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**Proceedings of the
102nd Annual Session
of the
Portland Association
of General Baptists**

Theme:

“Knowing God”

**Rev. Gary Pardue, Moderator
Patricia Creasy, Clerk**

**White House General Baptist Church and
State Line General Baptist Church
June 28-30, 2024**

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Statements of Faith

I. GOD

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

II. THE BIBLE

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

III. MAN

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

IV. SALVATION

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

V. ASSURANCE AND ENDURANCE

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

VI. CHRISTIAN DUTIES

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

VII. THE CHURCH

We believe that the Church Universal is the Body of Christ,

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

VIII. ORDINANCES

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

IX. THE LORD'S DAY

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

X. LAST THINGS

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

Church Covenant

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Constitution of the Association

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

representatives, of fifty members, three; and for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof, one representative. All ordained ministers and deacons are delegates by virtue of their office.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover.

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

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

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

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

or their conduct to the church from which he or they were delegates.

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

Bylaws of the Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) Charges:

(1) Charges must be filed with the Executive Committee in writing and signed by member (s) of the church together with evidence to support the charges.

(2) Charges must be examined by the Executive Committee to determine if they are legitimate (pertaining to matters of doctrine, policy, ethics or morality). Personal grievances disguised as charges are not legitimate.

(3) Charges involving the minister should be turned over to the Presbytery.

(4) If the Executive Committee determines that the charges are legitimate, the accused is to have a fair and impartial hearing

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

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

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

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

Rules of Decorum

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

Standing Rules of the Portland Association

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

Rule # 2 Statement of Commitment

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

Rules of Membership

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

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

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

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

4. All board and committee members shall serve three-year rotating terms with at least one member going off the board or committee each year.

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

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 be correspond with the association both by letter and delegation. Each church is also encouraged to cooperate in the communication efforts of the field worker, the council of associations and committees on an as-needed basis.

4. Be it resolved that Portland Association correspond with the Long Creek and Mt. Union Associations and any other association that may solicit the same.

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

6. Be it resolved that the Portland Association reaffirm its stand on the scriptural truth that Jesus Christ is the only way to life eternal according to John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Association Past Meetings, Dates & Locations

1922 Salmons	1964 Union Chap	2004 Halltown
1923 Hollis Ch.	1965 B. Green 1 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 Cornerstone
1928 Martha's C	1970 Mitchellville	2010 Mitchellville
1929 Mitchellville	1971 Halltown	2011 Halltown
1930 Leath C.	1972 Salmons	2012 Mt. Pleasant
1931 State Line	1973 Brownsville	2013 White House
1932 Mt. Pleasant	1974 Gallatin 1st	2014 Providence
1933 Fairview	1975 Hollis Chap	2015 Mitchellville
1935 Cool Sp.	1976 Portland	2016 Cornerstone
1936 With Mt. Un	1977 Macedonia	2017 Macedonia
1937 Halltown	1978 Union Chap	2018 Portland
1938 Buntin Chap	1979 Mt. Pleasant	2019 Halltown
1939 Mitchellville	1980 B. Green 1 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	
1945 Salmons	1986 Fairview	
1946 Halltown	1987 Mitchellville	
1947 Macedonia	1988 Madison Av	
1948 Mt. Moriah	1989 Gallatin 1st	
1949 Fairview	1990 Portland	
1950 Union Chap	1991 United	
1951 Mt. Pleasant	1992 Salmons	
1952 B. Green 1st	1993 Macedonia	
1953 State Line	1994 Union Chap	
1954 Mitchellville	1995 Mt. Pleasant	
1955 Brownsville	1996 Halltown	
1956 Halltown	1997 Hollis Chap	
1957 Byram's Ch	1998 Portland	
1958 Portland	1999 Salmons	
1959 Hollis Chap	2000 Mt. Pleasant	
1960 Shiloh	2001 Beech Grove	
1961 Salmons	2002 Cornerstone	
1962 Macedonia	2003 Salmons	
1963 Martha's Ch		

Association Officer Information
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Portland, TN 37148 (615)210-5735
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Next year's setting information:

June 27-29, 2025

Macedonia General Baptist Church

940 Macedonia Road

Franklin, KY 42134

Host Pastor: Bro. Don Key

Friday Night: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Ordination Service: 2:30 p.m.

Presbytery Officers

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

Vice Moderator: Trent Stephens, 422 Old Hwy 109, Portland, TN 37148 615-574-5875

Clerk/Treasurer: Steve Moore, 491 Clark St., Woodburn, KY 42170, (270) 529-5751, rev.smooore@yahoo.com

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

Next Year's Location:

June 20-21, 2025

Mt. Moriah General Baptist Church

132 Mt. Moriah Rd.

Portland, TN 37148

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 12, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Hollis Chapel General Baptist Church

1344 Brandy Hollow Rd

Portland, TN 37148

Committees and Boards

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

Audit Committee

Tracy Hinton 615-633-1325	2025
Gary Sullivan 615-804-7480	2026
Ashley Berry 615-473-8984	2027

Budget and Finance Committee

Patricia Creasy 615-308-6688 ex-officio (Treasurer)	
Betty Jo Kepley 615-364-5667 ex-officio (Assis. Treasurer)	
Bryan Borth 270- 622-6525	2025
Andy Mathias 615-478-1973	2025
Tim Williams 615- 888-2916	2026
Robert Briley 615-456-7702	2026
Joan Britt 615-717-7673	2027

Credentials Committee

Trent Stephens 615-574-5875	2025
Victor Creasy 615-308-5917	2026
Allen Johnson 615-927-1498	2027

Executive Committee

Moderator: Larry Treadway 615-210-5735	2025
Vice Moderator: Jon Wesley Kirby 270-622-1536	2025
Presb. Moderator: Matt Klein 615-319-0050	2025
Tracy Hinton (at large) 615-633-1325	2025
Tim Williams (at large) 615-388-5144	2026
Jon Wesley Kirby (at large) 615-270-622-1536	2027
Gary Pardue (at large) 270-622-6224	2027

Home Mission Board

Mike Brady 615-478-4453	2025
Kenny Greer 615-418-1264	2025
Alan Motley 270-784-0330	2026
Bryan Borth 270-237-1942	2026
Betty Jo Kepley 615-364-5667	2026
Treasurer: P.O. Box 7613, Portland, TN 37148	
Larry Treadway 615-210-5735	2027
Juan Tenorio 615-394-2973	2027
Ryan Whiticker 615-766-4125	2027
Santiago Herlein 615-399-8339 ex-officio member	

Minister's Retirement Board

Trent Stephens 615-574-5875	2025
Matt Klein 615-319-0050	2025
Randy Langford 615-838-2038	2026
Hannah Kirby 270-618-9571	2026
Patricia Creasy, treasurer & ex-officio member	
P.O. Box 158, Portland, TN 37148	
Janet Grogan 615-325-9071	2027
Janie Lamberth 615-477-4796	2027
Allen Johnson 615-927-1498	2027

Resolution Committee

Matt Klein 615-319-0050	2025
Richard Roberts 615-761-8894	2026
Randy Langford 615-838-2038	2027

Trustee

Tracy Hinton 615-633-1325	2025
Junior Pitt 615-788-9814	2026
Randy Givens 615-545-5939	2026
Bobby McMurtry 615-739-2106	2027
Nathan Civils 615-405-9888	2027
Treasurer: P.O. Box 67, Portland, TN 37148	
Patricia Creasy, ex-officio member	2027

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
portlandassociation.com

Campground Rental Guidelines

Portland Association Churches

1. The Portland Association Children's Camp Board has first choice of camp reservations. This board is to plan their yearly Calendar and must make their reservations by January 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.

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.

Preferred Mailing in Bold	Church Directory 2024		
Church	Pastor	Associate Pastor	Youth Director/Pastor
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	Lawrence Gilliam	Jimmy Shelton	Johnny Creasy
1300 Trammel Rd.	2796 Union Chapel	1445 Stafford Hollow Road	1498 Osborne Rd.
Scottsville, KY 42164	Scottsville Ky 42164	Adolphus, KY 42120	Adolphus, KY 42120
270-622-6820	270-622-6820	Jshelton@amsurg.com	270-622-4439
	lgilliam@nctc.com	270-622-8366	
Boiling Springs	Nelda Wilson		
3177 Boiling Springs Rd	2200 Chalybeate School Road		
Bowling Green, KY 42101	Bowling Green, KY 42101		
ronda55@windstream.net	270-597-3485		
Bowling Green 1st	Randall Hendrick	Linda Motley	
311 West 10th St.	195 Bratcher Road	4530 Mt. Olive 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 117 Traugber Road Adairville, KY 42202 270-539-4647	Keith Bowers 108 Winding Way Goodlettsville, TN 615-992-5871		Kim Roberts 121 Nature Drive Russellville, KY 42276 270-847-3184 5boysrus@att.net	
Cave Mill 1441 Cave Mill Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 (270) 842-1143 cavemillbaptist@gmail.com	Bryan Borth 897 Pleasant Grove Church Road Scottsville, KY 42164 270-237-1942 bsborth@nctc.com		Wendy Borders 61 Talbott Dr. Bowling Green, KY 42103 270-780-6482 wendy.borders6482@gmail.com	
Clifton 1800 Clifton Church Rd. Scottsville, KY 42164	Jon Wesley Kirby 188 LW Smith Lane Scottsville, KY 42164 270-622-1536 jonwesley.kirby@gmail.com		Shannon Jones 140 Dogwood Drive Scottsville, KY 42164 270-622-0204 rsjones@nctc.com	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
Centro Cristiano Restauracion	Santiago Herlein 312 Lawn Dale Drive Nashville, TN 37217 817 Old Hickory Blvd. West Madison, TN 37115 615-930-6289 santiagoherlein@gmail.com		Pedro Collin 817 W. Old Hickory Blvd. Madison, TN 37115 615-569-3973 centrocristiano restauracion.org	
East Nashville	Danny Everette 260 Portland Lake Rd. Portland, TN 37148 (615) 456-2079	Danny Ray Morris 134 N. Russell St. Portland, TN 37148 615-406-3559	Judy Wauford 3140 Hobson Pike Hermitage, TN 37076 615-587-1267 jwauford1024@gmail.com	
Faithbridge Fellowship	Dr. Richard R. Roberts 211 Callista Road White House, TN 37188 615-761-8894 richroberts3@live.com	B.J. Towe 4937 Walnut Creek Rd Scottsville, KY 42164 270-606-1007	Cassie Nicks 6308 Stataline Road Springfield, TN 37172 615-239-7997 cassie.nyannicks@icloud.com	
Halltown	Mike Brady 365 Brizendine Rd. Franklin, KY 42134 615-478-4453 pastormike@halltown.org halltown.org		Secretary: Denise Baker 120 Dink Rut Road Portland, TN 37148 615-362-6062 grant@halltown.org	Grant Johnson 802 Butler Bridge Rd Portland, TN 37148 615-362-6062 grant@halltown.org

Church	Pastor	Associate Pastor	Clerk	Youth Director/Pastor
Hollis Chapel 1344 Brandy Hollow Rd. Portland, TN 37148 hollischapelchurch.com	Victor Creasy 142 Ragland Rd Cottontown, TN 37148 615-308-5917 pastorvictorcreasy@comcast.net		Teresa Whitmore 1344 Brandy Hollow Rd Portland, TN 37148 615-268-0391	Carol Davis & Ashley Bradley 271 S. Hillier Lane Portland, TN 37148 (C)615-804-9957 or (A)615-426-3286
Jesus Good Shepherd 1164 Rural Hill Road Antioch, TN 37013	Juan M. Tenorio 1115 Christopher Rd LaVergne, TN 37086 615-394-2973 iglesiajbp@live.com		Andy Perez 1164 Rural Hill Rd. Antioch, TN 37013 (615) 967-9594	Fabian-Nubia Ortiz 1164 Rural Hill Rd. Antioch, TN 37013 615-755-5148
Liberty 439 West Cedar St. Franklin, KY 42134	Frank Hayes 1440 Greenbrier Rd. Alvaton, KY 42122 (270) 842-2460		Martha Moore 717 Sherwood Dr. Franklin, KY 42134 (270) 586-8454	
Macedonia 940 Macedonia Road Franklin, KY 42134 (270) 586-7010	Donald Key 504 E. Washington St. Franklin, KY 42134 270-776-1121		Rick Patty 1115 Redder School Road Franklin, KY 42134 270-647-0392	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
Madison Ave. 1617 Madison Ave. Bowling Green, KY 42101	David Hobby 748 College St. Portland, TN 37148 (615) 708-0909 Cell		Nancy Scoggins 1222 Hayner Road Bowling Green, KY 42104 270-991-6496 jsniggocs@yahoo.com	Judy Hobby 748 College St. Portland, TN 37148
Martha's Chapel 10084 Woodburn Allen Sp. Rd Alvaton, KY 42122	Ryan Whitticker 1011 Dutch Creek Road Westmoreland, TN 37186 615-766-4125		Linda Rippy 10705 Woodburn Allen Sp. Rd. Alvaton, KY 42122 270-202-3380 rrippy@yahoo.com	
Mitchellville 601 Hwy 259 Portland, TN 37148 (615) 325-5865	Gary Pardue 2855 Whitney Road Scottsville, KY 42164 (270) 622-6224		Linda Hammer 724 Kitchens Road Franklin, KY 42134 270-776-3275	
Mt. Moriah 132 Mt. Moriah Rd Portland, TN 37148 P.O. Box 880	Trent Stephens 422 Old Hwy 109 Portland, TN 37148 615-574-5875 brotrentstephens@gmail.com		Melissa Holman 3001B Highway 109 N. Portland, TN 37148 615-400-9031 mylisa.holman@yahoo.com	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
Mt. Pleasant 1085 New Deal Potts Rd. Cottontown, TN 37048 (615) 325-3861	Gary Sullivan 400 Dover Church Road Scottsville, KY 42164 615-804-7480		Amita Lamberth 215 Lamberth Road Cottontown, TN 37048 615-612-9628 akalamb805@gmail.com	Eric Downs 1085 New Deal Potts Road Cottontown, TN 37048
Nashville 1st 4030 Cedar Circle Nashville, TN 37218	David Holland 956 Snow Ave. Madison, TN 37115 615-878-4700		Linda Pryor 107 Gatire Dr. Hendersonville, TN 37075 (615) 403-9569	
New Beginnings 604 South Water Avenue P.O. Box 968 Gallatin, TN 37066	Woody Alderson 250 Morton Ave. Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 670-4121 cell walderson@yahoo.com		Misty Roberson 127 Oakland Dr. Gallatin, TN 37066 615-686-9148 jamroberson@comcast.net	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Associate Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Youth Director/Pastor</u>
Portland 107 W. Market St. Portland, TN 37148 portlandgbc.org	Larry Treadway 103 Glacier Court Portland, TN 37148 treadwaylarry@bellsouth.net 615-210-5735		Connie Austin 6925 Highland Rd Portland, TN 37148 615-654-2584 chaustin56@live.com	Donna Treadway 103 Glacier Court Portland, TN 37148 615-426-5735 treadwaydonna@gmail.com
Providence 1100 Keen Hollow Rd. P.O. Box 993 Westmoreland, TN 37186 (615) 888-2877	Philip Brown 165 B V Young Road Westmoreland, TN 37186 615-519-4079 phil@dlinard.com		Betty Jo Kepley P.O. Box 7613 Portland, TN 37148 (615) 364-5667 kepleybj@bellsouth.net	Johnny & Rebekah Maze 1104 Keen Hollow Road Westmoreland, TN 37186 615-566-3995
Salmons 4139 Bowling Green Rd. Franklin, KY 42134 P.O. Box 1004 Franklin, KY 42135 salmonschurch.com	Andy Mathias 102 W Longview Drive Portland, TN 37148 615-478-1973 andymathias@bellsouth.net		Bernie Gregory 2194 Sportsman Lake Road Franklin, KY 42134 270-776-5777	
Shiloh 12050 Old Bowling Green Rd Smith's Grove, KY 42171	Allen Johnson 800 Butler Bridge Road Portland, TN 37148 615-927-1498		Michael Renick 114 Steam Mill Road Smith's Grove, KY 42171 (270) 670-4320	

Church	Pastor	Associate Pastor	Clerk	Youth Director/Pastor
State Line 1740 Rapids Road Portland, TN 37148 P.O. Box 857 Portland, TN 37148	Matt Klein 1740 Claude Hardin Rd Cottontown, TN 37048 615-319-0050 mklein@blevinsinc.com		Pat Greer 244 Piper Rd Portland, TN 37148 615-473-3800 fpgreer@comcast.net	
Union Chapel 1125 College Street Portland, TN 37148 unionchapelchurch.org P.O. Box 7731 Portland, TN 37148	Tommy Booker P.O. Box 7941 Portland, TN 37148 615-519-0918		Julie Hicks 440 South Rd Cottontown, TN 37048 (615) 218-8895	Brandon Hurt 1002 New Deal Potts Rd. Cottontown, TN 37048 615-772-3635
White House 4012 Hwy 31W P.O. Box 1485 White House, TN 37188 whitehousegbchurch@gmail.com	B.J. Barnes 612 Fowler Ford Rd Portland, TN 37148 615-767-2580		Linda Thurber 484 Bugg Hollow Road Gallatin, TN 37066 615-569-1414 let196@yahoo.com	

STATISTICAL REPORT 2023													
Church reporting runs from January-December													
CHURCH	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Deceased	Total Members	Conversions	Baptisms	Avg. Worship	Avg. Sunday School	Youth Work	Children's Work	Total VBS	Men's Work	Women's Work
Barber Way	3	0	0	42	4	4	35	16	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Grove	9	5	2	369	2	4	125	84	5	3	120	4	9
Boiling Springs	2	0	0	12	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0
Bowling G.1st	0	0	0	55	0	1	35	15	10	0	0	0	0
Cave Mill	1	0	0	57	0	0	39	7	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	2	0	1	74	0	0	11	8	0	0	0	0	0
Centro Cristiano	17	5	0	71	11	9	50	45	12	16	30	15	15
Clifton	11	0	2	58	6	9	85	25	0	0	125	0	0
East Nashville	1	6	3	25	0	0	20	16	4	1	0	0	0
Faithbridge Fellowship	21	1	0	20	0	0	16	8	1	3	20	4	12
Haltown	4	0	2	567	12	6	162	97	22	16	0	19	0
Hollis Chapel	3	0	2	413	9	5	56	29	6	3	65	0	8
Jesus Good Shep	15	0	0	148	15	10	145	70	30	50	0	45	50
Liberty	0	0	4	92	0	0	40	26	0	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	1	1	0	287	2	2	51	27	3	5	32	0	7
Madison Ave.	0	0	0	100	0	0	38	15	0	0	0	0	0
Martha's Chapel	0	0	1	160	0	0	30	20	0	0	20	0	0

CHURCH	Members Received		Members		Members		Total Members		Conversions		Baptisms		Avg. Worship		Avg. Sunday School		Youth Work		Children's Work		Total VBS		Men's Work		Women's Work		
			Dismissed	Deceased	Total	Members	Total	Members																			
Mitchellville	5	0	5	0	308	1	5	104	58	12	8	68	0	11													
Mt. Moriah	5	0	1	0	59	0	0	45	14	7	0	30	0	0													
Mt. Pleasant	5	5	0	0	390	3	4	107	62	3	18	62	0	18													
Nashville 1st	0	5	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													
New Beginnings	2	0	0	0	50	1	2	50	28	0	0	0	0	0													
Portland	3	0	3	0	223	3	4	59	33	73	0	0	0	0													
Providence	2	0	2	0	439	1	1	81	39	7	24	77	0	0													
Salmons	5	0	6	0	260	1	0	104	55	12	18	60	0	25													
Shiloh	1	0	6	0	203	0	0	94	63	0	0	0	0	0													
State Line	26	0	0	0	50	9	8	66	33	9	4	0	0	5													
Union Chapel	9	6	1	0	246	2	4	95	6	15	25	40	0	15													
White House	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	35	9	1	3	12	0	0													
Totals	150	34	41	0	4782	78	74	61	31	232	197	761	87	175													
							Avg. Total	1755	904																		

Financial Report 2023													
Reporting runs from January to December													
Pastor	Other	Building	Christian	Church	Local Assoc.	Unified	Outreach &	Mission	Other	Total	Total	Total	Dues
Salary	Salaries	Grounds	Education	Auxiliaries	Giving	Giving	Evangelism	Giving	Expenses	Expenses	Income	Income	Paid
CHURCH													
Barber Way	\$ -	\$ 12,178.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,178.84	\$ 12,407.24	\$ 12,407.24	\$ 60.75
Beech Grove	\$ 33,400.00	\$ 38,294.87	\$ -	\$ 26,296.33	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,290.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,581.20	\$ 124,217.50	\$ 124,217.50	\$ 278.25
Bolling Springs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00
Bowling G.1st	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 11,628.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,952.34	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 21,680.67	\$ 30,697.00	\$ 30,697.00	\$ 41.25
Cave Mill	\$ 39,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,453.75	\$ -	\$ 47,421.75	\$ 74,537.50	\$ 74,537.50	\$ 42.75
Calvary	\$ 9,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 49,707.11	\$ 49,707.11	\$ 55.50
Centro Cristiano	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 45,750.00	\$ 54,970.00	\$ 54,970.00	\$ 53.25
Clifton	\$ 18,800.00	\$ 4,575.00	\$ 20,129.00	\$ 1,951.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ -	\$ 2,536.00	\$ 48,711.00	\$ 77,698.00	\$ 77,698.00	\$ 160.00
East Nashville	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 8,070.00	\$ -	\$ 1,218.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240.00	\$ 22,043.68	\$ 35,672.42	\$ 32,234.84	\$ -	
Halltown	\$ -	\$ 514,013.46	\$ 9,656.79	\$ 4,770.60	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 64,208.61	\$ -	\$ 99,684.31	\$ 410,333.77	\$ 409,533.49	\$ 409,533.49	\$ 425.00
Hollis Chapel	\$ 21,920.25	\$ -	\$ 66,993.16	\$ 1,304.73	\$ 26,008.87	\$ 4,126.25	\$ 5,886.74	\$ 9,712.17	\$ 31,670.20	\$ 168,122.37	\$ 174,525.52	\$ 174,525.52	\$ 309.75
Jesus Good Shep	\$ 48,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 111.00
Liberty	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 44,800.00	\$ 59,046.00	\$ 59,046.00	\$ 69.00
Macedonia	\$ 38,200.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,236.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 13,980.90	\$ 90,916.90	\$ 93,892.89	\$ 93,892.89	\$ 216.00
Madison Ave.	not given	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Martha's Chapel	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 11,805.00	\$ -	\$ 144.27	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.30	\$ 23,169.57	\$ 32,110.23	\$ 32,110.23	\$ 120.05
Mitchellville	\$ 64,455.00	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 7,663.00	\$ 3,800.64	\$ 3,474.21	\$ 10,868.93	\$ 3,638.29	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 154,250.83	\$ 260,069.19	\$ 219,803.42	\$ 219,803.42	\$ 231.00

	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													
Mt. Moriah	\$ 20,400.00	\$ -	\$ 6,545.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,505.00	\$ 114,777.00	\$ 90.00
Mt. Pleasant	\$ 40,740.77	\$ 11,160.00	\$ 77,416.11	\$ 5,469.19	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 40,294.89	\$ 182,230.96	\$ 189,009.39	\$ 292.50
Nashville 1st	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,800.00	\$ -
New Beginnings	\$ 28,050.00	\$ -	\$ 4,244.00	\$ 755.00	\$ 1,639.00	\$ 4,090.00	\$ 1,691.00	\$ 4,964.00	\$ 9,645.00	\$ 6,031.00	\$ 61,109.00	\$ 68,818.00	\$ 37.50
Faithbridge Fellowship	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 6,621.86	\$ 10.00	\$ 41.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 818.97	\$ -	\$ 8,366.27	\$ 22,208.26	\$ 20,933.98	\$ 15.00
Portland	\$ 20,799.96	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,371.51	\$ 519.99	\$ 1,366.31	\$ 1,552.25	\$ 600.00	\$ 19,684.04	\$ 6,545.00	\$ 3,773.37	\$ 73,212.43	\$ 84,136.40	\$ 167.25
Providence	\$ 13,650.00	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 42,916.61	\$ 3,022.27	\$ 8,378.16	\$ 2,934.25	\$ -	\$ 5,249.58	\$ -	\$ 9,899.56	\$ 100,350.43	\$ 100,941.04	\$ 329.25
Salmos	\$ 39,076.04	\$ 26,442.11	\$ 21,830.37	\$ 5,244.71	\$ 2,790.02	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,039.96	\$ 22,832.74	\$ 50,669.54	\$ 180,525.49	\$ 453,303.90	\$ 195.00
Shiloh	\$ 41,350.00	\$ 13,650.00	\$ 10,032.57	\$ 2,805.38	\$ -	\$ 3,366.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 20,999.52	\$ 21,520.00	\$ 33,820.96	\$ 148,504.43	\$ 139,070.41	\$ 152.25
State Line	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 5,630.00	\$ 8,901.00	\$ 1,501.00	\$ -	\$ 1,918.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,929.00	\$ 10,675.00	\$ 68,954.00	\$ 105,321.00	\$ 37.50
Union Chapel	\$ 20,980.00	\$ 11,526.00	\$ 11,304.00	\$ 3,069.00	\$ -	\$ 8,390.00	\$ 2,456.00	\$ 5,306.00	\$ 32,573.00	\$ 33,982.00	\$ 129,586.00	\$ 132,340.00	\$ 184.50
White House	not given	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29.25
Totals	\$ 443,922.02	\$ 251,006.57	\$ 482,429.98	\$ 47,842.25	\$ 43,842.00	\$ 50,841.68	\$ 20,845.29	\$ 156,127.42	\$ 149,795.20	\$ 522,528.81	\$ 2,169,181.22	\$ 3,046,394.62	\$ 3,621.80

Ordained Ministers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Garn, Nick—1944 Hwy 259, Portland, TN 37148, (615) 734-9075, Church: Macedonia (Attended)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kirby, Jon Wesley—188 L.W. Smith Rd., Scottsville, KY
42164, (270) 622-1536, Church: Clifton (Attended)

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

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

Latimer, Eric—64 Bent Tree Lane, Scottsville, KY 42164,
(270)618-9954, Church: Beech Grove (Attended)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roberts, Richard-211 Calista Rd., White House, TN 37188,
(615) 761-8894, Church: Faithbridge Fellowship (Attended)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whiticker, Ryan-1011 Dutch Creek Rd., Westmoreland, TN
37186, (615) 766-4125, Church: Martha's Chapel
(Attended)

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

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

Licensed Ministers

Wheeler Preston—104 Delrose Drive, Portland, TN 37148,
(615) 855-9127, Church: State Line

Woods Tracy—1567 Holland Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164,
Church: Clifton

Deacons

BARBER WAY (1)

Billy Riddle 270-529-3711

BEECH GROVE (8)

Gary York 270-618-0405

Tommy Kirby 270-622-7384

Eutra Graves 270-622-5929

Marcus Landers 270-622-0612

Johnny Creasy 270-943-1639

Kelly Grizzle 270-622-6541

Clayton House 270-253-2966

Jamie Ausbrooks 270-622-1407

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BOWLING GREEN FIRST (0)

CALVARY (1)

Jimmy Johnson 270-539-5534

CAVE MILL (2)

Melvin Oliver 270-842-2857

Terry Borders 270-784-0313

CLIFTON (3)

Jerry Powell 270-622-7644

Gordon Meador 270-622-6637

William Hinton 270-237-5009

CENTRO CHRISTIANO RESTAURACION (0)

EAST NASHVILLE (2)

Wayne Bonds	615-860-8106
Randall Laney	615-218-2479

FAITHBRIDGE FELLOWSHIP (0)

HALLTOWN (5)

Robert Briley	615-325-9317
Tim Brown	615-587-5011
Randy Langford	615-839-2078
Charles Pitt Jr.	615-325-3896
Daniel Williams	615-604-0998

HOLLIS CHAPEL (0)

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD (0)

LIBERTY (1)

Neil Huff	270-586-6805
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MACEDONIA (2)

Rick Patty	270-647-0392
Terry Towe	270-776-1394

MADISON AVENUE (1)

Joe Scoggins	270-791-6496
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MARTHA'S CHAPEL (0)

MITCHELVILLE (4)

Larry Hinton	615-325-7258
Tommy King	615-772-7589
Steve Staggs	615-325-2262
Steve Hanley	615-504-1466

MT. MORIAH (2)

Mickey Buntin	615-812-3627
Brad Holman	615-239-9122

MT. PLEASANT (1)

Bart Hurt	615-642-5455
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NASHVILLE FIRST (0)

NEW BEGINNINGS (0)

PORTLAND (1)

Brent Long	615-561-4608
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PROVIDENCE (1)

Toby Richardson	615-480-4172
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SALMONS (6)

Joe Dillard	270-776-7979
Jackie Freeman	270-779-9844
Eugene McBride	270-586-5961
John Gregory	270-282-3821
Daniel Hodges	270-779-6786
Michael Poteet	270-776-6373

SHILOH (4)

Lowell Renick	270-678-2397
Kenny Littell	270-678-5862
Tony Piper	270-678-9698
Rickey Whitley	270-678-5559

STATE LINE (1)

Lonzo Putman	615-543-1503
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UNION CHAPEL (8)

Brian Berry	615-207-8059
Pat Harrell	615-390-1609
Larry Lane	615-714-0064
Steve Callis	615-354-4996
Rod Freedle	615-336-8969
Hunter Hicks	615-202-5629
Brandon Hurt	615-772-3635
Corey Lane	615-429-7485

WHITE HOUSE (1)

Bobby McMurtry	615-739-2106
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**102nd Annual Session of the
Portland Association of General Baptists
“Knowing God”**

**Location: White House General Baptist Church
with State Line General Baptist Church as co-host
June 28-29, 2024**

Moderator: Bro. Gary Pardue
Vice Moderator: Bro. Larry Treadway
Parliamentarian: Larry Hinton
Total in Attendance: 106

Friday Night June 28, 2024 7:00 p.m

Welcome: Bro. BJ Barnes
Congregational Song: Caleb Russell
Piano: Joan Britt
Songs: I'll Fly Away
Song: Glory-land Way

Welcome: Bro. Gary Purdue....102nd Annual Session

Prayer to bless Service: Trent Stephens

Obituary Report was read by Assistant Clerk Betty Jo
Kepley

Special Singing: Mitchellville Choir
Song: What a Meeting in the Air
Song: How Great Thou Art

Message: Bro. Gary Pardue. Knowing God

The Importance of Knowing God

John 17:3

Majority of our churches worship a God we do not know. Churches get drawn aside to other things instead of God. It's by knowledge of God we enter into the Christian experience. It's by knowledge of God we grow and advance and flourish as Christians.

To become a Christian does not require a lot of knowledge but to grow we must know God. Ephesians 4:11-13

2 Truths from John 17

We can know God...a lowly sinner can know this Holy God. God chose to reveal himself to lost man. God reveals himself to man through his Holy Word. God is the full and final revelation of God.

We need to know God...knowing God is the essence of eternal life. People desire eternal life. Like the rich young ruler, he desired eternal life. God is so good and great and grand it will take eternity to know God.

We can give our list of things to try to prove that we know God. Church attendance, good deeds, it is counted all as loss. That is not true knowledge of God.

We need to be humble men of God. Man cannot be front and center. God has to be the first and foremost.

Knowing God is not just head knowledge it is also heart knowledge. A personal relationship

How do we know God? Exodus 33:13

Show me thy way that I may know thee!

To know God intimately we must understand His way through His word

We need a hunger for God. Luke 10. Martha came and sat at Jesus feet. She chose the good thing. It's more important to be occupied with Jesus than occupied for Jesus.

Invitation Song: Just as I am

Communion Service: Bro. Matt Cline

We enter into this time of service in reverence and not out of habit or repetition

We took communion together and then sang a song of praise “Amazing Grace”

Announcements: Morning Session @ 9:00 a.m.

Dismissal Prayer: Bro. BJ Barnes

Saturday Morning: June 29, 2024

Delegates: 120

Visitors: 7

Total in Attendance: 127

Welcome: Moderator Bro. Gary Pardue

Welcome and instructions by Host Church Bro. Matt Klein
State Line co-hosted with White House General.

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

Congregational Singing:

Piano: Joan Britt

Leader: Caleb Russell

Song: Mansion Over Hilltop

Song: Living by Faith

Prayer Bro. Don Key

Special Singing: Bro. Ricky Brown
Song: He's Got it all in Control"

Message: Bro. Tim Williams

The Benefits of Knowing God

2 Peter 1: 1-11

Peter knew his days were numbered
Peter knew there were false teachers
Peter knew that Jesus was coming back. He will come as a thief in the night.

We need to do the following things:

We have to have head knowledge of God

1. Know that we are prepared.
2. Know the truth
3. Know that we are ready and prepare others.
Knowledge is the first step

We have to have head knowledge and more heart knowledge. That personal relationship. By faith through Jesus Christ ,obtained like precious faith...attain means to work for but Peter says to obtain which means we ask for it. The most important thing of a benefit is the benefactor. That's where knowledge begins. We must grow

7 steps mentioned in verses 6-7

All of the qualities and steps lead to benefits of knowing God,

1. No longer be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We all may both realize how our lives can touch and change other peoples' lives. We exist to bear fruit for the glory and honor of God. Your life will show it through the fruit we bear.
2. We will no longer be blind. Lost people are in the dark. After we grow in the knowledge of God our vision will no longer be blurred. Our spiritual eyes are opened and we see God's plan and purpose for our lives.!
3. We are no longer bewildered.
4. We are no longer confused or in doubt.
5. If we know God we will not fall from that grace and knowledge of God. Salvation is based upon the knowledge of the word. It's not our profession of faith it's our progression of faith.
6. If we have true salvation our lives will reflect it.
7. If we have this assurance we'll never fall.

Closing: Jude

Unto Him who is able to keep you from falling:

The finish line is in sight...God reaches His hand down and says come follow me and keeps us by the hand and walks and talks with us....with His Strong Arm. For so an entrance shall be given into you an eternal kingdom. We can enjoy these benefits through all eternity!

Song of Invitation: "Just As I Am"

Short Break

Business Session

Welcome back to begin business session: Bro. Gary
Prayer to open business session: Bro. Jon Wesley Kirby
Is quorum present for business? Yes. Clerk 120 delegates

Call the 102nd Annual Session to order

Seating of Parliamentarian Larry Hinton and Vice
Moderator, Br. Larry Treadway

Reading of the Rules of Decorum: Parliamentarian Larry
Hinton

Page 12 in Minute Book or last page of packet.

Recognize Delegates from other Association/Guests
Eric, Rita and Kelsie Latimer. Bro. Larry Emery, Bro. Freddie
Brawner. Mt. Union Association
Todd Luke, Headquarters, Robert Gilman, Genesis
Association.

Note: MSC (Motion, Second and Carries)

Reading of Correspondence by Clerk: MSC to accept
correspondence

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

Mt. Union: Don Key, Tim Williams, Dick Garn, Gary
Pardue

Long Creek: Gary Sullivan

Election of Officers

2025 Moderator: Bro. Larry Treadway

Vice Moderator 2025: Nominations for Vice Moderator. Bro. Jon Wesley Kirby. Nomination cease and proceed to elect. MSC to elect Bro. Jon Wesley.

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

Headquarters Report: Bro. Mike Brady. Headquarters is moving forward. They exist to see churches prosper. The call is still there....people are just not excepting. He encouraged everyone to accept the call. It is worth the answer. Encourage everyone to attend the Summit in Gallatin at Freedom Church in July 18-20, 2024. Be apart and attend when you can! ELIC is working to take the gospel to the world through teaching English. Global Mission...439 G B churches outside of the United States. VBS offering going to Faith Home. Churches are being launched. Regional coordinator, Mike Brady is here to serve you, please reach out. MSC to accept this report

Report Packet: MSC to accept the report packet as given and to vote upon recommendations individually.

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

Audit Committee Report: no recommendations. See Report.

MSC to elect Ashley Berry for another 3-year term on the Audit Committee.

Budget and Finance: MSC to accept to recommendation #1

Association Office	\$ 21,000.00
Home Mission Board	0
Minister's Retirement Board	\$ 5,000.00
Trustee Board	\$ 10,000.00
Total Budget to Disburse	\$ 36,000.00

#2 MSC to accept. See report!

Executive Committee: MSC to accept all 7 recommendations. Voted upon each individually. See Report

Home Mission Board MSC to accept all recommendations with new members and term limits. See Report!

Ministries Coordinator: No recommendations. See Report.

Minister's Retirement Board. 3 recommendations voted upon individually. MSC to accept. See report.

Obituary Report given Friday Night. MSC to accept. See report.

State of Association: No recommendations. See report.

Trustee Board: 1 recommendation. MSC to accept. See report.

Property Planning Board: 2 recommendations. MSC to accept both. See Report.

Resolution Committee Report: No new Resolutions presented. Act upon Resolution #1 and give rising vote of thanks to Host church!

Stinson Press Report. Bro. Todd Luke came and spoke encouraging everyone to support Stinson Press. MSC to accept his report.

Short Break

Old Business: History Book... Committee is still requesting information and committee also admits that they need to step up and do better in acquiring the information. Hope to regroup and try to accomplish this task at hand. Please try to send in current information.

New Business: Motion and second was made to move the association time to the 3rd Week in February. MSC to refer this motion to Executive Committee to bring back next year.

Petitions and Requests: Next year's 103rd setting. June 27-29, 2025. No requests per church letters. Need a volunteer.....Macedonia volunteered for next year. MSC to accept.

Bro., Gary turned the gavel over to the Incoming Moderator, Bro. Larry Treadway

Bro. Larry appoints the following committee positions

Credentials

Al Johnson

Resolutions Committee

Randy Langford

We were adjourned from Business of the 102nd Annual Session.

Announcement: Ordination Service, Sunday @ 2:30 p.m.

Prayer to dismiss and bless meal. Bryan Borth

Association Treasurer Report 2023

Balance Operating Account 01/01/23 **\$30,386.05**

Income

Membership dues	\$ 3,338.75
Printing of Minutes Income	\$ 700.00
Budget Allocation	\$ 20,000.00
Total Income	\$ 24,038.75

Expenses

Association Meeting	\$ 17.83
Benevolent/Funeral Flowers	\$ 81.70
Clerk Salary	\$ 9,300.00
Clerk Cell Phone	\$ 600.00
Corporate Renewal Fee	\$ 20.46
General Association Meeting	\$ 560.46
Insurance Expense	\$ 26.00
Membership Dues to GA	\$ 3,587.25
Minute Book Expense	\$ 2,155.50
Ministries Coordinator Salary	\$ 3,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,253.34
Payroll SS & Medicare/Clerk	\$ 711.42
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 108.00
Postage	\$ 171.83
Website	\$ 310.59
Total Expenses	\$ 21,904.38

Beginning Balance 01/01/23 **\$ 30,386.05**

Plus Income Received **\$ 24,038.75**

Less Expenses **\$ -21,904.38**

Total Ending Balance 12/31/23 **\$ 32,520.42**

Association Income Account Treasurer Report 2023

<u>Income from Churches</u>				
Barber Way				\$ -
Beech Grove				\$ -
Boiling Springs				\$ -
Bowling G.1st				\$ -
Cave Mill				\$ -
Calvary				\$ -
Centro Cristiano				\$ 2,000.00
Clifton				\$ -
East Nashville				\$ -
Halltown				\$ 4,998.60
Hollis Chapel				\$ 2,000.00
Jesus Good Shep				\$ -
Liberty				\$ -
Macedonia				\$ 500.00
Madison Ave.				\$ -
Martha's Chapel				\$ -
Mitchellville				\$ 10,946.78
Mt. Moriah				\$ -
Mt. Pleasant				\$ -
Nashville 1st				\$ -
New Beginnings				\$ -
Faithbridge Fellowship				\$ -
Portland				\$ 600.00
Providence				\$ 1,200.00
Salmons				\$ 5,000.00
Shiloh				\$ 1,000.00
State Line				\$ 500.00
Union Chapel				\$ 6,532.53
White House				\$ 1,200.00
Total Income from churches				\$ 36,477.91
<u>Income Disbursed as follows:</u>				
Association Office				\$ 21,000.00
Minister's Retirement				\$ 4,500.00
Trustee Board				\$ 8,500.00
Total Disbursed				34,000.00
Balance Forward 01/01/23				\$ 49,919.08
Plus Total Income from churches				\$ 36,477.91
Plus Interest Income				\$ 68.01
Less Disbursed for Budget				\$ 34,000.00
Balance as of 12/31/23				\$ 52,465.00

Audit Committee

The Portland Association Audit Committee met on May 6, 2024 at Union Chapel Church. We examined the following accounts.

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

The members of the Audit Committee examined the above accounts for 2023 and found them to be in order.

Ashley Berry
Tracy Hinton
Gary Sullivan

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 30, 2024 with the following members present:

Andy Mathias
Tim Williams
Joan Britt
Robert Briley
Patricia Creasy, Treasurer, Ex-Officio

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

After reviewing each we recommend the following

Association Office	\$ 21,000.00
Home Mission Board	0
Minister's Retirement Board	\$ 5,000.00
Trustee Board	\$ 10,000.00
Total Budget to Disburse	\$ 36,000.00

We have one member coming off the board this year. We recommend Sis. Joan Britt for another 3-year term.

Current Board Members:

Tim Williams	2026	Bryan Borth	2025
Robert Briley	2026	Andy Mathias	2025
Joan Britt	2024		

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee met on 4/21/24 at Mitchellville General Baptist Church with all members present. Bro. Tracy Hinton opened the meeting in prayer. The committee met with Sis. Patricia Creasy, Associational Secretary and Bro. Larry Treadway, Associational Ministry Coordinator. Both of these conversations detailed their various responsibilities to the association. After having met and discussed these, as well as other items of business, the Executive Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Recommend to retain Sis. Patricia Creasy as Associational Secretary.
2. Recommend to retain Bro. Larry Treadway as Associational Ministry Coordinator.
3. Recommend to dissolve the Children's Camp Board and to place all remaining monies into the Associational Treasurer's income account for disbursement to the various boards receiving funds from the Association.
4. Recommend that Standing Rule #2, Rules of Membership #4 be changed to eliminate the second sentence. This rule will now read "All board and committee members shall serve a three-year rotating term, with at least one member going off the board or committee each year"
5. Recommend that Standing Rule #2, Rules of Membership #5 be eliminated.

6. Recommend Bro. John Wesley Kirby for a second 3-year term.

7. Recommend Bro. Gary Pardue for a 3-year term.

Respectfully submitted, Bro. Tim Williams, Chairman

Home Mission Board

The Portland Home Mission Board, Inc. met several times during the past year in person and by phone/text.

Dr. Richard Roberts from Faithbridge Fellowship (formerly New Life) approached the board requesting support. He shared his concern that within two or three years, the church may not be able to continue without extra assistance. He presented a plan to help grow the church and reach out to the community. The Board voted to help support Faithbridge Fellowship by paying the basic expenses (electricity, water, salaries, insurance, etc.) for one year-not to exceed \$3,000/month.

Faithbridge Fellowship submits a report each month sharing activities, programs and a financial breakdown. The Board plans to reevaluate after the year of assistance.

We recommend the following Board members:

1. The following to serve until 2025
Bro. Mike Brady 615-478-4453
Bro. Kenny Greer 615-418-1264
2. The following to serve until 2026
Bro. Alan Motley 270-784-330
Bro. Bryan Borth 270-237-1942
Betty Jo Kepley 615-364-5667
Treasurer, PO Box 7613
Portland, TN 37148
3. The following to serve until 2027
Bro. Larry Treadway 615-210-5735
Bro. Juan Tenario 615-394-2973
4. Bro. Ryan Whiticker 615-766-4125

**Portland Home Mission Board
Income and Expense for 2023**

Beginning Balance	\$49,004.46	
INCOME	Income	Expense
Centro Resturation Church	\$2,000.00	
Mitchellville Church	\$3,652.29	
	\$	
Portland Association	-	
Checking Acct. Interest	\$52.87	
EXPENSES		
Annual Incorp Fee		(\$20.00)
Faithbridge Fellowship		(\$2,356.98)
RENTAL DWELLING INCOME		
One Stop Reality	\$8,640.00	
EXPENSES		
Insurance		(\$2,105.00)
Property Taxes		(\$1,561.31)
Repairs on RDP		(\$1,905.00)
ENDING BALANCE		\$55,401.33
VALUE OF CD AT GBIF		\$97,513.55

Minister's Retirement Board

The Minister's Retirement Board met on May 28, 2024
The meeting was opened with prayer. The 2023 Financial report was given.

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

After much discussion, we recommend the following:

1. To increase the amount given to each retired minister to \$250.00 per month. This would reflect a \$25 per month increase. This will change Retirement Guideline #2
2. There will be a Special Offering Day for the Minister's Retirement fund on the first Sunday in October annually. We encourage all churches to participate in this Special Offering.
3. We have 3 members to be replaced. We recommend the following for board members.

Janet Grogan 3-year term	2027
Janie Lamberth 3-year term	2027
Allen Johnson 3-year term	2027

Members Present:

Randy Langford

Janie Lamberth

Patricia Creasy, Ex-Officio

Trent Stephens

Matt Klein

Minister's Retirement Treasurer Report

Balance Forward 01/01/23 36,252.88

Income

Income from churches ***

Interest Income	40.30
Income from Presbytery	2,440.00
Budget Allocation	6,000.00
Total Income	28,140.30

Income from Churches***

Beech Grove	600.00
Halltown	6,000.00
Hollis Chapel	1,200.00
Macedonia	400.00
Mitchellville	600.00
Mt. Moriah	360.00
Mt. Pleasant	2,000.00
Portland Church	500.00
Providence	1,200.00
Salmons	2,000.00
Shiloh	2,000.00
State Line	1,200.00
Union Chapel	1,200.00
White House	400.00
Total Income from Churches	22,100.00

Expenses

Money paid out to Ministers *** 22,950.00

Total Expenses **22,950.00**

Money Paid out to Ministers ***

Billy Bowers	2,550.00
Clayton Hall	2,550.00
David Harper	2,550.00
Gus Huff	2,550.00
H. Dean Jagers	2,550.00

Harold David Hobby	2,550.00
Kenneth A. Gregory	2,550.00
R. Glenn Jenkins	2,550.00
Larry Treadway	2,550.00
Total Paid out to Ministers	22,950.00

Balance Forward 01/01/23	36,252.88
Plus Income Received	28,140.30
Less Money Paid out to Ministers	-22,950.00
Ending Balance 12/31/23	41,443.18

Certificates of Deposit 12/31/23

GBIF # 2877	16,202.18
GBIF # 3141	52,659.28
Total Certificates	68,861.46

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 \$250.00 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 work with the ministers and churches as the ministry coordinator. There is only one licensed minister this year and no newly ordained to assist.

I have provided ministers names and phone numbers to representatives of a few churches inside the Portland Association and the Mt. Union Association as they requested those available for preaching and assistance. There has also been a few fellowship meals with some.

This year, I have made an attempt to support the ministers and churches in support of their ministries by providing a monthly newsletter sent to all pastors and ordained ministers to provide them information-events, needs, news, etc. for the purpose of all knowing what is happening in our churches and to pass that information on to others. This is to allow support and prayer for each other in ministry.

Sincerely,

Larry Treadway

Obituary Report 2023				
CHURCH				
Barber Way	None			0
Beech Grove	Ron Steel	Betty Jo Holland		2
Boiling Springs	None			0
Bowling G.1st	None			0
Cave Mill	None			0
Calvary	Shelly Kelley			1
Centro Cristiano	None			0
Clifton	Laferne Rigdon	Jane Duncan		2
East Nashville	Sherrie Buckley	Maryann McKnight	Danna Turner	3
Faithbridge Fellow	None			0
Halltown	Odes Biggs	Johnny Sullivan		2
Hollis Chapel	Kenneth Stout	Bill Cowell		2
Jesus Good Shep	None			0
Liberty	Bob Smith	James Henry Turner	James Stewart	
	Ralph Purdue			4
Macedonia	None			0
Madison Ave.	None			0
Martha's Chapel	Wendell Charlton			1
Mitchellville	Bobby Hinton	Marie Hinton	Lucille Chandler	
	Mae Douglas Groves		Donald Sweat	5
Mt. Moriah	Vickey Harrell			1
Mt. Pleasant	None			0
Nashville 1st	None			0
New Beginnings	None			0
Portland	Rosie Warren	Stacey Mooneyhan	Norma Woofter	3
Providence	Gaile Stevens	Murl Wix		2
Salmons	Don Rowland	Dorothy Gomer	Jackie L. Gregory	
	Lois Upton Penders	Bridget Swindle	Sherri Gomer	6
Shiloh	James (Jr.) Lowe	Edgar Thomas Witcher	Buena Kinslow	
	Elizabeth Ried	Jewell Lindsey	June Dickerson	6
State Line	None			0
Union Chapel	Alex Freedle			1
White House	None			0
Totals				41

State of Association				
2023				
Members Received				150
Members Dismissed				34
Members Deceased				41
Total Conversions				78
Total Baptisms				74
Average Worship Attendance				61
Average Total				1755
Average Sunday School Attendance				31
Average Total				904
Total Number of Churches				29
Total Number of Churches Reporting				29
Total Number of Churches Not Reporting				0
Total Membership				4782
Patricia Creasy Clerk				

Portland Association of General Baptist
Sunday School Convention
April 13, 2024

The 91st annual meeting of the Portland Association Sunday School Convention was held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Providence General Baptist Church, Westmoreland, TN. Bro. David Webster, President of the Convention welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Bro. David then opened with this year's theme, **"The Promise, Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."**
Proverbs 3: 5-6.

Bro. Bill Brown, pastor of Providence General Baptist Church, gave a warm welcome and thanked everyone for coming.

Bro. Michael Poteet from Salmons General Baptist Church led our opening prayer and devotion from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 .

Youth in Action was a blessing from Annabelle Briley from Halltown. She blessed us tremendously.

The Workshop this year was presented by Sis. Debbie Greer from Stateline and Sis. Misty Brown from Halltown. They were also able to share with us practical guides to teaching Sunday School. They were able to share information with us and also shared materials that were able to be taken home.

The Nominating committee for 2024 will be Salmons, Halltown and Beech Grove. Their report was

given by Michael Poteet from Salmon. 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:

Michael Poteet, Salmon, Chairperson

Jimmy Landers, Beech Grove

The Planning Committee for 2025 will be David Webster, Kenny Greer, Debbie Greer, Misty Brown and Hollis Chapel General Baptist Church.

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

The State of the Convention Committee for 2024 was given by Mount Pleasant Sis. Cindy Briley from Mt Pleasant presented the report. We, the State of Convention committee, find that there are 32 delegates present, 27 visitors present, and 7 people from Providence that assisted with music total of 59 people and 14 churches represented.

Reporting Churches:

Cindy Briley, Mt. Pleasant

The Resolution Committee was given by Bro. Al Johnson, from Shiloh General Baptist Church with the request to change #7 to read, "We give a rising vote of thanks to Providence General Baptist Church and to the officers for a fine program." Motion was accepted and carried.

The Finance Committee was presented by Bro. Donald Key. The Finance Committee Report is as follows:

Finance Committee Report

Beginning Balance	\$114.03
Yearly Deposits	\$450.00
Expenditures	
(bank checks/stamps)	<u>(\$27.20)</u>
Printing donated	
Total in Checking	\$536.83
President	\$100.00
Secretary	\$100.00
Minister	\$100.00
Camp Forshee	\$100.00
Minute Books	<u>\$136.83</u>
Total Deductions	\$536.83

This leaves \$0 to begin 2025.

Our special music was brought by Sis. Julie Mathias from Salmons. Bro Don Key helped her sing the congregational song, "Hallelujah, Praise Ye The Lord." The congregation played a part in this song! The Convention was truly blessed by Julie's singing and appreciated Bro. Don to get us all involved.

The message was given by Bro. David Webster from Salmons.

The setting for next year's convention will be at Hollis Chapel General Baptist Church, 1344 Brandy Hollow Rd Portland, TN 37148 and will be held on Saturday, April 12th, 2025 We had a united altar of prayer and a blessing on our noon meal which was provided by ladies of Providence General Baptist Church.

Sunday School Superintendents and Secretaries 2024

Barber Way

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

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

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

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

Boiling Springs

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

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

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

Centro Christians Restauration

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

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

East Nashville

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, 1344 Brandy Hollow Road, Portland, TN 37148

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

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

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

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

Martha's Chapel Superintendent: Mike Michotti, (270)799-8400

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Beginnings

Faithbridge Fellowship

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

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

Providence Superintendent:

Secretary: Betty Jo Kepley, PO Box 993, Portland, TN 37148, 615-364-5667

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

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

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

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

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

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

Union Chapel

White House Superintendent: Secretary: Tonya Barnes
PO Box 1485, White House, Tn 37188

Delegates to the Sunday School Convention

Barber Way

Beech Grove: Jimmy Landers

BG First General Baptist

Boiling Springs

Calvary: Keith Bowers, Randall Roberts

Cave Mill:

Centro Christians Restauration

Clifton: Ruby Buchanan, Hannah Kirby

East Nashville

Halltown: Misty Brown, Stacy Civils, Linda Langford, Randy
Langford

Hollis Chapel: Becky Gould, Anna Stewart

Liberty:

Macedonia: Don Key

Martha's Chapel:

Mitchellville: Tracy Hinton, Janet Grogan

Mt Moriah: Allison Stephens

Mt Pleasant: Ralph Gregory, Ann Gregory, Barbara Hunter,
Cindy Briley

New Beginnings

New Life

Portland General:

Providence: Johnny Maze, Rebekah Maze

Salmons: Michael Poteet, Mary June Suttle, Ann Webster,
David Webster, Julie Mathias, Bro. Andy Mathias

Shiloh: Kenny Littrell, Priscilla Webb, Tony Piper, Latonya
Johnson, Shelia Whitley,

State Line: Debbie Greer, Kenny Greer, Debbie Braswell

Union Chapel

White House

Sunday School Convention Resolutions

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

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

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

Sunday School Convention Bylaws

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

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

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

Sunday School Statistical 2023												
Church	Enrolled	Avg Attendance	# Classes	# Teachers	# Enrolled VBS	SS Offerings	SS Expenses	VBS Expenses	Leadership Training	Total Expenses	Dues Paid	
Barber Way	No Report	110	86	9	13	117	\$3,667.00	\$2,367.17	0	\$25	\$2,367.17	Yes
Beech Grove	No Report											
Boiling Springs	No Report	30	15	3	3	0	\$1,093.63	150		\$0.00	\$0.00	Yes
Bowling Green First		12	10	1	1		\$0.00				\$700.00	Yes
Cavalry		30	20	4	10	121	\$1,217.40	2150.56	1500		\$3,650.56	Yes
Cave Mill	No Report											
Centro Cristiano	No Report											
Clifton		27	20	4	10	50	\$955.75	\$1,789.01	\$500.00		\$2,289.01	Yes
East Nashville		10	10	2	2	0	0	0	0		0	Yes
Hallowin		123	97	9	20	0	\$0.00	\$2,754.64	\$1,224.90	\$100.00	\$4,079.34	Yes
Hollis Chapel		41	29	4	4	65	\$0.00	\$1,305.00	\$3,115.00		\$4,420.00	Yes
Jesus Good Shepherd	No Report											
Liberty		0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0		\$0.00	Yes
Macedonia		98	27	3	7	32	\$1,573.00	\$1,444.08	\$914.86		\$2,358.94	Yes
Madison Avenue	No Report											
Martha's Chapel		0	20	2	4	15	\$45.00	\$1,446.45			\$1,446.45	Yes
Mitchellville		0	61	7	9	84	0	\$3,800.64	\$5,638.69		\$9,439.33	Yes
Mt Moriah		42	19	2	5	40	\$300.00	\$471.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,471.00	Yes
Mt Pleasant		108	57.33	9	15	256	\$5,108.21	\$3,170.42	\$2,298.77		\$5,469.19	Yes
Nashville First	No Report											
New Beginnings	No Report											
Faithbridge Fellowship	No Report											
Portland		0	33	5	5	0	0	\$519.99	0		\$519.99	Yes
Providence		0	39	7	7	84	\$1,356.13	\$2,611.00	\$865.44		\$3,476.44	Yes
Salmons		70	55	5	9	60	\$2,740.04	\$2,065.07	\$156.00		\$4,961.11	Yes
Shiloh		125	62	7	20	135	\$9,104.13	\$3,555.44	\$2,567.70		\$6,123.14	Yes
State Line		50	33	4	5	0	\$262.00	\$1,266.00	0		\$1,266.00	Yes
Union Chapel	No Report											
Unity	No Report											
White House	No Report											

Sunday School Convention Past Dates/Locations

1. 1933 Buntin's Chapel
2. 1934 - Buntin's Chapel
3. 1935 - No Record
4. 1936 - No Record
5. 1937 - No Record
6. 1938 - Byrum's Chapel
7. 1939 - Halltown
8. 1940 - Shiloh
9. 1941 - Mt. Pleasant
10. 1942 - Hollis Chapel
11. 1943 - Buntin's Chapel
12. 1944 - Bowling Green
13. 1945 - No Record
14. 1946 - Halltown
15. 1947 - Hollis Chapel
16. 1948 - Mitchellville
17. 1949 - Salmons
18. 1950 - Byrams Chapel
19. 1951 - Shiloh
20. 1952 - Brownsville
21. 1953 - Boiling Springs
22. 1954 - Madison Ave
23. 1955 - Macedonia
24. 1956 - Portland
25. 1957 - Union Chapel
26. 1958 - Mt. Pleasant
27. 1959 - Nashville Second
28. 1960 - First Bowling Green
29. 1961 - Halltown
30. 1962 - Hollis Chapel
31. 1963 - Salmons
32. 1964 - Brownsville
33. 1965 - Portland
34. 1966 - Union Chapel
35. 1967 - Bowling Green 1st
36. 1968 - Macedonia
37. 1969 - Byrams Chapel
38. 1970 - East Nashville
39. 1971 - Union Chapel
40. 1972 - Portland
41. 1973 - Madison
42. 1975 - Halltown
43. 1976 - Mt. Pleasant
44. 1977 - Fairview
45. 1978 - Center Point
46. 1979 - Union Chapel
47. 1980 - Cave Mill
48. 1981 - Shiloh
49. 1982 - Hollis Chapel
50. 1983 - Nashville First
51. 1984 - Portland
52. 1985 - Cave Mill
53. 1986 - Salmons
54. 1987 - Mt. Pleasant
55. 1988 - Clifton
56. 1989 - Fairview
57. 1990 - Halltown
58. 1991 - Creekmont
59. 1992 - Union Chapel
60. 1993 - Hollis Chapel
61. 1994 - Madison
62. 1995 - Portland
63. 1996 - Mt. Pleasant
64. 1997 - Madison Ave
65. 1998 - Mt. Pleasant
66. 1999 - Shiloh
67. 2000 - Fairview
68. 2001 - Faith

69. 2002 - Halltown
70. 2003 - Hollis Chapel
71. 2004 - Cave Mill
72. 2005-Mitchellville
73. 2006-Salmons
74. 2007-Portland
75. 2008-Union Chapel
76. 2009-Mt. Pleasant
77. 2010-Cornerstone
78. 2011-Salmons
79. 2012-Hollis Chapel
80. 2013-Providence
81. 2014- Halltown
82. 2015-Cornerstone
83. 2016-Macedonia
84. 2017-Salmons
85. 2018-Beech Grove
- 86.2019- Shiloh
87. 2020-Covid
88. 2021-Covid
89. 2022-Union Chapel
90. 2023-Salmons
- 91.2024- Providence

Trustee Board/Property Planning Board

The Trustee Board, Property Planning Board met on March 23, 2024 for our annual meetings. Members present were as follows:

Trustee Board

Randy Givens

Bobby McMurtry

Tracy Hinton

Nathan Civils

Jr. Pitt

Property Planning Committee

Randy Givens

Grant Johnson

Patricia Creasy (ex-officio)

We opened the meeting in prayer.

1. Clean up dates were set for the Campgrounds
2. Updates given on the Remodel of the Kitchen. A remodel has been completed with all money donated by private individuals and churches. Windows were also replaced.
3. Water drainage problem on outer wall of dining hall has been completed.
4. Covered concrete patio out the back of dining hall has been completed with all monies donated.
5. Door sweeps installed on all dorm doors.
6. New Sign at the road.
7. Several general maintenance issues and improvements made to the grounds!

Recommendations:

Trustee Board have 2 members coming off.

We recommend:

Nathan Civils 3-year term

2027

Bobby McMurtry 3-year term 2027

Patricia Creasy 3-year term (ex-officio member) 2027

Property Planning Board recommendations:

- 1. We recommend that the Camp Coordinator position and responsibilities be taken over by the Trustee Board.**
- 2. We recommend that the Property Planning Board be dissolved. This is no longer an active board and all of this board's responsibilities are being handled by the Trustee Board.**

Trustee Board Treasurer Report

Balance as of 01/01/23	\$	4,677.23
Income		
Donations	\$	12,250.00
Rent	\$	5,750.00
Interest	\$	17.66
Association	\$	10,000.00
Total Income	\$	28,017.66
Expenses		
Mowing	\$	2,810.00
Insurance	\$	4,966.00
CEMC	\$	3,016.57
Portland Utilities	\$	634.13
Maintenance & Repairs	\$	162.68
State Permit 2 yrs.	\$	301.90
Total Expenses	\$	11,891.28
Balance as of 12/31/23	\$	20,803.61
Donations Received:		
Association	\$	10,000.00
Forshee Family	\$	110.00
For Minnie Forshee	\$	365.00
Portland General	\$	200.00
Salmons	\$	1000.00
State Line	\$	125.00
Mt. Union Camp Carver	\$	250.00
Sunday School Conven.	\$	200.00

Portland Association of General Baptists Presbytery

NOTE: THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 21, 2025, AT MT. MORIAH 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 20, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

The Portland Association Presbytery met at Clifton General Baptist Church on June 22, 2024 in Scottsville, Ky with Br. Donald Key serving as moderator

There were a total of 48 registered members in attendance with 20 churches from Portland Association being represented.

We opened the Presbytery meeting with congregational singing led by Br. Frank Hayes with Br. Gary Pardue playing the piano. We sang "Victory in Jesus" and after the song we had united prayer at the altar.

The welcome was given by Br. Jon Wesley Kirby, pastor of Clifton General Baptist Church.

The response was given by Br. Matt Klein.

Br. Matt Klein was seated as Vice Moderator.

Br. Andy Mathias was seated as Parliamentarian.

The rules of decorum were read by our parliamentarian.

Br. Arno Krantz, Br. Jerry Cox, and Br. Philip Cox from Long Creek Presbytery were recognized as our

visitors.

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

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

Balance brought forward	\$8874.29
Expenses:	
Stinson Press	\$ 54.20
Printing of minutes	\$ 600.00
Ministers Retirement Fun	\$2440.00
Flowers (Br. Mark Scott)	\$ 95.00
Total Expenses:	\$3189.20
Balance:	\$5685.09
Deposit (Church Dues)	\$4320.00
Ending Balance (June 22, 20024)	\$10,005.09

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

There was no correspondence this year to the presbytery,

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

Moderator: Br. Matt Klein

Vice Moderator: Br. Trent Stephens

Clerk/Treasurer: Br. Steve Moore

Vice Clerk/Treasurer: Br. Ryan Whiticker

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

Ministers Ordination Examining Committee

Br. Gary Sullivan, Chairman
Br. Ryan Whiticker
Br. Tim Williams

Ministers Licensing Examining Committee

Br. Joey Boyd, Chairman
Br. Trent Stephens
Br. Gary Pardue

Deacons Ordination Examining Committee

Br. Daniel Williams, Chairman
Br. Bryan Berry
Br. Billy Bowers

Credentials Committee

Br. Craig Rector, Chairman
Br. Andy Mathias
Br. Victor Creasy

Resolutions Committee

Br. Bobby McMurtry, Chairman
Br. Richard Roberts
Br. Mike Brady

We then moved to the reports from the examining committees:

The Ministers Ordination Examining Committee had no candidates to meet with this year so no report was given.

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

Br. Preston Wheeler (State Line) committee recommends he be licensed as a minister for upcoming year.

Br. Tracy Woods (Clifton) committee recommends he be licensed as a minister for the upcoming year.

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

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

Br. Jamie Ausbrooks (Beech Grove) to be ordained as a deacon

Br. Clayton House (Beech Grove) to be ordained as a deacon

Br. Steve Hanley (Mitchellville) to be ordained as a deacon

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

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

Br. Nick Garn (Macedonia) receive credentials pending a letter of good standing from Mt. Union presbytery.

Br. Eric Latimer (Beech Grove) receive credentials pending a letter of good standing from Mt. Union presbytery.

Br. Lonzo Putnam (State Line) reinstate credentials as a deacon.

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

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

Change resolution #1 to read as follows: Be it resolved that this presbytery requests the churches of this association set December 31 as the closing date of the associational year, and that the Presbytery of the Portland Association meet one week prior to the annual setting of the Association.

All other resolutions stay the same.

Give a standing vote of thanks to Clifton Church for hosting the presbytery.

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

A standing vote of thanks was given to Clifton Church for their kindness and hospitality as the host of the 2024 presbytery setting.

Mt. Moriah General Baptist Church requested to host the 2025 sitting of the presbytery. Motion and second was made to accept request and go to Mt. Moriah for the 2025 sitting of the presbytery. This motion was approved.

Br. Gary Pardue was elected to preach the ordination sermon.

Br. Tommy King was elected to pray the ordination prayer.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until June 30, 2024 at White House Church for the ordination service. This motion was approved.

Presbytery Worship Service June 22, 2024

We began the worship service with Br. Frank Hayes

as song leader and Br. Gary Pardue as piano player. We sang “Mansion Over the Hilltop” and “What A Day That Will Be.” After several testimonies, Br. Gary Pardue sang our special music about God’s Mercy. Br. Donald Key moderator then brought our message for the day using scripture from **Ephesians 3:13-21**.

A very encouraging message was given about how we are adopted into God’s family and adopted into Christ and have an Inheritance in Him.

We had a time of altar prayer and more testimonies and then we were dismissed in a closing prayer.

Ordination Service June 30,2024

The Portland Association of General Baptists Presbytery met at White House Church on June 30, 2024 with Br. Donald Key serving as moderator for the purpose of ordaining Br. Steve Hanley into the office of a deacon.

The opening prayer was given by Br. Trent Stephens.

B.J. Barnes was the song leader and Joan Britt was the piano player.

We were led in singing, “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” and then Br. Gary Pardue brought the ordination sermon.

Using scripture from **Acts 6:1-7**, Br. Pardue described what a deacon’s office should be and what his character should be as well. A man of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and full of wisdom. He should be a model Christian and also an example. A deacon should be

faithful to Christ, faithful to his spouse and family and to the Church.

A charge was then given by Br. Pardue to Br. Hanley. The ordination prayer was given by Br. Tommy King. The members of the Portland Presbytery then come around and laid their hands on Br. Hanley and prayed over him. Br. Donald Key then turned the moderator's gavel over to Br. Matt Klein who will be serving as moderator for the upcoming year. After a few brief remarks from Br. Klein, he then dismissed the service with a closing 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 Committees one (1) year in advance at the sitting of the Presbytery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Constitution of the Portland Presbytery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bylaws of the Portland Presbytery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Questions for Minister's and Deacons To be Licensed or Ordained

(Question 1)-Briefly tell of your conversion and give reason for your assurance of salvation.

(Question 2)-How long have you been a General Baptist?

(Question 3)-How long have you been a member of the church recommending you?

(Question 4)-Give a short account of your call to preach (for ministers).

(Question 5)-Why do you want to be licensed/ordained?

(Question 6)-Do you feel you meet the qualifications of I Timothy 3?

(Question 7)-Have you or your wife ever been divorced?

(Question 8)-What is the extent of your education? Elementary, High School, College, etc.?

BIBLICAL

(Question 1)-Do you believe without reservation that the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God and that it is the only rule of faith and practice?

(Question 2)-Explain in your words the Godhead.

(Question 3)-Why is it important to preach/teach from both the Old and New Testament?

(Question 4)-Explain the four main events brought out in the gospel.

(Question 5)-Why are there four books of the Gospels?

(Question 6)-Who is the church's foremost missionary and name some of the books written by him?

(Question 7)-Explain the Holy Spirit.

USAGE AND DOCTRINE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MORAL AND SOCIAL

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH

(Question 1)-What is the Church?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENTIATES

(Requirement 1)-Licensee be a Christian.

(Requirement 2)-Licensee be God called.

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

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

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

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

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

Procedure for Disciplinary Action of Presbytery

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

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

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

- (A) Meet with person requesting the investigation.
- (B) Meet with person being investigated.
- (C) Meet with officers to report findings.

The investigation will basically result in one of three conclusions:

- (1) The charges will have no merit and further proceedings are not necessary.
- (2) The charges have merit, but the person involved will make restitution and correction to the satisfaction of the committee, the person requesting the investigation and the officers, and no further proceedings are necessary.
- (3) The charges have merit and cannot be resolved and will be brought to the full body.

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

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

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

Portland Association Presbytery Dues

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

