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Proceedings

The messengers composing the Wiseman Association met with Fairview Church, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1919. Devotional services were conducted by A. J. Sloan by reading 4th chapter of Ephesians. Prayer by Bro. Joe Meador. Sang "Amazing Grace."

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. P. S. Dyer by reading Matthew 5th chapter. Subject, Searching After the Old Way. Closed with handshake and sang "How Firm a Foundation"

Bro. Calvin Gregory and Bro. Joe Meador were appointed to read the letters from the various churches.

The following churches responded with letter and messengers when called for by the Moderator:

CEDAR BLUFF—J. D. White, C. C. Cothran, W. G. Bennett.

FAIRVIEW—A. J. Sloan, J. D. Cook.

GOODWILL—G. W. Taylor, J. A. Linwell.

LAFAYETTE—E. W. Meadow, A. F. Smith.

LONG CREEK—W. O. Johnson, W. H. Hightower.

MACEDONIA—W. J. Groves.

MEADORVILLE—J. H. McClard, J. W. Parker, Jesse Gregory.

NEW ZION—Jas. Parker, P. S. Dyer, H. S. Gregory.

NEW HARMONY—Mose Fuqua, W. A. Fuqua, Jas. Deering.

PLEASANT HILL—Wm. A. Wells, Herschel Kirkham

PLEASANT GROVE—C. N. Simmons, R. Z. Hankins, J. L. Kin-slow.

ROCKY MOUND—H. O. Clifurn, L. D. McGuffee, S. M. Linville.

ROCK BRIDGE—Burford Crowder.

SULPHUR BRIDGE—Sam Bush, R. H. Gregory.

SILOAM—E. E. Bentle, O. W. Bennett, F. M. Woodward.

A permanent organization was effected by election of Bro. A. J. Sloan Moderator; Bro. C. N. Simmons, Assistant Moderator; T. C. Harrison, Clerk, and Bro. A. J. Sloan, Assistant Clerk; Bro. J. D. Cook, Treasurer; T. C. Harrison, Assistant Treasurer.

Visitors from other Associations were recognized as follows:

Enon—C. B. Massey, Calvin Gregory, A. G. Stinson, J. M. Cook,

J. W. Morrison, W. W. Tucker.

Barren River—L. A. Stewart.

Allen—J. S. Meador.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by Bro. Calvin Gregory.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was opened by singing "How Precious Is the Promise." Prayer by Bro. Stinson.

Time and place of next meeting: Pleasant Grove, three miles north of Westmoreland, Sumner County, Tenn.; to meet Wednesday after the third Sunday in August, 1920.

Bro. Willie Jenkins was selected to preach the introductory sermon; A. J. Sloan in case of failure.

A. J. Sloan to preach the doctrinal sermon; P. S. Dyer in case of failure.

The report on Order of Business was read and adopted.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Prayer by C. B. Massey.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association was opened by reading 137th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. C. N. Simmons. Sang "Amazing Grace."

Motion carried to limit the speakers to 10 and 5 minutes.

After reading and discussing the reports on Religious Literature and Missions, the Association suspended the regular order of business for Bro. A. J. Sloan to preach the doctrinal sermon from Titus 2: 1, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." It was sound to the core and dates the church back to Christ and the apostles, and Roger Williams as being the founder of the first Baptist church in America is not known in it.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called together by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Daily White.

The reports on Ministerial Education and State of Religion were read and adopted.

Adjourned till Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY

The Association was opened by singing. Prayer by Calvin Gregory. The following reports were adopted: Old Ministers' Home, State of Religion, Orphans' Home, Obituaries, Prayer Meeting, Finance, Treasurer, Correspondence, Resolutions.

A public collection was taken for Sister Dollie Prock to the amount of \$19.00. She is an invalid member of Fairview Church.

The Association closed to meet with Pleasant Grove Church Wednesday after the third Sunday in August, 1920, three miles north of Westmoreland, Sumner County, Tenn.

A. J. SLOAN, Moderator.

T. C. HARRISON, Clerk.

Report of Nominating Committee

- 1 Religious Literature—C. B. Massey, Calvin Gregory, O. W. Bennett.
- 2 Prohibition—Calvin Gregory, W. K. Johnson.
- 3 Missions—C. B. Massey, L. A. Stewart.
- 4 Orphans' Home—C. N. Simmons, R. Z. Hawkins.
- 5 Old Ministers' Home—Calvin Gregory, A. G. Stinson.
- 6 Ministerial Education—L. A. Stewart, J. S. Meador.
- 7 Prayer Meeting—P. S. Dyer, J. F. Overton.
- 8 State of Religion—A. J. Sloan.
- 9 Obituaries—J. S. Meador, W. F. Jenkins.
- 10 Correspondence—J. D. Cook, A. J. Sloan.
- 11 Finance—J. A. Linville, E. E. Bennett.
- 12 Resolutions—C. B. Massey, H. S. Dillard.

Report on Orphans' Home

We your Committee beg to report that we have no Orphans' Home in our bounds. We recommend that we look after the orphan children in the bounds of Wiseman Association and that we do this through our Finance Committee and deacons of the various churches of the Association.—C. N. Simons, R. Z. Hankins, Com.

MINUTES OF WISEMAN ASSOCIATION

Report on Prohibition

Prohibition has made great forward strides within the past five years. The war showed that prohibition was best for a nation at war. Now that peace has come, it is becoming evident that our country can do better without liquor.

By state and national laws the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors for beverages is prohibited or will be prohibited shortly throughout the entire United States. The liquor interests are already speaking of our country as the "Great American Desert," because they see the handwriting on the wall and realize that liquor must go. They are planning to go to other countries. This is one of the best evidences of the permanency of prohibition. As a last effort they are urging Congress to raise the ban on light wines and beer. They are meeting but little success.

It used to be said that legislation could not stop the liquor traffic, but this has been proven false. It was once almost impossible to hold meetings without disturbance caused by public drunkenness. Now it is so different that one very seldom sees any evidence of drinking. About 75 per cent of all crimes in this section were formerly caused by whiskey. These crimes are now almost a thing of the past. Let us thank God for prohibition.—Calvin Gregory, W. K. Johnson, Committee.

Report on Ministerial Education

God's preachers should first of all be called of God to preach the gospel. A literary education is not absolutely necessary to do good work for our Heavenly Father. But we feel that an education is necessary to a minister's doing the greatest good. We recommend the Bible as his first text book. Let all God's ministers be preachers of the Word in deed and in truth. One of the greatest failings of our young ministry is a lack of knowledge of the Scriptures. We recommend that our ministry conscientiously "study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We urge that every good means by which an education may be secured be used by the ministry. Let us use all the helps God has given us and then "ask wisdom of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not."

We recommend all sound Baptist schools and urge our churches to assist worthy young men to secure an education.—Calvin Gregory, Com.

Report on Missions

Missions means the carrying out of the commission to preach the gospel to every creature as set forth in Matt. 28: 19, 20; Luke 24: 46. The Lord has given this work into the hands of his church and told them to go into all the world and teach and baptize the nations, and every one should be engaged in his Master's business and make full proof of his work. There are many evils to confront. Let the churches rally to the support of our work. We do not know the amount paid this year so far, but last year there was \$2,400.00 raised in the bounds of the Kentucky-Tennessee Association. We have several missionaries on the foreign fields. They are as follows.

T. L. Blalock and Bro. Tedder and two others that have gone to

Tai An Fu, China, and Mrs. Jennie Lamas, Mariel, Cuba, who runs an orphans' home in connection with her mission work.

General Missionaries—H. D. Clift, Hornbeak, Tenn.; H. A. Rosh-to, Pineville, La.; S. W. Joyner, Westport, Tenn.; T. F. Moore, Fulton, Ky.; C. B. Massey, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.; Joe Joyner, Westport, Tenn.; A. G. Stinson, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.

C. B. Massey has preached and held services, 99; days labored, 70; traveled miles, 1,639; baptized, 3; taken subscribers for Flag, 56; paid for his labor, \$208.62.

A. G. Stinson, sermons, 26; miles, 209; paid \$31.15.

Bro. T. A. Cross, Bardwell, Ky., will receive and distribute free of charge any money sent him.

Eld. S. P. Dyer is missionary for Wiseman Association. Held a 11-day meeting; preached 18 sermons, with 9 conversions; paid \$15.

Eld. J. F. Overton also in the same work has held three meetings with 20 conversions, paid \$39.00.—C. B. Massey, Calvin Gregory, Committee.

Religious Literature

Baptist people should be an investigative people. They should read and be able to teach others. We recommend the Bible as the best book and a rule of our faith and practice. We have no other discipline. Also we urge the people to read the Baptist Flag, Baptist and Companion, as they will keep us posted in these times of the departures from the true faith of Baptists. Also all other sound Baptist papers.—C. B. Massey, Calvin Gregory, Committee.

Report on Prayer Meeting

We recommend that each church in the Association have weekly prayer meetings, as we are commanded to pray without ceasing.—P. S. Dyer, J. J. Overton, Committee.

Report on Our Dead

Although we did not get the exact number of deaths, but there has been comparatively few when we consider the flu epidemic and we especially note that there has not been one of the preachers of this Association called away. So we should be very grateful to our Heavenly Father for his mercies that have been extended toward us.—J. S. Mpador, W. S. Johnson, W. F. Jenkins, Com.

Report of Committee on Finance

We your Committee submit the following report: We have received from the various churches, \$38.15.—U. A. Lynville, E. E. Bettle, Committee.

Report on State of Religion

The state of religion is not what it ought to be. But we feel sure that one great cause of this is the churches have not held their effort meetings this year. We think that every church should have as many as two effort meetings a year, and make an effort at our monthly meetings to get sinners to seek the Lord.

Another great hindrance to the cause of religion is the disorderly conduct of some of the church members. They never attend church only in time of the protracted meetings, and live so far

from God from one meeting to another that the sinners have no confidence in their religion. We think a back door revival to rid our churches of those big meeting Christians would be good for us. This low state of religion also indicates that we are living in the evening of time, and that our Lord will soon return to the earth. So let us all try to live godly, live and show to the world that we have been with Jesus.—A. J. Sloan, L. A. Stewart, Committee.

Old Ministers' Home

The Gospel Mission Baptists of Kentucky and Tennessee have been presented with a \$12,000 farm near Union City, Tenn., for support of old and worn out ministers, provided we secure funds sufficient to erect suitable buildings within five years. One year has already passed, leaving us four years more to secure this farm as a permanent home for those who have given all their years of activity to the work of preaching the gospel of the Son of God.

This home is badly needed and the Baptists of two states can surely secure building funds.

We would recommend that pledges be made by the members of our churches, one-fourth of the total amount pledged to be paid at each annual session of the Association for the next four years. Let this be paid to the treasurer of the Association which will hold this money till the five years are expired. If we fail to secure sufficient funds to erect buildings, then the donations in the hands of the Treasurer will be returned to the donors.

Let every pastor put this before his churches.

CALVIN GREGORY

A. G. STINSON,

Committee.

Adopted. Discussed by Calvin Gregory and attest, C. B. Massey.

Resolutions

- 1 Resolved, that we thank God for his blessings and for the harmony of this associational meeting.
- 2 That we extend our thanks to the moderator and clerk for their services and courtesies toward us.
- 3 That we extend an invitation to our visiting brethren to come again and thank them for their service this time.
- 4 That we extend our thanks to Fairview church and community for their kind hospitalities.
- 5 That we retain J. D. Cook, J. A. Linnville and A. J. Sloan as Finance Committee for this association.
- 6 That the clerk have \$5.00 for his services, and get as many minutes for the rest as he can.
- 6 That we continue the district mission work.
- 7 We ask all to work in the interest of the Old Ministers' Home and the orphans of Wiseman Association.
- 9 That we have our Articles of Faith published in our minutes.
- 10 That the churches pay for more laborers in the vineyard, that we may have more old time preachers to hold up our cause.
- 11 That we condemn the Roger Williams Memorial as a falsehood in the face of history.—C. B. Massey, S. H. Dillard, Com.

Report on Correspondence

We authorize any of our brethren who may be at your meet-

ings 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 Pleasant Grove, three miles north of Westmoreland, Tenn., Sumner County, on Wednesday after the third Sunday in August, 1920

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.—J. D. Cook, A. J. Sloan, Committee.

Report of Treasurer

Old Ministers' Home	\$ 67 66
District Missions	31 32
Home Missions	21 49
Foreign Missions	71 10
Orphanage Fund	34 83
Total	\$226 64

J. D. COOK, Treasurer.

Declaration of Faith

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.—We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without mixture of error for its matter; and it reveals the principle by which God will judge us, and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.—That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and supreme Ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct and harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.—That man was created in the state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from the holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners—not by constraint, but by choice—being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature yet without sin, honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death; being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.—That the great gospel blessings when Christ in his fullness bestows on such that believe in him is

justification; that justification consists in pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life not on principles of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness; that it brings in a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII. OF THE GRACE OF REGENERATION.—That in order to be saved we must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in manner above our comprehension or calculation by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. OF GOD'S PURPOSE AND GRACE.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end, and it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humanity, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects on all who believe in the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.—That such only are believers as endure unto the end, that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from the superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good, and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to alien men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XI. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.—That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word, that its only proper officers are pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XII. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.—The Christian baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in the name

of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ.

XIII. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.—That first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation by the devout observance of all means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

XIV. CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of conscience, and Prince of the kings of the earth.

XV. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED.—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in his esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men in and after death.

XVI. OF THE WORLD TO COME.—That the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

Church Directory

CHURCH	CHURCH CLERK AND P. O.	PASTOR AND P. O.
Cedar Bluff	W. G. Bennett	W. G. Ramsey
Fairview	J. D. Cook, Hartsville, Tenn.	P. S. Dyer, Hartsville, Tenn.
Good Will	John McClanahan, Hartsville, Tenn.	Calvin Gregory, Pleasant Shade
Lafayette	E. W. Meadow, Lafayette, Tenn.	No Pastor
Long Creek	G. W. Jenkins, Westmoreland, Tenn.	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.
Macedonia	Roy K. Meadow, Adolphus, Ky.	A. G. Stinson, Pleasant Shade
Meadorville	B. N. Glover	L. A. Stewart
New Zion	S. H. Dillard, Lafayette, Tenn.	L. A. Stewart
New Harmony	F. W. Gross, Hartsville, Tenn.	A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland
Pleasant Hill	O. H. Brooks, Fountain Head, Tenn.	A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland
Pleasant Grove	C. J. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.	A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland
Rocky Mound	R. E. Linnville, Westmoreland	A. G. Stinson, Pleasant Shade
Rock Bridge	Walter Brown,	A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland
Sulphur Fork	A. C. Perdue, Bethpage, Tenn.	J. F. Overton
Siloam	T. C. Harrison, Westmoreland	A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland

Financial and Statistical Table

Church	Meeting Day	Inc. by Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	Dec. by Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	Totals	Salary	Missions	Orphans' Home	Baptist Home	Home Expenses	Printing	Val. Church Property	Grand Total
Cedar Bluff							1	67	\$ 150 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 8 50		\$ 19 60	1 50	\$ 2000 00	\$
Fairview	1					4	50			19 48			193 30	1 50		347 75
Good Will	4	1		2			157	120 00				7 86		3 50	1000 00	
Lafayette							140			28 60				3 50		47 70
Long Creek	1	3					62	110 00		23 21			52 15	1 55		
Macedonia						3	11 57			25 40		2 50		2 50		30 40
Meadorville		15	5	1	3		416	200 00		35 80	18 00			1 65	1000 00	255 46
New Zion	2	47	21				1169	115 00			22 52		54 00	4 50	1200 00	
New Harmony		10	1		2	1	184	144 00		21 25				4 55	1000 00	
Pleasant Hill		1				1	3 99	150 00		2 55	4 95			3 45		
Pleas. Grove		1					2 50			6 25	6 00			90		
Rocky Mound					1	3	2 92	56 00			1 00	5 00		2 00	550 00	
Rock Bridge		1					2 80	101 00		5 90				3 90		111 29
Sulphur Fork		3					49			2 25				1 00	500 00	
Siloam		8			2		3			6 00				2 00		