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ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST DAY**

Friday, October 22, 1943

On the above date Wiseman Baptist Association met in its 52nd annual session with Athens Baptist church, eight miles south of Hartsville, Tennessee, services beginning at ten o'clock a. m. The session was opened with singing "What a Friend" and "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer was offered by Brother Oakley Cook, followed with singing "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be."

After some remarks the Moderator, Elder N. C. Fuqua, read as a lesson Phil. 2:1-15, followed with prayer by Brother J. O. Brooks. "Farther Along" was then sung.

The Moderator then presented Elder R. O. Sanders, the appointee of last year, to preach the Introductory Sermon. After some remarks, Brother Sanders read as a lesson Eph. 6:1-12 and chose as a text the 11th verse of the lesson and preached an able and plain sermon in which he exhorted us to contend for and to practice the things taught and practiced by the first church. At the close of the discourse a number of songs were sung while the hand of endorsement was given the speaker.

The letters from the various churches were called for and filed with the Clerk. The Moderator read a letter of thanks from Brother J. Robert Paschal.

Moved to adjourn one hour for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Edgar Brown.

Friday Afternoon

After dinner the Association came together singing "I'll Live On," followed with prayer by Brother George Taylor. A song was then sung.

The Moderator appointed Elders F. W. Lambert and G. A. Gregory as Reading Clerks. Enrollment of the churches and their messengers was made as follows:

ATHENS—J. O. Walker, G. S. Whited, J. C. Walker.

BRATTONTOWN—Emerson Jones, Marvin Burton, Emmitt Smith.

BUFFALO SPRINGS—Letter, but no messengers.

- CEDAR BLUFF—Robert Gulley, W. A. Andrews, Donnie Brooks.
- FAIRVIEW—Oakley Cook, J. W. Hammock.
- FIFTH STREET—Cleve Meador.
- FRIENDSHIP—A. L. Cothron, C. J. Gammon, Eskell Gann.
- GOOD WILL—Jack Wright, G. G. Taylor, Rufus Beasley.
- HAYSVILLE—J. C. Ford, Gabriel Cothron.
- LAFAYETTE—E. W. Meador.
- LONG CREEK—N. C. Fuqua, W. E. Jones, W. O. Johnson.
- MACEDONIA—Letter, but no messengers.
- MAPLE GROVE—Letter, but no messengers.
- MAYSVILLE—George Taylor, Ben R. Taylor.
- MEADORVILLE—Maxie Carman, Argie Eller, Charlie Burrow.
- MT. ZION—L. C. Perdue.
- NEW BETHEL—J. O. Brooks, M. H. Whitley, Henry Smith.
- NEW HARMONY—A. J. Sloan, E. F. Fuqua.
- NEW ZION—Letter, but no messengers.
- OLD HOPEWELL—Ed Grizzle, Clyde Grizzle, Warren Leath.
- PLEASANT GROVE—Not represented.
- PLEASANT HILL—H. B. Sloan, James Kirkham, Den-ville Key.
- RED HILL—H. O. Brawner, W. L. Lonas.
- ROCK BRIDGE—Edgar Brown, E. C. Sherron, T. H. Hawkins.
- ROCKY MOUND—Charlie Alexander, Billie Meador, Buddie Trammel.
- SILOAM—R. O. Sanders, F. W. Lambert, L. C. Curtis.
- SPRING CREEK—G. L. Hughes, Earl Brawner.
- SULPHUR FORK—Letter, but to messengers.
- UNION—Letter, but no messengers.
- UNION HILL—D. R. Perrigo, W. A. Piper, O. L. Gregory.

Permanent organization was effected by electing the following officers: Moderator, Elder N. C. Fupua; Assistant Moderator, Elder R. O. Sanders; Clerk, Elder A. J. Sloan; Assistant Clerk, Elder F. W. Lambert; Treasurer, Brother T. C. Harrison.

Petitionary letters were called for and none was offered.
The following visitors were enrolled:

ENON ASSOCIATION—W. W. Oldham.
 WILSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Elder Hall Grime,
 E. C. Watkins, Harvey Grime.

PLACE OF MEETING

The place of our next meeting was then taken up and Union Hill, four miles north of Gallatin, was chosen to entertain our next annual gathering. Elder F. W. Lambert was chosen to deliver the next Introductory Sermon, with Elder N. C. Fuqua as alternate. Elder W. T. Taylor was chosen to deliver the next Memorial Sermon, with Elder F. L. Ray as alternate. Elder A. J. Sloan was the choice of the Association to deliver the next Doctrinal Sermon, with Elder W. T. Taylor as alternate.

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

NOMINATIONS

1. RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Hall Grime, Oakley Cook.
2. PROHIBITION—M. H. Whitley, J. W. Hammock.
3. BAPTIST HOME—Edgar Brown, Cleve Meador.
4. MISSIONS—W. T. Taylor, L. C. Curtis.
5. PASTORS' SUPPORT—F. L. Ray, Otha L. Gregory.
6. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—G. A. Gregory, Aubrey Andrews.
7. SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Henry Smith, W. O. Johnson.
8. PRAYER MEETINGS—Robert Gulley, Ed Meador.
9. STATE OF RELIGION—Oakley Cook, E. C. Sherron.
10. RESOLUTIONS—I. N. Sloan, H. B. Sloan.
11. OBITUARIES—F. W. Lambert, R. O. Sanders.
12. FINANCE—J. O. Brooks, J. W. Hammock, Ben R. Taylor.
13. TREASURER'S REPORT—T. C. Harrison.
14. CORRESPONDENCE—J. C. Walker, J. O. Walker.
 Adopted without discussion.

Homes were next assigned to messengers and visitors.
 Moved to adjourn to meet at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Ben R. Taylor.

SECOND DAY**Saturday, October 23, 1943**

The Association came together with singing "Are You Washed In The Blood," followed with prayer by Brother E. C. Watkins. Song, "I'll Live On," was then sung.

The Clerk read the roll of messengers and the Rules of Decorum.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted after correction.

At this point the letters from Friendship, New Zion and Spring Creek were presented and read and their messengers seated.

The report on Religious Literature was read by Elder Hall Grime as follows:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

There are hundreds of different kinds of religion in the world today, and more being organized all the time. However, the world has never known, and never will know, but one religion that is worth while, and that is the religion of true Christianity as exemplified and set up by the Lord Jesus Christ. The general term of religion applies to any form of any kind of worship, whether it be true or false. As true Baptists we will consider the subject as it applies to Christian literature.

The Bible is the greatest piece of literature the world will ever know. We commend it for study and meditation. All of us should know more of it than we do. Every time we read its pages, we will find something new for meditation. The greatest Bible scholars can learn something new every day they read God's word. The deplorable fact is that too many people are giving too little time to its study.

Christian periodicals and tracts are often of a great help in understanding the teachings of the Bible, provided they are written by sound Baptists. However, all of us should be careful to measure everything by the Word of God, before accepting it as truth. Acts 17:11. Also, we should know if possible the soundness and character of the men who are writing on religious subjects, as this information will often help us in interpreting their viewpoints. Very often we find teachings and practices advocated in literature put out for religious work, that are foreign to Bible teaching and Baptist practice. Such erroneous matter should be condemned in the severest terms, and eradicated as far as is humanly possible from circulation among Baptists.

We advocate therefore, the greatest possible use of GOOD

Christian literature, beginning with the Bible FIRST, in order that we may improve in wisdom and knowledge, the better to minister to mankind in the name of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

HALL GRIME,

OAKLEY COOK, Committee-

Adopted after discussion by Hall Grime.

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

PROHIBITION

We, your committee on Prohibition, submit the following report: Just twelve months ago after much prayerful thought, we presented a report on the same subject to this Association. Did it do any good? Is the situation any better or any worse? Are any more of our boys and girls drunkards than they were a year ago? Have there been any deaths from this curse, known as strong drink, since we met a year ago? And last, but not least, have we done anything about it?

These are questions we beg you to answer, and they are questions that we must answer. Are we standing four-square against the wiles of the devil? Gal. 6:7—"Be not deceived; God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." John 8:22—"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make ye free."

We know for a fact that we are in the midst of a drunken nation today. Now we again beg you, as a messenger to this Association, to take seriously this curse of the devil and begin today to do something about it. Read Prov. 20:1—"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Remember Noah, Lot, David, Solomon, Belshazzar, Darius and Herod. Remember the warnings that have come down to us for three thousand years and let us heed them. Let us not be weighed in the balances and be found wanting.

M. H. WHITLEY,

J. W. HAMMOCK, Committee.

The report was discussed by M. H. Whitley, J. W. Hammock, R. O. Sanders, E. C. Watkins.

The hour for the preaching of the Memorial Sermon having arrived, the regular Order of Business was suspended and the Moderator presented Elder F. W. Lambert, the appointee of a year ago, to deliver the discourse. He read the following Obituary which was adopted:

OBITUARIES

From the letters from the various churches to the Association, we learn that 44 of our brethren and sisters in the Lord have departed this life since we met a year ago. Among these were some of our best members. Several deacons have gone to their reward. We are sorry to give up these good brethren and sisters from our churches, but God knows best and we submit to His will. We hope to meet them again when our life's work is over. While their bodies sleep in the dust, their souls rest with God in peace. Rev. 14:13 says: "Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord; from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Let us take up the work laid down by our departed, sainted dead. May God bless their memory and help us to follow every worthy example they left to us.

F. W. LAMBERT,
R. O. SANDERS, Committee.

The report was adopted without any discussion and Brother Lambert read as a lesson Ecc. 12:1-7, using the seventh verse for a text. His theme was: "Where Are Our Departed Friends and the State of the Dead." He brought a comforting message in which he proved by the Bible that our loved ones we call dead, are living with Jesus in Heaven. Much joy was brought to the hearts of his hearers who thanked God and took courage, looking forward to the time when we will be going home to see them again. O happy thought!

At the close of the sermon the congregation sang while extending their hands in token of their hope to meet their dear loved ones again, and that in the not far distant future. After good talks by the Moderator and others, adjourned one hour for dinner. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Hall Grime. Grime.

Saturday Afternoon,

After a good dinner the Association came together with singing. Prayer was offered by Elder Henry Smith.

The discussion of the report on Prohibition was resumed and continued by J. O. Brooks and Alfred Cook and the report then adopted.

The report on Baptist Home was called for, but the committee appointed to prepare the report was absent. The Moderator then appointed G. L. Hughes and Charlie Alexander to prepare the report and bring it before the Association later.

The report on Missions was read by Elder Ben R. Taylor

as follows:

MISSIONS

We feel that Missions, both Home and Foreign,, is in far too low a state for our people to find any joy in the present situation. Love prompts us to be missionaries, that perfect love that God had for us, John 3:16. Not the natural love that causes us to love those who love us, and also sometimes causes us to love ourselves so much that we find it hard to give to God the love He has a right to demand of us, that love which demands that the Gospel be preached to every nation. We feel that our low contributions and lack of interest are due mainly to our lack of love of God and His cause.

Brethren, let us draw nigh to God that He may draw nigh unto us. As Jonah was commanded the second time to go to Ninevah, so we feel that we are being called on by the Lord repeatedly to go preach His Gospel. Let us arise and go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, "baptizing the disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Great assurance that God will be with us is only too evident to those who have tried Him.

Respectfully submitted,

BEN R. TAYLOR, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by Ben. R. Taylor, F. L. Ray, N. C. Fuqua, R. O. Sanders and A. J. Sloan.

The report on Pastors' Support was read by Elder F. L. Ray as follows:

PASTORS' SUPPORT

We your committee, submit the following report: Inasmuch as all business must be supported, we feel that the work of the Lord, which is above all things and before all things, should be supported. God calls men to preach the Gospel and the churches make their selection and call the men of God as pastors. Most of them are poorly paid. The same God that saved the membership of the churches led the churches to call their pastors or should have. This makes their support mandatory upon the churches. We are not to look upon the pastor as a man who must be supported by charity, but as one who is worthy of the support of those to whom he is giving his time and talents.

God has made His plan for the support of His servants. He says that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Luke 10:7. Paul says: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

Paul also says: "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, how great a matter is it if we also reap your carnal things." 1 Cor. 9:11. The same man of God also said: "Let everyone of you lay by him in store on the first day of the week, as God hath prospered you." And again: "Everyone as he hath purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, nor of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Prayerfully submitted,

F. L. RAY,

O. L. GREGORY, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by F. L. Ray, O. L. Gregory, R. O. Sanders, A. J. Sloan.

Moved to adjourn to meet at ten o'clock tomorrow. Dismissed with prayer by Brother Charlie Alebander.

THIRD DAY

Sunday, October 24, 1943

The Association came together with singing, prayer was offered by Brother J. D. Cook.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The following visitors were seated:

WILSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Dick Rutledge, T. C. Vantrease.

ENON ASSOCIATION—C. F. Boze, Prentice Boze.

The report on Baptist Home was read by Elder G. I. Hughes as follows:

BAPTIST HOME

The Old Ministers and Orphans' Home near Camden, Tennessee, furnishes all of us with the opportunity to practice pure and undefiled religion. James said: "Pure and undefiled religion before God is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions and to keep yourself unspotted from the world." Not everyone can go into all the world and preach the Gospel, but God has made it our duty to help in every way we can in spreading the Gospel. Just so it is not possible for everyone of us to visit this Home, but we can help to support and provide for the poor and the fatherless. We can do our part if we will.

We all should rally to the support of this Home, which is now being supervised by Elder Edd Cooper. The fact that it is a Baptist Home not only gives us the privilege of supporting it with our means, but we have the even greater privilege of teaching them the way of life and the doctrine of God. The

Master said: "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they that testify of me."

G. L. HUGHES, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by G. L. Hughes, M. H. Whitley, F. W. Lambert, N. C. Fuqua, J. O. Brooks, T. C. Harrison, F. L. Ray, G. S. Whited, Hall Grime and others. On motion of A. J. Sloan a committee of four was appointed to go to West Tennessee to investigate a rumor that an effort was being made to turn the Home over to the care of a local or District Association in West Tennessee. The committee was composed of A. J. Sloan, F. W. Lambert, F. L. Ray and N. C. Fuqua. While the congregation sang "Farther Along," a collection of \$58.00 was taken for the Home.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Elder N. C. Fuqua as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We, your committee, submit the following report:

By ministerial education we mean a proper preparation by the minister to qualify him for the great responsibility that lies before him as an under-shepherd of the flock of God.

Today there is much more expected of a minister than in years gone by because of the many changes we are facing day by day. Therefore it is a wise act for a minister to get all the literary education that is possible to better enable him to understand the teachings of the Bible, thereby better qualifying him to rightly divide the word of truth and to present that truth in an understandable manner.

Another important reason is that we are confronted today with more heresy than in any other age of the world and these parties always twist the Scriptures to suit their theories. Therefore, God's servants should be qualified to face such conditions with a laudable presentation of the true teachings of the Bible.

Solomon says in Proverbs 25:11-12: "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. As an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprove upon an obedient ear."

G. A. GREGORY,

AUBREY ANDREWS, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by A. J. Sloan, Henry Smith, N. C. Fuqua, F. L. Ray.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Elder Henry Smith as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: We recommend that every church in the Wiseman Association have a Sunday School so that the members of the churches can study the word of God and good, sound literature. Every Baptist should know something of what the Bible teaches, for there are many false doctrines taught in the world today. We need to know the Bible, and the Sunday School is a good place to study the Scriptures.

HENRY SMITH,

W. O. JOHNSON, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by Henry Smith, J. C. Walker.

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. The congregation sang: "I Know I'll See Mother Again," after which Brother Sloan offered a few remarks and then read six verses from the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy as a lesson, choosing Deut. 32:2 for a text. He 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 preached a sermon of great power and some shouted aloud for joy as the speaker brought his message to a 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 F. W. Lambert.

Sunday Afternoon

After a fine dinner the Association came together with singing "Amazing Grace" and "The Unclouded Day." Prayer was offered by Brother O. L. Carr.

"Victory in Jesus" was then sung.

The report on Prayer Meetings was read by Elder N. C. Fuqua 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 church 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 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.

ROBERT GULLEY, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by Robert Gulley, F. W. Lambert, N. C. Fuqua, M. H. Whitley.

The report on State of Religion was read by Brother Oakley Cook as follows:

STATE OF RELIGION

We, your committee on State of Religion, submit the following report: It appears from the letters to the Association that the state of religion is on the decline, compared to the years gone by. We are sorry to hear of so few conversions and additions to the churches. Some of our pastors report less attendance at church this year than ever before. Christian people are going out after money, perhaps more than ever before. The goods of this life are between them and their God and the church.

No doubt our pastors and those assisting them have made a great effort to turn the lost from their evil ways, but the time has come when it seems that the hearts of the lost have been seared with a hot iron. The preacher may do his best to tell them the story of the Cross, but they turn a deaf ear as though it were an idle tale.

Matt. 7:13,14 tells us of two ways, one broad, the other narrow; one with a wide gate, the other a narrow gate. Many travel the broad way and few are in the other way. Only a few in these evil days become humble enough to get into the narrow way that leads to life.

We believe that before we can win the present world-wide conflict, religion must come to the front, the churches must awaken and we must have the help of God. There needs to be a great awakening among our people to a sense of their need of God's help and of their duty to their duty to their Maker. They ought to live closer to the standard of conduct set before us. Many are falling down in matters of orthodox teaching and practice, hurting thereby the Master's cause.

We beg each member of this body to endeavor to do his best to elevate the cause and to bring religion to the front once more and that a year hence, we may report much improvement.

Prayerfully submitted,
OAKLEY COOK,
 E. C. SHERRON, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by Oakley Cook, F. W. Lambert, Edgar Brown, J. W. Hammock, J. O. Brooks, F. L. Ray, N. C. Fuqua.

Elder Henry Smith, our Associational missionary, made his report as follows:

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

The following is a report of my work as your missionary: Churches visited during the year, six; meetings held in destitute places, three; one of these being in Sumner County, near Shackle Island, one at Old Hickory, and the other in Simpson County, Ky., near Salmons. Visible results, three conversions.

Total sermons in mission field, 28. Received on the field, \$82.25.

ELDER J. H. SMITH, Missionary.

The report, with which the Association was well pleased, was unanimously adopted. It was then moved to recommend Brother Smith to the churches as our Missionary for the coming year. It was also moved to ask each church to take a regular offering for this great work.

The report on Resolutions was read by Elder N. C. Fuqua as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

The Wiseman Baptist Association having met in a very harmonious and helpful session with Athens 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 worldliness that are leading many astray.

4. That we deplore the sale and use of strong drink among our armed forces and that we go on record as being opposed to such practices.

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.

I. N. SLOAN,
H. B. SLOAN, Committee.

Adopted without discussion.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report: We have received from the various churches a total of \$71.90 for printing fund and same has been turned over to the Clerk.

J. O. BROOKS,
GEO. TAYLOR,
J. W. HAMMOCK, Committee.

Adopted without discussion.

The report of the Treasurer, Bro. T. C. Harrison was adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the 1943 sitting of Wiseman Association I have received the following sums:

Foreign Missions	\$5.00
Home Missions	8.50
District Missions	3.50
Camden Home	71.50
TOTAL	\$88.50

T. C. HARRISON, Treasurer.

Adopted without discussion.

The report on Correspondence was read by Elder James C. Walker as follows:

CORRESPONDENCE

We are glad to have had the privilege of entertaining the fifty-second annual session of this association. The presence of the messengers in our homes as well as in our church has brought spiritual blessings to all who have availed themselves of the opportunity to receive them.

May our future relationship be closer and sweeter in brotherly love, because of this meeting.

May God's richest blessings go with you all. Please remember us at Athens, in your prayers, as we enter into our second century of service for the Lord.

JAS. C. WALKER,
J. O. WALKER, Committee.

Adopted after discussion by James C. Walner, J. O. Walker and others.

Moved to adjourn to meet at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday after the third Sunday in October, 1944, with Union Hill Baptist church, four miles north of Gallatin, Tenn. After a parting handshake the benediction was offered by Elder G. L. Hughes.

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 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.
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 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 member violating these rules, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the Gospel, shall be reprovved, 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 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 principle 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.

- ATHENS—Mrs. Dora Hughes, January, 1943.
Lovie Dies, March, 1943.
E. E. Swaffer, March 31, 1943.
- BRATONTOWN—Hattie Snyder, Oct. 11, 1943.
- CEDAR BLUFF—G. A. Johnson, April 23, 1943.
John Johns, June 21, 1943.
T. L. Cothron, July 2, 1943.
- FIFTH STREET—Jake Bruton, April 11, 1943.
Mrs. Mamie Kirby, May 12, 1943.
- GOOD WILL—Mrs. Sarah Taylor, Sept. 12, 1943.
Deacon John Clariday, date not given.
- HAYSVILLE—Mary Knight, March 18, 1943.
- MAYSVILLE—Elder W. A. Whitlow, May 9, 1943.
- MEADORVILLE—Mrs. Betsy Swindle, Jan. 3, 1943.
Tom Polston, May 6, 1943.
Mrs. Clifton Brawner, Apr. 6, 1943.
- MT. ZION—Elmer Tracy, date not given.
Aubrey Lane, date not given.
Calcia Wood, March 29, 1943.
- NEW BETHEL—Mrs. T. J. Lowery, date not given.
J. B. Deason, date not given.
Ira Denney, date not given.
- NEW HARMONY—Luther Smith, Feb. 22, 1943.
Mary Merritt, Dec. 5, 1942.
- NEW ZION—Mrs. Dora Dillard East, Jan. 10, 1943.
Arthur Dallas, Feb. 11, 1943.
John Holland, March 27, 1943.
- OLD HOPEWELL—Mrs. Janie Stanley, date not given.
Jesse Gregory, date not given.
Brother Fuller, date not given.
- PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Helen Martin, May 5, 1943.
- RED HILL—Mrs. Maggie Belcher, Jan. 22, 1943.
Mrs. Bernice McClard, date not given.
- ROCK BRIDGE—Mrs. Hattie Dobbs, April, 1943.
- ROCKY MOUND—Mrs. Jewel McGuffey, Nov. 6, 1942.
Mrs. Alice Bullington, date not given.
- SILOAM—Deacon J. M. Lambert, May 10, 1943.
Billie Stinson, January, 1943.
Mrs. Maggie Stinson, Sept. 21, 1943.
- UNION—Carter Milburn, date not given.
Mrs. Reba Milburn, date not given.
J. McIntyre, date not given.
- UNION HILL—J. W. Parker, Jan. 12, 1943.

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.	W. T. Gross, Lafayette, Tenn.
BUFFALO SPRINGS	G. O. Templeton, Westmoreland, Tenn.	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.	Miss Christine Harris, Bowling Green, Ky.
FRIENDSHIP	E. C. Butler, Red Boiling Spgs, Tenn.	A. L. Cothron, Lafayette, Tenn.
GOOD WILL	Calvin Gregory, 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 Perdue, Holland, Ky.
NEW BETHEL	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.	John H. Callis, Goodlettsville, Tenn.
NEW HARMONY	A. J. Sloan, Lafayette, Tenn.	Clay Smith, Hartsville, Tenn.
NEW ZION	G. C. West, Lafayette, Tenn.	S. H. Dillard, 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.	T. C. Harrison, 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.

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CHURCHES	TREASURERS and THEIR ADDRESSES	S. S. SUPTS. and ADDRESSES
ATHENS	J. O. Walker, Lebanon, Tenn.	J. C. Walker, Lebanon, Tenn.
BRATTONTOWN	W. T. Gross, Lafayette, Tenn.	Hershell Meador, Westmoreland, 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	A. L. Cothron, Lafayette, Tenn.	
GOOD WILL	J. A. Linville, Hartsville, Tenn.	
HAYSVILLE	Ezra Lawrence, Lafayette, Tenn.	Wrenzy Wheeley, Lafayette, Tenn.
LAFAYETTE	E. W. Meador, Lafayette, Tenn.	Fred Pipkins, Jr., Lafayette, Tenn.
LONG CREEK	W. E. Jones, Lafayette, Tenn.	
MACEDONIA	Roy K. Meador, Adolphus, Ky.	W. M. Gregory, Adolphus, Ky.
MAPLE GROVE	H. B. Dossey, Fountain Run, Ky.	
MAYSVILLE	Dewey Witcher, Scottsville, Ky.	Geo. H. Taylor, Scottsville, Ky.
MEADORVILLE	Buford Haley, Hillsdale, Tenn.	
MT. ZION	E. D. Poe, Holland, Ky.	R. F. Downing, Holland, Ky.
NEW BETHEL	John N. Callis, Goodlettsville, Tenn.	John N. Callis, Goodlettsville, Tenn.
NEW HARMONY	Clay Smith, 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	Melvin 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	Associational Missions	Nashville Orphans' Home	Camden Home	Given to Poor	Incidental Expenses	Paid Our Pastor	Paid Help in Meeting	Building and Repairs	Paid Visiting Ministers	Printing Fund	All Other Causes	Total Contributions
ATHENS		9.00			15.83		18.45	168.50	37.00	52.58	7.70	2.00	47.06	358.11
BRATTONTOWN					19.50		34.70	208.25	55.05		16.55	3.00	18.50	355.65
BUFFALO SPRINGS						6.20		103.00	24.00	43.40	6.75	1.60		184.55
CEDAR BLUFF					15.00			145.00	25.00	48.17	8.25	3.35	21.10	275.87
FAIRVIEW						6.00	18.30	164.47	50.00		9.50	2.47	10.00	260.74
FIFTH STREET	11.00	293.54			103.22	158.52	144.23	1,052.79	96.80	600.00	178.27	5.00		2,643.37
FRIENDSHIP							1.40	75.00			4.00	1.15		81.55
GOOD WILL					80.15			343.52	113.00			4.00		490.67
HAYSVILLE					25.05		77.20	220.00	38.75			2.00		363.00
LAFAYETTE			10.00	15.00	11.57		56.00	581.20			80.00	2.50	40.00	796.27
LONG CREEK		44.00			18.65		17.50	477.46	77.95			3.00		638.56
MACEDONIA		3.50			5.00	5.00		147.59		45.00		2.00	15.00	223.09
MAPLE GROVE					6.00			224.00	130.00			2.50		361.50
MAYSVILLE						3.50		80.84	16.85			2.00		103.19
MEADORVILLE		26.40					31.81	271.05	18.00		26.42	3.00		376.68
MT. ZION	5.00	5.00			6.00	27.58	14.85	403.00	6.75	3.42	25.00	3.00		498.50
NEW BETHEL					165.24	29.40	30.69	775.39	72.50	336.81	200.43	4.50	24.00	1,639.02
NEW HARMONY					32.75		24.11	260.00	31.80	66.00	7.05	3.00		424.71
NEW ZION					7.59	47.15	90.58	94.55	34.25		2.50	1.50	55.11	333.23
OLD HOPEWELL		25.00				10.30	18.34	231.65	70.50		19.00	2.50	16.20	393.49
PLEASANT HILL			7.50		10.52	8.10	6.00	290.55	35.00	59.65	4.75	3.00		425.07
RED HILL					2.50			138.03	57.15		1.00	2.25	.50	201.43
ROCK BRIDGE					30.50	36.60	15.30	181.55	45.78		6.27	1.75		317.75
ROCKY MOUND			9.15		23.85	4.00	41.00	214.79	36.00	30.00	10.25	3.00		372.04
SILOAM	5.00				51.20	21.60	105.66	303.00	77.63	20.47	28.97	3.00		616.53
SPRING CREEK					3.00		7.75	110.00	29.36		5.00	2.00	17.00	174.11
SULPHUR FORK						1.90		86.51	7.50	8.00		1.00		104.91
UNION					23.30	6.50	47.80	370.45	234.50			2.00		684.65
UNION HILL		26.33			45.16	30.00	41.30	248.41	75.50	36.20	15.38	3.00	48.75	570.03
TOTALS	\$21.00	\$482.77	\$26.65	\$15.00	\$649.58	\$402.35	\$842.97	\$7,970.55	\$1,306.62	\$1,349.30	\$663.10	\$75.07	\$313.21	\$14,268.17

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	When Organized	Days of Meetings	Members Reported Last Year	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP						Present Membership	No. Enrolled in S. S.	No. of S. S. Teachers	Value of Church Property	
				GAINS			LOSSES							
				Baptisms	Letters	Restorations	Statements	Letters	Expulsions					Deaths
ATHENS	1843	Third	96					1		3	92	80	3	1,500
BRATTONTOWN	1926	Third	163	11	1					1	169			1,000
BUFFALO SPRINGS	1930	Third	523	2		1		1		3	528	25	4	500
CEDAR BLUFF	1887	First	165								162			1,000
FAIRVIEW	1875	First	115	2							117			1,000
FIFTH STREET	1924	1st, 2nd, 3rd.	385	12	12					2	407	100	4	3,000
FRIENDSHIP	1919	Third	65		1	1					67			800
GOOD WILL	1899	Fourth	242	7				2		2	245			1,000
HAYSVILLE	1925	Fourth	92	1						1	92	85	4	3,500
LAFAYETTE	1849	First	200	4	5						209	185	7	4,000
LONG CREEK	1853	First	158	5				3			160			1,000
MACEDONIA	1873	Fourth	109	7							116			1,000
MAPLE GROVE	1904	First	112	7						2	124	40	2	1,000
MAYSVILLE	1922	Second	71		4						78			800
MEADORVILLE	1869	Third	382	14				1		1	391	22	3	800
MT. ZION	1888	Third	372	15	1			2		1	388	55	4	1,000
NEW BETHEL	1792	1st, 3rd & 5th.	224	1	1			3		1	219	75	5	2,000
NEW HARMONY	1848	Second	224	14	1						238			1,500
NEW ZION	1910	First	152			5		2			152			1,000
OLD HOPEWELL	1921	Second	163	8						2	171			1,500
PLEASANT HILL	1876	First	192							1	190	72	4	1,500
RED HILL	1925	Second	109	1							108			1,200
ROCK BRIDGE	1883	Third	135		1						135			2,000
ROCKY MOUND	1873	Second	206					1			208			1,500
SILOAM	1842	First	258	10	1			1			264	45	3	1,200
SPRING CREEK	1849	First	90	8							98			1,000
SULPHUR FORK	1888	Third	37					2			35			800
UNION	1853	Second	222	2				1		3	220			1,800
UNION HILL	1919	Second	178	13	6					1	196			1,250
TOTALS			4975	144	41	8		22	14	44	5088	634	43	\$40,650