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The Wiseman Baptist
Association

TENNESSEE

Forty-first Annual Session

HELD WITH

Siloam Baptist Church

NEAR WESTMORELAND, TENN.

JULY 13, 14, 15, 1932

Next session will be held with Rocky Mound Baptist
Church, seven miles northeast of Westmoreland,
Tenn., beginning Wednesday after the third
Sunday in October, 1933, at 10:00 a. m.

OFFICERS

ELDER N. C. FUQUA, Moderator.....Lafayette, Tenn.
ELDER A. J. SLOAN, Clerk.....Lafayette, Tenn.
T. C. HARRISON, Treasurer.....Westmoreland, Tenn.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON BY ELD. W. T. TAYLOR

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF
WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
SILOAM BAPTIST CHURCH
NEAR WESTMORELAND, TENNESSEE

FIRST DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1932

The Wiseman Baptist Association met in its forty-first Annual Session with the Baptist church at Siloam, two miles east of Westmoreland, Tennessee, at ten o'clock a. m. Services were opened with singing "I Am Bound For the Promised Land," and "Savior, More Than Life." Prayer was offered by Elder Alfred Cook, followed by singing. The Moderator, Elder L. A. Stewart, and the assistant Moderator, Elder N. C. Fuqua, both being absent, the clerk, Elder A. J. Sloan, called the Association to order. Elder A. G. Stinson was appointed as temporary moderator. After several remarks, Eld. Stinson read as a lesson, the 121st Psalm and then offered prayer. Song, "The Life Boat," was then sung. Elder Stinson then presented Elder R. Thompson, the appointee of last year, to preach the Introductory Sermon. Brother Thompson offered several remarks and then chose for a text 1 Tim. 4:16, his theme being "The Doctrine." At the close of the discourse, the congregation sang and pressed forward to give their hand to the minister in token of their endorsement of the sermon.

Elder N. C. Fuqua, the assistant moderator, having arrived, the work of Elder Stinson was turned over to Elder Fuqua. He appointed as reading clerks Elder Calvin Gregory and Brother W. H. Smith.

The following churches and their messengers were enrolled:
BRATTON TOWN—V. C. Harris and William Norman.
BUFFALO SPRINGS—W. H. Thompson, Vernon Thompson
and J. W. Fleming.
CAPITOL HILL—Not represented.

CEDAR BLUFF—Homer White, John White and Bud Andrews.
FAIRVIEW—R. Thompson, Jack Carr and J. W. Hammock.
FRIENDSHIP—J. L. Gammon, W. J. Russell and L. J. Russell.
GOOD WILL—J. A. Linville.
HAYSVILLE—Wrenzy Wheeley.
LAFAYETTE—E. W. Meador, W. H. Smith and G. W. Johnson.
LONG CREEK—W. C. Brockett and Maxie Walrond.
MACEDONIA—L. V. Meador, Roy K. Meador and W. M. Gregory.
MAPLE GROVE—Not represented.
MAYSVILLE—Alfred Cook, Jack Colson and Arlie Wade.
MEADORVILLE—J. W. Cothron and B. N. Glover.
MT. ZION—L. A. Stewart, E. D. Poe and W. C. Broughton.
NEW HARMONY—A. J. Sloan, N. C. Fuqua and S. F. Curtis.
NEW ZION—Grover West, Charles Green and W. R. Pedigo.
OLD HOPEWELL—L. L. Mince and G. L. Mince.
PLEASANT GROVE—Not represented.
PLEASANT HILL—J. H. Kirkham, Bates Kirkham and Walter Brown.
RED HILL—W. W. Jent, Bert Lee and W. H. Roark.
ROCK BRIDGE—Burford Crowder, J. T. Hall and E. C. Sherron.
ROCKY MOUND—Joe McGuffey, L. H. Lunn and Verbra Trammell.
SILOAM—R. O. Sanders, F. W. Lambert and A. G. Stinson.
SPRING CREEK—G. L. Hughes.
SULPHUR FORK—Not represented.
UNION—John Russell.
UNION HILL—Letter but no messengers.

Permanent organization was effected by electing Elder N. C. Fuqua, Moderator; Elder W. T. Taylor, Assistant Moderator; Elder A. J. Sloan, Clerk; T. C. Harrison, Assistant Clerk, and T. C. Harrison, Treasurer

After speeches of thanks by the newly elected officers, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by Elder P. S. Dyer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After a fine dinner, the Association assembled with singing. Prayer was offered by Elder Alfred Cook.

Petitionary letters were called for and none responded.

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

ENON ASSOCIATION—Elder Calvin Gregory.
 BLEDSOE ASSOCIATION—Elder P. S. Dyer and Brother L. W. Freeman.

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

NOMINATIONS

1. RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—L. A. Stewart, W. C. Broughton and E. D. Poe.
2. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—F. W. Lambert, S. F. Curtis and J. M. Deering.
3. FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES—A. G. Stinson, Grover West and Charles Green.
4. MISSIONS—Calvin Gregory, R. W. Brown and Burford Crowder.
5. OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHANS' HOME—R. Thompson, Joe McGuffey and B. N. Glover.
6. NASHVILLE ORPHANS' HOME—W. H. Smith, E. W. Meador and Walter Dorris.
7. PASTORS' SUPPORT—V. C. Harris, E. D. Stinson and J. A. Linville.
8. SUNDAY SCHOOLS—G. L. Hughes, Walter Cothron and J. H. Kirkham.
9. PROHIBITION—P. S. Dyer, W. R. Howard and Homer White.
10. PRAYER MEETINGS—W. T. Taylor, Lewis Lunn and Y. O. Johnson.
11. STATE OF RELIGION—Alfred Cook, Will Brockett and G. W. Johnson.
12. OBITUARIES—Calvin Gregory, Lewis Mince and W. H. Thompson.
13. RESOLUTIONS—R. O. Sanders, T. C. Harrison and Bates Kirkham.
14. FINANCE—Oscar Shrum, John White and J. H. McClard.
15. CORRESPONDENCE—R. O. Sanders, F. W. Lambert and A. G. Stinson.

The above report was adopted without discussion.

PLACE OF MEETING

The question of the next meeting place of the Association was taken up, Old Hopewell and Rocky Mound churches having asked for our next session. After a number of speeches had been made in favor of each place, the Association voted overwhelmingly to meet with Rocky Mound church, seven miles northeast of

Westmoreland, Tennessee, in 1933. Elder W. T. Taylor was selected to preach the next Introductory Sermon with Elder L. A. Stewart as alternate. Elder A. J. Sloan was chosen to preach the next Doctrinal Sermon, with Elder N. C. Fuqua as alternate.

At this point the Committee on Divine Service announced that Elder L. A. Stewart would preach at this place tonight. Homes were next assigned to the messengers and visitors. Moved to adjourn to meet at eight-thirty o'clock in the morning. Dismissed with prayer by Elder G. L. Hughes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A large congregation assembled at eight o'clock for preaching. Elder Lewis Mince led in prayer, after which Elder L. A. Stewart chose for a text Psalm 34:7 and preached a fine sermon on "How the Angels Care For God's Children." At the close of the discourse, the congregation sang and some shouted their praises of God and felt that it was good to be there.

SECOND DAY THURSDAY MORNING

The Association assembled with singing. Prayer was offered by Elder L. A. Stewart.

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 Religious Literature was read by Elder L. A. Stewart as follows:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

How can we as a people expect to accomplish much unless we read and know something of what Baptists believe. We have been fortunate in the past to have sound Baptist papers for our people to read, but we are sorry to say that at present sound Baptist papers are few in numbers. Much unsound and misleading literature is being read by our people at this time.

The literature that people read often determines their beliefs. As we read, we think; and as we think, we act. We urge our people to read sound literature. We would recommend first our own paper, the Baptist and Commoner, which should be in the home of every Baptist family. We also recommend any other papers that are sound in the faith. L. A. STEWART,

W. C. BROUGHTON,

E. D. POE, Committee.

After being discussed by R. Thompson, S. F. Curtis, L. A. Stewart, R. O. Sanders, D. Francis, Alfred Cook, W. T. Taylor, N. C. Fuqua and W. C. Broughton, the report was adopted.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Elder F. W. Lambert as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We, your Committee, submit the following report: Education means to draw out and develop the talents and powers of man, mentally, morally and spiritually. Our ministers should study the word of God with a prayerful desire to understand it. David said: "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

We recommend that our ministers study Ray's Baptist Succession and Grime's History of Middle Tennessee Baptists, as well as all other good books that will prepare them for their greatest usefulness as ministers of the Gospel. They should avail themselves of every opportunity to secure a good literary education. They need a practical understanding of the use of language and the meaning of words that they might the more readily understand the Scriptures and be more able to meet the critics of modern times. Paul told Timothy to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." James tells us that "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." There is no safer and sweeter place to learn the truth than at the feet of the great teacher, Jesus, whom we may approach in humble prayer. The man with an open Bible and an honest desire to know the truth will always feel safe amid the storms of earth. Prayerfully submitted,

F. W. LAMBERT,

S. F. CURTIS,

J. M. DEERING, Committee.

The report was adopted after discussion by F. W. Lambert, A. J. Sloan, P. S. Dyer, T. C. Harrison, R. O. Sanders, W. T. Taylor, S. F. Curtis and others.

At this point it was announced that Elder P. S. Dyer would preach at the stand at once.

After some other matters had been discussed in a brief way, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by Elder I. N. Sloan.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together with singing, followed with prayer by Elder A. G. Stinson. The following visitors were enrolled at this point:

ROBERTSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Brother L. D. Camplin.

ALLEN ASSOCIATION—Brother Sidney Pruitt.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was read by Elder A. G. Stinson as follows:

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

1. We believe that there is only one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired of God.
3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
4. We believe that the Scriptures teach that man was created in holiness under the law of his maker; but by voluntary transgression, he fell from that holy and happy state.
5. We believe that God calls men to preach the Gospel.
6. We believe that the Gospel must be preached to the world, and that sinners must hear the Gospel and repent of their sins or be lost forever.
7. We believe that the Scriptures teach that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith.
8. We believe that God's elect are those who are called of God, and whom He called, He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified.
9. We believe that a child of God is one who has been born of the Spirit of God, and that he will persevere through grace and never finally fall away and be lost; but is kept by the power of God.
10. We believe that the Scriptures teach that Missionary Baptist churches are the true churches of Christ. A visible church has Christ for its head and not man.
11. We believe that Christ gave the commission to His church and His church only, to teach all nations.
12. We believe that the Scriptures teach that Christ gave Baptism and the Lord's Supper as ordinances in the church.
13. We believe that true believers are the only proper subjects for baptism and that the only proper mode of baptism is immersion.
14. We believe that the Scriptures teach that the Lord's Supper can be taken only in the churches of Christ, and that members of such churches only have the right to partake of the Supper.

A. G. STINSON, Committee.

This report was adopted after discussion by A. G. Stinson and Lewis Mince.

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

MISSIONS

Article 2 of the Constitution of Wiseman Association says: "These Associations shall be composed of members duly elected by regular and orderly Missionary Baptist churches within our bounds." Article 7 says: "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 10 says: "It is expected that these meetings will be missionary in practice as well as theory."

From these three articles we learn that the framers of the Constitution of the Association had in mind the promotion of missions as one of the objects for which our union was formed a little over forty years ago. That we have departed from the original purpose of this union, so far as missions are concerned, is evident to those who heard the various letters read. From these we learn that only four of the churches of Wiseman Association gave a cent to missions of any kind during the past year. These four gave less than \$20. It seems very sad to depart from the practice of those who went before us in living obedient Christian lives. If these good old men and women of other years could see how little we are doing, they would understand that we have departed from the spirit of former times.

While it may seem bad to go back on those who labored before us, it is not the hundredth part so serious as going back on what the Bible teaches. The word of God shows that the whole scheme of human redemption is after the missionary order. The first preacher of the New Testament, John, the Baptist, was a missionary, a man sent from God on a mission. The next preacher of the New Testament was Jesus Christ, and He was a missionary sent from God to the lost world. Jesus sent out the apostles as missionaries to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and later sent them out under a commission to go to the nations of the earth with the missionary message. God called Paul and sent him as the missionary to the Gentiles. Missions means the spread of the Gospel and includes all the Scriptural means thereto. All our members are not situated so as to be able to go to mission fields, but nearly all of them could aid in the work by contributing of their means for the spread of the truth. About the only mission work done by any member of the Association during the past year, except for the contributions from the four churches mentioned above, was that of sacrificing ministers who went into destitute places and preached the word of God without money and

without price. We bid such men Godspeed, but do you suppose that God would have these ministers to give of their time, their strength and bear their own expenses and at the same time require nothing of the great body of the membership of the twenty-eight churches in Wiseman Association? Why not have a part in doing mission work here in our bounds? Why not help the men of God to bear a part of the heavy sacrifice required of them?

Let our ministers preach the truth of the Bible on missions. Let the people know what God says and what He demands of His children in the spread of the Gospel. Let the man of God know that you will help him with your prayers, your moral support, your encouragement and your money. Let us be missionary Baptists in deed as well as name. May God help us to lift up our eyes to the fields that are already white unto harvest. May He enable us to carry the old, old story of the cross to the perishing millions of a lost world.

CALVIN GREGORY,

R. W. BROWN,

BURFORD CROWDER, Committee.

The report was discussed by D. Francis, Alfred Cook, N. C. Fuqua, L. A. Stewart, A. G. Stinson, W. R. Pedigo, W. H. Thompson and others and adopted.

The report on Old Ministers and Orphans' Home was read by Elder R. Thompson as follows:

OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHANS' HOME

We, your committee, submit the following report: This Home was erected near Camden, Tennessee, to care for and support aged ministers who have retired from active service and have no other source of support, their wives or widows, and orphan children who have been left to the mercy of the world. We feel that the Baptists should rally to the support of this Home which is a worthy institution. It is now caring for about twenty children who otherwise would be largely left to shift for themselves. Let us put part of our means into this cause and also pray for its success and welfare.

R. THOMPSON,

JOE MCGUFFEY, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by R. Thompson, W. T. Taylor, L. A. Stewart and others.

Moved to adjourn to meet at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.
Dismissed with prayer by Elder Joe McGuffey.

THIRD DAY**FRIDAY MORNING**

The Association assembled with singing. Prayer was offered by Elder W. T. Taylor. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

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

ENON ASSOCIATION—M. W. Hargis, W. C. Barton and Brittain Morgan.

The report on Pastors' Support was read by Elder A. J. Sloan as follows:

PASTORS' SUPPORT

We know that the churches of Wiseman Association are not doing their part toward their pastors. In the first place, they are not paying the pastors for their labor. In the second place, they are blaming their pastors with not knowing how to explain the word of God to them. Churches, please pay your pastor so that he may give his time to the study of the word and not have to put in all his time trying to make a living by work other than the ministry. He is commanded by the Lord to study to show himself approved of God. 2 Tim. 2:15. Do you think you could live on four or five dollars a week, run your car forty or fifty miles to get to the church and then have to go many more miles to funerals and other places to which the minister must go? God holds you responsible for withholding from the man of God when you rob His faithful servant. Don't you know that God has given you what you have in this world? And He expects each member to give a part of what he has to the cause of the Lord. This applies not to the men only, but to the women as well. Let us try to do more during the next year for our pastors.

V. C. HARRIS,

J. A. LINVILLE,

E. D. STINSON, Committee.

The report was adopted after a lively discussion by R. O. Sanders, P. S. Dyer, Calvin Gregory, L. J. Russell, W. T. Taylor, W. M. Norman, W. R. Pedigo, A. G. Stinson, S. F. Curtis and others.

The time having arrived for the preaching of the annual Doctrinal Sermon, the regular order of business was suspended, and the moderator presented Elder A. J. Sloan, the appointee of last year, to preach the sermon. He chose for a text Prov. 22:28 and preached a soul-stirring sermon on the doctrine of salvation.

At its close the congregation sang "Old Time Religion" and other songs while the hand of endorsement was given the speaker amid shouts of joy.

Moved to adjourn one hour for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Calvin Gregory.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association assembled with singing. Prayer was offered by Elder W. H. Thompson.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Elder G. L. Hughes as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee, submit the following report: Sunday schools are greatly needed in every church. They will help to build up every church and community in the way of Christianity. We feel that it would be good for all of us to engage in Sunday School work. It would help our children in Sunday School that they might learn more about God and His goodness.

G. L. HUGHES,
J. H. KIRKHAM,
W. E. COTHRON, Committee.

The above report was adopted after discussion by G. L. Hughes, Calvin Gregory, P. S. Dyer, L. H. Lunn, W. H. Thompson and others.

The report on Prohibition was read by Elder P. S. Dyer as follows:

PROHIBITION

We, your Committee on Prohibition, submit the following report: We are glad that we have a law that prohibits the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks of all kinds. If the followers of Christ do not take a firm stand against this form of ungodliness, our laws will be changed. None of us wants a law that would bring back the evils of saloon days. Just think of the homes that are broken up today on account of the liquor evil. Think of the many other crimes committed daily because of its terrible power over the human family. We do implore you for the sake of our homes, our churches and our children to vote against any repeal of our present prohibition laws. Let us stand by the Eighteenth Amendment to the last ditch. Let us pray and trust in God for strict enforcement of our present laws, and for all things

that mean the betterment of the men and women of today and the rising generation.

P. S. DYER,
HOMER WHITE,
W. R. POWELL, Committee.

Adopted after a warm discussion by P. S. Dyer, D. Francis, A. J. Sloan, Alfred Cook and others.

The report on Prayer Meetings was read by Elder W. T. Taylor as follows:

PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer is one of the greatest privileges given to man. The Bible tells us that God's house shall be called the house of prayer. The church as Jerusalem prayed and received power from God. All really great men have been men of prayer. God's word tells us to ask if we would receive. In olden times churches had power through prayer. We, therefore, recommend to every church in Wiseman Association a weekly prayer meeting. If we pray more, we feel that God will give us a great awakening and great power, power with God and power with men. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Y. O. JOHNSON,
LOUIS H. LUNN, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by W. T. Taylor, Calvin Gregory, P. S. Dyer and others.

The report on State of Religion was read by Elder Alfred Cook as follows:

STATE OF RELIGION

When we say religion, we mean pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, which is to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep yourself unspotted from the world. This definition is found in James 1:27. If we would do this, we would be more powerful in bringing the lost to Christ and there would be more of our friends saved. We could be far more Christ-like.

ALFRED COOK,
G. W. JOHNSON,
W. E. BROCKETT, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by Alfred Cook.

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

OBITUARIES

From the communications from the churches we learn with sad and sorrowing hearts that eighteen of our beloved brethren

and sisters have gone from our churches to the better world since our last association. Of this number some were leaders in their respective churches and their places will be hard to fill. But we are not selfish enough to want to call them back to the burdens and cares of the world, although our hearts yearn with unspeakable longing for the touch of their vanished hands, for just a word from their dear lips and to see again the smiles that faded away as they went from our hearts, our homes and our lives. Rather we are willing for them to enjoy the rest that remains to the people of God until we may join them in the bright summer land of bliss.

The work they loved is still to be carried on in the churches and it is our duty to take up as it were, their mantles and carry on in their places as best we can. Let us try to follow every good example in their lives, let us try to avoid any mistake they made and let us do our part to honor the God they loved and served so well.

We know that we live in a sad world where death is daily doing his work and where there are millions of broken-hearted men, women and children. We miss our departed dead from our churches and from our annual associations, but let us think of them as being better off by far than we are. Released from the world's sad woes, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them. In our hearts there is a tremendous yearning to see them again and we feel that God will not deny us the privilege of spending eternity with our precious sainted dead in a land of fadeless joys and eternal happiness, whose glories are too grand for us to really comprehend today. As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.

CALVIN GREGORY,
LOUIS MINCE,

W. H. THOMPSON, Committee.

The report on Obituaries was adopted after some comforting remarks by Calvin Gregory.

The report on Resolutions was read by Elder R. O. Sanders as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, it has pleased God to grant to us a very profitable session, and whereas, we are almost at the close of this meeting; therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we offer to God our sincere thanks for His manifold blessings.

2. That we extend our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient services.

3. That we extend to the people of Siloam church and community our debt of gratitude for their hospitality.

4. That we pray earnestly for the progress of the work of God in His church, for His ministers at home and abroad and for each other.

R. O. SANDERS,

T. C. HARRISON,

W. B. KIRKHAM, Committee.

Adopted without discussion.

The report on Correspondence was read by Elder F. W. Lambert as follows:

CORRESPONDENCE

Brethren, we are more than glad to have had you with us, and we feel and realize that the Association has been a spiritual blessing to us as a church and upbuilding to the community. Words cannot express our appreciation of having you as messengers and visitors in our church and in our homes. And we ask that you again visit us and that you make our church and our homes, your church and your homes when you are in our community again. May the blessings of God rest upon each of you and upon your respective churches. May the Divine Being who will reward every man according to his work, watch over the brotherhood of this Association and grant unto you a glorious year in the salvation of the lost and in the spread of the Gospel. Pray for our church. Respectfully submitted,

F. W. LAMBERT,

R. O. SANDERS,

A. G. STINSON,

Messengers of Siloam Church, Committee.

Adopted without discussion.

The report on Finance was read by Elder A. J. Sloan as follows:

FINANCE

Your Committee on Finance has collected for printing and clerk hire \$44.35.

OSCAR SHRUM,

JOHN WHITE,

J. H. McCLARD, Committee.

This report was adopted without discussion.

The report of Treasurer, T. C. Harrison, was read by him as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the present sitting of the Association the following sums have been paid into my hands:

Foreign Missions, from Haysville church.....	\$ 5.00
Home Missions, from Long Creek church.....	9.30
Old Ministers' and Orphans' Home, from Haysville church	11.38
Old Ministers' and Orphans' Home, other sources	3.25
Total.....	\$28.93

I will send the money for the Home direct to the superintendent, and the missionary money will be sent to Treasurer C. B. Massey of Pleasant Shade, Tennessee. Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HARRISON, Treasurer.

The report was adopted without discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

The question of changing the time of the Association having been agitated more or less during this session, it was voted to change the time to October, meeting on Wednesday after the third Sunday in that month. It was also agreed to leave off one day of the Association, having the Doctrinal Sermon on Thursday instead of Friday as heretofore.

Moved to adjourn to meet with Rocky Mound church, seven miles northeast of Westmoreland, Tennessee, on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1933. Dismissed with prayer by Elder W. M. Norman. Thus closed one of the very best sessions of this Association.

N. C. FUQUA, Moderator, Lafayette, Tenn.

A. J. SLOAN, Clerk, Lafayette, Tenn.

T. C. HARRISON, Treas., Westmoreland, Tenn.

RULE 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, fallings, 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.

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 Sunday in October, and continue two 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 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 Testa-

ments 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 beloved brethren and sisters who have answered the last roll call since September, 1931.

CEDAR BLUFF—Ada Cothron, December 23, 1931.
Deacon Daily White, January 7, 1932.

HAYSVILLE—Deacon T. P. Wheelley, April 22, 1932.
George Meador, May 6, 1932.

LAFAYETTE—T. E. Faust, November 28, 1931.

LONG CREEK—Mrs. May Claiborne, January 28, 1932.

MEADORVILLE—G. W. W. Claiborne, October 9, 1931.
Daniel D. Freeman, January 5, 1932.

MT. ZION—J. W. Mahaney, December 6, 1931.

NEW HARMONY—Mrs. Ina Duffer, date not given.
Eddie Sanders, November 13, 1931.
P. H. Fuqua, May 10, 1932.

NEW ZION—Mrs. Effie Dallas, February 2, 1932.

OLD HOPEWELL—Charles Stamps, date not given.

PLEASANT GROVE—Elder C. N. Simmons, Dec. 23, 1931.

RED HILL—Mollie Driver, October 7, 1931.

ROCK BRIDGE—Pearlie Dorris, December 19, 1931.
William Crowder, April 22, 1932.

UNION HILL—Mrs. Ruth Gregory, date not given.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

Elder J. A. Carter.....	Adolphus, Kentucky
Elder Alfred Cook.....	Joelton, Tennessee
Elder W. H. Farley.....	Scottsville, Kentucky
Elder J. Y. Freeman.....	Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder N. C. Fuqua.....	Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder G. A. Gregory.....	Bethpage, Tennessee
Elder G. R. Grisham.....	Hartsville, Tennessee
Elder V. C. Harris.....	Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder R. Y. Hawkins.....	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder J. R. Jackson.....	Fountain Run, Kentucky
Elder Willie Jenkins.....	Liberty, Tennessee
Elder A. W. Keene.....	Scottsville, Kentucky
Elder I. N. Knight.....	Fountain Head, Tennessee
Elder F. W. Lambert.....	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder James Linville.....	Hartsville, Tennessee
Elder William McDonald.....	Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder B. T. Matthews.....	Hartsville, Tennessee
Elder L. V. Meador.....	Adolphus, Kentucky
Elder Lewis Mince.....	Bethpage, Tennessee
Elder J. D. Mungle.....	Hartsville, Tennessee
Elder W. M. Norman.....	Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder L. J. Russell.....	Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder R. O. Sanders.....	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder A. J. Sloan.....	Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder I. N. Sloan.....	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder L. W. Stewart.....	Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder A. G. Stinson.....	Adolphus, Kentucky
Elder W. J. Summar.....	Gallatin, Tennessee
Elder W. T. Taylor.....	Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder R. Thompson.....	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder W. H. Thompson.....	Westmoreland, Tennessee
Elder W. A. Whitlow.....	Scottsville, Kentucky

LICENSED MINISTERS

Aubrey Andrews.....Hartsville, Tennessee
M. M. Bransford.....Lafayette, Tennessee
S. F. Curtis.....Westmoreland, Tennessee
J. L. Gammon.....Lafayette, Tennessee
Charles Green.....Lafayette, Tennessee
Walter Gregory.....Bethpage, Tennessee
Robert Gulley.....Hartsville, Tennessee
George Harrison.....Gallatin, Tennessee
Joe McGuffey.....Westmoreland, Tennessee
W. R. Peddigo.....Lafayette, Tennessee
James Tillman.....Gallatin, Tennessee
Grover West.....Lafayette, Tennessee

STANDING COMMITTEE

Elder N. C. Fuqua, Lafayette, Tennessee
Elder James A. Linville, Hartsville, Tennessee
Deacon J. D. Cook, Hartsville, Tennessee

STATISTICAL TABLE—WISEMAN ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	When Constituted	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP					Total Present Members	
			Gains		Losses				
			Baptisms	Letters	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures		Deaths
Bratton Town	1925	Third		2		1		92	
Buffalo Springs	1930	Third						31	
Cedar Bluff	1887	First			4	1	1	2	
Fairview	1875	Third		1			3		
Friendship	1919	First				2			
Good Will	1899	Fourth	6						
Haysville	1925	Fourth	1	1	1			2	
Lafayette	1849	Fourth	30	4	4			1	
Long Creek	1853	First	2		1			1	
Macedonia	1873	Fourth							
Maysville	1922	Second	15	1	1	1			
Meadorville	1869	Third	10	4	3			2	
Mt. Zion	1888	Third					1	3	
New Harmony	1848	Second	2	2	1			3	
New Zion	1910	Second						1	
Old Hopewell	1921	Second	1		4			1	
Pleasant Hill	1876	First	2						
Red Hill	1925	Second					1		
Rock Bridge	1883	Fourth						2	
Rocky Mound	1873	Second		1	1				
Siloam	1842	Second			1	4			
Spring Creek	1849	First	6	6					
Union	1858	First	5			3			
Union Hill	1919	Second		2	1		1		
TOTALS			80	22	26	17	1	18	3247

The church at Haysville has a year-around Sunday School with four teachers and an average attendance of 40 pupils. T. L. Hughes is Superintendent and Lois Hughes is Secretary. Address of each is Lafayette. Lafayette Church has 75 pupils in average attendance and six teachers. E. W. Meador, Lafayette, Tenn., is Superintendent, and Mrs. Meador is Secretary.

The statistical report covers the work of only about ten months which have passed since the last Association. Many of the churches have not yet had their annual revivals. (Clerk's note.)

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR CHURCHES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES
BRATTON TOWN.....	W. H. Taylor, Lafayette, Tenn.....	L. B. Hughes, Lafayette, Tenn.
BUFFALO SPRINGS.....	W. H. Thomas, Trammel, Ky.....	J. W. Fleming, Bethpage, Tenn.
CEDAR BLUFF.....	F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn.....	Delson Ragland, Hartsville, Tenn.
FAIRVIEW.....	R. O. Sanders, Westmoreland, Tenn.....	Oscar Shrum, Hartsville, Tenn.
FRIENDSHIP.....	R. M. Brawner, 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 Wheelley, 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.
MAYSVILLE.....	W. T. Taylor, Lafayette, Tenn.....	W. A. Whitlow, Scottsville, Ky.
MEADORVILLE.....	Calvin Gregory, Lafayette, Tenn.....	J. W. Cothron, Hillsdale, Tenn.
MT. ZION.....	N. C. Fuqua, Lafayette, Tenn.....	J. H. Downing, Holland, Ky.
NEW HARMONY.....	C. B. Massey, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.....	W. T. Gross, Lafayette, Tenn.
NEW ZION.....	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.....	N. B. Cook, Lafayette, Tenn.
OLD HOPEWELL.....	R. O. Sanders, Westmoreland, Tenn.....	J. H. Manning, Castalian Springs, 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.....	W. W. Bowman, Lebanon, Tenn.....	Mabel Key, Gallatin, Tenn.

FINANCIAL TABLE—WISEMAN ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Missions	Baptist Home at Camden	Orphans' Home Near Nashville	Paid Help In Meeting	Given Poor	Building and Repairs	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor	All Other Causes	Total Contributions	Value of Church Property
BRATTON TOWN	\$	\$ 30.89					\$ 1.50	\$ 61.89		\$ 94.28	\$ 1,000.00
BUFFALO SPRINGS						27.50	1.00	31.05		59.55	700.00
CEDAR BLUFF		25.33		8.00	1.00	24.50	2.40	40.00		101.23	1,500.00
FAIRVIEW	1.00	11.35			1.30		2.58		10.53	26.76	500.00
FRIENDSHIP							1.10	15.12		16.22	1,000.00
GOOD WILL		45.75					1.50	100.91		148.16	1,500.00
HAYSVILLE	5.00	25.38		12.96			2.50	145.00	37.00	227.84	2,000.00
LAFAYETTE			13.10	16.25	20.00	260.00	2.50	550.25	136.98	999.08	4,000.00
LONG CREEK	9.30	100.00		25.70			3.00	180.49		318.49	1,000.00
MACEDONIA		10.00					2.00	25.00		37.00	300.00
MAYSVILLE		5.00		13.00			1.00	44.32		63.32	800.00
MEADORVILLE		13.51			9.01	2.35	3.00	215.73	25.00	268.60	1,000.00
MT. ZION		9.45					2.50	45.35	5.90	63.20	1,000.00
NEW HARMONY		69.95		37.80	2.15		1.70	146.14	21.00	278.74	1,500.00
NEW ZION					2.70		.70	83.25		86.65	1,500.00
OLD HOPEWELL							1.75	62.90		64.65	1,200.00
PLEASANT HILL				28.50	15.00		3.00	200.00		246.50	1,000.00
RED HILL		10.00					1.50	41.75		53.25	1,200.00
ROCK BRIDGE		12.50					2.00	55.15		69.65	1,000.00
ROCKY MOUND		31.15				800.00	2.81			833.96	1,000.00
SILOAM	1.05	7.34				200.00	1.65	63.20	14.00	287.24	1,200.00
SPRING CREEK				15.00			.75	55.12		70.87	500.00
UNION		21.77		20.00			2.00	150.00	40.00	233.77	2,000.00
UNION HILL				23.50			1.50	22.02		47.02	1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 16.35	\$429.37	\$ 13.10	\$200.71	\$ 51.16	\$1,314.35	\$ 45.94	\$2,334.64	\$290.41	\$4,696.03	\$29,400.00

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The table above is for the ten months that have elapsed since our last Association. (Clerk's note.)