcomed everyone back and brought the devotion using as his text Romans 12:1-2. We have a personal responsibility if we are saved to present ourselves as a living sacrifice to God. We are to be imitators of God. We are to give ourselves to God. We must pray and stay in constant communication with God.
3. Little Rock Choir singing of “God is a Good God” accompanied on the piano by Naomi Jerkins.
4. Bro. Cecil Gilliland, moderator Truett Association called the meeting to order.
5. Bro. Neal Westerman presented the Link Up Advisory Counsel Report and the Link Up Budget Report. Motion was made and seconded and these reports were accepted as presented.
6. Bro. Neal Westerman made a motion to put Bro. William Gray, D.O.M. on a reimbursement plan for expenses and housing allowances. Motion seconded and carried.
7. Bro. Gray introduced Bro. Willie Freeman, speaker for the evening.

8. Special music by Little Rock Choir accompanied on the piano by Naomi Jerkins. Songs were “Can’t Nobody Do Me Like Jesus”, “He’s So Real”, and “I Go To The Rock”.

9. Evening message was presented by Bro. Willie Freeman using as his text Romans 16:27 and 1 Corinthians 6:20. We live in an egotistical driven world – self glorified, sports figures glorified – everything but God. Churches have become stationary instead of missionary. We’re tearing down preachers and teachers instead of building up. We need the mind of Christ. Christ’s total focus while on earth was to bring glory to the name of God. Glorifying God is not optional – we’re obligated. The world is watching. Can God trust you with His glory? With trouble? With persecution? Seek God’s presence and let Him show on your face. When you are in His presence you see yourself as a wretch undone and you don’t see others faults. Submerge yourself in the power of God. Be serious about preaching. Stand on God’s promises when the devil comes against you.

10. Motion made and seconded for adjournment. Bro. Gray led the closing prayer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
LINK-UP BETWEEN
JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STEWART COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AND
TRUETT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

We have just completed the fourth full year of the LINK-UP and in reviewing the Covenant Agreement we are still on track. Through the joint contributions of the three Associations’, we have been able to support our full-time DOM, Bro. William Gray and two part-time assistants, Bro. Pat Merrell and Bro Glen Hester. These staff are operating in accordance with the job descriptions developed, and providing excellent support to the Associations and Churches. During this year Bro. Glen Hester moved away and left a staff vacancy. The Advisory Council has accepted applications and we are happy to announce the hiring of Ms. Donna Pearl, the newest assistant to our DOM, for the LINK-UP. Donna will begin work on October 1, 2003. Please take time to meet Donna at the annual meeting and also show your appreciation to all of our fine staff.

The Advisory Committee has met throughout the year to examine our progress and fulfillment of the Covenant between the Associations. The area Program Committee and the Joint Budget Committees are functioning very well. Our budget is more stable than the first years, **Praise God!** More joint conferences, clinics, workshops, and fellowships were conducted this year than last year, thus being good stewards of the resources God has provided us.

Your Advisory council continues to evaluate how the LINK-UP is functioning and ways to improve. Recommendations for improvement will be forthcoming from time to time. One recommendation for this year’s Annual Meeting is to secure a fidelity bond to cover the LINK-UP Treasurer, Ms. Carmen Westerman. Another item being considered by the Advisory Council is Incorporation of the LINK-UP. This appears to be as important as it is for our Churches and Associations.

We covet your prayers as we serve you. Thank you for your support. We look forward to many years of cooperative effort to impact the Kingdom of God.

Neal Westerman
Chairman, Advisory Committee

LINK-UP BUDGET 2003 -2004**TOTALS****MISSIONS STAFF:**

1	DOM Salary & Allowances	\$ 41,160.00
2	DOM expense reimb.	16,380.00
3	TBC Supplement for DOM	12,084.00
4	Support Salary & Expenses	11,940.00
5	Office Expense	1,020.00
6	DOM Retirement	4,800.00
7	Staff Christmas Gift	1,650.00
8	Annual Meeting	300.00
TOTALS:		\$ 89,334.00

REVENUES

JUDSON ASSOCIATION	10,626.00
STEWART CO. ASSOCIATION	26,286.00
TRUETT ASSOCIATION	27,180.00
JUDSON TBC SUPPORT	12,000.00
STEWART TBC SUPPORT	13,784.28
OTHER INCOME	-
TOTALS:	\$ 89,876.28

**LINK UP COVENANT BETWEEN
JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
STEWART BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AND
TRUETT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

We, Judson Baptist Association, Stewart Baptist Association and Truett Baptist Association (hereafter called “The Associations”) **covenant to link-up together to reach the lost in our area through cooperation, maximizing resources, minimizing meetings and empowering decision-makers to impact the Kingdom of God.**

We, The Associations, **covenant to jointly fund a Director of Missions (hereafter called “DOM”) and staff through individual and joint budgets with all funds for DOM and staff administered through the Truett Baptist Association Treasurer.**

We, the Associations, **covenant to maintain an advisory committee consisting of the moderator of each association and one member from each association elected by each Executive Board to coordinate between the individual Executive Boards, the DOM, the Tennessee Baptist Convention (TBC) and the North American Mission Board (NAMB).**

We, the Associations, **covenant to work through the Advisory Committee to establish a job description for the DOM and staff, monitor performance, access financial, physical and spiritual needs of the DOM and staff.**

We, the Associations, **covenant to establish an Area Program Committee to work with the DOM to coordinate all joint meetings and training. The Area Program Committee shall consist of two members from each association selected by the Nominating Committee of each association and elected at the Annual Business Meeting of each association. The initial Area Program Committee shall be elected by the Executive Board’s of each association.**

We, the Associations, **covenant to have joint training, conferences, clinics, workshops, etc. for Vacation Bible School, WMU, Brotherhood, Missions, Evangelism, Sunday School and Budget, with DOM determining additional training needs in specific geographical areas.**

We, the Associations, **covenant to strive to within two years have a joint Annual Meeting for TBC/SBC reports and Link-up business with separate Annual Business Meetings for each Association.**

This LINK UP AGREEMENT approved in whole by each Association’s Executive Board.

WORKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATIONS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

POSITION TITLE: Administrative Assistance to the Director of Missions will be the official title.

BASIC FUNCTION: Provide leadership in the work of the Associations in the interest of strengthening the cooperative Baptist witness throughout the area.

I. QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Personal dedication and consistent Christian living.
2. A sense of call to mission service.
3. Adequate educational preparation and/or experience.
4. Thorough knowledge of the work of a Southern Baptist Church.
5. Knowledge of Association work from personal experience as a DOM or as a participating pastor or other Church leader.
6. Reasonable knowledge of Southern Baptist denominational life and willingness to continue to learn.
7. Ability to relate effectively to Pastors and Churches of our area.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Work with the DOM to enhance the ministry of the associations.
2. Serve in a secretary role such as writing letters and contacting associational leaders.
3. Attend at least one associational meeting per month and the annual meetings. And to attend associational events in the absence of the DOM.
4. If and when an office is established in Judson or Truett to spend two half days in the office.
5. Publish newsletter(s) of the Association(s). The newsletter should contain news of interest, highlights of Executive Board action, treasurer's report, upcoming dates of Association activities, and other information and inspiration from the churches and association.
6. Provide counsel and help as reasonably requested by Pastors and Churches under the directions of the DOM.
7. Assist in stewardship development in order to under gird the work of the Associations and encourage growth in the support of mission causes through the Cooperative Program.
8. Assist in maintaining a Biblical evangelism concern in the Associations.
9. Serve as contact person in the Associations relaying quickly news of interest to churches by use of a monthly newsletter, reports to the Executive Board, or other communication as considered appropriate by the DOM.
10. A report of activities and concerns will be made at each Executive Board meeting (written or personal) and an annual report will be presented to the Association Clerks for inclusion in the "Book of Reports" for the annual meeting(s).

VI. SUPERVISION

1. You will work under the supervision of the DOM.
2. The Advisory Committee will serve to assist the DOM in all matters pertaining to terms of employment and this agreement.
3. The Associations Executive Boards will direct the Advisory committee which will be the final authority pertaining to all matters of the agreement.

WORKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATIONS AND ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

- I. **POSITION TITLE:** Association Director of Missions will be the official title, hereinafter called DOM of the Judson Baptist Association, Stewart County Baptist Association, Truett Baptist Association, hereinafter called the Associations.
- II. **BASIC FUNCTION:** Provide leadership in the work of the Associations in the interest of strengthening the cooperative Baptist witness throughout the area.
- III. **QUALIFICATIONS:**
1. Personal dedication and consistent Christian living.
 2. A sense of call to mission service.
 3. Adequate educational preparation.
 4. Thorough knowledge of the work of a Southern Baptist Church.
 5. Knowledge of Association work from personal experience as a DOM or as a participating pastor or other Church leader.
 6. Reasonable knowledge of Southern Baptist denominational life and willingness to continue to learn.
 7. Ability to relate effectively to Pastors and Churches of our area.
- IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:**
1. Work with Advisory Committee to assess staff performance, financial, physical and spiritual needs of DOM and staff and Associations.
 2. Work with Area Program Committee, Association leaders and other committees in planning and conducting activities designed to strengthen the churches according to their needs, and to maintain effective mission ministries in the area.
 3. Lead in planning and coordination of calendar(s) of events for the Associations. To be presented each year to the annual meeting business session and printed in the minutes of the annual meeting.
 4. Lead in training Associational organizational leaders and committees.
 5. Publish monthly newsletter(s) of the Association(s). The newsletter should contain news of interest, highlights of Executive Board action, treasurer's report, upcoming dates of Association activities, and other information and inspiration at the discretion of the DOM.
 6. Provide counsel and help as reasonably requested by Pastors and Churches.
 7. Assist in stewardship development in order to under gird the work of the Associations and encourage growth in the support of mission causes through the Cooperative Program.
 8. Assist in maintaining a Biblical evangelism concern in the Associations.
 9. Serve as denominational contact person in the Associations relaying quickly news of interest to churches by use of a monthly newsletter, reports to the Executive Board, or other communication as considered appropriate by the DOM.
 10. A report of DOM activities and concerns will be made at each Executive Board meeting and an annual report will be presented by the DOM to the Association Clerks for inclusion in the "Book of Reports" for the annual meeting(s). The DOM will report regularly to the Missions Department of the TBC.
 11. The DOM will demonstrate true commitment to the purpose of Associations.
- V. CALL**
1. The call and employment of the DOM will be approved by the Association Executive Boards. The Advisory Committee will serve as search committee when a vacancy of the DOM or Staff positions occurs and will recommend a nominee for the positions to the Executive Boards.
 2. The call of the DOM of the Associations is a indefinite one. The DOM will give the Advisory Committee thirty (30) days notice if resignation is desired; and the

Advisory Committee will give the DOM sixty (60) days notice if the DOM's resignation is called for.

3. The amount of salary and allowances, will be worked out and presented for approval annually. It is suggested that the Advisory Committee and the Budget and Finance Committees work together when negotiating a pay package with the DOM.
4. Four (4) weeks per year will be allowed, off the field, for revivals, world mission conferences and other such activities. Considerations of the Associational calendar(s) is suggested when such activities are scheduled by the DOM.
5. The DOM will be allowed two weeks paid vacation each year, starting on the one year employment anniversary, with three weeks after five years of service. Vacation time cannot accumulate one year to the next, and payment will not be made for time not taken. Consideration of Associations activities is suggested in the scheduling of vacation time by the DOM.
6. One day of sick leave with pay shall accumulate for each month of service to a total of ninety (90) days. Sick leave is intended for use by the DOM in case of his illness or that of his immediate family that requires his attention or assistance, including funerals. Sick leave will be forfeited at the time of the DOM's resignations, or dismissal. The Associations will not make payment of accumulated sick leave.
7. The DOM shall be entitled to receive and keep honorariums from revivals and from supply preaching when the church normally would provide honorarium.
8. The work schedule may vary from week to week as need arises in the Associations and Churches.
9. Due to the size of the Associations and the rural setting of most of our Churches this agreement does not propose to regulate how many times the DOM can supply the pulpit, occasionally or successively in each Church, however, it is not intended that the DOM will serve any Church as interim Pastor, but rather assist as requested by the Church in securing pulpit supply so that DOM time and attention can be equitably shared with other churches and Associational responsibilities. It is suggested that the DOM compile and maintain a current list of licensed and ordained ministers, and lay speakers in the Associations that are available for supply work.
10. The employment of the DOM shall be considered full time.
11. The Associational treasurer for Truett Association will be the payroll officer and the DOM will report to the treasurer when vacation time and sick leave is used so a record of leave may be maintained.

VI. SUPERVISION

1. The DOM will be basically "self supervised".
2. The Advisory Committee will serve to assist the DOM in all matters pertaining to terms of employment and this agreement.
3. The Associations Executive Boards will direct the Advisory committee which will be the final authority pertaining to all matters of the agreement.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. All other working agreements which have been made between the Associations and any DOM are null and void.
2. This agreement shall be recorded in the Association minutes and may be amended as necessary by the Advisory Committee and recommended to the Executive Boards or in the annual meetings. Two months notice should be given before amendments are made. The DOM will be informed in writing of any proposed amendments two months before action is taken.