

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.
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 Every motion and second shall come under the immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.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.

MINUTES
of the
THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
of the
WISEMAN ASSOCIATION
of
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
Held With the
CEDAR BLUFF CHURCH
Macon County, Tenn.
July 18, 19, 20, 1923

R. Y. Hawkins, Moderator, Westmoreland, Tenn.
A. J. Sloan, Clerk, Westmoreland, Tenn.
J. D. Cook, Treasurer, Hartsville, Tenn.

Next session will be held with the Long Creek Church, five miles west of LaFayette, Tenn., beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., Wednesday after the third Sunday in July, 1924.

Minutes

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The Messengers composing the Wiseman Association of Missionary Baptists met July 18, 1923 in its thirty-second session with the Cedar Bluff church, and was called to order by the former Moderator, A. J. Sloan. After singing and prayer by Elder Jac. Carter and L. D. McGuffee the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder N. C. Fuqua from Mark 11:22: "Have Faith In God." The sermon was a fine sermon. At the close of the sermon a great meeting took place as the people rejoiced in the goodness and love of God.

Immediately after the sermon, A. H. Hodges and Walter Dorris were appointed by the Moderator as reading clerks.

The following churches were represented:

CEDAR BLUFF—O. B. Brooks, W. G. Bennett.
FAIRVIEW—J. D. Cook, Rode Stroy.
FRIENDSHIP—W. S. Marish, Jim Russell.
GOODWILL—J. A. Linville, B. T. Matthew.
LaFAYETTE—Not represented.
LONG CREEK—O. D. White, Y. O. Johnson, G. W. Jenkins.
MACEDONIA—Elders R. O. Sanders, Jas. Carter.
MEADORVILLE—B. N. Glover, Homer Gregory, Charlie McClard.
NEW HARMONY—Elders A. J. Sloan, N. C. Fuqua, W. M. Norman.
NEW ZION—G. L. Hughes, S. H. Dillard, Elder P. S. Dyer.
OLD HOPEWELL—Elder G. A. Gregory, H. R. Overton.
PLEASANT GROVE—Elder R. Y. Hawkins, F. M. Woodward.
PLEASANT HILL—W. A. Wells, A. H. Hodges.
ROCK BRIDGE—E. D. Martin, Crick Crowder.
ROCKY MOUND—Elder J. F. Overton, L. D. McGuffee.
SILOAM—Elder I. N. Sloan, E. E. Beattie, S. G. Akin.
SPRING CREEK—Not represented.
SULPHUR FORK—Robert Gregory.
UNION HILL—W. J. Meador.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of Eld. R. Y. Hawkins, Moderator; Eld. J. F. Overton, Assistant Moderator; Eld. A. J. Sloan, Clerk; A. H. Hodges, Assistant Clerk; J. D. Cook, Treasurer.

Visiting Brethren from Sister Associations were seated as follows:

ENON ASSOCIATION—Jessie Kemp.
NASHVILLE ASSOCIATION—Elder J. D. Moore.
BLEDSOE ASSOCIATION—John Carter, P. F. Burnley.
BARREN RIVER ASSOCIATION—R. W. Tracy, E. D. Poe, E.

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G. Wilson.

Upon motion the body adjourned one hour for dinner.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing and prayer by J. A. Linville, the report on nominations was read by the Clerk as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Religious Literature—J. D. Moore, J. F. Overton, R. O. Sanders.
State of Religion—Jas. Carter, W. K. Johnson, G. W. Taylor.
Missions—J. D. Cook, R. O. Sanders, W. A. Fuqua.
Obituaries—W. A. Wells, W. M. Norman, E. E. Bentle.
Prohibition—J. F. Overton, A. H. Hodges, S. H. Dillard.
Ministerial Education—N. C. Fuqua, G. A. Gregory, I. N. Sloan.
Prayer Meetings—I. N. Sloan, G. L. Hughes, F. M. Woodward.
Fundamental Doctrine—A. J. Sloan, J. F. Overton, J. A. Linville.
Correspondence—G. A. Gregory, Buck Scott, Daily White.
Resolutions—N. C. Fuqua, J. A. Linville, H. R. Overton.
Finance—E. E. Bentle, W. A. Wells, O. D. White.
Baptist Home—O. D. White, G. W. Jenkins, R. Y. Hawkins.

Place of meeting next year was taken up and upon motion Long Creek Church, five miles west of LaFayette, Tenn., was selected to entertain the next session of the Association.

I. N. Sloan was selected to preach the next introductory sermon. P. S. Dyer, alternate.

Motion by Y. O. Johnson to change the time of meeting to Wednesday after the third Sunday in October. The motion stood 15 for and 16 against, the motion being lost. The time of meeting was referred to the churches and ask to state in their letters next year when they wish to meet.

Upon motion Eld. Jas. Carter was selected to preach the doctrinal sermon Thursday at 11 A. M.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Minutes of the Association be read and adopted before final adjournment.

The report on Order of Business was read by N. C. Fuqua as follows:—

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Religious Literature.
2. Missions.
3. Baptist Home.
4. Ministerial Education.
5. State of Religion.
6. Fundamental Doctrines.
7. Prayer Meetings.
8. Obituaries.

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9. Correspondence.
10. Prohibition.
11. Finance.
12. Resolutions.
13. New Business.

J. F. OVERTON, N. C. FUQUA, G. L. HUGHES, Committee
Adjourned to meet on the morrow at 8:30. Dismissed with
prayer by J. D. Moore.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session

The Association was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, J. F. Overton. After singing and prayer by R. O. Sanders the roll members was called.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

Journal of the previous day was read and adopted.

Letter from Cedar Bluff read and messengers names enrolled

Motion by J. D. Cook, that whether right or wrong, that the question of Pleasant Grove receiving two excluded members from Siloam be taken up. Motion carried. And after a hot discussion by R. O. Sanders, P. S. Dyer, J. D. Cook, A. J. Sloan, J. A. Linville, and others, at the suggestion of A. J. Sloan, and request of the messengers of Siloam and Pleasant Grove churches, it was moved by P. S. Dyer that the Association ask the said churches to call a council jointly and that the excluded Brethren, F. M. Woodward and J. C. Sloan be given a new trial on the charges preferred against them by Siloam church, before said council in which the whole thing will be threshed out and that the said churches and this Association abide by the decision of the council. Unanimously carried.

Upon motion of B. N. Glover the Association joined in singing and a general handshake followed with great rejoicing.

Report on Religious Literature was read by J. D. Moore as follows:—

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Among the duties which Paul, the Apostle, urged upon Timothy his son, in the Gospel, he said: "Attend unto reading." As people read so they think and as they think so they act.

The importance of good reading in the homes of our Baptist people cannot be stressed too highly. The Bible is the best of all literature for Baptists. It should be read daily by every one, both in private and in family worship. It is the infallible rule of faith and practice, and it should never be supplanted by any other standard of belief or service.

Bunyon's Pilgrim's Progress should be next to the Bible in the estimation and reading of our people. We also recommend the use of Baptist Literature as an aid to the study of the Bible,

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in Sunday Schools in Baptist churches. The Baptist Flag of Fulton, Ky., and the Baptist and Reflector of Nashville, Tenn., are weekly periodicals which carry the news of the churches, their policies and activities are earnestly recommended to our people for the information and practical helpfulness which they afford. We also recommend all other sound literature issued by Baptists.

J. D. MOORE, J. F. OVERTON, R. O. SANDERS, Committee.

After being ably discussed by J. D. Moore, the hour having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon, the discussion closed until afternoon and Bro. Jas. Carter preached the sermon from Dan. 2:44 It was a good sermon and at the close the body sang "How Firm A Foundation" and adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by C. N. Simmons.

We were conducted out into Bro. Daily White's field where we were told to help ourselves to one of the finest dinners this body ever saw.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

The Association came together with singing and prayer by Bro. John Brooks.

The discussion on Religious Literature continued by A. J. Sloan, after which the report was adopted and read.

The report on Missions was read by J. D. Cook as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Missions is a part of the Lord's work that He would have done. The preaching of the Gospel is the greatest thing the Lord has ever given to man in the salvation of his soul. Without it no man could ever be saved from his sins. We have a number of Missionaries in China that are doing a great work. Bro. John A. Abernathy, our own missionary has baptized about 300 the past year and we have paid him this year \$385.84. Brethren let us wake up along this line and give more to this worthy cause, and thereby hasten the return of our Lord to this earth.

We have a number of Home Missionaries that are doing a great amount of preaching, for mighty little pay. Brethren these home preachers are not being paid as they should, so let us wake up along this line and rally to their support. This Association has given this year to Home Missions, \$157.04.

There is practically nothing being done for District Missions. Brethren we should wake up along this line and do more next year for District Missions. It could be that your committee is not doing its duty as it should. This Association has given \$2.36 to this cause this year. Your committee recommends that this Association furnish money enough to keep some good minister in the destitute place of this Association for full time and that he be led by the Spirit as to where he goes.

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Discussed by J. D. Cook, A. J. Sloan, P. S. Dyer, W. A. Fuqua, W. K. Johnson, J. F. Overton, Walter Wakden and others and adopted.

W. A. FUQUA, J. D. COOK, R. O. SANDERS, Committee.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOME

Report on Baptist Home was read by O. D. White as follows:

We your committee beg to submit the following report:—

We are trying to collect means to build a 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 Brethren for this cause.

Discussed by O. D. White, A. J. Sloan, W. K. Johnson, W. J. Meador, J. D. Cook, and adopted.

R. Y. HAWKINS, O. D. WHITE, G. W. JENKINS, Committee.

STATE OF RELIGION

Report on State of Religion was read by Jas. Carter as follows:—

We find from investigation that there are about 2,000 members in the Wiseman Association. The increase is not what it should be. Many of our churches are cold and indifferent to the great work of the Master. A majority of the members of many of our churches are giving more time to the things of this world than they are to the cause of Christ. The churches are not as spiritual as they should be. Let us ask for more spirituality. The Master has promised to be with His people. Let us, as Baptists, pray for a greater ingathering of souls than ever before.

Discussed by Jas. Carter, A. J. Sloan, W. K. Johnson, C. N. Simmons and others, and adopted.

JAS. CARTER, W. K. JOHNSON, G. W. TAYLOR, Committee.

Following the adoption of this report a number of sinners came forward and gave their hand to Bro. Simmons asking him to pray for them that they might receive the old time religion, and great rejoicing took place among the people of God.

Free will offering was made to Bro. John Meador an invalid brother amounting to \$21.88.

Adjourned until 9 A. M. Friday. Prayer by I. N. Sloan.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session

After singing and prayer by L. D. McGuffie the Association resumed business. First item of business was the reading of the Journal of the previous day, which was adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Report on Ministerial Education was read by N. C. Fuqua, as follows:—

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The education of the ministry is a very vital matter in this age of the world. Many people have the wrong idea of an education. They think that an education ruins a minister; but as a minister needs to advise not only in temporal matters but more especially in Spiritual matters. Therefore he needs an education almost above every other man. A minister with an education, can do work that without an education he could not do. We urge that our ministers make use of every opportunity they have to secure an education. The greatest of all the apostles was Paul, the most highly educated. A minister needs first of all to know that he is a saved man. Next he should know that he has a divine call to the ministry. Then he needs a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. James says: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. In order to possess this Bible knowledge he needs to consecrate himself to God, make a prayerful study of God's word, using all the helps he can get asking God to give him wisdom that he might understand what the Holy Scriptures teaches of God's will concerning man.

After being discussed by N. C. Fuqua, Jas. Carter, I. N. Sloan, W. F. Jenkins, G. A. Gregory, H. S. Linville, J. F. Overton and others and adopted.
N. C. FUQUA, I. N. SLOAN, G. A. GREGORY, Committee.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was read by A. J. Sloan, as follows:—

Baptists believe in the absolute independence of the churches. Baptists believe that the churches are local, and that there is no such thing as a big universal church that embraces all the saved. Baptists believe that Salvation is by grace through Faith. Baptists believe the Bible to be the truth from Genesis to Revelations, and that all Baptists should walk by it and be an example to others. Baptists believe that they are right and that everybody ought to be Baptists.

Discussed by A. J. Sloan, P. S. Dyer and adopted.
A. J. SLOAN, J. F. OVERTON, J. A. LINVILLE, Committee.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS

The report on Prayer Meetings was read by I. N. Sloan as follows:—

We your committee, beg leave to submit the following report on Prayer Meetings:—

1st Timothy, 2-8 says: "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

Inasmuch as God has demanded that men pray everywhere at home, and at church without ceasing. We therefore recommend that we make our wants known to God in prayer.

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Discussed by I. N. Sloan, G. L. Hughes, Jas. Carter, P. S. Dyer, W. J. Meador and nearly everybody else, and adopted.

I. N. SLOAN, F. M. WOODWARD, G. L. HUGHES, Committee.
Adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by B. T. Matthews.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session

Called together by singing and prayer by G. W. Jenkins.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The report on Obituaries was read by W. A. Wells as follows:

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report:—We find by investigation that seventeen of our number have passed over the River of Death into the land of eternal bliss. We feel sad to give them up but feel that our loss is their gain.

We are therefore again reminded of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. So it behooves us all to be up and at work for the Lord while the opportunity is afforded us. We would say to the bereaved ones, weep not as those that have no hope, and would point them to the Lord who alone can bind their broken hearts and wipe away all their tears. Brethren and sisters, let us so live that we may enter into eternal bliss and that our lives may stand behind us as a shining example to those who follow us.

After some very touching remarks by W. M. Norman, W. K. Johnson, R. Y. Hawkins and others, adopted.

W. M. NORMAN, W. A. WELLS, E. E. BENTLE, Committee.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

Report on Prohibition was read by A. H. Hodges as follows:

We your committee on Prohibition beg leave to submit the following report:—Inasmuch as our state and nation have passed laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, and that we believe that the drink habit is one of the greatest evils in our Association. Therefore we recommend to the churches of this Association that we continue to fight the cause of intemperance and pledge our hearty support to the officers of our County in the enforcement of the prohibition laws. Brethren, let us continue to work and pray in this great struggle and God will reward us in the end.

After being ably discussed by J. F. Overton, W. K. Johnson, P. S. Dyer, Moses Fuqua and others, adopted.

J. F. OVERTON, A. H. HODGES, S. H. DILLARD, Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE

Your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:—We have collected from the various churches for printing Minutes, \$36.14.

W. A. WELLS, O. D. WHITE, E. E. BENTLE, Committee.

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After being discussed by W. A. Wells, J. F. Overton and others it was adopted by instructing the clerk to write the churches that were delinquent on Minute fund to pay up their quota of three cents per member, if they wanted any Minutes.

REPORT OF TREASURER

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

Foreign Missions	\$82.54
Home Missions	9.00
District Missions	2.36
Baptist Home	16.90

Total111.90

J. D. COOK, Treasurer.

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 corresponding messengers. We respectfully invite you to meet with us at our next annual meeting, which will meet with our sister church, Long Creek, five miles west of LaFayette, Tenn., on Wednesday, after the third Sunday in July, 1924. Brethren, we are very glad to have you with us and feel at home during the progress of our deliberations and lend us your strength in our effort to the end that the cause of Christ and His Kingdom may be pushed forward to enlighten the world in our faith and professions.

Adopted.

G. A. GREGORY, DAILY WHITE, BUCK SCOTT, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Wiseman Association having met in a great session with Cedar Bluff Church therefore, be it resolved:—

1. That we extend our thanks to Cedar Bluff Church and community for their bountiful hospitality.
2. That this body extends to the Moderator and Clerk its thanks for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties.
3. That we urge our Brethren and Churches to adopt the Bible plan of giving as laid down in Corinthians, where it says, "Let every one lay by in store on the first day of the week as God has prospered him."
4. That this Association set a time to meet and clean off the grave of Bro. John Wiseman and hold a Memorial Service in memory of him.

After being discussed by N. C. Fuqua, Y. O. Johnson and

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others, adopted by electing H. R. Overton and G. A. Gregory as committee to arrange time and place for above named Memorial Service.

Since the adjournment of the Association the Committee has arranged for this service to be held with Old Hope Well church the fourth Sunday in August, 1923.

N. C. FUQUA, J. A. LINVILLE, H. R. OVERTON, Committee.

Adjourned to meet with Long Creek Church, five miles west of LaFayette, Tenn., Wednesday after the third Sunday in July 1924.

R. Y. HAWKINS, Moderator, Westmoreland, Tennessee.

A. J. SLOAN, Clerk, Westmoreland, Tennessee.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

I. Of the Scripture—We believe 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 master; and it reveals the principles 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 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 defence 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 the tenderest pathos 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 jus-

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tification; that justification consists in the 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 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 a 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 fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. Of God's Purpose of 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 efforts on all who believe in the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to our 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 fallen 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

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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 bishops or 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 purifying power; that it is a prerequisite to the privilege 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, preceded always by a solemn self-examination.

XIII. Of the Christian Sabbath—That the 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 recreations, by the devout observance of all means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest which remaineth to the people of God.

XIV. Civil Government—That civil government is of divine appointments 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 the 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 judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

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.

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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 July 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 will be 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 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.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF ORDER MOTIONS

1. All business shall be presented by a motion, made by one member, and seconded by another, and presented in writing by the mover, if so required.

2. No discussion can properly be had until the motion is made, seconded and stated by the chairman.

3. A motion cannot be withdrawn after it has been discussed except by the unanimous consent of the body.

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4. A motion having been discussed, must be put to vote, unless withdrawn, laid on the table, or postponed.

5. A motion lost should not be recored, except so ordered by the body at the time.

6. A motion lost cannot be renewed at the same meeting, except by unanimous consent.

7. A motion should contain but one distinct proposition. If it contains more, it must be divided at the request of any member, and the propositions acted on separately.

8. Only one question can properly be before the meeting at the same time. No second motion can be allowed to interrunt one already under debate, except a motion to amend. substitute, to commit, to postpone, to lay onthe table, for the previous question, or adjourn.

9. These subsidiary motions just named cannot be interrupted by any other motion; nor can any other motion be applied to them, except that to amend, which may be done specifying some time, place, or purpose.

10. Nor can these motions interrupt or supersede each other; only that a motion to adjourn is always in order, while a member has the floor, or a question is being taken, and, in some bodies, even then.

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FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Missions	Baptist Home	Printing Fund	Help in Meetings	Other Items	Total Contributions	Value Church Prop.
Cedar Bluff.		5 00		2 71		23 65	31 36	1500
Fairview...	101 50	38 36	10 00	1 75	2 25		154 86	600
Friendship .	79 50	5 00		1 00	19 55		105 05	1500
Good Will...	120 00	11 00		3 25	35 00		169 25	1500
Long Creek.	259 85	113 19	43 70	3 00			419 74	1000
LaFayette.								2000
Macedonia .	68 41	15 00	2 90	1 75	11 00		99 06	500
Meadorville .	218 75	87 50		2 00	29 50		337 45	1000
NewHarm'ny	180 00	100 00		2 55	15 00		297 55	1500
New Zion...	185 00	26 00		2 10	15 00	50 00	276 00	1500
Old Hopewell	200 00	27 25		2 50	5 20	33 53	268 45	1000
Plea'nt Gr've	100 00	14 00		1 25	20 00		136 25	1000
Pleas'rt Hill	220 00	6 42		3 00	30 00		259 42	600
Rock Bridge.	87 75	1 00		2 00			90 75	600
Rocky Mound	68 47	19 08	1 00	3 24	30 00		122 84	600
Siloam	111 68	12 50		2 25	15 00		141 43	800
Spring Creek								800
Sulphur Fork				1 10			1 10	600
Union Hill..	71 67	23 60		2 04		1 70	99 01	

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	INCREASE				DECREASE			Total Membership
	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	Affiliation	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	
Cedar Bluff	15	4			2	1		114
Fair View						3		58
Friendship	5					1		36
Good Will					4			2140
LaFayette								
Long Creek	16	2				5		1126
Meadorville	12	2			1			2267
Macedonia	11	7						176
New Harmony		2			2			1215
New Zion	1				2	5		1190
Pleasant Grove	4	5		2				160
Pleasant Hill					2	1	5	97
Rock Bridge	4							80
Rocky Mound	8					3		108
Siloam		2			10	2	1	157
Spring Creek								
Sulphur Fork								46
Union Hill	3	1			2	1	2	50
Pleasant Grove	4	5		2			1	60