



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

**Theme:**

**“Striving Together for the Gospel  
Philippians 1:27**

Moderator: Bro. Jon Wesley Kirby

Location:

Mt. Pleasant General Baptists Church  
1085 New Deal Potts Rd.  
Cottontown, TN 37048

Friday Night, June 26, 2026: Service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Message: Bro. Victor Creasy

Special Music: Salmon Church Choir

Communion Service: No business will be conducted

Saturday, June 27, 2026: Service will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Message: Bro. Danny Dunivan

Business Session

Lunch will be served

Business will continue after lunch if we do not finish prior!

Sunday Afternoon, June 28, 2026: 2:30 p.m. Ordination Service

*Friday Night will be worship only!*

*Saturday we will conduct **all** business! It is very important that everyone stay the entire day to conduct all of the business at hand!*

*Program subject to change by the Holy Spirit!*

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# 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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,943.10</b>

## **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
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 22,195.15</b>

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

Plus Income Received **\$ 24,943.10**

Less Expenses **\$ -22,195.15**

**Total Ending Balance 12/31/25** **\$ 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>46,508.78</b>

**Beginning Balance 01/01/25** \$ **63,671.35**

Less error found from voiding checks to Camp Board in 2024 -\$2,500.00

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**

## **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

## **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
Minister's Retirement Board	\$ 8,000.00 to be invested in CD
Trustee Board	\$17,000.00 to kickstart purchase of new beds & mattresses for the dorms. With hopes of churches following with donations to complete the purchase.
<b>Total to Disburse from budget</b>	<b>\$46,000.00</b>

### **Recommendations for board members:**

Isaac Norman 3-year term

Tim Williams 3-year term

## **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

## 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.

## 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**

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

# Portland Home Mission Board Church Planters Agreement

General Baptist have a rich and lengthy heritage of preaching and teaching the Biblical message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Since 1611, Christians known as General Baptists have led multiplied thousands to a saving faith in Jesus Christ! The doctrine of General Baptists is Biblically correct and remains valid and valuable for every day and age.

Agreement:

Made by the Portland Association of General Baptists, Inc. Home Mission Board and church pastor Bro. Tracey Wood.

(Indicate agreement by placing your initials on each line)

1. I am knowledgeable of the Doctrine of General Baptists. TW
2. I am in agreement with the Doctrine of General Baptists. TW
3. I am a member of a General Baptist Church. TW
4. I have read and will abide by the General Baptist Church Covenant. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I am knowledgeable of the current Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions of the Portland Association and Portland Presbytery (as recorded in the association minute book) and will abide by them. \_\_\_\_\_
6. ~~When~~ there are future changes, additions, or deletions to the Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions or Board policies, I will abide by such modifications, as directed by the Portland Association Home Mission Board. \_\_\_\_\_
7. I covenant with the Portland Association of General Baptists, Inc. Home Mission Board that I will serve conscientiously and faithfully under their direction and guidance. \_\_\_\_\_ TW
8. I will not practice, teach, or promote any beliefs which are in disharmony with General Baptist Doctrine. \_\_\_\_\_ TW
9. I will practice, teach, and promote the faith and beliefs which are identified in the General Baptists Statements of Faith and Church Covenant. \_\_\_\_\_
10. I will inform the Portland Home Mission Board President (another officer, if not available) and/or at least one Board Member, at any and every time that I feel the need for guidance and direction, or if a problem arises of which the Portland Home Mission Board should be informed. \_\_\_\_\_.

TW

- 11. I will complete a monthly report in writing and forward to the clerk of the PHMB either by attachment to email, text or by postal mail as long as the PHMB requires.
- 12. I will also meet quarterly in person when requested by the PHM
- 13. If there is ever a time that I feel I cannot continue to abide by this AGREEMENT, whether in part or in entirety, I will (after consultation during a regular or called meeting of the Portland Home Mission Board), voluntarily resign from any and all positions for which I have been serving the Portland Home Mission Board. \_\_\_\_\_ TW

TW Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Portland Home Mission Board Officer)

2/20/26 Date

## Home Mission Board New Church Planters Agreement

General Baptists have a rich and lengthy heritage of preaching and teaching the Biblical message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Since 1611, (approx. 400 years), Christians known as General Baptists have led multiplied thousands to a saving faith in Jesus Christ! The doctrine of General Baptists is Biblically correct and remains valid and valuable for every day and age.

Agreement:

Made by those persons involved in any and all ministries under the direction of the Portland Association of General Baptists, Inc. Home Mission Board.

(Indicate agreement by placing your initials on each line)

1. I am knowledgeable of the Doctrine of General Baptists. TW
2. I am in agreement with the Doctrine of General Baptists. TW
3. I am a member of a General Baptist Church. TW
4. If the Portland Association Home Mission Board requires it, I am willing to join a church in the Portland Association. \_\_\_\_\_ TW
5. I have read and will abide by the General Baptist Church Covenant. TW
6. I am knowledgeable of the current Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions of the Portland Association and Portland Presbytery and will abide by them. \_\_\_\_\_ TW  
When there are future changes, additions, or deletions to the Constitution, Bylaws, Resolutions or Board policies, I will abide by such modifications, as directed by the Portland Association Home Mission Board. \_\_\_\_\_ TW
7. I covenant with the Portland Association of General Baptists, Inc. Home Mission Board that I will serve conscientiously and faithfully under their direction and guidance. \_\_\_\_\_
8. I will not practice, teach, or promote any beliefs which are in disharmony with General Baptist Doctrine. \_\_\_\_\_ TW
9. I will practice, teach, and promote the faith and beliefs which are identified in the General Baptists Statements of Faith and Church Covenant. \_\_\_\_\_ TW
10. I will inform the CPC (Church Planting Coordinator), the Portland Home Mission Board President (another officer, if not available) and/or at least one Board Member, at any and every time that I feel the need for guidance and direction, or if a problem arises of which the Portland Home Mission Board should be informed. \_\_\_\_\_ TW
11. If there is ever a time that I feel I cannot continue to abide by this AGREEMENT, whether in part or in entirety, I will (after consultation during a regular or called meeting of the Portland Home Mission Board), voluntarily resign from any and all positions for which I have been serving the Portland Home Mission Board. \_\_\_\_\_ TW

~~12.~~

TW

Signature

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## **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

## 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. (This will show on next year's financial report)
2. It was mentioned to encourage all churches to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October Special offering for Minister's Retirement fund.
3. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

<b>Balance Forward 01/01/25</b>	<b>49,122.81</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
<b>Income from churches ***</b>	21,800.00
Interest Income	73.81
Income from Presbytery	3,600.00
Budget Allocation	5,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>30,473.81</b>
<b><u>Income from Churches***</u></b>	
Halltown	6,000.00
Hollis Chapel	2,400.00
Macedonia	400.00
Mitchellville	600.00
Mt. Moriah	600.00
Portland Church	500.00
Providence	1,200.00
Salmons	2,000.00
Shiloh	2,000.00

State Line	2,700.00
Union Chapel	3,000.00
White House	400.00
<b>Total Income from Churches</b>	<b>21,800.00</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
Money paid out to Ministers ***	30,000.00
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>30,000.00</u></b>
<b><u>Money Paid out to Ministers ***</u></b>	
Billy Bowers	3,000.00
Clayton Hall	3,000.00
David Harper	3,000.00
Donald Key	3,000.00
Gus Huff	3,000.00
H. Dean Jagers	3,000.00
Harold David Hobdy	3,000.00
Kenneth A. Gregory	3,000.00
R. Glenn Jenkins	3,000.00
Larry Treadway	3,000.00
<b>Total Paid out to Ministers</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>Balance Forward 01/01/25</b>	<b>49,122.81</b>
Plus Income Received	30,473.81
Less Money Paid out to Ministers	-30,000.00
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/25</b>	<b>49,596.62</b>
<b><u>Certificates of Deposit 12/31/25</u></b>	
GBIF # 2877	17,400.61
GBIF # 3141	57,000.10
<b>Total Certificates</b>	<b>74,400.71</b>

## Obituary Report

<b>Barber Way</b>	No report			<b>0</b>
<b>Beech Grove</b>	Laura Rector	Eutra Graves		<b>2</b>
<b>Boiling Springs</b>	Church on Mission Status	No report		<b>0</b>
<b>Bowling G.1st</b>	None			<b>0</b>
<b>Calvary</b>	None			<b>0</b>
<b>Cave Mill</b>	Melvin Oliver	Atlas Pyle	Jim Gates	
	Sherry Arnold			<b>4</b>
<b>Centro Cristiano</b>	None			<b>0</b>
<b>Clifton</b>	Polly Renick			<b>1</b>
<b>East Nashville</b>	Carol Jordan	Jimmy Williams		<b>2</b>
<b>Faithbridge Fellowship</b>	No report			<b>0</b>
<b>Halltown</b>	Sadie Sullivan	Thelma Woodard	Ralph Elliott	
	Ruth Whitaker	Jean Mayes	Carolyn Lame	<b>6</b>
<b>Hollis Chapel</b>	Nell Cook	Helen Clouse		<b>2</b>
<b>Jesus Good Shepherd</b>	No report			<b>0</b>
<b>Liberty</b>	Dorothy Ladd			<b>1</b>
<b>Macedonia</b>	Angela West	Wanda Liles		<b>2</b>
<b>Madison Ave.</b>	No report			<b>0</b>
<b>Martha's Chapel</b>	Anna Mae Charlton	Leon Reynolds		<b>2</b>
<b>Mitchellville</b>	Bobby Joe Harper	Billy Thomas		<b>2</b>
<b>Mt. Moriah</b>	Blackie Hastings			<b>1</b>
<b>Mt. Pleasant</b>	Ann Gregory	Dickey Bradley		<b>2</b>
<b>Nashville 1st</b>	No report			<b>0</b>
<b>New Beginnings</b>	None			<b>0</b>
<b>Portland</b>	Larry Mooneyhan			<b>1</b>
<b>Providence</b>	Wendell Akins	Randy Andrews	Sophia Ballinger	<b>3</b>
<b>Salmons</b>	James (Buzz) Dillard	Christine Thornton	Sandra Smith	
	Kelly Banton	Scottie Gomer	Billy Clouse	<b>6</b>
<b>Shiloh</b>	Jeff Leach	Brenda Lowe	Belinda Hodges	
	Gil Poynter	Wanda Moore		<b>5</b>
<b>State Line</b>	Tim Webb			<b>1</b>
<b>Union Chapel</b>	Goldie Mathias	Jane Harper		<b>2</b>
<b>White House</b>	None			<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>45</b>

**State of Association**

<b>Members Received</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Members Dismissed</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Members Deceased</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Conversions</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Total Baptisms</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Average Worship Attendance</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Average Total</b>	<b>1542</b>
<b>Average Sunday School Attendance</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Average Total</b>	<b>864</b>
<b>Total Number of Churches</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total Numer of Churches Reporting</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total Number of Churches Not Reporting</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>4396</b>

**Patricia Creasy, Clerk**

## **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

<b>Trustee Board Financial Report</b>	
<b>BALANCE AS OF 1/1/25</b>	<b>\$15,487.25</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
DONATIONS	\$19,404.32
RENT	\$7,000.00
INTEREST	\$39.62
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$26,443.94</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	
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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,411.02</b>
<b>BALANCE AS OF 12/31/25</b>	<b>\$21,520.17</b>
<b><u>DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM</u></b>	
ASSOCIATION	\$10,000.00
FORSHEE FAMILY	\$5,000.00
CHURCH GENERAL DONATIONS.	\$3,750.00
LADIES AID	\$454.32
SS CONVENTION	\$100.00

## 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.