

**MINUTES**

**27th Annual Session**

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH  
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—Held With—

**NEW HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH**

November 20-22, 1918.

**OFFICERS**

- A. J. SLOAN.....Moderator
- T. C. HARRISON.....Clerk

Next session will be held with Fairview Church, on Wednesday after the third Sunday in August, 1919.

P. S. Dyer to preach Introductory Sermon;  
N. J. Sloan, the Doctrinal Sermon.

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## Order of Business

1. Religious Literature.
2. Prohibition.
3. State Missions.
4. Home Missions.
5. Foreign Missions.
6. Gospel Missions.
7. District Missions.  
(Note—A general report on Missions was carried.)
8. Orphans' Home.
9. Ministerial Relief.
10. Ministerial Education.
11. Finance.
12. Correspondence.
13. Obituaries.
14. Resolutions.

# Proceedings

The messengers composing the Wiseman Association met with New Harmony Church Wednesday, November 20, 1918. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. A. J. Sloan by reading the 4th chapter of Paul. Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by Bro. Daily White.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. T. F. Moore, from Matt. 4, an able sermon being delivered on the duty of prayer: after which a handshake was had.

The Association adjourned an hour for dinner. Prayer by Bro. C. B. Massey.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association opened by singing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand;" prayer by Bro. John Overton, Bro. T. F. Moore and Bro. C. B. Massey read the letters.

A permanent organization was effected by electing A. J. Sloan Moderator and T. C. Harrison, Clerk; J. D. Coow, Treasurer.

Visitors from other Associations were recognized as follows: Enon—C. B. Massey, J. M. Cook, Joel Whitley; West Kentucky—T. F. Moore; Bledsoe—J. B. Carter, Z. Gross.

Messengers enrolled as follows:

CEDAR BLUFF—By letter.

FAIRVIEW—J. D. Cook, A. J. Sloan.

GOOD WILL—J. A. Lynville.

LONG CREEK—G. W. Jenkins, W. O. Johnson.

MEADORVILLE—No messengers.

SULPHUR FORK—No messengers.

PLEASANT GROVE—R. Y. Hawkins.

NEW HARMONY—Moses Fuqua, M. Norman.

NEW ZION—H. S. Dillard, Jim Parker.

PLEASANT HILL—W. A. Wells, L. C. Brown.

ROCK BRIDGE—James Freeland, E. D. Martin.

SHADY GROVE—No messengers.

SILOAM—T. C. Harrison.

SPRING CREEK—No messengers.

ROCKY MOUND—J. F. Overton, J. F. McGuffee, D. L. Odmeal.

Time and Place of next meeting—Fairview, 7 miles east of Westmoreland, Tenn.; to meet Wednesday after the third Sunday in August, 1919. P. S. Dyer was selected to preach the introductory sermon; A. J. Sloan to preach the doctrinal sermon.

The report of Committee on Order of Business read and adopted. Adjourned till 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Prayer by C. B. Massey.

## MINUTES OF WISEMAN ASSOCIATION

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association was opened by reading Romans 12th chapter. Prayer by Bro. Jim Cook.

Motion carried to limit the speakers to ten and five minutes.

The Association suspended the regular order of business and heard Bro. C. B. Mass preach the doctrinal sermon from 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians; text, John 6:30. It was a great and glorious sermon on the Plan of Salvation. Many were made to say amen; then a handshake, and adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by Bro. P. S. Dyer.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called together by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. T. F. Moore.

A collection for foreign and home missions to the amount of \$25.52 was taken. Pledges were taken for the Old Ministers' Home to the amount of \$619.50.

Adjourned until 8:30 Friday morning. Prayer by R. Y. Hawkins.

## THIRD DAY

The Association was opened by singing, and prayer by W. R. Johnson.

Moved and carried to change the date of the Association to Wednesday after the third Sunday in August.

The Association closed with a glorious meeting and prayer by Bro. C. B. Massey.

## REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Your Committee recommend that all our churches, having preaching only once a month, to institute prayer meetings the other three Sundays in the month, that the churches may occupy the fields they have in charge. Let it not be a mere Bible class, but a prayer meeting. Submitted.

T. F. MOORE.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Education properly used is a noble thing and the ministry needs to use all the legal means he can employ to aid him in understanding the Bible. But no preacher should think for a moment that he can't preach because he is not able to acquire a college education. God calls not many mighty men, not many great men. God has chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the mighty. We recommend that our ministers use all the good books and time they can to learn. Prayerfully study the Bible, ask God

for wisdom. Those who feel they ought to go to school we recommend our own country schools, and for a theological course Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas, and all other sound Baptist schools.—C. B. Massey, Chairman.

#### OLD MINISTERS' HOME

Your Committee would recommend that our churches all cooperate with Tennessee-Kentucky Association in the permanent establishment of a home for old and worn-out preachers in the two States. Inasmuch as Bro. J. L. Glover is the prime mover in this work, that we start a fund at this meeting by a five years' subscription to be paid in annually to the Treasurer of this Association, to be paid over to said work when the home is assured and deeded to the officials of the General Association to hold for the Baptists of Tennessee and Kentucky till Jesus comes.

Already we have one will made to us of some \$20,000 for a permanent mission fund. Also another brother now proposing to give \$10,000 at his death. It is time for us to act today.—A. J. Sloan, J. A. Lynnville, Committee.

#### REPORT ON PROHIBITION

We are glad to report that prohibition in our State has done a great work. The law is now so fixed that intoxicating liquors can't be transferred in one State. The bone-dry bill has been a great help to us and our public gatherings are now seldom disturbed by the drunken youths as in the past. Many fathers and mothers' hearts rejoice over it. We are glad that the drink demon is about to loose its hold upon the people of Tennessee. We hear of the law being violated by distillers and bootleggers. It stands us in hand to see that our officers enforced the law.—J. F. Overton, G. W. Jenkins, Committee.

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

A reading people become an intelligent people, and thus qualify themselves for the activities of life. Baptist people are the only people who are willing for the world to know all their faith and the negatives against it.

We recommend the Bible as the best of all books and should be the daily companion of all Christians. Also good books and papers should be in every Baptist home. Such papers as The Baptist Flag and the Baptist and Commoner are worthy of your support.—T. F. Moore, J. D. Cobb, Committee.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS

Missions means the carrying out of the commission our Lord

gave to his church. Matt. 28:19, 20, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." This commission being given to the church, and it must be carried out by the churches. And we as churches of Christ are trying to act in the capacity as the Lord asked us to. In John 17 he said, "As the Father sent me into the world even so send I you." John 6, "I came not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me." So ought we not to consult our will but the Lord's will who sent us.

We have as foreign missionaries, Bro. T. L. Blalock, of Tai An Fu, China; Home Missionaries: Mrs. Jennie Lamas, Mariel, Cuba; H. D. Clift, Hornbeak, Tenn.; H. A. Roshto, Pineville, La.; General Missionaries: S. W. Joyner, Westport, Tenn.; T. F. Moore, Fulton, Ky.; C. B. Massey and A. G. Stinson, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.; Joe Joyner, Westport, Tenn.

There has been \$2,400 raised in the bounds of the Kentucky-Tennessee Association and paid to these causes. One of the missionaries is located in this section of the country. C. B. Massey has done work as follows: Days labored, 59; sermons preached, 77; miles traveled, 2,030; paid, \$265.29.

We recommend that the churches look well to the calling of their preachers, and set apart from time to time to this work as the Lord shall call.

Bro. T. A. Cross of Bardwell, Ky., will receive and distribute free of charge any money any one may send him.—C. B. Massey, T. F. Moore, J. D. Cook, Committee.

#### ORPHANS' HOME

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report: We favor helping all orphan children by furnishing them with a good home. We therefore recommend that where there is a family that is able to do so that they take one or more and raise it as they would their own child. Especially do we recommend that the homes that have no children do this. But we don't think supporting high priced secretaries or building them a fine house to live in is helping the orphans. Let us pray that the time may soon come when we Landmark Baptists can build us a special home in which to care for our orphan children.—A. J. Sloan, L. C. Brown, Committee.

#### COMMITTEES

1. Religious Literature—T. F. Moore, P. S. Dyer, J. D. Cook.
2. Education—C. B. Massey, W. R. Johnson, J. H. Een.

3. Prohibition—John Overton, R. Y. Hawkins, G. W. Jenkins.
4. State of Religion—C. B. Massey, T. C. Harrison, P. S. Dyer, Moses Fuqua.
5. Ministerial Home—A. J. Sloan, Willis Fuqua, J. A. O'Neal.
6. Missions—C. B. Massey, T. F. Moore, J. D. Cook.
7. Orphans' Home—A. J. Sloan, S. H. Dillard, L. C. Brown.
8. Prayer Meeting—B. N. George, C. B. Massey, Willis O'Neal.
9. Obituaries—C. B. Massey, T. C. Harrison, W. O. Johnson, R. Y. Hawkins.
10. Correspondence—A. J. Sloan, Y. Hawkins.
- Finance—G. W. Jenkins, B. Y. George.
12. Resolutions—John Overton, Henry Dillard.

#### STATE OF RELIGION

The letters show, despite the fact that the best season for efforts in meetings has been greatly hindered by influenza for two months, and several of the churches have not reported, there have been 62 baptisms reported. Taking this in consideration, we think that the churches are in a prosperous state. We think when the peace is finally made and our boys come back we will have a great ingathering of souls.—C. B. Massey.

#### REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

We your Committee submit the following:

We authorize any of our brethren who may be at your meeting to represent us. We respectfully invite you to meet with us at Fairview Church, one mile south of Bulla, Tenn., seven miles east of Westmoreland, Tenn. Brethren, we are very glad to have you with us this time and feel at home during this Association and we are looking for you next year. Come and we will try to make you feel glad that you came.—A. J. Sloan.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We have not done anything the last year on the ground that we have not been able, not having the means to support the work. But we think we will be able to do something this year. This Association has some destitution that ought to be worked. We recommend, therefore, that the churches of this Association contribute liberally to this cause, so that a good man can be kept in the field. We now have on hand in books and cash, about \$106.36.—A. J. Sloan, J. D. Cook, J. A. Lynville, L. C. Brown, Committee.

#### REPORT ON FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance make the following report:



## MINUTES OF WISEMAN ASSOCIATION

Received from the churches for printing minutes, \$38.78.—G. W. Jenkins, B. Y. Gross, Committee.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

There has come into my hands as Treasurer of this Association:

Orphans' Home	\$ 39 80
Foreign Missions	20 92
Home Missions	16 59
District Missions	36 34
Public Donation	25 52
Total	\$ 141 19
Ministerial Home—Rocky Mount Church	2 00

J. D. COOK, Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved, that we thank the Lord for this good harmonious session of Wiseman Association.
  2. That we extend an invitation to our visiting brethren to come again.
  3. That we extend our thanks to our Moderator and Clerk for their services.
  4. That we extend our thanks to New Harmony Church and community for their kind hospitality and entertainment.
  5. That this Association appoint J. D. Cook, J. A. Lynville and A. J. Sloan as Finance Committee for this Association.
  6. That the Clerk have \$5.00 for his services and that he get as many minutes for the rest of the money as he can.
  7. That this Association change the time of meeting to Wednesday after the third Sunday in August.
  8. That we continue the District Mission work.
  9. That all of our preachers be asked to do all they can to get our people to subscribe to our Old Ministerial Home Fund.
- J. F. OVERTON.

## REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report: We find that there have been sixteen of our beloved brethren departed this life during this year. Among them are Brother J. F. Lambert of New Harmony; Oscar Harrison, Ellettsville; Sister Martha A. Cannon and Kate Lee, Rock Bridge; and Sister Deering of New Harmony.

Bro. Lambert was a strong Landmark Baptist. He was 85 years old. He had been paralyzed nearly nine years. He blessed

all with his faithful, prayerful life. His word was always "God bless you."

Sisters Cannon, Lee and Deering were noble women, faithful in their Christian life. God bless their motherless children and lonely husbands.

Bro. Oscar Harrison was the son of Bro. Tommie and Sister Julia Harrison. Born July 24, 1896; professed faith in Christ and joined the church at Siloam August 13, 1912; baptized by W. M. Tinsley. He was married to Myrtle Jones Feb. 5, 1916. She died 11 months later. He enlisted in the U. S. Army August 6, 1917. He was killed in action September 29, 1918, in France. I will here give his last letter to his mother before he sailed for France.

May 8, 1917.

When the war is over, mother dear, when the bands all play and the people cheer, as the boys come marching through the dear home town—joy bells ringing as the sun goes down. Though your heart is aching, mother dear, for your soldier boy never fear, I'll come back home some day and kiss your tears away, when the war is over, mother dear.

Bro. Oscar died for his country and for the liberty and virtue that our religion and country stand for. He has made the greatest sacrifice a man can make. Bro. and Sister Harrison, you have contributed your part in this great war, for which may the Lord greatly bless you. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all the bereaved ones and pray the Lord's blessings upon us all. Another year will find many more of our brethren and sisters past away. Let us take comfort in the thought that we will meet again where there will be no more sad goodbyes, and wars will never be.—C. B. Massey, R. Y. Hawkins, T. C. Harrison, W. O. Johnson, Committee.

#### CONSTITUTION

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

Article II. This Association 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 August, 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. 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 the 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 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.

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, failures or imperfections, but shall fairly state his views without sophistry or criticism.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

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

5. 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 reprov'd 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.

M. J. Grogan  
 Yarn May Grogan  
 Otho E. Grogan  
 Ruby H. Grogan  
 Jan Grogan  
 E. M. Grogan  
 E. M. Grogan  
 Pearl Grogan  
 J. Grogan  
 A. Grogan  
 Ruby Grogan



Oscar Harrison was born July 24, 1896, and was killed in action at Bellcourt, France, Sunday, Sept. 29, 1918, aged 22 years, 2 months and 6 days. He made peace with God and joined the St. Olam Baptist Church August 13, 1912, and was baptized by Rev. T. M. Tinsley. On February 5, 1916, he was married to Miss Myrtle Jones. They lived happily together for eleven months and 18 days, when God called her home to live with Him in the skies. While the bodies are sleeping 3,000 miles apart, they have met in the pearly city to live forever with God, where there will be no more war nor bring tears and sad goodbyes. He enlisted in the service August 6, 1917, and served 13 months and 16 days.

## Church Directory

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERK AND P. O.	PASTOR AND POST OFFICE
Cedar Bluff .....	W. G. Bennett, Hartsville, Tenn.....	G. W. Ramsey, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.
Fairview .....	J. D. Cook, Hartsville, Tenn.....	P. S. Dyer .....
Good Will .....	J. A. McClanahan, Hartsville, Tenn.	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.....
Long Creek .....	G. W. Jenkins, Westmoreland, Tenn.	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.....
Macedonia .....	Roy K. Meador, Adolphus, Ky.....	J. L. Dawsey, Scottsville, Ky.....
Meadorville .....	J. F. Wright .....	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.....
New Harmony .....	F. W. Gross, Lafayette, Tenn.....	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.....
New Zion .....	S. H. Dillard, Lafayette, Tenn.....	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.....
Pleasant Grove .....	Chas. J. Simmons, Westmoreland .....	J. L. Dewees, .....
Pleasant Hill .....	O. H. Brooks, Fountain Head, Tenn. ....	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.....
Rock Bridge .....	H. B. Sloan, Bethpage, Tenn.....	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.....
Rocky Mound .....	R. C. Lynville, Westmoreland, Tenn. ....	A. G. Stinson, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.
Siloam .....	T. C. Harrison .....	C. E. Ramsey .....

# Financial and Statistical Table

CHURCHES	Value Ch. Property	Printing	Home Expenses	Orphans' Home	Missions	Salary	Total Number	Death	Exclusion	Doc—By Letter	Restored	By Letter	Inc—By Baptism	Meeting Day
Cedar Bluff	\$ 1000 00	1 50	6 03	6 00		\$150 00	58	1	1					
Fairview		2 00			19 09	144 65	65	1	1					
Good Will					3 35	150 00	55							
Lafayette						200 00	55							
Long Creek		1 25	91 15	7 85	21 00		55							
Macedonia		2 00		1 25		72 00	61							
Meadorville							193							
New Harmony	1000 00	4 10			68 80	144 00	173		4					
New Zion		1 50				80 00	102					13		
Pleasant Grove		1 15		14 95	17 15		51							
Pleasant Hill	500 00	3 08		75	8 50	125 00	103	2	3					
Rock Bridge		3 45		3 75	9 45	122 12	133	1						
Rocky Mound	550 00	2 00			34 00	100 00	96							
Spring Creek														
Siloam		2 70		10 90	43 85	123 90	160	1	4					
Shady Grove							81							
Sulphur Fork							48							