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*The Wiseman Baptist
Association*

TENNESSEE

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

Capitol Hill Baptist Church

NEAR FOUNTAIN RUN, KY.

SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 25, 1931

Next session will be held with Siloam Baptist Church,
two miles east of Westmoreland, Tenn., begin-
ning Wednesday after the second Sunday
in July, 1932, at 10 a. m.

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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH THE
CAPITOL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NEAR FOUNTAIN RUN, KY.**

FIRST DAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23, 1931, 10 A. M.

The Wiseman Baptist Association met in its fortieth annual session with the Baptist church at Capitol Hill, near Fountain Run, Ky., on this date. The services were opened with singing "Saviour, More Than Life," followed with prayer by Eld. Calvin Gregory. Song, "Pass Me Not," was sung, followed with the reading of the twelfth chapter of Hebrews by the Moderator, Eld. L. A. Stewart. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. Robert Paschal. The Moderator then presented Eld. A. J. Sloan, the appointee of last year, to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. Sloan chose for a text Ps. 91:1, 2, his theme being "The Special Providences of God." The sermon was followed with song and a handshake by the Association in token of endorsement of the discourse.

Immediately after the sermon, the Moderator appointed Elders Calvin Gregory and J. Robert Paschal as Reading Clerks.

The following churches were represented by letter and messengers:

BRATTON TOWN—V. C. Harris.

BUFFALO SPRINGS—Eld. W. H. Thompson, Vernie Thompson, and J. W. Fleming.

CAPITOL HILL—A. Tinsley, W. R. Tinsley and Eld. J. R. Jackson.

CEDAR BLUFF—Joe Deering, W. P. Hesson and Homer White.

FAIRVIEW—Eld. R. Thompson, J. D. Cook and Jack Carr.

FRIENDSHIP—Letter, but no messengers.

GOOD WILL—Letter, but no messengers.

HAYSVILLE—Eld. Wm. McDonald, Melvin Law and J. D. Gregory.

LAFAYETTE—A. W. Jenkins.

LONG CREEK—S. G. Woodcock, Herman Harper and Ellis Jones.

MACEDONIA—Eld. W. T. Taylor, Eld. L. V. Meador and Martin Gregory.

MAPLE GROVE—John Patterson, Earl Waller and John Beam.

MAYSVILLE—Eld. W. H. Farley.

MEADORVILLE—E. L. Meador and J. V. Eller.

MT. ZION—Eld. L. A. Sewart, J. H. Downing and S. E. Downing.

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

NEW ZION—W. R. Peddigo, Charles Green and Grover West.

OLD HOPEWELL—Letter, but no messengers.

PLEASANT GROVE—Walter Dorris and D. B. Francis.

PLEASANT HILL—H. B. Sloan.

RED HILL—W. W. Jent and E. B. White.

ROCK BRIDGE—Burford Crowder.

ROCKY MOUND—Joe McGuffey, Dennis Shaw and T. B. Trammel.

SILOAM—Eld. A. G. Stinson, Eld. F. W. Lambert and Eld. R. O. Sanders.

SPRING CREEK—Letter, but no messengers.

SULPHUR FORK—Not represented.

UNION—J. T. Russell.

UNION HILL—J. W. Parker.

Permanent organization was effected by electing Eld. L. A. Stewart, Moderator; Eld. N. C. Fuqua, Assistant Moderator; Eld. A. J. Sloan, Clerk; Eld. W. T. Taylor, Assistant Clerk; and T. C. Harrison, Treasurer. Speeches of thanks were made by the newly elected officers.

Moved to adjourn one hour for dinner. After announcement, the Association was dismissed with prayer by Eld. C. B. Massey.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together with singing. Prayer was offered by Eld. C. B. Massey.

Petitionary letters were called for and Eld. W. H. Thompson, Vernie Thompson and J. W. Fleming presented a letter from Buffalo Springs church. The church was received into our fellowship and the Moderator extended to the three messengers the right hand of fellowship.

The following brethren were recognized and invited to seats with us:

ENON ASSOCIATION—Elder C. B. Massey and Elder Calvin Gregory.

ALLEN COUNTY ASSOCIATION—A. C. Dotson.

BARREN RIVER ASSOCIATION—Ollie Murphy and Hershell Overstreet.

ROBERTSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Elder Alvin Jones.

The report on Nominations was read by Eld. A. J. Sloan as follows:

NOMINATIONS

1. RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Eld. Wm. McDonald, J. D. Gregory and Melvin Law.
2. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Eld. W. T. Taylor, Martin Gregory and V. C. Harris.
3. FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES—Eld. N. C. Fuqua, W. T. Gross and J. D. Cook.
4. MISSIONS—Eld. Calvin Gregory, W. W. Jent and B. B. White.
5. OLD MINISTERS' AND ORPHANS' HOME—J. Robt. Paschal, H. B. Sloan and J. K. Jent.
6. NASHVILLE ORPHANS' HOME—Eld. L. W. Stewart, A. W. Jenkins and W. H. Smith.
7. PASTORS' SUPPORT—Eld. R. O. Sanders, J. T. Russell and John Beam.
8. SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Eld. A. G. Stinson, W. H. Thompson and J. H. Downing.
9. PROHIBITION—Eld. F. W. Lambert, T. C. Harrison and John Patterson.
10. PRAYER MEETINGS—Eld. R. Thompson, W. R. Peddigo and Joe McGuffey.
11. STATE OF RELIGION—Eld. Ollie Murphy, W. H. Farley and J. R. Jackson.
12. OBITUARIES—Eld. C. B. Massey, S. G. Woodcock and Bert Lee.
13. RESOLUTIONS—Eld. Calvin Gregory, Charles F. Green and Grover C. West.
14. FINANCE—Eld. L. V. Meador, W. T. Gross and Joe Deering.
15. CORRESPONDENCE—Eld. J. R. Jackson, Wm. McDonald and W. W. Jent.
16. TREASURER'S REPORT.
17. NEW BUSINESS.

PLACE OF MEETING

The question of a meeting place for next year was taken up and after a hot-contest, Siloam church, two miles east of Westmoreland, Tenn., was selected to entertain the next Association. Eld. R. Thompson was chosen to preach the next Introductory Sermon, with Eld. N. C. Fuqua as alternate.

Eld. C. B. Massey was selected to deliver the Doctrinal Sermon the first thing in the afternoon session tomorrow.

The committee on Divine Service reported that Eld. Calvin Gregory would preach at the stand at once.

The report on Religious Literature was read by Eld. Wm. McDonald as follows:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We, your committee on Religious Literature, beg leave to submit the following report. First of all we recommend the reading of the Bible, then Baptist histories. We also recommend the Forerunner, our mission paper, and all other sound Baptist papers.

WM. McDONALD,

MELVIN LAW,

J. D. GREGORY, Committee.

The above report was adopted after discussion by Wm. McDonald, C. B. Massey, R. Thompson and others.

The messengers and visitors were assigned homes and the Association adjourned to meet at nine o'clock on the morrow. Dismissed with prayer by Eld. J. Robert Paschal.

SECOND DAY**THURSDAY MORNING**

The Association came together at nine o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, with prayer by Eld. A. G. Stinson. After the calling of the roll of messengers and the reading of the minutes of yesterday, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Eld. W. T. Taylor as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We, your committee on Ministerial Education, submit the following report: Preaching the Gospel is the greatest work on

earth. We, therefore, recommend that the minister prepare himself the best he can for this great work.

W. T. TAYLOR,
MARTIN GREGORY,
V. C. HARRIS, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by W. T. Taylor.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was read by Eld. N. C. Fuqua as follows:

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

We, your committee on Fundamental Doctrines, submit the following report:

First. We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, and by it all human creeds and conduct should be tried.

Second. We believe in a converted church membership.

Third. We believe that Christ is the Head and Founder of His church and that it was set up or established during His personal ministry.

Fourth. We believe that the ordinances should be observed just as they were given, and that they are only two in number: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Fifth. We believe that John's baptism was Christian baptism.

Sixth. We believe that the ordinances were committed to the church.

Seventh. We believe that the church has continued in an unbroken line of succession from Christ to the present time.

We, therefore, urge our preachers to preach more on the doctrine that the people may know what it is.

N. C. FUQUA,
W. T. GROSS,
J. D. COOK, Committee.

After being ably discussed by N. C. Fuqua, J. D. Cook, W. T. Taylor, R. O. Sanders, A. J. Sloan, C. B. Massey, R. Thompson and A. G. Stinson, the report was adopted.

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

MISSIONS

This is one of the most important subjects that concerns the Master's cause today, the chief business of the Lord's church being to preach the Gospel to all nations. Matt. 28:19, 20. Missions

means the spread of the Gospel and includes all the Scriptural means necessary thereto. We have stressed the idea that missions means nothing more than the giving of money at certain times, but we should get away from that idea and should begin to look upon missions as the proper spreading of the good news of salvation. It is true that money has its place in mission work but this feature of the work will care for itself when our members' hearts are filled with love for God's cause and with zeal for lost souls. We need God-called men to preach the Gospel to all nations. We need men who are willing to sacrifice themselves on the altar of God's service, and who are willing to hazard their lives for the Master's cause. We need churches that are missionary in spirit as well as name, churches that will pray for more laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, churches that will pray for those who labor on mission fields and churches that will contribute of their means for the support of the workers on the fields. We feel today that we have part of the needed equipment in the form of God-called men who are already giving their lives for the cause, but we doubt if the burden of a lost world falls very heavily upon the heart and conscience of the average church member. We need more praying churches and we need more liberal churches that will give of the wealth with which they have been blest by the great Giver of all blessings.

The churches of the Association have given but little to missions this time, many of them not giving a penny in a whole year. It is true that money is not the whole of missions but money given to or withheld from this Scriptural cause is a fair indication of the missionary status of a congregation. Judging Wiseman Association by this standard, we are forced to the conclusion that our people are missionary in name rather than in practice. Let us suggest that our pastors give their churches the proper Scripture teaching on this subject and put the mission needs before the people in the hope that a steady improvement may be noted. We have mission fields almost in our doors as well as all over the world. The need is tremendously great. Let us wake up, brethren, and try to do our part to reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ.

CALVIN GREGORY,

W. W. JENT,

B. B. WHITE, Committee.

The report was adopted after discussion by Calvin Gregory, W. T. Taylor, Charles Green and T. J. Tinsley.

At this point Eld. T. J. Tinsley of Liberty Association was recognized as a visitor and enrolled as such.

The report on Old Ministers' and Orphans' Home was read by Eld. J. Robert Paschal as follows:

OLD MINISTERS' AND ORPHANS' HOME

We have a home near Camden, Benton county, Tennessee, which has been established and opened in a small way as a welcome refuge for aged dependent ministers, their wives or widows, and dependent orphan children who are not otherwise provided for. During the short time this institution has been open for the reception of inmates, we have had the pleasure of caring for sixteen children and two aged ministers. We now have fifteen children, consisting of eight boys and seven girls ranging in age from 6 to 13 years. We are grateful to all who have had a part in supplying our needs, although even our most vital needs have not been fully supplied. We are behind with our grocery bill and with some expense incurred in enlarging the building and supplying furniture. We need a cook room and it will be necessary also to build a feed barn before we can store what we have grown on the farm.

J. ROBERT PASCHAL,

H. B. SLOAN,

J. K. JENT, Committee.

After being discussed by J. Robert Paschal, C. B. Massey, N. C. Fuqua and others, the report was adopted. A free-will offering of \$31.40 for the Home was made.

Moved to adjourn one hour for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by Eld. C. B. Massey.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together with singing. Prayer was offered by Eld. W. T. Taylor.

After remarks the Moderator presented Eld. C. B. Massey to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. Eld. Massey choose for a text Jude 3, and preached a strong and able sermon on the faith once delivered to the saints.

The report on Pastors' Support was read by Eld. R. O. Sanders as follows:

PASTORS' SUPPORT

The churches of Wiseman Association have paid their pastors a total of \$3,444.28 during the past year. This is an average of \$127.56 per church. Counting four churches to each pastor, we have the sum of approximately \$500 as the support of the average pastor of the churches of Wiseman Association. How any man can be expected to live on such a sum and keep up his

family, run a car if he has one, or feed a horse and keep up a buggy is one of the questions that cause ministers to have gray hairs and become old before their time. Another very serious question with the pastor is this: "If I can hardly live at all now while I am in my prime and cannot lay up even one cent in my best days, what am I to do when I get old?"

Nearly all our pastors have to do other work to live and this work keeps them from having time to study and prepare themselves for their greatest usefulness. So it is no wonder that many of the members say their pastor is making no improvement. The poor fellow has no time to study that he might improve his talents. It is a positive command of the Bible that ministers study to show themselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth. But the stinginess of the churches forces the pastors to disregard this command and compels them to entangle themselves with the affairs of this life in order to have bread for their families and shelter over their heads, which entanglement is a violation of the Bible and contrary to God's will. Who is to blame? We answer: Both the pastors and the members of the churches. The pastors are at fault in that they have not in most instances taught the brethren and sisters their duty under God to support the shepherd of the flock, and the members are at fault because most of them do not take to heart what God has said about supporting His ministers. Many of them know their duty but will not perform it.

The following suggestion is offered: Let the churches purpose as to what they will pay their pastor. 2 Cor. 9:17 "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give." If the pastor is unable to preach for what the church is able to pay him, let him go elsewhere. By the church's saying what it will pay or purposes to pay during the year, the pastor will know what to expect, and will be able to make his financial arrangements accordingly.

There are 3,365 members in this Association. They have paid an average of about \$1.00 each during the year for their pastors' support. This makes eight and a third cents a month for the average member. Eleven churches paid their pastors during the year an average of only \$54 per church. Let us do better.

R. O. SANDERS,

J. T. RUSSELL,

JOHN BEAM, Committee.

The report was adopted after an able discussion by R. O. Sanders, A. J. Sloan, N. C. Fuqua, Calvin Gregory, W. A. Fuqua, W. T. Taylor, R. Thompson, C. B. Massey and others.

Moved to adjourn to meet at nine o'clock on the morrow.

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250
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300

After announcements, the Association was dismissed with prayer by Eld. C. W. Rigdon.

THIRD DAY

FRIDAY MORNING

The Association assembled with singing, and prayer was offered by Eld. J. Robert Paschal. The Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Eld. A. G. Stinson as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We believe that every church in Wiseman Association should have a good Sunday school every Sunday in the year to teach people more about the word of God.

A. G. STINSON,
W. H. THOMPSON,
J. H. DOWNING, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by A. G. Stinson, A. J. Sloan, V. C. Harris and W. T. Taylor.

The report on Prohibition was read by Eld. W. T. Taylor as follows:

PROHIBITION

We, your committee on Prohibition, submit the following report: Let every loyal Baptist stand by the good prohibition laws and aid in their enforcement. By so doing, we may put a stop to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks. Brethern, at a time like this when people are traveling to and fro at tremendous speed, drunkenness becomes almost murder. Not only is the drunken driver in danger, but he hazards the lives of large numbers of innocent men, women and children. Brethren, if we do not hold up our laws and officers and help put down this lawlessness, the time will speedily come when people cannot travel our highways without great danger. Let us pray God that our people may be temperate in all things.

F. W. LAMBERT,
T. C. HARRISON,
JOHN PATTERSON, Committee.

Discussed by R. Thompson, J. Robert Paschal, W. H. Farley and others and adopted.

The report on Prayer Meetings was read by Eld. R. Thompson as follows:

PRAYER MEETINGS

We, your committee, submit the following report on Prayer Meetings: We believe that it would be good for every church to maintain a weekly prayer meeting, for men of the long ago prayed. Samson prayed for vengeance for the loss of his eyes. Daniel prayed three times each day. Surely we need to pray.

R. THOMPSON,
JOE MCGUFFEY,
W. R. PEDDIGO, Committee.

After discussion by R. Thompson, A. G. Stinson, N. C. Fukua and V. C. Harris, the report was adopted.

At this point J. E. Holder was recognized as a visitor from Allen County Association and was invited to a seat with us.

The report on State of Religion was read by A. B. Murphy as follows:

STATE OF RELIGION

Our gain the past year has not been what it should have been. Some of the churches report a fine measure of success, but others have not done so well. We recommend the faithful preaching of the Gospel and much prayer. We commend to our ministers the admonition of Paul to Timothy to preach the word that there may be a great revival among the Christians and a great awakening among the lost.

A. B. MURPHY,
J. R. JACKSON, Committee.

The report was adopted after discussion by N. C. Fuqua, R. Thompson, H. G. Fisher, W. H. Farley, J. R. Jackson and A. G. Stinson.

Moved to adjourn one hour for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by Eld. A. G. Stinson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together in its last service of the session with singing. Prayer was offered by Eld. R. Thompson.

The report on Obituaries was read by Eld. A. J. Sloan as follows:

OBITUARIES

We, your committee, find that 30 of our brethren and sisters in the Lord have departed this life since the last Association. They lived as we now live, stood for the same principles for which

we contend today, the same doctrine that we love today. They gave their time, talents and money to help maintain these great things of God. But a rest remaineth for the people of God. He has called them from labor to reward. Their places are empty and we miss them so much. Their voices are heard no more in this Association, but they rest from their labors and their works do follow them. We, therefore, bow to the will of God, knowing that He doeth all things well. We extend to the bereaved ones our sympathy in the heavy loss of fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, children and companions. According to the promise of God we expect to meet them again in a better country.

Some of these departed saints were leaders in their churches. We miss their counsel, their love and their friendship. But we would not call them back to this dark world to suffer, to labor and to die again. Farewell till we meet again.

C. B. MASSEY,

S. G. WOODCOCK, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by A. J. Sloan, R. Thompson, A. G. Stinson and Ellis Jones.

The report on Resolutions was read as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Wiseman Baptist Association having met in its fortieth annual session with the church at Capitol Hill, near Fountain Run, Ky., therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we extend our thanks to the Capitol Hill church and community for their hospitality
2. That we thank the Moderator and the Clerk for their efficient services.
3. That we urge the messengers to return to their respective churches and try to arouse a greater zeal for the cause of the Lord of hosts.
4. That we ask our churches to contribute regularly to the support of the Old Ministers' and Orphans' Home and to the cause of missions.
5. That we extend our thanks to the visitors from other Associations who have been with us during this session.
6. That the Clerk have 500 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to the amount received from each for printing and that he have the remainder for his services.

CALVIN GREGORY,

GROVER C. WEST,

CHARLES GREEN, Committee.

Adopted without discussion.

The report on Finance was read by Eld. W. T. Taylor as follows:

FINANCE

Your committee on Finance has collected for the printing of minutes the sum of \$46.35.

L. V. MEADOR,
W. T. GROSS, Committee.

After some discussion it was agreed that Eld. N. C. Fuqua should write the churches of the Association and ask them for \$1.00 each for additional minute fund to pay the clerk for his services and to enable him to get out a good minute.

The report on Correspondence was read by Eld. J. R. Jackson as follows:

CORRESPONDENCE

We are glad to have so many of our brethren from other Associations with us. We extend to all who have aided us in the work of the Master the hand of welcome.

J. R. JACKSON,
A. G. STINSON, Committee.

The report was adopted after a number of good talks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following sums have been paid into my hands during the sitting of this Association:

Foreign Missions	\$12.25
Home Missions	13.10
District Missions	10.00
Old Ministers' and Orphans' Home	19.25

Total \$54.60

T. C. HARRISON, Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS

The time for the preaching of the annual Doctrinal Sermon was changed to Friday, the last day of the Association, at 11 o'clock in the morning. Eld. A. J. Sloan was selected to preach it next year.

On motion of Eld. A. G. Stinson the time of the meeting of the Association was changed from the present time to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in July.

On motion of Eld. A. J. Sloan, Eld. W. H. Farley was endorsed as Missionary for the Association.

Moved to adjourn to meet with Siloam church, two miles

east of Westmoreland, Tenn., on Wednesday after the second Sunday in July, 1932, at ten o'clock a. m.

The Association was dismissed with prayer by Eld. N. C. Fuqua. Thus closed a very good session of the Association. There were no jars or discords throughout the meeting.

L. A. STEWART, Moderator, Holland, Ky.
A. J. SLOAN, Clerk, Lafayette, Tenn.
T. C. HARRISON, Treasurer, Westmoreland, Tenn.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator and a 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 reprovved, 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 second Sunday in July, and continue three days, the meeting to be held at such places as may be agreed upon by the Association at its annual sitting.

Article IX. A majority of the members of any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article X. It 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 views 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.

**ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPALS 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 judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

OUR SAINTED DEAD

This page is dedicated to the memory of our comrades who have answered the last roll call since September, 1930.

BRATTON TOWN—Mrs. Eva Cothron, Oct. 9, 1930.
I. K. Edens, Oct. 31, 1930.

CAPITOL HILL—Deacon J. P. Harrison, March 23, 1931.
Deacon J. S. Austin, Aug. 6, 1931.

CEDAR BLUFF—P. E. Livingston, Nov. 29, 1930.
Mrs. Amanda Livingston, Jan. 2, 1931.
Finettie White, May 23, 1931.

FAIRVIEW—Martha Alsup, Nov. 3, 1930.
Julia Carr, Feb. 25, 1931.

HAYSVILLE—Mrs. Kate Ford, June 23, 1931.

LAFAYETTE—Mrs. Elizabeth Roark, April 6, 1931.
Mrs. Sude Jenkins, Jan. 11, 1931.

LONG CREEK—Deacon W. K. Johnson, July 20, 1931.
W. H. Hightower, Aug. 2, 1931.

MAPLE GROVE—Wortha Wheeler, May 1, 1931.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Ira Garrett, May 24, 1931.

NEW HARMONY—J. W. Hughes, Nov. 20, 1930.
Mrs. Sellie Carr, April 17, 1931.
John Fuqua, Aug. 25, 1931.

NEW ZION—Mrs. Allie Simpson, Oct. 27, 1930.

PLEASANT GROVE—Alice Dorris, July 31, 1931.

ROCK BRIDGE—John R. Sloan, April 6, 1931.
Dinah Simpson, Sept. 7, 1931.

ROCKY MOUND—Aubrey Bradley, May 30, 1931.

SILOAM—Martin Howell, March, 1931.
Mrs. Bettie Stone, June 14, 1931.

UNION—G. W. Hamet, April 2, 1931.
Laura McIntyre, May 13, 1931.

UNION HILL—Mrs. C. C. Hix, Jan. 10, 1931.
Mrs. Ada Pearson, Jan. 24, 1931.

Statistical Table Wiseman Association

CHURCHES	When Constituted	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP					Total Present Members	
			Gains		Losses				
			Baptisms	Letters	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions		Deaths
Bratton Town	1925	Third	4	1		3	1	2	91
Buffalo Springs	1930	Third	15	4					30
Capitol Hill	1852	Third	3			1		2	52
Cedar Bluff	1887	Third	2			3	3	3	126
Fairview	1875	Third						2	88
Friendship	1919	First	10			5			52
Good Will	1899	Fourth	10	5					181
Haysville	1925	Fourth	6	9				1	84
Lafayette	1849	Fourth	13	4		2		2	141
Long Creek	1853	First	2	2	1	6	1	2	127
Macedonia	1873	Fourth	2			1			99
Maple Grove	1904	First				1		1	73
Maysville	1922	Fourth	5			3			36
Meadorville	1869	Third	10	4		3			341
Mt. Zion	1888	Third					1	1	244
New Harmony	1848	Second	11	1		5		3	172
New Zion	1910	Second	5	5		5	3	1	214
Old Hopewell	1921	Third				7			116
Pleasant Grove	1881	Third				5		1	49
Pleasant Hill	1876	First				2			149
Red Hill	1925	First							73
Rock Bridge	1883	Fourth	12	1				2	166
Rocky Mound	1878	Second	30	3	1	2	1	1	166
Siloam	1842	Second	20	3		3		2	216
Spring Creek	1849		5	5					35
Sulphur Fork									
Union	1853	First				1		2	237
Union Hill	1919	First	2				1	2	71
TOTALS			167	48	2	58	11	30	3365

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES
BRATTON TOWN	W. T. Taylor, Lafayette, Tenn.....	L. B. Hughes, Lafayette, Tenn.
BUFFALO SPRINGS	W. H. Thomas, Trammel, Ky.....	J. W. Fleming, Bethpage, Tenn.
CAPITOL HILL	A. B. Murphy, Fountain Run, Ky.....	H. G. Fisher, Fountain Run, Ky.
CEDAR BLUFF	H. C. Oldham, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	Homer White, Lafayette, Tenn.
FAIRVIEW	R. O. Sanders, Westmoreland, Tenn.	Oscar Shrum, Hartsville, Tenn.
FRIENDSHIP	P. S. Dyer, Lafayette, Tenn.....	V. M. Russell, Lafayette, Tenn.
GOOD WILL	Calvin Gregory, Lafayette, Tenn.....	G. G. Taylor, Hartsville, Tenn.
HAYSVILLE	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.	Wrenzy Wheeler, Lafayette, Tenn.
LAFAYETTE	A. Earl Meador, Poole, Ky.....	Dewey Tucker, Lafayette, Tenn.
LONG CREEK	Calvin Gregory, Lafayette, Tenn.....	W. O. Johnson, Westmoreland, Tenn.
MACEDONIA	F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn.	Roy K. Meador, Adolphus, Ky.
MAPLE GROVE	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.	John Dossey, Fountain Run, Ky.
MAYSVILLE	W. T. Taylor, Lafayette, Tenn.....	W. A. Whitlow, Scottsville, Ky.
MEADORVILLE	Calvin Gregory, Lafayette, Tenn.....	J. W. Cothron, Hillsdale, Tenn.
MT. ZION	J. E. McDonald, Lafayette, Tenn.....	J. H. Downing, Holland, Ky.
NEW HARMONY	C. B. Massey, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	W. T. Gross, Lafayette, Tenn.
NEW ZION	R. O. Sanders, Westmoreland, Tenn.	W. B. Cook, Lafayette, Tenn.
OLD HOPEWELL	R. O. Sanders, Westmoreland, Tenn.	J. H. Manning, Castalian Springs, Tenn.
PLEASANT GROVE	W. H. Thomas, Trammel, Ky.....	C. J. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
PLEASANT HILL	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.....	J. R. Buck, Fountain Head, Tenn.
RED HILL	F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn.	W. W. Jent, Holland, Ky.
ROCK BRIDGE	R. O. Sanders, Westmoreland, Tenn.	E. C. Sherron, Bethpage, Tenn.
ROCKY MOUND	N. C. Fuqua, Lafayette, Tenn.....	E. P. Meador, Westmoreland, Tenn.
SILOAM	W. T. Taylor, Lafayette, Tenn.....	H. H. Harrison, Westmoreland, Tenn.
SPRING CREEK	L. W. Stewart, Lafayette, Tenn.....	G. L. Hughes, Lafayette, Tenn.
SULPHUR FORK	I. N. Knight, Fountain Head, Tenn.	Bennie Gregory, Fountain Head, Tenn.
UNION	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.....	H. C. Simmons, Fountain Run, Ky.
UNION HILL	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.....	J. H. Gammon, Gallatin, Tenn.

FINANCIAL TABLE—WISEMAN ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Missions	Baptist Home at Camden	Orphans' Home Near Nashville	Paid Pastor	Paid Help in Meeting	Given to Poor	Building and Repairs	Minute Fund	All Other Causes	Total Contributions	Value of Church Property
BRATTON TOWN		\$25.64		\$123.50	\$19.20			\$3.20	\$2.50	\$174.04	\$1,000.00
BUFFALO SPRINGS				72.00			\$750.00	1.00		823.00	1,000.00
CAPITOL HILL	1.00	1.25					.81	1.55		4.61	800.00
CEDAR BLUFF				72.95	9.25			3.00		85.20	1,000.00
FAIRVIEW	5.73	2.50		156.58	15.64	9.15	24.17	3.75	8.01	225.53	500.00
FRIENDSHIP		2.10		25.50				1.00		28.60	1,000.00
GOOD WILL				135.76				3.01		138.77	1,500.00
HAYSVILLE		15.04		181.25	21.75	17.45	19.85	3.00	27.25	285.59	2,000.00
LAFAYETTE	6.10		20.75	605.65	203.00	30.00	500.50	3.50	130.00	1,499.50	4,500.00
LONG CREEK	15.15	45.07		159.15	33.20			4.30	12.00	268.87	1,000.00
MACEDONIA		11.75		60.00	13.00			2.00		86.75	300.00
MAPLE GROVE		4.00		75.00	17.50	10.00		1.50		108.00	800.00
MAYSVILLE	5.00	4.25		45.22	9.52			.75		64.74	800.00
MEADORVILLE	10.00	6.94		286.34		50.00	19.56	3.00	37.45	413.29	1,000.00
MT. ZION		.50		115.00	45.00			2.00		162.50	1,000.00
NEW HARMONY		50.84		190.16	11.25	11.41		4.00		267.66	1,500.00
NEW ZION				88.66	9.50		13.71	1.00		112.87	1,500.00
OLD HOPEWELL	10.00	2.00		125.00	20.00	5.00		1.50		163.50	1,200.00
PLEASANT GROVE								1.00		1.00	1,000.00
PLEASANT HILL	20.00	5.00		300.00				4.00		329.00	1,000.00
RED HILL				65.00	12.00			2.25		79.25	1,200.00
ROCK BRIDGE				109.05	42.20		19.00	1.00		171.25	1,000.00
ROCKY MOUND	3.00	8.26		82.40	7.40			3.10		104.16	600.00
SILOAM				127.11	32.05	25.00		3.00	12.00	199.16	1,000.00
SPRING CREEK					12.60					12.60	500.00
SULPHUR FORK											800.00
UNION	4.50	4.25		168.00		35.00		3.30		215.05	2,000.00
UNION HILL	1.00			75.00	20.00			2.00		98.00	1,000.00
ASSOCIATION COLLECTION		31.40								31.40	
TOTALS	\$81.48	\$220.79	\$ 20.75	\$3,444.28	\$554.06	\$193.01	\$1,347.60	\$ 62.71	\$229.21	\$6,153.89	\$32,500.00