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## Proceedings

The messengers composing Wiseman Association of Missionary Baptists met with Rock Bridge church near Gallatin, Tenn., on Wednesday, July 19, 1922 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the thirty-first annual session of this body. Devotional services were conducted by Elder A. J. Sloan by reading the third chapter of Paul. Prayer by Brother O. W. Bentle, followed by singing, "I Have Found the Way". Elder R. O. Sanders preached the Introductory Sermon, taking the text, Luke 16th Chapter and 25th verse. It was a soul stirring sermon. Immediately after the sermon, W. J. Meador and W. J. McClard were appointed as Reading Clerks. The following churches were represented.

CEDAR BLUFF—T. G. Summers, Homer White and O. B. Brooks

FAIRVIEW—J. D. Cook and Jeff Jones

FRIENDSHIP—W. S. Marsh and Jim Russel

GOODWILL—Albert Porter, J. A. Lynville and G. W. Taylor

LONG CREEK—Y. O. Johnson, R. E. Freeman and Walter

Walden

MACEDONIA—W. J. Graves, Willie Odineal and W. M. Odineal

MEADORVILLE—John McClard and J. W. Parker

NEW HARMONY—A. J. Sloan, Willie Norman and Ralip Fuque

NEW ZION—P. S. Dyer, G. L. Husz and J. A. Parker

PLEASANT GROVE—R. Y. Hawkins, Walter Dorris, J. R. Dorris

PLEASANT HILL—W. A. Wells and J. H. Kirkham

ROCK BRIDGE—H. S. Lynville and C. Crowder

ROCKY MOUND—L. D. McGuffie, E. P. Meador, H. O. Cliburn

SILOAM—E. E. Bentle, W. J. Summers, T. C. Harrison

Union Hill—W. J. Meador, E. S. Huffman, George Schrug

OLD HOPEWELL—Geo. Gregory, D. N. Stanley, J. H. Manning

A permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers: Elder A. J. Sloan, Moderator; W. R. Johnson, Assistant Moderator; T. C. Harrison, Clerk; Y. O. Johnson, Assistant Clerk; J. D. Cook, Treasurer.

Visiting Brethren from Sister Churches were seated as follows: Bledsoe, E. H. Parker.

Simpson, Henry Lambert.

Buck Lodge Church, Elder I. N. Knight.

Petitionary letters were called for and Old Hopewell was gladly received into the fellowship of Wiseman Association.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together by singing. Prayer was offered by Brother Tom Summers.

The next sitting of the Association will meet with Cedar Bluff church, 10 miles South East of Westmoreland, Tenn.

Elder N. C. Fuque was selected to preach the next Introductory Sermon. P. S. Dyer in case of failure.

The committee that visited Siloam and Rocky Mound made their report and was discharged.

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Moved and carried to throw the matter out of the Association and to have no more to do with it.

Adjourned until Thursday at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Willie Norman.

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### THURSDAY MORNING

The Association was opened by singing. Prayer was offered by Brother Golia Hues.

The report on the State of Religion was read by Brother W. R. Johnson afterwards being discussed by Brother Johnson and others.

A great revival broke out and consumed the hour for the preaching of the Gospel Sermon. The Association moved that the Sermon be preached at night by Brother A. J. Sloan.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by Brother George Gregory.

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### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together by singing, "Amazing Grace" and "How Sweet the Sound." Prayer was offered by Brother Bob Whitson. The report on Missions was read and adopted with some fine talks on Missions.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother D. A. Lynville.

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### FRIDAY MORNING

The Association came together by singing "Don't Forget to Pray" Having read the 4th Chapter of Timothy. Prayer was offered by Brother L. D. McGuffie. A number of reports were read and adopted. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

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### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association was opened by singing. Prayer by Elder R. O. Sanders. The Association appointed J. D. Cook, W. R. Johnson as a committee to visit the churches in Wiseman Association in the interest of Foreign Missions, and Old Minister's and Orphans' Home.

Adjourned to meet with Cedar Bluff church, Wednesday after the third Sunday in July, 1923 at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Brother R. Y. Hawkins.

A. J. SLOAN, Moderator, Westmoreland Tennessee.  
T. C. HARRISON, Clerk, Westmoreland, Tennessee.

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### REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We your committee, beg leave to make the following report on Prayer Meeting: 1st Timothy 2:8: I will therefore that men pray everywhen, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting, inasmuch as God has demanded that men should pray everywhere, at home, at church. We therefore feel that we should make our wants known to God in prayer for we as His children to go right and also for the lost of the world.

R. O. SANDERS, W. M. HARMAN.

Adopted and discussed by R. O. Sanders, W. M. Norman, R. Y Hawkins and others.

### REPORT ON FINANCE

We your committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: We have collected from the various churches for printing Minutes, \$36.89.

W. A. WELLS, J. H. McCLARD, E. E. BENTLE.

### REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

We your committee recommend that any of our Brethren who may meet with any of our Sister Associations to represent us as Baptist Brethren. We are glad to have had you all with us and hope that you have felt at home during this present session of this body.

G. A. GREGORY, L. D. MCGUFFIE, E. P. MEADOR

### REPORT OF TREASURER

Money for the following causes have been paid into my hands since the present session of this Association began:

Foreign Missions	\$ 47.24
Home Missions	17.53
District Missions	3.14
Baptist Home from Churches	6.79
Baptist Home on Pledges	24.00
Orphan Children	1.00

Grand Total 100.70

J. D. COOK, Treasurer.

### REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

We your committee on Fundamental Doctrines, beg leave to submit the following report. 1st that we as Baptists, believe that the Bible is the standard by which all human creeds and conduct be tried.

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2nd that we believe that Jesus Christ is the head and founder of the church. That we believe in a regenerated church membership. We believe that we have no right to change the ordinances. We believe that John's Baptism was the Christian baptism. We believe in an equality of church membership, that is one member has the same right as another. We believe in a succession of the church from Jesus Christ and the Apostles down to the present. In addition to these seven Bible doctrines, that we believe what no other denomination believes. We also believe that a man has got to repent and trust in Christ in order to be saved.

N. C. FUQUA, J. A. PARKER, G. L. MINSE

## REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas as Wiseman Association having met in the greatest session in her history with the Rock Bridge church, be it resolved:

1. That we extend our thanks to Rock Bridge Church and community for their bountiful hospitality and welcome that you have given this sitting of the Wiseman Association.
2. That we retain the same Finance Committee.
3. That the time of meeting of the next Association be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the 3rd Sunday in July, 1923.
4. That we appoint two brethren to visit the churches of the Association in behalf of our Foreign Missions.
5. That Article 4 in Resolutions be changed and that the various committees be appointed by the Chairman and Clerk and that the preacher of the Doctrinal Sermon be elected at the sitting of the Association when convened.
6. That the roll call of members be called at the close of the Association hereafter.
7. That we ask the churches to contribute more money for minutes, so we can have a better minute.
8. That we clean off the grave of Brother Wiseman and have a memorial in behalf of him as soon as convenient.

R. B. FREEMAN, Y. O. JOHNSON, T. J. SUMMERS

## REPORT ON SILOAM CHURCH

We your committee appointed and duly elected to investigate and advise as to some differences existing between Siloam and Rocky Mound churches, beg leave to submit the following report: After meeting at Siloam on September 8, 1921 and making an investigation we decided that the charges were not sufficient to justify the exclusion of these Brethren, J. C. Sloan and F. M. Woodward. We advised them to rescind their action of exclusion and grant the Brethren a new trial by the council called from other churches, calling from as many churches as convenient. They deferred action on our advise until their regular meeting day.

WM. A. WELLS, Clk., J. A. LINVILLE Chairman and G. W. TAYLOR and J. T. HALL, Committee.

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### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Religious Literature—P. S. Dyer, Nutt Sloan, Walter Walden
2. Prohibition—J. F. Overton, G. L. Hughes
3. Missions—A. J. Sloan, P. S. Dyer, J. W. Parke
4. Old Ministers' Home—J. D. Cook, G. W. Jenkins, H. S. Lynville
5. Ministerial Education—W. M. Odinson, B. T. Matthews
6. State of Religion—Bud Johnson, T. G. Summers, J. H. McClard
7. Fundamental Doctrines—J. A. Parker, George Mincy, N. C. Fuqua
8. Prayer Meetings—R. O. Sanders, E. D. Stinson, W. M. Norman
9. Obituaries—W. J. Summar, W. J. Meador, O. B. Brooks
10. Correspondence—E. P. Meador, L. D. McGuffie, George Gregory
11. Finance—W. A. Wells, John McClard, E. E. Bentley
12. Resolutions—B. B. Freeman, Y. O. Johnson, T. G. Summers

### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, submit the following report: First of all we recommend that the Bible be read by all parents and children. 2, We recommend the very best literature that is sound in Baptist Doctrine such as the Baptist Flag and Diagram of Truth, and especially those that are sound in the Doctrine of Salvation by grace and that do not advocate the modern hand shake kind.

P. S. DYER, N. SLOAN, WALTER WALDEN, Committee.

### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION

We, your committee, make the following report: That the State of Religion is not what it should be in all parts of our Association. we urge that we strive to make the future better by practicing greater love for the cause of Christ, and we know that there are great responsibilities resting upon the saved to exhibit this love to the saved and unsaved, if we do our duty as followers of Christ. So let us all be at Duty's post to do all we can to get the unsaved to see that there is much in the religion of our land and Saviour Jesus Christ by practicing this great love to all.

Signed—W. K. JOHNSON, J. H. McClard

Adopted and discussed by W. R. Johnson, R. Y. Hawkins, P. S. Dyer, J. H. McClard, Lige Martin, John Overton, J. D. Cook, George Gregory, Jim Parker, R. O. Sanders, W. J. Summers, A. J. Sloan.

### REPORT ON MISSIONS

Missions is our work, but to more effectively carry out the work we have divided the work into three parts—District, Home and Foreign Missions. In His last instructions to His church, Jesus Christ said, "But ye shall receive fame after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and



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in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." A church ought to work all the territory it is able to work. But if there is more territory adjacent to it than it can evangelize, then it is wise for it to call on another church to help in the work; and thus form an association of churches to carry on the work. Under our present system the work is moving along well. But nothing to compare with our ability. God has put great riches in our hands and we ought, by His help, evangelize the whole world in a few years. We have eleven foreign missionaries in the field and Brother Gregory has expressed his call to go to China, and will go as soon as the way is made possible. Brother Abernathy has been in China as our missionary for nearly two years and we have paid him this year, \$251.04. One church paid \$103 of this amount, which left less than \$150 for all the rest of the churches to give. If Enon Association hasn't done better than we have, Brother Abernathy has only received \$502.08 for his last year's work in China, which is too small by far.

Brethren, when you go home try to stir up your church along this line.

We also have five or six Home Missionaries, Brothers Massey, Gregory and Stinson. The reports show that there has been very little given to the worthy Brethren. May God help us to make up along this line and do something for God.

A. J. SLOAN, J. W. PARK, P. S. DYER.

Adopted and discussed by A. J. Sloan and R. O. Sanders.

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## REPORT ON BAPTIST HOME

Wa your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: We are trying to collect means to build a Baptist home for old Ministers and Orphan Children. Brethren and sisters let us rally to this worthy cause. Some have already given liberally to this cause. Others are waiting for the work to begin. We ask that two brethren be appointed to visit the Churches and work up a better interest among the Brotherhood.

J. D. COOK, G. W. JENKINS, BRO. LYNVILLE

Adopted

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## REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee, beg leave to make the following report: We find from reading letters from the various churches that fourteen members have crossed the River of Death. We feel sad to give them up, but we know that our loss is their eternal gain. We would say to the bereaved ones to weep not as those who have no hope, and would point them to the Lord who alone can bind up the broken hearted and wipe away all tears. Brethren and sisters, let us so live that when we are called we may be permitted to enter the arms of the Lord. We recommend that each church give the names of their deceased ones.

W. J. SUMMERS, W. J. MEADOR, O. B. BROOKS

### FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Increase			Decrease			Total Membership	Value Church Property	Printing Funds	Pastors Salary	District Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Baptist Home	Other Items	Total Contributions		
	By Meeting Days	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion											By Erasure	By Death
Cedar Bluff		6	2		2	2		.98	1500.00	1.95		5.10					705.00	
Fairview	1	3	1			1	1	61	500.00	1.83	59.50	3.43	5.00	12.00	12.05		104.80	
Friendship		2	1				2	32		1.00	80.00		15.07				96.07	
Good Will	4	10	1		2		1	140	1800.00	2.16			12.65				14.80	
Long Creek	1	18	1		4	1		114		3.00	258.87	2.14	16.00	12.00	27.70		232.67	
Macedonia		21	2		1	1		79		1.75	60.00		5.00				6.75	
Meadorville		22	8		3		1	255	1000.00	4.00	275.00		41.56	2.50	27.00		350.06	
New Harmony			1	1	4	3	2	216		4.55	200.00		103.00				307.55	
New Zion	2	6	2		1	4	3	190	1500.00	2.00			11.00		50.00		63.00	
Pleasant Grove	4		1		1			51		1.00			4.50				5.50	
Pleasant Hill	1					1		105	500.00	3.25	175.00		7.64	2.14			188.03	
Rock Bridge		2	1		2			73	600.00	1.40			2.10	1.65	60.00		65.15	
Rocky Mound		16	2		3		2	103	560.00	3.10		2.00	11.70		16.20		33.00	
Siloam	2		1		1	1		167		2.00	140.00		8.25		18.00		130.25	
Union Hill			1		5			51		1.76	128.38		6.50				143.73	
Old Hopewell		7	27					35		2.00	155.83		28.75		36.95		217.55	
Total	15	113	58	1	29	14	3	14	\$17.70	\$7900.00	\$36.75	\$1545.58	\$4.14	\$36.28	\$213.75	\$30.41	\$248.90	\$1060.91

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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CHURCHES	CHURCH, CLERK and POST OFFICE	PASTOR and POST OFFICE
Cedar Bluff ----	Homer White, La Fayette, Tenn.-----	P. S. Dyer, La Fayette, Tenn.
Fairview ----	J. D. Cook, Hartsville, Tenn.-----	P. S. Dyer, La Fayette, Tenn.
Friendship ----	Annie Glover, La Fayette, Tenn.-----	P. S. Dyer, La Fayette, Tenn.
Good Will ----	George Wright, Hartsville, Tenn.-----	Calvin Gregory, Pleasant Shade, Tenn
La Fayette ----	E. W. Meador, La Fayette, Tenn.-----	J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
Long Creek ----	G. W. Jenkins, Westmoreland, Tenn.-----	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.
Macedonia ----	R. K. Meador, Adolphis, Ky.-----	R. O. Sanders, Adolphis, Ky.
Meadorville ----	J. H. McClard, La Fayette, Tenn.-----	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.
New Harmony ----	E. F. Fuqua, Hartsville, Tenn.-----	A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn.
New Zion ----	E. B. Glover, La Fayette, Tenn.-----	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.
Pleasant Grove--	C. J. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.-----	R. Y. Hawkins, Westmoreland, Tenn
Pleasant Hill --	O. H. Brooks, Fountainhead, Tenn.-----	A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Rock Bridge --	J. T. Hall, Bethpage, Tenn.-----	A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Rocky Mound --	R. C. Linville, Westmoreland, Tenn.-----	A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Sycam ----	T. C. Harrison, Westmoreland, Tenn.-----	P. S. Dyer, La Fayette, Tenn.
Spring Creek --	Herschel Jenkins, La Fayette, Tenn.-----	W. F. Jenkins, La Fayette, Tenn.
Sulphur Fork --	A. C. Pardue, Bethpage, Tenn.-----	No Pastor
Union Hill ----	Geo. D. Harrison, Gallatin, Tenn.-----	P. S. Dyer, La Fayette, Tenn.

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We also met at Rocky Mound Church on September 9, 1921 and after making investigation, we advised them to rescind their action of receiving these Brethren, J. C. Sloan and F. M. Woodard in their body in order that Siloam might have access to reconsider their cases. And that we thought they should have made an official investigation before receiving them into their body. They accepted our advice and rescinded at once the action of receiving these Brethren J. C. Sloan and F. M. Woodward in the Christian like spirit, thereby correcting all wrongs if any had been committed, for which we recommend them.

WM. A. WELLS, Ck., J. A. LINVILLE Chairman and G. W. TAYLOR and J. T. HALL, Committee.

## 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 Bro. 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 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. The chairman on each subject shall have an opening speech of ten minutes and two other speeches of five minutes each. All other speakers shall be limited to three speeches to five minutes each.
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 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 reprov'd, or such other course be taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own option or the intimation of any other member.

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### REPORT ON PROHIBITION

We, your committee on Prohibition, report as follows: Strong drinks is one of the worst curses that our nation has to contend with. It causes more trouble and heart aches than any other 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.

J. F. OVERTON, R. N. HAWKINS, G. L. HUGHES

Adopted and discussed by J. F. Overton, Bud Johnson, R. O. Sanders and S. Dyck.

### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Ministerial Education is the training of the mind in the thing most necessary to preach the Word of God. There is much required of the preacher. Inasmuch as he comes in contact with false teachers he should have literal education enough to read and understand the meaning of words. Then we recommend that the preacher should give his time wholly to the study of God's word that he might rightly divide the word of truth. We don't feel that he should have to attend the Seminary before he could preach, for God said "If you lack wisdom, ask of Him. We don't object to education but we think the greatest wisdom comes from God. We think that the man who knows the Lord has called him to preach the word, should at once get about his Father's business.

W. M. ONEAL, B. T. MATTHEWS, W. O. WAUFOUL

### MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

Elder W. J. Summar, Westmoreland, Tenn.	Elder P. S. Dyer, La Fayette, Tenn.
Elder B. T. Matthews, Hartsville, Tenn.	Elder A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Elder W. F. Jenkins, La Fayette, Tenn.	Elder J. F. Overton, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Elder James Carter, Adolphis, Ky.	Elder C. N. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Elder R. O. Sanders, Adolphis, Ky.	Elder Henry Harper, Nashville, Tenn.
Elder R. Y. Hawkins, Westmoreland, Tenn.	

### LICENTIATES

Goldie Hughes, La Fayette, Tenn; J. A. Linnville, Hartsville, Tenn; William Norman, Hartsville, Tenn; Irving Roark, La Fayette, Tenn; Nate Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn; N. C. Fuqua, Hartsville, Tenn; G. L. Huse, Hartsville, Tenn.

(NOTE—This is not a complete list of licensed ministers but it is the best that could be done under present circumstances. Churches will please furnish list of licentiates in next letter to the Association. Clerk.)