

**Proceedings of the  
101<sup>st</sup> Annual Session  
of the  
Portland Association  
of General Baptists**

**Theme:  
“Abiding in Christ”  
John 15:5**

**Rev. BJ Barnes, Moderator  
Patricia Creasy, Clerk**

**Halltown General Baptist Church  
June 23-25, 2023**



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## **Statements of Faith**

### **I. GOD**

We believe there is only one true, living, and eternal God and that the Godhead is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

### **II. THE BIBLE**

We believe that the Holy Scriptures are the Old and New Testaments; the inspired and infallible Word of God and therein is found the only reliable guide of Christian faith and conduct.

### **III. MAN**

We believe that God created man in His own image to bring Him honor through obedience, and that when man disobeyed; he became a fallen and sinful creature, unable to save himself. We believe that infants are in the covenant of God's grace and that all persons become accountable to God when they reach a state of moral responsibility.

### **IV. SALVATION**

We believe that salvation (regeneration, sanctification, justification, and redemption) has been provided for all mankind through the redemptive work (life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of Jesus Christ, and that this salvation can be received only through repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **V. ASSURANCE AND ENDURANCE**

We believe that those who abide in Christ have the assurance of salvation. However, we believe that the Christian retains his freedom of choice; therefore, it is possible for him to turn away from God and be finally lost.

### **VI. CHRISTIAN DUTIES**

We believe that Christians should live faithfully by serving and through the local church, praying diligently, witnessing earnestly, practicing tolerance, showing loving kindness, giving as God prospers, and conducting themselves in such a way as to bring glory to God.

## **VII. THE CHURCH**

We believe that the Church Universal is the Body of Christ, the fellowship of all believers, and that its members have been called out from the world to come under the dominion and authority of Christ, its Head. We believe that a local church is a fellowship of Christians, a part of the Body of Christ, voluntarily banded together for worship, nurture and service.

## **VIII. ORDINANCES**

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Christ to be observed by Christians only. We also believe that the biblical mode of Baptism is immersion and that participation in the Lord's Supper should be open to all Christians. (Note: Several associations and local churches recognize feet washing as an ordinance. We believe that this should be left to the individual and that neither the practice nor the non-practice of it should be any bar to fellowship, either in the church, the local association, the Presbytery, or the General Association.

## **IX. THE LORD'S DAY**

We believe in the sanctity of the Lord's Day, the first day of the week, and that this day ought to be observed by worshipping God, witnessing for Christ and ministering to the needs of humanity. We believe that secular work on Sunday should be limited to cases of necessity or mercy.

## **X. LAST THINGS**

We believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ, and in the bodily resurrection of the dead. We believe that God will judge all mankind by Jesus Christ; that He will reward the righteous with eternal life in heaven and that He will banish the unrighteous to everlasting punishment in hell.

## Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, we now give ourselves to His Church and covenant with it and with each other, as also with God.

1. That we will forsake all unrighteousness, even the appearance of evil. We will abstain from all questionable pursuits and pleasures; we will forego all hurtful habits; we will avoid all evil associations.

2. That we will follow earnestly after righteousness and true holiness in the fear and love of God. We will seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, trusting that all needful and helpful things will be added to us; we will seek entire consecration to God; we will live a life of prayer; we will seek the constant abiding of the Divine Life within us; and we will be satisfied only when we have evidence that we please God and are accepted of Him.

3. That we will faithfully improve all the means of grace. We will attend and support the services of the church, the preaching, the social services, the business meetings; we will contribute freely of our means for the advancement of the gospel; and we will cooperate with our brethren in every enterprise having for its end the glory of God and the salvation of men.

4. That we will be Christ like in all our deportment. We will be tender and affectionate toward each other; we will be careful of each other's reputation, thinking no evil, and backbiting not with our tongues; we will return good for evil; we will be just and honest, truthful, and honorable in all our dealings; we will do unto others as we would be done by; we will be meek, loving and forgiving as we desire and hope to be forgiven.

5. That we will be faithful Christian workers. We will do whatever Christian work comes to hand, shunning no cross, shirking no duty; we will even seek opportunities to do good, glorify God, and save souls; we will study to win our associates, our neighbors, our families, all whom we may influence, to become Christians; we will count it more than our meat and our

drink, more than all things else, to do the will of our Father in heaven, to lead souls from sin and death and lead them to God and heaven.

6. That when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with another church where we can continue to live by the spirit of this covenant and the principles of the Bible.



## **Constitution of the Association**

1. This association shall be called the Portland Association of General Baptists using as its bylaws the Rules of Decorum set forth by the General Association of General Baptists and these rules shall be read at the opening of each annual meeting.
2. This association, when properly organized, shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the moderator shall be to keep the association in order, state questions fairly, and take their minds thereon; to have the liberty of speech as other members, provided his seat is filled; to have no vote unless the association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding vote. The duty of the clerk shall be to keep a fair record of all proceedings of the association.
3. The association shall be composed of such ministers, deacons and messengers as shall be chosen by the different churches composing this association, thought most fit for that purpose and sent with letters testifying to their appointment to represent them in the association, who shall be entitled to seats.
4. In the letter received from the Portland Association churches shall be expressed their respective number of members in fellowship and number received, dismissed, excluded, or died during the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) preceding the meeting of the association.
5. No query shall be received by this association from any church, unless it has been acted on in said church and cannot be settled, in which case, the association shall take up the same and act upon it.
6. Each church, however small, is entitled to two representatives, of fifty members, three; and for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof, one representative. All ordained ministers and deacons are delegates by virtue of their office.
7. Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless

withdrawn by the mover.

8. The Association shall not have the power to lord it over God's heritage, so as to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches; nevertheless, we agree that the churches composing this association shall stand in the same relation to each other in the association that individuals do to each other in the churches, that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by gospel steps; if they cannot be reclaimed, they shall be dropped from the union.

9. We agree to do all business by a majority vote of the members present.

10. Any church may be admitted into this association by letter and delegate. If upon proper examination it is found to be orthodox and orderly, such admission shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates thereof.

11. The association shall have power to sit as an advisory council to give to churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, to inquire into the cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in the association; to appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary, to invite any brethren in the ministry to a seat with the association; to adjourn the association to any time and place that may be thought necessary; to exclude from his seat any member who shall not conform to the Rules of Decorum and shall report his or their conduct to the church from which he or they were delegates.

12. When by experience, any alteration or amendment may be found necessary in this constitution, it shall be recommended especially to the churches by the association, and if approved by three-fourths of the churches said alteration or amendment shall become a part of this constitution.

## Bylaws of the Association

1. Anyone or corporation, etc., desiring to give funds or property to this association, the board of trustees are to receive such gifts and hold them for said association until such time the association may call for them to be used in keeping with the donor as far as possible.
2. The incoming moderator must be a member of the association for one year before he can serve.
3. Each church appoint a chairman of its delegates whose duty it shall be to register said delegates of their church on arriving at the association. Each year this association shall elect an associational registrar whose duty shall be to register the delegates and visitors at the next associational setting.
4. The appointment of committees be distributed among all the churches as far as possible for good unity.
5. Be it resolved that all organizations that report in the minutes send their reports to the associational clerk 2 months before the sitting of the association.
6. Twenty delegates shall constitute a quorum provided not less than six (6) churches or twenty-five percent (25%) are represented, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.
7. This association shall appoint such committees, as it deems necessary with the moderator stating the duties of each committee appointed.
8. That these bylaws "shall not" be changed without two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting delegates.
9. All board members be elected for a three-year term including trustees and the reinstating of board members for three years.
10. The vice moderator shall be elected, following the election of the moderator, at each annual session. The vice moderator shall assist and serve with the moderator throughout his term of office. The vice moderator shall become moderator at the end of the moderator's term or his resignation.
11. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**  
The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator,

Vice Moderator, and Presbytery Moderator, and such members at large as the association deems necessary. The authority of the Executive Committee shall be limited to matters concerning the protection of property, doctrine and any other items assigned or authorized by the association to be carried out between the settings of the association.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to make temporary appointments to fill vacancies on a board or committee until the next session of the association.

The Executive Committee or such committee as the association appoints shall be responsible as a trial committee in cases of church disputes. The Scripture teaches us to refrain from going to civil courts and to form councils to settle disputes and establish justice among brethren. (See Acts 15:1-32, Galatians 2:1ff, Corinthians 6:1ff).

**(A) Investigation:** When a church or congregation is engaged in doctrinal, and/or property disputes, the Executive Committee shall upon invitations from member(s) of said church, assemble themselves upon the premises of their local church for the purpose of inquiry, examination, or questioning that peace may be established in an orderly and godly manner.

The Executive Committee shall also be empowered to investigate said disputes at its own discretion when information becomes common knowledge. The purpose of this shall be only for investigation only to determine if there are sufficient grounds for further action or the possible filing of charges.

**(B) Charges:**

- (1) Charges must be filed with the Executive Committee in writing and signed by member (s) of the church together with evidence to support the charges.
- (2) Charges must be examined by the Executive Committee to determine if they are legitimate (pertaining to matters of doctrine, policy, ethics or morality). Personal grievances disguised as charges are not legitimate.
- (3) Charges involving the minister should be turned over to the Presbytery.
- (4) If the Executive Committee determines that the charges are legitimate, the accused is to have a fair and impartial hearing

(5) After the Executive Committee has met to investigate a church because of factional disputes or doctrinal and disciplinary infractions and given its decision and recommendations, the church group within the church has the right to appeal to the annual association to determine whether or not the investigation was carried out according to the polity and doctrine of Portland Association of General Baptists. Otherwise, the decision of the Executive Committee is final.

(6) Member or members of a church who are called upon to assemble themselves for the purpose of aforesaid investigation have a moral responsibility to be cooperative.

**(C) In cases whereby a church splits,** the Executive Committee is assigned the responsibility of determining and identifying the group that is the true, original church, loyal to the polity and doctrine of the Portland Association of General Baptists and General Baptists and the intent and purposes of the organization of the church. In such cases, the group determined to be the true church is entitled to all rights, privileges, real property, assets and records of the church.

**12.** The Portland Association Presbytery and Association take an open firm stand against homosexuality being accepted in our churches, due to the fact that it is an abomination before God and a disgrace to His Church. The Portland Presbytery will not, for any reason, ordain any man to the office of minister or deacon that is a known homosexual. A minister shall not perform a same sex marriage. Ministers or deacons will not allow same sex marriages to occur within the church that they serve. Pastors, deacons, and churches shall not extend church membership to or allow the ordinances of the church to be administered to a known homosexual. We recommend to each church that if any present member of any church, openly admits being a homosexual, that member should be dealt with immediately by the church and if reconciliation cannot be made, as instructed by scripture, that the member should be dealt with as an excluded member. Any minister or deacon that knowingly violates this resolution shall have his credentials of standing immediately revoked by this body.

## **Rules of Decorum**

1. The association, when convened, shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise to their feet and address the moderator.
3. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in nowise cast personal reflections on any person who may have spoken before them.
4. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the moderator.
5. No query shall be received by this association from any church unless it has been acted on in said church and cannot be settled, in which case, the association shall take up the same and act upon it.
6. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.
7. The names of the members of this association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the association may think necessary.
8. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules, the moderator shall, or any member may, call order; in which case the member called to order, shall sit down, unless permitted to explain and the association if appealed to decide the case. If there be no appeal, the decision of the moderator shall be submitted to. If the decision of the moderator be in favor of the member called to order, they shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise and the case requires it, they shall be dealt with according to the judgment of the association.
9. In the election of officers for the association, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. After the first ballot, the hindmost name shall be dropped and so continued until a choice is made. In fixing a place for the annual meeting, it shall be in order for any person to propose a place; and when all are proposed, a choice shall be made as in the election of officers. It shall be the duty of all members to vote in all elections and upon all questions that may arise.

## **Standing Rules of the Portland Association**

**Rule #1** The church clerks be instructed to complete their church letters fully, including the names of their deceased members, complete addresses, zip codes, phone numbers and that the church letter be read and approved by the church before it is sent to the association. The clerk of the association includes a notation with the church letter encouraging each church to contribute to the association, preferably a percentage of the church's income. The association clerk has the liberty to correct any mistakes that he/she finds in the church letters before they are printed. The name, addresses and phone numbers of the assistant treasurer and the assistant clerk of the association are placed in the minutes each year. The Association clerk is also allowed to use her discretion on choosing a printer for printing the minutes of the Association. If any church fails to send in its annual report to the Portland Association, they will be contacted by the credentials committee.

### **Rule # 2**      **Statement of Commitment**

Service in the Portland Association is an important responsibility. Therefore: It is the responsibility of those serving on boards and committees of the association to be qualified and committed to the position for which they are elected to serve.

### **Rules of Membership**

1. Board and Committee nominations for members to serve on their respective board or committee shall be given at the conclusion of their report to the setting of the association. Prospective members should be contacted before their nomination or appointment concerning their

ability and willingness to serve and if possible be present at the meeting of the association to be elected.

2. While committees and boards may present nominations for members to the annual setting of the association for approval, it is the privilege of any delegate to the association to nominate members to serve on a board or committee providing the nominee has been contacted prior to the meeting and has agreed to serve on the specific board or committee to which their name is placed in nomination.

3. Boards and committees shall attempt to have a membership representative of as many churches in the association as is possible.

4. All board and committee members shall serve three-year rotating terms with at least one member going off the board or committee each year. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms on a board or committee but may be elected to serve again after an absence of at least one year.

5. When there is a need by either a committee or board to retain a member, because of their expertise, on that board or committee for another term, that, if requested, the association grant that waiver be extended in that situation.

6. No individual shall serve on more than two boards or committees, unless serving by virtue of office or as a representative from another board or committee.

7. Each board and committee shall give a report to the annual meeting of the association. This report shall include the number of meetings held and, if applicable, a financial report, including a balance sheet and income statement and the treasurer's name, address and phone number for printing in the annual report of the association.



8. If an emergency should arise, a board or committee has the authority to substitute members if needed to serve until the next meeting of the annual association.
9. No ex-officio member of a board or committee shall have voting privileges on the board or committee in which they serve in that capacity.
10. No person can serve on a board or committee for which their position in the association requires them to report to that board or committee.
11. Anyone who receives funds from a board or committee is ineligible to serve as a voting member on that board or committee.
12. All boards and committees are to have at least one meeting annually and that meeting should be at least sixty days prior to the association's annual meeting.

### **Specific Board or Committee Rules**

1. The Resolutions and Credentials Committee are standing committees of the association, and all rules of membership apply to these committees. The members of these committees are appointed by the moderator. They serve three-year terms, with one new member being appointed to the committees annually. The member of longevity shall serve as the chairman of the committee unless the committee by vote selects another chairman.
2. The Budget and Finance Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of 7 members, 5 serving 3-year rotating terms.
  - a. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Association shall serve as ex-officio members of the Budget and Finance committee.

b. The Budget and Finance Committee shall meet prior to the annual setting of the association to review association funds.

c. Any board or committee wishing to receive funds from the associational treasury are to present a copy of their financial statement, including a balance sheet and income statement, along with a statement of intended use of allocated associational monies and the request for funding to the Budget and Finance Committee 2 months prior to the meeting date of the annual association.

3.The Property Planning Committee shall be made up of one member from each of the following boards or committees, Trustee Board, Children's Camp Board, Executive Committee and three at large members who serve three-year rotating terms with one going off the committee each year. Members of this committee shall adhere to the rules of membership. The Camp facilitator and the associational clerk/treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members of the Property Planning Committee.

4.The Audit Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of 3 members serving 3-year rotating terms.

5.The Camp Facilitator position be a three-year term job following the same rules of Membership as other committees or boards.

**Rule #3** The members of the Portland Association of General Baptists feel the name “General Baptist” is synonymous with particular points of doctrine that are necessary to salvation and the Christian life and further believe that the loss of the identity of eliminating the name “General Baptist” from our identification would be

of no advantage, but rather detrimental.

**Rule #4** Any church wishing to join the Portland Association make a request in writing to the clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the seating of the association and then meet with the Credentials committee for examination. If any church or plant wants to be a part of this membership the following criteria should be considered.

1. Were the foundational members sent in good standing from their previous church?
2. Did the new church meet with and seek the approval of the Portland HMB in respect to need, location and purpose?
3. Do the Pastor and/or Deacons possess active credentials at the time of request?

If the credentials committee approves the request and the association votes for approval, the applying church will be placed under the watch-care of the Portland Association for one year (with the exception of a sponsored mission churches under the care of the Portland Home Mission Board). Prior to being granted full pledge membership, the church must present its constitution, by-laws, or governing rules of the church to the credentials committee for examination. Following the one-year watch-care, the credentials committee will then make the recommendation to the association for the granting or denial of full pledge membership.

**Rule #5** The Association's regular meeting to be Friday and Saturday of the fourth weekend in June, with the organizational reporting due 2 months before the sitting of the Association.

**Rule #6** To be the representative for a committee on another board or committee, the represented committee or board is to appoint the member.

**Rule #7** The C of A members be reimbursed for their Hotel Room and fuel expenses and that the members carpool ,when at all possible, to help on fuel costs.

**Rule #8** To help the Trustee Board offset the costs of usage at the campgrounds, any Portland Association Church using the campgrounds give a set donation to the Trustee Board as follows: Single Day Usage \$200.00 per day, overnight usage \$250.00 per night and any Non-Association Church, Single day usage \$250.00 per day and overnight usage \$350.00 per night. However, when the requested donation will create a hardship on a Portland Association Church financially, this donation may be waived by the Trustee Board.

**Rule #9** Be it the annual responsibility of the Associational Clerk to secure someone to do the video recording of the Associational Meetings, using the Host Church if possible.

## **Resolutions of the Portland Association**

- 1.** Be it resolved that this body express its gratitude to the Host Church by a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality and good food and to the presiding officers and delegates for their cooperation. Also, that the clerk expresses by letter our appreciation to the host church for hosting our annual sitting.
- 2.** Be it resolved that each church send its young people to the associational youth camp each year as a part of its support and ministry to its youth. Also, if possible, each church pays the cost of camp for their youth.
- 3.** Be it resolved that each church be correspond with the association both by letter and delegation. Each church is also encouraged to cooperate in the communication efforts of the field worker, the council of associations and committees on an as-needed basis.
- 4.** Be it resolved that Portland Association correspond with the Long Creek and Mt. Union Associations and any other association that may solicit the same.
- 5.** Be it resolved that due to the administrative costs of the Portland Association being approximately \$500.00 per year for each church and that membership dues are \$ .75 cents per member; we ask that each church commit to supporting the Associational Budget in an amount to at least offset these costs.
- 6.** Be it resolved that the Portland Association reaffirm its stand on the scriptural truth that Jesus Christ is the only way to life eternal according to John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

## Association Past Meetings, Dates & Locations

1922 Salmons	1964 Union Chap	2004 Halltown
1923 Hollis Ch.	1965 B. Green 1 <sup>st</sup>	2005 White House
1924 Fairview	1966 Madison Av	2006 Macedonia
1925 Halltown	1967 Madison, TN	2007 Hollis Chap
1926 Buntin Ch.	1968 Fairview	2008 Salmons
1927 Shiloh	1969 Mt. Pleasant	2009 Cornerstone
1928 Martha's C	1970 Mitchellville	2010 Mitchellville
1929 Mitchellville	1971 Halltown	2011 Halltown
1930 Leath C.	1972 Salmons	2012 Mt. Pleasant
1931 State Line	1973 Brownsville	2013 White House
1932 Mt. Pleasant	1974 Gallatin 1st	2014 Providence
1933 Fairview	1975 Hollis Chap	2015 Mitchellville
1935 Cool Sp.	1976 Portland	2016 Cornerstone
1936 With Mt. Un	1977 Macedonia	2017 Macedonia
1937 Halltown	1978 Union Chap	2018 Portland
1938 Buntin Chap	1979 Mt. Pleasant	2019 Halltown
1939 Mitchellville	1980 B. Green 1 <sup>st</sup>	2020 No Meeting due to COVID-19
1940 Shiloh	1981 Halltown	2021 Mt. Pleasant
1941 Hollis Chap	1982 Salmons	2022 Salmons
1942 Mt. Pleasant	1983 Centerpoint	2023 Halltown
1943 Byram's Ch	1984 Shiloh	
1944 Buntin Cha	1985 Asso. Camp	
1945 Salmons	1986 Fairview	
1946 Halltown	1987 Mitchellville	
1947 Macedonia	1988 Madison Av	
1948 Mt. Moriah	1989 Gallatin 1st	
1949 Fairview	1990 Portland	
1950 Union Chap	1991 United	
1951 Mt. Pleasant	1992 Salmons	
1952 B. Green 1st	1993 Macedonia	
1953 State Line	1994 Union Chap	
1954 Mitchellville	1995 Mt. Pleasant	
1955 Brownsville	1996 Halltown	
1956 Halltown	1997 Hollis Chap	
1957 Byram's Ch	1998 Portland	
1958 Portland	1999 Salmons	
1959 Hollis Chap	2000 Mt. Pleasant	
1960 Shiloh	2001 Beech Grove	
1961 Salmons	2002 Cornerstone	
1962 Macedonia	2003 Salmons	
1963 Martha's Ch		

## **Association Officer Information**

### **Portland Association of General Baptists**

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#### **Next year's setting information:**

June 28-30, 2024

White House G. B. Church & State Line G.B. Church  
4012 Hwy 31W

White House, TN 37188

Host Pastor: Bro. BJ Barnes & Bro. Matt Klein

Friday Night: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Ordination Service: 2:30 p.m.

## **Presbytery Officers**

**Moderator:** Don Key, 504 E. Washington St., Franklin, KY 42134, (270) 776-1121

**Vice Moderator:** Matt Klein, 121 Claude Hardin Rd., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 319-0050,

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**Vice Clerk/Treasurer:** Ryan Whiticker, 1011 Dutch Creek Rd., Westmoreland, TN 37186, 615-766-4125, rwhiticker@gmail.com

### **Next Year's Location:**

June 21-22, 2024

Clifton G. B. Church

1800 Clifton Church Road

Scottsville, KY 42164

Friday Night: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

## **Sunday School Convention Officers**

**President:** David Webster (Salmons), 2573 Salmon-Blackjack Rd., Franklin, KY 42134 (270) 792-3186

**Vice President:** Kenny Greer (State Line), 757 N. Russell St. Portland, TN. 37148 (615) 418-1264

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### **Next year's Location:**

April 13, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Providence G.B. Church

1100 Keen Hollow Rd.

Westmoreland, TN 37186



## **Committees and Boards**

Note: All committees and board positions run from Association setting in June until the following years setting in June.

### **Audit Committee**

Ashley Berry 615-473-8984	2024
Tracy Hinton 615-633-1325	2025
Gary Sullivan 615-804-7480	2026

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

Patricia Creasy 615-308-6688 ex-officio (Treasurer)	
Betty Jo Kepley 615-364-5667 ex-officio (Assis. Treasurer)	
Joan Britt 615-717-7673	2024
Bryan Borth 270- 622-6525	2025
Andy Mathias 615-478-1973	2025
Tim Williams 615- 888-2916	2026
Robert Briley 615-456-7702	2026

### **Children's Camp Board**

Johnny Creasy 270-622-4439	2025
Ashley Bradley 615-426-3286	2025
Cassie Palmer 615-948-0461	2026
Eric Downs 615-293-7131	2026
Shannon Jones 270-239-7265	2026

### **Credentials Committee**

Gary Pardue 270-622-6224	2024
Trent Stephens 615-574-5875	2025
Victor Creasy (615) 308-5917	2026

## **Executive Committee**

Moderator: Gary Pardue 270-622-6224	2024
Vice Moderator: Larry Treadway (615) 210-5735	2025
Presb. Moderator: Don Key 270-776-1121	2024
Jon Wesley Kirby (at large) 615-270-622-1536	2024
Andy Mathias (at large) 615-478-1973	2024
Tracy Hinton (at large) 615-633-1325	2025
Tim Williams (at large) 615-388-5144	2026

## **Home Mission Board**

Larry Hinton, (President) 615-325-7258	2024
Santiago Herlein 615-399-8339	2024
Chris Roberts 615-818-9975	2024
Mike Brady 615-478-4453	2024
Kenny Greer (VP) 615-325-6108	2024
Alan Motley 270-784-0330	2024
Bryan Borth 270-622-6525	2024
<b>Betty Jo Kepley 615-364-5667</b>	2024

**Treasurer: P.O. Box 7613, Portland, TN 37148**

## **Minister's Retirement Board**

Janet Grogan 615-325-9071	2024
Ashley Berry 615--473-8984	2024
Janie Lamberth 615-477-4796	2024
Trent Stephens 615-574-5875	2025
Matt Klein 615-319-0050	2025
Randy Langford 615-838-2038	2026
Hannah Kirby 270-618-9571	2026

**Patricia Creasy, treasurer & ex-officio member**  
**P.O. Box 158, Portland, TN 37148**

### **Property Planning Committee**

Children's Board.... to be appointed

Jon Wesley Kirby 270-622-1536 (Exe. Committee) 2024

Randy Givens (at large) 615-545-5939 2024

Hunter Hicks 615-202-5629 (at large) 2025

Grant Johnson 615-519-5615 (at large) 2026

Camp Facilitator.... to be appointed

Patricia Creasy 615-308-6688 (clerk) ex-officio

### **Resolution Committee**

Trent Stephens 615-574-5875 2024

Matt Klein 615-319-0050 2025

Richard Roberts 615-761-8894 2026

### **Trustee**

Bobby McMurtry 615-739-2106 2024

**Nathan Civils 615-405-9888 2024**

**Treasurer: P.O. Box 67, Portland, TN 37148**

Tracy Hinton 615-633-1325 2025

Junior Pitt 615-788-9814 2026

Randy Givens 615-545-5939 2026

# **Campground Information and Guidelines**

## **Physical Address**

Portland Association Campground/Camp Forshee  
6206 Stringer Road  
Portland, TN 37148

## **Campground Facilitator**

**To be appointed**

## **Campground Activities Coordinator/Reservations**

Patricia Creasy  
P.O. Box 158  
Portland, TN 37148  
(615) 308-6688  
pagbclerk@comcast.net  
portlandassociation.com

## **Campground Rental Guidelines**

### **Portland Association Churches**

1. The Portland Association Children's Camp Board has first choice of camp reservations. This board is to plan their yearly Calendar and must make their reservations by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to allow for our Association Churches to plan their camps.
2. Any Portland Association Church using the campgrounds, give a set donation to the Trustee Board as follows: Single Day Usage \$200.00, Overnight Usage \$250.00 per night. However, when the requested donation will create a hardship on a Portland Association Church financially, this donation may be waived by the Trustee Board.
3. Any Portland Association Church wanting to reserve the

Campgrounds must reserve by March 1<sup>st</sup>. After that time, the reservations will be opened to Non-Association Churches.

4. The Campgrounds is to be reserved for Church related activities and Church Camp only, with one exception being the Forshee Family Reunion. **(this motion passed 2017 setting)**

5. The New Worship building is to be used as a **Sanctuary only**. This would mean no sleeping/playing games, etc.

6. The tables, chairs, PA system, keyboard, projector and screen are all property of the Campgrounds and are not to be removed or borrowed by anyone.

7. With great regard to the safety of our children and others that would be using the campgrounds we ask that no one use the grounds for any hunting or target practice at any time.

### **Non-Association Churches**

1. Any Non-Association Church using the campgrounds give a set donation to the Trustee Board as follows: Single Day Usage \$250.00, Overnight Usage \$350.00 per night.

2. The Non-Association church must have a Portland Association member to represent them as a responsible party. This responsible person must sign the Hold Harmless Agreement along with the Non-Association representative. Reservations can be made after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Note: A motion passed at the 2016 setting to allow Mt. Union Association/Camp Carver to reserve the campgrounds a year in advance as an exception to this rule.**

Preferred Mailing in Bold	Church Directory 2023		
<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
<b>Barber Way</b>			<b>Youth Director/Pastor</b>
1121 Barber Way	Joe Boyd		
Bowling Green, KY 42104	424 Shannon Ct.		Paula Boyd
pastorboyd67@yahoo.com	Bowling Green, KY 42101		424 Shannon Court
	270-784-1480		Bowling Green, KY 42101
			270-784-4827
<b>Beech Grove</b>			
1300 Trammel Rd.	Lawrence Gilliam		Jimmy Shelton
Scottsville, KY 42164	2796 Union Chapel		1445 Stafford Hollow Road
270-622-6820	Scottsville Ky 42164		Adolphus, KY 42120
	270-622-6820		Jshelton@amsurg.com
	lgilliam@nctc.com		270-622-4439
			270-622-8366
<b>Boiling Springs</b>			
3177 Boiling Springs Rd			Nelda Wilson
Bowling Green, KY 42101			2200 Chalybeate School Road
ronda55@windstream.net			Bowling Green, KY 42101
			270-597-3485
<b>Bowling Green 1st</b>			
311 West 10th St.	Randall Hendrick		Linda Motley
Bowling Green, KY 42101	195 Bratcher Road		4530 Mt. Olive Road
	Bowling Green, KY 42101		Bowling Green, KY 42101
	(270) 777-3793		270-438-0554

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
<b>Calvary Baptist</b>				
117 Traugbber Road	Keith Bowers		Kim Roberts	
Adairville, KY 42202	108 Winding Way		121 Nature Drive	
270-539-4647	Goodlettsville, TN		Russellville, KY 42276	
	615-992-5871		270-847-3184	
<b>Cave Mill</b>				
1441 Cave Mill Rd.	Bryan Borth		Wendy Borders	
Bowling Green, KY 42104	897 Pleasant Grove Church Road		61 Talbott Dr.	
(270) 842-1143	Scottsville, KY 42164		Bowling Green, KY 42103	
cavemillbaptist@gmail.com	270-237-1942		270-780-6482	
	bsborth@nctc.com		wendy.borders6482@gmail.com	
<b>Clifton</b>				
1800 Clifton Church Rd.	Jon Wesley Kirby		Shannon Jones	Todd Stamps
Scottsville, KY 42164	1113 Trammel Road		1800 Clifton Church Rd	311 Southwest Circle
	Scottsville, KY 42164		Scottsville, KY 42164	Scottsville, KY 42164
	270-622-1536		270-622-0204	270-606-0413

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
<b>Centro Cristiano Restauracion</b>	Santiago Herlein 312 Lawn Dale Drive Nashville, TN 37217 817 Old Hickory Blvd. West Madison, TN 37115 615-930-6289 santiagoherein@gmail.com		Pedro Collin 817 W. Old Hickory Blvd. Madison, TN 37115	
<b>East Nashville</b>	Danny Everette 260 Portland Lake Rd. Portland, TN 37148 (615) 456-2079	Danny Ray Morris 134 N. Russell St. Portland, TN 37148 615-406-3559	Judy Wauford 3140 Hobson Pike Hermitage, TN 37076 615-587-1267 jwauford1024@gmail.com	Cindy Laney 2946 Ridge Road Cedar Hill, TN 37032 615-856-0937
<b>Halltown</b>	Mike Brady 365 Brizendine Rd. Franklin, KY 42134 615-478-4453 office@halltown.org halltown.org		Secretary: Denise Baker 120 Dink Rut Road Portland, TN 37148 615-362-6062 Jennifer Woodard: Clerk 615-838-6137	Grant Johnson 800 Butler Bridge Rd Portland, TN 37148 615-362-6062



<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
<b>Hollis Chapel</b>	Danny Brown		Judy Bradley	Carol Davis & Ashley Bradley
1344 Brandy Hollow Rd.	195 Ranch Road		271 South Hillier Lane	271 S. Hillier Lane
Portland, TN 37148	Portland, TN 37148		Portland, TN 37148	Portland, TN 37148
615-325-4294	615-334-0032		615-613-1124	(C)615-804-9957 or (A)615-426-3286
hollischapelchurch.com				
<b>Jesus Good Shepherd</b>	Juan M. Tenorio		Andy Perez	Fabian-Nubia Ortiz
1164 Rural Hill Road	1115 Christopher Rd		205 Madison Dr.	612 Roxanne Drive
Antioch, TN 37013	LaVergne, TN 37086		LaVergne, TN 37086	Antioch, TN 37013
	615-394-2973		(615) 967-9594	615-755-5148
	iglesiajbp@live.com			
<b>Liberty</b>	Frank Hayes		Martha Moore	
439 West Cedar St.	1440 Greenbrier Rd.		717 Sherwood Dr.	
Franklin, KY 42134	Alvaton, KY 42122		Franklin, KY 42134	
	(270) 842-2460		(270) 586-8454	
<b>Macedonia</b>	Donald Key		Rick Patty	
940 Macedonia Road	504 E. Washington St.		1115 Redder School Road	
Franklin, KY 42134	Franklin, KY 42134		Franklin, KY 42134	
(270) 586-7010	270-776-1121		270-647-0392	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
<b>Madison Ave.</b>	David Hobby		Nancy Scoggins	Judy Hobby
1617 Madison Ave.	748 College St.		1222 Hayner Road	748 College St.
Bowling Green, KY 42101	Portland, TN 37148		Bowling Green, KY 42104	Portland, TN 37148
	(615) 708-0909 Cell		270-991-6496	(615) 325-4391
			jsniggocs@yahoo.com	(615) 406-3808
<b>Martha's Chapel</b>	Ryan Whitticker		Linda Rippy	
10084 Woodburn Allen Sp. Rd	1011 Dutch Creek Road		10705 Woodburn Allen Sp. Rd.	
Alvaton, KY 42122	Westmoreland, TN 37186		Alvaton, KY 42122	
	615-766-4125		270-202-3380	
			rippy1@yahoo.com	
<b>Mitchellville</b>	Gary Pardue		Linda Hammer	
601 Hwy 259	2855 Whitney Road		724 Kitchens Road	
Portland, TN 37148	Scottsville, KY 42164		Franklin, KY 42134	
(615) 325-5865	(270) 622-6224		270-776-3275	mitchellvillegeneralbaptist.com
<b>Mt. Moriah</b>	Trent Stephens		Melissa Holman	
132 Mt. Moriah Rd	422 Old Hwy 109		3001B Highway 109 N.	
Portland, TN 37148	Portland, TN 37148		Portland, TN 37148	
	615-574-5875		615-400-9031	
	brorentstephens@gmail.com		mlisa.holman@yahoo.com	

<b><u>Church</u></b>	<b><u>Pastor</u></b>	<b><u>Associate Pastor</u></b>	<b><u>Clerk</u></b>	<b><u>Youth Director/Pastor</u></b>
<b>Mt. Pleasant</b>	Gary Sullivan		Anita Lamberth	Eric Downs
1085 New Deal Potts Rd.	400 Dover Church Road		215 Lamberth Road	1085 New Deal Potts Road
Cottontown, TN 37048	Scottsville, KY 42164		Cottontown, TN 37048	Cottontown, TN 37048
(615) 325-3861	615-804-7480		615-612-9628	615-293-7131
			akalamb805@gmail.com	
<b>Nashville 1st</b>	David Holland		Linda Pryor	
4030 Cedar Circle	956 Snow Ave.		107 Gatire Dr.	
Nashville, TN 37218	Madison, TN 37115		Hendersonville, TN 37075	
	615-878-4700		(615) 403-9569	
<b>New Beginnings</b>	Woody Alderson		Misty Roberson	
604 South Water Avenue	250 Morton Ave.		P.O. Box 968	
P.O. Box 968	Gallatin, TN 37066		Gallatin, TN 37066	
Gallatin, TN 37066	(615) 670-4121 cell		615-686-9148	
	walderson@yahoo.com		jamroberson@comcast.net	
<b>New Life</b>	Dr. Richard R. Roberts		Cassie Nicks	
4610 Hwy 431 North	211 Calista Road		6308 Stateline Road	
Springfield, TN 37172	White House, TN 37188		Springfield, TN 37172	
	615-761-8894		615-239-7997	
	richroberts3@live.com		cassie.ryanicks@icloud.com	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
<b>Portland</b>				
107 W. Market St.	Larry Treadway		Connie Austin	Donna Treadway
Portland, TN 37148	103 Glacier Court Portland, TN 37148		107 W. Market Street Portland, TN 37148	103 Glacier Court Portland, TN 37148
	treadwaylarry@bellsouth.net		615-654-2584	615-426-5735
	615-210-5735		cihaustin56@live.com	treadwaydonna@gmail.com
<b>Providence</b>				
1100 Keen Hollow Rd.	Philip Brown		Betty Jo Kempley	Johnny & Rebekah Maze
<b>P.O. Box 993</b>	165 B V Young Road		P.O. Box 7613	1104 Keen Hollow Road
<b>Westmoreland, TN 37186</b>	Westmoreland, TN 37186		Portland, TN 37148	Westmoreland, TN 37186
(615) 888-2877	615-519-4079		(615) 364-5667	615-566-3995
34	phil@clinard.com		kepleybj@bellsouth.net	
<b>Salmons</b>				
4139 Bowling Green Rd.	Andy Mathias		Bennie Gregory	
Franklin, KY 42134	102 W. Longview Drive Portland, TN 37148		2194 Sportsman Lake Road Franklin, KY 42134	
<b>P.O. Box 1004</b>	615-478-1973		270-776-5777	
<b>Franklin, KY 42135</b>	andymathias@bellsouth.net			
salmonschurch.com				
<b>Shiloh</b>				
12050 Old Bowling Green Rd	Allen Johnson		Michael Renick	
Smith's Grove, KY 42171	800 Butler Bridge Road Portland, TN 37148		114 Steam Mill Road Smith's Grove, KY 42171	
	615-927-1498		(270) 670-4320	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
<b>State Line</b>				
1740 Rapids Road	Matt Klein		Pat Greer	
Portland, TN 37148	121 Claude Hardin Rd.		654 Denning Ford Road	
P.O. Box 857	Cottontown, TN 37048		Portland, TN 37148	
Portland, TN 37148	615-319-0050		615-325-9621	
			fpgreer@comcast.net	
<b>Union Chapel</b>				
1125 College Street			Julie Hicks	Brandon Hurt
Portland, TN 37148			440 South Rd	1002 New Deal Potts Rd.
unionchapelchurch.org			Cottontown, TN 37048	Cottontown, TN 37048
P.O. Box 7731			(615) 218-8895	615-772-3635
Portland, TN 37148				
<b>White House</b>				
4012 Hwy 31W	B.J. Barnes		Linda Thurber	
P.O. Box 1485	P.O. Box 1485		484 Bugg Hollow Road	
White House, TN 37188	White House, TN 37188		Gallatin, TN 37066	
whitehousegbchurch@gmail.com	615-767-2580		615-569-1414	
			let196@yahoo.com	

STATISTICAL REPORT 2022													
Church reporting runs from January-December													
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CHURCH	Members Received		Members Dismissed		Members Deceased		Total Members	Conversions	Baptisms	Avg. Worship	Avg. Sunday School	Youth Work		Children's Work		Total VBS		Men's Work		Women's Work	
Mt. Moriah	13		6		2		55	5	4	42	19	10		4		40		0		0	
Mt. Pleasant	7		0		3		394	6	3	87	57	3		15		62		0		18	
Nashville 1st	0		0		0		8	0	0	8	8	0		0		0		0		0	
New Beginnings	1		0		0		48	2	1	50	28	0		0		0		0		0	
New Life	2		17		0		31	1	0	15	8	3		0		20		4		5	
Portland	9		4		4		223	1	1	55	31	10		4		0		0		0	
Providence	12		6		1		439	0	0	76	31	11		22		66		0		0	
Salmons	10		0		2		261	6	6	91	50	24		13		56		0		27	
Shiloh	0		0		5		208	10	9	96	61	0		0		0		0		0	
State Line	3		2		1		24	11	5	32	19	4		0		0		0		7	
Union Chapel	4		0		0		244	2	2	100	65	15		25		40		0		15	
White House	0		0		1		39	0	0	20	10	0		0		0		0		0	
Totals	131		47		43		4783	102	70	1614	917	167		193		638		60		152	
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	Financial Report 2022														
	Reporting runs from January to December														
	Pastor	Other	Building	Christian	Church	Local Assoc.	Unified	Outreach &	Mission	Other	Total	Total	Dues		
	Salary	Salaries	Grounds	Education	Auxiliaries	Giving	Giving	Evangelism	Giving	Expenses	Expenses	Income	Paid		
CHURCH															
Barber Way	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,670.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,670.41	\$ 6,631.94	\$ -		
Beech Grove	\$ 31,840.00	\$ -	\$ 59,532.08	\$ -	\$ 19,101.76	\$ 693.75	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,647.00	\$ -	\$ 1,369.00	\$ 116,483.59	\$ 114,305.00	\$ 273.00		
Boiling Springs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4.50		
Bowling G.1st	\$ 7,800.00	\$ -	\$ 3,151.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,230.00	\$ -	\$ 316.85	\$ 12,498.28	\$ 29,978.00	\$ 41.25		
Cave Mill	\$ 39,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,695.00	\$ -	\$ 50,695.00	\$ 77,745.06	\$ 42.00		
CCBBary	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 38,394.50	\$ 54.75		
Centro Cristiano	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,690.00	\$ 50,840.00	\$ 57,840.00	\$ 44.25		
Clifton	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 10,018.77	\$ 1,789.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,160.00	\$ -	\$ 7,669.51	\$ 43,987.29	\$ 56,455.25	\$ -		
East Nashville	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 6,440.00	\$ 5,048.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240.00	\$ 15,563.75	\$ 32,942.38	\$ 30,655.88	\$ 26.25		
Halltown	\$ -	\$140,013.46	\$ 15,549.77	\$ 3,683.11	\$ -	\$ 11,407.84	\$ 4,999.92	\$ 69,061.03	\$ 14,812.90	\$ 62,590.26	\$ 322,118.29	\$ 357,616.79	\$ 423.75		
Hollis Chapel	\$ 23,377.00	\$ -	\$ 13,982.47	\$ 1,376.14	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,029.89	\$ 369.31	\$ 3,337.38	\$ 1,007.00	\$ 22,327.49	\$ 72,806.68	\$ 73,056.87	\$ 311.25		
Jesus Good Shep	\$ 48,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ -		
Liberty	not given	\$ -	\$ 1,485.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184.00	\$ 6,352.23	\$ 1,347.00	\$ -	\$ 18,514.13	\$ 27,882.36	not given	\$ 67.50		
Macedonia	\$ 36,700.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 11,902.20	\$ 2,360.02	\$ -	\$ 1,115.25	\$ -	\$ 12,895.71	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 30,374.04	\$ 102,347.22	\$ 99,034.56	\$ 215.25		
Madison Ave.	No Financial Report	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Martha's Chapel	\$ 4,350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,423.25	\$ 120.75		
Mitchellville	\$ 59,520.00	\$ 4,960.00	\$ 10,309.86	\$ 5,153.62	\$ 1,456.43	\$ 10,510.61	\$ 3,503.79	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,003.79	\$ 59,379.68	\$ 161,707.78	\$ 191,416.35	\$ 231.00		



	Pastor	Other	Building	Christian	Church	Local Assoc.	Unified	Outreach &	Mission	Other	Total	Total	Dues
	Salary	Salaries	Grounds	Education	Auxiliaries	Giving	Giving	Evangelism	Giving	Expenses	Expenses	Income	Paid
CHURCH													
Mt. Moriah	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ 6,185.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,485.00	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 41.25
Mt. Pleasant	\$ 36,831.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 61,474.00	\$ 5,326.00	\$ 1,106.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,424.00	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 28,919.00	\$ 152,030.00	\$ 179,326.00	\$ 295.50
Nashville 1st	No Financial Report	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
New Beginnings	\$ 26,700.00	\$ -	\$ 5,388.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 690.00	\$ 2,957.00	\$ 4,829.00	\$ 10,442.00	\$ 1,955.00	\$ 6,291.00	\$ 61,840.00	\$ 55,353.98	\$ 36.00
New Life	\$100/week	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 229.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176.13	\$ -	\$ 6,272.07	\$ 11,242.46	\$ 21,180.36	\$ 23.25
Portland	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 18,541.82	\$ 350.66	\$ 2,205.84	\$ 1,381.50	\$ 600.00	\$ 19,099.23	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 8,644.47	\$ 76,623.52	\$ 85,879.45	\$ 167.25
Providence	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 40,358.22	\$ 2,552.25	\$ 20,210.29	\$ 2,930.50	\$ -	\$ 4,925.13	\$ -	\$ 7,075.63	\$ 104,052.02	\$ 116,040.88	\$ 329.25
Salmons	\$ 38,220.04	\$ 26,290.08	\$ 23,280.80	\$ 4,663.89	\$ 2,258.86	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,908.16	\$ 17,330.67	\$ 19,368.15	\$ 144,320.65	\$ 191,291.77	\$ 195.75
Shiloh	\$ 40,600.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 18,452.95	\$ 3,130.77	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,076.29	\$ 9,770.90	\$ 1,762.50	\$ 35,486.92	\$ 119,580.33	\$ 125,115.87	\$ 156.00
State Line	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 36,961.00	\$ 1,085.00	\$ -	\$ 1,223.00	\$ -	\$ 517.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,130.00	\$ 61,866.00	\$ 72,779.00	\$ 18.00
Union Chapel	\$ 29,480.00	\$ 11,526.36	\$ 37,835.60	\$ 5,647.18	\$ 6,726.22	\$ 7,781.72	\$ 2,018.32	\$ 5,305.17	\$ 3,885.83	\$ 2,911.34	\$ 113,117.74	\$ 104,912.59	\$ 183.00
White House	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 20,844.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,467.20	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 34,311.63	\$ 41,689.00	\$ 30.00
Totals	\$ 416,178.04	\$249,754.90	\$ 490,558.52	\$ 49,934.91	\$ 38,553.64	\$ 53,571.31	\$ 30,348.86	\$ 157,036.04	\$ 57,847.69	\$ 335,917.44	\$ 1,879,701.35	\$ 2,446,890.41	\$ 3,330.75

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

**Alderson, Woody**—250 Morton Ave., Gallatin, TN 37066,  
(615) 644-2832, Church: New Beginnings (Absent)

**Andrews, Randy**—1625 Luby Brown Rd., Westmoreland,  
TN 37186, (615) 888-2320, Church: Providence (Absent)  
Health

**Barnes, B.J.**—612 Fowler Ford Rd., Portland, TN 37148,  
(615) 767-2580, Church: White House (Attended)

**Booker, William**—P.O Box 7941., Portland, TN 37148, (615)  
519-0918, Church: Halltown (Attended)

**Borth, Bryan**—897 Pleasant Grove Church Rd., Scottsville,  
KY 42164, (270) 237-1942, Church: Cave Mill (Attended)

**Bowers, Billy**—348 Penny Morris Rd., Portland, TN 37148,  
(615) 945-0559, Church: Halltown (Attended)

**Bowers, Keith**—108 Winding Way, Goodlettsville, TN  
37072, (615) 992-5871, Church: Calvary (Attended)

**Boyd, Joe**—424 Shannon Ct., Bowling Green, KY 42101,  
(270) 784-1480, Church: Barber Way (Attended)

**Brady, Mike**—365 Brizendine Rd., Franklin, KY 42134,  
(615) 478-4453, Church: Halltown (Attended)

**Brown, Danny**—195 Ranch Rd., Portland, TN 37148, (615)  
339-0032, Church: Hollis Chapel (Attended)

**Brown, Philip**—165 B V Young Rd., Westmoreland TN  
37186, (615) 519-4079, Church: Providence (Absent)

**Carter, Russell**—4031 Brown St., Westmoreland, TN  
37186, (615) 644-2877, Church: Providence (Absent)

**Creasy, Victor**—142 Ragland Rd., Cottontown, TN 37048,  
(615) 308-5917, Church: Hollis Chapel (Absent)

**Duffer, Ricky**—229 Chipaway Dr., Gallatin, TN 37066, (615)  
206-0510, Church: Providence (Absent)

**Everette, Danny**—260 Portland Lake Rd., Portland, TN  
37148, (615) 456-2079, Church: East Nashville (Absent)

**Gilliam, Lawrence**—2796 Union Chapel Rd., Scottsville, KY  
42164, (270) 943-4875, Church: Beech Grove (Absent)

**Gould, David**—340 Pee Dee Branch Rd., Cottontown, TN  
37048, (615) 604-6183, Church: Hollis Chapel (Attended)

**Greer, Jonathan**—536-Rockfield Church Rd., Rockfield, KY 42274, (270) 792-9650, Church: Madison Avenue (Absent)

**Gregory, Kenneth**—520 N. Happy Hollow Rd., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 325-9694, Church: Mt. Pleasant (Absent)

**Hall, Clayton**—3720 Hwy.259, Portland, TN 37148, (615) 888-2239, Church: Mt. Pleasant (Attended)

**Harper, David**—219 Drakewood Dr., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 325-4706, Church: Union Chapel (Absent)

**Hayes, Frank**—1440 Greenbriar Rd., Alvaton, KY 42122, (270) 842-2460, Church: Liberty (Absent)

**Hendrick, William Randall**—195 Bratcher Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42101, (270) 777-3793, Church: Bowling Green First (Absent)

**Herlein, Santiago**—312 Lawn Dale Dr., Nashville, TN 37217, (615) 930-6289, Church: Centro Christiano Restauracion (Absent)

**Hobdy, Harold David**—748 College St., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 708-0909, Church: Madison Ave. (Absent)

**Holland, Kenneth**—1364 Trammel Boyce Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164, (270) 622-5468, Church: Beech Grove (Absent)

**Holmes, Mark**—206 Lyon Dr., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 944-1987, Church: Union Chapel (Absent)

**Huff, Gus**—1181 Detour Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42101, (270) 843-1065, Church: Boiling Springs (Absent)

**Jenkins, Glenn**—4824 Paddock Dr., Evansville, IN 47715, (812) 602-3000, Church: Cave Mill (Absent)

**Johnson, Allen**—800 Bailey Bridge Rd., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 927-1498, Church: Shiloh (Attended)

**Johnson, Grant**—802 Butler Bridge Rd., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 362-6062, Church: Halltown (Absent)

**Key, Donald**—504 E. Washington Street, Franklin, KY 42134, (270) 776-1121, Church: Macedonia (Attended)

**Kirby, Jon Wesley**—1800 Clifton Church Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164, (270) 622-1536, Church: Clifton (Attended)

**Klein, Matt**—121 Claude Hardin Rd., Cottontown, TN 37048, (615) 319-0050, Church: State Line (Attended)

**Landers, Taylor**—2878 Old Gallatin Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164, (270) 622-1517, Church: Beech Grove (Absent)

**Lawrence, Donnie**—5016 Cemetery Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164, (270) 622-7809, Church: Clifton (Absent)

**Mathias, Andy**—102 W. Longview Dr., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 478-1973, Church: Salmons (Attended)

**Moore, Steve**—491 Clark St., Woodburn, KY 42170, (270) 776-7475, Church: Shiloh (Attended)

**Motley, Alan**-443 Jefferson School Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164, (270) 784-0330, Church: Shiloh (Attended)

**Nelson, Merlin**-138 E. Franklin Apt. 508, Gallatin, TN 37066, (615) 545-1498, Church: New Beginnings (Absent)

**Pardue, Gary**—2855 Whitney Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164, (270) 622-9484, Church: Beech Grove (Attended)

**Patton, Paul**- 530 Airport Rd., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 979-8022, Church: Mt. Pleasant (Absent)

**Rector, Craig**—558 Rector Ln., Bowling Green, KY 42103, (270) 791-7576, Church: Beech Grove (Attended)

**Roberts, Chris**—1031 Roger Reese Rd., Gallatin, TN 37066, Phone unavailable Church: Mt. Pleasant (Absent)

**Roberts, Richard**—211 Calista Rd., White House, TN 37188, (615) 761-8894, Church: New Life (Attended)

**Scott, Mark**—1405 Liberty Lane, Gallatin, TN 37066, (615) 513-7454, Church: Union Chapel (Absent)

**Scott, Michael**—706 Hickerson Dr., White House, TN 37188, (615) 495-2216, Church: New Life (Attended)

**Stephens, Trent**—422 Old Hwy. 109 N., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 574-5875, Church: Mt. Moriah (Attended)

**Sullivan, Gary**—400 Dover Church Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164, (615) 804-7480, Church: Mt. Pleasant (Attended)

**Tenorio, Juan**—1115 Christopher Rd., LaVergne, TN 37086, (615) 394-2973, Church: Jesus the Good Shepherd (Absent)

**Towe, B.J.**—4937 Walnut Creek Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164, (270) 606-1007, Church: Beech Grove (Absent)

**Treadway, Larry**—103 Glacier St., Portland, TN 37148, (615) 210-5735, Church: Portland (Attended)

**Vance, Bobby**—385 Morris Duff Rd., Woodburn, KY 42170, (270) 529-9481, Church: Liberty (Absent)

**Weatherford, David**—102 Ophelia Ct., Portland, TN 37148,  
(615) 571-9035, Church: New Beginnings (Absent)

**Whiticker, Ryan**-1011 Dutch Creek Rd., Westmoreland, TN  
37186, (615) 766-4125, Church: Mt. Pleasant (Attended)

**Williams, Timothy L.**—295 Nubia Rd., Westmoreland, TN  
37186, (615) 388-5144, Church: Providence (Attended)

**Woodard, Bobby**-940 New Deal Potts Rd., Cottontown, TN  
37048, (615) 325-3497, Church: Halltown (Absent)



## **LICENSED MINISTERS**

**Morris. Danny Ray**-134 North Russell St., Portland, TN  
37148. (270) 406-3559. Church: East Nashville (Attended)

<b>DEACONS</b>	
<b>BARBER WAY (1)</b>	
Billy Riddle	270-529-3711
<b>BEECH GROVE (6)</b>	
Gary York	270-618-0405
Tommy Kirby	270-622-7384
Eutra Graves	270-622-5929
Marcus Landers	270-622-0612
Johnny Creasy	270-943-1639
Kelly Grizzle	270-622-6541
<b>BOILING SPRINGS (0)</b>	
<b>BOWLING GREEN FIRST (0)</b>	
<b>CALVARY (1)</b>	
Jimmy Johnson	270-539-5534
<b>CAVE MILL (2)</b>	
Melvin Oliver	270-842-2857
Terry Borders	270-784-0313
<b>CLIFTON (3)</b>	
Jerry Powell	270-622-7644
Gordon Meador	270-622-6637
William Hinton	270-237-5009

<b>CENTRO CHRISTIANO RESTAURACION (0)</b>	
<b>EAST NASHVILLE (2)</b>	
Wayne Bonds	615-860-8106
Randall Laney	615-218-2479
<b>HALLTOWN (5)</b>	
Robert Briley	615-325-9317
Tim Brown	615-587-5011
Randy Langford	615-325-7004
Charles Pitt Jr.	615-325-3896
Daniel Williams	615-604-0998
<b>HOLLIS CHAPEL (0)</b>	
<b>JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD (0)</b>	
<b>LIBERTY (1)</b>	
Neil Huff	270-586-6805
<b>MACEDONIA (2)</b>	
Rick Patty	270-647-0392
Terry Towe	270-776-1394
<b>MADISON AVENUE (1)</b>	
Joe Scoggins	270-791-6496

<b>MARTHA'S CHAPEL (0)</b>	
<b>MITCHELVILLE (3)</b>	
Larry Hinton	615-325-7258
Tommy King	615-772-7589
Steve Staggs	615-325-2262
<b>MT. MORIAH (2)</b>	
Mickey Buntin	615-812-3627
Brad Holman	615-239-9122
<b>MT. PLEASANT (1)</b>	
Bart Hurt	615-642-5455
<b>NASHVILLE FIRST (0)</b>	
<b>NEW BEGINNINGS (0)</b>	
<b>NEW LIFE (0)</b>	
<b>PORTLAND (1)</b>	
Brent Long	615-561-4608
<b>PROVIDENCE (1)</b>	
Toby Richardson	615-480-4172

<b>SALMONS (6)</b>	
Joe Dillard	270-776-7979
Jackie Freeman	270-779-9844
Eugene McBride	270-586-5961
John Gregory	270-282-3821
Daniel Hodges	270-779-6786
Michael Poteet	270-776-6373
<b>SHILOH (4)</b>	
Lowell Renick	270-678-2397
Kenny Littell	270-678-5862
Tony Piper	270-678-9698
Rickey Whitley	270-678-5559
<b>STATE LINE (0)</b>	
<b>UNION CHAPEL (8)</b>	
Brian Berry	615-207-8059
Pat Harrell	615-390-1609
Larry Lane	615-714-0064
Steve Callis	615-354-4996
Rod Freedle	615-336-8969
Hunter Hicks	615-202-5629
Brandon Hurt	615-772-3635
Corey Lane	615-429-7485
<b>WHITE HOUSE (1)</b>	
Bobby McMurtry	615-739-2106

**101st Annual Session of the  
Portland Association of General Baptists  
"Abiding in Christ"  
John 15:5  
Halltown General Baptist Church  
June 23-24, 2023**

Moderator: Bro. BJ Barnes	<b>Friday Night Attendance</b>
Vice Moderator: Bro. Gary Pardue	<b>Total: 71</b>
Parliamentarian: Andy Mathias	

**Friday Night June 23, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

Congregational Song: Led by BJ Barnes

Piano: Patricia Creasy

Song: "Living by Faith"

Welcome by Bro. BJ Barnes

Song: "Victory in Jesus" with a right hand of fellowship

Prayer to bless Service: Bro. Mike Brady

Obituary Report read by Sis. Betty Jo Kepley

Special Singing: Sis. Carol Davis

"Hear My Heart"

Bro. BJ introduced the Theme: Abiding in Christ. Ultimate thought, we look to Jesus first and abide in Him as individuals, churches and an association.

**Message: Bro. Gary Sullivan**

John 15:5

The world needs to know who the great I am is....

We need to be fruitful for the Lord Jesus Christ.

We need the word to:

1. Cleanse us.
2. Direct us
3. Fill us
4. Lead us
5. Indoctrinate us

We can have victory. The word can fill us with joy to the brim so we can share it with others.

Are we running on empty? Is there a hinderance in your life that is causing you to be running on empty?

God is glorified through our obedience. Are we abiding in Christ? Invitation song: "Drinking from my Saucer" Patricia Creasy.

Communion Service: Bro. Mike Brady and Deacons from Halltown Church. Bro. Mike shared 1 Cor. 11:23-30 Importance of reverence and the importance of being a Christian and being covered by the blood.

Time of examining ourselves was given. We participated in communion. Time of testimonies was given.

Dismissal Prayer by Bro. BJ Barnes.

**Saturday: June 24, 2023: 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday Attendance: Delegates 93**  
**Members Not Delegates 1**  
**Visitors: 1**  
**Total Attendance: 95**

Welcome: Moderator Bro. BJ Barnes

Welcome and instructions by Host Church Bro. Mike Brady

Bro. BJ: Any Resolution changes or additions to be given to the committee to look over during 1st session.  
Resolution Committee is Tommy Booker, Matt Klein, Trent Stephens.

Prayer to bless setting: Bro. Mark Scott

Congregational Singing: Mark and Carol Scott

Song: "When We all get to Heaven"

Song: "I Stand Amazed"

Special Singing: "Look for Me" and "The Anchor Holds"

Altar Prayer for many needs! Song: "Power in Prayer"

### **Message: Bro. Allen Johnson**

Abide is a word we don't take serious enough.

Remain....stay in your spot. Remain means to stand still and let God do what He can do!

Opposite side of remain as Christians....get saved, get filled, we're excited and go back to our padded pews and there we remain!

John 15:27

Lift up the faithful few, redeemed.

Stay with him through the hard times, remain, don't look back, look forward. Put him first, start with Jesus...we excepted Him as our Savior, then be a witness.

We need to remain:

1. Remain means to have a constant, close reunion with Jesus. A relationship. We should commune with Christ daily! We don't have to go look for Him....He is with us always

2. Lean on Him, Rest in Him, He is our companion, that's what He is there for.



3. Remain with Him until the end...Eternal life! Anointing will be there with you until the end! Redeemed if we remain and abide!

Time of Testimonies and praise!

Song of fellowship: "Heavens Jubilee"

Short Break was taken!

### **Business Session**

Welcome back to begin business session: Bro. BJ Barnes

Prayer to open business session: Bro. Bryan Borth

Is quorum present for business? Yes... 93 delegates present

Bro. BJ called the 101st Annual Session to order

Seating of Parliamentarian Bro. Andy Mathias and Vice Moderator, Br. Gary Pardue.

Reading of the Rules of Decorum: Bro. Andy Mathias  
Page 13 in Minute Book or last page of packet.

Recognize Delegates from other Association/Guests. None

Reading of Correspondence by Clerk: MSC to accept

Ask for volunteers to attend Mt. Union & Long Creek Associations.

### **Mt. Union**

Don Key

Tim Williams

Gary Pardue

### **Long Creek:**

Mike Brady

Gary Sullivan

### **Election of Officers**

2024 Moderator: Bro. Gary Pardue

Vice Moderator 2024: Nominations: Larry Treadway

MSC nomination cease and elect Bro. Larry.

Clerk/Treasurer (current: Patricia Creasy) MSC to retain  
Sis. Patricia Creasy.

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer (current Sis. Betty Jo Kepley) MSC to  
retain Sis. Betty Jo.

Registrar (current: Sis. Janet Grogan). MSC to retain Sis.  
Janet.

**Headquarters Report:** Travis Stephens came and gave this report. Pastors.....Thanks for your service and remaining faithful to your church. Headquarters exist for the church and to help us in our ministry. Bro. Mike Brady is our Regional Representative. Regional events will be taking place every other year. August 26, 2023 will be at Salmon GB Church. This will be our first Regional Meeting. Missions is a great outreach. Bro. Travis encouraged churches and individuals to get involved in Mission work. Acts 1:8 Coaching groups are available from Headquarters. It is a 12-month program available to any pastor. Summit is July 20-22 in Evansville, IN. There is a leadership crisis within our churches. The call is still great but with few answering the call. MSC to accept his report.

**MS to accept the reports as written in the packet and act upon the recommendations of each separately. Motion carries.**

## **Reports**

**Association Treasurer's Report:** No recommendations.  
See report.

**Audit Committee Report:** No recommendations. See  
report

**Budget and Finance:** MSC to accept all recommendations.  
See report

**Children's Camp Board:** MSC to accept members and  
terms. See report

**Executive Committee:** MSC to accept all  
recommendations. See report

**Home Mission Board:** Executive Committee to meet with  
Home Mission Board to find direction for this Board before  
next year. MSC to add one year to all of the board  
members terms.

**Minister's Retirement Board:** MSC to accept all  
recommendations as read. See report

**Ministries Coordinator:** MSC to accept. See report

**Obituary Report:** MSC to accept as read on Friday Night. 2  
corrections to packet report. See Report.

**State of Association:** MSC to accept new report as  
read. See report.

**Trustee/Property Planning/ Camp Facilitator:** Tim Brown withdrew his name from the recommendation as given in the report. Randy Baker resigned as Camp Facilitator. Seeing both of these positions are important, nominations were not taken from the floor.

Tim and Randy's positions are to be deferred to the Trustee Board/Property Planning to be filled by next setting or as needed during the year. They both agreed to continue to fill their roles until the end of Camp Season. MSC to accept the report with these resignations! See Report.

**Resolution Committee Report:** Change Resolution #5 to read \$500 suggested donation. MSC to accept. Act upon Resolution #1 and give rising vote of thanks to Host church. MSC to accept report. See report.

**Old Business:** History Book update. More information is needed from the churches and individuals. More updated ways of submitting this information will be coming soon via email. Everyone was encouraged to respond to the requested information needed in order to finish this project.

**New Business:** Question about Home Mission Board and funds available. Bro. Tim Williams stated that the Executive board is looking to meet with the Home Mission Board and discuss the future plans and goals of the Board and the monies that are not being used. This will be revisited at next years setting.

**Petitions and Requests:** Next year's 102nd setting. No requests per church letters.  
White House Church volunteered with State Line as Co-

Host. MSC to accept these two churches as host for next year's setting. White House Church will be host location!

Closing Remarks and thanks were given by Bro. BJ. He thanked everyone for their prayers and for his brothers in Christ who helped him. But mostly to God for blessing him during this session.

Bro. BJ turned the service over to the incoming Moderator, Bro. Gary Pardue. Bro. Gary asks for prayers and cooperation as he prepares for next year.

Bro. Gary appointed the following committee positions.

Audit Committee

1. Gary Sullivan

Credentials

1. Victor Creasy

Resolutions Committee

1. Richard Roberts

Motion to adjourn from Business of the 101st Annual

Session: Motion second and carries to adjourn

Announcement: Ordination Service, Sunday @ 2:30 pm

Prayer to dismiss and bless meal: Larry Treadway

## Association Treasurer Report 2022

<b>Balance Operating Account 01/01/22</b>	<b>\$26,112.66</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Membership dues	\$ 3,552.50
Printing of Minutes Income	\$ 700.00
Budget Allocation	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,252.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Association Meeting	\$ 108.50
C of A Hotel	\$ -164.32
Clerk Salary	\$ 8,700.00
Clerk Cell Phone	\$ 509.84
Corporate Renewal Fee	\$ 20.46
General Association Meeting	\$ 434.08
Insurance Expense	\$ 37.00
Membership Dues to GA	\$ 3,472.50
Minute Book Expense	\$ 2,166.81
Ministries Coordinator Salary	\$ 3,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 784.54
Payroll SS & Medicare/Clerk	\$ 665.52
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 144.48
Website	\$ 307.59
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,979.11</b>
<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/22</b>	<b>\$ 26,112.66</b>
Plus Income Received	\$ 24,252.50
Less Expenses	\$ -19,979.11
<b>Total Ending Balance 12/31/22</b>	<b>\$ 30,386.05</b>

## Association Income Account 2022

<b><u>Income From Churches</u></b>			
Barber Way	\$		-
Beech Grove	\$		-
Bowling G.1st	\$		-
Boiling Springs	\$		-
Calvary	\$		-
Cave Mill	\$		-
Centro Cristiano Restauracion	\$		800.00
Clifton	\$		-
East Nashville	\$		-
Halltown	\$		4,999.92
Hollis Chapel	\$		1,885.89
Jesus Good Shepherd	\$		-
Liberty	\$		-
Macedonia	\$		500.00
Madison Ave.	\$		-
Martha's Chapel	\$		-
Mitchellville	\$		10,510.25
Mt. Moriah	\$		-
Mt. Pleasant	\$		-
Nashville 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$		-
New Beginnings	\$		-
New Life	\$		-
Portland	\$		600.00
Providence	\$		1,200.00
Salmons	\$		5,539.84
Shiloh	\$		500.00
State Line	\$		500.00
Union Chapel	\$		5,469.67
White House	\$		1,200.00
<b>Total Income from Churches</b>			<b>33,705.57</b>
<b>Balance Forward 01-01-22</b>			<b>56,626.98</b>
<b>Deposit from Closing Retreat Acct.</b>			<b>1,048.83</b>
<b>Total Income from Churches</b>			<b>33,705.57</b>
<b>Plus Interest Income</b>			<b>37.70</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>			<b>91,419.08</b>
<b>Less Disbursed for Budget</b>			<b>-41,500.00</b>
<b>Total Ending Balance 12/31/22</b>			<b>49,919.08</b>
<b>Budget Disbursed:</b>			
Association Office			20,000.00
Children's Camp Board			1,500.00
Trustee Board			10,000.00
Minister's Retirement Board			6,000.00
General Baptist Ministries			4,000.00
<b>Total Income Disbursed</b>			<b>\$41,500.00</b>

## **Audit Committee**

The Portland Association Audit Committee met on May 8, 2023 in Portland with Sister Ashley Berry not able to attend.

1. We examined The Children's Camp Board with Rev. Ryan Whitaker
2. Home Mission Board with Sister Betty Jo Kepley
3. Ministers Retirement Board, Association Income Account & Association Office Account with Sister Patricia Creasy
4. The Trustee Board with Bro. Nathan Civils

The members of the Audit Committee who were present examined the above accounts for 2022 and found them to be in order.

Bro. Lowell Renick  
Sister Ashley Berry  
Bro Tracy Hinton



## **Standard Procedure for Auditing the Accounts of the Portland Association**

An audit is a process that provides reasonable assurance that good stewardship is being used in handling and accounting for the funds and other assets of an organization. An audit builds trust and confidence for the financial supporters through the accountability of funds received and expended by the entities of the organization. The process also protects the integrity of the organization and the persons the organization elects or appoints to handle the accounts from unwarranted charges of the careless or improper handling of funds. An adequate audit process should also set habits of fiscal responsibility to assure that when there is turnover in personnel there will be continuity in accountability. For these reasons the following guidelines are commended:

1. The Portland Association shall appoint an audit committee of at least three members to perform an annual audit of the accounts of all Boards and Committees which receive, hold and expend funds received from the associational budget or from its constituents. (Unless otherwise ordered or requested, this would exclude all auxiliary ministries of the Association.)
2. The Audit Committee should consist of people in the Association who have an understanding of financial matters and, as much as possible, not closely related in any way to the person or persons performing the financial tasks being audited. At least two members of the Audit Committee shall be present when any audit is performed.

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3. An internal audit of all the accounts of the Portland Association should be performed annually. The annual

audit shall cover the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) of the year previous to the setting of the Association. All persons responsible for handling the funds for an Association Board or Committee should be prepared to meet with the Association Audit Committee by March 15<sup>th</sup> at a mutual time and place for the audit of their accounts.

4. The person responsible for the accounts being audited shall meet with the Audit Committee during the audit and shall present the following documents for examination by the committee and be prepared to answer any questions asked by the committee:

- a. The Minutes of all meetings of their board or committee
- b. An Income statement listing all budget and donor receipts
- c. All Bank Statements including a copy of checks and deposit receipts for the full calendar year
- d. The Check Register listing all checks written during the year with clearly defined monthly reconciliations of the checkbook.
- e. The receipts of all expenditures for the period in question
- f. A copy of the Financial Report that they will present to the Association

5. The Audit Committee shall complete the audits of all associational accounts and present a report of its findings to the Clerk of the Association by May 1 and shall be available to give its report at the annual setting of the Portland Association.

## Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance Committee met on May 25, 2023 with the following members present:

Andy Mathias

Tim Williams

Bryan Borth

Joan Britt

Patricia Creasy, Treasurer, Ex-Officio

Betty Jo Kepley, Assistant Treasurer, Ex-Officio

The meeting was opened in prayer and we proceeded to look at all of the financial reports from Boards requesting funds from the budget.

After reviewing each and considering our giving was down this past year, we recommend the following

Association Office	\$ 21,000.00
Children's Camp Board	0
Home Mission Board	0
Minister's Retirement Board	\$ 4,500.00
Trustee Board	\$ 8,500.00
Total Budget to Disburse	\$ 34,000.00

We have two members coming off the board this year.

We recommend Bro. Robert Briley three-year term 2026

We recommend Bro. Tim Williams for a three-year term 2026

### Current Board Members:

Tim Williams	2023	Bryan Borth	2025
Shane Lane	2023	Andy Mathias	2025

## Children's Camp Board

Goals: To rejuvenate and revive the Children's Camp Board and Association Camps in 2023-2024. The board will seek out new members with a dedication, devotion, and desire to see youth come to know Christ. COVID years have been hard on this board due to inactivity, but the board will seek new ways to disperse and utilize its funds to better serve the Association.

Events: The Children's Camp Board plans to relaunch with a fall hayride and festival in October.

### Children's Camp Board Financial Report

Beginning Balance 01/01/2022: **\$6499.32**

Total Expenses: **\$60.00**  
(Banking Fees)

Total Funds Received: **\$1,502.87**

Budgeted allowance from PAGB  
2021: **\$1,500.00**

Interest Earned w/Checking: **\$2.87**

Ending Balance 12/31/2022: **\$7942.19**

#### **We recommend the following board members:**

Renew Shannon Jones 3-year term

Elect Cassie Palmer 3-year term

Elect Eric Downs 3-year term

## Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on 5/21/23 at Mitchellville General Baptist Church.

Bro. Gary Pardue opened the meeting in prayer. The committee read letters from Associational Secretary, Patricia Creasy and Ministry Coordinator, Larry Treadway, neither of whom were able to attend. Both of the letters detailed their various responsibilities to the association. After having read and studied these letters as well as other items of business, the Executive Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Recommend to retain Patricia Creasy as Associational Secretary.
2. Recommend to retain Larry Treadway as Ministry Coordinator.
3. Recommend salary of Associational Secretary increase \$100 per month.
4. Recommend Camp Forshee fees to increase \$100 across the board.
5. Nominate Bro. Tim Williams to serve a new 3-year term.
6. Recommend that the Nominating Committee be dissolved.
7. Recommend that the Audit Committee become a standing committee, which will require a change to Standing Rule #2. **(See below)**

Respectfully submitted, Tim Williams Chairman

**Recommend that under Standing Rules #2, Specific Board or Committee Rules to now read:**

1. The Resolutions and Credentials Committee are standing committees of the association, and all rules of membership apply to these committees. The members of these committees are appointed by the moderator. They serve three-year terms, with one new member being appointed to the committees annually. The member of longevity shall serve as the chairman of the committee unless the committee by vote selects another chairman.
2. The Budget and Finance Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of 7 members, 5 serving 3-year rotating terms.
  - a. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Association shall serve as ex-officio members of the Budget and Finance committee.
  - b. The Budget and Finance Committee shall meet prior to the annual setting of the association to review association funds.
  - c. Any board or committee wishing to receive funds from the associational treasury are to present a copy of their financial statement, including a balance sheet and income statement, along with a statement of intended use of allocated associational monies and the request for funding to the Budget and Finance Committee 2 months prior to the meeting date of the annual association.

3. The Property Planning Committee shall be made up of one member from each of the following boards or committees, Trustee Board, Children's Camp Board, Executive Committee and three at large members who serve three-year rotating terms with one going off the committee each year. Members of this committee shall adhere to the rules of membership. The Camp facilitator and the associational clerk/treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members of the Property Planning Committee.
4. The Audit Committee shall be a standing committee consisting of 3 members serving 3-year rotating terms.
5. The Camp Facilitator position be a three-year term job following the same rules of Membership as other committees or boards.

Portland Home Mission Board		
Income and Expense for 2022		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 39,620.78</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>
Centro Resturation Church	\$ 500.00	
Hollis Chp Ladies Aid	\$ 200.00	
Ladies Aid Convention	\$ -	
Mitchelleville Church	\$ 3,503.84	
Portland Association	\$ -	
Checking Acct Interest	\$ 42.60	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Annual Incorp Fee	\$ -	\$ (20.00)
IRS	\$ -	
Accouting Fee	\$ -	
GBIF CD	\$ -	
Misc	\$ -	
<b>RENTAL DWELLING</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
One Stop Reality	\$ 8,640.00	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance		\$ (1,882.50)
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ (1,600.26)
Repairs on RDP	\$ -	
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 49,004.46</b>
<b>Value of CD at GBIF</b>		<b>\$ 94,490.38</b>



## Minister's Retirement Board

The Minister's Retirement Board met on May 23, 2023. The meeting was opened with prayer. The 2022 Financial report was given.

We discussed a plan to try to get more of our churches involved in giving to this fund. Bro. Trent and Bro. Matt volunteered to take on this project.

After much discussion, we recommend the following:

1. To increase the amount given to each retired minister to \$225.00 per month. This would reflect a \$25 per month increase.
2. To provide a one-time death Benefit to the widow of a participating minister who passes. This amount would be equal to the annual benefit they were drawing at the time of their death.
3. We have 3 members to be replaced. We recommend the following for board members.

Janet Grogan 1 year term	2024
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Randy Langford 3-year term	2026
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Hannah Kirby 3-year term	2026
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Members Present:

Randy Langford, Chairman

Janet Grogan

Janie Lamberth

Patricia Creasy, Ex-Officio

Trent Stephens

Matt Klein

## Minister's Retirement Treasurer Report

Balance Forward 01/01/22	40,003.02
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### Income

#### **Income from churches \*\*\***

Interest Income	39.86
Income from Presbytery	2,650.00
Budget Allocation	6,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,449.86</b>

#### **Income from Churches\*\*\***

Beech Grove	600.00
Halltown	6,000.00
Hollis Chapel	1,200.00
Macedonia	400.00
Mitchellville	600.00
Mt. Moriah	360.00
Mt. Pleasant	2,000.00
Portland Church	400.00
Providence	1,200.00
Salmons	1,500.00
Shiloh	1,000.00
State Line	1,000.00
Union Chapel	1,100.00
White House	400.00
<b>Total Income from Churches</b>	<b>17,760.00</b>

### Expenses

Money paid out to Ministers ***	20,200.00
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<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>20,200.00</u></b>
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#### **Money Paid out to Ministers \*\*\***

Billy Bowers	2,400.00
Clayton Hall	2,400.00
David Harper	2,400.00
Gus Huff	2,400.00
H. Dean Jaggers	2,400.00

Harold David Hobdy	2,400.00
Kenneth A. Gregory	1,000.00
R. Glenn Jenkins	2,400.00
Larry Treadway	2,400.00
<b>Total Paid out to Ministers</b>	<b>20,200.00</b>

<b>Balance Forward 01/01/22</b>	<b>40,003.02</b>
Plus Income Received	26,449.86
Less Money Paid out to Ministers	-20,200.00
Less Amount Transferred to CD#3141	-10,000.00
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/22</b>	<b>36,252.88</b>

#### **Certificates of Deposit 12/31/22**

GBIF # 2877	15,711.35
GBIF # 3141	50,923.94
<b>Total Certificates</b>	<b>66,635.29</b>

### **Minister's Retirement Guidelines**

1. Eligibility of 20 years of service in the Portland Association as paid pastor, associate pastor, or youth minister with a minimum age of 65 is required to receive benefits. Only time of service in the Portland Association is considered. Time spent, as a missionary as a member of a Portland Association Church would qualify for time spent as a Pastor.
2. Payment of funds will be \$225.00 per month after eligibility is met.
3. A candidate must contact the Ministers Retirement Board treasurer, complete an application process and be approved by the Ministers Retirement Board before being eligible to receive benefits. No back pay will be issued if candidate fails to complete the application and approval process when the said

candidate is eligible to receive funds.

4. The minister's retirement board will remain intact to govern the program, with a membership of seven on three-year rotations.

5. Each church will be encouraged to participate with a % of their income or a minimum of \$200.00 per year to help with the costs of this fund.

6. The board will encourage ministers to set up their own personal retirement fund and disability program. This fund is only supplemental.

7. Board will disperse monies, as long as, funds are available.

8. No one receiving funds from the Minister's Retirement Fund can be a board member, due to a possible conflict of interest.

9. The Board will disburse monies to the Certificates of Deposit as seen appropriate.

10. To provide a one-time death Benefit to the widow of a participating minister who passes. This amount would be equal to the annual benefit they were drawing at the time of their death.

## **Ministries Coordinator Report**

There hasn't been much work with the ministers this year. I have one new minister that announced his calling and have had training sessions and breakfast with him. I send out a letter asking them to be willing to give him an opportunity.

This year, when I got calls from pastors for preachers to fill in for them or other preaching appointments, I tried to send them names and phone numbers of all preachers who are not pastoring and inform them that all of them may take an appointment to preach and if given an opportunity to fulfil their calling to preach may be available from time to time.

I have hosted a few ministers' breakfasts and made calls to check in with some from time to time, especially ministers of smaller church.

I served on the association committee with Bro Don Key and Bro. Gary Pardue to report back on recommendations for minimum requirements for minister ordination.

Personally, I took on a role of notifying ministers of upcoming revivals to reinforce the information that Patricia sends out. I'm a believer that we are not connecting with each other as ministers or churches as we used to in years past.

Sincerely,  
Larry Treadway

<b>Obituary Report 2022</b>						
<b>Barber Way</b>	Connie Paschal	Neil Boyd				2
<b>Beech Grove</b>	Bobby Ausbrooks	Donnie Graves	Jim Strain			3
<b>Boiling Springs</b>	None					0
<b>Bowling G.1st</b>	None					0
<b>Cave Mill</b>	Troy Costellow	Joanna Betts				2
<b>Calvary</b>	Elizabeth Johnson	Kelby Taylor				2
<b>Centro Cristiano</b>	None					0
<b>Clifton</b>	Phila Hinton					1
<b>East Nashville</b>	Billie Jean Morrow					1
<b>Halltown</b>	Stella Brady	Joyce Spain				2
<b>Hollis Chapel</b>	R.D. Bradley	Linda Bartel				2
<b>Jesus Good Shep</b>	None					0
<b>Liberty</b>	Jimmy Gilmer	Jackie Hicks	Margery Lindsey			3
<b>Macedonia</b>	Frances Key					1
<b>Madison Ave.</b>	None					0
<b>Martha's Chapel</b>	None					0
<b>Mitchellville</b>	Joe Whitson	Mary Ellen Hinton	Jane Heath			
	Pauline McMillin	Melvin Whitson				5
<b>Mt. Moriah</b>	Larry Buntin	Jimmy Anderson				2
<b>Mt. Pleasant</b>	Ruth Ann Somerville	Flora Hall	Johnny Pearson			3
<b>Nashville 1st</b>	None					0
<b>New Beginnings</b>	None					0
<b>New Life</b>	None					0
<b>Portland</b>	Claude Pearson	Michael Hunter	Brenda Hunter			
	Tom Pearson					4
<b>Providence</b>	Joy Cole					1
<b>Salmons</b>	Dolly Wheet	Michael Poole				2
<b>Shiloh</b>	Jimmy Dickerson	Jerry Jones	Lavonna Welch			
	Charles Smith	John Lowe				5
<b>State Line</b>	Michael Cribb					1
<b>Union Chapel</b>	None					0
<b>White House</b>	Mattie Butler					1
<b>Total Deceased</b>						43

## **Resolution Committee**

**We the resolution committee recommend that resolution # 5 be changed to the following:**

1. Be it resolved that due to the administrative costs of the Portland Association being approximately \$500.00 per year for each church and that membership dues are \$ .75 cents per member; we ask that each church commit to supporting the Associational Budget in an amount to at least offset these costs.

**The change is to increase the church commitment support from \$200 per year to \$500 per year.**

2. Act upon resolution #1 and give host church a rising vote of thanks!

## State of Association

2022

Members Received	131
Members Dismissed	47
Members Deceased	43
Total Conversions	102
Total Baptisms	70
Average Worship Attendance	55.65
Avg. Total	1614
Average Sunday School Attendance	31.62
Avg. Total	917
Total Number of Churches	29
Total Number of Churches Reporting	29
Total Number of Churches Not Reporting	0
Total Membership	4781

Patricia Creasy, Clerk



## **Portland Association of General Baptist Sunday School Convention April 15, 2023**

The 90<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Portland Association Sunday School Convention was held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at Salmons General Baptist Church in Franklin, Kentucky.

Bro. David Webster, President of the Convention welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Bro. David then opened with this year's theme, "Jesus, the Answer." John 10:10 says, **"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."**

Bro. Andy Mathias, pastor of Salmons General Baptist Church, gave a warm welcome and thanked everyone for coming.

Bro. Preston Wheeler from Stateline General Baptist Church led our opening prayer and devotion from 2 Kings 4:1-6.

Youth in Action was a blessing from Brandon Hurt, Youth Pastor, at Union Chapel. The church youth shared their love of the Lord through discussion about what church camp means to them, through testimonies, and singing praises to the Lord. Hallelujah!!

The Workshop this year was presented by Sis. Mary June Suttle. "Are You One of the Nine?" She brought the word from Luke 17. Sis Mary June talked about putting on an attitude of gratitude, being a leader, and how we can impact the next generation.

The Nominating committee for 2024 will be Salmons, Halltown and Beech Grove. Their report was given by Rebekah Maze from Providence. The nomination was to keep all current officers of the convention the same:

David Webster (Salmons) - President ,2573

Salmons/Blackjack Road, Franklin, Ky 42134, 270-792-3186

Kenny Greer (State Line) - Vice President, 757 North

Russell Street, Portland, Tn 37148, 615-418-1264

Debbie Greer (State Line) - Secretary/Treasurer, 757 North

Russell Street, Portland, Tn 37148, 615-210-9592

Misty Brown (Halltown) - Asst. Secretary, 909 College

Street, Portland, Tn 37148, 615-604-6138

Reporting Churches:

Rebekah Maze, Providence, Chairperson

Peggy McGlothlin, Stateline

Anita Smith, Macedonia

The Planning Committee for 2024 will be David Webster, Kenny Greer, Debbie Greer, Misty Brown and Providence General Baptist Church

The Treasurer's Report was presented by: Sis. Debbie Greer. The motion was given and approved.

The State of the Convention Committee for 2023 was given by Portland General and Beech Grove. Ruth Wyatt from Portland General Baptist presented the report. We, the State of Convention committee, find that there are 34 delegates present, 38 visitors present, total of 72 people and 15 churches represented.

Reporting Churches:

Ruth Wyatt, Portland General, Chairperson  
Craig Recter, Beech Grove

The Resolution Committee was given by Sis. Misty Brown, from Halltown General Baptist Church with the request to change #7 to read, “We give a rising vote of thanks to Salmons General Baptist Church and to the officers for a fine program.” Motion was accepted and carried.

The Finance Committee was presented by Bro. Tracey Hinton. The Finance Committee Report is as follows:

**Finance Committee Report**

Beginning Balance	\$196.33
Collected Dues	\$625.00
Expenditures	
(bank checks/stamps)	<u>(\$32.30)</u>
Printing donated	
Total in Checking	\$789.03
President	\$125.00
Secretary	\$125.00
Minister	\$125.00
Camp Forshee	\$200.00
Minute Books	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Deductions	\$675.00

This leaves \$114.03 to begin 2024.

Our special music was brought by Sis. Julie Mathias from Salmons. The Convention was truly blessed by her singing.

The message was given by Bro. Gary Sullivan from Mt. Pleasant. The message was brought from John 14:6 entitled, "What is Jesus the answer to in your life?" He charged each of us to share with others why God is the answer in our lives.

The setting for next year's convention will be at Providence General Baptist Church, 1100 Keen Hollow Rd. Westmoreland, TN 37186 and will be held on, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We had a united altar of prayer and a blessing on our noon meal which was provided by Salmon's General Baptist Church with catering from Bro. Al Johnson.

## **Sunday School Superintendents and Secretaries**

### **Barber Way**

**Beech Grove:** Superintendent: Marcus Landers, 37 Washington School Rd, Scottsville, Ky 42164, 270-622-0612

Secretary: Janet York, 1055 Carter Church Rd, Adolphus, Ky 42120, 270-622-1294

**BG First General Baptist:** Superintendent: Rob Rowland, 1343 Jack Simmons Road, Bowling Green, Ky, 42101, (815)822-5838

Secretary: Linda Motley, 4530 Mt Olivet, Bowling Green, Ky 42101, (270)438-0554

### **Boiling Springs**

**Calvary:** Superintendent: Randall Roberts, 121 Nature Drive, Russellville, Ky 42276, (270)847-8935

**Cave Mill:** Superintendent: Bryan Borth, 897 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Scottsville, KY 42164, (270)237-1942

Secretary: Doris Glass, 1580 Oxford Way, Bowling Green, Ky 42103, (270)842-5183

### **Centro Christians Restauration**

**Clifton:** Superintendent: Chrissy Barnett, 41 Erwin Road, Scottsville, Ky 42164 270-618-0579

Secretary: Brenda Bright, 4506 Jefferson School Road, Scottsville, Ky 42164 270-622-5080

**East Nashville:** Superintendent: Danny Morris, 134 North Russell St., Portland, Tn 37148, 615-294-5622

Secretary: Debbie Turner, 2609 Flamingo Dr., Nashville, Tn 37207, 615-227-0713

**Halltown:** Superintendent: Stacy Civils, 328 West Harper Rd., Portland, Tn 37148, (615)456-8652

Secretary: Connie Briley, 829 Halltown Rd., Portland, Tn 37148, (615)325-9317

### **Hollis Chapel**

Superintendent: Dustin and Anna Stewart, 340 Pee Dee Branch Road, Cottontown, TN 37048

Secretary: Julie Patterson, 2550 Hwy 76, Portland, Tn 37148, 615-812-9703

**Liberty:** Superintendent: Clay Stinson, 509 S. College St., Franklin, Ky 42134, (270)776-0133

Secretary: Melissa Franklin, 2607 Morgantown Rd., Franklin, Ky 42134, (270)647-2784

**Macedonia:** Superintendent: Tyler Patty, 1115 Reader School Rd., Franklin, Ky 42134, (270)586-1262

Secretary: Ruth Ann Dillard, 337 Dinwiddie Rd., Franklin, Ky 42134, (270)586-3980

### **Martha's Chapel**

**Mitchellville:** Superintendent: Tracy Hinton, 5728 Highland Rd., Orlinda, Tn 37141, 615-633-1325

Secretary: Letricia King, 134 Short Rd., Portland, Tn 37148, 615-714-9454

**Mt Moriah:** Superintendent: Brooke Stephens, 3306 Academy Road, Portland, Tn 37148, (615)406-7496

Secretary: Allison Stephens, 422 Old Hwy 109N, Portland, TN 37148 (615)559-7453

**Mt Pleasant:** Superintendent: Kevin Eidson, 158 Jake Link Rd. Cottontown, Tn 37048, (615)325-5502

Secretary: Annetta Gregory, 520 N. Happy Hollow Rd., Portland, Tn 37148, (615)772-6770

## **New Beginnings**

### **New Life**

**Portland General:** Superintendent: Brent Long, 111 Briley Lane, Portland, Tn 37148, (615)561-4608

Secretary: Rachel Long, 111 Briley Lane, Portland, Tn 37148, (615)406-1355

## **Providence**

Superintendent:

Secretary: Betty Jo Kepley, PO Box 7613, Portland, TN 37148, 615-364-5667

**Salmons:** Superintendent: David Webster, 2575 Salmons Blackjack Rd., Franklin, Ky 42134, (270)792-3186

Secretary: Matt Warren, 1009 Tracey Lane, Portland, Tn 37148, (615)268-3050

**Shiloh:** Superintendent: Tony Piper, 11295 Old Bowling Green Road, Smith Grove, Ky 42171, (270)646-8533

Secretary: Shelia Whitley, 13830 Old Bowling Green Rd., Smith Grove, Ky 42171, (270)590-8318

**State Line:** Superintendent: Kenny Greer, 757 N. Russell St., Portland, Tn 37148, (615)418-1264

Secretary: Pat Greer, 654 Denning Ford Rd., Portland, Tn  
37148, (615)325-9621

### **Union Chapel**

### **White House**

Superintendent: Bobby McMurtry, 101 Willow Lake Drive,  
Portland, Tn 37148, 615-739-2106

## **Delegates to the Sunday School Convention**

### **Barber Way**

**Beech Grove:** Johnnie Creasy, Craig Rector

### **BG First General Baptist**

### **Boiling Springs**

**Calvary:** Keith Bower, Randy Roberts

**Cave Mill:** Sharon Borth

### **Centro Christians Restauration**

### **Center Point**

### **Clifton**

### **East Nashville**

**Halltown:** Misty Brown

**Hollis Chapel:** Becky Gould, Anna Stewart

### **Liberty**

**Macedonia:** Ruth Ann Dillard, Wallace Dillard, Pat Harlow,  
Anita Smith



## **Martha's Chapel**

**Mitchellville:** Tracy Hinton, Janet Grogan

**Mt Moriah:** Shelby Johnson, Tammy Sanspree, Frances Rich

**Mt Pleasant:** Cindy Briley, Anita Lambert, Wayne Lambert, Gina Sullivan

## **New Beginnings**

### **New Life**

**Portland General:** Ruthie Wyatt

**Providence:** Johnny Maze, Rebekah Maze

**Salmons:** Michael Poteet, Tammy Poteet, Mary June Suttle, Kayla York, Ann Webster, David Webster, Julie Mathias

**Shiloh:** Linda Rigdon, Eva Renick, Lowell Renick, Shelia Whitley

**State Line:** Debbie Greer, Kenny Greer, Peggy McGlothlin, Dianne Garrison

## **Union Chapel**

### **White House**

## **Sunday School Convention Resolutions**

1. The President appoints a committee of three with one being from the host church to assist in preparing the program.
2. The names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of Convention Officers, Superintendents and Secretaries of each Sunday School to be printed in the minutes and that all correspondence is sent to the proper officer's address. This correspondence should also include the name and address of the location of the next year's convention.
3. The second Saturday in April to be the annual date of the Sunday School Convention to begin at 9:00am. With the allowance for change by the President of the Convention if the second Saturday in April falls on Easter weekend, or due to inclement weather, or due to any other circumstance that may hinder the Convention. Ample notification will be given for such circumstances.
4. The former meeting places are printed in the minutes.
5. The Nominating Committee to be appointed a year in advance.
6. The Secretary of the Convention appoint the various committees in advance and mail notice to each Sunday School of the selection with the

report. Each Sunday School to select at least one delegate from their delegation to serve and meet with the committee at 9:00am on the Saturday of the Convention.

7. We give a rising vote of thanks to Salmons General Baptist Church for their hospitality and to the officers for a fine program.
8. Be it resolved that the Sunday School Convention allow the Planning Committee to have a Saturday afternoon session if deemed necessary.
9. The Convention Secretary mails a program to each church six weeks before the Convention.
10. The Statistical and Financial reporting period for the Convention shall be the calendar year (January-December) instead of convention to convention.

## **Sunday School Convention Bylaws**

1. This Convention shall be known as the Sunday School Convention of the Portland Association of General Baptists.
2. Its objective is to encourage Sunday School work and get a uniform way of presenting Sunday School work and learn the best way to get the best results from the Sunday School work.
3. Its officers shall consist of the President to preside at all public meetings of the Convention. President must state all questions clearly and take the vote of the Convention.
4. The President shall not be allowed to vote except in the case of a tie. The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President.
5. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Convention and answer all correspondence.
6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money and pay out the money on the order of the Convention.
7. Ten delegates shall constitute a quorum provided not less than three Sunday Schools are represented thereby, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.
8. Each Sunday School group shall pay the minimum dues of \$25.00 to the Convention Treasury.

9. The delegates present shall determine the location of the next Convention.
10. All officers shall be elected annually.
11. All delegates, officers, and teachers shall be eligible to vote in the Convention.
12. The Convention, when convened, shall be opened with singing and prayer.
13. Only one person shall speak at a time, which shall rise at the point of order and address the Moderator.
14. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast reflections on any Person who may have spoken before him.
15. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in the speech by the Moderator, until he/she has finished, nor shall the Moderator interrupt him/her unless they break order.
16. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Convention.
17. Members shall address each other by the appellation of Brother, Brethren, or Sister.
18. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.
19. No member shall absent himself or herself when the Convention is sitting in conference without leave of the Moderator.
20. The names of the members of the Convention shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Convention may deem necessary.

21. This Convention shall appoint such committees as it deems necessary with President stating the duties of each committee appointed.
22. That By-Laws shall be published annually in minutes.
23. Each church, however small, is entitled to two representatives; of fifty members - three; and for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof, one representative.
24. The reading of the Sunday School letters be eliminated and that a special sheet be prepared by the Secretary by April 1.
25. That these By-Laws shall not be changed without 75 percent majority of the voting delegates.

Sunday School Statistical Report 2022											
Church	Enrolled	Avg Attendance	# Classes	# Teachers	# Enrolled	VBS	SS Offerings	SS Expenses	VBS Expenses	Total Expenses	Dues Paid
Barber Way	No Report	103	77	9	11	0	\$3,240.00	\$1,369.62	0	\$1,369.62	Yes
Beech Grove	No Report	30	20	3	5	0	0	\$793.04	0	\$793.04	Yes
Bowling Green First	0	11	1	2	2	0	\$700.00			\$700.00	Yes
Cavalry	12	11	2	4	0	0	\$290.40	0	0		Yes
Cave Mill	No Report										
Centro Cristiano											
Clifton	27	20	4	10	50	\$955.75	\$1,789.01	\$500.00	\$2,289.01	Yes	Yes
East Nashville	10	10	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Yes
Haltown	120	97	9	21	45	\$0.00	\$1,700.64	\$210.00	\$1,910.64	Yes	Yes
Hollis Chapel	25	30	6	8	65	\$687.00	\$1,376.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,876.00	Yes	Yes
Jesus Good Shephe	No Report										
Liberty	35	27	4	6	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	Yes	Yes
Macedonia	98	27	2	5	15	\$2,129.97	\$1,630.47	\$729.55	\$2,360.02	Yes	Yes
Madison Avenue	No Report										
Martha's Chapel	No Report										
Mitchellville	45	42	6	7	70	0	\$5,153.62	\$5,789.36	\$10,942.98	Yes	Yes
Mt Moriah	42	19	2	5	40	\$300.00	\$471.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,471.00	Yes	Yes
Mt Pleasant	105	48	9	13	270	\$3,742.60	\$2,796.88	\$2,528.86	\$5,325.74	Yes	Yes
Nashville First	No Report										
New Beginnings	No Report										
New Life	No Report										
Portland	0	31	3	5	0	0	\$350.66	0	\$350.66	Yes	Yes
Providence	0	31	6	8	82	\$618.00	\$1,302.44	\$1,146.79	\$2,449.23	Yes	Yes
Salmos	54	50	5	9	56	\$2,576.94	\$2,576.94	\$911.96	\$3,488.90	Yes	Yes
Shiloh	90	65	6	18	100	\$8,639.38	\$5,088.12	\$2,017.80	\$7,105.92	Yes	Yes
State Line	30	23	3	3	0	\$1,716.67	\$1,085.00	0	\$1,085.00	Yes	Yes
Union Chapel	No Report										
Unity	No Report										
White House	10	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Yes

<b>Sunday School Convention Past Dates/Locations</b>	
1. 1933 Buntin's Chapel	46. 1979 - Union Chapel
2. 1934 - Buntin's Chapel	47. 1980 - Cave Mill
3. 1935 - No Record	48. 1981 - Shiloh
4. 1936 - No Record	49. 1982 - Hollis Chapel
5. 1937 - No Record	50. 1983 - Nashville First
6. 1938 - Byrum's Chapel	51. 1984 - Portland
7. 1939 - Halltown	52. 1985 - Cave Mill
8. 1940 - Shiloh	53. 1986 - Salmons
9. 1941 - Mt. Pleasant	54. 1987 - Mt. Pleasant
10. 1942 - Hollis Chapel	55. 1988 - Clifton
11. 1943 - Buntin's Chapel	56. 1989 - Fairview
12. 1944 - Bowling Green	57. 1990 - Halltown
13. 1945 - No Record	58. 1991 - Creekmont
14. 1946 - Halltown	59. 1992 - Union Chapel
15. 1947 - Hollis Chapel	60. 1993 - Hollis Chapel
16. 1948 - Mitchellville	61. 1994 - Madison
17. 1949 - Salmons	62. 1995 - Portland
18. 1950 - Byrams Chapel	63. 1996 - Mt. Pleasant
19. 1951 - Shiloh	64. 1997 - Madison Ave
20. 1952 - Brownsville	65. 1998 - Mt. Pleasant
21. 1953 - Boiling Springs	66. 1999 - Shiloh
22. 1954 - Madison Ave	67. 2000 - Fairview
23. 1955 - Macedonia	68. 2001 - Faith
24. 1956 - Portland	69. 2002 - Halltown
25. 1957 - Union Chapel	70. 2003 - Hollis Chapel
26. 1958 - Mt. Pleasant	71. 2004 - Cave Mill
27. 1959 - Nashville Second	72. 2005 - Mitchellville
28. 1960 - First Bowling Green	73. 2006 - Salmons
29. 1961 - Halltown	74. 2007 - Portland
30. 1962 - Hollis Chapel	75. 2008 - Union Chapel
31. 1963 - Salmons	76. 2009-Mt. Pleasant
32. 1964 - Brownsville	77. 2010-Cornerstone
33. 1965 - Portland	78. 2011-Salmons
34. 1966 - Union Chapel	79. 2012-Hollis Chapel
35. 1967 - First Bowling Green	80. 2013-Providence
36. 1968 - Macedonia	81. 2014-Halltown
37. 1969 - Byrams Chapel	82. 2015-Cornerstone
38. 1970 - East Nashville	83. 2016-Macedonia
39. 1971 - Union Chapel	84. 2017- Salmons
40. 1972 - Portland	85. 2018 Beech Grove
41. 1973 - Madison	86. 2019-Shiloh
42. 1975 - Halltown	87. 2020-Covid
43. 1976 - Mt. Pleasant	88. 2021-Covid
44. 1977 - Fairview	89. 2022-Union Chapel
45. 1978 - Center Point	90. 2023-Salmons



## **Trustee Board/Property Planning/Camp Coordinator**

The Trustee Board, Property Planning Board and Camp Facilitator met on March 6, 2023 for our annual meetings. Members present were as follows:

### **Trustee Board**

Randy Givens

Randy Baker

Tim Brown

Bobby McMurtry

Tracy Hinton

Nathan Civils

### **Property Planning Committee**

Randy Givens

Randy Baker (Camp Coordinator)

Grant Johnson

Hunter Hicks

Jon Wesley Kirby

Patricia Creasy (ex-officio)

We opened the meeting in prayer.

1. Clean up dates were set for the Campgrounds: April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> with a make-up day May 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. Discussion about the campgrounds and general maintenance that would need to be done before first camp.
3. Mowing of the campgrounds was discussed. Motion, second and carries to hire Randy Baird to do the mowing.
4. There were several plumbing issues over the past year, which denotes the Maintenance and Repairs in the expense report. All plumbing issues to be completed before 1<sup>st</sup> camp.
5. Windows in dorms to be installed at 1<sup>st</sup> clean-up day! This has been completed.

6. We had a discussion on purchasing new beds for the dorms. This is very expensive and our budget will not allow for it at this time. Beds are to be repaired, painted, etc. when time allows.

### **Recommendations:**

**Trustee Board has 2 members coming off.**

**We recommend:**

**Randy Givens 3-year term    2026**

**Tim Brown    3-year term    2026**

**Property Planning Board has one at large member coming off:**

**We recommend:**

**Grant Johnson 3-year term    2026**

## Trustee Board Treasurer Report

<b>Balance as of 01/01/22</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,531.71</b>
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Income

Donations	\$	7,700.00
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Rent	\$	3,850.00
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Interest	\$	20.62
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Total Income	\$	11,570.62
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Expenses

Mowing	\$	1,045.00
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Insurance	\$	3,350.50
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CEMC	\$	2,598.85
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Portland Utilities	\$	634.57
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Maintenance & Repairs	\$	28,436.18
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Total Expenses	\$	36,065.10
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<b>Balance as of 12/31/22</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,037.23</b>
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Donations Received:

Association	\$	5,000.00
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Forshee Family	\$	200.00
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Shiloh	\$	150.00
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Hollis Chapel	\$	500.00
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Cave Mill	\$	150.00
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Portland General	\$	100.00
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Salmons	\$	100.00
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State Line	\$	100.00
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Mt. Union Camp Carver	\$	250.00
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Sunday School

Convention	\$	200.00
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## **PORTLAND ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL BAPTISTS PRESBYTERY**

NOTE: THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 15, 2024, AT CLIFTON GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH AT 9:00 A.M.

THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES FOR EXAMINING PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION, LICENSING, OR TRANSFERRING INTO THE PRESBYTERY WILL MEET ON FRIDAY NIGHT JUNE 14, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.

The Portland Association Presbytery met at New Life General Baptist Church in Springfield, Tn on Saturday June 17, 2023 with Br. Tim Williams serving as moderator.

There were a total of 43 registered members in attendance with 18 churches from Portland Association being represented.

We opened the Presbytery with a congregational song led by Br. B.J. Barnes with Br. Richard Roberts playing the piano. We sang "Standing on the Solid Rock" followed by a fellowship song, "Love Lifted Me." After a time of fellowship we gathered at the altar for united prayer.

The welcome was given by Br. Richard Roberts, pastor of New Life Church.

The response was given by Br. Donald Key  
Br. Donald Key was seated as Vice Moderator.  
Br. Andy Mathias served as Parliamentarian.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the parliamentarian.

There were no visitors from any other General

Baptist presbyteries.

The credentials committee verified that there was a quorum present to conduct the business of the presbytery.

The financial report was given by Br. Steve Moore, clerk of the presbytery.

Balance brought forward	\$9101.09
Expenses:	
Printing of Minute Book	\$ 600.00
Ministers Retirement Fund	\$2650.00
Flowers (Charles Smith, Jimmy Anderson)	\$ 179.80
Total Expenses:	\$3429.80
Balance:	\$5671.29
Deposit (Church dues)	\$3203.00
Ending Balance	\$8874.29

Motion and second to approve the financial report. This motion was approved by the presbytery.

No correspondence was received by the presbytery this year.

The following men were elected to serve in their respective offices for the upcoming year:

- Moderator: Br. Donald Key
- Vice Moderator: Br. Matt Klein
- Clerk/Treasurer: Br. Steve Moore
- Vice Clerk/Treasurer: Br. Ryan Whiticker

The moderator then appointed the following standing committees for the upcoming year:

Ministers Ordination Examining Committee

- Br. Donald Key, Chairman
- Br. Gary Sullivan

Br. Ryan Whiticker

Ministers Licensing Committee

Br. Jon Wesley Kirby, Chairman

Br. Joey Boyd

Br. Trent Stephens

Deacons Ordination Examining Committee

Br. Robert Briley, Chairman

Br. Bart Hurt

Br. Danny Brown

Credentials Committee

Br. Tim Williams, Chairman

Br. Craig Rector

Br. Andy Mathias

Resolutions Committee

Br. Larry Treadway, Chairman

Br. Bobby McMurtry

Br. Richard Roberts

We then moved to the reports from the examining committees.

The Ministers Ordination Committee had no candidates to examine this year so they did not have a report to give.

The Ministers Licensing Committee gave their report and made the following recommendations:

Br. Danny Ray Morris (East Nashville) committee recommends to be licensed for one year and be under the watch care of the presbytery. Motions and second to receive this report and approve the recommendations. These motions were passed by the presbytery.

The Deacons Ordination Examining Committee

gave their report and made the following recommendations:

Br. Mickey Buntin (Mt. Moriah) recommends to be ordained as a deacon

Br. Brad Holman (Mt. Moriah) recommend to be ordained as a deacon

Br. Daniel Hodges (Salmons) recommend to be ordained as a deacon

Br. Terry Borders (Cave Mill) recommend to be ordained as a deacon

Motions and seconds were made to receive this report and approve the recommendations. These motions were approved by the presbytery.

The Credentials Committee gave their report and made the following recommendations:

Br. Mike Scott (New Life) have credentials reinstated as an ordained minister.

Br. Keith Bowers (Calvary) have credentials reinstated as an ordained minister.

Motions and seconds to receive this report and act on the recommendations. These motions were approved by the presbytery.

The resolutions committee gave their report and made the following recommendations:

Act on resolution 14 and give a standing vote of thanks to New Life Church.

Resolution 19 to change presbytery dues to \$40 with \$33 going to the minister's retirement fund.

All other resolutions to stay the same.

Motions and seconds to receive this report and act

on the recommendations. These motions were approved by the presbytery.

A standing vote of thanks was then given to New Life Church for hosting the 2023 sitting of the Presbytery.

Clifton General Baptist Church requested to host the 2024 sitting of the Presbytery. Motion and second to accept request and go to Clifton Church in 2024. This motion was approved by the presbytery.

Br. Trent Stephens was elected to preach the ordination sermon.

Br. Ryan Whiticker was elected to pray the ordination prayer.

The report from the committee to adopt a curriculum for licensed ministers to be ordained was then called for and the following report was given.

We, the committee for minimum requirements for ordination in the Portland Association make the following report.

We recommend that each candidate for ordination be under the watch care of the presbytery for one year. In addition, each candidate should possess and read the following books: Doctrine and Usage, History of Portland Association, How to Study the Bible by LaHaye, Robert's Rule of Order and Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Chambers.

In addition, each candidate should be able to perform the following tasks associated with pastoring a church. (1) Know how to conduct a business meeting (2) Know how to receive members into the church. (3) Know how to baptize someone (4) Know how to conduct a



funeral (5) Know how to officiate at communion (6) Know how to conduct a wedding. (7) Know how to respond to a call to pastor.

We recognize that these are minimum requirements, and we strongly recommend that each candidate be a life-long learner. The apostle Paul instructed Timothy to (2 Timothy 2:15) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

While it is important to study the Word of God it is equally important to know how to conduct the business and ministry of a church. We further recommend that the presbytery appoint someone to work with the candidates and help them meet the requirements. Since they are not pastoring, their pastor should make every effort to include them in the planning of the ministry and include them in any baptism, or other event. Someone needs to be appointed to check on the candidates and encourage them in their effort to meet the minimum requirements for ordination.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Br. Donald Key, Chairman  
Br. Larry Treadway  
Br. Gary Pardue

A motion and second was made to receive this report. This motion was approved.

A motion and second was made to adopt this as minimum requirements for ordination as a minister in Portland Presbytery. This would become requirement 6 for licensees. This motion was approved by the

presbytery.

A motion and second was made that the ministry coordinator for Portland Association, Br. Larry Treadway be appointed to work with the licensed ministers and help them to be ready for ordination.

This motion was approved by the Presbytery.

A motion was then made to change bylaw #10. The following statement was made to be voted on to replace bylaw #10.

That By-law #10 which presently reads, “No man shall be licensed or ordained who has two living wives nor whose wife has two living husbands” be revoked and replaced by the following:

Believing that marriage is ordained of God and is a spiritual union in which a man and a woman are joined by God to live together as one (Genesis 2:24, Mark 10:7), this Presbytery reaffirms its commitment to the sanctity of marriage, especially for all those who are licensed or ordained members in our churches. However, should divorce occur, the church should be quick to provide love, understanding, and counsel to those involved. No applicant whose former spouse is living, or whose spouse’s former spouse is living, shall be considered eligible for ministerial or deacon’s credentials except as the Biblical standard mandates in cases where the divorce occurred because of the infidelity of the former spouse (Matthew 19:9); or that the divorce occurred prior to conversion (2 Cor.5:17) or due to abandonment by an unbelieving spouse (I Cor. 7:15). The records of all such applicants shall be investigated and approved by the Presbytery

Officers before the case is recommended to the appropriate committee for questioning. Persons with previous marriages, who now prove themselves faithful to God and to present family responsibilities, shall be permitted to be licensed or ordained under the stipulations of this bylaw, provided they are otherwise qualified.

After much discussion, question was called for and we proceeded to vote.

The presbytery voted to defeat this motion to change bylaw #10. So, bylaw #10 of Portland Association Presbytery will remain, "No man shall be licensed or ordained who has two living wives nor whose wife has two living husbands.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until June 25, 2023 at Halltown Church for ordination service. We then took a 15-minute break before entering the worship service.

#### Presbytery Worship Service June 17, 2023

We entered our worship service with Br. B.J Barnes as song leader and Br. Richard Roberts as piano player. We sang two songs before our prayer time. "Living By Faith" and "Victory In Jesus." We were led in prayer by Br. Donald Key. Special music was brought by Br. Gary Pardue.

The moderato Br. Tim Williams then brought his message using scripture from **Exodus 14:10-15**. He entitles his message "Go Forward."

Using Moses and the Hebrew children's experience in crossing the Red Sea, he made three points about going

forward for God. The first point is that going forward is a Challenge of Faith. We must believe God and take Him at his word. The second point was that going forward is a Call to Obedience. We must always be obedient to God in every situation. The third point was that going forward is a Command to Advance. We are not to turn back or look back but must always be pressing forward for the kingdom of God.

After several testimonies we had a right hand of fellowship with the candidates being ordained. We were dismissed with united prayer at the altar.

### Ordination Service June 25,2023

The Portland Association of General Baptists Presbytery met at Halltown Church on June 25, 2023 with Br. Tim Williams serving as moderator for the purpose of ordaining 4 men into the service of God as deacons.

The opening prayer was given by Br. Matt Klein.

Congregational singing was “Glory To His Name” and “Love Lifted Me.”

Br. Trent Stephens then gave the ordination sermon using scripture from **I Timothy 3:1-13**. Br. Stephens then proceeded to give an expository sermon on qualifications for deacons. Using verse by verse he highlighted what the Bible requires to fulfill the office of a deacon. He then gave a charge to each candidate and their wives about their responsibilities to God and the church.

Br. Ryan Whiticker then prayed the ordination prayer.

The moderator then instructed the candidates being ordained to kneel as the ordained officials of Portland Presbytery lay hands on them and prayed over them.

Br. Willimas then passed the gavel of moderator to Br. Donald Key.

A round of applause was given to our outgoing moderator for his service the past year.

Certificates were given to those being ordained by the clerk. After several testimonies, we were dismissed by Br. Donald Key in prayer.

## **RESOLUTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY**

**(Resolution 1)**-Be it resolved that this Presbytery requests the churches of this association set December 31 as the closing date of the association year, and that the Presbytery of the Portland Association meet on the third Saturday in June.

**(Resolution 2)**-Be it resolved that Petitions and Request Committee consist of the clerk and vice clerk of this Presbytery.

**(Resolution 3)**-Be it resolved that all committee meetings be open to all members of the Presbytery.

**(Resolution 4)**-Be it resolved that each church place deacons under the watch care of the church at least six (6) months prior to the sitting of the Presbytery.

**(Resolution 5)**-Be it resolved that all deacons and ministers to be ordained or licensed be examined on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. before the Saturday's regular sitting at the same place of the sitting of the Presbytery and the moderator to appoint the Examining Committees one (1) year in advance at the sitting of the Presbytery.

**(Resolution 6)**-Be it resolved that anyone requesting membership in this Presbytery must be a member of a church in the Portland Association of General Baptists.

**(Resolution 7)**-Be it resolved that all candidates be introduced to the Presbytery by the chairman of their respective committee.

**(Resolution 8)**-Be it resolved that all members of the Presbytery come to the regular meeting and register to receive their certificate of license instead of having it mailed to them, if possible.

**(Resolution 9)**-Be it resolved that the church report to the Presbytery be sent to the churches THREE (3) months before the sitting of the Presbytery and returned to the CLERK OF THE PRESBYTERY NO LATER THAN ONE (1) MONTH BEFORE the sitting of the Presbytery enclosing all deacons' and ministers' dues and ministers' reports. The cards to be given to a representative of the church at the sitting of the Presbytery.

**(Resolution 10)**-Be it resolved that the Presbytery pay the registration fee for each minister who would participate in the LAMP program offered by Pastoral Ministries. Each minister shall furnish his own books.

**(Resolution 11)**-Be it resolved that the Portland Presbytery by unanimous vote believe in the healing ministry as expressed by **James 5:13-16** and that the anointing with oil will not be a regular part of the church service. The only time anointing with oil will be acceptable is at the request of the sick person and then only involving the elders (ordained) of the church.

**(Resolution 12)**-Be it resolved that the Presbytery send flowers to the wives of members of this Presbytery upon their death and the church of which they are members be responsible for seeing that this is done.

**(Resolution 13)**-Be it resolved that no member of this Presbytery will indulge in the practice of “tongues,” no member will allow in the church which he has leadership responsibility, the practice of “tongues.” We believe that according to the Word of God and the practice of the early church, public worship and prayer should be in a language of the people. It is clear that the Apostle Paul placed the strongest emphasis upon rational and intelligible language in worship. We cannot endorse practices that plainly violate these scriptural principles. Any person seeking membership in this body will be questioned relative to this issue and if that person holds to the belief of “tongues”, he will be denied membership. Be it further resolved that it be clear in all the minds that this body has acted to adopt this resolution for sole purpose of eliminating a cause of controversy and all activity relative to this matter be handled with love and humbleness, with the ultimate goal to bring praise to our Lord and the salvation of souls.

**(Resolution 14)**-Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church for its kindness shown each of us and that the clerk respond by letter to the host church.

**(Resolution 15)**-Be it resolved that when someone comes on credit of letter, said letter to be read at the next year’s sitting of the Presbytery.



**(Resolution 16)**-Be it resolved that each church sending a candidate to be licensed as a minister, ordained as a deacon, or ordained as a minister present that candidate with a copy of the General Baptist Doctrine and Usage at least three (3) months prior to being examined by the proper committee. We also resolve that a member of that church (preferably the pastor) assist the candidate in attaining a working knowledge of our DOCTRINE and ARTICLES OF FAITH.

**(Resolution 17)**-Be it resolved that if rumor of violations by a member of this Presbytery reaches the magnitude that it becomes common knowledge, the Credentials Committee will investigate to determine substance and take appropriate action based on its findings. It shall be the responsibility of each member to report rumors of magnitude to the Credentials Committee or an officer of this Presbytery.

**(Resolution 18)**-Be it resolved that any church calling for pastor a member of another Presbytery; strongly encourage that pastor to join the church and the Presbytery. It is our belief than any minister called to pastor a Portland Association church should be willing to submit to the guidelines of the Portland Association Presbytery.

**(Resolution 19)**-Be it resolved that Presbytery dues be \$40.00 and that \$33.00 of that be designated for the Minister's Retirement Fund.

**(Resolution 20)**-Be it resolved that if a church in the Portland Association desires to ordain a deacon in the local church, the prospective deacon must be brought before the Presbytery examining committee for ordaining deacons, and be recommended by said committee to the Presbytery. If the local church desires to ordain the prospective deacon prior to the sitting of the Presbytery, they may do so; however, the prospect must be recommended and received by the Presbytery at the regular sitting of the Presbytery. Local churches are encouraged to ordain its deacons at the annual ordination service of the Presbytery and then have installation services for them in the local church.

**(Resolution 21)**-Be it resolved that all licentiates carry a license and be in good standing with this body or other duly recognized General Baptist Presbytery for TWO (2) years prior to ordination as a minister, unless exceptions can be made for early ordination as described in 2012 minutes book page 103.

**(Resolution 22)**-Be it resolved that the Credentials Committee be expanded to five (5) members during times of investigation to include the chairman of the ministers' ordination committee and the chairman of the deacons' ordination committee.

**(Resolution 23)**-Be it resolved that the Portland Association Presbytery and Association take an openly firm stand against homosexuality being accepted in our

churches, due to the fact that it is an abomination before God and a disgrace to His Church. Be it furthermore resolved that the Portland Presbytery will not, for any reason, ordain any man to the office of minister or deacon that is a known homosexual. Be it furthermore resolved that a minister shall not perform a same sex marriage. Be it furthermore resolved that ministers or deacons will not allow same sex marriages to occur within the church that they serve. Be it furthermore resolved that pastors, deacons, and churches shall not extend church membership to or allow the ordinances of the church to be administered to a known homosexual. Be it furthermore resolved that we recommend to each church that if any present member of any church that openly admits to being a homosexual, that member should be dealt with immediately by the church and if reconciliation cannot be made that member should be dealt with as an excluded member. Be it finally resolved that any minister or deacon that knowingly violates this resolution shall have his credentials of standing immediately revoked by this body.

**(Resolution 24)**-Be it resolved that the attendance of ministers to the Presbytery be listed in the minutes running five years.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE PORTLAND PRESBYTERY

**(Statement 1)**-The name of this body shall be the Presbytery of the Portland Association of General Baptists.

**(Statement 2)**-The objectives of this Presbytery shall be to promote efficiency of ministers and deacons, to protect them from hostile influence, and to encourage unity, fellow-ship, and cooperation among its members.

**(Statement 3)**-This Presbytery shall consist of all ordained ministers, deacons, and licentiates belonging to the Portland Association of General Baptists.

**(Statement 4)**-The officers of this Presbytery shall consist of a moderator, vice moderator, clerk/treasurer, assistant clerk/treasurer, and Parliamentarian, whose duties shall be those prescribed by the "General Baptists Doctrine and Usage" and this body.

**(Statement 5)**-A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the membership with at least one-fourth being ordained ministers.

**(Statement 6)**-Ministers' and deacons' ordination shall be by order of this body in conjunction with the regular session. However, it is possible for deacons to be ordained in their home church by the pastor and deacons.

**(Statement 7)**-There shall be a regular session of this Presbytery each year in conjunction with the annual session of the Association. The moderator shall have authority to call a meeting, giving ample time by written notice to all active members.

**(Statement 8)**-This body shall have authority to revoke the credentials of any member for unchristian conduct or for violation of this constitution or the bylaws of this body.

**(Statement 9)**-This Presbytery shall have absolute jurisdiction over all licensed or ordained ministers and all ordained deacons of this Association, but the churches may recommend any of their members to this body.

**(Statement 10)**-All charges against any member of this body shall be made to the moderator in full writing, who shall at once communicate the charges to the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee will then proceed to inquire with intent to restore the accused according to **Galatians 6:1, Timothy 5:19**, and other related Scripture.

**(Statement 11)**-When all efforts to restore the accused fail, then the "Procedure for Disciplinary Action of the Presbytery" as outlined in the annual Association minutes will be followed.

**(Statement 12)**-This Presbytery shall meet in closed session and none but ordained ministers, licentiates, and ordained deacons of the General Baptist denomination shall be admitted without special action of this body.

**(Statement 13)**-The standing committees of the Presbytery shall be: a Credentials Committee, a Resolution Committee, and three Examining Committees which shall be appointed annually, and whose duties shall be prescribed by this Presbytery.

**(Statement 14)**-This Constitution can be changed only by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present.

## BYLAWS OF THE PORTLAND PRESBYTERY

**(Bylaw 1)**-Any member of this Presbytery holding credentials (license or certificate of ordination) who fails or refuses to exercise them, shall be subject to reprimand from this body. Such credentials may be rendered null and void by a vote of this Presbytery.

**(Bylaw 2)**-Members of this Presbytery shall not invite into the pulpit any person who has had his credentials revoked.

**(Bylaw 3)**-Members of this Presbytery shall not support or encourage any heretical sect or denomination.

**(Bylaw 4)**-Any member of this Presbytery who shall sanction the violation of any ordinance or covenant of the General Baptist denomination shall be deemed out of order and shall be dealt with by this body.

**(Bylaw 5)**-This Presbytery shall not renew the credentials of any member who is not recommended by his church in its annual report to this Presbytery.

**(Bylaw 6)**-Ministers or deacons from another General Baptist Presbytery may be admitted only with a letter of good standing and after such examination concerning doctrine and loyalty as deemed necessary.

**(Bylaw 7)**-Any minister or deacon from another denomination who seeks membership in this body must meet the following criteria.

- (1) Be a member in good standing and recommended by a church in Portland Association.

- (2) Meet first with the Credentials Committee and then be referred to the Proper Committee for Examination.
- (3) Be recommended by the proper Examining Committee and approved by this body
- (4) Must show certification of ordination or be ordained by this body. When the criteria are met, a one-year probationary membership is granted.

**(Bylaw 8)**-Rumors shall not be heard in this Presbytery, but all charges shall be in writing, and any member who shall spread or make public any slanderous report, which he cannot support, shall be deemed out of order and shall be dealt with by this body.

**(Bylaw 9)**-Members of this Presbytery shall not indulge to any extent in any intoxicants or profanity. Members found guilty of such unchristian acts shall be dealt with by this body.

**(Bylaw 10)**-No man shall be licensed or ordained who has two living wives nor whose wife has two living husbands.

**(Bylaw 11)**-Bylaws may be adopted or repealed only at the annual session of the Presbytery and that by two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

## **QUESTIONS FOR MINISTERS AND DEACONS TO BE LICENSED OR ORDAINED**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- (Question 1)**-Briefly tell of your conversion and give reason for your assurance of salvation.
- (Question 2)**-How long have you been a General Baptist?
- (Question 3)**-How long have you been a member of the church recommending you?
- (Question 4)**-Give a short account of your call to preach (for ministers).
- (Question 5)**-Why do you want to be licensed/ordained?
- (Question 6)**-Do you feel you meet the qualifications of I Timothy 3?
- (Question 7)**-Have you or your wife ever been divorced?
- (Question 8)**-What is the extent of your education?  
Elementary, High School, College, etc.?

### **BIBLICAL**

- (Question 1)**-Do you believe without reservation that the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God and that it is the only rule of faith and practice?
- (Question 2)**-Explain in your words the Godhead.
- (Question 3)**-Why is it important to preach/teach from both the Old and New Testament?
- (Question 4)**-Explain the four main events brought out in the gospel.
- (Question 5)**-Why are there four books of the Gospels?
- (Question 6)**-Who is the church's foremost missionary and name some of the books written by him?
- (Question 7)**-Explain the Holy Spirit.



## **USAGE AND DOCTRINE**

**(Question 1)**-Have you read the General Baptist Doctrine and Usage completely and do you subscribe to the doctrines and practices that are outlined in it?

**(Question 2)**-Is there anything in that document that you do not believe or would not teach?

**(Question 3)**-Explain your view of speaking in tongues.

**(Question 4)**-Do you believe that a second and/or third work of grace is essential for salvation?

**(Question 5)**-What are the essentials of salvation set forth in the General Baptist Articles of Faith?

**(Question 6)**-What is the true mode of baptism and what is its purpose?

**(Question 7)**-Do you believe that it is possible for a Christian to turn away from God and finally be lost?

**(Question 8)**-How do you observe the Lord's Day?

**(Question 9)**-Do you believe there are eternal rewards for the righteous in heaven and eternal damnation and punishment for the wicked in hell?

## **MORAL AND SOCIAL**

**(Question 1)**-What is your view of acquiring debt and your responsibility to your debtor?

**(Question 2)**-What is your attitude toward intoxication beverages and the use of legal and illegal drugs?

**(Question 3)**-How would you handle ministering to an individual or couple dealing with sexual sin (cohabitation, pornography, homosexuality, etc.)?

**(Question 4)**-What is your responsibility to your family, church, and community?

**Question 5)**-If your moral character ceases to reflect the Christian image, will you voluntarily turn your credentials in to the Presbytery of which you belong or would they have to call for them?

## **CHURCH**

**(Question 1)**-What is the Church?

**(Question 2)**-How do you see your role in the local church?

**(Question 3)**-What is the biblical definition of the pastor and what are the responsibilities of that position?

**(Question 4)**-What is the biblical definition of the deacon and what are the responsibilities of that position?

**(Question 5)**-What are the requirements of membership in the local church?

**(Question 6)**-How should the work of the church be financed?

**(Question 7)**-Explain Matthew 18:15-17.

**(Question 8)**-Explain how a minister should go about accepting a call from a church and how he should proceed in leaving a church?

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENTIATES**

**(Requirement 1)**-Licensee be a Christian.

**(Requirement 2)**-Licensee be God called.

**(Requirement 3)**-Licensee be a member of a General Baptist church in the Portland Presbytery.

**(Requirement 4)**-Once a minister has been called to preach, the church where he is a member should recommend him for license from this body. Once properly examined and licensed, the presbytery assumes the responsibility for the minister until he is ordained. The presbytery will accept the responsibility of scheduling and providing preaching opportunities for the licensed minister for two years of holding license. The minister is also encouraged to find additional speaking opportunities other than those scheduled by the presbytery. When the licensed minister goes to fill his appointments, the pastor of the hosting church (or other ordained authority) will complete and evaluation form to evaluate the ministry,

presentation, and appearance of the licensed minister. The form will be mailed to the presbytery clerk who will pass them on to the appropriate committee.

**(Requirement 5)**-Licensee has a solid knowledge of General Baptist Doctrine and Usage.

**(Requirement 6)**-Licensees that are to be ordained be under the watch care of the presbytery for one year. In addition, each candidate should possess and read the following books: Doctrine and Usage Book, History of Portland Association, How to Study the Bible by LaHaye, Robert's Rule of Order and Spiritual Leadership by Oswald Sanders. In addition, each candidate should be able to perform the following tasks associated with pastoring a church: (1) Know how to conduct a business meeting (2) Know how to receive members into the church. (3) Know how to baptize someone. (4) Know how to conduct a funeral (5) Know how to officiate at communion (6) Know how to conduct a wedding (7) Know how to respond to a call to pastor. We recognize that these are minimum requirements, and we strongly recommend that each candidate be a life-long learner. The apostle Paul instructed Timothy to (2 Timothy 2:15) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. While it is important to study the Word it is equally important to know how to conduct the business and ministry of a church. We further recommend that the presbytery appoint someone to work with the candidates and help them meet the requirements. Since they are not pastoring, their pastor should make every effort to include them in the planning of the ministry and include them in any baptism, or other event. Someone needs to be appointed to check on the candidates and encourage them in their effort to meet the minimum requirements for ordination.

## **PROCEDURE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF PRESBYTERY**

**(Step 1)**-The person desiring an investigation will submit this request in writing to the moderator of the Presbytery.

**(Step 2)**-The moderator will, upon receipt of request, promptly, call a meeting of the Credentials Committee and the officers of the Presbytery to inform them of the upcoming investigation.

**(Step 3)**-Credentials Committee will promptly proceed with the investigation in the following order:

(A) Meet with person requesting the investigation.

(B) Meet with person being investigated.

(C) Meet with officers to report findings.

The investigation will basically result in one of three conclusions:

(1) The charges will have no merit and further proceedings are not necessary.

(2) The charges have merit, but the person involved will make restitution and correction to the satisfaction of the committee, the person requesting the investigation and the officers, and no further proceedings are necessary.

(3) The charges have merit and cannot be resolved and will be brought to the full body.

If #3 is the situation, the Credentials Committee will prepare the case for presentation to the full body and the moderator will notify the accused by registered mail of the proceedings to allow him opportunity to prepare his defense.

In no case will the officers or the Credentials Committee have the prerogative to ignore the request for investigation or delay the investigation.

If any of the persons involved are not satisfied with the investigation or the conclusion, they have the option to bring the matter before the whole body.

## PORTLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY DUES

Barber Way	\$ 60.00
Beech Grove	\$420.00
Boiling Springs	\$ 30.00
Bowling Green First	\$ 30.00
Calvary	\$ 60.00
Cave Mill	\$143.00
Clifton	\$ 00.00
Centro Christiano Restauracion	\$ 00.00
East Nashville	\$120.00
Halltown	\$300.00
Hollis Chapel	\$ 90.00
Jesus the Good Shepherd	\$ 00.00
Liberty	\$ 90.00
Macedonia	\$ 90.00
Madison Avenue	\$ 90.00
Martha's Chapel	\$ 30.00
Mitchellville	\$120.00
Mt. Moriah	\$ 90.00
Mt. Pleasant	\$240.00
Nashville First	\$ 00.00
New Beginnings	\$ 90.00
New Life	\$ 60.00
Portland	\$ 60.00
Providence	\$180.00
Salmons	\$210.00
Shiloh	\$210.00
State Line	\$ 30.00
Union Chapel	\$330.00
White House	\$ 60.00





