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SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

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WISEMAN

Association of Missionary Baptists,

HELD WITH HILLSDALE CHURCH, MAGON
COUNTY, TENN., SEPTEMBER
23, 4, 5, 1908.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD WITH HARTSVILLE CHURCH,
ON WEDNESDAY AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN SEPTEMBER, 1909.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and shall while speaking confine himself to the subject under consideration, 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, failings, or imperfections, but shall airly state his views without sophistry or criticism.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
5. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body.
6. Every motion and second shall come under immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.
7. No member shall whisper, laugh, or read any book or paper while the Association is in session.
8. No member shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.
9. On the second day it shall be the duty of the Clerk to read the Rules of Decorum and call the roll of members.
10. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled; but shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.
11. Any person violating these rules, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the Gospel shall be reprovod, or such other course taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own option or the intimation of any other member.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, September 23, 1908.

The Messengers composing the Wiseman Association of Missionary Baptists met with the Hillsdale Church, Macon County, Tenn., September 23, 1908.

After singing and prayer, Brother C B Massey delivered the introductory sermon from Daniel ii:44. The subject discussed was the origin and perpetuity of the kingdom of God, and the discourse was given the closest attention.

Brothers A D Robinson and J W Fleming were appointed by the Moderator to read the letters from the various churches and the following messengers responded:

Bledsoe Creek—Chas Stamps, J W Fleming.
Cedar Bluff—A G Stone, John Johns.
Corum Hill—A D Robinson, T I Corum, J R Wilks.
Chrisman Chapel—Bascomb Summers.
Dixon Creek—Mike Parker, B M Gregory, W M Hesson.
Fairview—Robert Gammons, King Wix, J D Cook.
Friendship—J L Dalton, P F Burdley, J W Lewis.
Goodwill—George Taylor, Jim Linnville, B T Matthews.
Hartsville—J T Oakley, J F Lee, J E Foust.
Hopewell—W M S Wilks, T A Bass, A J Fitzpatrick.
Lafayette—M R West, S A Cothron, I L Roark.
Long Creek—John Smith, T L Hughes, G W Jenkins.
Meadorville—B N Glover, Thos Poston.
New Harmony—R Y Gross, J H Eadens, J A Parker.
Pleasant Grove—C N Simmons, R Y Hawkins, J R Dorris.
Rock Bridge—T B Simpson.
Rocky Mound—I N Knight, J E Overton, C B Massey.
Shady Grove—D S Reed, Braddock Reed.
Siloam—T C Harrison, E E Bentle, J A Hawkins.
Spring Creek—S S M Blankenship.
Zion—Russell Belcher.

The Association was then permanently organized by the election of W M S Wilks, Moderator; D S Reed, Clerk; and T A Bass, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for and none reported.

The following visiting brethren were present and invited to seats:

Enon Association—T W Matthews, J H Swann, W A Shrum, I P McDonald,
W C Gregory, Willis Cothron, J H Cothron.

Long Creek—

Salem—

New Salem—

Barren River—R H Spillman.

Will Carey Association—John W Williams.

The Moderator appointed J W Lewis, J F Lee, and J W Fleming committee on Order of Business.

Adjourned until 2 p m. Prayer by C N Simmons.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by J H Swann, the Association was called to order by the Moderator and the regular order of business proceeded with.

Report on Order of Business.

1, Obituaries. 2, Religious Literature. 3, Prohibition. 4, State of Religion. 5, Sunday-Schools and Colportage. 6, Orphan's Home. 7, State Missions. 8, Home Missions. 9, Foreign Missions. 10, Ministerial Relief. 11, Finance. 12, Ministerial Education. 13, New Business. 14, Correspondence. 15, Resolutions.

J W LEWIS.

J F LEE.

J W FLEMING,

Committee.

On motion the regular order of business was dispensed with and the body proceeded to select a place to hold the next meeting of the Association and to elect some one to preach the introductory sermon.

Hartsville was selected as the next meeting place and Brother Oakley elected to preach the introductory sermon; Brother A D Robinson alternate.

Brother J T Oakley was elected to attend the State Convention at Memphis, October 16, 1908, Brother W M S Wilks alternate.

Brother W M S Wilks was elected to attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville next year, J T Oakley alternate.

Brother C B Massey was appointed to preach at Meadorville to-night.

After prayer by Brother R Y Hawkins the body adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, September 24, 1908.

After singing the Moderator read Bsalms 89. Prayer was offered by Brother B T Matthews.

The roll was called, a quorum present, and the Association proceeded to business by the reading of the Rules of Decorum.

On motion it was ordered that ten minutes be allowed chairmen in the discussion of their reports; other members five minutes.

Report on Religious Literature.

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, beg leave to submit the following report:

Too high an estimate can not be placed on good literature and we should be careful in selecting the same as the soundness of our faith depends greatly on what we read. Your committee recommend the Bible first, and the Baptist Flag, Baptist and Reflector, and Western Recorder; we also recommend the Foreign Missions Journal and the free literature furnished by each one of the boards.

I P McDONALD,

C B MASSEY,

I N KNIGHT.

Discussed by I P McDonald, C B Massey, J F Lambert, I N Knight, J F Summers, J T Oakley, J E Overton, and adopted.

On motion Brother C B Massey was elected to preach in the grove on account of lack of room in the building to accommodate the congregation.

Report on Prohibition.

The word prohibition in this report has reference to the abolition of the demon whisky traffic now legalized and protected by the laws of our State. As the years come and go the temperance wave grows and spreads and by the help of christian men who vote as they pray this foul business will find itself without

statutory protection in sunny Tennessee. The last fifteen months furious and hotly contested battles have been fought within the borders of our State. In these battles prohibition gained signal victories in Bristol, Knoxville, Winchester, Clarksville, Jackson, and other towns, driving out saloons. Since the passage of the original four-mile law (the best and most effective temperance legislation in the history of the State) its provisions have been enlarged until the saloon has been driven out of ninety-two of the ninety-six counties of Tennessee, leaving only four counties where the traffic is legalized. Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga and LaFollette are the only cities now allowed to sell whisky in Tennessee and it is only a question of a few months when state wide prohibition will sweep the State from one end to the other and this vile despoiler of men's character, woman's most relentless foe, this l cherous cancer of iniquity, fattening at the expense of purity and righteousness, will be driven from Tennessee forever. God speed the day when our Senate and Legislature will extend the four-mile law to the whole State and crush to death and hell every saloon in it. We are cheered in our fight for state-wide prohibition by the signal victories in which every saloon in the States of North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Oklahoma have been ordered to take up their beds and walk. Let Tennessee be the next. The whisky power is marshaling its forces as never before in our State. The final struggle is on. With good sober men in our next Legislature the legalized whisky traffic is at an end in Tennessee. The fight is now raging. Let us use all laudable efforts to elect sober upright men to represent us. If we are faithful in November the victory is ours.

Resolved, 1. That we favor the abolition of the saloon in the cities of Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga, and LaFollette and the overthrow of the infamous jug trade.

2. That we favor a law by Congress making liquor shipped from our State into another subject to the laws of the State into which it is shipped.

3. That we cheerfully commend the principles of the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U. in their God-honoring labors to drive the whisky traffic from our land.

J T OAKLEY,
J F LAMBERT,
J E OVERTON.

On motion it was ordered that Hon. James A Tate be allotted the entire time allowed for the discussion of this subject at one o'clock.

Report on State of Religion.

Your committee find by comparison that our increase in members to the various churches in 1904 was 41; 1905, 130; 1906, 72; 1907, 101; and 1908, 120. This increase is too small and we ask the cause. There are several. Churches are not aroused to a sense of their duty in regard to prayer meetings and Sunday schools. It is noticed that the greatest interest is where Sunday-schools are kept up the year round. It is a sad mistake that our various churches rely solely upon effort meetings to invite souls to Christ, for it is a fact that men and women are dying every day, and we urge pastors to give an opportunity at every favorable service for sinners to accept Christ. Our churches seem to be sound in doctrine but very inactive in the salvation of souls. There also seems to be a tendency for men to convert sinners instead of waiting on God to do the work, thereby creating an unconverted membership. Brethren, this ought not to be.

P F BURNLEY,
J T WILKS,
J D COOK.

Discussed by P F Burnley, T B Simpson, J T Oakley, R Y Hawkins, J W Lewis, A D Robinson, B M Glover, S S M Blankenship, and adopted.

The time for preaching the doctrinal sermon having arrived, Brother A D Robinson, who was selected for this purpose at the last meeting, delivered an eloquent and instructive discourse, taking his text from Luke xxii. On a rising vote the sentiments expressed were unanimously adopted.

After prayer by Brother C B Mussey the Association adjourned until 1 o'clock, to attend one of the sumptuous dinners this generous community is noted for.

SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by Brother R H Spillman, the Moderator called the body to order.

Hon. James A Tate, of Shelbyville, Tenn., who had been allotted the entire time allowed for discussing the subject of prohibition, was introduced by the Moderator and delivered a lecture on this subject that will be remembered by those in attendance for years to come; at the close of which a collection of \$18 was contributed for the benefit of the W C T Union.

Report on Sunday Schools and Colportage.

Your committee submit the following report:

We have had three colporters—C B Massey, I N Knight, and W J Summers—who have done work as follows: Bibles and testaments sold, 134, \$104.25; Bibles and Testaments donated, 81, \$20.65; other books sold, 220, \$60.60; sermons preached, 343; miles traveled, 2,425; received for work \$340; conversions, 76; baptisms, 52; Sunday-schools organized, 2; pupils, 60; average attendance, 45. We are sorry to note the fact that there are but few Sunday-schools reported in our letters this time, and would be glad if all of the churches would maintain Sunday-schools. Brethren, let us rally to the cause.

I N KNIGHT,
J F LEE.

Discussed by I N Knight, and adopted.

Report on Orphan's Home.

Your Committee on Orphan's Home beg to report the following:

By reference we find \$97.18 paid for this purpose last year, and are much gratified to find that there has been paid for this year \$177.89, being an increase of \$80.72 over last year. This is a work which needs much attention, as the orphans have to be clothed and fed and otherwise cared for, and while sympathy is aroused in this direction it behooves us to consider this matter and insist on the churches composing this Association to do more next year than has been done in any preceding year.

J F LEE,
W M GAMMONS,
BASCOMB SIMMONS.

Adopted.

New Business.

On motion it was ordered that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to consider the changing of the time for holding the meetings of this Association, and J W Lewis, C N Simmons, and T C Harrison were appointed to report at this session.

It was also ordered that a committee of three be appointed to recreate a district board, and the Moderator appointed J W Fleming R Y Hawkins and Bascomb Simmons.

Report on Education.

Your committee submit the following report:

It is the duty of all parents to give their children a thorough practical education. The moral destiny and happiness of our country depends on it and it brings us in closer touch with God and makes us easy in the presence of all men. Furthermore, we recommend the Union University, Jackson, Tenn., Holt-Moody Institute, Martin, Tenn., for our young ministers, and help should be extended these young men to stay in school. The Female College at Murfreesboro, Tenn., is also recommended for young ladies.

A D ROBINSON,
J W DAVIS.

Discussed by A D Robinson and Jeff Summers. Adopted.

After prayer by Brother J T Oakley, the Association adjourned till 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 25, 1908.

After singing and prayer by Brother I N Knight, the Moderator read from *Isiah xliii.*

The roll was called, a quorum present; Association proceeded to business.

Report on Ministerial Relief.

Your committee earnestly present the following report:

Whereas we deem this cause a sacred pleasure, a solemn obligation, and an unavoidable duty; and in noting the former statistics we are constrained to do more in the future than we have ever done for the grand old volunteers who have fought so valiantly in the cause of the Great King. They are worthy, and by the grace of God we will stand by them; and may the blessings of the Heavenly Father rest on and guide this body and inspire them to greater things. A J FITZPATRICK.

T A BASS.

Discussed by Brothers P F Burnley, C B Massey, Gus Fuqua, T W Matthews, J T Oakley, Jeff Summers, John Lee, and adopted.

The committee appointed yesterday to report on the advisability of a District Board made the following report:

Report on District Board.

Your committee appointed to report on the advisability of recreating a District Board in Wiseman Association submit the following:

We advise that said board be established and that a committee of three be appointed constituting said board whose duty it shall be to receive and pay out such funds as may be put into their hands and secure suitable men to preach in the destitute places within our bounds. Your committee is not unanimous in this report,

P F BURNLEY,
J W FLEMING,
R Y HAWKINS.

The report was warmly discussed and on first vote was non-concurred in, but on a second vote was adopted and J D Cook, W R Johnson, and T C Harrison were appointed District Board of Wiseman Association.

Report on State Missions.

The commission as given by our Lord Jesus Christ after he rose from the dead was: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." The State of Tennessee is a part of the world, hence the obligation rests on the Baptists of Tennessee to see that every neighborhood has a Baptist church in it. There are in Tennessee fifty-two associations with a membership of 158,091; 1,200 ordained preachers, and 1,577 churches, yet there are whole counties and a number of towns without Baptist churches in them. Brethren, what will the answer be of those who fail to do the bidding of his Lord when he comes to make up his jewels? We find that the churches of this Association have given to State missions during this associational year \$133.13. In Jesus' name let us rise up in our might and take our State for Christ.

T W MATTHEWS,
P F BURNLEY.

Report on Home Missions.

The work of our Home Mission Board is increasing from year to year. We have destitute fields within the bounds of our home missions that are calling for men to preach the Gospel to them. A number of men have been sent out to meet this call, but there are fields yet unoccupied on account of insufficient means to send men. We are glad to say that we are still increasing. Last year closed with \$11,237 to the home work; received this year up to September 17, 1908, \$13,373.37. Brethren, is this all the Baptists of Tennessee are able to do? We should feel a greater responsibility to-day than ever before on account of the great tide of emigration that has turned to our Southland.

A D ROBINSON,
T C HARRISON,
R Y HAWKINS.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Nearly two thousand years ago the Captain of our salvation issued his final command. This command is recorded in God's Holy Word, and reads as follows: "All power in heaven and earth is given unto me. Go ye therefore and make disciples of the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you even unto the end of the world." This is the commission under which we profess to work. During the Lord's personal ministry his disciples were commissioned to preach to the Jews and their ministry was confined to Palestine. The last commission enlarged their territory to "all nations," as expressed by Matthew, and "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," as expressed by Mark. In the giving of the commission the Lord commanded the disciples to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endowed with power from on high, at which time they became witnesses of Christ not only in Jerusalem but also in Samaria, and "unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Under this commission Baptists have been working for centuries. As a people we have great reasons to rejoice for what God has wrought through the Baptists in the great mission movement now challenging the attention of Christendom. Baptists have the honor of organizing the first foreign missionary society of modern times for the preaching of the Gospel in all the world. To-day we have missionaries in Japan, China, Africa, India, Italy, South America, Mexico, Cuba, and Australia. Flattering reports come of glorious results. We are happy we have a part in the evangelization of the world. Wiseman Association claims to be a body of Missionary Baptists, but we are sorry many of our churches have contributed but little to the furtherance of the Gospel among the children of men. Brethren of the Association, let us rise up in the spirit of the Master and do more for foreign missions. Millions in distant lands are sinking to endless ruin without the Gospel. Our blessed Lord has told us to "preach the Gospel to every creature." God has blessed us with bountiful crops and good prices for the same and there should be no excuse why we should not give our means to help our brothers in darkness to find the Light of Life. The swirling millions in heathen lands are crying for the Bread of Life as never before and the gates of heathendom are open to us. Let us cast in our mites together with our brethren of this Southland and help pave the way to greater things for God in the darkened regions beyond. Our Bible tells us to go and our Lord says he will be with us to the end.

J T OAKLEY,
J E FOU JR,
J L DALTON.

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Finance Report.

Your Committee on Finance report as follows:

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J D WHITE,
SAM OLDHAM,
BT MATTHEWS.

The committee on changing the time of meeting reported, recommending the propriety of changing the meeting time of the Association from Wednesday after the third Sunday in September to Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, be submitted to the churches and they report their wishes to the next Association. By special request of the pastor at Hartsville the Association unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held one week later than the usual time.

Report on Correspondence.

To our sister Associations: Greetings—We extend to you christian salutations in the name of our Lord and wish you prosperity in the extension of the Kingdom of God. Any of our brethren who may be present at your meetings are authorized to represent us and we extend an invitation that you meet with us. God's blessings abide upon you.

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WISAMAN ASSOCIATION

2. That the churches send more money for printing of minutes, for a copy sible to get out a creditable minute with the amount sent in, say \$10 for our Clerk \$10 for his services and \$2.50 for postage.
3. That we commend the colportage work of the State Board, and refer to Executive Board to ask for its continuance.
4. That we tender our thanks to the officers of the Association for the faithful discharge of their several duties.

*Book received
M. C. ...*

Pending the adoption of this report a collection of \$7.70 for printing minutes was taken and report adopted.

There being no further business before the body, after singing and prayer by Brother J F Lambert, the Association adjourned to meet with the Executive Board on Wednesday after the fourth Sun day in September, 1908.

W. M. S. WILKS, Moderator.
T. A. BASS, Treasurer.

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Receipts of Wiseman Association for the Year Ending September 25, 1908.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.			Orphans' Home.	Sunday-school and Colportage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Printing Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Home Church Expense.	Total.
	State.	Home.	Foreign.								
Baldwin Creek		\$1.75		\$1.92				\$1.10	\$15.00		\$19.12
Cedar Bluff			10.00	1.78				1.70			3.48
Corum Hill		2.25		5.00				1.70			9.25
Christman Chapel			1.50					1.25			2.75
Dixon Creek	10.00		2.70	5.75	3.00		2.80	1.00	25.00		43.00
Fairview	4.00		2.70	5.75				1.00			13.45
Friendship	31.75	32.75	32.75	42.25				4.00	25.00	40.00	174.75
Goodwill				2.10				1.00			3.10
Hillsdale	12.25	50.00	70.00	20.00	3.80		0.00	1.00	200.00	100.45	507.50
Hartsville	10.15	19.00	14.00	5.20	5.20			3.50	250.00	15.00	436.05
Hopwell	17.10	17.10	9.05	12.71	4.17		7.25	3.00	225.00	57.20	384.57
Lafayette	2.50	4.25	4.35	2.50			0.00	2.00	150.00	35.00	176.25
Long Creek	1.20			5.00				1.00			7.20
Madenville			10.00					1.00			11.00
New Harmony				9.10			4.00	1.00			14.10
Pleasant Grove				5.00				1.00			6.00
Rock Bridge				3.25				1.00			4.25
Rocky Mount	7.50			15.35				1.00	50.00		73.85
Stacy Grove	7.75	50	25	65				1.00	20.00		83.75
Union	2.00			0.00				1.00	20.00		23.00
Wapping Creek	1.50	1.20	1.00	1.50	1.00			0.00	0.00		5.20
Zion				1.00				0.00	0.00		1.00
Grand Total	140.45	120.00	150.00	170.00	17.17	17.00	41.00	20.30	1240.00	414.00	2322.92

WISEMAN ASSOCIATION.

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3. That we commend the colportage work of the State Board, and ask our Executive Board to ask for its continuance.
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J T OAKLEY,
J A DALTON,
C B MASSEY.

Pending the adoption of this report a collection of \$7.50 for printing minutes was taken and report adopted.

There being no further business before the body, after singing and prayer by Brother J F Lambert, the Association adjourned to meet with Hartsville Church on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1909.

W. M. S. WILKS, Moderator.
T. A. BASS, Treasurer.

D. S. REED, Clerk.

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	State.	Home.	Foreign.								
Bledsoe Creek				\$1.92				\$1.10	\$115.00		\$119.77
Cedar Bluff				1.78				1.70			3.48
Corum Hill	2.50	2.25	10.00	5.00				1.00			21.00
Christman Chapel	10.00		1.50					2.50	25.00		27.25
Dixon Creek	4.00		2.70	5.75	3.00		\$13.50	2.00			31.95
Fairview	31.75	32.75	32.75	42.25			1.35	1.00	250.00	\$40.00	434.00
Friendship				2.10				1.60			3.70
Goodwill	42.25	50.00	70.00	20.00	3.80		9.00	3.00	200.00	193.45	593.48
Hillsdale	10.15	19.00	13.00	5.20	5.20			3.50	250.00	145.00	456.05
Hartsville	17.10	9.10	9.05	42.71	4.17	\$11.00	7.25	3.00	225.00	57.80	336.18
Hopwell	2.50	4.35	4.35	2.50		6.00	9.00	2.25	150.00	75.00	215.95
Lalayette	1.20			5.00				75			6.95
Lang Creek								1.50			11.50
Meadorville			10.00	9.40			4.00	1.50	60.00		74.90
New Harmony				5.00				1.25	96.00		102.25
Pleasant Grove				3.25				85	29.00		33.10
Rock Bridge	7.50			15.35				1.05			23.90
Rocky Mount	7.75	50	25	5.00				1.75	50.00		54.10
Shady Grove	2.00			2.75	1.00			1.75	50.00		64.50
Siloam	1.50	1.20	1.00	1.50				5	60.00		63.70
Spring Creek											
Zion											
Grand Total	140.93	120.90	159.60	179.81	17.17	17.00	44.10	36.70	1530.00	474.25	\$2750.46

Treasurer's Report for 1907.

Brother Gus Fuqua, Treasurer for 1907, made his report itemizing the funds coming into his hands at the session of 1907 amounting to \$81.83, which was forwarded to the objects for which it was contributed and report adopted.

NOTE—The Clerk suggests that in future the Treasurer submit his report along with the finance report at the close of the Association electing him. Brother Fuqua should have made this report at the Association of 1907.

Statistical Table of Wiseman Association for the Year Ending September 25, 1908.

CHURCHES.	Rec. by Ex. & Bap.						No. of members.	No. S. S. Students.	Average Attendance	Pastors and Postoffice.	Clerks and Postoffice.
	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Decensed.	Excluded.	Excluded.					
Bedson Creek	1	4	1	1	1	70	203	105	W. M. S. Wilks, Bethpage, R R 1.	Harry Stamps, Bethpage.	
Cedar Bluff	1	3	1	1	1	71	203	105	C. B. Massey, Westmoreland, R R 1.	W. G. Bennett, Hartsville.	
Corum Hill	1	3	1	1	1	64	203	105	A. D. Robinson, Gallatin, R R 1.	T. I. Cornum, Castilian Sps. R R 2.	
Christman Chapel	1	1	1	1	1	40	203	105	J. S. Mendor, Adolphus, Ky., R 4.	T. G. Durham, Sugar Grove.	
Dixon Creek	9	1	3	1	1	310	35	50	J. H. Swan, Willette.	J. W. Massey, Riddleton.	
Deerview	5	1	1	1	1	38	35	50	C. B. Massey, Willette.	J. W. Massey, Riddleton.	
Friendship	7	1	1	1	1	127	35	50	A. Oakley, Hartsville.	J. D. Cook, Hartsville, R 2.	
Gardwill	4	1	1	1	1	80	35	50	T. W. Matthews, Hartsville.	J. W. Lewis, Hartsville, R R 2.	
Hillsdale	2	6	1	2	2	215	73	55	T. T. Oakley.	B. T. Matthews, Hartsville, R 1.	
Hartsville	19	2	6	1	2	152	73	55	J. T. Oakley.	T. J. Thompson, Hillsdale.	
Hopewell	18	6	4	1	2	93	65	50	W. M. S. Wilks, Bethpage.	E. D. Lipscomb, Hartsville.	
Lafayette	4	1	1	1	1	117	65	50	J. T. Oakley, Hartsville.	Thos. Jones, Bethpage.	
Long Creek	3	1	1	1	1	117	65	50	J. T. Oakley, Hartsville.	W. H. Smith, Lafayette.	
Mendoville	5	3	1	1	1	34	65	50	J. H. Swan, Willette.	G. W. Jenkins, Long Creek, R R 1.	
New Harmony	5	3	1	1	1	110	65	50	T. W. Matthews, Riddleton.	J. H. McClard.	
Pleasant Grove	5	3	1	1	1	151	65	50	A. Malone, Franklin, Ky.	F. W. Gross, Hartsville, R R 1.	
Pock Bridge	1	1	1	1	1	65	65	50	J. L. Hawkins, Westmoreland.	C. J. Simmons, Westmoreland.	
Rocky Mound	8	3	1	1	1	48	65	50	C. B. Massey.	J. W. Simpson, Bethpage, R R 2.	
Shady Grove	3	1	1	1	1	73	65	50	J. T. Oakley.	W. J. Bradley, Westmoreland, R 1.	
Shoam	2	1	1	1	1	119	65	50	C. B. Massey.	W. T. Bundy, Hartsville.	
Spring Creek	4	1	1	1	1	136	65	50	L. N. Knipfl, Westmoreland.	T. C. Harrison, Westmoreland, R 4.	
Zion	3	1	1	1	1	20	30	30	J. T. Oakley.	S. H. Dillard, Lafayette.	
Grand Total	83	29	21	33	20	92180	293	105		T. F. Puryear, Hartsville.	

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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 is 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.