

PROCEEDINGS

of the

Thirty-third Annual Session

of the

Wiseman Association

of

Missionary Baptists

Held with the

LONG CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Five Miles West of LaFayette, Tenn.

July 23, 24, 25, 1924

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Next Meeting to be held with  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Holland, Ky.  
Wednesday after the third Sunday in September, 1925

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Elder R. O. Sanders is to preach the Annual Sermon

Elder R. O. Sanders, Moderator, Adolphus, Ky.

Elder A. J. Sloan, Clerk, LaFayette, Tenn.

J. D. Cook, Treasurer, Hartsville, Tenn.

## PROCEEDINGS

### FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The Messengers composing the Wiseman Association of Missionary Baptists, met with Long Creek Church, five miles west of LaFayette, Tenn., on Wednesday, July 23, 1924 at 10 o'clock A. M., in the thirty-third session of this body. The session was opened with singing the "Glory Land Way" and a number of other good songs were sung and then the old Gospel song, "Amazing Grace" was sung with great power and prayer was offered by Eld. J. A. Carter, after which the congregation joined in singing "Some Happy Day", after which Elder J. F. Overton presented Elder I. N. Sloan, the appointee of the last session of this body to preach the introductory sermon. Brother Sloan read Psalm 23 chapter and offered prayer, after which the congregation sang "Glory to His Name". Brother Sloan, after some remarks, chose for a text Dan. 6:16, and preached the introductory sermon. The sermon was an earnest exhortation to the people to live godly lives and serve Daniel's God. Elder R. Y. Hawkins, the former Moderator, having arrived, took charge of the meeting and the congregation joined in singing and pressed forward to give the preacher their hand in token of their indorsement of the sermon.

Immediately after the sermon, the Moderator appointed Elders Calvin Gregory and C. B. Massey as reading clerks.

The following churches were represented by letter and Messengers:—

CEDAR BLUFF—Homer White, Joe Dearing

FAIRVIEW—Eld. I. N. Sloan, J. D. Cook, R. Thompson

FRIENDSHIP—W. S. Marish, L. J. Russell, J. A. Russell

GOODWILL—J. A. Linville, G. W. Taylor, Albert Poter

LAFAYETTE—Not represented

LONG CREEK—W. K. Johnson, A. T. Claiborne, S. G. Woodcock

MACEDONIA—Eld. R. O. Sanders, W. M. Oneal, Eld. J. A. Carter

MEADORVILLE—B N. Glover

NEW HARMONY—Eld. A. J. Sloan, Eld. N. C. Fuqua, W. A. Fuqua.

NEW ZION—Eld. G. L. Hughes, S. H. Dillard, J. A. Parker

OLD HOPEWELL—George Mince, Olie Harper, H. R. Overton

PLEASANT GROVE—D. Frances, Chas. J. Simmons

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

ROCK BRIDGE—E. D. Martin, Jas. Freeland, Olie Brown

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

SILOAM—T. C. Harrison, E. E. Bentle, Arthur Galbreth

SPRING CREEK—Burton Bandy

SULPHUR FORK—Not represented  
 UNION HILL—J. W. Parker

Organization was effected by electing Eld. R. O. Sanders, Moderator, Eld. J. F. Overton, Assistant Moderator; Eld. A. J. Sloan, Clerk; Y. O. Johnson, Assistant Clerk; J. D. Cook, Treasurer. Speeches of thanks were made by the newly elected officers.

At this point invitation was given for new churches to join us, and Mayesville and Mt. Zion churches of Allen County, Ky., presented letters for admission and was received and messengers' names enrolled as follows:—Mayesville—J. W. Keen; Mt. Zion,—Eld. L. A. Stewart, R. W. Tracy, W. C. Broughton.

Visiting Brethren from other Associations were seated as follows:—Enon,—Eld. C. B. Massey, Eld. Calvin Gregory, Eld. H. C. Oldham, Eld. Irving Roark, Tob Marish.

Allen—J. B. Taylor.

Barren River—J. B. Dossey

After some announcements adjourned one hour for dinner.

### FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

Came together by singing and prayer by Eld. Calvin Gregory.

The Report on Nominations was read by the Clerk as follows:

#### Report on Nominations

Religious Literature—C. B. Massey, W. K. Johnson, W. S. Marish

Foreign Missions—Calvin Gregory, Irving Roark, W. A. Fuqua

Home Missions—H. C. Oldham, J. D. Cook, J. A. Linnville

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

Baptist Home—J. F. Overton, T. C. Harrison, B. N. Glover

Ministerial Education—J. A. Carter, Jim Russell, Robert Dorris

State of Religion—G. L. Hughes, S. H. Dillard, Y. O. Johnson

Fundamental Doctrines—C. B. Massey, R. Y. Hawkins, W. M.

O'neal.

Prayer Meetings—Irving Roark, L. D. McGuffee, Walter Dorris

Obituaries—I. N. Sloan, Tob Marish, H. R. Overton

Correspondence—Georgie Johnson, O. D. White, W. K. Johnson

Prohibition—N. C. Fuqua, L. A. Stewart, Chas. J. Simmons

Finance—W. A. Wells, E. E. Bentle, W. C. Broughton

Resolutions—J. F. Overton, L. A. Russell, W. J. Graves

After some remarks by the Moderator, the report was adopted.

The place of meeting next year was then taken up and after a hot discussion Mt. Zion church, one mile south of Holland, Ky., and nine miles east of Scottsville, Ky., was selected as next meeting place.

ing place of this body. Elder R. O. Sanders was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, A. J. Sloan, alternate.

On motion of A. J. Sloan, Elder Calvin Gregory was elected to preach the doctrinal sermon tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion last year's Order of Business was adopted for this session. On motion of A. J. Sloan the time of meeting was changed to Wednesday after the third Sunday in September.

On motion of J. A. Linville, A. J. Sloan was allowed \$6.20 of printing funds in his hands for his service last year.

At this point the committee on Divine Service announced that Elder H. C. Oldham would preach at Bethel to-night and R. O. Sanders tomorrow night. Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock on the morrow. Prayer by J. F. Overton.

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### SECOND DAY—Morning Session

The Association came together by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" and "Revive Us Again". Prayer by J. F. Overton followed with song "Amazing Grace."

The roll was called and a quorum was found to be present. The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum.

Journal of the previous day was read and adopted.

P. F. Burnley and John Carter of Bledsoe Association was recognized as visitors and invited to seat with us. Elder Vester Gent from Allen Association and Frank Dixon from New Salem were also invited to seats with us.

On motion of A. J. Sloan, the Moderator appointed C. B. Massey and Calvin Gregory to write a report on Pastors' Support."

At this point it was announced that Irving Roark would preach at the school house.

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### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The Report on Religious Literature was read by C. B. Massey as follows:

First of all we ought to be careful in selecting the literature we read. The Bible should be the standard by which every particle of reading matter should be tried. Religious papers have much to do in moulding the minds of men either for soundness or for heresy. All the churches and Association ought to keep sharp lookout for papers for the people to read. The Flag has had more to do in laying out and defending the Baptist faith and practice after the old time way than any other paper. Therefore Brethren let us all stand firm for the Flag and use all our influence for it. The Flag has changed hands lately. Elder Jas. F. Dew has it in

charge now. He is a good strong man and let us all stand by him. We also recommend all sound books and papers.

C. B. MASSEY, W. K. JOHNSON, W. S. MARISH, Committee.

After being discussed by C. B. Massey, W. K. Johnson, E. D. Martin, J. D. Cook, L. D. McGuffee, J. F. Overton, H. C. Oldham.  
Adopted.

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## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder Calvin Gregory as follows:

The importance of this subject cannot be overestimated in the minds of those who sincerely love God's cause. It seems strange to hear some say in this age of the world and in this time of the great need, of the universal proclamation of the Gospel, "I do not believe in foreign missions." In the minds of some, foreign missions means only the paying of money through some channel for avowed purpose of paying for the preaching of the Gospel in foreign lands. This idea is not broad enough, for the reason that missions means more than just what money we put into the same. The real meaning of missions is the spreading of God's cause among all the nations of the earth. Whatever, therefore, that tends scripturally to spread the Gospel of Christ might rightly be considered missions. We find that the preaching of the truth had a great place in the life of Christ. The same is true of all the Apostles and other great workers of New Testament times. The preaching of the truth under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, is the real mission of the churches so far as their duty to the world is concerned. Christ gave the specific command to "Go teach all nations." This means far more than just our nation, and he who believes the Bible, knows that the mission of the churches of Christ is as wide as the world and the offered salvation of our Lord is to all men. How then can we ever expect to do our duty to the whole world when our efforts reach only the home land? Such duty can never be met until we can lift up our eyes and behold the destitution of the whole world. The whole world lies out in wickedness and the only hope of man is the salvation offered by Christ. No man can ever discharge his duty to his unsaved brother in China or some other heathen nation, as long as he refuses to believe in foreign missions.

Some Scriptural reasons will now be set forth, showing that it is the purpose of God to reach the lost both at home and abroad. Eph. 3:10 tells us that the wisdom of God was to be made known to the world by the church. Matt. 24:14 says that the Gospel is to be preached to all nations. The same idea is embraced in Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 15:15,16, Luke 24:46,47 and Acts 1:8.

Will the heathen be saved without the Gospel, is a question

that some have tried to answer by saying that God was too good to send them to hell in their ignorance. According to the Bible those who are saved must hear. Isa. 55:3, Eph. 1:13. The word must be preached before one can hear. We answer that there is not one Scripture that says the heathen will ever be saved except thru the instrumentality of the churches, preaching the word and hearing and believing on the part of the unsaved souls. This then places the heavy responsibility of rescuing the perishing millions of heathen lands upon us. Oh, Brethren, this is the heaviest of all the burdens the churches can carry, so far as their duty to the world is concerned. How are we meeting it? One of the saddest questions in all the Bible is found in Romans 10:14, "And how can they hear without a preacher?" This shows that the lost of earth, whether at home or in the dark, benighted lands of India, China or Africa, must hear before they can believe, believe before they can be saved, and before either can take place, the word must be preached, the preacher of the Word must be sent and that preacher must be supported. Are you willing to do your part by that man who has felt the heavy hand of God upon him, telling him he must forsake home land, friends and most that life means to us and give his all in some far-off heathen land?

This Association has given nearly \$500 to this cause this year. We have nearly 2,000 members and this sum given to foreign missions represents twenty-five cents each. Do you really not feel ashamed that this large and strong body has given only this small sum that represents less than many spend per week for tobacco or chewing gum and luxuries? Do we love the cause in as small a way as our donations indicate?

We recommend that our people pray for God to call some one even from among us to the foreign field and we further ask that prayerful consideration be given to those who are already so unselfishly giving their very lives in the heathen lands. We feel that no church will ever be able to become truly missionary until we have had to give up one of our own to become a worker for Christ in the foreign field. Let us offer all we have to God to be used of Him as He might direct. Let us give God whatever He demands of us, knowing that whatever we give Him we will be repaid in the life to come, in the sheaves brought into His garner and the bliss of those who otherwise would be lost forever. Wake up brethren, wake up. The Lord needs you and will we refuse to obey Him? If you love me, you will keep my words, says the Christ.

Bro. C. B. Massey, our treasurer in the direct mission work, has sent to our missionary, John A. Abernathy, \$886.51; to others on the foreign field \$244.33; he has sent to home missions \$130.25. Total of \$1261.09.  
CALVIN GREGORY, W. A. FUQUA, IRVING ROARK, Com.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Report on Home Missions was read by Calvin Gregory as follows:

There is three home missionaries in our lands giving part time to the work, to-wit: J. N. Joiner, Calvin Gregory, C. B. Massey. The two last named have done considerable work. Old Hopewell church was organized through their labors. Bro. Massey has a good work at Bowling Green, Ky., and will soon organize a Baptist church there. They have bought a house of worship there on which they owe \$1000.00. The churches and brethren ought to donate freely to help pay for this house. There has been paid through our treasurer this year to Home Missions \$130.84. I don't know the number of sermons that has been preached, but there has been a goodly number. Let us do more. We need more home mission work done. The churches need to pay regularly to this work.

H. C. OLDHAM, J. A. LINVILLE, J. D. COOK, Committee.

Both the above reports were ably discussed by Calvin Gregory, C. B. Massey, H. C. Oldham, and J. F. Overton. The hour having arrived for the doctrinal sermon the Moderator presented Elder Calvin Gregory to preach the sermon. Brother Gregory read the 2nd Chapter of Titus for a lesson and after some remarks chose the first verse of said chapter for a text and preached a great sermon, perhaps the greatest sermon ever preached before this body. At the close of the sermon a great revival took place and the people praised God aloud for joy. The body adjourned for dinner amidst a shout of joy.

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## SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

Came together by singing "If I Die I'll Live Again" and "Will You Be There". Prayer by J. R. Grissom, followed by song, "Some Happy Day." At this point it was announced that Bro. W. T. Steenbergen and Vester Gent would preach at the school house at once, and I. N. Sloan and R. Thompson at Pleasant Hill and R. O. Sanders at G. W. Jenkins, and Irving Roark at Key Stone tonight. Discussion on Missions continued by H. C. Oldham, J. F. Overton, R. O. Sanders, W. K. Johnson and others after which both reports were adopted.

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## REPORT ON BAPTIST HOME

Report on Baptist Home was read by A. J. Sloan as follows:

We your committee on Baptist Home beg leave to submit the following report:—We are trying to collect money to build a home for our old ministers and orphan children. We understand that

the home has already been bought. Let all Baptists rally to this worthy cause. We urge that the pastors of the churches work up a better interest among the churches for this cause. The home is located near Camden, Benton County, Tenn.

J. F. OVERTON, B. N. GLOVER, H. C. OLDHAM, Committee.

Discussed by J. F. Overton, W. K. Johnson, A. J. Sloan, W. A. Wells and adopted.

### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The report on Ministerial Education was read by J. A. Carter as follows:

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

J. A. CARTER, J. A. RUSSELL, J. R. DORRIS, Committee.

After being discussed by J. A. Carter, J. F. Overton, A. J. Sloan, J. W. Keen and adopted.

Moved to adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock on the morrow.  
Dismissed with prayer by Irving Roark.

### THIRD DAY—Morning Session

Came together by singing "I'll Go With Him" and "When I Die I'll Live Again". Prayer by G. L. Hughes followed by song "Will You Be There". After some remarks by the Moderator he announced the body ready for business. Journal of previous day was read and adopted.

### REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Report on Fundamental Doctrines was read by C. B. Massey as follows:

We submit your articles of faith and press the idea of standing by every one of them. (These articles will be found elsewhere in this Minute)

C. B. MASSEY, R. Y. HAWKINS, W. M. ONEAL, Committee.

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

On motion it was ordered that the report on Pastor's Support be read and discussed following the report on prayer meetings.



### REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS

The report on Prayer Meetings was read by Irving Roark as follows:

We think that every church should have a prayer meeting. We find that David said, that he would pray evening, morning and at noon. We believe that prayer meetings should be our homes. We find that there has been lots of good done by having prayer meetings in our homes. Every church that has a prayer meeting is a live church. We believe that 75 per cent of the conversions in our churches are from churches maintaining prayer meetings and Sunday Schools.

IRVING ROARK, L. D. MCGUFFIE, Committee.

After being discussed by Irving Roark, H. C. Oldham, G. L. Hughes, J. A. Carter, R. O. Sanders, C. B. Massey, J. W. Parker and a number of other brethren, was adopted.

A great interest was manifested in the discussion of this report and many were made to rejoice as they told how God had heard and answered their prayers.

### REPORT ON PASTORS' SUPPORT

The report on Pastor's Support was read by J. B. Massey as follows:

The support of the pastor is one of the fundamental teachings of the word of God which says, "The workman is worthy of his meat." "They that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel" "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charge." "Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not thereof." "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." Many other scriptures show that it is the duty of God's people to support the preaching of the word. The Lord has placed the deacons in His churches for the express purpose of rendering such help as will enable the preachers to go on with the work of preaching. Most of our deacons are good men but we are sorry to say that many of them show that they do not understand their duty or else they are disobedient to the call of duty. Their business is to serve tables that is the Lord's table, the preacher's table and the table of the poor. It is a sad fact that nearly all our preachers are in debt on account of non-support by the churches. The usefulness of some has been done unreparable injury on the account of not being able to pay their debts when pressed. Who is to blame, brethren? No man can do his duty as a minister when most of his time is taken up with making a living by some other occupation. The cause of Christ could be advanced to a greater extent, no doubt by the organized effort of the deacons in discharging their God given duty to those whom God has called from other vocations into the ministry of Christ.

CALVIN GREGORY, C. B. MASSEY, H. C. OLDHAM, Com.

After being discussed by C. B. Massey, W. K. Johnson, A. J. Sloan, J. D. Cook, R. O. Sanders, H. C. Oldham, was adopted.

At this point a collection was taken up for Sister Dora Harper amounting to \$30.00 to help pay her expenses in the hospital at Nashville.

Adjourn one hour for dinner. Prayer by N. C. Fuqua.

### THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session

Came together by singing and prayer by J. A. Parker followed by song, "How Firm a Foundation."

### REPORT ON PROHIBITION

Report on Prohibition was read by N. C. Fuqua 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 making and selling of strong drink and we believe that strong drink is the greatest evil of our land today. 70 per cent of all crimes of our country is caused by strong drink. We urge our churches and members to use every means and lend a helping hand in every way to help the officers of our country to enforce the law, and try to rid our land of this evil. Brethren, let us work and pray and do all we can against this great evil, until the Lord calls us home.

N. C. FUQUA, L. A. STEWART, C. J. SIMMONS, Committee.

Brother Fuqua made a fine speech on this report and being called away to preach a funeral he asked the brethren to pray for him that he might do the Lord's will. The report was further discussed by C. B. Massey, W. K. Johnson, A. J. Sloan, J. Y. Freeman, J. W. Parker and adopted.

### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION

Report on State of Religion was read by G. L. Hughes as follows:

The State of Religion is not what it ought to be. Brethren we are forced to believe that the sin of omission is one great cause of this. Brethren let's not be neglectful. Let's be more prayerful and more attentive to our meetings, and give of our means to the spread of the Gospel and do all we can to make our Christian life a brighter light to the world as Matt. 5:16 says: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven,—and many

sons and daughters will be born into the Kingdom of God.  
 G. L. HUGHES, S. H. DILLARD, Y. O. JOHNSON, Committee.  
 After being discussed by G. L. Hughes and adopted.

### REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The report on Obituaries was read by I. N. Sloan as follows:  
 From the letters to the Association we learn that eighteen of our number have been called from labor to reward. We hate to give them up but God knows best, will say that we weep not as those who have no hope. We believing that they are only sleeping and that some day they shall awake to die no more.

I. N. SLOAN, H. R. OVERTON, TOB MARISH, Committee.

After some very touching remarks by I. N. Sloan, R. Y. Hawkins, R. Thompson, W. K. Johnson was adopted.

### REPORT ON DISTRICT MISSIONS

The report on District Missions was read by A. J. Sloan as follows:

Brethren your committee thinks if ever there was a time when this Association needed a Missionary, it is now. There are larger fields open than ever before and we should enter them while open. It will take some money to do this and the brethren of this Association have it, and if they will turn it loose we can have a Missionary. Your committee would recommend that we have a Missionary for half time. We therefore ask that the messengers of this Association put this matter before their churches when they go home and see how much they will give to this work per month, and if there is enough promised to justify, your committee will try to find some good man to take this field.

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

After being discussed by A. J. Sloan was adopted.

### REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

The report on Correspondence was read by Geo. W. Johnson as follows:

We authorize any of our brethren who may be at your meeting to represent us as corresponding messengers. We wish to invite you to meet with us at our next annual meeting, which will meet with Mt. Zion Church one mile south of Holland, Ky., and nine miles east of Scottsville, Ky., on Wednesday, after the third Sunday in September 1925.

Brethren we are glad to have the Association with us and feel that you have done a great work toward helping us on a higher plane of Christianity. We want you to feel welcome at all times to come into our midst and lend us your help that we may

show to the world the truths we so earnestly contend for.  
 GEO. W. JOHNSON, O. D. WHITE, W. K. JOHNSON, Com.  
 Adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE

The report on Finance was read by W. A. Wells as follows:  
 Your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report.

We have collected from the various churches for printing Minutes, \$34.09.  
 W. A. WELLS, E. E. BENTLE, W. C. BROUGHTON, Committee

REPORT OF TREASURER

The Treasurer reported as follows:  
 Money paid into my hands since the setting of this Association for the different causes is as follows:

Foreign Missions -----	\$37.92
Baptist Home -----	16.50
Total -----	\$54.42

RESOLUTIONS

The report on Resolutions was read by C. B. Massey as follows:

Whereas, Wiseman Association has met in its thirty-third session with the Long Creek Church. Being one of the best sessions it ever held and being as well entertained as it ever was or possibly ever will be, Therefore, be it resolved:—

1. That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Long Creek 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 pastors to preach on and advocate church discipline and that we visit, talk to and try to get those who are slack on attendance to go to church.
4. That we ask the churches to remember their mission causes both at home and abroad.
5. That we all remember our Baptist Home in West Tennessee and help support it.
6. That we all thank God for sparing Uncle George Jenkins to attend this session of this body, and that we ask God to spare him yet if it is His will.

7. That we spend a time at the next meeting of this Association telling our Christian experiences.

8. That we ask our people to abstain from the vain fashions of the world.

C. B. MASSEY, J. F. OVERTON, W. J. GRAVES, Committee.  
Adopted.

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New business was called for and on motion of A. J. Sloan the words delegate and delegates in Article 11 of the Constitution was stricken out and the words Messenger and Messengers be inserted instead, and that the last article changed so as to read a majority instead of two-thirds.

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Thus closed one of the best sessions of this body. There was no jars or discords, but all was peaceable. To God be all the glory.

Adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion church one mile south of Holland, Allen county, Ky., Wednesday after the third Sunday in September, 1925.

R. O. SANDERS, Moderator, Adolphus, Ky.

A. J. SLOAN, Clerk, LaFayette, Tenn.

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## ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES OF WISEMAN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS

We, the Missionary Baptists of Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of the churches in order to maintain the general union and communion among ourselves; and being convinced that there can be no communion without union, we think it our duty to set forth in a concise manner the grounds upon which we propose to maintain this union.

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and that they are the only rule of faith.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe in the final preservation of the saints, that they will never finally fall away and be lost, and that good works

are fruits of faith and follow after justification.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, and that they were given to the church by Him; and that true believers are the only proper subjects for baptism, and that baptism is an immersion, and that orderly members of the churches of Christ, only, have a right to the Lord's Supper.

8. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance except such as are regularly baptized and come under the hands of the Presbytery.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

## CONSTITUTION

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

Article II. These Associations shall be composed of members duly chosen by regular and orderly Missionary Baptist churches within our bounds.

Article III. The letters from the churches to the Association shall give the number of members in fellowship, received by experience and baptism, received by letter, restored, excommunicated, and dead since last annual letter.

Article IV. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers.

Article V. These Associations shall elect annually 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 September, 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 is 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 messengers, 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 Messenger or Messengers present.

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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 their lights, but not to vote except on subjects of general union.

Article XIV. Any alteration may be made to this Constitution at any regular meeting, by a majority vote of the members present.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall arise and address the Moderator by the Appellation of 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 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

## Our Sainted Dead

CEDAR BLUFF—Bro. A. L. Cothron, July 7, 1924

FAIRVIEW—Sister Nervie Gammons, Sept. 22, 1923.

MACEDONIA—Sister Omie Oneal, August 1923.  
Sister Leatha Saylor, Jan. 19, 1924.  
Sister Renia Saylor, April 6, 1924.

MEADORVILLE—Bro. Grover Claiborne, Feb. 26, 1924.

NEW HARMONY—Bro. J. W. Norman, Jan. 31, 1924  
W. A. Smith, June 8, 1924  
Hiram Eaden, June 22, 1924.

MT. ZION—Sister Hattie Parrish, May 1924.  
Bro. Clem Pardue, March 12, 1924.  
Bro. James Payne, March 9, 1924.

LONG CREEK—Sister S. M. White, July 5, 1924.

PLEASANT GROVE—Bro. John F. Creasey, Jan. 25, 1924

ROCK BRIDGE—Sister Jane Brown, Date not given.

SILOAM—Sister Julia Harrison, March 8, 1924.

SPRING CREEK—Bro. F. C. Jones, Dec. 4, 1923.  
Bro. E. W. Harper, August 15, 1923.

*The sweet remembrances of the just  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.*



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

WISEMAN ASSOCIATION

Churches and When Constituted	PASTORS and POSTOFFICES		CLERKS and POSTOFFICES
Cedar Bluff -----	1887	N. C. Fupua, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	Homer White, La Fayette, Tenn.
Fairview -----		R. O. Sanders, Adolphis, Ky. -----	J. D. Cook, Hartsville, Tenn.
Friendship -----		R. O. Sanders, Adolphis, Ky. -----	Annie Glover, La Fayette, Tenn.
Good Will -----	1891	N. C. Fuqua, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	Gilbert Taylor, Hartsville, Tenn.
Lafayette -----	1849	J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn. -----	E. W. Meador, La Fayette, Tenn.
Long Creek -----	1853	C. B. Massey, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. -----	G. W. Jenkins, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Macedonia -----		N. C. Fuqua, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	R. K. Meador, Adolphis, Ky.
Mayesville -----		Haskel Eaton, Scottsville, Ky. -----	Henry Taylor, Scottsville, Ky.
Meadorville -----	1869	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky. -----	Jessie Ford, La Fayette, Tenn.
Mt. Zion -----	1888	A. J. Sloan, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	W. C. Broughton, Holland, Ky.
New Harmony -----	1848	A. J. Sloan, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	E. F. Fuqua, Hartsville, Tenn.
New Zion -----		A. J. Sloan, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	Carlie White, La Fayette, Tenn.
Old Hopewell -----		Calvin Gregory, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. -----	W. O. Wouford, Castalian Springs, Tenn.
Pleasant Grove -----	1881	A. J. Sloan, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	Chas. J. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Pleasant Hill -----		A. J. Sloan, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	W. A. Wells, Bethpage, Tenn.
Rock Bridge -----	1883	R. O. Sanders, Adolphis, Ky. -----	Ida O. Sherron, Bethpage, Tenn.
Rocky Mound -----	1878	N. C. Fuqua, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	E. P. Meador, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Siloam -----	1842	R. O. Sanders, Adolphis, Ky. -----	T. C. Harrison, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Spring Creek -----	1849	W. W. Boman, La Fayette, Tenn. -----	Burton Bandy, La Fayette, Tenn.
Sulphur Fork -----		No report	
Union Hill -----		Calvin Gregory, Pleasant Shade, Tenn. -----	W. J. Meador, Gallatin, Tenn.

## MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

Elder C. N. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.  
Elder R. Y. Hawkins, Westmoreland, Tenn.  
Elder B. T. Matthews, Hartsville, Tenn.  
Elder I. N. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn.  
Elder J. A. Carter, Adolphis, Ky.  
Elder L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.  
Elder Haskel Eaton, Scottsville, Ky.  
Elder William Mahaney, Holland, Ky.  
Elder R. O. Sanders, Adolphis, Ky.  
Elder G. L. Hughes, La Fayette, Tenn.  
Elder W. J. Summar, Westmoreland, Tenn.  
Elder N. C. Fuqua, La Fayette, Tenn.  
Elder William Norman, La Fayette, Tenn.  
Elder P. S. Dyer, La Fayette, Tenn.  
Elder A. J. Sloan, La Fayette, Tenn.

# FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLE

WISEMAN ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Building & Repair	Pastor's Salary	Missions	Baptist Home	Printing Fund	Help in Meetings	Given to Poor	Total Contributions	Value Church Property	Membership				
										By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Death
Cedar Bluff	\$30 00	\$154 00	\$ 7 30		\$3 00			\$194 30	\$1500 6			5	1	1102
Fairview		74 05	16 29	5 00	3 10	20 95		129 39	500 11	2			1	70
Friendship		84 36	9 11		1 50	15 50		107 67	1000 7	1				43
Good Will		120 00	5 00		1 80	10 00		136 80	1500			5		135
LaFayette		300 00						300 00	2000					
Long Creek		208 31	94 45	6 00	3 00	16 50	25 00	457 71	1000 5	6	1	2	1	90
Mayesville					1 50			1 50						25
Macedonia		73 00	20 00		1 56			94 56	500 2		1	2	3	25
Meadorville	18 80	300 00	55 31		2 00	3 00		432 52	1000 15			2	1	279
Mt. Zion	6 09	300 00	69 09	10 00	1 50	35 00		421 59	1000 2	1		9	3	1205
New Harmony		138 50	74 00		3 00	38 00		261 00	1500			4	3	1208
New Zion	10 00	100 00	11 00		2 00	40 00		173 00	1500	2		5		1186
Pleasant Grove		100 00	13 00	7 00		5		117 65	1000 9				1	68
Pleasant Hill		220 00	5 70		3 25	40 50		268 95	600 6	6				3105
Old Hopewell	28 60	223 60	16 71		2 50	37 55	33 77	355 72	1000 14	6				81
Rock Bridge		100 00			1 00	10 00		111 00	600 4	2	1	2	1	82
Rocky Mound		83 50	15 93	4 50	2 00	12 75		118 76	600 4					111
Silom		82 80	40 00		2 25		6 80	120 85	1000 9	2	1	3	1	2148
Spring Creek		41 80	3 00		1 25			43 05	700 5				2	70
Sulphur Fork														
Union Hill		85 00	20 90		1 53	12 60	16 25	136 28		1	1	5		51

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