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MINUTES

FIRST DAY

The Messengers composing the Wiseman Association met with the Dixon Creek Church Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1916.

Devotional services were conducted by Bro. A. J. Sloan, 133 Psalm, and prayer by C. B. Massey. T. W. Fishburn and N. C. Fuqua were appointed to read the letters from the various churches and the following responded:

- Cedar Bluff—Doc White, Cylus West.
- ✓ Dixon Creek—W. J. Beasley, Womack Parker, J. J. Gregory.
- Fairview—A. J. Sloan, J. D. Cook, Henry Jenkins.
- Goodwill—Jim Lynville, James Fisher.
- Long Creek—F. S. Bandy, W. K. Johnson, G. W. Jenkins.
- Lafayette—No letter; no messenger.
- Meadorville—No letter; no messenger.
- New Harmony—D. Y. Gross, N. C. Fuqua.
- New Zion—S. H. Dillard, J. D. Pettigo.
- Pleasant Hill—L. C. Brown, E. H. Parker, W. B. Kirkham.
- Pleasant Grove—R. Y. Hawkins.
- Rock Bridge—J. N. Freedlin, Frank Crowder, E. D. Martin.
- Rocky Mound—H. K. O'Neal.
- Shady Grove—No letter; no messenger.
- Siloam—T. C. Harrison, E. D. Stinson, H. H. Pike.
- §2. Spring Creek—J. L. Lawrence, E. W. Harper.
- Sulphur Fork—Letter; no messenger.
- Macedonia—W. J. Graves.

The following visiting brethren were present and invited to a seat with us: Eaon Association, C. B. Massey, A. G. Stinson; Allan county, Buck Taylor.

The Moderator and Clerk announced the appointment of the following committees:

Religious Literature—C. B. Massey, J. A. Lynville, J. D. Cook.

Prohibition—W. K. Johnson, N. C. Fuqua, G. W. Jenkins.

State of Religion—A. G. Stinson, P. S. Dyer.

State Missions—W. J. Summar, W. B. Kirkham, E. D. Stinson.

Home Missions—J. H. Overton, L. M. Fishburn, J. H. Jenkins.

Foreign Missions—C. B. Massey.

Gospel Missions—A. J. Sloan, C. B. Massey.

District Missions—A. J. Sloan, J. D. Cook.

Orphans' Home—D. F. Canter, C. A. Stinson, E. D. Martin.

Ministerial Relief—E. D. Stinson, J. D. Cook.

Ministerial Education—S. H. Dillard, P. S. Dyer, W. H. O'Neal.

Finance—T. W. Fishburn, J. L. Lawrence.

Correspondence—P. S. Dyer, W. K. Johnson.

Obituaries—G. W. Jenkins, E. D. Stinson.

Resolutions—A. J. Sloan, J. D. Cook, L. C. Brown.

The Association then adjourned one hour for dinner.
Prayer by A. G. Stinson.

Afternoon Session.

After singing and prayer by P. S. Dyer, the Association then proceeded with the regular business.

Brother J. T. Oakley who was elected at the last Association to preach the introductory sermon failed to appear and Brother C. B. Massey was selected in his place to preach the introductory sermon, text Matthew 28, 19th and 20th verses, which was a very able sermon, and listened to with much interest, and was followed by a good old-fashioned handshaking amid shouts of joy among the people.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of Brother A. J. Sloan, Moderator; Brother W. J. Johnson, Assistant Moderator; T. C. Harrison, Clerk; G. W. Jenkins, Assistant Clerk; J. D. Cook, Treasurer, and W. J. Summar Assistant Treasurer.

Next Place of Meeting.

Dixon Creek, two miles north of Dixon Spring, was selected as the next place of meeting of the Association on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1917.

Elder A. J. Sloan was selected to preach the introductory sermon, W. J. Summar, alternate; Elder A. J. Stone the doctrinal sermon, and P. S. Dyer alternate.

Brother A. J. Sloan was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Elder W. J. Summar, alternate, which meets, and Elder W. J. Summar was elected delegate to the State Convention, which meets; P. S. Dyer, alternate.

On motion it was ordered that any of the brethren visiting any other Association shall have the power to represent us in all the Associations they may attend.

The Association then adjourned until Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by J. H. Overton.

SECOND DAY

The Association met pursuant to adjournment after singing and prayer by Brother William Jenkins.

After roll call and reading of the rules of decorum by the Clerk the Association proceeded to the regular order of business.

On motion it was ordered that each speaker be limited to ten and five minutes each on each subject.

State of Religion.

We your Committee on State of Religion submit the following report:

Dear Brethren: We find from the letters from the churches that the state of religion is not as prosperous as it should be. Brethren there is a fault somewhere. Let us pray God to remove the fault and give us more laborers in the vinyard, and as we pray let us work more for the Lord.

E. G. STINSON,
P. S. DYER,
Committee.

After being discussed by C. B. Massey, J. D. Cook, J. Y. Freeman, A. G. Stinson and others, adopted.

Religious Literature.

The first and best thing to read is the Bible. It is the rule of our faith and practice, as there are two parties in mission work. We recommend the Baptist Flag and the Baptist Commoner for those wishing to be informed on Gospel missions, and the Baptist Reflector for those who wish to be informed on board missions.

C. B. MASSEY,
J. A. LYNNVILLE,
J. D. COOK,
Committee.

After being discussed by C. B. Massey, adopted.

The Association then suspended the regular order of business and Dr. J. Y. Freeman proceeded to preach the doctrinal sermon, Acts 8, 1. The sermon was a strong and able one and was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

The Association then adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by C. B. Massey.

Afternoon Session.

Prayer by J. H. Overton.

Report on Orphans' Home.

We, the Baptists of our Orphans' Home, God has wonderfully blessed us this last year and we hope that God will give better blessings next year. We have some one hundred children there now. Dear brethren, let us not neglect our children, but let us try to do more this year. We have received at this meeting \$65.41 at this meeting. Dear brethren we need help now to build a home on the farm for the manager for the benefit of our children. The value of the home is about \$75,000.

D. F. CROWDER,
C. A. STINSON,
E. D. MARTIN,

Committee.

After being discussed by Frank Crowder, G. W. Jenkins, J. H. Overton and W. J. Summar, adopted.

On motion it was ordered that A. J. Sloan, T. C. Harrison, J. D. Cook, compose a committee to visit the Orphans' Home, that we might be better informed of their needs and report at our next Association.

Report on Prohibition.

We, your Committee on Prohibition, report as follows:

Strong drink is one of the worst curses that our nation has to contend with. It causes more trouble and heartaches than any other one thing. Therefore we would urge our brethren for the sake of our native churches and the rising generation to do everything that we can by voting, working and praying to put down the use of same. Our nation and churches are depending on the sober men to lead them to a higher life, so let us Baptists join in and do all we can to support the cause of temperance.

W. K. JOHNSON,
N. C. FUQUA,
G. W. JENKINS,

Committee.

After being discussed by W. K. Johnson, W. H. Summar, P. S. Dyer, C. B. Massey, adopted.

Report on State Missions.

State missions means in the State of Tennessee there are quite a number of destitute places in Tennessee, or in the bounds of Wiseman Association, and we recommend that this Association put a man in the field inasmuch as the Lord gave the command to go into all the world and preach the gospel, Matthew 28, 19, 20, and inasmuch as Tennessee is a part of the world and as we have a number of destitute places in this Association we believe that this work should begin right here at home. We also recommend that each pastor in this Association urge their churches to give freely to this cause.

W. J. SUMMAR,
W. B. KIRKHAM,
E. D. STINSON,
Committee.

Report on Home Missions.

Home missions done in this country and only by the Home Board. One of the principal works is to give Testaments and Bibles to foreigners who come to our shores. They have many evangelists who go over the State holding meetings monthly in towns and cities.

J. F. OVERTON,
JAS. FISHBURN,
J. H. JENKINS,
Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Foreign Missions is missions done in foreign lands. There are missionaries on the fields in the heathen nations that are sent direct by the churches and only preach to the people, the board or convention. Baptists have a number of missionaries on the field. schools, hospitals, forming in connection with their preaching, so let every one decide which is the most scriptural way to give to the causes. It is our duty to give the Gospel to the lost.

C. B. MASSEY.

Report on Gospel Missions.

Gospel missions is mission work done as the apostles did it, that is the mission money is sent direct from the churches, and being sent to them direct or through some one especially chosen to do the work there are a number of missionaries on the foreign field and others in our home land. Elder T. A. Blalock, Tai Anfiern, Shantung, China, is a worthy man and has had great success, baptized a large number of believers lately and is now in the midst of a revival season. The general associations of the Baptists of American organization of our landmark, Baptist through which foreign mission work may be greatly enlarged and the churches informed on our work. There is but small amount reported by the churches as given through this channel this year. Let us stir up on these lines

let us be diligent to give to missions. We are glad that we can find a way by which all of us can do mission work.

A. J. SLOAN,
C. B. MASSEY,
Committee.

Report on District Board.

We, the Board of District Missions, submit the following report:

We have not met since last Association owing to the fact that most of the members of the board left this Association and went to another one, therefore we have not been in shape to do anything.

We recommend to this Association that the Board take \$50 of the amount now in hands of the Board, which is something over \$100, and buy some good books, Bibles and Testaments, and recommend Brother P. S. Dyer to the churches for missionary of this Association for half time, and that these books be put in his hands to sell, and that we pay \$200 for his services, and that the name of this board be changed from a district board to Finance Committee of the churches of Wiseman Association, and that three other brethren be elected to take the place of those that have left us.

J. D. COOK,
A. J. SLOAN,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Association then adjourned until Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by J. Y. Freeman.

THIRD DAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by J. A. Lynville.

Report on Correspondence.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We authorize any of our brethren who may be at your meeting to represent us as correspondence messengers. We respectfully invite you to meet with us at our next meeting, which will be held with our sister church at Dixon Creek, two miles north of Dixon Spring, Trousdale County, Tennessee, on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1917. Brethren, we are very glad to have you with us and feel at home during the progress of our deliberations and lending us your strength in our efforts to the end that the cause of Christ and his kingdom may be pushed forward to enlighten the world in our faith and profession.

We thank God we are at peace with all mankind and pray God we may live and act so that we will be worthy of His continued blessings.

P. S. DYER,
W. K. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Ministerial Education.

There are many qualifications that go to make up an acceptable preacher of the Gospel. Any of these might be men trained of supreme importance; first the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is of God; second, an education in the teaching of God's word and all other things that will help in its exposition. There are many schools that are devoted to christian education and we recommend that our young preachers be helped and urged to attend one of these.

S. H. DILLARD,
P. S. DYER,
W. H. O'NEAL,

After being discussed by S. H. Dillard, P. S. Dyer, C. B. Massey and others, adopted,

Ministerial Relief.

This work is the taking care of the old worn out ministers. There is a ministerial relief board at Nashville that has the oversight of the work in the State of Tennessee. They have been aiding twelve old ministers this year. They have paid out a little over \$800 this year for the work of looking after our old preachers. There are many others that need our support. Let us rally to the support of our old veterans. Brother Lambreth is here in our midst; let the people and churches aid him in every way they can.

E. D. STINSON,
J. D. COOK,
Committee.

After being discussed by W. J. Summar, adopted.

At this time a special collection was taken up for Brother Lambreth to the amount of \$8.70, which was turned over to Brother Lambreth.

Report on Obituaries.

We find by the letters that eleven of our brethren and sisters have been called from earthly labors to rest beyond the river since our last meeting, and among them we mention Sister E. A. Harrison, of the Sioam church, who was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ and a faithful member of the church for about forty years. We feel sure that Sister Harrison, with the other numbers of deceased, have gone home to their richest reward to await the coming of many friends and loved ones left behind. Brethren, they have gone from us; they will never be with us

any more in our Associations here on earth. Let us strive hard that we all may meet again on the other side of the river in that great Association where congregations never break up and friends and loved ones never part.

E. D. STINSON,
G. W. JENKINS,
Committee.

After being discussed by Brothers E. D. Stinson, T. C. Harrison, C. B. Massey, J. W. Jenkins and others, adopted.

Report on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report:

Received from the various churches for printing minutes \$24.29.

F. W. FISHBURN,
J. L. LAWRENCE,
Committee.

Report of Treasurer.

District Missions, \$8.41; State Missions, \$3.92; Home Missions, \$6.92; Foreign Missions, \$11.22; Orphans' Home, \$36.44; Total \$66.91.

J. D. COOK,
Treasurer.

Report on Resolutions.

1. Resolved, That we extend to Spring Creek church and the community our heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality in taking care of this Association and its visitors.
2. We urge the pastors to read the minutes of this Association to their churches and call their attention to its actions.
3. That this Association appoint as Finance Committee A. J. Sloan, J. D. Cook, L. C. Brown, J. A. Linnville, E. D. Stinson.
4. That the Moderator send request to the churches to make up the deficiency in minute money, that the churches contribute for minute funds at the rate of two cents per member.
4. That the churches with which the Association meet be informed that the Association will meet, rain or shine, and therefore be on hand.
6. That the constitution be so changed as to read that the ordained ministers of this Association be regular messengers each session.

P. S. DYER,
JIM FREELAND,
Committee.

Adopted.

New Business.

On motion it was ordered to drop the following churches from our roll, as they have formed themselves into a new association: Bledsoe Creek, Corum Hill, Friendship, Hartsville, Hillsdale, Hopewell, Zion.

On motion it was ordered that Brother Massey would proceed to preach the memorial sermon, subject "Meet the Lord in the Air," which was enjoyed by all.

The business of the Association being duly transacted, we sang "Will the Circle be Unbroken," and joined in a good old handshaking. The Association then adjourned to meet at Dixon Creek church, two miles north of Dixon Spring, Trousdale County, Tennessee, on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1917. Thus ended one of the best sessions in the history of Wiseman Association.

The crowds were good and sumptuous dinners each day were spread and peace and harmony prevailed throughout the whole meeting.

Prayer by R. Y. Hawkins.

A. J. SLOAN, Moderator.

W. K. JOHNSON, Assistant Moderator.

T. C. HARRISON, Clerk.

G. W. JENKINS, Assistant Clerk.

J. D. COOK, Treasurer.

W. J. SUMMAR, Assistant Treasurer.



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 to offices 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 October, and continue three days, the meeting to be held at such places as may be agreed upon by the Association in 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 in 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 sitting brethren present to sit with them, who shall have liberty to discuss any question and give light, 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 vote of the members present.



Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with 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, failure, or imperfections, but shall fairly 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 the 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 is equally divided.
11. Any person violating these rules, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the Gospel shall be reprovved 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.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Meeting Days	Increase			Dec'se	Membership	Pastor's Salary	Missions				Orphan's Home	Ministerial Relief	Home Church Expenses	Minutes	Value Church	Total Contributions	
		Baptism.	Letter	Letter				Exclusion	Death	State	Home							Foreign
Cedar Bluff.....						71	\$100.00											
Dixon Creek.....	2	10	3	5	2	423	150.00	\$2.67	\$2.67	\$2.67		\$18.24		\$433.37	3.00		\$1,000	101.50
Fairview.....	1						60.00			6.00		5.00		73.20	1.00			145.20
Goodwill.....	4		2	4	1	147	130.00					8.50		2.20				140.70
Long Creek.....	1	2	2		1	50	100.00					6.00	\$1.50	12.10	75			120.35
LaFayette.....	3	3	1		1	157	216.00							175.00	1.00			392.00
Meadorville.....	3	21	5			187								1.50				1.50
Macedonia.....		14	2		1	64	50.00							15.00	1.20	400		66.20
New Harmony.....	2	7	1	8	2	194						4.78			3.32			8.10
New Zion.....			1			34		1.25	50	1.00	50	70		50	75			5.20
Pleasant Grove.....	4	2		1	2	AA			1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			40			4.40
Pleasant Hill.....		24	1	1	3	127	170.00	25	2.25		1.00	9.81		2.32	2.25	500		187.88
Rock Bridge.....		7	3	5		80	60.00				3.21	3.80		7.00	2.13			76.18
Rocky Mound.....		14	1		2	79						4.00			1.00			5.00
Shady Grove.....	3				2	81		2.50							75			3.25
Siloam.....	1	11	7	3	2	154	88.85					5.28		1.10				95.03
Spring Creek.....			4		1	57					4.05	1.30			75			6.10
Sulphur Fork.....		4	1	3	1	48				50	50			50.00	75	800		51.75
Total.....	24	113	30	29	9	1,987	\$1,124.85	\$6.67	\$6.42	\$11.17	\$10.26	\$69.41	\$1.50	\$768.49	\$23.45	\$2,700		



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