

MINUTES
OF THE
Wiseman Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY.

The Messengers composing Wiseman Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at Independence, near Bledsoe, Sumner County, Tenn., Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1897, at 10 a. m. After singing and prayer by Bro. J. P. Gilliam, Bro. J. F. Lambert preached the introductory sermon: Text I Cor., 5-72. After the sermon Bro. J. F. Lambert, Moderator, pro tem, called the Association to order. R. H. Spillman and J. P. Gilliam were selected to read letters from the churches, and the following messengers responded:

Cedar Bluff.—J. F. Lambert, J. D. White, Tom Summers.
Corum Hill.—S. M. Wilkes.
Dixon Creek.—J. W. Massey, T. J. Gregory, W. S. Oldham.
Friendship.—J. L. Harris, J. W. Lewis, W. R. Horstey.
Goodwill.—J. P. Lee, J. W. Harper, Arch Blackwell.
Hartsville.—J. F. Lee, Matt Martin, M. C. Fitzpatrick.
Hilldate.—T. J. Thompson.
Hopswell.—J. W. Jones, J. W. McQueen.
Independence.—L. B. Moncrief, J. M. Pardue, Robt. Harris.
LaFayette.—V. A. Saunders.
Long Creek.—T. F. Meador, G. W. Jenkins.
Meadorville.—No Messenger.
Mount Olivet.—No Messenger.
New Harmony.—Gus Fuqua, J. R. Lauderdale.
Pleasant Grove.—C. N. Simmons, W. A. Dorris, E. Creasy.
Providence.—Jas. Ashlock, James Harrison, James Mondrol.
Rock Bridge.—J. W. Dorris, T. B. Simpson.
Rocky Mound.—T. W. Bradley, C. B. Massey, J. E. Overton.
Shady Grove.—D. S. Reed.
Siloam.—J. L. Hawkins, W. J. Woodward.
Spring Creek.—W. A. Goat.
Zion.—Dan Paryear.

The Association was then regularly organized by electing Morgan C. Fitzpatrick, of the Hartsville Church, Moderator, and D. S. Reed, of the Shady Grove Church, Clerk.

Petitioning letters were called for and one was received from Long Creek Church, in Macon County. Upon motion the Church was unanimously received to membership in the Association and its Messengers, T. F. Meador and G. W. Jenkins, were extended the right hand of fellowship by Moderator Fitzpatrick on behalf of the Association.

The following visiting brethren were present and invited to seats with the Association: New Salem—Bro. J. P. Gilliam; Barran River—Bro. R. H. Spillman; Warren—G. H. Dorris; Bays Fork—Bro. J. S. Meador; Cumberland—Bros. E. E. Folk, R. N. Barrett, W. C. Golding.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Upon motion Moderator Fitzpatrick appointed the regular Committees as follows:

Order of Business.—J. W. McQueen, J. L. Harris, C. N. Simmons.
Education.—J. S. Pardue, R. H. Spillman, T. J. Thompson.
State of Religion.—J. F. Lambert, J. W. Massey, J. P. Lee.
Religious Literature.—J. W. Harper, J. P. Gilliam, G. H. Dorris.

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Home Missions.—J. L. Hawkins, J. W. Jones, W. R. Horsley.
 Obituaries.—E. E. Folt, J. S. Meador, G. W. Jenkins.
 Foreign Missions.—C. N. Simmons, W. S. Oldham, Joe Simmons.
 State Missions.—J. E. Overton, J. W. Dorris, J. W. McQueen.
 Associational Missions.—J. F. Lee, C. B. Massey, E. Crony.
 Temperance.—W. L. Bule, Gus Foggus, A. A. Martin, C. N. Simmons.
 Orphan's Home.—R. H. Spillman, T. W. Bradley, J. W. Dorris.
 Finance.—J. W. Jones, T. J. Gregory, J. D. White.
 Sunday School and Colportage.—J. F. Lee, J. R. Lauderdale, W. A. Goad.
 Correspondence.—S. M. Wilkes, Jas. Ashlock, Tom Summers.
 Devotional Exercises.—J. S. Parfuo, Robt. Harris, L. B. Moncrief.
 Resolutions.—W. A. Dorris, J. W. Lewis, J. M. Parfuo.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on devotional exercises announced that Bro. R. H. Spillman would preach at Bethpage, Bro. W. L. Bule at this place and Bro. J. S. Meador at Tatley's school-house.

Report of Committee on order of Business:

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following as an order of business: 1.—Religious Literature; 2.—District Missions; 3.—State Missions; 4.—Home Missions; 5.—Foreign Missions; 6.—Orphan's Home; 7.—Education; 8.—Sunday School and Colportage; 9.—Temperance; 10.—Correspondence; 11.—Finance; 12.—State of Religion; 13.—Obituaries; 14.—New Business; 15.—Resolutions.

The report was adopted and made the order of business for the Association.

Upon motion the session then adjourned to meet Thursday at 9 a. m., with prayer by Bro. Gilliam.

SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order at 9 a. m. by Moderator Fitzpatrick, and after singing, was led in prayer by Bro. Lambert.

Report of Committee on Religious Literature:

The Baptist modestly, but fearlessly, claim to have the truth, but the very fact that we have a "thus saith the Lord" for every doctrine we teach places a heavy obligation upon Baptist to "teach all things whatsoever" Jesus commands. We therefore recommend that pastors "shun not to declare the whole counsel" of God. And let the people do as did the Bereans, "search the scriptures daily to see if these things be so." That written truth has an advantage over spoken truth, you can review written truth and give it to others without misrepresenting the author. At the head of Baptist literature stands the Bible as the infallible meandering road by which every book, tract or paper should be measured. Your Committee is of the opinion that great good can be done by the circulation of sound religious literature. The people will read something and be influenced by what they read. Let us awake to the responsibility upon us to use written truth to the glory of God and the good of mankind. We recommend that our people take and read our State paper, the Baptist and Reflector, the Baptist Helper, of Scottsville, Ky., and any other Baptist paper which is helpful in the dissemination of the truth. We recommend that our Sunday Schools use the Concert in series of lessons help. We think they are as good as the best, and every cent of profit on these publications goes to swell the Mission Fund of the S. B. Convention and thus give the Gospel of the blessed Son of God to the perishing nations.

J. P. Gilliam,
 J. W. Hauran,
 G. H. Douthett

After discussion by Bros. Gilliam, Dorris, Folk, Smith and others the report was adopted.

Upon motion all the reports on Missions were read and discussed together.

Report of the Committee on District Missions:

We believe that District Missions are of a great necessity, and we know that there is not enough done in that direction, and we believe that one of the great causes is that the brethren, many of them, believe when they give for Home Missions that it is to be spent in the district. We insist that we try to do more for District Missions than we have been doing, and we know that the Lord will bless the cheerful giver, and again, it is more blessed to give than to receive. Therefore brethren give to District Missions that we may fill up the waste places and help the weak churches.

J. F. Lee,
 C. B. Massey,
 E. F. Cuckey.

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Report of the Committee on State Missions:

"Go ye into all the world." Tennessee is a part of the world and a very important part. The people here are our kindred and friends and we are under special obligations to them. Besides, as we correct them we gather strength for converting the world. It is estimated that there are now 1,000,000 lost souls in Tennessee. The State Board has about twenty missionaries laboring in destitute fields throughout the State. They are accomplishing much for the Church and for God. At the last meeting of the State Convention the Sunday School and Colportage Board was consolidated with the State Board, so that the latter now has the work of both, without any additional expense. There are now twenty colporters at work under this Board in the State, who are doing a fine work in organizing Sunday Schools, prayer meetings and distributing religious literature by sale and gift very often. The Association last year contributed \$61.19, as shown by the church letters. We trust we shall make a better showing next year. To enable us to do this we recommend that the churches adopt the plan of systematic giving as suggested by the State Board.

J. W. DOWNS,
J. W. McQUEEN,
J. B. OVERTON.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions:

We consider Home Missions the greatest of all missions, because it embraces the plan by which Christ intended. First, to preach the Gospel at Jerusalem, and then to all the world. As we have been blessed by it, let us take His yoke upon us and bear it. We learn by the teaching of His word that the Gospel shall reach the uttermost parts of the world through the efforts of the Church. Must we, as His people, obey His loving voice when He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." May God give us all a spirit of missions as Christ gave himself for the church. May the churches give more liberally that our efforts may be crowned with success.

J. L. HAWKINS,
J. W. JONES,
W. E. HORSLEY.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions:

We should be encouraged when we realize what has been done in foreign fields. Last year our church in foreign work constituted 95 churches and 141 out stations. We sent 20 missionaries, 111 assistants, who report 661 baptisms, 1,275 Sunday School students, 1,108 day scholars. Total amounts contributed last year \$125,631.69.

C. N. SIMMONS,
W. S. OLDMAN,
JOE SIMMONS.

After these reports were discussed of the several Mission Reports they were adopted as read.

Report of the Committee on Orphan's Home:

This is a day when we of Wiseman Association should be aroused to action to the support and care for the orphans. We are 1,013 in number as shown by the letters and the same letters show that we gave for the support of our Baptist Orphan's Home at Nashville and 140 orphans only \$12.50 this year, which is only 2-3 of a cent per member. We owe \$1,500 on the building. We are to-day \$300 in debt for meat and bread and clothing for these orphan children. The churches and Baptist of Tennessee are the owners of this Orphan's Home and it is in their hands to do whatever is done for these orphans. Certainly every church should do something every month to the orphan's support. Only three churches out of our twenty-two churches in Wiseman Association have given a single cent for the support of the orphans during this year, as shown by the letters. We urge every church to make a contribution at once to the orphans and to remember the orphans during the year.

R. H. SPILLMAN,
T. W. BAXDAVY,
J. W. DOWNS.

After discussion by Bros. Golding, Ashlock and others a collection was taken when the Association gave the Home \$17.45. The audience under the grove also gave \$3.00.

Bro. Pardue here announced that Bros. Gilliam and Dorris would preach at the end to the visitors during the session.

Report of the Committee on Education:

It is a source of pleasure for us to say that our denomination is in hearty sympathy with the cause of education. We would urge our brethren to use all the facilities within their power to train and educate our young people for usefulness in life. We would especially insist that Baptist parents should, when possible, support our denominational schools and send their children to them.

R. H. SPILLMAN,
J. S. PARDUE,
T. J. THOMPSON.

The report, after discussion by Bros. Pardue, McQueen and others, was adopted.

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Report of the Committee on Sunday School and Colportage:

We are glad to see many of our churches report good Sabbath Schools and sorry that all cannot do so. We urge upon each church the importance and great value of organizing and running every month in the year a good, live Sunday School and thus materially aid the cause. We hope to have favorable reports from every church next year.

J. F. LEE,
J. R. LAUDERDALE,
W. A. GOAD.

After discussion by Bros. Lee, Lauderdale and others the report was adopted.

WHITSIT RESOLUTION.

Bro. J. W. McQueen introduced the following resolution which was adopted after some discussion:

Whereas, Dr. W. H. Whitsett, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, reaffirms his belief in his discovery and will continue to teach it, and
Whereas, his course has been such as to place him out of touch and harmony with the denomination;

Therefore resolved that the Trustees of the Seminary from Tennessee be requested to vote for his retirement; and that we withhold all encouragement from the Seminary so long as Dr. Whitsett remains President of said institution or in the Chair of History.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Bro. Pardue then announced that Bro. E. E. Fols would preach here and that Bro. J. P. Gilliam would preach at the church at Bethpage. Thereupon the session adjourned to meet Friday at 9 a. m., with prayer by Bro. Robert N. Barrett.

THIRD DAY.

The Association was called to order at 9 a. m. by Moderator Fitzpatrick and the session, after singing, was led in prayer by Bros. G. H. Dorris and W. L. Bule.

Report of the Committee on Temperance:

When Christ called the twelve he ordained them and gave them power to heal the sick and cast out devils, and they started out to work according to His instructions, and when they returned they complained that they had found one they could not cast out. Christ said to them "this kind goeth not out but by fasting and prayer." God made corn and pronounced it good, and so it is for what He intended it. But out of what God made good men have drawn out evil. All distilled spirits are unclean spirits and we have tried for years to cast them out, but still they are here and we believe this kind goeth not out but by fasting and prayer. Brethren let us fast and pray to God to cast from among us those evil spirits that have caused more distress than all the wars and famines. Let us show our faith by our works for faith without works is dead being alone.

W. L. BULE, GUA EQUA,
M. A. MARTIN, C. N. SIMMONS.

Report of the Committee on Correspondence:

We regret that so few visiting brethren are in attendance from our sister Associations and we earnestly ask our sister Associations to wake up and we hope to meet a large number at our next session. Our Association will meet with the Dixon's Creek Church, Trousdale County, two miles north of Dixon Springs, commencing on Wednesday before the Fourth (4th) Sunday in September, 1898. The Dixon's Creek Church will be one hundred years old then and we hope to have a full attendance from neighboring Associations.

J. W. FLEMING, JAS. ASHLOCK,
TOM SUMMERS, S. M. WILSON.

Adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

It was announced by Bro. Pardue that there would be preaching at the Grove by Bros. Bule and Dorris.

Report of the Committee on State of Religion:

We report that our statistics show our churches gaining strength. We have an increase of 126 by baptism since last year.

J. F. LAURETT,
J. W. MASSEY,
J. P. LEE.

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Report of the Committee on Finance:

Your Committee finds that the total amount of funds reported by Messengers to be \$39.60. The Association gave the Orphan's Home \$17.45. We submit a tabulated statement by churches of amounts and for what purpose. See appendix

J. W. JONES, J. D. WHITE,
T. J. GREGORY, J. L. HAUNIS.

Adopted.

Report of the Committee on Obituaries:

We find that there were twenty-one deaths in the Association last year. Among them, we are glad to report, that there were no infants. We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones. Let us imitate the Christian example of those who have been called hence, and let us be ready for the summons whenever it may come to us.

EDGAR E. FOLK, J. S. MEADOWS,
G. W. JENKINS, T. B. SIMPSON.

Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS.

Bro. McQueen moved that the work of the Sunday School and Colportage Committee be consolidated with that of the State Board Missions and that the subjects be discussed together. Carried.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The Association then selected, as the next place of meeting, Dixon's Creek Church, Transalva County, Tennessee. The time of meeting Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1898. At that time the Dixon's Creek Church will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

Bro. W. M. S. Wilkes was selected to preach the introductory sermon with Bro. J. L. Hawkins alternate.

MESSENGERS.

Moderator Morgan Fitzpatrick was selected a delegate to the State Convention and Bro. J. W. McQueen alternate.

Bro. J. S. Pardue was selected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention with Bro. W. M. S. Wilks alternate.

VISITING MESSENGERS.

The following brethren were selected to visit the sister Associations:

Barren River -- J. E. Overton, J. S. Pardue, J. F. Lambert.
Baye Fork -- J. S. Pardue, J. W. McQueen, J. W. Overton, W. A. Dorris.
New Salem -- J. S. Pardue, J. E. Overton, J. W. McQueen, W. M. S. Wilks, J. F. Lee, D. S. Read, M. C. Fitzpatrick.
Enon -- J. F. Lambert, J. E. Overton, J. D. White.

MISSION BOARD.

Upon motion a new District Mission Board was selected for the next year. W. K. Johnson, J. F. Lee, P. G. Terry, J. R. Lauderdale, W. A. Goad and J. D. White were elected.

MISSIONARIES.

Bros. J. F. Lambert and J. W. McQueen were elected to visit each church in the interest of Missions as often as they deem necessary and expedient and report their work to the next Association.

A DONATION.

Mrs. Mary Belt, a good sister who resides at Westmoreland, Tenn., was

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present and donated a valuable quilt of her own make for the little children at the Orphan's Home. Value \$2.50.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality while among them.

Resolved, That we appreciate the ability, efficiency and entire satisfaction with which our Moderator and Clerk have discharged their important duties.

Resolved, That we urge our brethren to refrain from the use and traffic of ardent spirits as a beverage.

Resolved, That we allow our Clerk \$5 and remainder for printing minutes.

Resolved, That we recommend great care in the reception of members into the church, especially would we prohibit the reception of excluded members from other churches. We urge delegates to future Associations to remain until the work of the session is completed.

Resolved, That the churches with whom we meet in the future be requested to have dinner on the grounds that no time may be lost from the session.

Resolved, That this Association elect two brethren to visit the various churches and work up a spirit of missions and aid in the collection of mission money.

W. A. DORRIS,
J. W. LEWIS,
J. M. PARDEE.

The resolutions were adopted, after some discussion by Moderator Fitzpatrick and others, emphasizing the cordiality and kindness of the people of all denominations in their entertainment of the delegates.

There being no further business before the session the Association adjourned, with prayer by Bro. McQueen, to meet with the Church at Dixon's Creek, on Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1898.

MORGAN C. FITZPATRICK, Moderator.

D. S. REED, Clerk and Treasurer.

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STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 1897.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by Examin- tion and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Members	Printing Fund	Pastor's Salary	Average Attendance Number Sunday School Students	PASTOR	PASTOR'S P. O.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.
Cedar Bluff											J. L. Hawkins	Enlia	J. W. Blankenship	Enlia
Corum Hill											J. J. Carr	Bubler	L. M. Wilke	Bubler
Dixon Creek	40										M. B. Ramsey	Gibbs' X Roads	J. W. Massey	Dixon Springs
Friendship											W. M. S. Wilke	Enon College	F. M. Burton	Hartsville
Goodwill											J. J. Dyer	Dixon Springs	Henry Harper	Dixon Springs
Hartsville											W. W. Brett	Carthage	A. S. Beaves	Hartsville
Hilledale											W. M. S. Wilke	Enon College	W. J. Cothron	Hilledale
New Hopewell											W. M. S. Wilke	Enon College	J. W. Jones	Enon College
Independence											J. S. Pardue	Bethpage	J. M. Pardue	Bransford
LaFayette											A. Malone	Franklin, Ky.	W. M. Gammons	LaFayette
Long Creek											W. L. Bule	LaFayette	G. W. Jenkins	LaFayette
Meadorville												No Messenger	or letter	
Mt. Olivet												No Messenger	or letter	
New Harmony														
Pleasant Grove											C. N. Simmons	Westmoreland	J. W. Hughes	Sullivan
Providence											L. Hawkins	Enlia	W. A. Dorris	Westmoreland
Rock Bridge											W. Swan	Portland	J. M. Graves	Enlia
Rocky Mount											S. Meador	Long Creek	J. W. Dorris	Bethpage
Shady Grove											A. Stone	Enon College	C. H. Massey	Long Creek
Siloam											L. Hawkins	Enlia	W. T. Bandy	Hartsville
Spring Creek											W. L. Bule	LaFayette	A. J. Roland	Enlia
Zion											B. R. Knight	Eason	W. L. Blankenship	LaFayette
Total	116	21	6	4	17	33	129	152	60	132			J. B. Corley	Hartsville

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Receipts From Wiseman Association For Year Ending Sept. 22, 1897.

CHURCHES.	No. Mem.	Mln. Relief	Mln Ed.	Or. Home	S and Col	Diat. Mis.	Home Mis.	For. Mis.	State Mis.	Total
Cedar Bluff	30									
Coram Hill	57									
Dixon Creek	270			1 50	2 00		50	1 50		5 50
Friendship	149			10 00		1 50	4 85	6 01	30 35	73 76
Goodwill	70								50	
Hartsville	71				5 00	2 74	2 74	2 74	2 74	15 24
Hillside	157			11 05			3 41	3 41	3 40	22 15
New Hopewell	100						4 21	4 25	3 00	11 50
Independence	20									
LaFayette	66									
Long Creek	17					2 00				2 00
Meadowville										
Mt Olivet										
New Harmony	83									
Pleasant Grove	28					1 50				1 50
Provide-co	18									
Rock Bridge	23									
Rocky Mount	56									
Shady Grove	77			1 00		50	40	40	40	1 70
Silviam	103						25	1 00	1 00	3 25
Spring Creek	41									
Zion	41									
Total	1523			23 45	7 00	8 24	16 30	20 20	60 69	135 97

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