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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
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FIRST DAY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1927, 10 A. M.

The Wiseman Baptist Association met in its Thirty-Sixth Annual Session in the meeting house of Union Baptist Church, near Fountain Run, Kentucky, September 21st, 1927, at 10 a. m.

The session was opened by singing "I Will Sing of My Redeemer," and prayer by Elder A. W. Keen, followed by song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm," after which Elder L. A. Stewart, the moderator, read the 17th chapter of John, and Elder I. N. Sloan led the body in prayer, followed by song, "I Want to Love Him More," prayer by J. E. McDonald.

The hour having arrived for the annual sermon, and Elder R. O. Sanders, the appointee to preach the sermon, being absent, Elder A. W. Keen, an old minister 89 years old, was selected to preach the sermon. After singing "Amazing Grace," Brother Keen came to the stand and after some remarks chose for a text Heb. 1: 2-3, and preached a great sermon, to the delight of all present. At the close the congregation pressed forward to give the preacher their hand in token of their endorsement of the sermon.

Immediately after the sermon the moderator appointed Elders J. E. McDonald and Calvin Gregory as reading clerks.

The following churches responded by letter and messengers:

Bratton Town—R. G. Fuqua, L. L. Gregory.

Cedar Bluff—Joe Dearing, Homer White.

Fairview—J. D. Cook, Western Ford.

Friendship—Elder L. J. Russell, M. M. Holland.

Good Will—Elder J. A. Linville.

Haysville—Elder W. M. McDonald, T. L. Hughes, Jim Dyer.

Laboyette—E. W. Meador, Lloyd Harris.
Long Creek—O. D. White, W. S. Waldron, T. W. Fishburn.
Macedonia—Elders R. O. Sanders, Jas. A. Carter.
Maple Grove—John Patterson, J. M. Dossey, H. C. Howard.
Maysville—Elders A. W. Keen, W. H. Farley.
Meadorville—J. H. McClard, Maxey Carman, C. F. Burrow.
Mt. Zion—E. D. Poe, E. G. Willson, J. S. Johnson.
New Harmony—Elders A. J. Sloan, N. C. Fuqua.
New Zion—S. H. Dillard, A. W. Blankinship.
Old Hopewell—Elder G. A. Gregory, W. H. O'Neil, Lewis Mince.
Pleasant Grove—Elder I. N. Sloan, Walter Dorris.
Pleasant Hill—J. H. Kirkham, Elder I. N. Knight, L. C. Brown.
Red Hill—J. K. Gent.
Rock Bridge—E. D. Martin, E. C. Sherron, Burford Crowder.
Rocky Mound—H. O. Cliburn, L. D. McGuffee, K. D. Roark.
Siloam—F. W. Lambert, Hillery Harrison, T. C. Harrison.
Spring Creek—E. W. Gent.
Sulphur Fork—Not represented.
Union Hill—S. F. Hoffman, J. W. Parker.
Union—J. B. Dossey, H. C. Simmons, Arthur Russell.

Permanent organization was effected by election of Elder L. A. Stewart, Moderator; Elder N. C. Fuqua, Assistant Moderator; Elder A. J. Sloan, Clerk; Elder R. O. Sanders, 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 Elder J. P. Brooks.

FIRST DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing "The Little Family," and prayer by Elder R. O. Sanders.

Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

Visiting brethren from other Associations were invited to seats with us as follows: From Enon, Elders Calvin Gregory, J. E. McDonald, and Brother J. W. Cothron. From Liberty, Elders J. P. Brooks, W. L. Star, and William Star.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

The report on nominations was read by A. J. Sloan as follows:
Religious Literature—J. E. McDonald, J. A. Linville, G. C. Dossey.
Ministerial Education—W. M. McDonald, J. M. Dossey, L. D. McGuffee.

Fundamental Doctrines—R. O. Sanders, J. B. Dossey, J. H. Kirkham.

Foreign Missions—Calvin Gregory, J. D. Cook, R. W. Tracy.

Home Missions—J. A. Carter, J. A. Linville, L. C. Brown.

Inter-State Missions—I. N. Knight, R. G. Fuqua, E. W. Meador.

State of Religion—J. E. McDonald, J. E. Cole.

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

Baptist Home—John Mungel, H. C. Simmons, F. W. Lambert.

Pastors' Support—J. P. Brooks, T. C. Harrison, W. K. Johnson.

Prayer Meetings—N. C. Fuqua, J. H. McClard, H. S. Dillard.

Obituaries—I. N. Sloan, H. C. Simmons, John Mungel.

Prohibition—W. H. Farley, J. W. Keen, J. T. Russell.

Finance—W. A. Wells, J. A. Linville, J. K. Gent.

Resolutions—G. C. Dossey, J. H. Downing, H. B. Dossey.

Correspondence—J. B. Dossey, H. C. Simmons, Johnnie Russell.

After some remarks by the moderator, adopted.

On motion of A. J. Sloan, last year's order of business was adopted for this meeting.

The committee that was appointed last year to investigate the cause of LaFayette, Spring Creek and Sulphur Fork churches not representing in the Association, reported that all the said churches had been visited and that LaFayette and Spring Creek churches were present at this meeting and that Sulphur Fork had about quit business. The report was received and the committee discharged.

Place of meeting, next year, was then taken up and it was found that no church had asked for the next session. On motion the moderator appointed W. K. Johnson, R. O. Sanders and N. C. Fuqua, as a committee to locate a place to meet next year and report on the morrow.

Elder R. O. Sanders was selected to preach the next annual sermon, and A. J. Sloan alternate.

On motion of Elder I. N. Sloan, Elder Calvin Gregory was chosen to preach the doctrinal sermon on the morrow at 11:30 a.m.

CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk read the following report:

I received from the finance committee last year for printing minutes	\$46.20
From collection	2.85
From Union Hill Church	1.75
Total amount received	\$50.80

Paid for printing minutes	4
.....	\$40.00
.....	1.75
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Total Amount paid out	\$41.75

Balance on hand \$ 9.05

The report was adopted by allowing the clerk the balance on hand for his service last year.

After which the messengers were assigned homes and the body adjourned to meet Thursday at 8:30 a. m.

Prayer by Calvin Gregory.

SECOND DAY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd.
MORNING SESSION

The body was called together by the moderator at 8:30 a. m. After singing "Amazing Grace," prayer was offered by J. P. Brooks. After roll call the minutes of the preceeding day were read and adopted, after which the rules of decorum was read, and the medorator declared the body ready for business.

The committee that was appointed to select a place to meet next year reported that Bratton Town would entertain the Association next year, and after some discussion Bratton Town was chosen as meeting place in 1928 and the committee discharged.

The report on Religious Literature was read by J. E. McDonald as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We feel that this is an age of the world when there is a great deal of reading being done, but we are sorry to say that there is much literature being read that is unsound, and misleading. The literature that people read often determines, at least in part, their beliefs, and in nothing is this more manifested than in the religious literature that the people read.

Therefore we want to encourage the reading of sound literature. First of all we recommend the Bible. Baptists ought all to have as general a knowledge of the Bible as their children who have passed the eighth grade in our public schools have of United States history. The Bible is truly their guide in both faith and practice, and they regard it as the very words of God.

In every Baptist home there should be good books besides the Bible. There should be books on the Bible, historical works, scien-

tific books of the right sort, poetical works, even works of fiction, those of high order, should have a place.

Of Baptist papers, we recommend first, our own—*The Baptist and Commoner*. It ought to be in every Baptist home. We also recommend the *Specialist* as a safe paper to read, or any other sound Baptist paper.

J. E. McDonald, J. A. Linville, G. C. Dossey, Committee.

After being discussed by J. E. McDonald, G. C. Dossey, L. J. Russell, Hillery Harrison, E. D. Martin, J. A. Carter, W. M. McDonald, A. J. Sloan, R. O. Sanders, Calvin Gregory, G. A. Gregory, J. P. Brooks, and others, adopted.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and invited to seats with us: Barren River Association: Elder T. H. Durham, Sam Cook, Ack Downing, J. A. Calvert, Riley Jackson, E. H. Peck.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by W. M. McDonald as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We, your committee on Ministerial Education, report as follows: Education means to draw out and develop the latent powers of men, mentally, morally, and spiritually. We cannot over-emphasize this great factor in the usefulness and happiness of the minister of the gospel. We have our great public school system in our country in which to teach our children generally. We should support and protect these schools.

For more special training, we need and should build distinctively religious schools in which to train our young ministers, for Christian citizenship and personal work in our Master's kingdom. For such training we have at least one school operated by true Missionary Baptists: The Missionary Baptist College, Sheridan, Arkansas. This school is sound and we recommend the patronage and support of it by our people.

Elder W. M. McDonald, J. M. Dossey, L. D. McGuffee, Committee.

After being discussed by W. M. McDonald, L. D. McGuffee, J. M. Dossey, L. J. Russell, Calvin Gregory, R. O. Sanders, J. P. Brooks, T. C. Harrison, N. C. Fuqua, adopted.

The hour having arrived for the doctrinal sermon the regular order of business was suspended and the moderator presented Elder Calvin Gregory, to preach the sermon. After some remarks by Brother Gregory he chose for a text the first verse of the second chapter of Titus and preached a strong sermon on the doctrine as held by Baptists. At the close of the sermon the

brethren and sisters shook hands and praised God for the faith of our fathers and the Bible.

Elder R. O. Sanders preached a fine sermon at the stand at the same time to accomodate the great crowd that could not get seats in the house.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by J. P. Brooks.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing and prayer by W. M. McDonald.

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

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Although this is one of the greatest of all questions concerning us as Missionary Baptists, it is possibly the most neglected of all. It is very common for even Baptists to say, "I believe in Home Missions but I don't believe in Foreign Missions." We wonder why it is proper and right to seek to carry God's message of love and salvation to the lost at home and yet the man lost in some other land is to be denied although he is just as much a sinner and in exactly the same lost state as his brother here in the home land. Jesus died for all because all were lost and in need of his salvation, the heathen man being the object of God's love as are our lost people here at home. The truth is that those who profess to believe in home missions but not in foreign missions do not really believe in missions at all. Missions, whether home or foreign, simply means the faithful proclamation of the gospel with the necessary means thereto, all are lost alike, all are guilty alike, all are condemned alike, all are bound for the same country, Christ died for all, His blood was shed for all and God loves them all. Why then should we make a distinction that neither God, Christ, angels or the Holy Spirit make, by trying to reach the lost at home and yet do nothing whatever for the lost man of some foreign country?

This Association, according to the various letters, gave during the past year a total of only \$128.52 for all missions. Only a very little of this sum was for foreign missions. This total sum is less than 5 cents a member from the 2700 Baptists of Wiseman Association. The amount given for all missions this year is \$100.03 less than that given last year. Brethren and sisters, in the name of our dear Master we must rally or else we should drop the name "Missionary" and take the name "Omissionary Baptist." God's

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word makes it our duty to give to foreign missions, financially, prayerfully, faithfully, earnestly, conscientiously and continuously. God will bless as we do His will, and will withhold from those who withhold from Him.

Calvin Gregory, J. D. Cook, R. W. Tracy, Committee.

After being discussed by Calvin Gregory, I. N. Knight, J. P. Brooks, adopted.

The report on the Fundamental Doctrines was read by J. H. Kirkham as follows:

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

As there are certain fundamental doctrines that Baptists stand for that no other denomination stands for or teaches, we feel that we should always be ready to defend these Bible doctrines.

These doctrines are as follows: A regenerated church membership, John's baptism, Christian baptism, equality in the church, restricted communion, Jesus Christ founder and head of the church and salvation by grace and the succession of the church and so on.

After being discussed by A. J. Sloan, I. N. Knight, J. P. Brooks, Calvin Gregory, J. D. Cook, E. D. Martin, R. O. Sanders, Lewis Mince, N. C. Fuqua, W. A. Wells, adopted.

Elder J. E. Cole from Barren River was recognized and invited to a seat with us.

Report on Home Missions was read by Elder J. A. Carter as follows:

HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Home Mission work at the present is the most vital work we have, in a sense; for, unless Home Missions flourish, foreign missions will soon die. Church members should follow the New Testament method of giving each Sunday, or first day of the week after they receive money. We must do our best for Home Missions this year. Let every pastor pray daily for the Home Missions and then get his people to pray daily and then preach on Home Missions and giving. Let's show our faith by our works and give more to Home Missions.

After being discussed by J. A. Carter and A. J. Sloan, adopted.

After some announcements, adjourned to meet Friday at 8 a. m. Prayer by J. P. Brooks.

THIRD DAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.

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The Association came together at 8 a. m. After singing "How Firm a Foundation," and prayer by J. D. Cook, the minutes of the preceding day were read and adopted.

The report on Inter-state Missions was read by I. N. Knight as follows:

INTER-STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee, submit the following report:

By Inter-State Missions we mean first, mission work done in Tennessee and Kentucky among the independent Baptist churches. It is said that there are thousands of these churches that never have been chained to conventionism and yet desirous of some channel through which they might co-operate in their home and foreign work.

We are glad to say that we now have a channel through which we can co-operate. We have the A. B. A., that is composed of all the independent Baptist churches. This Association, the A. B. A., has fifteen inter-state missionaries in the United States that are doing evangelistic and missionary work. We recommend that this Association rally to the support of this worthy cause.

I. N. Knight, R. G. Fuqua, Committee.

After being discussed by I. N. Knight, A. J. Sloan, adopted.

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

REPORT ON DISTRICT MISSIONS

We are sorry to say that there has not been enough money given to this work to justify putting a missionary in the field. We, therefore, recommend that we ask the messengers of various churches present to pledge themselves to stand for some amount that they think their churches will pay and thereby get the means to put some man in the field for at least half time.

J. D. Cook, J. A. Linville, A. J. Sloan, Committee.

After being discussed by A. J. Sloan, J. D. Cook, W. S. Waldron, N. C. Fuqua, I. N. Knight, L. A. Stewart, adopted, by turning it over to the committee to do as thought best.

The following amount was pledged for this work to be paid quarterly:

Fairview	\$15.00
Long Creek	50.00

Haysville	10.00	
Siloam	10.00	or more
Mt. Zion	25.00	
Union Hill	5.00	
Union	25.00	
New Harmony	50.00	
Pleasant Hill	20.00	
Meadorville	22.50	
Rocky Mound	10.00	
Bratton Town	5.00	
Cedar Bluff	10.00	

Total amount pledged\$257.50

Note by the clerk: Brother, if your church is not in the above list will you please see that it takes a collection quarterly for this work? We already have enough on hand and pledged to put a good man in the field and we want to keep him there.

The report on Baptist Home was read by F. W. Lambert, as follows:

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOME

We, your committee on Baptist Home, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are glad to know that we have a home for our old ministers, and feel glad indeed to know that we have five or six hundred dollars in the treasury at present and we feel sure that the home will be open by the first of the year, 1928, for the reception of old ministers and orphan children. We pray God's richest blessing on this great work.

John D. Mungle, F. W. Lambert, Committee.

After being discussed by J. D. Cook, A. J. Sloan, J. W. Parker, adopted.

Report on Pastors' Support was read by Calvin Gregory as follows:

PASTORS' SUPPORT

It is a sad and lamentable fact that our pastors are very much neglected as regards remuneration. The reports from our churches show very small salaries for our pastors. As your committee we suggest that vigorous efforts be made for better support for our pastors in their labor for the Master.

J. P. Brooks, T. C. Harrison, W. K. Johnson, Committee.

After being discussed by Calvin Gregory, W. K. Johnson, J. E. Cole and others, adopted.

Report on Prayer Meetings was read by N. C. Fuqua, as follows. 10

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

First, prayer is the key which opens the doors of heaven by which we have communion with the Lord; for Jesus said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." He also said, "Any thing you ask in my name believing it shall be given unto you." So we recommend that the churches of this Association organize a weekly prayer meeting and meet in these meetings and worship God in prayer that we, as churches, might create a greater interest in the churches for the cause of our Lord and His kingdom, and that we might be stronger and more useful servants in the service of our Lord.

N. C. Fuqua, J. H. McClard, H. S. Dillard, Committee.

After being discussed by N. C. Fuqua, F. W. Lambert, Hillery Harrison, I. N. Knight, G. C. Dossey, W. M. McDonald, adopted.

At this point Brother Calvin Gregory reported that Brother C. B. Massey's wife was very low with T. B., and that his expenses were very great. On motion of J. B. Dossey the regular order of business was suspended and a love offering was taken for Brother Massey, amounting to \$54.25.

After some remarks by a number of the brethren the regular order of business was resumed.

The report on Obituaries was read by H. C. Simmons as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We learn from the letters from the churches that thirty-five of our beloved brethren and sisters have bidden goodbye to this evil world and gone to God and glory during the last twelve months. By the passing of these brethren and sisters we are reminded of the fact that we have no sure abiding place in this world and we must soon follow. Let us who still live strive to follow their noble deeds, to emulate them in every worthy word, and work and be submissive to the will of God.

I. N. Sloan, John Patterson, H. C. Simmons, Committee.

After some very touching remarks by A. J. Sloan, I. N. Knight, W. K. Johnson, adopted.

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Report on State of Religion was read by J. E. McDonald as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION

We, your committee on State of Religion, report the following:

We find by referring to the letters from the various churches composing this Association that there have been 173 baptisms during the year, for which we should be thankful, but let us not be satisfied with this. Let's put on the whole armour of God and work for a greater number next year.

We feel that our hindering cause along this line is not because we do not have the truth, or do not believe in the real plan of salvation, but is a matter of carelessness on our part. God will not bless His people out of duty. We believe we live in the heart of the world religiously. So we should take courage and press forward. May God keep us humble and dependent on Him.

J. E. McDonald, Committee.

After being discussed by J. E. McDonald, A. J. Sloan, I. N. Knight, adopted.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by J. E. Cole.

THIRD DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together by singing, and prayer by G. C. Dossey.

Report on Prohibition was read by Calvin Gregory as follows:

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

This is still a very vital question among our people although we have plenty of legislation to put this evil from us. Slackness of law enforcement is one of the prevailing evils of this day, and this especially is true as applied to our prohibition laws. Many efforts to secure the repeal of our prohibition statutes are being made by the wet forces of our country who are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to render these good laws null and void. Bootlegging is now "winked at" by numerous officers and we wish to go on record as demanding that our officers keep their oath of office to support the constitution of the United States and the just and equitable laws of our land.

It is a sad fact that the coming presidential campaign will apparently involve our prohibition laws. According to present indications Al Smith, Catholic and a notorious whisky man, is the strongest contender for the Democratic nomination. Brethren let us stand for the right before God, for our prohibition laws and for a free country, rather than loyalty to party. Let us be loyal to

God and obey Him rather than man. (Vote right, live right, stand for the right and thereby make better citizens.)

After being discussed by Calvin Gregory, J. W. Keen, Committee Johnson, W. S. Waldron, I. N. Knight, J. E. Cole, L. A. Stewart, adopted.

Report on Finance was read by W. A. Wells as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report:

We collected from the various churches for printing minutes \$55.80.

W. A. Wells, J. A. Linville, J. K. Gent, Committee. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER

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

Foreign Missions	\$22.35
Home Missions	20.00
District Missions	53.96
Baptist Home	44.30
Total	\$140.61

Adopted. J. D. Cook, Treasurer.

Report on resolutions was read by G. C. Dossey as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Wiseman Association having met in a good session with Union Church, near Fountain Run, Kentucky. Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we extend to Union Church and community our thanks for their hospitality shown us while in their home, and for the bountiful dinner spread each day.
2. That the churches keep a record of all their contributions so no funds will be left out when reporting to the Association.
3. That we recommend to the churches of this Association that hereafter when any one asks for membership with them by letter that he or she be required to give their Christian experience.
4. That each church give something next year to District

Missions, and that a good man be secured to take this work at the earliest possible date.

G. C. Dossey, H. B. Dossey, Committee.

After being discussed by G. C. Dossey, A. J. Sloan, adopted.

Report on correspondence was read by H. C. Simmons 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.

Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

New business was called for and Brother J. S. Johnson asked the advice of the Association as to what course to take in regard to non-fellowship existing between his church, Mt. Zion, and Holland church of Allen Association.

On motion of W. S. Waldron, the Association advised Mt. Zion Church to call a council and seek its advice and abide by its advice.

There being no further business the session closed in peace and harmony to meet with Bratton Town Church, two miles west of LaFayette, Tennessee, on the state road leading from LaFayette to Westmoreland, Tennessee, Wednesday after the third Sunday in September, 1928, at 10 a. m.

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 W. J. Sumnar	Gallatin, Tennessee
Elder N. C. Fuqua	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder A. J. Sloan	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder W. M. Norman	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder G. A. 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 Lynn Meador	Adolphus, Kentucky
Elder A. Cook	Scottsville, Kentucky
Elder J. Y. Freeman, M. D.	LaFayette, Tennessee
Elder W. H. Farley	Scottsville, Kentucky
Elder G. R. Grissom	Hartsville, Tennessee

LICENSED MINISTERS

Lewis Mince	Bethpage, Tennessee
F. W. Lambert	Westmoreland, Tennessee
John Mungel	Hartsville, Tennessee
R. Thompson	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Walter Smith	Bethpage, Tennessee

HOW AND WHERE TO SEND MISSION MONEY

Foreign and Home Mission money should be sent to Elder C. B. Massey, Pleasant Shade, Tennessee, and he will send it to the missionary you want it sent to without cost to you.

District Mission money should be sent to J. D. Cook, Hartsville, Tennessee.

HOME MISSIONARIES

Elder J. R. Phascal, Gleason, Tennessee, whole time missionary.
 Elder C. B. Massey, Pleasant Shade, Tennessee.
 Elder Calvin Gregory, Pleasant Shade, Tennessee, part time missionaries.

Note: The District Missionary will be on the field by the first of the year, so send on your contributions to Brother Cook.

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 time on the same subject without leave of the body. The chairman on eac 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 reprovod, 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.

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 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 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.

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.

ABSTRACTS 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 Testaments 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 of 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 com-
rades who have answered the last roll
call since September, 1926

- Cedar Bluff—Bro. Nels Moss, December 25, 1926.
Sister Laura Dearing, March 28, 1927.
- Fairview—Sister Camilla Prock, date not given.
- LaFayette—Sister M. L. Foust, date not given.
- Long Creek—Sister Dora Harper, date not given.
Sister Bertha Hall, date not given.
- Macedonia—Sister Fannie Oneal, August 28, 1927.
- Maple Grove—Bro. T. P. Fergerson, date not given.
Sister Elizabeth Patterson, date not given.
- Mt. Zion—Bro. James Sidens, February, 1927.
Bro. L. Johnson, January, 1927.
Sister Bettie Turner, May, 1927.
- Meadorville—Sister Selma Kemp, date not given.
- New Harmony—Sister Martha Reid, April 19, 1927.
- New Zion—Bro. Odia Gammons, September 22, 1926.
Bro. Grant Jenkins, November 15, 1926.
Bro. S. S. M. Blankenship, June 6, 1927.
- Old Hopewell—Bro. Les Shoulders, May 15, 1927.
- Pleasant Grove—Sister Fannie Hawkins, July 11, 1927.
Sister Dollie Troutt, June 23, 1927.
- Pleasant Hill—Bro. W. C. Woodall, September 24, 1926.
- Rock Bridge—Bro. Henry Martin, date not given.
- Siloam—Bro. Thomas Hammock, September 29, 1926.
Sister Nellie Rutledge, October 24, 1926.
Bro. Rice Hentle, November 11, 1926.
Sister Dovie Harrison, January 1, 1927.
Bro. Eva Troutt, January 11, 1927.
Sister Celia Kepley, January 13, 1927.
Sister Eliza Jenkins, January 23, 1927.
Sister Sophia Andrews, January 31, 1927.
Bro. A. T. Bransford, May 14, 1927.
Sister Nannie Eaton, June 8, 1927.
- Spring Creek—One death, name not given.
- Union—Bro. J. D. Sampson, September, 1926.
Bro. Rex Wheat, May 21, 1927.

STATISTICAL TABLE
GAINS LOSSES

CHURCHES	GAINS							Active Members	Total Membership	
	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Statement	By Letter	By Death	By Exclusion			
Bratton Town	4	1							61	
Cedar Bluff	2	3			1	2			107	
Fairview	4		1		1	1	1		78	
Friendship	5		1		5		1		45	
Good Will	13	1					3		156	
Haysville									42	
LaFayette	6	1			4		1		83	
Long Creek		2			2	2	2		126	
Macedonia	3				1	1	3		97	
Maple Grove	12	2		1		2			71	
Maysville	6	3			2				32	
Meadorville	2	5				1		100	303	
Mt. Zion						1	3		187	
New Harmony	6	1			2	1		50	202	
New Zion	26	7			6	3	2		215	
Old Hopewell		3			1	1		35	113	
Pleasant Grove	6	2			3	2	1	20	66	
Pleasant Hill	12	2			2	1		80	130	
Red Hill					1				62	
Rock Bridge	14				4	1	1		89	
Rocky Mound	2		1		1				109	
Siloam	45	2	2			10			207	
Spring Creek					1	1			83	
Sulphur Fork	no report for four years									
Union Hill		3					2	20	43	
Union						2			256	
Total	173	38	5	1	37	32	20	305	2916	