Warren Association of Baptists - Warren County, Kentucky (MSS 652)

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Baptist association in North America is a group of local churches in a defined geographic area cooperating to reach people and perform mission activities and ministries both locally and globally. The Warren Association of Baptists (WAB) was organized on 22 September 1890 at Bowling Green’s First Baptist Church, following a call from churches in Bowling Green and Smiths Grove. The messengers elected the following officers: W.H. Cook, Moderator; J. Whit Potter, Treasurer; and J.C. Potter, Clerk. The first annual meeting was held on 16 September 1891 at Oak Forest Baptist Church. Prior to the formation of WAB, churches in Warren County had been members of as many as seven associations: Green River, Liberty, Bay’s Ford, Gasper River, Clear Fork, Barren, Bethel, and Warren. Some of these associations disbanded because of a lack of interest or division.

Since its formation, the WAB has been an agent for cooperative work, discipleship, education and fellowship within Warren County’s Baptist churches. Offices today (2018) are located on a multi-acre site at 6448 Scottsville Road that also includes athletic fields. The facility provides meeting spaces with kitchen facilities, a audio/visual center, a neutral space for counseling, an apartment for visiting clergy, and offices for staff. Traditionally Baptist associations are led by a Director of Missions. Funding for associations comes from the participating churches, typically a small percentage of their monthly offerings.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists exclusively of material related to the search for a new Director of Missions in 1994. This material includes correspondence between the members of the Search Committee and applicants, the applicant resumes, and completed questionnaires from the applicants. The committee created the questionnaire in order to learn further information, including ministerial experience, references, his/her personal accomplishments, community life, family life, employment expectations, and theological profile.
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