

THE
**WISEMAN BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
TENNESSEE**

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

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HELD WITH

SILOAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Near Westmoreland, Tennessee

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FIRST DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1942

At ten o'clock a. m. on this date, Wiseman Baptist Association convened in its fifty-first annual session, with the church at Siloam, two miles east of Westmoreland, Tenn. Services were opened with singing "Are You Washed In The Blood" and "Where The Soul Never Dies." After a few remarks by the Moderator, Elder N. C. Fuqua, prayer was offered by Elder R. Y. Hawkins, followed with singing "Standing On The Promises."

The Moderator read as a lesson Psalm 121, followed with prayer by Elder C. B. Massey of Enon Association. "When The Roll Is Called" was then sung.

The Moderator presented Elder F. W. Lambert, the appointee of last year, to deliver the Introductory Sermon. After a number of remarks, Brother Lambert read John 3:1-17 and chose for a text the third verse of the lesson. He used as a theme, "The New Birth," and preached a great sermon, showing that sinners had to be born again, that they must mourn on account of their sins in order to be saved, that they are saved by grace, that they are saved forever. There were many amens as he lifted the brethren up toward Heaven. At the close of the discourse, the congregation pressed forward to give the speaker the hand of endorsement and fellowship.

The Moderator then appointed Elder J. E. McDonald and Elder James O. Walker as Reading Clerks. Churches and their messengers were enrolled as follows:

ATHENS—James C. Walker, J. O. Walker, W. A. Whited.

BRATTONTOWN—W. T. Gross, Walter Smith.

BUFFALO SPRINGS—W. V. Thompson, Leslie Marshall.

- CEDAR BLUFF—Robert Gulley, Aubrey Andrews.
 FAIRVIEW—R. Thompson, Oakley Cook, Jack Carr.
 FIFTH STREET—Cleave Meador, Ed White, Bryant Hutchins.
 FRIENDSHIP—Letter, no messengers.
 GOOD WILL—G. G. Taylor, Jack Wright, Willie McClanahan.
 HAYSVILLE—Ezra Lawrence.
 LAFAYETTE—A. W. Jenkins, Dewey Tucker, L. L. Gregory.
 LONG CREEK—N. C. Fuqua, Ellis Jones, W. O. Johnson.
 MACEDONIA—W. M. Gregory, Roy K. Meador, Ray Gregory.
 MAPLE GROVE—Paul Lawson, Lacey Carter.
 MAYSVILLE—G. H. Taylor.
 MEADORVILLE—J. H. McClard.
 MT. ZION—E. D. Poe, W. C. Broughton, Bob Tracey.
 NEW BETHEL—Henry Smith, William Overton, P. H. Brooks.
 NEW HARMONY—A. J. Sloan, Gilliam Fuqua, E. F. Fuqua.
 NEW ZION—S. H. Dillard, J. O. Caruthers.
 OLD HOPEWELL—Ed Grizzle, Warren Leath, Ernest Manning.
 PLEASANT GROVE—Not represented.
 PLEASANT HILL—Luther Kirkham, L. W. Grubb.
 RED HILL—Letter, no messengers.
 ROCK BRIDGE—H. P. Brown, Edgar Brown, E. C. Sherron.
 ROCKY MOUND—Charlie Alexander, Billie Meador, Buddy Trammel.
 SILOAM—F. W. Lambert, R. O. Sanders, T. C. Harrison.
 SPRING CREEK—G. L. Hughes.
 SULPHUR FORK—P. T. Smith, H. B. Roark, B. S. Gregory.
 UNION—W. T. Russell.
 UNION HILL—D. R. Perrigo, B. H. Woodard.
- Permanent organization was effected by electing the following officers: Elder N. C. Fuqua, Moderator; Elder R. O. Sanders, Assistant Moderator; Elder A. J. Sloan, Clerk; Elder F. W. Lambert, Assistant Clerk; and T. C. Harrison, Treasurer.
- Moved to adjourn one hour for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by Elder H. A. Thompson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a fine dinner the Association came together with singing. Prayer was offered by Elder Lewis Mince.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Athens church in Wilson County responded with a letter, asking for admittance into this body. Its letter was received and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to its messengers.

Visiting brethren were enrolled as follows:

ENON ASSOCIATION—Elder C. B. Massey, Elder J. E. McDonald, Elder E. M. McDonald, Elder Walter Jenkins, N. M. Williams, C. Wert Dotson, Aruthur Wilson, Earl Blankenship.

BLEDSON ASSOCIATION—G. N. Thompson.

CALDWELL ASSOCIATION, in North Carolina—Elder T. L. Blalock.

ALLEN COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Claude Jones.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted as follows:

NOMINATIONS

1. RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—C. B. Massey, Herlin Brown.
2. PROHIBITION—M. H. Whitley, Edgar Brown.
3. BAPTIST HOME—Jas. C. Walker, R. Thompson, E. A. Jones.
4. MISSIONS—T. L. Blalock, R. O. Sanders.
5. PASTOR'S SUPPORT—J. E. McDonald, A. G. Stinson.
6. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—P. H. Brooks, F. W. Lambert.
7. SUNDAY SCHOOLS—William Overton, W. C. Thompson.
8. PRAYER MEETINGS—Henry Smith, C. L. Hughes.
9. STATE OF RELIGION—Walter Jenkins, Robert Gulley.
10. RESOLUTIONS—Oakley Cook, I. N. Sloan.
11. OBITUARIES—L. A. Stewart, W. H. Thompson.
12. FINANCE—H. A. Thompson, Ezra Lawrence.
13. TREASURER'S REPORT—T. C. Harrison.
14. CORRESPONDENCE—F. W. Lambert, R. O. Sanders, T. C. Harrison.

PLACE OF MEETING

The place of meeting next year was taken up, and Athens Church, eight miles south of Hartsville, Tennessee,

was chosen to entertain our next annual gathering. Elder R. O. Sanders was chosen to preach the next Introductory Sermon, with Elder F. W. Lambert as alternate. Elder F. W. Lambert was chosen to deliver the next Memorial Sermon, with Elder N. C. Fuqua as alternate; and Elder A. J. Sloan was chosen to deliver the next Doctrinal Sermon, with Elder R. O. Sanders as alternate.

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

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

It is very important that our people read good literature. Books and papers that are in keeping with the Bible should be in every home. We recommend the Independent Baptist Voice, and the Forerunner, which is a mission journal. We also recommend much reading of the Bible and other good books. We also recommend the destruction of books favoring Russellism, Rutherfordism and other damnable heresies. The Bible should be read instead of such heresy.

Teach the Bible to your children and be what you want your children to be.

C. B. MASSEY,
H. P. BROWN, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by C. B. Massey, T. L. Blalock, M. H. Whitley, R. O. Sanders, P. S. Dyer, A. G. Stinson.

Messengers and visitors were next assigned homes. Moved to adjourn to meet at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Elder P. H. Brooks.

SECOND DAY

Saturday, October 24, 1942

The Association came together with singing "The Lifeboat," followed with a few songs by the New Bethel Quartet. Prayer was offered by Elder Irvin Eden.

The Clerk read the roll of messengers and the Rules of Decorum. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

J. W. Marsh of Enon Association was invited to a seat with us.

The report on Prohibition was read by Elder M. H. Whitley as follows:

PROHIBITION

We, your committee on Prohibition, submit the fol-

lowing report: One of as great, if not the greatest evil that we, as a people, have to face today in this temperance question. We believe also that there is no neutral ground for us to occupy, for we are either for it or we are against it. The Son of God used these words in Matt. 12:30: "He that gathereth not with Me, scattereth abroad." We, as God's people, know that strong drink is either the direct or indirect cause of more deaths, and suffering for want of food, raiment and shelter for little children than any other weapon the Devil uses to fight the cause of God, to say nothing of the tears and heartaches of the sainted mothers of the land.

We think that the churches of this Association should stand united in the fight against this evil with our motto: "We are for everything that is against liquor, and we are against everything in favor of liquor." Let us remember that God has said in His word: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Therefore, let us use all the strength that God may give us to fight this evil, not only in our churches, but in our county, state and nation. Before we cast our vote, from the least office to the highest, let us have every reason to believe that we are voting for a person who will not support the cause of strong drink, whether in the form of whiskey, wine or beer. We give a verse of poetry from some unknown author which has had a profound effect upon the life of the writer. It is as follows:

Dare to say, No, when you are tempted to drink,
Pause for a moment, my brave boy, and think;
Think of the mother who bore you in pain,
Think of the tears that will soon fall like rain;
Think of her heart and how cruel the blow,
Think of her love and at once answer, No.

M. H. WHITLEY,

EDGAR BROWN, Committee

Adopted after discussion by M. H. Whitley, P. S. Dyer, Irving Eden, R. O. Sanders, W. M. Gregory, F. W. Lambert, N. C. Fuqua, T. L. Blalock, James C. Walker.

The hour having arrived for the preaching of the annual Memorial Sermon, the regular Order of Business was suspended and the Moderator presented Elder L. A. Stewart, the appointee of last year, to preach the sermon. Brother Stewart offered a few remarks and then chose for a text Phil. 1:21, and preached a comforting sermon, showing that it is more glorious to die than to live, and our

hearts were made glad as we thought of the happy state of departed saints. At the close of the discourse the congregation sang while the hand of fellowship was given each other as they thanked God for the brightening hope of Heaven.

Moved to adjourn one hour for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After another good dinner the Association came together with singing. Prayer was offered by Elder Geo. A. Gregory, followed with singing "When The Boys Come Home."

The discussion of the report on Prohibition, which was suspended for the Memorial Sermon, was resumed. Speeches were made by R. Thompson, William Overton, A. G. Stinson and others.

By motion the Clerk of the Association was authorized to write our Congressman to use his influence to have whiskey moved from our Army camps.

The report on Missions was read by Elder T. L. Blacklock as follows:

MISSIONS

That the Great Commission was given to the churches, all true Baptists admit. This means that Christ gave to one institution and to one only the carrying of the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Therefore, we conclude that the world at home and abroad, is to receive the Gospel by and through the churches of Christ. It was to this end that the Holy Spirit was sent upon the church at Pentecost. Acts 1:8.

In order for the churches to carry out this commission, there are two essentials. First, every member of each church must recognize the fact that the commission was given to them as a member of the body of Christ. Second, Christ said: "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth." Since this is true, every member must live, act and move in union with Christ, the Head, for there abides the secret of power to carrying the Gospel. In order to make these essentials a reality in our life, the Holy Spirit is given to the churches to abide till He comes.

As to the work accomplished, 90 per cent of the population of the earth has the Bible in their own language. During the past 150 years the Bible has been translated into 1,018 languages. However, it is a fact that between

800 and 1,000 tribes or countries do not have the Bible in their own language and are practically untouched by the Gospel.

As to the work identified with Wiseman Association, there are nine foreign missionaries at present, whose names and addresses appear in the Forerunner. In addition, when we left China, we had eleven churches, five pastors, with a working force of a considerable number. We had also a prosperous Bible school. In addition we had entered 70 other towns where we had converts. Respectfully submitted.

T. L. BLALOCK,

R. O. SANDERS, Committee

Adopted after discussion by T. L. Blalock, R. O. Sanders, A. J. Sloan, Irvin Eden, A. G. Stinson, James C. Walker, P. H. Brooks, N. C. Fuqua, M. H. Whitley, F. L. Ray, William Overton.

Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock tomorrow. Dismissed with prayer by Elder R. Y. Hawkins.

THIRD DAY

Sunday, October 25, 1942

The Association came together with singing "Glory To His Name" and "What A Friend," followed with prayer by Elder R. O. Sanders. Song, "I'll Be Satisfied," was then sung.

The regular Order of Business was taken up. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following visitors were seated:

WILSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Elder Hall Grime, Wilburn Graves.

The report on Baptist Home was read by Elder R. Thompson as follows:

BAPTIST HOME

The Scriptures teach us that a visit to the fatherless helps to constitute pure religion. We believe that this visiting may be done in different manners, but especially in the administration of financial support.

The Baptist Old Ministers and Orphans' Home at Camden, Tenn., has been, for several years, supplying a part of this need. Under the management of Eld J. Robt. Paschal, it has been caring for those who could not care for themselves. We feel that this is a worthy and necessary work, and suggest that all messengers urge their churches to take regular contributions for it. Also that at every

opportunity we visit the home, thereby keeping in close touch with the work and seeing that their needs are supplied, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

JAS. C. WALKER,

R. THOMPSON,

E. A. JONES, Committee

The report was adopted after discussion by R. Thompson. While the congregation sang "Amazing Grace," a collection of \$35.00 was taken up for the Home.

At this point Clarence and Prentice Boze of Enon Association were invited to seats with us.

The report on Pastor's Support was read by Elder N. C. Fuqua as follows:

PASTOR'S SUPPORT

We, your committee, submit the following report: In general our pastors are poorly supported. But few are able to live, support their families and provide anything for old age, from their work as pastors or ministers. This presents a very discouraging picture when we not the drift toward younger and more active ministers. But few churches want a pastor when old age begins to creep upon him.

The Bible says: "They that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." "The laborer is worthy of his hire." And "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." We feel that the present situation is due in part to the fact that pastors have not taught the churches their duty to support their shepherds, and to the lack of appreciation on the part of the churches toward their servants, the ministers of God. Many members seem to think the pastor should go to church as a matter of duty, regardless of any obligation on the part of the membership of the churches to support him. In other words the preacher is obligated to do his part, but there is no obligation to be met by the members themselves.

There is no man who serves a people more efficiently and more profitably than the faithful pastor. Just think of him as he comes to you in the heat of summer, the cold of winter, visits you when you are in distress, gives advice as to the better way of life, preaches the Gospel to your lost ones, baptizes them after they are saved, performs the marriage ceremonies of your loved ones, and then at the end of the way, holds the funeral services for those who are near and dear to your heart. Do you really appreciate a God-called, spirit-led man of this kind?

Surely a man who has thus served his people, as all real pastors do, should be able to face old age unafraid of being left destitute and able to face life's sunset without the dread of a needy and helpless old age. A grateful people ought to see that his life ends in peace, without worry over unpaid bills and unfilled wants and needs.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age, forsake me not when my strength faileth," has been the prayer of many preachers. We recommend that pastors try to spend more time and give more service to their churches. Also that the deacons present to the churches regularly the needs of their pastor, and their duty to support him, and that each member lay by him in store on the first day of the week as the Lord hath prospered him, and that each member see that the pastor share regularly in the bounty. Respectfully submitted.

J. E. McDONALD,

A. G. STINSON, Committee

Adopted after discussion by A. G. Stinson.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Elder William Overton as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: Every church should gather together on the Lord's Day and study the word of God. It is helpful to everyone and specially to the younger members, who learn the things that they need to know for their spiritual good. We recommend that every church in Wiseman Association have a good sound Sunday School.

WILLIAM OVERTON, Committee

Adopted after discussion by William Overton, R. O. Sanders, A. J. Sloan.

The report on Ministerial Education was ready by Elder P. H. Brooks as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

This is the day of special training. More and more is the call for trained men in every walk of life. This is as it should be; for if a man is to undertake any task of importance, he should be willing to give sufficient time and study in preparation for that task. This will insure his best effort instead of failure. In the trades and professions and in the business life of the nation, it is almost universally required that those who perform these tasks shall be qualified. Almost daily the plea for trained and skilled

workmen can be heard over the radio and read in papers. This is particularly true in our national defense, and in the great building program of the nation.

Surely, if training is important in lines of work such as these and so vitally necessary to success, how much greater need is there for men who are trained in the things of God? Such men are dealing with the lives and souls of boys and girls, of men and women. The two greatest men of the Bible were Moses and Paul, both trained and fitted for their great life's work, the first in all the learning and wisdom of Egypt, and Paul being perhaps the equal and possibly the superior of any scholar of his day. Solomon said: "Teach a righteous man and he will increase in learning." We, therefore, recommend that our ministers obtain the best education possible.

P. H. BROOKS,
F. W. LAMBERT, Committee

Adopted after discussion by P. H. Brooks and A. G. Stinson.

The report on Prayer Meetings was read by Elder Henry Smith as follows:

PRAYER MEETINGS

We, your committee on Prayer Meetings, submit the following report: Every church in Wiseman Association should have a weekly prayer meeting in order that the churches may be more powerful in winning the lost to Christ. To do this we must have the power of God, and prayer is one of the means of obtaining this special power. The church prayed with one accord just before Pentecost, and God sent His power. Paul says in 1 Tim. 2:8: "I will, therefore, that men pray everywhere."

We recommend that the messengers of this Association go back to their churches and begin a prayer meeting. This will help us to meet the present world conditions that are so unfavorable for our cause.

HENRY SMITH,
G. L. HUGHES, Committee

Adopted after discussion by Henry Smith, M. H. Whitley, J. D. Cook, R. Y. Hawkins.

NOTES BY ASSISTANT CLERK

The hour for the preaching of the annual Doctrinal Sermon having arrived, the regular Order of Business was suspended and the Moderator presented Elder A. J. Sloan, the appointee of last year, to preach the sermon. Song,

"Yes, I Know I Have Been Redeemed," was sung, after which Brother Sloan offered a number of remarks relative to his past association with Siloam and community. He chose for a text 2 Tim. 1:5 and preached a great sermon on the origin, perpetuity and doctrine of the church of Jesus Christ, the Baptist church, and the glory that is to follow. Brother Sloan, with great power, preached one of the greatest sermons ever heard before the Association. Many amens were heard and some shouted aloud for joy as the speaker brought his message. At the close many songs were sung and a hearty handshake took place amid much rejoicing.

Moved to adjourn one hour for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Hall Grime.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

After a fine dinner the Association came together with singing "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again," with prayer by D. C. Russell. "How Firm a Foundation" was then sung.

The report on the State of Religion was read by Elder Walter Jenkins as follows:

STATE OF RELIGION

We, your committee on State of Religion, submit the following report: Some of the churches report good meetings with many souls being saved, while others had but few conversions. A few had no additions at all. Let us, as the people of God, go forth and work and sow for the Master the good seed which is the word of God, and faint not. For God hears His people and is not slack concerning His promise. He has promised to go with us to the end. Let us look to God and not to the preacher for our help. He helps the humble and not the proud. Let us follow every good impression and turn down those that are of this world. God is a spirit and seeketh such to worship Him as do worship Him in spirit and in truth.

May God bless us as His dear children as we try to follow Christ as our example. He said: "I am come to do thy will, O God." He came to seek and to save the lost. Let us teach them the true and living way, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe.

G. W. JENKINS,

J. R. GULLEY, Committee

Adopted after discussion by Walter Jenkins, A. J. Sloan, Robert Gulley.

The report on Obituaries is as follows:

OBITUARIES

We, your committee, submit the following report: Since our last meeting the Lord has seen fit to call 31 of our members to their reward. We regret very much to erase them from our number, but let us rejoice because of their faith in God.

Among those who have left us in the short space of twelve months, were some of our best members. They are sorely missed in our churches because they were pillars and stood for the things of God. Then they are so sadly missed by those who loved them in the family circle. Somehow it seems that our churches grow poorer year by year in some respects and many of us who still live find ourselves going back to the days of long ago when we had these dear ones with us and we were so happy together. But these things are now over and we can hope to see them no more in their homes or churches. We may see their graves and fond recollection may bring back many happy events of the years gone by. But their voices are no longer heard in prayer or singing, or in greeting and we feel somehow that we are being left stranded, as it were, on the shores of time. Then faith comes winging across the chasm that lies between those loved ones who left us and ourselves, telling us that they live more happily, more gloriously, more joyfully than they ever lived in the golden days of their early life here below. Faith whispers to us that we shall soon join them in their happy and contented state. Then our sorrow is assuaged, our burden seems less heavy and we feel it in our hearts to give them up in humble submission to the will of God. It is not yet ours to go to them. So let us use the time allotted to us to carry on the same great work they did while here. Then in the end we may bid farewell to earth and join them in their happiness. And better still, we can be at home with the Lord.

L. A. STEWART,
A. J. SLOAN, Committee

Adopted without discussion.

The report on Resolutions was read by Oakley Cook as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

The Wiseman Baptist Association having met in a very harmonious and helpful session with Siloam church, and

whereas, the time is almost at hand when we must separate; Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we extend our thanks and appreciation to the church and community for the kindness and consideration shown us both in the homes and at church.

2. That we extend to the Moderator, the Clerk and the Treasurer our sincere thanks for their efficient services, which have been so freely rendered through the years gone by.

3. That we, as God's people, make our greatest effort in life against vice and crime and worldiness that are leading many astray.

4. That we, the members of this Association, give our Clerk authority to write our leaders to use their influence to prevent the sale of strong drink to our boys in the army camps.

5. That the Clerk have 600 copies of minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to the amount received from each for printing fund, and that he have the remainder for his services.

OAKLEY COOK,
I. N. SLOAN, Committee

Adopted without discussion.

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

FINANCE

We have received from the various churches for printing fund a total of \$68.50.

H. A. THOMPSON,
EZRA LAWRENCE, Committee

Adopted without discussion.

The report of the Treasurer was read as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the 1942 sitting of this Association I have received the following sums:

Foreign Missions	-----	\$ 4.50
Old Ministers and Orphans' Home	-----	65.80

TOTAL	-----	\$ 70.30
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T. C. HARRISON, Treasurer

Adopted without discussion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Brethren, we are glad to have had you with us. We feel that the church has been greatly blest by your presence, and that your good influence has also helped our community much. The presence of both visitors and messengers is much appreciated.

We ask that you visit us again, assuring you of a hearty welcome at all times in our church and in our homes. As you return to your respective churches, please remember us in prayer. We feel that there is a closer bond between us since we have had the present association in our annual gathering. May the blessings of God be upon all messengers and their churches.

F. W. LAMBERT,
R. O. SANDERS
T. C. HARRISON, Committee

After a number of speeches the report was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Elder A. J. Sloan, Elder Henry Smith was endorsed by the Association to do mission work in the bounds of this Association. It was also moved to ask New Bethel church, of which Brother Smith is a member, to appoint him to this work and that each church be asked to help support him in his missionary endeavors.

Moved to adjourn to meet at ten o'clock on Friday after the third Sunday in October, 1943, with the church at Athens, eight miles south of Hartsville, Tenn. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Edgar Brown.

Thus closed one of our best sessions. It was a great spiritual feast to be there.

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

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 Brother Moderator, and shall, while speaking, confine himself to the subject under discussion 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 imperfection, 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.
6. Each 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 to the same privileges 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 re-proved, or such other course taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own 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

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Association shall give the number of members in fellowship, received by experience and baptism, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, 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. The Association 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 Friday at 10 o'clock a. m., after the third Sunday in October, 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 shall 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 may be 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 18:15-17, in attempting to bring it to repentance.

Article XIV. The Association at its sitting may admit any visiting brethren present to sit with them, who shall have liberty to discuss any question and give their views but not to vote on subjects except 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.

OUR SAINTED DEAD

This page is dedicated to the memory of our beloved brethren and sisters who have answered the roll call from on high since our last Association.

- BRATTONTOWN—Nora Simmons, Feb. 21, 1942.
Charlie Casteel, date not given.
- CEDAR BLUFF—Bettie Ellis, July 18, 1942.
- FIFTH STREET—Mrs. Mosley, date not given.
Edith Harris, date not given.
Two others, neither names or dates given.
- HAYSVILLE—Mrs. Nellie Law, Aug. 18, 1942.
- LAFAYETTE—H. H. Howser, Oct. 23, 1941.
Mrs. Melissa Smith, Dec. 21, 1941.
Mrs. Angie Hargis, Jan. 13, 1942.
Fred McDonald, May 22, 1942.
- MAPLE GROVE—Nick Jent, date not given.
- MAYSVILLE—Herbert Taylor, Dec. 18, 1941.
- MEADORVILLE—Belle Marshall, date not given.
B. Rice Morgan, date not given.
- MT. ZION—Mrs. Louisa Jent, date not given.
Miss Calcie Wood, date not given.
- NEW HARMONY—E. F. Pitcock, Dec. 27, 1941.
Lora Simmons, May 25, 1942.
- OLD HOPEWELL—Altie Denney, April 6, 1942.
Zora D. Gregory, date not given.
- ROCK BRIDGE—Easter Hall, Feb. 19, 1942.
- ROCKY MOUND—Deacon H. O. Cliburn, Oct. 21, '42.
- SILOAM—J. W. Lambert, Nov. 24, 1941.
Deacon J. A. Hawkins, April 2, 1942.
- SULPHUR FORK—Margaret Gregory, April 4, 1942.
- UNION—Mrs. Louella Hunt, April 2, 1942.
Mrs. George Waller, date not given.
- UNION HILL—Bailey Deering, March 2, 1942.
Willie Key, May 22, 1942.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTORS and THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS and THEIR ADDRESSES
ATHENS	R. Thompson, Westmoreland, Tenn.	R. B. Piercy, Lebanon, Tenn.
BRATTONTOWN	N. C. Fuqua, Lafayette, Tenn.	L. B. Hughes, Lafayette, Tenn.
BUFFALO SPRINGS	G. O. Templeton, Westmoreland	I. N. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn.
CEDAR BLUFF	R. O. Sanders, Westmoreland, Tenn.	Donnie Brooks, Lafayette, Tenn.
FAIRVIEW	N. C. Fuqua, Lafayette, Tenn.	Oakley Cook, Hartsville, Tenn.
FIFTH STREET	C. B. Massey, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.	S. P. Lyle, 1247 Magnolia St., Bowling Green, Ky.
FRIENDSHIP	G. C. West, Lafayette, Tenn.	Hattie Nash, Lafayette, Tenn.
GOOD WILL	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.	G. G. Taylor, Hartsville, Tenn.
HAYSVILLE	N. C. Fuqua, Lafayette, Tenn.	A. W. Lawrence, Lafayette, Tenn.
LAFAYETTE	F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn.	Geo. W. Johnson, Lafayette, Tenn.
LONG CREEK	W. T. Russell, Tracy, Ky.	W. O. Johnson, Westmoreland, Tenn.
MACEDONIA	H. B. Powell, Scottsville, Ky.	Roy K. Meador, Adolphus, Ky.
MAPLE GROVE	L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky.	John M. Dossey, Fountain Run, Ky.
MAYSVILLE	R. Thompson, Westmoreland, Tenn.	George H. Taylor, Scottsville, Ky.
MEADORVILLE	W. T. Russell, Tracy, Ky.	T. M. Carman, Lafayette, Tenn.
MT. ZION	F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn.	Curtis Pardue, Holland, Ky.
NEW BETHEL	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.	D. C. Russell, Goodlettsville, Tenn.
NEW HARMONY	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.	Clay Smith, Hartsville, Tenn.
NEW ZION	G. C. West, Lafayette, Tenn.	Ottis Caruthers, Lafayette, Tenn.
OLD HOPEWELL	R. O. Sanders, Westmoreland, Tenn.	J. C. Oldham, Bethpage, Tenn.
PLEASANT HILL	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.	W. W. Bowman, Portland, Tenn.
RED HILL	N. C. Fuqua, Lafayette, Tenn.	H. O. Brawner, Holland, Ky.
ROCK BRIDGE	R. O. Sanders, Westmoreland, Tenn.	E. C. Sherron, Bethpage, Tenn.
ROCKY MOUND	W. T. Russell, Tracy, Ky.	R. C. Linville, Westmoreland, Tenn.
SILOAM	F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn.	Virgil Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn.
SPRING CREEK	W. V. Thompson, Bethpage, Tenn.	G. L. Hughes, Lafayette, Tenn.
SULPHUR FORK	W. W. Bowman, Portland, Tenn.	Bertha Gregory, Bethpage, Tenn.
UNION	N. C. Fuqua, Lafayette, Tenn.	E. E. Page, Fountain Run, Ky.
UNION HILL	F. L. Ray, Fountain Head, Tenn.	O. L. Gregory, Gallatin, Tenn.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	TREASURERS and THEIR ADDRESSES	S. S. SUPTS. and ADDRESSES
ATHENS	J. O. Walker, Lebanon, Tenn.	Bill Swaffer, Martha, Tenn.
BRATTONTOWN	L. B. Hughes, Lafayette, Tenn.	W. M. Norman, Lafayette, Tenn.
BUFFALO SPRINGS	Leslie Marshall, Bethpage, Tenn.	
CEDAR BLUFF	John White, Lafayette, Tenn.	
FAIRVIEW	F. W. Ford, Hartsville, Tenn.	
FIFTH STREET	F. M. Harris, 525 High St., Bowling Green, Ky.	Loving Rather, Bowling Green, Ky.
FRIENDSHIP	Eskell Gann, Lafayette, Tenn.	
GOOD WILL	J. A. Linville, Hartsville, Tenn.	
HAYSVILLE	Ezra Lawrence, Lafayette, Tenn.	Wrenzy Wheeley, Lafayette, Tenn.
LAFAYETTE	E. W. Meador, Lafayette, Tenn.	Eugene Cook, Lafayette, Tenn.
LONG CREEK	S. G. Woodcock, Westmoreland, Tenn.	
MACEDONIA	Roy K. Meador, Adolphus, Ky.	Roy K. Meador, Adolphus, Ky.
MAPLE GROVE	H. B. Dossey, Fountain Run, Ky.	
MAYSVILLE	Selma Wade Rich, Scottsville, Ky.	
MEADORVILLE	Buford Haley, Hillsdale, Tenn.	
MT. ZION	E. D. Poe, Holland, Ky.	R. F. Downing, Holland, Ky.
NEW BETHEL	D. C. Russell, Goodlettsville, Tenn.	J. N. Callis, Goodlettsville, Tenn.
NEW HARMONY	Clay Smith, Hartsville, Tenn.	Gilliam Fuqua, Hartsville, Tenn.
NEW ZION	S. H. Dillard, Lafayette, Tenn.	
OLD HOPEWELL	Warren Leath, Bethpage, Tenn.	
PLEASANT HILL	W. W. Bowman, Portland, Tenn.	J. Kirkham, Fountain Head, Tenn.
RED HILL	A. H. Jent, Holland, Ky.	
ROCK BRIDGE	Virgil Sloan, Bethpage, Tenn.	
ROCKY MOUND	H. O. Cliburn, Westmoreland, Tenn.	
SILOAM	Leslie Harrison, Westmoreland, Tenn.	T. C. Harrison, Westmoreland, Tenn.
SPRING CREEK	G. L. Hughes, Lafayette, Tenn.	
SULPHUR FORK	J. H. Minor, Bethpage, Tenn.	
UNION	Omer Morrison, Tracy, Ky.	
UNION HILL	James Piper, Gallatin, Tenn.	

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	District Missions	Nashville Or- phans Home	Camden Home	Given to Poor	Incidental Expenses	Building and Repairs	Paid for Pastor	Paid for Meeting	Paid for Help	Paid for Ministers	Printing Fund	All Other Causes	Total Contributions
Athens	\$ 4.82	\$ 18.50			\$ 8.94		\$ 18.59	\$ 155.25	\$ 33.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 5.50		\$ 1.65	\$ 18.21	\$ 456.46
Brattontown					25.09	6.31	17.00	179.72	32.80	6.00	10.15		3.00		280.07
Buffalo Spgs.								67.91	14.75		5.16				87.82
Cedar Bluff					14.00			146.65	28.00	152.35			2.85	15.15	359.00
Fairview	2.00				7.50	5.00	6.65	140.00	34.00	15.00	6.15		3.29		219.59
Fifth Street		143.62			75.00	75.00	33.65	700.00	60.00		78.47		4.20	17.14	1,187.08
Friendship								22.50	6.00	5.00			1.00		34.50
Good Will								225.00			12.00		3.00		240.00
Haysville					19.44		40.20	157.75	21.75		4.65		1.50		245.29
Lafayette	22.38	38.02		8.50	8.75	11.78	120.00	500.00			108.30		2.00		819.73
Long Creek					10.60	12.95	27.50	336.85	66.85		9.25		3.00		467.00
Macedonia					1.00	15.00		60.00		10.00	8.00		2.00	25.00	121.00
Maple Grove	8.25				6.00			200.00	34.00				2.40		250.65
Maysville								71.00	14.00				1.00		86.00
Meadorville						5.54	36.35	209.53	39.75	66.00	9.12		3.00		369.31
Mt. Zion	2.50				5.45	11.75	46.02	309.00	40.00		20.00		3.00		437.72
New Bethel	20.00		66.50		41.69	75.27	171.07	508.00	85.00	200.50	82.80		5.00	117.89	1,373.72
New Harmony					23.40	9.50	15.50	207.60	30.50	90.70	18.25		3.00		398.45
New Zion	3.16				6.73	30.00		76.44	11.20	30.00	4.00		1.70	5.04	168.27
Old Hopewell		17.35			10.32	5.50	15.60	194.40	50.00	48.47	24.00		2.25		367.89
Pleasant Hill					5.35		14.00	216.15	79.75		4.80		3.00	6.50	329.55
Red Hill					2.00	7.75	3.00	109.25	44.00				3.00		169.00
Rock Bridge					11.90	1.50	16.76	159.79	32.57				2.00		224.25
Rocky Mound					43.05		45.00	156.00	35.84		12.00		3.00		294.89
Siloam	7.00	5.00			36.15	15.00	49.90	217.40	67.82		4.50		2.50		405.27
Spring Creek					4.50		15.00	90.85	20.25		8.00		1.60		140.20
Sulphur Fork					3.60			66.65	18.01		13.00		1.00		102.26
Union					29.83		16.15	201.22					2.00		249.20
Union Hill					4.00		2.80	172.81	44.81	295.00	7.77		3.00	18.41	548.60
Asso. Collec.					35.00										35.00
TOTALS	\$ 70.11	\$ 224.49	\$ 66.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 439.29	\$ 287.85	\$ 710.74	\$ 5,857.74	\$ 944.65	\$ 1,111.02	\$ 455.87	\$ 69.94	\$ 223.34	\$ 10,468.04	

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	When Constituted	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP							Total Pres. Members	No. Enrolled in S. S.	No. of S. S. Teachers	Value of Church Property
				GAINS				LOSSES						
				Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths				
Athens	1843	Third					1	5	1		96	46	4	\$ 1,500
Brattontown	1925	Third	165	2						2	163	40	3	1,000
Buffalo Springs	1930	Third	49	6	2						53			500
Cedar Bluff	1887	First	163	5						2	165			1,000
Fairview	1875	First	114	1						1	115			1,000
Fifth Street	1924	1st, 2nd, 3rd	385	6	2			4		4	385	75	5	2,500
Friendship	1919	Third	64	1							65			800
Good Will	1899	Fourth	236	5	1		1				242			1,000
Haysville	1925	Fourth	90	4						1	92	50	4	3,000
Lafayette	1849	First	195	8	2			1		4	200	135	6	4,000
Long Creek	1853	First	147	11	2			1	1		158			1,000
Macedonia	1873	Fourth	102	9					2		109	60	4	1,000
Maple Grove	1904	First	115					2		1	112			800
Maysville	1922	Second	70	4					2	1	71			800
Meadorville	1869	Third	382	6				4		2	382			1,250
Mt. Zion	1888	Third	368	11	1			6		2	372	57	4	1,000
New Bethel	1792	1st and 5th	194	26	5			1			224	105	5	2,000
New Harmony	1848	Second	224	5				3		2	224	50	4	1,500
New Zion	1910	First	151	1							152			1,000
Old Hopewell	1921	Second	171	3				1	3	2	168			1,500
Pleasant Hill	1876	First	181	12				1			192	72	4	2,000
Red Hill	1925	Second	102	6		1					109			1,200
Rock Bridge	1883	Third	128	6	1		1			1	135			2,000
Rocky Mound	1873	Seccnd	208	1							206			1,000
Siloam	1842	First	253	8				1	1	1	258	55	3	1,500
Spring Creek	1849	First	80	7	3					2	90			1,000
Sulphur Fork	1888	Third	32	3	3						37			800
Union	1853	Second	224							1	222			1,800
Union Hill	1919	Second	175	6						2	178			1,250
TOTALS			4,768	160	26	1	3	32	20	31	4975	745	46	\$40,700

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