

Proceedings of the
104th Annual Session of the
Portland Association of General
Baptists

Theme:
"Striving Together for the Gospel"
Philippians 1:27

Rev. Jon Wesley Kirby, Moderator
Patricia Creasy, Clerk

Mt. Pleasant General Baptist Church
June 26-28, 2026

With God all
things are possible

Matthew 19:26



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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 aboard 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.5.No individual shall serve on more than two boards or committees, unless serving by virtue of office or as are presentative from another board or committee.

6.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.

7.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.

8.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.

9. 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.

10. Anyone who receives funds from a board or committee is ineligible to serve as a voting member on that board or committee.

11. 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 correspond with the association both by letter and delegation. Each church is also encouraged to cooperate in the communication efforts of the Ministries Coordinator 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 st	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 Comersotne
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 st	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	2024 State Line & White House
1944 Buntin Cha	1985 Asso. Camp	2025 Macedonia
1945 Salmons	1986 Fairview	2026 Mt. Pleasant
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

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Next year's setting information:

June 25-27, 2027

Providence General Baptist Church

1100 Keen Hollow Rd.,

Westmoreland, TN 37186

Host Pastor: Bro. Phil Brown

Friday Night: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Ordination Service: 2:30 p.m.

Presbytery Officers

Moderator: Allen Johnson, 800 Butler Bridge Rd.,
Portland, TN 37148, 615-927-1498

Vice Moderator: Tommy Booker, 552 W. Hollis Chapel
Rd., Portland, TN 37148 (615) 519-0918

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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 18-19, 2027

White House G.B. Church

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

Secretary/Treasurer: Debbie Greer (State Line), 757 N.
Russell St., Portland, TN 37148 (615) 210-9592

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Misty Brown (Halltown)
Portland, TN 37148 (615) 604-6138

Next year's Location:

April 3, 2027 9:00 a.m.

To be determined

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	2027
Anita Lamberth 615-612-9628	2028
Will be appointed	2029

Budget and Finance Committee

Patricia Creasy 615-308-6688 ex-officio (Treasurer)	
Betty Jo Kepley 615-364-5667 ex-officio (Assis. Trea.)	
Joan Britt 615-717-7673	2027
Andy Mathias 615-478-1973	2028
Ashley Berry 615-473-8984	2028
Tim Williams 615- 888-2916	2029
Isaac Norman 615-997-4663	2029

Credentials Committee

Allen Johnson 615-927-1498	2027
Don Key 270-776-1121	2028
Phil Brown (615) 519-4079	2029

Executive Committee

Moderator: Tim Williams 615-388-5144	2027
Presb. Moderator: Allen Johnson 615-927-1498	2027
Jon Wesley Kirby (at large) 615-270-622-1536	2027
Gary Pardue (at large) 270-622-6224	2027

Tracy Hinton (at large) 615-633-1325	2028
Tim Williams (at large) 615-388-5144	2029

Home Mission Board

Larry Treadway 615-210-5735	2027
Juan Tenorio 615-394-2973	2027
Steve Hanley 615-504-1466	2027
Santiago Herlein 615-399-8339 ex-officio member	
Tommy Booker 615-519-0918	2028
Gary Sullivan 615-804-7480	2028
Allen Johnson 615-927-1498	2029
Betty Jo Kepley 615-364-5667	2029
Treasurer: P.O. Box 7613, Portland, TN 37148	
Johnny Maze 615-566-3995	2029

Minister's Retirement Board

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

Janet Grogan 615-325-9071	2027
Janie Lamberth 615-477-4796	2027
Allen Johnson 615-927-1498	2027
Trent Stephens 615-574-5875	2028
Matt Klein 615-319-0050	2028
Randy Langford 615-838-2038	2029
Hannah Kirby 270-618-9571	2029

Resolution Committee

Randy Langford 615-838-2038	2027
Tracy Woods 270-618-0242	2028
Preston Wheeler 615-855-9127	2029

Trustee

Caleb Mathias 615-561-6140 2027

Nathan Civils 615-405-9888 2027

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

Patricia Creasy, ex-officio member 2027

Tracy Hinton 615-633-1325 2028

Junior Pitt 615-788-9814 2029

Randy Givens 615-545-5939 2029

Campground Information and Guidelines

Physical Address

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

Campground Facilitator

Trustee Board

Campground Activities

Coordinator/Reservations

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

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 31st 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 1st. 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.
8. Campfires are permitted only in the big firepit area next to the worship center.

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 1st.

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.

Church Directory 2026

Preferred Mailing in Bold	Church Directory 2026			
<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
Barber Way	Joe Boyd		Paula Boyd	
1121 Barber Way	424 Shannon Ct.		424 Shannon Court	
Bowling Green, KY 42104	Bowling Green, KY 42101		Bowling Green, KY 42101	
pastorboyd67@yahoo.com	270-784-1480		270-784-4827	
Beech Grove	Ryan Whitticker		Jeff Duncan	Ann-Katherine Landers
1300 Trammel Rd.	8708 Old Hwy 52		1066 Horseshoe Bend Rd	37 Washington School Rd
Scottsville, KY 42164	Westmoreland, TN 37186		Scottsville, KY 42164	Scottsville, KY 42164
270-622-6820	615-766-4125		615-388-1448	270-622-1755
			jduncan@nctc.com	aklanders@icloud.com
Boiling Springs	Tracy Wood		Bonnie Bratcher	
3177 Boiling Springs Rd	1566 Holland Rd		175 S. Alexander Creek Rd.	
Bowling Green, KY 42101	Scottsville, KY 42164		Bowling Green, KY 42101	
ronda55@windstream.net	270-618-0242		270-779-4419	
			mommie2fourgirls@gmail.com	
Bowling Green 1st	Randall Hendrick		Linda Motley	
311 West 40th St.	195 Bratcher Road		4530 Mt. Olivet Road	
Bowling Green, KY 42101	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>
Calvary Baptist	Keith Bowers		Kim Roberts	
117 Traugher Road	108 Winding Way		121 Nature Drive	
Adairville, KY 42202	Goodlettsville, TN 37072		Russellville, KY 42276	
270-539-4647	615-992-5871		270-847-3184	
	ckbowers510@gmail.com		5boysrus@att.net	
Cave Mill	Wayne Price (Interim)		Wendy Borders	Kennedi McMurtry
1441 Cave Mill Rd.	110 Burlington Ct		61 Talbott Dr.	270-792-1331
Bowling Green, KY 42104	Hendersonville, TN 37075		Bowling Green, KY 42103	
(270) 842-1143	615-788-6091		270-780-6482	
cavemillbaptist@gmail.com			wendy.borders6482@gmail.com	
Centro Cristiano	Santiago Herlein		Pedro Collin	
Restauracion	312 Lawn Dale Drive		817 W. Old Hickory Blvd.	
817 Old Hickory Blvd. West	Nashville, TN 37217		Madison, TN 37115	
Madison, TN 37115	615-930-6289		615-569-3973	
	santiagoherlein@gmail.com	centrocristiano restauracion.org		

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
Clifton				
1800 Clifton Church Rd.			Shannon Jones	
Scottsville, KY 42164			140 Dogwood Drive	
			Scottsville, KY 42164	
			270-622-0204	
			rsjones@nctc.com	
East Nashville				
Danny Everette (Online Service)			Judy Wauford	Cindy Laney
2100 Scott Ave.	260 Portland Lake Rd		3140 Hobson Pike	2946 Ridge Road
Nashville, TN 37216	Portland, TN 37148		Hermitage, TN 37076	Cedar Hill, TN 37032
(615) 228-1754	615-456-2079		615-587-1267	615-856-0937
			jwauford1024@gmail.com	
Faithbridge Fellowship				
4610 Hwy 431 North			Cassie Nicks	
Springfield, TN 37172			6308 Stateline Road	
			Springfield, TN 37172	
			615-239-7997	
			cassie.ryannicks@icloud.com	
Halltown				
Mike Brady			Secretary: Denise Baker	Grant Johnson
120 Dink Rut Rd.	365 Brizendine Rd.		120 Dink Rut Road	802 Butler Bridge Rd
Portland, TN 37148	Franklin, KY 42134		Portland, TN 37148	Portland, TN 37148
(615) 325-3768	615-478-4453			615-362-6062
office@halltown.org	pastormike@halltown.org		Jennifer Woodard: Clerk	grant@halltown.org
halltown.org			615-838-6187	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
Hollis Chapel	Victor Creasy		Teresa Whittimore	
1344 Brandy Hollow Rd.	142 Ragland Rd		332 Shaub Rd	
Portland, TN 37148	Cottontown, TN 37148		Portland, TN 37148	
hollischapelchurch.com	615-308-5917		615-268-0391	
	pastorvictorcreasy@comcast.net		t.whittimore@att.net	
Jesus Good Shepherd	Juan M. Tenorio		Andy Perez	Fabian-Nubia Ortiz
1164 Rural Hill Road	1115 Christopher Rd		1164 Rural Hill Rd.	1164 Rural Hill Rd.
Antioch, TN 37013	LaVergne, TN 37086		Antioch, TN 37013	Antioch, TN 37013
	615-394-2973		(615) 967-9594	615-755-5148
	iglesiajbp@live.com			
Liberty	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	
Macedonia	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>
Madison Ave.	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	
			jsniggocs@yahoo.com	(615) 406-3808
Martha's Chapel	Eric Downs		Linda Rippy	
10084 Woodburn Allen Sp. Rd	1176 Mt. Vernon Rd		10705 Woodburn Allen Sp. Rd.	
Alvaton, KY 42122	Bethpage, TN 37022		Alvaton, KY 42122	
			270-202-3380	
			rippyl@yahoo.com	
Mitchellville	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	270-622-9484		270-776-3275	
	gwpardue@gmail.com			
Mt. Moriah	Trent Stephens		Melissa Holman	
132 Mt. Moriah Rd	422 Old Hwy 109		3001B Hwy 109N	
Portland, TN 37148	Portland, TN 37148		Portland, TN 37148	
P.O. Box 880	615-574-5875		615-400-9031	
	brotrrentstephens@gmail.com		mylisa.holman@yahoo.com	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
Mt. Pleasant	Gary Sullivan		Jennifer Burton	
1085 New Deal Potts Rd.	400 Dover Church Road		205 Hester Rd	
Cottontown, TN 37048	Scottsville, KY 42164		Portland, TN 37148	
(615) 325-3861	615-804-7480		615-670-9564	
			jenniferfaithburton@gmail.com	
Nashville 1st	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	
New Beginnings	Woody Alderson	Lance Carter	Misty Roberson	
604 South Water Avenue	250 Morton Ave.	904 Hartsville Pike	127 Oakland Dr.	
Gallatin, TN 37066	Gallatin, TN 37066	Gallatin, TN 37066	Gallatin, TN 37066	
	(615) 670-4121 cell	615-572-7495	615-686-9148	
	walderson@yahoo.com		jamroberson@comcast.net	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
Portland	Larry Treadway		Connie Austin	Donna Treadway
107 W. Market St.	103 Glacier Court		6925 Highland Rd	103 Glacier Court
Portland, TN 37148	Portland, TN 37148		Portland, TN 37148	Portland, TN 37148
portlandgbc.org	treadwaylarry@bellsouth.net		615-654-2584	615-426-5735
	615-210-5735		clhastin56@live.com	treadwaydonna@gmail.com
Providence	Philip Brown		Betty Jo Kepley	Johnny & Rebekah Maze
1100 Keen Hollow Rd.	254 Austin Branch Rd		P.O. Box 7613	1104 Keen Hollow Road
P.O. Box 993	Portland, TN 37148		Portland, TN 37148	Westmoreland, TN 37186
Westmoreland, TN 37186	615-519-4079		(615) 364-5667	615-566-3995
(615) 888-2877	phil@clnard.com		kepleybj@bellsouth.net	
Salmons	Andy Mathias		Bennie Gregory	
4139 Bowling Green Rd.	102 W. Longview Drive		2194 Sportsman Lake Road	
Franklin, KY 42134	Portland, TN 37148		Franklin, KY 42134	
P.O. Box 1004	615-478-1973		270-776-5777	
Franklin, KY 42135	andymathias@bellsouth.net			
salmonschurch.com				
Shiloh	Allen Johnson		Michael Renick	Betina Rich
12050 Old Bowling Green Rd	800 Butler Bridge Road		114 Steam Mill Road	11167 Old Bowling Green Rd
Smith's Grove, KY 42171	Portland, TN 37148		Smith's Grove, KY 42171	Smith's Grove, KY 42171
	615-927-1498		(270) 670-4320	270-690-9817

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
State Line	Matt Klein		Pat Greer	
1740 Rapids Road	121 Claude Hardin Rd		244 Piper Rd	
Portland, TN 37148	Cottontown, TN 37048		Portland, TN 37148	
P.O. Box 857	615-319-0050		615-473-3800	
Portland, TN 37148	mklein@blevinsinc.com		fpgreer4@gmail.com	
Union Chapel	Tommy Booker		Julie Hicks	Brandon Hurt
1125 College Street	552 W. Hollis Chapel Rd		440 South Rd	1002 New Deal Potts Rd.
Portland, TN 37148	Portland, TN 37148		Cottontown, TN 37048	Cottontown, TN 37048
unionchapelchurch.org	615-519-0918		(615) 218-8895	615-772-3635
P.O. Box 7731				
Portland, TN 37148				
White House	B.J. Barnes		Kim Riley	
4012 Hwy 31W	612 Fowler Ford Rd		420 Fowler Ford Rd.	
P.O. Box 1485	Portland, TN 37148		Portland, TN 37148	
White House, TN 37188	615-767-2580		615-879-4873	
whitehousegbchurch@gmail.com			kriley518@gmail.com	

STATISTICAL REPORT 2025													
Church reporting runs from January-December													
	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
CHURCH													
Barber Way	No report	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
Beech Grove	8	36	2	339	3	5	121	91	7	3	122		12
Boiling Springs	0	2	4	10	0	6	12	12	0	0	0	0	0
Bowling G.1st	No report	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
Cave Mill	3	0	4	56	2	2	35	11	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	1	0	0	75	0	3	17	9	0	0	0	0	0
Centro Cristiano	12	23	0	60	9	6	55	45	11	18	50	18	16
Clifton	5	1	1	70	2	2	75	25	3	20	125	0	15
East Nashville	0	0	2	18	0	0	16	12	3	0	0	0	0
Faithbridge Fellowship	0	4	0	10	0	0	11	5	1	0	0	0	0
Halltown	12	0	6	556	9	10	170	98	23	26	0	0	0
Hollis Chapel	4	0	2	413	4	0	43	28	5	7	62	14	10
Jesus Good Shep	No report	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
Liberty	0	3	1	75	0	0	32	18	0	0	35	0	0

CHURCH	Members	Members	Members	Members	Total	Conversions	Baptisms	Avg.	Avg.	Youth	Children's	Total	Men's	Women's
	Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Members	Members			Worship	Sunday School	Work	Work	VBS	Work	Work
Macedonia	3	0	2	2	292	2	3	49	27	6	6	27	0	7
Madison Ave.	No report	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0
Martha's Chapel	2	0	2	2	160	0	0	30	20	0	0	0	0	0
Mitchellville	14	0	2	2	319	3	5	113	71	0	0	81	0	17
Mt. Moriah	7	0	1	1	65	2	2	60	18	13	8	50	6	12
Mt. Pleasant	9	2	2	2	395	1	5	103	62	0	0	65	25	26
Nashville 1st	No report	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
New Beginnings	0	2	0	0	60	3	3	40	20	10	0	0	0	0
Portland	3	0	1	1	223	1	3	67	43	5	5	0	0	0
Providence	5	1	3	3	448	0	6	111	34	15	24	71	0	0
Salmons	0	3	6	6	234	1	1	98	56	10	46	64	0	23
Shiloh	0	0	5	5	198	0	0	97	63	0	0	0	0	0
State Line	9	3	1	1	66	11	9	77	41	12	4	41	0	6
Union Chapel	3	2	2	2	249	1	3	88	62	16	25	4	0	15
White House	5	0	0	0	25	2	2	45	10	5	7	0	0	0
Totals	105	82	49	4416	56	76		70	38	145	199	797	63	159
								1542	864					

				Financial Report 2025												
				Reporting runs from January to December												
	Pastor Salary	Other Salaries	Building Grounds	Christian Education	Church Auxiliaries	Local Assoc. Giving	Unified Giving	Outreach & Evangelism	Mission Giving	Other Expenses	Total Expenses	Total Income	Dues Paid			
CHURCH																
Barber Way	No Report															
Beech Grove	\$31,200.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,618.00	\$0.00	\$60,000	\$0.00	\$2,070.00	\$2,131.00	\$100,471.00	\$145,090.00	\$149,520.00	\$254.25			
Boiling Springs	\$1,670.00	0	\$81637	596.66	0	0	0	\$296.13	0	\$4,056.33	\$7,435.49	\$6,410.00				
Bowling G.1st	No Report															
Cave Mill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,105.70	\$0.00	\$4,105.70	\$77,246.75	\$44.25			
Calvary	\$9,600.00	0	\$39,178.09	0	0	0	0	\$3,600.00	\$1,000.00	0	\$53,378.09	\$53,013.00	\$56.25			
Centro Cristiano	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,100.00	\$3,450.00	\$7,300.00	\$6,500.00	0	\$2,780.00	\$3,900.00	\$2,750.00	\$72,780.00	\$75,230.00	\$45.00			
Clifton	\$27,000.00	\$4,350.00	\$20,000.00	\$4,450.00	0	550	0	\$2,500.00	0	\$15,700.00	\$74,550.00	\$76,800.00	\$52.50			
East Nashville	\$1,500.00	\$150.00	\$2,691.57	0	0	\$13,500	0	0	\$240.00	\$13,620.21	\$18,336.78	\$20,939.98	\$13.50			
Faithbridge Fellowship	\$5,100.00	\$1,200.00	\$7,558.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$857.37	\$377.00	\$9,406.67	\$24,499.79	\$23,090.00	\$7.50			
Halltown	\$0.00	\$140,031.46	\$82,328.17	\$1,119.49	\$0.00	\$4,999.92	\$4,999.92	\$53,976.53	\$27,168.90	\$5,457.49	\$320,081.88	\$358,495.64	\$417.00			
Hollis Chapel	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,381.00	\$1,618.00	\$500.00	\$6814.00	\$1,000.00	\$299.00	\$2,160.00	\$35,280.00	\$109,052.00	\$110,402.00	\$3097.5			
Jesus Good Shep	No Report															
Liberty	\$0.00	\$2,450.00	\$9,270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$184.00	\$8,796.00	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	\$13,294.00	\$35,894.00	not reported	\$56.25			

	Pastor Salary	Other Salaries	Building Grounds	Christian Education	Church Auxiliaries	Local Assoc. Giving	Unified Giving	Outreach & Evangelism	Mission Giving	Other Expenses	Total Expenses	Total Income	Dues Paid
CHURCH													
Macedonia	\$36,680.00	\$5,825.00	\$17,863.15	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,300.00	\$3,600.00	\$39,089.59	\$111,857.74	\$90,191.29	\$2,19.00
Madison Ave.	No report												
Martha's Chapel	\$5,450.00	\$875.00	\$545.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$9,495.03	\$16,865.03	\$23,761.00	\$120.05
Mitchellville	\$78,676.00	\$4,390.00	\$31,270.00	\$6,548.52	\$3,966.31	\$11,016.28	\$3,672.09	\$1,000.00	\$9,492.09	\$36,881.69	\$186,912.98	\$203,650.03	\$239.25
Mt. Moriah	\$20,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$30,000.00	\$2,465.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,465.00	\$86,322.00	\$48.75
Mt. Pleasant	\$48,000.00	\$0.00	\$88,870.65	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$2,200.00	\$69,000.00	\$220,870.65	\$176,150.40	\$296.25
Nashville 1st	No report												
New Beginnings	\$29,700.00	\$2,600.00	\$30,469.00	\$6,416.00	\$1,089.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,896.00	\$0.00	\$11,627.00	\$83,797.00	\$114,605.00	\$45.00
Portland	\$21,600.00	\$3,000.00	\$46,615.16	\$6,066.2	\$873.62	\$1,100.00	\$600.00	\$24,083.53	\$1,200.00	\$31,657.19	\$131,336.12	\$124,238.55	\$167.25
Providence	\$13,825.00	\$14,425.00	\$41,950.26	\$1,193.15	\$41,267.44	\$2,960.25	\$0.00	\$5,130.87	\$0.00	\$6,194.47	\$126,946.44	\$136,229.96	\$336.00
Salmons	\$36,400.00	\$27,810.00	\$36,077.00	\$5,248.98	\$13,098.68	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$11,467.18	\$11,654.76	\$31,965.21	\$187,721.81	\$198,623.14	\$175.50
Shiloh	\$42,600.00	\$12,450.00	\$3,836.96	\$3,258.11	\$1,500.00	\$3,432.65	\$1,200.00	\$8,073.77	\$4,400.00	\$26,795.05	\$107,546.54	\$127,123.48	\$148.50
State Line	\$10,400.00	\$6,500.00	\$21,441.00	\$1,321.00	\$0.00	\$530.00	\$0.00	\$12,748.00	\$6,450.00	\$11,573.00	\$70,963.00	\$123,592.00	\$49.50
Union Chapel	\$24,250.00	\$12,132.00	\$30,626.00	\$1,090.00	\$0.00	\$14,993.00	\$3,201.00	\$3,202.00	\$23,132.00	\$13,183.00	\$125,809.00	\$203,589.00	\$186.75
White House	\$12,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$16,600.00	\$49,981.27	\$18.75
Totals	\$506,451.00	\$251,388.46	\$598,888.13	\$51,499.53	\$69,595.05	\$63,615.10	\$31,469.01	\$147,180.38	\$103,711.45	\$489,096.93	\$2,312,895.04	\$2,609,204.49	\$3,306.80

Ordained Ministers

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

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

Booker, William—552W. Hollis Chapel Portland, TN 37148,
(615) 519-0918, Church: Union Chapel (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)

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

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37148, (615) 708-0909, Church: Madison Ave. (Absent)

Jenkins, Glenn—4824 Paddock Dr., Evansville, IN 47715,
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Johnson, Allen—800 Bailey Bridge Rd., Portland, TN
37148, (615) 927-1498, Church: Shiloh (Attended)

Johnson, Grant-802 Butler Bridge Rd., Portland, TN 37148,
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Key, Donald-504 E. Washington Street, Franklin, KY 42134,
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37186, (615) 766-4125, Church: Beech Grove (Attended)

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37186, (615) 388-5144, Church: State Line (Attended)

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Woods, Tracy—1566 Holland Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164,
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Jamie Ausbrooks	270-622-1407

BOILING SPRINGS (0)

BOWLING GREEN FIRST (0)

CALVARY (1)

Jimmy Johnson	270-893-2173
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CAVE MILL (1)

Terry Borders	270-784-0313
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CLIFTON (3)

Jon Devore	270-871-9776
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JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD (0)

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NEW BEGINNINGS (0)

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WHITE HOUSE (1)

Bobby McMurtry	615-739-2106
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**Proceedings of the 104th
Annual Session of the
Portland Association of General Baptists
Theme – “Striving Together for the Gospel”
Philippians 1:27
Mt. Pleasant G.B. Church**

Friday Night, June 26

Members Present:	68
Visitors:	5
Total in Attendance:	73

Welcome: Bro. Jon Wesley

Opening & Welcome by the Host Church. Bro. Gary Sullivan

Congregational Songs: Leader: Gary Sullivan

Piano Player: Parker Hurt

Song: “Standing on the Promises”

Prayer: Bro. Grant Johnson

Special Song: Salmon Church Choir

Song: Gratitude

Obituary Report: Sis. Betty Jo Kepley. Vote for approval in tomorrow’s business session. Prayer of remembrance by Bro. Jon Wesley Kirby

Special Singing: Salmon Church Choir
Song: "I Believe"

Message: Bro. Victor Creasy

Philippians 1:27-2:4

1. Unified. Are we unified as a body of believers.
Is heaven going to grow with what we are doing?
We need to be likeminded.

2. Terrified. Don't be terrified by the wiles of the
devil. Don't be afraid to share the gospel.

3. Glorified. We live to glorify the
Father. Esteem others higher than ourselves.
Striving together as 29 individual churches. We should
be bound together to go forth to spread the gospel.
Speak it, live it, be it every-day. The shared gospel can
still get it done. Greater is He that is in you than He
that is in the world.

Invitation Song: Bro. Gary Sullivan

Piano: Parker Hurt

Song: Nothing but the blood.

Communion Prayer: Bro. Gary Pardue

Communion: Bro. Gary and Mt. Pleasant Ordained

Testimonies: Several shared

Announcements: Saturday's session @ 9:00 a.m.

Dismissal Prayer: Bro. Isaac Norman

Saturday: June 27, 2026: 9:00 a.m.

Delegates: 101

Visitors: 3

Total Attendance: 104

Churches Represented: 20

Welcome: Moderator Bro. Jon Wesley Kirby

Welcome and instructions by Host Church: Bro. Gary Sullivan

Bro. Jon Wesley Kirby: Any Resolution changes or additions to be given to the committee to look over during 1st session. Resolution Committee is: Tracy Woods, appointed for this setting. Ryan Whiticker, Clayton House

Prayer to bless setting: Bro. Tim Williams

Congregational Singing: Zack Clark

Piano: Shannon Jones

Song: "He Set Me Free"

Song: "When We all Get to Heaven"

Special Singing Zack Clark

1. "I Thank God"

2. "There's Nothing Better than You

Message: Dr. Danny Dunivan

Philippians 1:3-7

Does partnership of the gospel matter and why? Here local or across the world?

Fellowship is used in a weak way. We think of donuts and coffee and dinners in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship is much deeper than that.

Kornania...fellowship meaning business, partners, workers together. Tying together our future. Shared participation in the mission of the gospel. Paul is promoting what God already set in place. We are bound together by our heavenly Father. We love being a part of a partnership when it doesn't ask much of us. We should all share the same mission. Local church was never meant to be isolated. Our confidence can't rest in a document or plan. Christian hope rest on the God who began the work and who will complete it. Partnership is about the ones who have not yet been reached, the churches who have not been planted. If we forget Grace, it becomes just politics. Grace sees each other differently. The mission is worth the cost. God finishes what God starts. Partnership matters and it is Good!

Short Break: about 15-minute break

Business Session

Welcome back to begin business session: Bro. Jon Wesley Kirby

Prayer to open business session Bro. Don Key

Is quorum present for business? Assistant Clerk Betty Jo Kepley. Yes 99 present 20 churches represented.

Call the 104th Annual Session to order: Bro. Jon Wesley

Seating of Parliamentarian, Bro. Andy Mathias and Vice Moderator, Bro. Tim Williams

Reading of the Rules of Decorum: Bro. Andy Mathias
Page 12 in Minute Book or last page of packet.

Recognize Delegates from other Association/Guests:
Larry Emery: Mt. Union
Danny Dunivan: General Baptist Ministries
Pete Freeman: Mt. Union

Reading of Correspondence by Assistant Clerk: Sis. Betty Jo. Motion, second carries to accept.

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

Mt. Union:
Don Key, Alan Motley, Gary Pardue, Tim Williams,
Preston Wheeler, Gary Sullivan

Long Creek: Gary Sullivan, Preston Wheeler

Election of Officers

2027 Moderator: Bro. Tim Williams (already elected)

Vice Moderator 2027: Victor Creasy nominated.

Nomination cease and proceed to elect. MSC

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

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

MSC to retain

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

MSC to accept all the reports as written in the packet and to vote upon recommendations individually for each.

Headquarters Report: Bro. Danny Dunivan:

Foreign Mission Work is growing. Also, local church plants are thriving. Saipan work is looking for workers to share the gospel there. Prayers for work in India.

Philippines has over 400 churches with 70 church plants. General Baptist Bible college is doing well.

Church health assessments Travis Stephens. Courses available for leadership Development classes online.

Church leadership network for Pastors or leaders is available. He encouraged everyone to attend the Summit in July. MSC to accept.

Association Treasurer's Report: no recommendations. See report.

Audit Committee Report: no recommendations. See report

Budget and Finance

Recommendations to fill board:

Isaac Norman 3-year term

Tim Williams 3-year term

Any other nominations: MS to cease and elect. Motion carries. See Report.

Executive Committee

Recommendations:

1. Retain Sis. Patricia as associational secretary. MSC to retain.

2. Retain Bro. Larry Treadway as ministry coordinator. MSC to retain.

3. Bro. Tim Williams for another 3-year term

Nominations from floor....MSC nomination cease and to elect.

See report.

Evaluation Committee:

Recommendations:

1.Recommend replacing the existing constitution and bylaws of the Portland Association with the proposed Constitution and bylaws and sending the proposed changes to the member churches for review and approval. MSC to accept. See report.

2. Recommend that member churches respond to the Associational clerk no later than January 1, 2027, with the results of their church vote regarding the proposed Constitution and Bylaws. MSC to accept.

3. Recommend that if three fourths majority approval of responding churches is received by the January 1, 2027 deadline, the Evaluation Committee be authorized to prepare and present a transition plan to the Executive Committee for approval, to be implemented following the conclusion of the 2027 session of the Portland Association. MSC to accept.

MSC to accept recommendations as presented. MSC to accept.
See report.

Home Mission Board

Recommendations:

- 1.Allen Johnson 3-year term
- 2.Betty Jo Kepley 3-year term
- 3.Johnny Maze 3-year term

Nominations called for: MSC nominations cease and elect. See report.

Ministries Coordinator: no recommendations. See report

Minister's Retirement Board

Recommendations:

- 1.Randy Langford 3-year term
- 2.Hannah Kirby 3-year term

No nominations: MSC to accept. See report

Motion to accept Obituary Report as given Friday Night with one correction. See report.

State of Association: no recommendations. See report

Trustee Board

Recommendations:

1. JR. Pitt 3-year term
2. Randy Givens 3-year term
3. Caleb Mathias 1 year term to fill remaining term of Bro. Bobby McMurtry who stepped down.

No nominations from floor: MSC to accept. See Report

Resolution Committee Report: Act upon Resolution #1 and give rising vote of thanks to Host church!
No new resolutions. MSC. See report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Petitions and Requests: Next year's 105th setting.
Request to host by Providence Church. MSC to accept their invitation.

Closing Remarks and thanks by Bro. Jon Wesley.
Thanked everyone for their prayers and support this past year.

Turn Service over to the Incoming Moderator, Bro. Tim Williams:

Theme: "Others" unless God changes his mind. He asked for prayers as he leads.

Bro. Tim appoints the following committee positions

Credentials

1. Phil Brown

Resolutions Committee

1. Preston Wheeler

Motion to adjourn from Business of the 104th Session
Announcement: Ordination Service, Sunday @ 2:30 p.m.

Prayer to dismiss and bless meal: Bro. Clayton Hall

Association Treasurer Report 2025

Balance Operating Account 01/01/25 **\$36,848.11**

Income

Membership dues	\$ 3,302.30
Printing of Minutes Income	\$ 640.80
Budget Allocation	\$ 21,000.00
Total Income	\$ 24,943.10

Expenses

Association Meeting	\$ 48.29
Bank Charges	\$ 70.25
Clerk Salary	\$ 9,900.00
Clerk Cell Phone	\$ 600.00
Corporate Renewal Fee	\$ 20.95
General Association Meeting	\$ 246.24
Insurance Expense	\$ 26.00
Membership Dues to GA	\$ 3,336.75
Minute Book Expense	\$ 2,552.00
Ministries Coordinator Salary	\$ 3,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 918.11
Payroll SS & Medicare/Clerk	\$ 757.32
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 120.00
Postage	\$ 194.01
Website	\$ 651.47
Total Expenses	\$ 22,195.15

Beginning Balance 01/01/25 **\$ 36,848.11**

Plus Income Received \$ 24,943.10

Less Expenses \$ -22,195.15

Total Ending Balance 12/31/24 **\$ 39,596.06**

Income from Churches

Centro Cristiano Restauracion	\$	3,000.00
Clifton	\$	150.00
Halltown Church	\$	4,999.92
Hollis Chapel	\$	4,558.35
Macedonia	\$	600.00
Mitchellville	\$	11,016.28
Mt. Pleasant	\$	1,000.00
Portland Church	\$	600.00
Providence	\$	1,200.00
Salmons	\$	7,000.00
Shiloh	\$	1,000.00
State Line	\$	500.00
Union Chapel	\$	9,634.23
White House	\$	1,200.00
Total	\$	46,508.78

Beginning Balance 01/01/25	\$	63,671.35
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Less error found from voiding checks to Camp Board in 2024		-\$2,500.00
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Plus Income from Churches	\$	46,458.78
Plus Interest Income	\$	88.64
Less Budget Disbursed	\$	(39,000.00)

Budget Disbursed:

Association Office	\$21,000.00
Trustee Board	\$10,000.00
Minister's Retirement	\$8,000.00

Ending Balance as of 12/31/25	\$	68,718.77
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Audit Committee Report

The Portland Association Audit Committee met on Monday, May 11, 2026, to examine the financial records and accounts for the 2025 year.

- 1) The Trustee Board with Bro Nathan Civils
- 2) Home Mission Board with Sis Betty Jo Kepley
- 3) Ministers Retirement Board, Association Income Account, & Association Office Account with Sis Patricia Creasy

After examination, the members of the Audit Committee find the accounts to be in order and in good standing

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Lamberth
Ashley Berry

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 15th 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 11, 2026 with 6 members present.

Andy Mathias

Tim Williams

Joan Britt

Ashley Berry

Betty Jo Kepley

Patricia Creasy-Ex-officio

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

After reviewing each we recommend the following:

Association Office	\$21,000.00
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Minister's Retirement Board	\$ 8,000.00
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to be invested in CD

Trustee Board	\$17,000.00 to
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kickstart purchase of new beds & mattresses for the dorms. With hopes of churches following with donations to complete the purchase.

Total to Disburse from budget	\$46,000.00
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Recommendations for board members:

Isaac Norman 3-year term

Tim Williams 3-year term

EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the past year, the Evaluation Committee has met regularly, reviewed the current structure and ministries of the Portland Association, hosted listening sessions with pastors and church leaders, and prayerfully considered how the Association can best serve its churches moving forward.

Throughout this process, several consistent themes emerged:

- The need to better equip and encourage leaders
- The desire for clearer mission and direction
- The importance of accountability and unity among churches
- The need for a simpler and healthier governance structure
- The desire to focus more energy on ministry and leadership development

After prayerful discussion and consideration, the Evaluation Committee respectfully submits the following recommendations to the Portland Association:

Recommendation 1

Recommend replacing the existing Constitution and By-Laws of the Portland Association with the proposed Constitution and By-Laws and sending the proposed changes to the member churches for review and approval.

Recommendation 2

Recommend that member churches respond to the Associational Clerk no later than January 1, 2027, with the

results of their church vote regarding the proposed Constitution and By-Laws.

Recommendation 3

Recommend that if a three-fourths majority approval of responding churches is received by the January 1, 2027 deadline, the Evaluation Committee be authorized to prepare and present a transition plan to the Executive Committee for approval, to be implemented following the conclusion of the 2027 session of the Portland Association.

The Evaluation Committee believes these recommendations position the Portland Association for a healthier and more effective future while maintaining accountability, representation, and cooperation among our churches.

Respectfully Submitted,
Portland Association Evaluation Committee

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws are intended to provide a clearer mission, healthier structure, and more effective governance model for the Portland Association while maintaining accountability and representation among member churches.

1. Clear Mission & Purpose

The proposal establishes a mission centered on glorifying God by:

- Equipping and encouraging leaders
- Establishing and strengthening churches
- Promoting accountability and unity

2. Board-Led Governance

The Association would transition to a Board-led structure consisting of 12 elected members serving staggered terms while remaining accountable to the churches through annual elections and delegate voting.

3. Continued Church Representation

Active churches would continue to:

- Send delegates while electing board members
- Vote on amendments
- Add or remove churches

4. Simplified Structure

The proposal creates three standing committees:

- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Ministry Committee

Each committee has clearly defined responsibilities and accountability to the Board.

5. Greater Ministry Focus

The proposed structure is designed to allow the Association to focus more intentionally on:

- Leadership development
- Strengthening churches
- Ministry and Worship events
- Church support and future church planting opportunities

The Evaluation Committee believes these changes provide a healthier and more sustainable structure for the future ministry of the Portland Association.

Proposed
**CONSTITUTION of the Portland Association of General
Baptists**

Article I — Name

The name of this body shall be the **Portland Association of General Baptists**, hereafter referred to as the Association.

Article II — Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be to fulfill its mission as adopted by the Association.

The Portland Association exists to glorify God through equipping and encouraging leaders, establishing and strengthening churches, while fostering accountability and unity, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit; doing together what we cannot do alone.

Article III — Statement of Faith

The Association affirms and operates in alignment with the Statements of Faith of the General Association of General Baptist.

Article IV — Member Churches

The Association shall consist of cooperating churches that voluntarily participate in its work.

A church may be received into membership upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at the annual meeting.

A church may withdraw from membership at any time upon receiving written notification and proof of said action.

A church may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of delegates at the annual meeting.

Three membership classifications are recognized:

- **Active Churches**

Churches in good standing that participate in the life and ministry of the Association. Active churches are invited to all events and have full voting rights.

- **Mission Churches**

Church plants or churches receiving financial support from the Association. Mission churches may participate in Association activities but shall not have voting rights and shall not have representation on the Associational Board while receiving support.

- **Inactive Churches**

Churches that are not in good standing due to lack of participation, failure to submit reports, or failure to pay annual dues. Inactive churches may attend Association events but shall not have voting rights.

Article V — Governance

The affairs of the Association shall be governed by the Associational Board as defined in the By-Laws.

Delegates from active member churches shall meet annually to:

- Receive the annual report of the Board
- Elect members to the Associational Board
- Approve amendments to governing documents
- Add or remove member churches
- Consider changes to the Constitution and By-laws of the Association
- Conduct other necessary business

The annual meeting shall be moderated by the Chair of the Associational Board.

Article VI — Dissolution

In the event that the Association is dissolved, its assets shall be transferred to the General Association of General Baptists, unless another organization or body is approved by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at the annual meeting.

Article VII — Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution or dissolution shall require:

1. Majority approval of delegates at the annual meeting, and
2. Two-thirds approval of delegates at the following annual meeting.

Proposed

BY-LAWS of the Portland Association of General Baptists

Article I — Associational Board

The governing body of the Association shall be the Associational Board.

The Board shall consist of twelve members.

No more than two members may serve from the same church.

Board members must be nominated by an active church of the Association.

The Associational Board shall oversee and guide the mission, ministry, governance, and stewardship of the Association in alignment with its Constitution, By-Laws, and mission statement.

The Board shall provide accountability, direction, and leadership for the work of the Association while supporting and strengthening its member churches.

The Board shall act on behalf of the Association between annual meetings except where authority is reserved to the delegates by the Constitution and By-Laws.

Article II — Board Qualifications

Board members must:

- Be active members of an active church within the Association that participate financially in the Association's work through non-designated giving
- Affirm the General Baptist Statements of Faith and Social Principles Summary
- Meet moral and ethical standards expected of Christian leadership
- Attend board meetings regularly
- Be willing to sign a conflict-of-interest disclosure maintained by the Board

Board members may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board if these requirements are no longer met.

Article III — Terms of Service

Board members shall serve four-year terms.

Terms shall be staggered, with three members elected each year.

Board members may serve two consecutive terms.

After completing two consecutive terms, a member must remain off the Board for one year before becoming eligible again.

Vacancies may be filled by appointment of the Board until the next annual election where the additional terms shall be filled.

Article IV — Election of Board Members

Nominations for Board membership must come from an active member church and must be submitted at least two

months prior to the annual meeting to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall review nominations and prepare the ballot.

Board members shall be elected using ranked choice voting with instant runoff.

All nominees shall appear on the ballot, and the three candidates receiving the highest results after the ranked choice process shall be elected. If an existing term needs to be filled the individual receiving the fourth most votes shall fill the vacancy and so on.

Article V — Officers

The Board shall elect the following officers, from its members, annually at its first meeting of the year:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Clerk

These officers shall also serve as the corporate officers of the Association:

Chair – President

Vice Chair – Vice President

Clerk – Secretary and Treasurer

Article VI — Committees

The Board shall maintain the following standing committees:

- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Ministry Committee

Committee decisions shall be reported to and approved by the Board unless immediate action is necessary.

Finance and Ministry Committees shall elect its own officers annually.

Article VII — Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- Board Chair
- Board Vice Chair
- Board Clerk
- Chair of the Finance Committee
- Chair of the Ministry Committee

The Executive Committee shall:

- Oversee Association staffing, including hiring, replacement, removal, and contract negotiations
- Assist in church conflict when requested by a church
- Oversee sending and receiving church reports along with Board Clerk
- Act on behalf of the Board between meetings when necessary
- Review and approve nominations to the Board prior to the annual meeting
- Before a church may be placed in inactive status, the Executive Committee shall make reasonable effort to contact the church and notify its leadership regarding the concerns and potential action of the Board. The church shall be given opportunity to respond before a final vote is taken by the Board.

All actions taken between meetings shall be reported to the Board at its next meeting.

Article VIII — Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of:

- Board Chair
- Board Vice Chair
- Board Clerk

- Four at-large members of the Board

The Finance Committee shall:

- Prepare and recommend the annual budget to the Board
- Conduct an annual financial review of Association accounts
- Oversee an independent financial audit every five years
- Manage the Ministers Retirement account
- Oversee the Trustee Board

Article IX — Ministry Committee

The Ministry Committee shall consist of:

- Board Chair
- Board Vice Chair
- Five at-large members of the Board

The Ministry Committee shall:

- Plan and coordinate Association events such as training, leadership gatherings, worship gatherings, youth activities, and similar ministry efforts
- Evaluate opportunities for church support, church planting, and relief efforts

Article X — Trustee Board

The Associational Board shall elect and maintain a Trustee Board consisting of five members.

Trustees shall serve three-year terms.

The Trustee Board shall oversee and maintain the Portland Association Campground and any other property owned by the Association.

The Trustee Board shall operate under the oversight of the Finance Committee.

Article XI — Meetings

The Board shall hold at least two regular meetings each year, with additional meetings if deemed necessary.

Meetings may be conducted in person or virtually.

A majority of board members shall constitute a quorum.

Article XII — Annual Meeting

The Association shall hold an annual meeting on the fourth Saturday in October in conjunction with the Association's leadership event.

Active churches may designate up to five delegates.

Delegates must be present to vote.

Delegates must be identified on the annual church report submitted to the Association.

A quorum for the annual meeting shall be twenty delegates or representation from at least twenty percent of active member churches.

Article XIII — Church Reports

Member churches shall submit an annual church report to the Board Clerk by April 30.

Article XIV — Inactive Status

Inactive status is intended to encourage participation, communication, and accountability among member churches while maintaining representation and voting within the Association.

The Board may place a church in inactive status by a two-thirds vote if the church fails to:

- Submit an annual report
- Pay annual membership dues, or
- Maintain involvement in Association gatherings

When an inactive church meets the minimum requirements for active members, the Board shall return it to active status.

Inactive churches shall not have voting rights.

If a church remains inactive for multiple years, the Board may recommend removal from membership to the annual meeting.

Article XV — Financial Administration

The Association shall operate on a calendar fiscal year. Bookkeeping shall be maintained by the Clerk or by staff employed by the Board.

Dues to the General Association shall be collected and forwarded as required.

Member churches are encouraged to support the ministry of the Association through non-designated giving.

Article XVI — Amendments to the By-Laws

Amendments to the By-Laws shall require:

- A two-thirds vote of the delegates at the annual meeting.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are changes being proposed?

The proposed changes are intended to help the Portland Association operate more effectively, focus more intentionally on ministry and leadership development, and provide a healthier structure for the future.

Is the Association eliminating church representation?

No. Churches will continue to send delegates, elect board members, vote on amendments, add or remove churches, and conduct associational business at the annual meeting.

Why move to a Board-led structure?

The proposed structure allows the Association to function more effectively between meetings while maintaining accountability to the churches through elections and annual business sessions.

Will churches still have a voice?

Yes. Active churches continue to have representation and voting rights through delegates at the annual meeting.

Does this give too much authority to the Board?

The Board is accountable to the churches through annual elections, governing documents, and delegate voting. Certain decisions remain reserved to the delegates.

Why create Active, Mission, and Inactive church classifications?

The classifications are intended to provide clarity regarding participation, representation, and voting while encouraging communication and involvement among churches.

Is inactive status intended to punish churches?

No. Inactive status is intended to encourage participation, communication, and accountability while maintaining clarity regarding representation and voting rights.

Can an inactive church return to active status?

Yes. When a church again meets the minimum expectations for active participation, the Board will restore the church to active status.

Will the Association still hold annual meetings?

Yes. The Association will continue holding an annual meeting in conjunction with an annual leadership event every October.

Why focus more on leadership and training events?

Throughout the listening sessions, churches consistently expressed a desire for stronger leadership development, encouragement, and ministry support.

How were these changes developed?

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws were developed through committee meetings, evaluation of the current structure, and multiple listening sessions with pastors and church leaders from across the Association.

When would these changes take effect?

If approved by the churches, a transition plan would be presented and implemented following the 2027 session of the Portland Association.

Executive Committee Report

The executive committee met on 7/20/25 at Mitchellville General Baptist Church with 4 of 5 members present. The purpose of this meeting was to appoint an evaluation committee that was approved by the association at our 2025 session. After much prayer and discussion, the following names were placed in nomination and approved by the committee: Bro. Andy Matthias, Bro. Mike Brady, Bro. Jon Wesley Kirby, Bro. Gary Pardue, & Sis. Patricia Creasy.

The executive committee met on 5/31/26 at Mitchellville General Baptist Church with 4 of 5 members present. Bro. Trent Stephens opened the meeting in Prayer. We met with Bro. Larry Treadway, ministry coordinator and discussed the position of associational secretary, Sis. Patricia Creasy, who was unable to attend. After discussion of this and other matters, we make the following recommendations:

Recommendations:

1. Recommend to retain Sis. Patricia Creasy as associational secretary.
2. Recommend to retain Bro. Larry Treadway as ministry coordinator.
3. Recommend Bro. Tim Williams for an additional 3-year term.

Respectfully submitted, Bro. Tim Williams, Chairman

Portland Home Mission Board

The Portland Home Mission Board met in person twice during the past year and communicated several times through texts and emails. The main work during 2025 has been supporting Faithbridge Fellowship in Springfield, TN. In this current year, 2026, we have started working with Boiling Springs GB Church in Bowling Green, KY. In the fall of 2023, the Home Mission Board began serving Faithbridge Fellowship in Springfield, TN with financial help for everyday needs (salaries, utilities, etc.). That service concluded in September of 2025. Unfortunately, the church did not see significant growth during that period. In December of 2025, the board received information that Boiling Springs Church in Bowling Green, KY had several physical issues with the church building. One of the biggest concerns was a heat/air unit. The board asked to meet with Bro. Tracy Woods in person to get more information. Since that time, the church has agreed to be considered in mission status, and the board has provided a new heat/air unit, siding, and painting outside. The mission agreement is included in this report.

Current Board Members:

Alan Motley 2026

Bryan Borth 2026

Betty Jo Kepley (treasurer) 2026

Steve Hanley 2027

Larry Treadway 2027

Juan Tenorio 2027

Tommy Booker 2028

Gary Sullivan 2028

Santiago Herlein ex-officio member Recommendations:

We recommend the following for a three-year term:

Bro. Allen Johnson

Sis. Betty Jo Kepley

Bro. Johnny Maze

Portland Home Mission Board		
Income and Expense for 2025		
Beginning Balance	\$ 41,108.60	
INCOME	Income	Expense
Centro Resturation Church	\$ 3,000.00	
Mitchelleville Church	\$ 3,672.09	
Portland Association	\$ -	
Other	\$ 2,065.21	
Checking Acct Interest	\$ 53.61	
EXPENSES		
Annual Incorp Fee	\$ -	\$ (20.00)
Faithbridge Fellowship	\$ -	\$ (16,000.00)
RENTAL DWELLING		
INCOME		
One Stop Reality	\$ 8,640.00	
EXPENSES		
Insurance		\$ (2,105.00)
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ (1,560.31)
Repairs on RDP	\$ -	
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 38,854.20
Value of CD at GBIF		\$ 105,551.80

Minister's Retirement

The Minister's retirement board met on May 19, 2026 with 5 members present. We discussed the following:

1. One time payout was sent to Sis. Shirley Huff with the passing of Bro. Gus.
2. It was mentioned to encourage all churches to participate in the 1st Sunday in October Special offering for Minister's Retirement fund.
3. Motion, 2nd and passed to increase the monthly allowance to \$275.00 per minister.

Recommendations:

Randy Langford 3-year term

Hannah Kirby 3-year term

Minister's Retirement Treasurer Report

Balance Forward 01/01/25	49,122.81
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Income

Income from churches ***	21,800.00
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Interest Income	73.81
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Income from Presbytery	3,600.00
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Budget Allocation	5,000.00
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Total Income	30,473.81
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Income from Churches***

Halltown	6,000.00
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Hollis Chapel	2,400.00
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Macedonia	400.00
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Mitchellville	600.00
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Mt. Moriah	600.00
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Portland Church	500.00
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Providence	1,200.00
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Salmons	2,000.00
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Shiloh	2,000.00
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State Line	2,700.00
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Union Chapel	3,000.00
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White House	400.00
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Total Income from Churches	21,800.00
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Expenses

Money paid out to Ministers ***	30,000.00
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Total Expenses	<u>30,000.00</u>
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Money Paid out to Ministers ***

Billy Bowers	3,000.00
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Clayton Hall	3,000.00
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David Harper	3,000.00
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Donald Key	3,000.00
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Gus Huff	3,000.00
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H. Dean Jagers	3,000.00
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Harold David Hobdy	3,000.00
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Kenneth A. Gregory	3,000.00
R. Glenn Jenkins	3,000.00
Larry Treadway	3,000.00
Total Paid out to Ministers	30,000.00

Balance Forward 01/01/25	49,122.81
Plus Income Received	30,473.81
Less Money Paid out to Ministers	-30,000.00
Ending Balance 12/31/25	49,596.62

Certificates of Deposit 12/31/25

GBIF # 2877	17,400.61
GBIF # 3141	57,000.10
Total Certificates	74,400.71

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 \$275.00 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.

Ministry Coordinator Report

It was a privilege to serve as Minister Coordinator for the Association.

- I was privileged to work with four newly called ministers providing guidance and the minimum requirements set forth by the Presbytery as listed in our minutes book providing them with the books necessary to fulfill their reading requirements as well as pointing out the questions to be asked in the examination process by the presbytery questioning committees.
- The monthly information newsletter was discontinued because of lack of information provided.
- I have attempted to visit all our churches revivals when I have knowledge of them and have no personal conflicts with schedules to show support.
- There have been a few church representatives I have provided preachers list for possible contact to fill the pulpits as well as scheduling some preachers for them.

It is my request that the recommended minimum requirements in our minute book be carried over from year to year.

Sincerely,
Larry Treadway

Obituary Report							
Barber Way	No report						0
Beech Grove	Laura Rector	Eutra Graves					2
Boiling Springs	Church on Mission Status	No report					0
Bowling G.1st	None						0
Calvary	None						0
Cave Mill	Melvin Oliver	Atlas Pyle	Jim Gates				
	Sherry Arnold						4
Centro Cristiano	None						0
Clifton	Polly Renick						1
East Nashville	Carol Jordan	Jimmy Williams					2
Faithbridge Fellowship	No report						0
Halltown	Sadie Sullivan	Thelma Woodard	Ralph Elliott				
	Ruth Whitaker	Jean Mayes	Carolyn Lame				6
Hollis Chapel	Nell Cook	Helen Clouse					2
Jesus Good Shepherd	No report						0
Liberty	Dorothy Ladd						1
Macedonia	Angela West	Wanda Liles					2
Madison Ave.	No report						0
Martha's Chapel	Anna Mae Charlton	Leon Reynolds					2
Mitchellville	Bobby Joe Harper	Billy Thomas					2
Mt. Moriah	Blackie Hastings						1
Mt. Pleasant	Ann Gregory	Dickey Bradley					2
Nashville 1st	No report						0
New Beginnings	None						0
Portland	Larry Mooneyhan						1
Providence	Wendell Akins	Randy Andrews	Sophia Ballinger				3
Salmons	James (Buzz) Dillard	Christine Thornto	Sandra Smith				
	Kelly Banton	Scottie Gomer	Billy Clouse				6
Shiloh	Jeff Leach	Brenda Lowe	Belinda Hodges				
	Gil Poynter	Wanda Moore	Leland Motley				6
State Line	Tim Webb						1
Union Chapel	Goldie Mathias	Jane Harper					2
White House	None						0
Total							46

State of Association							
Members Received						105	
Members Dismissed						76	
Members Deceased						45	
Total Conversions						56	
Total Baptisms						70	
Average Worship Attendance						70	
Average Total						1542	
Average Sunday School Attendance						38	
Average Total						864	
Total Number of Churches						28	
Total Numer of Churches Reporting						22	
Total Number of Churches Not Reporting						6	
Total Membership						4396	
Patricia Creasy,Clerk							

Portland Association of General Baptist Sunday School Convention April 11, 2026

The 93rd annual meeting of the Portland Association Sunday School Convention was held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Hollis Chapel General Baptist Church, Portland, TN. Bro. David Webster, President of the Convention welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Bro. David then opened with this year's theme, "Keep On Keeping On" that Christians, Sunday School teachers and preachers may keep on keeping on for Christ. Don't give up! Our scripture this year is Hebrews 10:23-25. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised:) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Bro. Gary Pardue, pastor of Mitchellville General Baptist Church, gave a warm welcome and thanked everyone for coming.

Bro. Chris West from Macedonia General Baptist Church led our opening prayer and devotion that encouraged us to stand on the word and keep on keeping on. He read several different scriptures that backed this up.

Youth in Action was a blessing from Mitchellville Youth. They blessed us tremendously.

The Workshop this year was presented by Bro. David Gould from Hollis Chapel. Bro. David brought us a lesson that teaches us that delivering the good news is the Gospel. We are compelled by the call to share the good news. We are compelled by the spirit and we are compelled by Christ Love. We have some really good resources available to us: The Bible and other people. God gives us the bible and other people to pass the baton to in this marathon. God gives us people to encourage us. Don't give up, keep on keeping on! We thank Bro. David for stepping up to encourage us.

The Nominating committee for 2026 will be Hollis Chapel, White House and State Line. Their report was given by Bro. Victor Creasy. 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

3292 Dobbins Pike, Portland, Tn 37148, 615-604-6138

Reporting Churches:

Victor Creasy at Hollis Chapel

Steve Hanley at Mitchellville

Kenny Greer at Stateline

The Planning Committee for 2027 will be David Webster, Kenny Greer, Debbie Greer, Misty Brown and the participating church.

No church was volunteered at Convention so it was voted to allow Bro David Webster to nominate a church throughout the year as he sees fit.

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

The State of the Convention Committee for 2026 was given by Bro. Johnny Creasy. We, the State of Convention committee, find that there are 42 delegates present, 88 total people, 24 churches represented.

Reporting Churches:

Johnny Creasy of Beech Grove

Micheal Poteet of Salmons

The Resolution Committee was given by Bro. John Wesley Kirby, Clifton General Baptist Church, with the request to change #7 to read, "We give a rising vote of thanks to Mitchellville General Baptist Church and to the officers for a fine program."

The Finance Committee was presented by Bro. Grant Johnson. The Finance Committee Report is as follows:

Finance Committee Report

Beginning Balance	\$30.00
Yearly Deposits	\$425.00
Expenditures	
(bank checks/stamps)	(0.00)
Printing donated	
Total in Checking	\$455.00
President	\$75.00
Secretary	\$75.00
Minister	\$75.00
Camp Forshee	\$145.00
Minute Books	<u>\$45.00</u>
Total Deductions	\$415.00

This leaves \$40 to begin 2027.

Our special music was brought by Sis. Debbie Suddarth. The Convention was truly blessed by her singing and testimony.

The message was given by Bro. Andy Mathias, Salmons General Baptist Church.

The setting for next year's convention will be announced at a later date and will be held on Saturday, April 3rd, 2027. A motion was made and seconded to allow Bro. David Webster to choose the hosting of the 2027 Sunday School Convention. After the closing of the meeting Shiloh made the request to host the 2027 meeting and Bro. David Webster accepted that request. We had a united altar of prayer and a blessing on our noon meal which was provided by Mitchellville.

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: Terry Borders, 61 Talbot Drive,
Bowling Green, Ky 42103

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 270-943-7364

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

East Nashville

Secretary: Debbie Turner, 2609 Flamingo Drive,
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:

Secretary: Evelyn Brassell, 1700 Ellington Drive,
Lafayette, TN 37083, 615-881-4681

Liberty

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

Secretary: Melissa Franklin, 2607 Morgantown Rd.,
Franklin, Ky 42134, (270)586-7318

Macedonia

Superintendent: Chris West, 801 East borough Ct.,
Franklin, Ky 42134, (270) 799-6652

Secretary: Patricia Harlow, 2365 Old Zion Church
Road, Woodburn, Ky 42170, 270-799-6652

Martha's Chapel

Superintendent: Mike Michotti, (270)799-8400

Secretary: Linda Rippy, 10705 W.A. Sp. Road, Alvaton,
Ky 42122, (270)202-3380

Mitchellville

Superintendent: Tracy Hinton, 5228 Highland Rd.,
Orlinda, Tn 37141, 615-633-1325

Secretary: Linda Hammer, 724 Kitchens Rd., Franklin,
Ky 42134, 270-776-3275

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: Boyd Pitt, PO Box 954, Portland, Tn
37148, (615)290-1591

Secretary: Kayla Swift, 123A Mason Street, Portland,
TN 37148, (615)939-1278

Providence

Superintendent:

Secretary: Betty Jo Kepley, PO Box 993, Westmoreland,
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, 244 Piper Road, Portland, Tn 37148, (615)473-3800

Union Chapel

Superintendent: Stacy Lane, 5210 Hwy 31W, Portland, TN 37148, (615)887-8085
Secretary: Ashley Berry, 115 Golfers Circle, Portland, TN 37148 (615) 473-8984

White House

Delegates to the Sunday School Convention

Barber Way: No Attendees

Beech Grove: Johnny Creasy

BG First General Baptist: No Attendees

Boiling Springs: No Attendees

Calvary: Randall Roberts

Cave Mill: No Attendees

Centro Christians Restauration: No Attendees

Clifton: Rob Buchanan, Bro. Jon Wesley Kirby

East Nashville: No Attendees

Faithbridge Fellowship: No Attendees

Halltown: Stacy Civils, Grant Johnson, Chuck Williams,
Amber Williams, Patricia Pitt, Misty Brown

Hollis Chapel: Victor Creasy, Helen Civils, Phyllis
Andrews, David Andrews, Karen Davis

Liberty: No Attendees

Macedonia: Don Key, Anita Smith, Chris West, Pat
Harlow, Adina Hillard

Martha's Chapel: No Attendees

Mitchellville: Tracy Hinton, Janet Grogan, Steve
Hanley

Mt Moriah: No Attendees

Mt Pleasant: Tracy Eidson, Cindy Briley, Annetta
Gregory

New Beginnings: No Attendees

New Life: No Attendees

Portland General: Randy Givens, Kayla Swift

Providence: No Attendees

Salmons: Michael Poteet, Tammy Poteet, Mary June Suttle, Ann Webster, David Webster, Julie Mathias, Andy Mathias, Debbie Suddarth

Shiloh: Eva Renick, Marsha Phillippi, Priscilla Webb, Tony Piper, J Piper, Fay Lawrence, Bro. Al Johnson

State Line: Debbie Greer, Kenny Greer

Union Chapel: Stacy Lane

White House: No Attendees

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 Mitchellville 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 2026	Enrolled	Avg Attendance	# Classes	# Teachers	# Enrolled VB S	\$S Offerings	\$S Expenses	VB S Expenses	Leadership Training	Total Expenses	Dues Paid
Church	No Report										
Barber May	No Report										
Beech Grove	No Report										
Boiling Springs	No Report										
Bowling Green First	30	16	2	3	25	0	\$754.71	\$125.00		\$879.71	Yes
Cavalry	15	10	1	2			\$0.00			\$0.00	Yes
Cave Mill	12	11	2	4	0	\$0.00	0	0	0	\$0.00	Yes
Center Point	No Report										
Centro Cristiano	No Report										
Clifton	30	24	4	5	0	\$1,016.26	\$2,200.00	\$0.00		\$3,216.26	Yes
East Nashville	12	10	1	1	0	0		0		0	Yes
Halltown	128	98	10	22	100	\$0.00	\$2,380.51	\$937.30	\$0.00	\$3,317.81	Yes
Hollis Chapel	0	28	4	7	69	\$0.00	\$1,450.81	\$2,245.29	\$0.00	\$3,696.10	Yes
Jesus Good Shepherd	No Report										
Liberty	No Report										
Macedonia	98	27	5	11	27	\$1,641.00	\$1,331.32	\$228.23		\$1,559.55	Yes
Madison Avenue	No Report										
Martha's Chapel	No Report										
Mitchellville	90	71	6	8	107	0	\$6,548.52	\$6,055.37		\$12,603.89	Yes
Mt Moriah	No Report										
Mt Pleasant	101	46.9	9	15	293	\$4,203.11	\$2,893.19	\$2,676.58		\$5,569.77	Yes
Nashville First	No Report										
New Beginnings	No Report										
New Life	No Report										
Portland	0	43	5	5	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$906.62	\$906.62	Yes
Providence	0	34	6	7	78	\$1,586.25	\$1,193.15	\$885.64		\$2,078.79	Yes
Salmons	66	56	6	10	64		\$33,672.41	\$700.00	\$1,148.11	\$4,820.52	Yes
Shiloh	90	60	6	17	100	\$6,583.67	\$3,975.96	\$2,607.00		\$6,592.96	Yes
State Line	50	41	4	6	41	\$2,697.00	\$1,321.00	1852		\$3,173.00	Yes
Union Chapel	75	67	10	23	45	\$578.90	\$1,090.06	\$3,922.87		\$5,012.93	Yes
White House	10	10	2	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	Yes

Sunday School Convention Past Dates/Locations

1. 1933 Buntin's Chapel	35. 1967 - Bowling Green 1st	69. 2002 - Halltown
2. 1934 - Buntin's Chapel	36. 1968 - Macedonia	70. 2003 - Hollis Chapel
3. 1935 - No Record	37. 1969 - Byrams Chapel	71. 2004 - Cave Mill
4. 1936 - No Record	38. 1970 - East Nashville	72. 2005-Mitchellville
5. 1937 - No Record	39. 1971 - Union Chapel	73. 2006-Salmons
6. 1938 - Byrum's Chapel	40. 1972 - Portland	74. 2007-Portland
7. 1939 - Halltown	41. 1973 - Madison	75. 2008-Union Chapel
8. 1940 - Shiloh	42. 1975 - Halltown	76. 2009-Mt. Pleasant
9. 1941 - Mt. Pleasant	43. 1976 - Mt. Pleasant	77. 2010-Cornerstone
10. 1942 - Hollis Chapel	44. 1977 - Fairview	78. 2011-Salmons
11. 1943 - Buntin's Chapel	45. 1978 - Center Point	79. 2012-Hollis Chapel
12. 1944 - Bowling Green	46. 1979 - Union Chapel	80. 2013-Providence
13. 1945 - No Record	47. 1980 - Cave Mill	81. 2014- Halltown
14. 1946 - Halltown	48. 1981 - Shiloh	82. 2015-Cornerstone
15. 1947 - Hollis Chapel	49. 1982 - Hollis Chapel	83. 2016-Macedonia
16. 1948 - Mitchellville	50. 1983 - Nashville First	84. 2017-Salmons
17. 1949 - Salmons	51. 1984 - Portland	85. 2018-Beech Grove
18. 1950 - Byrams Chapel	52. 1985 - Cave Mill	86. 2019- Shiloh
19. 1951 - Shiloh	53. 1986 - Salmons	87. 2020-Covid
20. 1952 - Brownsville	54. 1987 - Mt. Pleasant	88. 2021-Covid
21. 1953 - Boiling Springs	55. 1988 - Clifton	89. 2022-Union Chapel
22. 1954 - Madison Ave	56. 1989 - Fairview	90. 2023-Salmons
23. 1955 - Macedonia	57. 1990 - Halltown	91. 2024- Providence
24. 1956 - Portland	58. 1991 - Creekmont	92. 2025-Hollis Chapel
25. 1957 - Union Chapel	59. 1992 - Union Chapel	93. 2026-Mitchellville
26. 1958 - Mt. Pleasant	60. 1993 - Hollis Chapel	
27. 1959 - Nashville Second	61. 1994 - Madison	
28. 1960 - First Bowling Green	62. 1995 - Portland	
29. 1961 - Halltown	63. 1996 - Mt. Pleasant	
30. 1962 - Hollis Chapel	64. 1997 - Madison Ave	
31. 1963 - Salmons	65. 1998 - Mt. Pleasant	
32. 1964 - Brownsville	66. 1999 - Shiloh	
33. 1965 - Portland	67. 2000 - Fairview	
34. 1966 - Union Chapel	68. 2001 - Faith	

Trustee Board Report

The Trustee Board met on May 9, 2026 with 6 members present. Clean up day was set for this same day. Several improvements and maintenance items were discussed. The following were completed.

1. Dead trees from ice storm removed.
2. New gravel around buildings & sanctuary for drainage.
3. Replace lights around the basketball court.
4. Same mower to be used for upcoming year at the same rate.

The following was discussed for future improvements:

1. Survey to be given to each group who uses camp.
2. Possibly consider having the campgrounds cleaned by an outside person due to lack of participation from volunteers with cleanup.
3. New beds for dorms.
4. New back door in fellowship hall.
5. Thresholds on front door.
6. Professional cleaning of floors in fellowship hall.

Recommendations:

Jr. Pitt for another 3-year term

Randy Givens for another 3-year term

Caleb Mathias to fill remaining term of Bro. Bobby

McMurtry who stepped down. Term to expire in 2027

Trustee Board Financial Report	
BALANCE AS OF 1/1/25	\$15,487.25
<u>INCOME</u>	
DONATIONS	\$19,404.32
RENT	\$7,000.00
INTEREST	\$39.62
TOTAL INCOME	\$26,443.94
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
MOWING	\$3,250.00
INSURANCE	\$4,966.00
CEMC	\$3,159.07
PORTLAND UTILITIES	\$734.37
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$7,581.90
STATE PERMIT 2 YRS	\$303.93
PODIUM IN MEMORY OF MARK SCOTT	\$415.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$20,411.02
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/25	\$21,520.17

<u>DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM</u>	
ASSOCIATION	\$10,000.00
FORSHEE FAMILY	\$5,000.00
CHURCH GENERAL DONATIONS.	\$3,750.00
LADIES AID	\$454.32
SS CONVENTION	\$100.00

PORTLAND ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL BAPTISTS PRESBYTERY

NOTE: THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 19, 2027, AT WHITE HOUSE 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 18, 2027, AT 7:00 P.M.

The Portland Association Presbytery met at Union Chapel General Baptist Church on June 20, 2026 with Br. Trent Stephens serving as moderator.

There was a total of 45 registered members in attendance with 16 churches from Portland Association being represented.

The meeting was opened with Br. Gary Pardue and Br. B.J. Barnes leading the congregation in singing "Unclouded Day."

Br. Tim Williams led us in the opening prayer.

The welcome was given by Br. Tommy Booker, pastor of Union Chapel General Baptist Church.

The response was given by Br. Jon Wesley Kirby.

The moderator chose to have worship before the business session.

With Br. Gary Pardue at the piano and Br. B.J.

Barnes leading the singing the congregation sang "Mansion Over The Hilltop."

Br. Stephens then delivered the moderator's message using scripture from **James 3:1-12**.

He reminded us of the importance of our calling. He talked about the fear of the Lord and the need for us to be humble and to make it about Jesus and not ourselves. He stressed the importance of using our speech (tongues) for the glory of God. He also talked about the need to allow God to control our tongues and re-evaluate ourselves and see where we are failing or offended with our speech. The invitation hymn was "Amazing Grace." After a short break we then entered into our business session.

Br. Allen Johnson was seated as Vice Moderator.

Br. Andy Mathias was seated as Parliamentarian.

Rules of decorum were then read by Br. Mathias.

Moderator asked for recognition of visitors from other General Baptist Presbyteries. There were no visitors.

The financial report was given by Br. Steve Moore, clerk of the Portland Association Presbytery.

Balance brought forward	\$10,158.09
Expenses:	
Printing of Minutes	\$ 600.00

Halltown Church	\$ 104.59
Ministers Retirement Fund	\$ 3600.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 4304.59
Balance:	\$5853.50
Deposit (Church Dues)	\$4020.00
Ending Balance (June 20, 2026)	9873.50

A motion and second was made to approve the financial report. This motion was approved by the Presbytery.

Correspondence was read from Br. Bryan Borth, who had turned in his credentials in Portland Presbytery because he is now ministering outside of Portland Association.

Motion and second was made to receive Br. Borth's credentials. This motion was approved by the Presbytery.

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

Moderator: Br. Allen Johnson

Vice Moderator: Br. Tommy Booker

Clerk/Treasurer: Br. Steve Moore

Vice Clerk/Treasurer: Br. Ryan Whiticker

The moderator then appointed the standing committees of the Presbytery for the upcoming year:

Ministers Ordination Examining Committee

Br. Tim Williams, Chairman

Br. Donald Key

Br. Andy Mathias

Ministers Licensing Examining Committee

Br. Gary Pardue, Chairman
Br. Frank Hayes
Br. Grant Johnson

Deacons Ordination Examining Committee

Br. Billy Bowers, Chairman
Br. Tommy King
Br. Charles Pitt Jr.

Credentials Committee

Victor Creasy, Chairman
Br. Gary Sullivan
Br. Daniel Williams

Resolutions Committee

Br. Mike Brady, Chairman
Br. B.J. Barnes
Br. Zach Stinson

The Ministers Ordination Examining Committee gave their report and made the following recommendation;

Br. Zack Stinson (Clifton) to be ordained into the full work of the ministry. Motion and second was made to accept recommendation and ordain Br. Zach Stinson as a minister. These motions were approved by the Presbytery.

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

Br. Jason Rigsby (Barber Way) to be licensed as a minister for one year.

Br. Chris West (Macedonia) to be licensed as a minister for one year.

Br. Preston Wheeler (State Line) to be re-licensed as a minister for one year.

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

The Deacons Ordination Examining Committee gave their report and made the following recommendations:

Br. Tommy Linson (Mt. Pleasant) to be ordained as a deacon.

Motion and second to receive the report and act upon the recommendation. This motion was approved by the Presbytery.

The Credential Committee had no one to examine this year so there was no report from the Credentials Committee.

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

All resolutions to remain the same and act on Resolution 14 and give a standing vote of thanks to Union Chapel Church.

Motions and seconds to accept the report and act upon the recommendations. These motions were approved by the Presbytery.

A standing vote of thanks was give to Union Chapel General Baptist Church.

White House General Baptist Church made a request for the 2027 setting of the Presbytery. Motion and second to go to White House Church for

the 2027 Presbytery. This motion was approved by the Presbytery.

Br. Ryan Whiticker was elected to preach the ordination sermon.

Br. Matt Klein was elected to pray the ordination prayer.

The Presbytery then met and had altar prayer for Br. Joey Boyd, pastor of Barber Way General Baptist. Br. Joey requested that we lay hands on him and pray for his upcoming surgery and several health issues.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until to June 28, 2026 at Mt. Pleasant Church at 2:30 p.m. for ordination service.

The Presbytery was dismissed in prayer.

Ordination Service June 28, 2026

The Portland Association met on June 28, 2026 at Mt. Pleasant Church to ordain Br. Zach Stinson into the full work of the ministry and Br. Tommy Linson as a deacon. We were led in congregational singing by Br. Gary Sullivan. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus" followed by prayer led by Br. Larry Treadway.

Br. Ryan Whiticker preached the ordination prayer using scripture from **2 Corinthians Chapter 4**. He entitled his message "The Ministry That We Have." He made eight points to those being ordained. (1) Don't Give Up (2) Remember Where You Came From (3) Be Separate and Be Honest (4) Know Your Enemy

(5) Preach Jesus (6) Know Your Limits (7) Ministry Is Tough (8) Remember It Is Worth It All.

A charge was given by Br. Whiticker to both candidates being ordained.

Br. Matt Klein then prayed the ordination prayer.

The Portland Presbytery then came around and lay hands and prayed over those being ordained.

Br. Trent Stephens then turned the gavel of the moderator over to Br. Allen Johnson. After a few brief remarks we were dismissed 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 one week prior to the annual setting of the association.

(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 Comm-itees 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 re-commended 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 prese

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, Biblical Preaching by Haddon Robinson, 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.

Presbytery Dues Paid

Barber Way	\$	120.00
Beech Grove	\$	520.00
Boiling Springs	\$	-
Bowling Green First	\$	40.00
Calvary	\$	80.00
Cave Mill	\$	80.00
Clifton	\$	200.00
Centro Christiano Restauracion	\$	40.00
East Nashville	\$	120.00
Faithbridge Fellowship	\$	80.00
Halltown	\$	400.00
Hollis Chapel	\$	80.00
Jesus the Good Shepherd	\$	-
Liberty	\$	120.00
Macedonia	\$	200.00
Madison Avenue	\$	80.00
Martha's Chapel	\$	-
Mitchellville	\$	160.00
Mt. Moriah	\$	200.00
Mt. Pleasant	\$	240.00
Nashville First	\$	-
New Beginnings	\$	40.00
Portland	\$	80.00
Providence	\$	160.00
Salmons	\$	240.00
Shiloh	\$	280.00
State Line	\$	200.00
Union Chapel	\$	360.00
White House	\$	120.00

