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**WISEMAN BAPTIST
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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

OLD HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 22-24, 1926

NEAR CASTALIAN SPRINGS

The next session will be held with Union Baptist Church, three miles north of Fountain Run, Ky. Beginning Wednesday after the third Sunday in September, 1927, at 10 a. m.

OFFICERS

ELD. L. A. STEWART, Moderator, Holland, Ky.

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

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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FIRST DAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1926, 10 A. M.

1, The Thirty-Fifth Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association met in its thirty-fifth annual session in the meeting house of the Old Hopewell Baptist Church, near Castalian Springs, Tennessee, September 22nd, 1926, at 10 a. m.

2. The session was opened by singing "While the Years Role On", and prayer by Elder J. A. Linville, followed by song, "Amazing Grace", after which Elder R. O. Sanders read the twelfth chapter of Romans and after some remarks Elder C. B. Massey led the Association in prayer, followed by song, "I'll Live On", after which Elder L. A. Stewart, the appointee to preach the annual sermon, came to the stand and after some remarks read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and after some comment on same chose for a text 1 Sam. 12:23, and preached the annual sermon. The sermon was delivered in great power and was endorsed with a great handshaking.

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

The following churches responded by letter and messengers:

Cedar Bluff—D. B. Corthron, W. J. Deering.

Fairview—J. D. Cook, R. Thompson, Oscar Shrum.

Friendship—Elder L. J. Russell, J. A. Russell.

Goodwill—Elder J. A. Linville, Albert Porter.

LaFayette—Not represented.

Long Creek—O. D. White, Y. O. Johnson, W. O. Johnson.

Macedonia—Elder R. O. Sanders, Elder J. A. Carter, W. M. Oneal.

Maple Grove—H. B. Dossey, G. C. Dossey, J. M. Dossey.

Maysville—Elder A. W. Keen, G. H. Taylor, J. W. Keen.

Meadorville—James Eller, B. N. Glover.

Mt. Zion—Elder L. A. Stewart, R. W. Tracy, E. D. Poe.

New Harmony—Elders A. J. Sloan, N. C. Fuqua.

New Zion—Elder G. L. Hughes.

Old Hopewell—Lewis Mince, R. W. Fullar, P. W. Carman.

Pleasant Grove—Walter Dorris.

Pleasant Hill—A. H. Hodges, J. R. Buck, J. H. Kirkham.

Red Hill—Letter, no messenger.

Rock Bridge—Berford Crowder, H. B. Sloan, Edgar Brown.

Rocky Mound—L. D. McGuffee, Willie Harris.
 Siloam—S. G. Akin, Floyd Lambert, T. C. Harrison.
 Spring Creek—Not represented.
 Sulphur Fork—Not represented.
 Union Hill—E. S. Hoffman, W. J. Meador.
 Union—O. D. Morrison.

Permanent organization was effected by election of the following officers: Elder L. A. Stewart, Moderator; R. O. Sanders, Assistant Moderator; Elder A. J. Sloan, Clerk; T. C. Harrison, Assistant Clerk; J. D. Cook, Treasurer.

The usual speeches of thanks were given by the officers elected, after which the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by Calvin Gregory.

FIRST DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing "Saviour, More Than Life to Me", and prayer by Elder Paul Wilburn.

Petitionary letters were called for and the following churches responded: Bratton Town—Ervin Edens. Haysville—W. M. McDonald, A. W. Wheelley, J. A. Wheelley, and on motion were received into our union, and the hand of fellowship given by the moderator.

Visiting brethren from other Associations were invited to seats with us as follows: From Enon, Elders Calvin Gregory, C. B. Massey, H. C. Oldham, Paul Wilburn and Brethren J. M. Cook, J. W. Parkman, W. W. Oldham, S. N. Oldham, W. M. Gregory, Johnson Gregory. From Bledsoe, Nat Thompson, J. W. Fleming. From Allen, T. A. Shokley.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

The report on nominations was read by the clerk as follows:
 Religious Literature—C. B. Massey, J. A. Linville, T. C. Harrison.
 Foreign Missions—Calvin Gregory, G. C. Dossey, Paul Wilburn.
 Home Missions—H. C. Oldham, J. M. Dossey, R. Thompson.
 Inter-State Missions—C. B. Massey, H. B. Dossey, O. D. Morrison.
 District Missions—A. J. Sloan, J. A. Linville, J. D. Cook.
 Baptist Home—N. C. Fuqua, H. B. Sloan, Willie Harris.
 Ministerial Education—Paul Wilburn, Walter Dorris, Ervin Edens.
 State of Religion—R. O. Sanders, R. W. Tracy, E. D. Poe.
 Fundamental Doctrines—G. L. Hughes, W. M. McDonald, Y. O. Johnson.

Prayer Meetings—J. A. Carter, W. K. Johnson, Albert Porter.

Prohibition—H. J. Russell, John Mungel, W. O. Johnson.

Pastors' Support—J. M. Cook, J. D. Cook, H. S. Linville.

Finance—T. C. Harrison, L. D. McGuffee, J. H. Downing.

Correspondence—Lewis Mince, E. D. Stinson, L. C. Brown.

Obituaries—Calvin Gregory, J. A. Linville, J. W. Fleming.

Resolutions—W. M. McDonald, J. A. Wheelley, S. G. Akin.

Order of Business—N. C. Fuqua, G. L. Hughes, J. A. Linville.

Which was adopted.

The place of meeting next year was then taken up and by a

unanimous vote Union Church, three miles north of Fountain Run, Kentucky, was selected as the place of meeting, and R. O. Sanders was selected to preach the annual sermon and N. C. Fuqua alternate.

Elder Calvin Gregory was selected to preach the doctrinal sermon at this session on the morrow at 11 o'clock.

Report on order of business was read by N. C. Fuqua, as follows:

REPORT ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee, would recommend the following order of business:

1. Religious Literature.
2. Ministerial Education.
3. Fundamental Doctrines.
4. Foreign Missions.
5. Home Missions.
6. Inter-State Missions.
7. District Missions.
8. Baptist Home.
9. Pastors' Support.
10. Prayer Meetings.
11. Obituaries.
12. Prohibition.
13. Finance.
14. Treasurer Report.
15. Resolutions.
16. Correspondence.
17. New Business.

After some remarks by N. C. Fuqua, adopted.

N. C. Fuqua, J. A. Linville, G. L. Hughes, Committee.

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

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

It is a well known fact that but few of our Baptist people are reading as much Baptist literature as they should. This no doubt is the cause of so many of our young people being indifferent and unconcerned about the work of the Lord. We therefore recommend that there be a greater effort made to get our people to read the Baptist and Commoner and our Mission Journal, the Forerunner, and other sound Baptist papers in connection with the Bible. Especially do we recommend for every Baptist a careful reading of Baptist Histories and all other sound Baptist books.

Elder C. B. Massey, Elder J. A. Linville, T. C. Harrison,
Committee.

After being discussed by C. B. Massey, T. C. Harrison, I. N. Knight, G. C. Dossey, J. M. Cook, W. K. Johnson, Paul Wilburn, H. C. Oldham, B. N. Glover, Calvin Gregory, W. M. McDonald and others, was adopted.

Upon motion, the body adjourned till 8:30 Thursday morning.
Prayer by Elder H. C. Oldham.

SECOND DAY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.

MORNING SESSION

The Association came together at 8:30 a. m. After singing "I am Bound for the Promised Land", prayer was offered by J. W. Parkham. After role call and reading of the minutes of preceeding day and rules of decorum, the body proceeded to business.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Elder Paul Wilburn as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We, your committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to submit the following report: First, by Minister we mean a man that has a call from God to preach. By Education we mean to know the use of language which is a positive command of the Bible. Paul told Timothy to study to show himself approved of God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed. We don't say a man must have a college education before he can preach the gospel. But in this fast age of the world in order to defend the gospel it is necessary that God's Ministers have an education. The Devil has some of the best educated men in the word working for him. It therefore behooves us as a denomination and as ministers of Christ to get all the education we can so that we can meet the devil's ministers in discussion and show to the world that they are ministers of the devil. It is also necessary that we be educated in order to get a hearing in the large cities. We, therefore, recommend that we get the very best education possible.

Elder Paul Wilburn, Walter Dorris, Ervin Eden, Committee.

After being ably discussed by Paul Wilburn, L. J. Russell, R. O. Sanders, G. C. Dossey, J. W. Parkman, A. J. Sloan, Calvin Gregory, C. B. Massey, J. M. Cooke, and others, adopted.

At this point the following visiting brethren were recognized and invited to seats with us: W. D. Hudgins from Duck River Association, P. F. Burnley, J. W. Lewis and R. O. Harris from Bledsoe Association.

The report on Fundamental Dictrines was read by G. L. Hughes as follows:

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

The committee on Fundamental Doctrines have in the past given emphasis to the vital doctrines of conviction for sin, repentance and faith in Christ as a means for salvation.

We, your committee, would now urge attention to the sequence of all this. Christianity is a life involving creative, pro-creative and resurrection power and not a mere cult.

The second fundamental to which we call attention is the local church, under Christ as its head. His building, His body, His family, His bride. The only ordained means for the evangelization of the world. If the church and ministry turn aside from leading the lost to Christ they will have missed their legitimate work in the world.

Elder G. L. Hughes, W. M. McDonald, Y. O. Johnson, Committee.
 After being discussed by G. L. Hughes, C. B. Massey, W. D. Hudgins, adopted.

The hour having arrived for the doctrinal sermon the choir sang, "Glory to His Name", and Elder Calvin Gregory preached a great sermon on the inspiration of the scriptures, taking as his text 2 Tim. 3:16. At the close of this sermon the large congregation present pressed forward amidst shouts of joy, to give the preacher their hand in token of their endorsement of the sermon. Adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by J. A. Linville.

SECOND DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing and prayer by John Mungel.

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

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

This is in some respects the most important question concerning our people today. Yet it is receiving but little notice from the vast body of our people. We are sorry to have to report that probably less than five per cent of our people show by their works that they really believe in Foreign Missions.

Our Saviour intended that his church should carry the Gospel to every nation. Eph. 3:10,11 says, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to His eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus, our Lord." This shows beyond the shadow of a doubt that God intended this His church should make known His wisdom to the world. Our Lord commanded His church to go to all nations with the message of salvation. People must hear before they can believe and they must believe before they can be saved. Rom. 10:14. If they hear, someone must carry the message of life and salvation and the carrying of this message has been made the burden of the work of the churches of Christ by our Lord himself. He has said if we love Him, we will keep His commandments, and he who refuses to contribute of his means to help spread the cause of truth is certainly violating the teachings of God's word.

Missions really means nothing more or less than the spread of the Lord's cause among those who know Him not. We are too prone to think of missions in terms of dollars and cents extracted from an unwilling people by means of high-pressure methods. Missions in the real sense of its meaning is but the work of the church in telling the world about the Christ who died to save the lost. Money has its place in missions but a heart filled with love of Christ and of lost souls is the most needful thing to help us in equipping ourselves for the battle of the Christian's life from the standpoint of what he owes to his lost fellowman. Let us, therefore, cease to think of missions as the mere giving of money, but let us consider from the very depths of our souls just what God wants us to do. Our Saviour went on a mission of salvation to a foreign world; that is, to earth. Jonah went to a heathen people

with the warning message of God. The Apostles went first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, thence were commanded to go to all the world. Paul, the greatest servant God ever had, was his greatest foreign missionary.

There are two sad features of our work at present from a standpoint of missions. One of these is that our people are not being taught as they should be in many instances. The other is even more pathetic; that is, the awful fact that the vast majority of our people refuse to be taught their duty to help in the cause of missions. This is the saddest part of it all. Our people seem to have no desire to learn of their duty and when the pathway of duty in missions is made as clear as the midday sun, many of our people still refuse to do the Master's bidding.

Had it not been for foreign missionaries who made their way to the wilds of America hundreds of years ago and labored faithfully and well, we would no doubt today be in heathenism. Brethren, millions of lost men and women are dying today without God and without hope. God has asked you to send them the warning message and you have refused and the dying blood of these poor perishing ones will be required from the hands of those who could have pointed them to Calvary and who refused to do their part. Let us view this lost world, let us view Calvary where Jesus died, let us review our own experience of grace and see if we did not promise God that we would do anything for Him that He might ask of us. Have you kept faith with God? Have you reached the helping hand of Christianity across the seas and helped to lift your fallen brother from the mire of sin and damnation? Have you a clear conscience before God? Could you stand before Him today and say that you have done your part? Jesus gave all he had for you. How much have you given him? God gave the best for you. How much have you given to God?

We would like to suggest that all our pastors go back to their churches, preach sermon after sermon upon the subject of foreign missions, drill these things into their hearts and minds until they will be as strong for missions as our brethren are now for the doctrines of the final preservation of the saints, the perpetuity of the church, salvation by grace, and the final rest for the saints of God.

The Baptists of this Association gave practically nothing last year to foreign missions. It was not because of poverty, for our brethren and sisters have spent thousands of dollars for pleasure. It was not because of a lack of opportunity, for there is a crying need for help from China, Portugal, Brazil and many other places over the world. We all ought to bow our heads in shame and ask God's forgiveness for our failure to do our duty in the spread of the Gospel and on bended knees we all ought to make a solemn vow to God that in the future we will do our part to reach the perishing hosts of earth, the blinded ones of heathenism, the poor lost ones for whom Christ died, the creation of the same God who made of one blood all nations of men.

Elder Calvin Gregory, Elder Paul Wilburn, G. C. Dossey,
Committee.

After being ably discussed by Calvin Gregory, C. B. Massey,
J. W. Parkman, W. D. Hudgins, and others, adopted.

The report on Home Missions was read by H. C. Oldham as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We have in this part of the country two home missionaries, Elder C. B. Massey, and Elder Calvin Gregory. Brother Gregory is supplying at Macedonia, Smith county, and some other points. Brother Massey has a good work at Bowling Green, Kentucky. We ask that our people help in this great work.

Elder H. C. Oldham, J. M. Dossey, R. Thompson, Committee.

After being discussed by H. C. Oldham, J. W. Parkham, J. M. Cook, A. J. Sloan, Lewis Mince, C. B. Massey, and others, was adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was dispensed with and W. D. Hudgins addressed the body on Sunday schools for twenty minutes. At the close of this address C. B. Massey made some remarks and the Association adjourned to meet on the morrow at 8:30 a. m. Prayer by Elder H. C. Oldham.

THIRD DAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.

MORNING SESSION

The Association came together at 8:30 a. m. After singing, "I am Longing for Home", and prayer by R. O. Sanders, and reading and adopting the minutes of the preceeding day, the body proceeded to business.

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

REPORT ON DISTRICT MISSIONS.

We, your committee, would recommend that the moderator appoint someone to visit the churches of this association to enlighten them on district missions, and find out what they will give quarterly for district missions, and that when he, the one appointed, has made the canvass that he report the results to J. D. Cook, the chairman of the Finance Committee, and if enough is promised to pay some good man for work, that one be selected and put in the field.

After being discussed by A. J. Sloan, W. M. Oneal, R. O. Sanders, was adopted.

Elder N. C. Fuqua appointed to visit the churches and see what they would give quarterly for this worthy cause.

The report on Inter-State Missions was read by C. B. Massey as follows:

REPORT ON INTER-STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee, have great joy in presenting the principles and work of the A. B. A. to the independent Baptist churches of Kentucky and Tennessee. There are thousands of such churches in the United States who have never been chained by conventionism and yet desirous of some channel thru which they might co-operate

in their Home and Foreign Mission work. There are now, nearly one million Baptists, three thousand churches, fifteen hundred preachers, and eight state associations co-operating through the A. B. A. There are fifteen Inter-State Missionaries in the United States doing evangelistic and missionary work every day and sixty-five Foreign Missionaries in Portugal, Syria and Brazil, and the Association cordially invites every independent Baptist church in America to co-operate with it for any missionary work already fostered by them. All money sent through the A. B. A. to any foreign field by any individual, church or association, will be sent to the one it is designated to.

We have an Inter-State Missionary working in Kentucky and Tennessee. Elder R. W. Bailey, Paducah, Kentucky, a fine speaker and a good preacher. He will be glad to visit any church in either state and interest them for the more noble and efficient service.

We recommend that our people ask him to visit their churches and that we all strive more and more to establish a more far reaching spirit among us.

C. B. Massey, H. B. Dossey, O. D. Morrison, Committee.
Discussed by C. B. Massey, and adopted.

Report on Baptist Home was read by N. C. Fuqua, as follows:
REPORT ON BAPTIST HOME.

We have bought a home near Camden, Tennessee. Our last note on this home will be due December the first, 1926. We recommend that the pastors speak to their churches about this home and get funds to finish paying for it. The home will be opened about January the first for old ministers and orphan children.

N. C. Fuqua, H. B. Dossey, Willie Harris, Committee.

Discussed by N. C. Fuqua, J. D. Cook, A. J. Sloan, M. M. Gammans. On motion it was ordered that a collection be taken at 11 o'clock for the home, and the report was adopted.

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

REPORT ON PASTOR'S SUPPORT

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Many of our pastors are being neglected and possibly all of them by many of their churches. There are but few churches but what could support a pastor for half or full time if they would do as the Bible teaches, and that is to lay by in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered you. Deacons and laymen, don't think that your pastor can preach a great sermon and back it up by the Bible without having time to study and keep himself posted. The Lord calls men to preach but they must learn what is in the Bible. The churches should see that their pastor and his family get something to eat and to wear so that when they go out in company they won't be embarrassed, and don't forget to pray for them, that they may tell the lost world about Jesus.

J. M. Cook, J. D. Cook, H. S. Linville, Committee.

Discussed by C. B. Massey, W. K. Johnson, Calvin Gregory, Paul Wilburn, J. W. Parkman, H. C. Oldham, R. O. Sanders, M. M.

Gammons, N. C. Fuqua, J. W. Parker, H. S. Linville, Y. O. Johnson, W. M. McDonald, E. D. Stinson, and adopted.

Elder A. J. Sloan offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, there needs to be a stronger fellowship among our preachers and whereas this may be had by our pastors having a pastors' conference in which they may discuss their work.

Therefore be it resolved: That we ask our pastors to meet on the second night of our next Association and organize a pastors' conference and that we ask each church to appoint one deacon to attend this meeting.

And that the moderator and clerk of next Association get out program for this meeting.

A. J. Sloan.

After some discussion, was adopted.

The report on Prayer Meetings was read by Elder J. A. Carter as follows:

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS

We, your committee on Prayer Meetings, make the following report:

The secret of our power in the church, in our homes and in the community will largely depend on our devotions to God. The men of power in kingdom building were men of prayer.

We need more spirituality and less formality. Therefore we recommend that the messengers from the various churches urge and insist that their churches maintain a regular prayer meeting through the year.

After being discussed by J. A. Carter, N. C. Fuqua, J. W. Parker, G. L. Hughes, and others, was adopted.

The report on Obituaries was read by Calvin Gregory as follows:

OBITUARIES

We learn from the letters from the churches that eighteen of our dear brethren and sisters in the Lord have bidden this evil world goodbye and gone on to be with God during the past twelve months. Truly man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. By the passing of these good people, we are reminded of the fact that we have no sure abiding place in this world and that we must soon fall before the grim reaper of death.

God is calling our dearest ones away, leaving us with broken hearts, blighted prospects, tear-filled eyes and great emptiness of life. Earth is becoming poorer, homes are broken up, strong ties are severed in a moment, new made graves dot our land, and lonely men and women are left to mourn the awful loss of the brightest jewels that have ever decked these earthly homes.

But the picture is not all dark, for there is a bright side. Our eighteen brethren and sisters have gone on to be with God in a better land, where life's sorrows, burdens, trials, disappointments,

sufferings and troubles shall come no more. They are waiting for us over the way and day by day we draw nearer to that wonderful re-union that awaits the children of God. Let us who still live, strive to follow all their noble deeds, to emulate them in every worthy word and work and be submissive to the will of God. Through a few more fleeting years, we must walk the thorny pathway of life and then will come our release from the world's sad bereavements and woes. Then we shall see once more our loved and lost in a land of fadeless beauty, of unending joy, of lasting happiness and perfect peace in the presence of God, whose kind hand will at last wipe away all tears and we shall be happy forever.

Calvin Gregory, Committee.

After some very touching remarks by Calvin Gregory, was adopted.

At this point a collection was taken for the Baptist Home, amounting to \$41.15.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by A. W. Keen.

THIRD DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing, and prayer by G. L. Hughes.

Report on state of Religion was read by Elder R. O. Sanders as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION

Your committee on State of Religion in Wiseman Association report as follows:

From what we are able to gather from the letters there seems to be an average state of spirituality and earnestness in most of our churches, but while this is true, we deplore the fact that it is not what it should be.

We recommend that earnest effort be made upon the part of the brethren to reach a state of deeper spirituality.

R. O. Sanders, R. W. Tracy, E. D. Poe, Committee.

After being discussed by R. O. Sanders, W. K. Johnson, H. C. Oldham, G. L. Mince, C. B. Massey, L. A. Stewart, and others, adopted.

The report on prohibition was read by L. J. Russell as follows:

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

Prohibition is a question of vital importance. Baptists have always taken a bold stand against the evils of strong drink. They are working hard and praying earnestly for the cause of prohibition. Strong drink is the source of the stream that fills the jails and penitentiaries, and Solomon said, "Wine is a mocker and who-soever is deceived thereby is not wise".

L. J. Russell, John Mungel, W. O. Johnson, Committee.

Discussed by L. J. Russell, and adopted.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

We are glad to have so many of our brethren from other Associations to meet with us, and extend a hand of welcome to all in aiding us in the work of the Master.

Lewis Mince, E. D. Stinson, L. C. Brown, Committee.
After some remarks by C. B. Massey and A. J. Sloan the report was adopted.

T. C. Harrison read the report on finance as follows:

FINANCE

We have collected \$46.20 for printing minutes.

T. C. Harrison, L. D. McGuffee, J. H. Downing, Committee.
After some discussion a collection was taken for this cause amounting to \$2.85, after which the report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following sum for the various causes has been paid into my hands during the sitting of this Association:

Foreign Missions	\$14.70
Home Missions	15.85
District Missions	1.65
Baptist Home	68.93
Free-will offering for Baptist Home	40.16
Total	\$141.29

J. D. Cook, Treasurer.

Report on resolutions was read by W. M. McDonald as follows:
Where as Wiseman Baptist Association having met in a good session with Old Hopewell Church, near Castalian Springs, Tennessee. Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we extend to Old Hopewell church and community our thanks for their hospitality shown us while in their homes and for the bountiful dinner spread each day.
2. That we extend our thanks to the moderator and clerk for their efficient service.

W. M. McDonald, S. G. Akin, Committee.
After some discussion, adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

New business was called for and on motion of Y. O. Johnson W. K. Johnson, O. D. White and Elder A. J. Sloan were appointed by the Moderator to visit LaFayette, Spring Creek and Sulphur Fork Churches and investigate the cause of them not being represented in the Association and report to the next Association.

Thus closed one of the best sessions of this body. There were

no jars or discords, but all was peaceable. To God be all the glory.
Adjourned to meet with Union Church, three miles north of
Fountain Run, Kentucky, Wednesday after the third Sunday in
September, 1927.

Elder L. A. Stewart, Moderator, Holland, Kentucky.
Elder A. J. Sloan, Clerk, LaFayette, Tennessee.
Deacon J. D. Cook, Treasurer, Hartsville, Tennessee.

STANDING COMMITTEE

J. D. Cook, Hartsville, Tennessee.
J. A. Linville, Hartsville, Tennessee.
A. J. Sloan, LaFayette, Tennessee.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

Elder C. N. Simmons	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder R. Y. Hawkins	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder B. T. Matthews	Hartsville, Tennessee
Elder I. N. Sloan	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder J. A. Carter	Adolphus, Kentucky
Elder L. A. Stewart	Holland, Kentucky
Elder Haskel Eaton	Scottsville, Kentucky
Elder William Mahaney	Holland, Kentucky
Elder R. O. Sanders	Adolphus, Kentucky
Elder G. L. Hughes	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder W. J. Summar	Gallatin, Tennessee
Elder N. C. Fuqua	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder W. M. Norman	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder George Gregory	Bethpage, Tennessee
Elder P. S. Dyer	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder L. J. Russell	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder J. A. Linville	Hartsville, Tennessee
Elder A. W. Keen	Scottsville, Kentucky
Elder I. N. Knight	Fountain Head, Tennessee
Elder J. F. Overton	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder A. Cook	Scottsville, Kentucky
Elder J. Y. Freeman, M. D.	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder G. R. Grissom	Bethpage, Tennessee

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 ex-
perience and baptism, received by letter, restored, excommunicat-
ed, and dead since last annual letter.

Article IV. Each church shall be entitled to threemessengers.

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 power 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 sittings.

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 messenger, 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.

Article XII. The Association may exclude from union any church or churches that are heterodox in principles or disorderly in practice.

Article XIII. No proceedings shall be had against any church except upon charges preferred by a sister church, which shall first have followed the direction of Matthew 18:15, in attempting to bring it to repentance.

Article XIV. 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 XV. 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 option or the intimation of any other member.

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.

This page is dedicated to the memory of our
 comrades who have answered the last roll
 call since September, 1925

BRATTON TOWN..... Mrs. Lula Fuqua
 FAIRVIEW..... Mrs. Flora Thurman
 LONG CREEK..... Deacon G. W. Jenkins
 William O. Ragland
 MACEDONIA..... Paul Cox
 MEADERVILLE..... O. M. Ragland
 Willie Goodman, Mrs. Lydia Ann Eden
 PLEASANT HILL..... Mrs. Fannie Brizendine
 Mrs. Eliza Kirkham
 ROCK BRIDGE..... Mrs. Frankie Hawkins
 Mrs. Sallie Freeland
 SILOAM..... Mrs. Hannah Wix
 Willie Shrum, Sister Mattie Creacy
 UNION HILL..... Two deaths, names not given
 UNION..... Mr. W. A. Simmons

STATISTICAL TABLE

GAINS

LOSSES

CHURCHES	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Membership
	By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Death	By Erasure	By Exclusion	
Bratton Town	26	31				1			56
Cedar Bluff	3							1	108
Fairview									76
Friendship					1				42
GoodWill	2	2			3				145
Haysville	6	10	1						42
LaFayette									150
Long Creek	2				6	2		4	129
Macedonia	3				2	1			94
Maple Grove					1			2	58
Maysville	1								24
Meadorville	5					3		2	294
Mt. Zion	5	1			12				222
New Harmony	1	1			2			1	198
New Zion	4				3			2	193
Old Hopewell	14				4				108
Pleasant Grove	2								63
Pleasant Hill	6	2				2			119
Red Hill	12	9	2		1				63
Rock Bridge	2				1	2		1	81
Rocky Mound	4	2			2				106
Siloam	4	2				3			168
Spring Creek									76
Sulphur Fork	no report for three years								
Union Hill						2			73
Union	6				1	1		1	258
Totals	108	60	3	0	39	17	0	14	2700

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Missions	Baptist Home	Help In Meetings	Poor	Printing Fund	Total Contributions	Value Of Church Property
Bratton Town	50.00			10.00		3.00	63.00	100.00
Cedar Bluff	84.68	12.00		25.50		2.60	124.78	1500.00
Fairview	150.00		15.28	32.00	13.00	2.50	213.03	500.00
Friendship	66.00			7.00		1.50	74.50	1200.00
Good Will	93.65	8.20				2.08	103.93	1500.00
Haysville	150.00			25.00		2.00	177.00	2000.00
LaFayette								2000.00
Long Creek	198.62	101.45	11.90	31.25	9.25	3.10	326.10	1000.00
Macedonia	40.40	2.65				.75	43.05	500.00
Maple Grove	90.00	55.00		23.85		1.50	170.85	800.00
Mayesville	27.00					2.00	29.00	
Meadorville	196.50	11.20		35.87	28.25	2.00	273.82	1000.00
Mt. Zion	300.00	17.20	6.50	37.50		1.75	362.95	1000.00
New Harmony	250.00			30.00		2.30	282.30	1500.00
New Zion	60.00			30.00	25.00	1.30	115.00	600.00
Old Hopewell	100.00	7.50		62.00		3.45	172.95	1000.00
Pleasant Grove	100.00					1.75	101.75	1000.00
Pleasant Hill	300.00			54.15		3.00	357.15	600.00
Red Hill	60.00			8.20		1.00	69.25	1000.00
Rock Bridge	104.55	5.50				2.56	112.61	600.00
Rocky Mound			2.90	12.00		2.00	16.90	600.00
Siloam	150.00			30.00	43.00	3.00	231.85	600.00
Spring Creek								600.00
Sulphur Fork								600.00
Union Hill	50.00	1.45					51.45	500.00
Union	224.16	7.40		28.00		1.20	262.05	1000.00

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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CHURCHES And When Constituted	PASTORS And Postoffices	CLERKS And Postoffices
Bratton Town 1925	W. M. Norman, LaFayette, Tenn...	L. B. Hughes, LaFayette, Tenn....
Cedar Bluff 1887	J. F. Overton, Westmoreland, Tenn.	Homer White, LaFayette, Tenn....
Fairview 1875	R. O. Sanders, Adolphus, Ky,.....	Oscar Shrum, Hartsville, Tenn.....
Friendship 1919	R. O. Sanders, Adolphus, Ky.	Annie Glover, LaFayette, Tenn.....
Good Will..... 1899	N. C. Fuqua, LaFayette, Tenn.....	G. G. Taylor, Hartsville, Tenn.
Haysville..... 1925	R. O. Sanders, Adolphus, Ky.	Buel A. Lawrence, LaFayette, Tenn.
LaFayette..... 1849	W. H. Smith, LaFayette, Tenn.....
Long Creek..... 1853	C.B. Massey, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	W. O. Johnson, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Macedonia.....	N. C. Fuqua, LaFayette, Tenn.....	R. K. Meador, Adolphus, Ky.....
Maple Grove..... 1904	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.....	J. M. Dossey, Fountain Run, Ky...
Mayesville..... 1922	J. A. Carter, Adolphus, Ky.	L. M. Petty, Scottsville, Ky.
Meadorville..... 1869	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.....	B. N. Glover, LaFayette, Tenn.
Mt. Zion 1888	A. J. Sloan, LaFayette, Tenn.....	W. C. Broughton, Holland, Ky.....
New Harmony..... 1848	A. J. Sloan, LaFayette, Tenn.....	E. F. Fuqua, Hartsville, Tenn.
New Zion..... 1910	H. C. Oldham, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	S. F. Jones, LaFayette, Tenn.....
Old Hopewell..... 1921	Calvin Gregory, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	J. H. Manning, Castalian Sps., Tenn.
Pleasant Grove..... 1881	I. N. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn. ...	C. J. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Pleasant Hill..... 1876	A. J. Sloan, LaFayette, Tenn.	W. A. Wells, Bethpage, Tenn.....
Red Hill 1925	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.....	Birt Lee, Holland, Ky.....
Rock Bridge..... 1883	W. W. Bowman, LaFayette, Tenn....	I. O. Sherron, Bethpage, Tenn.....
Rockey Mound..... 1878	N. C. Fuqua, LaFayette, Tenn.....	E. P. Meador, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Siloam 1842	R. O. Sanders, Adolphus, Ky.	E. E. Bentley, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Spring Creek..... 1849	Vester Gent, Holland, Ky.....	J. W. Tuck, LaFayette, Tenn.....
Sulphur Fork.....	A. G. Stinson, Adolphus, Ky.
Union Hill..... 1919	A. J. Sloan, LaFayette, Tenn.....	E. S. Hoffman, Gallatin, Tenn.....
Union..... 1858	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.....	H. C. Simmons, Fountain Run, Ky.

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