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PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH  
ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Wiseman Association  
of Baptists



HELD WITH

NEW HOPEWELL CHURCH

Sumner County, Tennessee

SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 1904

Next meeting to be held with Rock Bridge Church, Sumner County,  
Tenn. Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September,  
1905. Introductory sermon by Brother J. W. McQueen.

The Democrat, Lebanon, Tenn.

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# MINUTES

## FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, 1904.—MORNING SESSION.

The messengers composing the Wiseman Association met with the Baptist Church at New Hopewell, Sumner county, Tenn., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m.

After singing and prayer, Brother J. S. Pardue, who was appointed at the last meeting of the Association not being present Brother J. W. McQueen, his alternate, preached the introductory sermon.

After the sermon Brethren T. W. Matthews and W. W. Payne were appointed to read the letters from the churches and following messengers responded:

1. Bledsoe Creek—W. J. Perdue, J. W. Fleming and Odell Harris.
2. Cedar Bluff—J. D. White.
3. Corum Hill—J. E. Corum, S. M. Wilks, John R. Wilks.
4. Chrisman Chapel—J. W. McQueen.
5. Dixon Creek—M. F. McKinnis, J. J. Gregory and Wille Merriman
6. Friendship—J. W. Lewis, John Carr, T. A. Bass.
7. Fairview—J. G. Cook, T. D. Johnson, John Moss.
8. Goodwill—J. W. Harper.
9. Hartaville—J. F. Lee, Dr. A. J. Hager.
10. Hillsdale—J. J. Dyer, W. T. Merryman, W. J. Cothran.
11. Lafayette—No letter, nor messenger.
12. Long Creek—G. W. Jenkins, E. G. Johnson.
13. Meadorville—No letter, nor messengers.
14. Mt. Olivet—No letter, nor messengers.
15. New Hopewell, J. T. Chenault, W. M. S. Wilks, J. M. Wilks.
16. New Harmony—J. F. Lambert, Guss Fuqua.
17. Pleasant Grove—C. N. Simmons, A. Gammons.
18. Rocky Bridge—T. B. Simpson, J. W. Dorris, Elijah Martin.
19. Rocky Mound—J. E. Overton.
20. Shady Grove—D. S. Reed, H. B. Reed.
21. Siloam—T. C. Harrison, J. A. Sloan, S. J. Ackins.
22. Spring Creek—S. M. Blankenship.
23. Zion—No letter, nor messengers.

The Association was then regularly organized by re-electing Brother Wm. S. Wilks, Moderator, and D. S. Reed, Clerk, J. M. Wilks, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were then called for and no one responded.

The following visiting brethren were present and were invited to seats with the body: New Salem—J. M. Phillips; Enon—Elder T. W. Mathews; Nashville—Elder W. W. Payne, W. W. Perdue; Bays Fork—W. A. Eddings; Cumberland—G. H. Dorris.

The Association then selected the place for the next Association, which will be held with Rock Bridge Church, near Bethpage, Sumner county, Tenn.

Brother J. W. McQueen was elected to preach the introductory sermon and W. M. S. Wilks, alternate.

Announcements—Elder J. H. Dorris spoke in behalf of some of his tracts, which he had written himself.

Elder W. W. Payne spoke in interest of the Baptist and Reflector, Elder C. N. Simmons presented the Baptist Flag, Elder J. W. McQueen represented the Western Recorder.

The Association then adjourned for dinner.

Prayer by W. W. Payne.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by Brother G. H. Dorris the house was called to order by the Moderator. The Association then proceeded with the regular order of business as follows:

The Committee on Order of Business then reported:

First, Religious Literature; second, Education; third, State of Religion; fourth, Sunday-school and Colportage; fifth, Prohibition; sixth, Orphan's Home; seventh, all the Missions; eighth, Ministerial Relief; ninth, Obituaries; tenth, Finance; eleventh, New Business; twelfth, Correspondence; thirteenth, Resolutions.

Upon motion said report was adopted.

J. F. LAMBERT,  
J. F. LEE,  
T. B. SIMPSON,

Committee.

## REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee, submit the following report: We can always measure our work, for the denomination, by our knowledge of same. We need to acquaint ourselves more thoroughly with our work. In order to do this we must read our denominational literature. We recommend the Bible, which is our rule of faith, the Baptist and Reflector, Western Recorder, Foreign Mission Journal, and the Baptist Flag. We also recommend that our pastors prepare themselves to teach their people more thoroughly the will of the Master, and after being regularly discussed by Brothers J. W. McQueen, G. H. Dorris, J. M. Phillips, J. F. Lambert and W. W. Payne, it was adopted.

J. W. M'QUEEN, Chairman;  
GUSS FUQUA,  
H. B. REED,

Committee.

Upon motion it was ordered that each speaker on each subject be limited to five and ten minutes in which to speak, the chairman of each subject be allowed ten minutes.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, submit the following report: We recommend that our people give careful attention to the mental, moral and spiritual development of their young people. We recommend that our people patronize our denominational schools in preference to others when practical, since the education of the masses is increasing so rapidly. It is all the more necessary that the ministry be educated. Therefore we recommend that the churches encourage their young preachers to educate themselves and if need be assist them in the same.

After being very ably discussed by Brothers W. W. Payne, G. H. Dorris, J. M. Phillips and J. F. Lambert upon motion it was adopted.

W. W. PAYNE,  
C. N. SIMMONS,  
W. T. MERRYMAN,

Committee.

Upon motion it was ordered that the report on State of Religion be recommitted to the committee for a fuller report.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Committee on Sunday-school and Colportage be continued until Thursday morning, Sept. 22.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced that Brother T. W. Matthews would preach at this church to-night and Brother J. M. Phillips would preach at this church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Association will adjourn until Thursday morning, Sept. 22, 9 o'clock.

After announcements were made for all the messengers and visitors homes the Association then adjourned. Prayer by Brother J. M. Phillips.

**SECOND DAY—THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 22.**

After singing and prayer by Brother J. E. Overton the Moderator called the house to order. The Clerk called the roll and a quorum being present the body then proceeded with the regular order of business. The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum.

**REPORT ON PROHIBITION.**

We, your committee, submit the following report: We, the factors of the Wiseman Association composing that beacon light which should shine as a blazing comet to the outside world, should portray before them in living colors the virtue of morality and temperance, and warn them in thoughts that breathe and words that burn of the dreadful consequences of the liquor traffic by precept as well as example, and we earnestly pray and fully urge this body to go forth in one solid phalanx, invoking the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon the workers and against the common enemy of souls.

W. J. COTHRAN, Chairman;  
J. F. LEE,  
J. E. OVERTON,

Committee.

After being ably discussed by Brothers W. J. Cothran, J. F. Lee, C. W. Simmons, J. E. Overton, J. F. Lambert, Ben Matthews, G. H. Dorris, J. W. McQueen and W. K. Johnson, it was adopted.

**REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.**

We your committee submit the following report: Dear Brethren— We are loth to report that the State of Religion is at seemingly such a low ebb in our Association. Doubtless the messengers if they gave attention to the reading of the letters, noticed a great dearth in the revival spirit, as there are comparatively so few additions during the year. By calculation we find net gain in membership to be only forty-one. Why is, this? We trust the discussions here will develop some thoughts which are going home to the hearts of the messengers, will by them be reflected back on their churches at home and bring forth much needed fruit to the glory of God. We also trust that our ministers will take hold, and be enabled to preach the pure spiritual Gospel which, attended by the power of the Holy Spirit, will reach lost souls so that there will be a great ingathering of souls another year.

T. A. BASS, Chairman;  
G. W. JENKINS,

Committee.

After being very ably discussed by Brothers G. W. Jenkins, J. M. Phillips, Jim Overton and J. F. Lee it was adopted.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE.

We, your committee, submit the following report: Your committee on Sunday-school and Colportage would report that from the letters sent up there has been contributed during the year, twenty-one dollars and fifty cents for their work. We have no means of knowing how this money has been expended, or what Colportage work has been done by our Colporter, since he is not on the ground and we have no report from him. We certainly favor the work and recommend that this Association give more attention to this important branch of church work, and attempt to get it on a higher and more efficient plan, pledges last year were forty-nine dollars and fifty cents.

E. G. JOHNSON, Chairman;  
J. W. LEWIS,  
J.M.WILKS,

Committee.

After being ably discussed by Brothers J. M. Wilks, W. W. Payne, W. J. Cothran, J. J. Dyer, Guss Fuqua, J. W. Lewis, J. F. Lambert and J. W. McQueen it was adopted.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Association suspend the regular order of business one hour for preaching. We then had a very able sermon by Brother J. M. Phillips. Text, Acts 6:7, 8. After the sermon the congregation joined in singing and an old-fashioned hand shake. The Association adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Brother W. W. Payne.

It was announced by the Committee on Devotional Exercises that Brother G. H. Dorris preach at this place to-night, and Brother W. W. Payne will preach at this church Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by Brother J. J. Dyer, the house was called to order by the Moderator, the Association proceeded then with the regular order of business. As the messengers from Goodwill Church were not present on first day, and were announced present, at this time, their letter was read and the Moderator ordered the messengers' names enrolled.

Upon motion it was ordered that the subject of Sunday-school and Colportage be disposed of and that the body take up the subject on Ministerial Relief.

### MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Dear Brethren—We, your Committee on Ministerial Relief, beg to report to you, that from the letters sent up to this body, we find there has been contributed in their interest seventy-one dollars and fourteen cents, of this amount there is in the hands of the Treasurer one dollar and sixty-five cents, and two dollars reported to have been paid to Brother J. F. Lambert, the remaining sixty-seven dollars and forty-nine cents has been disposed of in a way of which your committee or board whom you placed last year in charge of this work, has no information.

This shows either a lack of information or want of co-operation with them on the part of the churches contributing. Therefore, we come asking this Association to formulate a plan, under which she will pursue this delightful and important ~~junction~~ of our benevolence; or re-

lease the board, as until some such action is taken it is impossible for us to accomplish any desired results. Respectfully,

J. M. WILKS, Chairman;  
J. E. OVERTON,  
J. W. DORRIS,

Committee.

After being ably discussed by Brothers J. M. Wilks, J. M. Phillips, W. W. Perdue, W. M. S. Wilks, J. W. McQueen, a collection was taken up for the benefit of Sister Bartles, wife of R. R. Bartles, a missionary and Colporter, to the amount of sixteen dollars and twenty-seven cents which was paid into the hands of Rev. J. M. Phillips, Lebanon, Tenn.

Upon motion it was ordered that this Association continue the same board on Ministerial Relief and that they be furnished means to relieve our needy ministers.

Upon motion it was ordered that we co-operate with the State Board in raising endowment funds for Ministerial Relief.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Association adjourn until Friday morning 9 o'clock, Sept. 23. Prayer by J. F. Lambert.

#### THIRD DAY—FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 23.

After singing and prayer by Brother Ben Matthews, the Moderator called the house to order. The Clerk called the roll, and a quorum being present, the Association then proceeded with the regular order of business. The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum.

Upon motion it was ordered that the word "use" in the third Article of the Rules of Decorum be stricken out and that the word "arise" be inserted in its place.

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee, submit the following report: Collected from the churches for the use of printing minutes, \$26.45. Adopted.

J. T. CHENAULT, Chairman;  
E. G. JOHNSON,  
J. D. WHITE,

Committee.

Upon motion it was ordered that Association reconsider the former action taken yesterday, in continuing the board of Ministerial Relief, and to do away with the board on Ministerial Relief and that the Association co-operate with the State Board in this branch of our business. This motion was lost, and the board continued.

#### REPORT ON DISTRICT MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report: As there has been but little means come into our hands, we have done but little work, and as we have no real destitution in our bounds, our attention has been called to our weak churches in our Association. We call your attention to the following weak churches: Fairview is a weak, struggling band, and we believe with our aid they would, in a short time, become self-sustaining. Sugar Grove Church also needs our assistance. They have received aid the past year from the State board. Mount Olivet Church is in a struggling condition, unable themselves to finish their house of worship, and unable within themselves to maintain regular preaching. We feel it the duty of our Association to rally to these churches. We had on hand from last

year, \$20.50, paid; received this year, \$3.40; total, \$23.90. Paid Brother R. Y. Hankins, \$15.00 for work at Fairview; balance on hand, \$8.90. Received for Sunday-school and Colportage work, \$12.50; paid Brother Henry Harper, \$7.75; balance on hand, \$4.75.

Respectfully submitted,

GUSS FUQUA, Chairman;  
W. K. JOHNSON,  
J. W. HARPER.

Committee.

Adopted.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following report: The prosperity and growth of our State Mission work during the past year is in every way encouraging and gratifying. The contribution to the board for the last conventional year was a decided advance over that of all previous years, as a result more missionaries were employed and sent into the field; more distributions supplied, more weak churches helped; greater number of conversions reported; and together with more additions by baptism during the present year. The board has employed a State Evangelist, whose labors in holding meetings with weak churches and in destitute places have been attended with most gratifying results, a number of churches at the point of extinction have, under the blessing of God, been rescued, strengthened, and started on a new career of life and growth.

The salary of the State Missionary has been more than paid by voluntary contributions made by the people of the communities that have enjoyed his labors.

The board asked for \$1,200 for the work of the present year, which is an increase of \$200 over last year. The field of destitution in the State is still very great, many places still remain where Baptists voices are never lifted in prayer and praise. A great work has been done, but a still greater one remains to be accomplished. In the name of our God we should press forward until the work is done. Let us give to the State board increased contributions, hearty co-operation and our most earnest sympathy and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PHILLIPS, Chairman;  
JOHN H. CARR,  
J. L. HANKINS,

Committee.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, on Home Missions, beg leave to make the following report: Last year we had 674 missionaries at work under the home board. The missionaries are at work in large cities in our mountain districts, on our frontiers, in Cuba, among negroes and among the Indians in Indian Territory. You see the field to be occupied by the board is large, and to do the work more laborers are needed and this requires more means. We are not prepared to say what we have done this year for Home Missions, but would urge this Association to still go forward in the great work of Home Missions in our beloved home land.

J. J. DYER, Chairman;  
J. T. CHENAULT,

Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report: The Lord has graciously blessed our efforts on the foreign field. The statistics are as follows: Missionaries, 138; native helpers, 215; churches, 180; membership, 9,969; contributions, \$247,629.69. Of this amount Wiseman Association gave \$66.54. This is only 3 1-2 cents per member. We recommend that our pastors and churches fall into line with the forward movement and hasten the day when the Gospel shall have been heard by the heathen nation, and ye shall be witnesses of me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Let us be witnesses indeed and in truth.

J. W. MATTHEWS, Chairman;  
J. W. M'QUEEN,  
J. J. GREGORY,

Committee.

Adopted.

All of the above reports on various missions were very ably discussed by Brothers Guss Fuqua, J. M. Phillips, T. W. Matthews, J. F. Lambert, G. H. Dorris, J. G. Cook, W. K. Johnson, J. M. Wilks, J. E. Overton, W. W. Payne, and Henry Harper After which all the above reports were adopted.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Association adjourn one hour for preaching by W. W. Payne.

Upon motion it was ordered that owing to the press of business preaching was declined and the Association proceeded with the regular order of business.

The following churches pledged the following amounts for Mount Olivet Church: Hartsville \$10.00; of which \$3.00 was paid in cash, leaving a balance of \$7.00; Dixon Creek, \$2.50; Fairview, \$2.00; Hillsdale, \$5.00; New Hopewell, \$10.00; Shady Grove, \$2.50; Siloam, \$2.50; Long Creek, \$1.00, paid by W. K. Johnson; G. H. Dorris, \$1.00, paid; J. D. White, 25 cents, paid. All of the above donations go to repair Mt. Olivet Church.

Upon motion it was ordered that this money be paid through the executive board of this Association.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by Brother Henry Harper the Moderator called the house to order, and the Association proceeded with the regular order of business.

The subject of Sunday-school and Colportage was taken up and very ably discussed by Brothers W. W. Payne, Guss Fuqua and others, and it was ordered that this Association turn the Colportage work over to the State board.

Upon motion it was ordered that the old executive board be continued.

The following is the report of the former Treasurer, W.M. Gammons:

Orphans' Home .....	v.	16	55
Sunday-school and Colportage .....		3	00
District Missions .....		7	35
Home Missions .....		5	92
Foreign Missions .....		20	87



State Missions .....	2 80
Ministerial Relief .....	1 75
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$38 24</b>

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. GAMMONS, Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF J. M. WILKS, TREASURER.

Amounts coming into my hands during the sitting of Association for

State Missions .....	\$20 41 2-3
Home Missions .....	14 22 1-2
Foreign Missions .....	14 10
Sunday-school and Colportage .....	16 60
Orphans' Home .....	28 20
Ministerial Relief .....	3 25
Education .....	50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$97 29</b>

These amounts will be at once forwarded to the Treasurer of the State Convention. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WILKS, Treasurer.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, submit the following report: We find by examination of the various churches represented here that there has passed into the great beyond, from our ranks, 28 of our beloved brethren and sisters. They no more pass in and out with us. They no more lend a helping hand. In furthering the interest of the cause we profess to love, these have now crossed the dark river to which we all are fast hastening. Their work has ended, and we trust they have passed through the gates into the city to receive the plaudit well done good and faithful servant. Brethren, let the facts that they have gone and they can no more labor with us stir our heart to greater zeal in order that we may fill well the stations allotted us ere we are called hence.

A. GAMMONS, Chairman;  
T. B. SIMPSON,

Committee.

Upon motion it was ordered that all brethren attending sister Associations be regarded as delegates from their Associations.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report: We thank this community for the kind and abundant hospitality shown this body during their session at this place and we appreciate the services of our Moderator and Clerk for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties. And that the Clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services.

J. W. LEWIS, Chairman;  
B. T. MATTHEWS,  
J. W. DORRIS.

There being no further business before the body the Association

adjourned to meet with Rock Bridge Church, near Bethpage, Sumner county, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1905.

Prayer by Brother J. F. Lambert.

D. S. REED, Clerk.

W. M. S. WILKS, Moderator.

J. M. WILKS, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS OF WISEMAN ASSOCIATION

For the Year Ending September 21, 1904.

Churches.	Number of Members.	Orphans' Home.	Sunday-school and Colportage.	District Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ladies' Aid Society.	Ministerial Relief.
Bledsoe Creek	76		\$1 50						
Cedar Bluff	82	\$1 25							
Corum Hill	65			\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00			
Chrisman chapel	24						\$6 91		
Dixon Creek	322		\$5 10	\$1 00					
Friendship	140	\$2 00	\$5 00	\$8 25	\$9 90	\$13 80	\$15 80		
Fairview	38	\$4 00	\$1 00	55	50	\$1 25	50		\$64 00
Goodwill	106	\$4 30	\$2 50						
Hartsville	127	\$2 00	\$5 00		\$1 75	\$1 75	\$2 50	\$52 20	\$5 60
Hillsdale	163	\$24 81			\$33 47	\$33 29	\$26 57		
New Hopewell	190	\$6 25	\$3 00		\$6 24	\$6 24	\$12 48		
New Harmony	125	\$6 40	\$2 00	\$1 35		\$1 35	\$1 35		\$2 44
Lafayette									
Long Creek	34	\$1 00	\$1 00						
Meadorsville									
Mt. Olivet									
Pleasant Grove	56	\$1 00			\$2 16	\$2 16	\$2 16		
Rock Bridge	49								
Rocky Mound	49	\$3 25			\$1 25	50	25		
Shady Grove	109			50	50	50	50		25
Siloam	117	\$3 50	\$2 50						
Spring Creek	71		\$2 00	35	\$1 00	\$2 00	\$1 00		\$1 00
Zion									
Total	1881	\$39 76	\$39 50	\$13 00	\$57 77	\$63 94	\$69 02	\$52 20	\$73 29

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF WISEMAN ASSOCIATION.  
For the Year Ending September 21, 1904.

Churches.	Rec. by Ex. & Nap			Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Deceased.	Excluded.	No. of members.	Printing Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	No. S. S. Students.	Average Attendance	Pastors and Postoffices.	Clerks and Postoffices.	
	Rec.	by Ex.	& Nap												
Bledsoe Creek	2	3		6	1			76	75				J. A. Stone	Belote, Tenn.	J. M. Pardue, Bransford, Tenn.
Cedar Bluff	1			1				82	65				C. N. Simmons	West Moreland, T.	H. M. Brandsford, W. Moreland, T.
Corum Hill	1	1			2			65	\$1 00				J. L. Hankins	West Moreland, T.	S. M. Wilks, Belote, Tenn.
Christman Chapel								24	50	\$75 00			J. W. McQueen	Scottsville, Ky.	J. T. Durham
Dixon Creek	31	5		3	2	1		322	\$2 50				J. H. Swan	Willette, Tenn.	J. W. Massey, Riddleton, Tenn.
Fairview	8			1	2			38	75				R. Y. Hankins	West Moreland, T.	W. E. Lyle, West Moreland, Tenn.
Friendship		1	2	1	1	1		140	\$3 50	\$180 00	30		E. N. Dickens	Franklin, Ky.	J. W. Lewis, Hartsville, R. R. 2
Goodwill				1	1			106	\$1 50				T. W. Matthews	Kempville, Tenn.	F. P. Duty, Dixon Springs, Tenn.
Hartsville		1		3	1	1		127	\$2 50	\$200 00			W. W. Payne	Galatin, Tenn.	M. A. Martin, Hartsville, Tenn.
Hillsdale	23		1	2	5			163	\$2 00	\$200 00			Dan. I. Smith	Rowlett's, Ky.	T. J. Thompson, Hillsdale, Tenn.
New Hopewell				3				109	\$3 00		20		W. M. S. Wilks	Bethpage, Tenn.	J. T. Wilks, Bethpage, Tenn.
Lafayette															
Long Creek	1							34	75			30	R. Y. Hankins	W. Moreland, r.r.1	G. W. Jenkins, West Moreland, T.
Meadorsville															
Mt. Olivet															
New Harmony	4	2	1	1	2			125	\$1 50	\$60 00			T. W. Matthews	Ridleton, Tenn.	F. W. Gross, Hartsville, R. R. 1
Pleasant Grove						1		56	50				J. W. McQueen	Scottsville, Ky.	Chas. J. Simmons, West Moreland.
Rock Bridge	49	2				1		73	\$46 65		20		J. L. Hankins	West Moreland, T.	J. W. Dorris, Bethpage R. R. 4.
Rocky Mound	5	1			2			49	90				S. S. Meadow	Adolphus, Ky.	W. J. Bradley, W. Moreland r. r. 1
Shady Grove	3	5						109	\$1 50	\$100 00			Lum Ramsey	Kempville, Tenn.	W. T. Bundy, Hartsville, Tenn.
Siloam	1	5		4	3			147	\$1 15				C. N. Simmons	West Moreland, T.	T. C. Harrison, West Moreland, T.
Spring Creek				1	2			71	75				C. B. Massey	Barefoot, Tennessee	S. H. Dillard, Lafayette, Tennessee.
Zion															
Total	129	25	4	32	28	7	15	43	\$26 45	\$861 65	50	30			

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CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This body shall be known as Wiseman Association.

Article II. These Associations shall be composed of members duly chosen by regular and orderly Missionary Baptist churches within our bounds.

Article III. The letters from the churches to the Association shall give the number of members in fellowship, received by experience and baptism, received by letter, restored, excommunicated and dead since last annual letter.

Article IV. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers.

Article V. These Associations shall elect annually as officers, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, whose duties shall be to serve their brethren in their several capacities.

Article VI. These Associations shall never interfere with the independence of any church or claim any ecclesiastical powers or rights of supervision over any of the churches.

Article VII. It shall be the object of these Associations to promote the union of the faith of the Gospel with our educational and mission interests.

Article VIII. These Associations shall meet annually on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, a. m., after the third Sabbath in September, and continue three days, the meeting to be held at such places as may be agreed upon by the Association at its annual sitting.

Article IX. A majority of the members of any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article X. It will be expected that these meetings will be missionary in practice as well as theory.

Article XI. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and delegate or delegates, and on examination, if found orthodox and orderly, may be received and made known by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegate or delegates present.

Article XII. The Association may exclude from union any church or churches that are heterodox in principles or disorderly in practices.

Article XIII. The Association at its sittings may admit any other visiting brethren present to sit with them, who shall have liberty to discuss any question and give their lights, but not to vote except on subjects of general union.

Article XIV. Any alteration may be made to this Constitution at any regular annual meeting, by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

I. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

II. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

III. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator by the title, "Brother Moderator," and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker so as to make remarks on his

slips, failures or imperfections, but shall fully give his views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

IV. No member of this Association shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

V. No member shall speak on any subject more than three times without leave of the body.

VI. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the immediate consideration of the body unless withdrawn by the person making it.

VII. No member shall whisper, laugh or read any book or paper during the session of the Association.

VIII. No member shall address another by any appellation than "Brother"

IX. On each day of the session it shall be the duty of the Clerk to read the Rules of Decorum and call the roll of members.

X. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, should the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

XI. Any person violating the Rules of Decorum, or at any other time manifesting a spirit contrary to the mildness of the Gospel, shall be reprov'd, silenced or such other course taken to warn him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own option or the intimation of another member.