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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 Each motion and second shall come under the immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.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 appellation other 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.

PROCEEDINGS--FIRST DAY

Wednesday, October 21, 1953

At ten o'clock A. M. Wiseman Baptist Association came together in the opening meeting of its sixty-second annual session, with the McFerrin Avenue Baptist church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Services were opened with singing, "When We All Get to Heaven," followed with prayer by Elder A. J. Sloan, former Moderator and also Clerk of Wiseman Association. After another song, "Come unto Me," was sung, the Moderator, Elder F. L. Ray read as a lesson Eph. 4: 1 to 16, offered a number of remarks, and presented Eld. Albert Crouch, the appointee of a year ago to preach the introductory sermon. Bro. Crouch offered a number of remarks and read as a lesson the third chapter of Matthew and chose for a text the third verse. From this text, he preached a good strong sermon on the great man "John the Baptist" and his mission in the world. By many scriptures both from the prophets and the New Testament, Bro. Crouch showed to his many hearers the great hand of God working in and through John the Baptist, whom He sent to make ready a people prepared for the Lord; which people were the material used by the Lord in the establishment of the church. With many words, he exhorted God's preachers, amid the hearty amens of his hearers, to earnestly contend for the faith and to be faithful to the charge given them of God even unto death. At the close of his sermon, he appealed to brotherly-love and unity upon the part of the preachers and asked that all the preachers gather around and sing, "Rock of Ages," after which, the congregation pressed forward and gave to Bro. Crouch their hand in token of their appreciation and endorsement of his sermon, while "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" and "Amazing Grace" were sung.

The Moderator called for the letters from the various churches and appointed Elder Lloyd Fishburn and Elder F. W. Lambert as reading clerks. After the reading of all the letters except one, it having not been filed, it was moved to adjourn one hour for dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful dinner which was enjoyed by all, the association came together with singing, "Victory in Je-

sus," and "Everybody Will Be Happy over There." Prayer was offered by Eld. H. P. Brown. The letter not being filed before noon was called for and read.

Enrollment of churches and messengers was as follows:

ATHENS—J. C. Walker, R. B. Piercey, J. O. Walker.
 BUFFALO SPRINGS—James Allen Thompson, Henry Meador.
 CEDAR BLUFF—Rudolph Hughes, Allen Adams, Robert Gulley.
 CONCORD—Aubrey Kelley
 EAST MAIN STREET—Thomas Scruggs, John Patterson
 ENON CHAPEL—Bud Phillips, G. W. Oldham, Milton Bilfrey.
 FAIRVIEW NO. 1—Fred Carr, Roy Robinson, J. Sullivan.
 GOOD WILL—J. H. Beal, Dillard McClanahan, James Linville
 LAFAYETTE—C. C. Ramsey, Curtis Goodman.
 McFERRIN AVENUE—J. O. Brooks, Smith Freeman, E. B. Wilmore
 MEADORVILLE—Marlin Jenkins, Efford Cothron, Roy Jones.
 NEW BETHEL—Paul Oldham, Buddy Crouch, Wilson Gregory.
 NEW HARMONY—M. R. Drury, D. B. Pitcock.
 OLD HOPEWELL—John Grizzle, Hurlie O'neal, Clyde Grizzle.
 PLEASANT HILL—W. W. Bowman, Lewis Grubbs, Olen Bradley.
 RIVER ROAD—Raymond Mundy, Carsey Sircy, Frank Armstrong.
 ROCK BRIDGE—H. P. Brown, Walter Sherron.
 RUSSELL STREET—C. C. Gregory, C. E. Cole, G. C. Wilson.
 SALEM—Odell Graham, Herbert Dickens, Roy Graham.
 UNION HILL—Jim Piper.
 WEST END—Johnnie Carman, D. R. Perrigo, C. F. Boze.
 WHITE HILL—Elvis Webb, Carmack Vittetoe.

Permanent organization was effected by electing officers as follows: Eld. F. L. Ray, Moderator; Eld. H. A. Crouch, assistant Moderator; Eld. W. T. Russell, Clerk; Bro. Paul Oldham, assistant Clerk; Eld. Jas. C. Walker, Treasurer; and Eld. M. R. Drury, assistant Treasurer. Speeches of thanks were made by the newly elected officers.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Russell Street Baptist Church, located in Portland, Tenn., asked for admittance to our body by letter. Being satisfied as to the soundness of this body, their letter was received, and the moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the messengers and welcomed them into the Association.

(NOTE--See list of churches for names of messengers)

Visitors were enrolled as follows:

ENON ASSOCIATION: Eld. J. Hall Grimes.

SILOAM ASSOCIATION: Elders F. W. Lambert, A. J. Sloan, D. C. Russell, Howard Taylor, Lloyd Fishburn, L. A. Stewart Brethren Carlos Gammon, L. D. Fishburn, Herman Gammon, O. L. Cothron, and James Carr.

ALLEN ASSOCIATION: Eld. A. I. Wilson, Eld. Odell Willowby and George Taylor.

NEXT MEETING PLACE

There being three churches which had asked for our next session, Athens, Enon Chapel and Cedar Bluff, the matter of our next meeting place and the preachers of the three special sermons and their alternates was taken up.

Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, located about 10 miles S.W. of Lafayette was selected as the next meeting place of the Association. Elder H. C. Vanderpool was chosen to deliver the next introductory sermon, with Eld. L. W. Smith as alternate. Elder Jas. C. Walker was chosen to preach the next doctrinal sermon, with Elder W. T. Russell as alternate; Elder L. W. Smith was elected to preach the next memorial sermon with Elder H. C. Vanderpool as alternate.

The Moderator appointed Elder M. R. Drury and Elder Carrol Ramsey as Finance Committee.

The report on Order of Business was read by Brother Paul Oldham as follows:

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| 1. Missions | 8. Lafayette Orphans Home |
| 2. Sunday Schools | 9. Obituaries |
| 3. Temperance and Morality | 10. Finance |
| 4. Christian Education | 11. Resolutions |
| 5. Financing the Lord's Work | 12. Correspondence |
| 6. Church Discipline | 13. Treasurer's Report |
| 7. Prayer Meetings and State of Religion | 14. New Business |
| | 15. Adjournment |

The above report was adopted without discussion.

Moved to adjourn to meet on the morrow morning at 10:00 o'clock. After announcements, the benediction was offered by Elder Hall Grimes.

SECOND DAY

Thursday, October 22, 1953

The association came together with singing, "The Son Hath Made Me Free," followed with prayer by Brother J. B. Gregory, Jr., of Enon Association. Then the song, "When We All Get to Heaven," was sung.

The Clerk read the rules of decorum and called the roll of messengers. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Visitors were seated as follows:

ENON ASSOCIATION--T. J. Merryman, Henry Piper, W. H. Cothron, D. H. Evetts, Goldman Gregory, E. H. Wilkerson, E. B. Wilkerson.

SILOAM ASSOCIATION--Claudie Gammons, Eld. W. R. Isenburg.
SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION--Dorsey Dameron, Harlin Gammon, Eld. John Hedges, Eld. T. L. Campbell, Eld. C. F. Carter and Ray Smith.

WILSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION--E. C. Watkins.

The regular order of business was taken up.

The report on Missions was read by Elder M. R. Drury, and a letter received from Elder J. H. Smith, now a Missionary in Japan, was read by the Clerk. It was agreed that both the report and the letter should appear in the minutes. Report and letter as follows:

MISSIONS

We, your Committee, submit the following report: Jesus said in Matthew 28:19,20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," and the promise of the Lord was, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." We feel that our churches are failing to carry out this great commission, both at home and abroad.

This authority was given to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Bible teaches us that this authority was to be with that church to the end of the age.

We have a great opportunity today, both at home and abroad, to be missionaries in deed. We have on the foreign field a scriptural missionary, sent out by a church of this association, McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church. We feel that Brother Smith is worthy of our support.

The great question that concerns many today is, where to send the gospel. Mark 16:15 says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." There-

fore, we feel that wherever lost people are, there is a great need. We as churches of the living God need to get behind the man that is preaching the gospel, whether at home or abroad.

What would our country have been today had not the churches from foreign lands sent missionaries to our country in the years past. Our country today would have been in heathenism.

May we all as churches of the living God manifest a Spirit for missions in the coming year, and put forth a greater effort to make disciples, wherever the need comes to our attention, than we have in the past.

M. R. Drury
J. R. Gulley
H. P. Atnip, *Committee*

The letter from Brother Smith is as follows:

*397 Koi Naka Machi
Hiroshima, Japan
October 3, 1953*

To The Wiseman Baptist Association

Greeting:

It is our sincere prayer that as the churches which compose this great body of Baptist assemble for the annual session there will be much good done toward promoting every phase of the work which has been committed to the churches. Jesus spoke the following in Mark 13:34,36; "The Son of man is as a man taking a far journey who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work and commanded the porter to watch. Watch therefore for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight or at the cock crowing, or in the morning; Lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping." Jesus left his house, the church, went back to his Father, and promised to come back to earth again. When He comes to reckon with His servants, will He find us sleeping? Or will He find us watching?

While Jesus is away His spirit is here to give aid to His churches and to direct His servants to places where He has called them to labor; and to comfort and bless the labourer in all His work. The churches have all the authority that they will ever need to carry out the great commission, because the Lord gave the authority to the church which He instituted while He was here in the world.

The first word in that commission is, "Go," and the last clause in it, "And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." What more should we want, or wait for. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose, if we obey the simple command of our Christ as recorded in Matthew 28:19,20. I fully believe that the underlying cause for the spiritual slumber in many churches today is due to the fact that they have disregarded this unlimited commission. There is no excuse whatever for the churches which do so little, or nothing to send the gospel to the millions in darkness; and there is no grounds for them to claim the great blessings of our dear Saviour.

The little church here needs a house of worship very much, and we are praying that the churches will respond to this need and send funds to build the house. We have a lot on which to build, which cost a thousand dollars, and the lot is paid for, but we need funds to build. This price for the lot seems very high, but it was the best we could do. Ground in Japan is very scarce and if we get any of it we surely have to pay a dear price. We have the plans all drawn up, and the builders have started on the construction. The building is costing \$3,150.00 (three thousand one hundred and fifty dollars). We pray that our churches will not pass this great need by. We trust that much prayer may be given, and that our churches will all become more awakened to the responsibility which is resting upon them. There has been \$241.00 (two hundred and forty-one dollars) designated toward building a church in Japan so far, and of course, that was paid on the lot. The church has only twelve members and they are all poor. There isn't a one of them that has a home of their own. So it is impossible for them to build a church house, but it is a golden opportunity for our people in America to lay up treasures in heaven.

Prayerfully yours,

James H. Smith and Annie Laura

Adopted after discussion by M. R. Drury, Robert Gulley, Holace Atnip, and M. H. Whitley.

(CLERK'S NOTE--The record from this point was kept by the assistant Clerk, and the comments on the Doctrinal sermon are his and not those of the Clerk.)

At this time the Moderator presented Elder W. T. Russell the appointee of a year ago to preach the Doctrinal

sermon. After a few remarks, Brother Russell read the sixth chapter of Second Corinthians as a lesson and chose Proverbs 9:1 as a text. He then proceeded to present his points and preached a wonderful sermon on, "The Distinctive Principles of the Churches of Our Lord" that have identified them from all other so-called and man-made churches or organizations of the world. Brother Russell presented many verses of scripture to prove his position as well as history to show that the false churches are not scriptural. His great discourse was joyfully received by his many hearers and many hearty amens were heard throughout the message. At the close, the congregation pressed forward to give the speaker the hand of endorsement while singing, "We'll Go On and Serve the Lord," and "Amazing Grace," and others.

Dismissed one hour for dinner by Elder C. F. Carter of the Southwestern District Association.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After another good dinner, the association came together by singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," followed with prayer by Brother C. M. Morgan.

The regular order of business was suspended and the Clerk read the report of the Orphans' Home, also the report of Geo. W. Johnson, Treasurer of the Home, as follows:

LAFAYETTE OLD MINISTER AND ORPHANS' HOME

We, your committee, submit the following report: The Baptists of Wiseman Association, and their Trustees hold a title to a one-third interest in the above-named Home. We are glad to report that the work is moving forward in a pleasant manner. Brother L. D. Fishburn and wife are in charge as Superintendent and Matron, respectively. They seem to have the love and respect of the children to the extent that it appears to be a very happy family.

After releasing a number of children within the last several months, we now have 11 children in the Home, which is located near Lafayette, Macon County, Tennessee. It is near a good church and schools, and has the advantages of other modern conveniences, that this day and age afford. In fact, we doubt if a better location for such an institution could be found within the bounds of our work.

The business of the Home is conducted by the Trustees at their meetings from time to time, with accurate records kept as to the work done and money received and spent. After buying the real estate at a cost of \$16,000 and

Finishing a small house at a cost of almost one thousand dollars, we have managed to retire the indebtedness which we had entered into in the purchase. However we still owe a small amount of interest which should be paid soon.

We recommend that the various churches take regular offerings for the operation of the Home; and, as they may feel let, help in paying the remainder of interest accumulated. If you want to help clothe our Lord, please do not forget these helpless, dependent orphan children.

W. T. Russell
John Patterson, *Committee*

The report of the Treasurer of the Home, Brother Geo. W. Johnson, was read as follows:

HOME TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a list of the churches and individuals and the amounts donated for the retirement of the debt on the Baptist Orphans' Home, Lafayette, Tennessee, from October 1, 1952 to October 1, 1953.

Antioch, \$67.50; Beech Bottom, \$39.55; Bethany, \$55.50; Cornwell's Chapel, \$87.30; Days Cross Roads, \$15.00; Defeated Creek, \$64.37; Dixon's Creek, \$163.00; Ebenezer, None; Enon, \$83.00; Gladdice, \$32.00; Green Valley, None; Gully Creek, None; Knob Springs, \$38.00; Liberty, None; Long Fork, \$32.36; Macedonia, None; Maces Hill, \$76.25; Mt. Tabor, \$82.00; New Macedonia, \$40.75; New Salem, None; Oak Grove, \$76.25; Pleasant Valley, \$5.10; Rocky Grove, \$14.88; Russell Hill, \$60.00; Sun Rise, \$22.00; Sycamore Valley, \$44.53; Union, \$35.46; Willette, None; Athens, \$54.50; Bethel, \$100.00; Bratton Town, None; Buffalo Springs, None; Cedar Bluff, \$30.00; Concord, \$60.38; Drakes Creek, \$55.00; East Main St. \$22.50; Enon Chapel, \$21.80; Fairview No. 1, None; Faith, None; Fifth Street, \$100.00; Good Will, \$90.85; Haysville, None; Lafayette, \$172.75; Long Creek, None; Maple Grove No. 1, None; Maple Grove No. 2, \$115.25; McFerrin Avenue, \$63.00; Meadorville, \$115.00; Mt. Zion, None; New Bethel, \$170.00; New Harmony, \$118.00; New Zion, \$12.75; Old Hopewell, None; Old Union, None; Pleasant Grove, None; Pleasant Hill No. 1, None; Pleasant Hill No. 2, None; Red Hill, None; Rock Bridge, None; Rocky Mound, None; Salem, \$8.65; Siloam, \$86.10; Spring Creek, \$27.00; Union (Ky.), None; Union

Hill, \$122.65; West End, None; White Hill, \$25.00; Caney Fork, \$92.78; E. C. Watkins, \$10.00; L. H. Petty, \$5.00; Hershel H. Brockett, \$5.00; E. V. Boman, \$30.00; Total, \$2,848.76.

REPORT ON RETIREMENT OF DEBT

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| Balance outstanding notes against the farm | |
| 10/1/52 plus interest..... | \$3,000.00 |
| Balance on deposit in Citizens Bank | |
| 10/1/52 on debt..... | 398.18 |
| Total collections on debt retirement from | |
| 10/1/52 to 10/1/53..... | 2,848.76 |
| Total..... | 3,246.94 |
| Borrowed \$416.40 from General Fund and paid | |
| balance on note and int. on Home Property | 3,663.34 |
| Balance due General Fund 10/2/53..... | 416.40 |

Respectfully submitted, this 1st day of October, 1953
 Geo. W. Johnson, *Treasurer Baptist Orphans Home*

The following is a list of the Churches and Individuals with the amounts donated for the general expense of the up-keep and operation of the Baptist Orphans' Home at Lafayette, Tennessee, from 10/1/52 to 10/1/53:

Antioch, \$35.54; Beech Bottom, \$90.00; Bethany, \$35.60; Cornwell's Chapel, \$53.55; Days Cross Roads, None; Defeated Creek, \$6.50; Dixon's Creek, \$210.53; Ebenezer, \$30.00; Enon, \$46.77; Gladdice, \$8.15; Green Valley, \$15.00; Gulley Creek, \$32.28; Knob Springs, \$60.71; Liberty, \$10.25; Long Fork, \$52.24; Macedonia, \$6.69; Maces Hill, \$70.50; Mt. Tabor, \$31.10; New Macedonia, \$11.00; New Salem, \$20.98; Oak, \$31.25; Pleasant Valley, None; Rocky Grove, \$9.31; Russell Hill, None; Sun Rise, None; Sycamore Valley, \$141.36; Union, \$34.47; Willette, \$23.10; Athens, \$30.71; Bethel, \$80.00; Bratton Town, \$119.81; Buffalo Springs, \$51.23; Cedar Bluff, \$16.20; Concord, \$30.00; Drakes Creek, \$77.07; East Main St., \$12.00; Enon Chapel, \$23.30; Fairview No. 1, \$13.10; Faith, \$113.07; Fifth Street, \$211.76; Good Will, None; Haysville, \$121.40; Lafayette, \$267.74; Long Creek \$68.63; Maple Grove No. 1, \$25.00; Maple Grove No. 2, \$51.14; McFerrin Avenue, \$94.00; Meadorville \$176.33; Mt. Zion, \$32.91; New Bethel, \$194.50; New Harmony \$94.60; New Zion \$23.88; Old Hopewell, \$17.70; Old Union, \$127.76; Pleasant Grove, \$23.60; Pleasant Hill No. 1, \$67.10; Pleasant Hill No. 2, \$4.25; Red Hill; \$27.41; Rock Bridge, \$64.50; Rocky Mound, \$35.65; Salem, None; Siloam, \$32.40; Spring

Creek, \$24.10; Union (Ky), \$56.80; Union Hill, \$221.84; West End, \$205.96; White Hill, \$38.00; Caney Fork \$15.00; Pittmans Creek, \$43.16; New Liberty, \$12.50; Tateville (Ky.), \$15.00; Shiloah, \$21.82; North Bemis, \$28.00; Salem (Ky.), \$55.00; Pine Grove (Ky.), \$8.00; Cedar Hill (Portland), \$11.00; Oak Grove No. 1, \$51.04; Flat Wood, \$12.66; Cross Roads, \$16.50; New Cross Roads, \$25.00; Mt. Gillead (Ky.), \$14.00; Mt. Eden, \$13.25; Pleasant Point, \$20.00; Grove Hill, \$10.60; Land Mark, \$23.00; Bradleys Pleasure, \$10.00; Mixon, \$7.00; Caledonia, \$37.57; New Friendship, \$10.00 Pleasant Hill General Baptist Church, \$25.29; Bide Russell Memorial, \$18.00; Individuals: Amos Williams, \$5.00; E.C. Watkins, \$30.00; E. V. Bomar, \$30.00; G. G. Wilson, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mathis, \$1.50; Herod Gregory, \$5.00; E. F. Cole and others, \$67.00; Silk Mill Employees, \$9.75; McClard and White, \$3.00; Second Concord Association (Ky.), \$48.05. Collected at Enon Association, \$262.33; Collected at Wiseman Association, \$145.29; School Books sold, \$29.19; Rent collected (Tenant Building), \$180.00; Items sold off of farm, \$246.33; Received from Insurance Company, \$21.49; Miscellaneous Collections, \$49.12. Total Receipts from 10/1/52 to 10/1/53, \$5,580.43.

REPORT OF GENERAL FUND

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| Total Receipts from 10/1/52 to 10/1/53..... | \$5,580.40 |
| Balance in Citizens Bank 10/1/52..... | 338.47 |
| Total General Fund..... | 5,918.90 |
| Paid for food, clothing, fuel, lights, and supplies..... | 1,933.04 |
| Repair on Property..... | 80.16 |
| State License..... | 2.00 |
| Insurance..... | 76.44 |
| Travel Exp., W.T. Russell to S.W. Association... | 10.00 |
| Postage, H. C. Johnson, Postmaster..... | 20.00 |
| Fire Extinguisher..... | 19.43 |
| Salary, Supt. and Matron..... | 1,500.00 |
| One third of fertilizer and seed bill..... | 85.87 |
| Interest on Home Loan..... | 416.40 |
| Total Expense from 10/1/52 to 10/1/53..... | 4,143.34 |
| Balance on Deposit in Citizens Bank, Lafayette, Tennessee, 10/1/53..... | 1,775.56 |

Respectfully submitted,
 Geo. W. Johnson, Treasurer Baptist Orphans Home

It was moved to have the report in full to appear in the minutes. Both reports were adopted after discussion by W. T. Russell, A. J. Sloan, John Patterson, J.O. Walker, M. H. Whitley, T. L. Campbell, M. R. Drury, Carrol Ramsey, L.W. Smith, Oakley Gregory, D. R. Perrigo, Robert Whited, F. L. Ray, and C. M. Morgan.

Collection for the Orphans' Home was taken up in the amount of \$152.00.

Report on Sunday School was read by Elder James C. Walker, as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee, submit the following report: No child should be deprived of the privilege of attending Sunday School. Yet, sad to say, many of our churches are doing just that. When a church fails to organize and maintain a regular Sunday School she is failing to provide for a much needed portion of the child's education.

Someone may say, well, I carry my children to hear the preacher, and I feel that is enough. That would be a sad mistake. It is a good thing for a child to study the Bible in company with other children and under the supervision of some good member of the Lord's church. Many times it is the influence exercised over a child in Sunday School which causes him or her to seek the Lord in later years and be saved.

Now, a thriving Sunday School is good, not only for children, but for adults as well. It is a good place to get together and discuss the word of God and exchange views with the brethren. If you do not believe you can learn something in Sunday School you should try attending one regularly sometime, if you are not already doing so. It is a good place to learn how much we need to learn.

In closing let us remind you that a Sunday School must be kept subject to the church or trouble will ensue. The church should elect all officers and teachers and supervise all Sunday School Activities. In fact, a Sunday School should have no business except to teach the word of God. Let us build our Sunday Schools and see our churches grow and prosper.

Jas. C. Walker

Robert Whited, *Committee*

Adopted after discussion by Jas. C. Walker, Robert Whited, A. J. Sloan, and Roy Robinson.

Moved to adjourn to meet on the morrow at 10:00 o'clock.
Benediction by Elder W. R. Isenberg.

THIRD DAY

Friday, October 23, 1953

The Association came together at 10:00 o'clock with singing, "Oh, the Glory Did Roll," after which special prayer was offered for our beloved missionaries, Elder J. H. Smith and Elder J. Frank Carr, now in Japan. Prayer was led by Elder L. W. Smith, followed by song, "Hide Thou Me."

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. Visitors were enrolled as follows:

SILOAM ASSOCIATION: H. H. Howell, Willie Hancock, H. H. Lambert, Snorie Sailors.

The regular order of business was taken up. The report on Temperance and Morality was read by Elder C. C. Gregory as follows:

TEMPERANCE AND MORALITY

We your committee submit the following report:

In regard to the subject, Temperance and Morality, we find that this specially applies to Christians. We read in Paul's writing in Col. 3:1,2, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." We as Christians sometimes fail to let our light shine. When we fail to let our light shine, we are working for the devil instead of God.

The trouble with our people today is that they do not recognize the fact as stated in Proverbs 20:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Some Baptists think that it is alright to take a social drink, but the Bible tells us to abstain from the very appearance of evil. If it takes five social drinks to make one drunk, then he is one-fifth drunk when he takes one drink. There are many homes abused and broken up because of intoxicating beverages.

We as Christians should be very careful concerning the things which we say and do, because there is always someone watching us. Let all of us as Christians make a resolution within ourselves to strive to do more for God in the future than we have done in the past.

C. C. Gregory

J. T. Crouch

Roy Robinson, *Committee*

Adopted after discussion by C. C. Gregory, Ruddy Crouch, A. J. Sloan, Paul Oldham, and L. W. Smith.

Christian Education

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We believe that the best place for instruction is in the home. To train our children is to educate them in the things that are most necessary for a fruitful life.

Because of so many things being taught and practiced in our schools today, contrary to the Bible, the child must be rightly informed at home concerning the things that conflict with the Bible, to offset these evil teachings that undermine the Bible and true religion.

We would encourage all churches to provide a Sunday School for the benefit of our younger people, as well as for those who are older. First and foremost, we recommend that more of our people read and study the Bible, that we may be able to convince the gainsayers. People who hold to and advocate heretical doctrines study hard, and go at length in trying to uphold their belief. With unlearned people they can make their heresy appear to be the truth and thereby weaken the faith of the untaught.

We have in our churches some who as Paul said, "ought to be teachers, but have need to be taught." The Catholics say, "Give us a child until he is ten years of age, and he will always be a Catholic." By this, we understand, that what is placed in the mind of a child before he is ten years of age will be a foundation for his or her life.

Lloyd Fishburn

W. W. Bowman

R. W. Gregory, *Committee*

Adopted after discussion by R. W. Gregory, W. T. Russell, and A. J. Sloan.

The report on financing the Lord's Work was read by Elder Jas. C. Walker as follows:

Financing the Lord's Work

We, your committee, submit the following report:

In dealing with this subject, there are three things that should be considered, namely, the *need*, what is *being done*, and what *should be done* about it.

When we consider the *need*, there are two phases to be investigated;--First, the support of the local work, and second,--benevolent and missionary activity. In dealing with this general subject, let us keep in mind that we

are considering either money, or its equivalent in the necessities of life. For after all, money is of no value except as a medium of providing those things that we have need of.

Concerning the local needs, and their support, we arrive at the following conclusions, based on the minutes of last year, and what we hear from the letters as read this year. Some of the churches are giving their pastors excellent compensation, and are taking care of visiting preachers and helpers in meetings in a fine way. Most of the other churches, with few exceptions, are contributing well for local preaching, and all the churches, in so far as we can determine, are taking care of all local needs in an adequate manner.

We now take up the missionary and benevolent activity. This includes both foreign and home missionaries, and support of the Orphans' Home, and charity in general. Jesus commands to go into all the world, and preach the gospel. Matt. 28:19,20. James admonishes us of our duty to help those in need. James 1:27. We regret to say that a number of our churches seem to be very derelict in regard to these duties. According to the record, it seems that some few of the churches report no foreign mission contributions for one or two years. The contributions of many of the others are exceedingly small. We believe we are safe in saying that none of our churches have done as much as they should along this line. In view of these facts, how can we truthfully say that we really love the Lord's work? Jesus said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46. Let each of us ask ourself this same question. Jesus further tells us that the first and greatest commandment is to love the Lord first and above all, and to love our neighbor as ourself is the second great commandment. Matt. 22:35,40. In the light of the foregoing facts, and admonition from the Saviour himself, we can only conclude that as Baptists we are falling far short in this phase of our Christian duty. We believe that we should give at least as much for missions and charitable causes as we expend on our local church work. We believe that the Lord would be pleased with this. Hear the words of the Master on this point: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

Adopted after discussion by Jas. C. Walker, F. L. Ray,

A. J. Sloan, E. B. Wilmore, Paul Oldham, Robert Whited,
W. T. Russell.

The report on Church Discipline was read by the Clerk as follows:

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We believe that church discipline is one of the outstanding principles taught in the Bible. If we fail to discipline the members of our Baptist churches, we are not pleasing God.

Paul said in 2 Thess. 3:14,15, "And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother." So in church discipline, we should always remember to do as directed by the scriptures, and that to deal with disorderly members with love.

We believe that if all of our churches today would use church discipline as they should, that many church members who are living disorderly lives, would be brought back in full fellowship with the church, and they would not only be blessed, but be a light instead of a stumbling block to the lost.

We also believe that one reason that many of our churches are cold and are not having much influence over the lost, is because many of their members are living ungodly lives, and are not being disciplined by the churches. We as pastors should do more preaching on this important subject. If we do, and the churches act accordingly, God's cause will be raised to higher plains. Then Christians will be strengthened and blessed, and the lost will be led to the Lord.

H. C. Vanderpool
L. A. Stewart
Howard G. Taylor,
Committee

Adopted after discussion by W. T. Russell and A. J. Sloan
The report on Prayer Meetings and State of Religion was
read by Elder L. W. Smith as follows:

PRAYER MEETINGS AND STATE OF RELIGION

We, your committee, submit the following report:
The subject of prayer is taught throughout the Bible.

1 Thess. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." Luke 18:1 "Men ought always to pray."

We believe that the power of prayer means so much to our churches that we could not have spiritual churches without much praying. We would like to recommend to all of our churches that do not have prayer meetings to begin one as soon as possible.

The state of religion seems to be low. We feel that it is because so many of our church members are living so far from God that it is hurting our churches. If there was ever a time when church members should come down on their knees, it is now, and pray for lost people and one another.

L. W. Smith

H. P. Brown

Howard G. Taylor, *Committee*

Adopted after discussion by L. W. Smith and Wilson Gregory.

The report on Obituaries was read by Eld. F. W. Lambert as follows:

OBITUARIES

From the letters of the churches to this Association, we learn that twenty-six of our brethren and sisters in the Lord have left us, since the last Association, for that land that lies beyond the river. By experience we know what their loved ones left behind are enduring and suffering, and to the bereaved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.

By the home-going of our beloved brethren and sisters, in the Lord we are reminded of the fact that we are to pass the same way soon. The time is coming when no man can work. The loved ones that have gone on before perhaps left work that was not finished. Our opportunities are increased so let us dedicate ourselves to these unfinished tasks that lie before us. David teaches that our dead cannot return to us, but we may go to them. Let us, therefore, walk in the old paths that our forefathers trod.

We are reminded once more that we know not the hour we shall meet for the last time. It is consoling to us to know that our separation from loved ones is not forever, but for a short time only. We shall soon join them again and share their eternal joys.

F. W. Lambert

Raymond Gregory, *Committee*

The report on Finance was read by Brother Wilson Gregory as follows:

FINANCE

We have collected from the various churches for the printing of our minutes, and for paying our Clerk, a total of \$126.17.

Wilson Gregory

Clyde Grizzle

A. W. Carr, *Committee*

Adopted after discussion by Jas. C. Walker, F. W. Lambert

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

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, humbly submit the following report for your consideration and approval:

Whereas, God having wonderfully blessed his people in permitting them as the Wiseman Association to convene once more, in the city of Nashville, for its 62nd annual session, and whereas God having seen the affliction of his people in Nashville, and hearing their prayers, has wonderfully blessed this city with an old-time Baptist Church, with which we have been privileged to convene: Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That our heartfelt thanks be extended to McFerrin Avenue Baptist Church, for their congeniality, hospitality, and the fellowship we have received in this session; and for the bounty of food set before us to supply our physical needs each day, and for the comfort offered in the accommodations of their building.

2. That we thank our God, who has seen fit to bless his people again in this 62nd session, and has not withheld his hand in the administration of either Spiritual or Temporal Blessings.

3. That we as the people of God, to whom the truth has been intrusted and committed, be more zealous for the Cause, and contend more earnestly for the Faith once delivered to the saints; and this, by both our preachers and our churches.

4. Whereas, seeing that Satan our adversary is at large and is using every means possible to deceive; therefore, be it resolved: That this Association declare itself as publicly opposed to the National Council of Churches of Christ, and the false doctrines contained in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible that has recently been published by them. And also, that we declare ourselves

opposed to the use of it in our churches and by our preachers.

5. Also, be it resolved, that we go on record as being opposed to the use of any literature quoting from this Revised Standard Version of the Bible. And for this reason we would recommend that the messengers from each of our churches advise their church against the use of the Southern Baptist Sunday School literature, as it quotes from this version, and evidently has endorsed it, as well as the use of it. Therefore we recommend that our churches take legal action in their church conference, and go on record as being opposed to these, and withdraw their endorsement as to their use in their church.

6. That the Clerk have 800 copies of the minutes printed for distribution among the churches according to the amount received from each church for the Printing Fund.

7. That we strive harder than ever before to promote the cause, to maintain brotherly love and fellowship among us as churches, collectively, and as individuals. To discharge our every known duty and above all carry out the commission of our Lord in reaching the lost.

C. C. Ramsey

Fred H. Carr

J. J. Sullivan, *Committee*

Report on Resolutions adopted without discussion.

Report on Correspondence was read by Elder J. D. Birdwell as follows:

CORRESPONDENCE

We are indeed glad and thankful to have had this session of Wiseman Baptist Association with us, and we feel that it has been of much encouragement to the church at McFerrin.

We sincerely hope that all have enjoyed this session. We pray that the blessings of God our Father may be upon each church, visitor, and all the work that has been done.

We humbly thank all visitors which brought food to help entertain this gathering. May God bless you all for the inspiration and encouragement given us. May God's blessings be upon this body, individually and collectively. Pray sincerely for us.

J. D. Birdwell

M. H. Whitley, *Committee*

Adopted without discussion.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Jas. C. Walker as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the present session of the Association, the following sums have come into my hands:

Orphans' Home support...\$152.00
 Foreign Missions..... 11.00
 Total amount received..\$163.00

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jas. C. Walker, *Treasurer*

Adopted without discussion

Minutes of today's session were read and approved. Moved to adjourn to meet with Cedar Bluff Baptist Church about ten miles southwest of Lafayette, about three miles south from Gap of the Ridge, on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1954. Thus closed another great session of this great Association of Baptists.

After announcements, the benediction was offered by Eld. A. G. Gregory.

F. L. RAY, Moderator
 427 Rosebank Avenue
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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 meeting.

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 three days, the meetings to be held at such place 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's giving the right hand of fellowship to the Messenger or Messengers present.

OUR SAINTED DEAD

CONCORD--Bro. John T. Hale, August 19, 1953

EAST MAIN STREET--Bro. Leslie Gammon, August 29, 1953
Bro. Robert Jones, Sept. 19, 1953

ENON CHAPEL--Sister Nona Butler, March 31, 1953

FAIRVIEW--Sister Beatrice Cothron, June 9, 1953
Sister Vera Coker, September 30, 1953

LAFAYETTE--Sister Catherine Simmons, July 1, 1953
Sister Ollie Cook, September 19, 1953

MEADORVILLE--Sister Lade Ford, Feb. 28, 1953
Sister Vickie Glover, July 6, 1953
Bro. Willie Cothron, July 15, 1953
Sister Lula Spreher, July 23, 1953
Sister Lucy McClard, Sept. 18, 1953
Bro. Edgar Lovelady, Sept. 28, 1953
Bro. Luther Segraves, (no date given)

NEW BETHEL--Sister Leonard Williams, Oct. 2, 1952

NEW HARMONY--Sister Emma Jones, January 11, 1953

PLEASANT HILL--Sister Jane Casteale, Aug. 8, 1953
Brother Minus Kirkham, Sept. 19, 1953
Brother Beard Sloan, Sept. 24, 1953
Bro. Wilburn Kirkham, Sr., Sept. 28, 1953

ROCK BRIDGE--Bro. John Hawkins, Oct. 3, 1953

SALEM--Sister Ethel Hicks, July 14, 1953

UNION HILL--Bro. Bert Jodd, May 20, 1953
Sister Jinnie Scruggs, Dec. 9, 1952

WEST END--Bro. Bryand Shoulders, Dec. 13, 1952

HISTORICAL TABLE

Wiseman Association was organized at Cedar Bluff Church, near Gap of Ridge, Macon County, Tennessee, on November 18, 1891. Below is given the record of its annual meetings.

| Dates | Place | Preacher | Moderator | Clerk |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1891 | Cedar Bluff | J. H. Grime | W. M. S. Wilks | B. R. Hawkins |
| 1892 | Meadorville | W. M. S. Wilks | W. M. S. Wilks | B. R. Hawkins |
| 1893 | Dixon's Creek | J. S. Pardue | W. M. S. Wilks | B. R. Hawkins |
| 1894 | Lafayette | W. M. S. Wilks | W. M. S. Wilks | J. S. Pardue |
| 1895 | Hartsville | J. S. Pardue | W. M. S. Wilks | D. S. Reed |
| 1896 | Cedar Bluff | J. A. Stone | W. M. S. Wilks | D. S. Reed |
| 1897 | Independence | J. F. Lambert | M. C. Fitzpatrick | D. S. Reed |
| 1898 | Dixon's Creek | W. M. S. Wilks | W. M. S. Wilks | D. S. Reed |
| 1899 | Friendship | J. L. Hawkins | W. M. S. Wilks | D. S. Reed |
| 1900 | Siloam | J. W. McQueen | J. F. Lambert | D. S. Reed |
| 1901 | Rocky Mound | J. J. Dyer | M. C. Fitzpatrick | D. S. Reed |
| 1902 | Shady Grove | J. H. Grime | M. C. Fitzpatrick | D. S. Reed |
| 1903 | New Harmony | W. M. S. Wilks | W. M. S. Wilks | D. S. Reed |
| 1904 | New Hopewell | J. W. McQueen | W. M. S. Wilks | D. S. Reed |
| 1905 | Rock Bridge | J. W. McQueen | W. M. S. Wilks | D. S. Reed |
| 1906 | Corun's Hill | Earl D. Simmons | W. M. S. Wilks | C. D. High |
| 1907 | Long Creek | W. M. S. Wilks | C. N. Simmons | D. S. Reed |
| 1908 | Hillsdale | C. B. Massey | W. M. S. Wilks | D. S. Reed |
| 1909 | Hartsville | E. E. Folk | C. N. Simmons | D. S. Reed |
| 1910 | Cedar Bluff | J. T. Oakley | J. T. Oakley | D. S. Reed |
| 1911 | Meadorville | C. B. Massey | J. T. Oakley | D. S. Reed |
| 1912 | Friendship | J. W. Gillon | A. J. Sloan | D. S. Reed |
| 1913 | Bledsoe's Creek | A. J. Sloan | J. T. Oakley | D. S. Reed |
| 1914 | Siloam | J. T. Oakley | P. F. Burnley | D. S. Reed |
| 1915 | Pleasant Hill | W. J. Summar | W. K. Johnson | D. S. Reed |
| 1916 | Spring Creek | C. B. Massey | A. J. Sloan | T. C. Harrison |
| 1917 | Dixon's Creek | T. F. Moore | A. J. Sloan | T. C. Harrison |
| 1918 | New Harmony | T. F. Moore | A. J. Sloan | T. C. Harrison |
| 1919 | Fairview | P. S. Dyer | A. J. Sloan | T. C. Harrison |
| 1920 | Pleasant Grove | W. F. Jenkins | A. J. Sloan | T. C. Harrison |
| 1921 | New Zion | P. S. Dyer | A. J. Sloan | T. C. Harrison |
| 1922 | Rock Bridge | R. O. Sanders | A. J. Sloan | T. C. Harrison |
| 1923 | Cedar Bluff | N. C. Fuqua | R. Y. Hawkins | A. J. Sloan |
| 1924 | Long Creek | I. N. Sloan | R. O. Sanders | A. J. Sloan |
| 1925 | Mt. Zion | R. O. Sanders | L. A. Stewart | A. J. Sloan |
| 1926 | Old Hopewell | L. A. Stewart | L. A. Stewart | A. J. Sloan |
| 1927 | Union | A. W. Keen | L. A. Stewart | A. J. Sloan |
| 1928 | Brattontown | R. O. Sanders | L. A. Stewart | A. J. Sloan |
| 1929 | Meadorville | W. T. Taylor | L. A. Stewart | A. J. Sloan |
| 1930 | Haysville | F. W. Lambert | L. A. Stewart | A. J. Sloan |
| 1931 | Capitol Hill | A. J. Sloan | L. A. Stewart | A. J. Sloan |
| 1932 | Siloam | R. Thompson | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1933 | Rocky Mound | C. B. Massey | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1934 | Pleasant Hill | R. O. Sanders | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1935 | Good Will | F. W. Lambert | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1936 | Spring Creek | W. T. Taylor | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1937 | New Harmony | R. O. Sanders | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1938 | New Bethel | F. W. Lambert | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1939 | Union | R. O. Sanders | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1940 | Red Hill | F. W. Lambert | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1941 | Lafayette | R. O. Sanders | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1942 | Siloam | F. W. Lambert | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1943 | Athens | R. O. Sanders | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1944 | Union Hill | F. W. Lambert | N. C. Fuqua | A. J. Sloan |
| 1945 | Brattontown | J. H. Smith | N. C. Fuqua | F. W. Lambert |
| 1946 | Drake's Creek | F. W. Lambert | N. C. Fuqua | F. W. Lambert |
| 1948 | Old Union | F. L. Ray | N. C. Fuqua | F. W. Lambert |
| 1949 | Macedonia | F. L. Ray | N. C. Fuqua | F. W. Lambert |
| 1947 | Long Creek | F. L. Ray | F. L. Ray | F. W. Lambert |
| 1950 | Old Hopewell | F. L. Ray | F. L. Ray | F. W. Lambert |
| 1951 | Rocky Mound | M. R. Drury | F. L. Ray | F. W. Lambert |
| 1952 | East Main St. | Albert Crouch | F. L. Ray | F. W. Lambert |
| 1953 | McFerrin Ave. | Albert Crouch | F. L. Ray | W. T. Russell |

CHURCH DIRECTORY

| CHURCHES | PASTORS | CLERKS |
|--------------------|--|---|
| ATHENS..... | C. C. Ramsey, Lafayette, Tenn..... | Robert Whited, Lebanon, Tenn., R. 2..... |
| BUFFALO SPRINGS... | G. O. Templeton, Westmoreland, Tenn..... | Elmer Perigo, Westmoreland, Tenn..... |
| CEDAR BLUFF..... | T. C. Jones, Lafayette, Tenn..... | Rudolph Hughes, Westmoreland, Tenn..... |
| CONCORD..... | Jas. C. Walker, Lebanon, Tenn..... | L. D. Latimer, White House, Tenn., R. 1..... |
| EAST MAIN STREET.. | M. R. Drury, Lafayette, Tenn..... | Wm. Patterson, Hartsville, Tenn..... |
| ENONS CHAPEL..... | Albert Crouch, Goodlettsville, Tenn..... | G. W. Oldham, Hartsville, Tenn..... |
| FAIRVIEW NO. 1.... | G. O. Templeton, Westmoreland, Tenn..... | Fred Carr, Westmoreland, Tenn..... |
| GOOD WILL..... | P. H. Brooks, Lafayette, Tenn..... | G. G. Taylor, Hartsville, Tenn..... |
| LAFAYETTE..... | L. A. Stewart, Holland, Ky..... | Geo. W. Johnson, Lafayette, Tenn..... |
| McFERRIN AVENUE... | F. L. Ray, 427 Rosebank Ave., Nashville, Tenn.... | E. B. Wilmore, 1238 Plymouth Ave., Nashville, Tenn.... |
| MEADORVILLE..... | F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn..... | Dennis Glover, Lafayette, Tenn..... |
| NEW BETHEL..... | W. T. Russell, P.O. Box 186, Goodlettsville, Tenn. | Jas. C. Gregory, 1112 Stockell St., Nashville, Tenn.... |
| NEW HARMONY..... | M. R. Drury, Lafayette, Tenn..... | Nadine Fuqua, Hartsville, Tenn..... |
| OLD HOPEWELL..... | G. O. Templeton, Westmoreland, Tenn..... | Brodie Fuqua, Bethpage, Tenn..... |
| PLEASANT HILL..... | F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn..... | Mrs. Lewis Grubbs, Portland, Tenn..... |
| RIVER ROAD..... | Albert Crouch, Goodlettsville, Tenn..... | Mildred Williams, 6318 Columbia Ave., Nashville, Tenn. |
| ROCK BRIDGE..... | E. P. Brown, Fountain Head, Tenn..... | E. C. Sherron, Bethpage, Tenn..... |
| RUSSELL STREET.... | C. C. Gregory, Goodlettsville, Tenn..... | Junior McCloskey, Fountain Head, Tenn..... |
| SALEM..... | Arnett Gregory, Gallatin, Tenn., R. 4..... | Roy Graham, Gallatin, Tenn., R. 1..... |
| UNION HILL..... | D. C. Russell, Salmons, Ky..... | O. L. Gregory, Gallatin, Tenn., R. 4..... |
| WEST END..... | F. W. Lambert, Westmoreland, Tenn..... | A. G. Apple, Cottontown, Tenn., R. 2..... |
| WHITE HILL..... | W. M. Wright, 902 DeBow St., Old Hickory, Tenn... | Mrs. W. C. Johnson, Goodlettsville, Tenn., R. 1..... |

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| BUFFALO SPRINGS..... | Wm. R. Tittle, Bethpage, Tenn..... | W. V. Thompson, Bethpage, Tenn..... |
| CEDAR BLUFF..... | Rudolph Hughes, Westmoreland, Tenn. R. 2..... | |
| CONCORD..... | Aubrey Kelly, White House, Tenn., R. 1..... | Thomas Kelly, Nashville, Tenn..... |
| EAST MAIN STREET..... | Thomas Scruggs, Hartsville, Tenn..... | Ben Matthews, Hartsville, Tenn..... |
| ENON CHAPEL..... | C. A. Durham, Castalian Springs, Tenn..... | ..... |
| FAIRVIEW NO. 1..... | F. W. Ford, Hartsville, Tenn..... | ..... |
| GOOD WILL..... | Dillard McClanahan, Hartsville, Tenn..... | |
| LAFAYETTE..... | Ewing Hoskins, Lafayette, Tenn..... | Carl Baker, Lafayette, Tenn..... |
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| NEW BETHEL..... | Jas. C. Gregory, 1112 Stockell St., Nashville, Tenn..... | Horace Head, 120 Graycroft Rd., Madison, Tenn..... |
| NEW HARMONY..... | Nadine Fuquay, Hartsville, Tenn..... | ..... |
| OLD HOPEWELL..... | Ernest Manning, Castalian Springs, Tenn..... | ..... |
| PLEASANT HILL..... | Mrs Lewis Grubbs, Portland, Tenn..... | James Kirkham, Fountain Head, Tenn..... |
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| ROCK BRIDGE..... | Virgil Sloan, Bethpage, Tenn..... | |
| RUSSELL STREET..... | Joyce Woodard, 106 Church St., Portland, Tenn..... | C. E. Cole, Portland, Tenn..... |
| SALEM..... | James Porter, Gallatin, Tenn., R. 1..... | Robert Porter, Gallatin, Tenn..... |
| UNION HILL..... | Jim Piper, Gallatin, Tenn..... | Cecil Woodard, Gallatin, Tenn..... |
| WEST END..... | D. B. Perrigo, Gallatin, Tenn., R. 3..... | A. G. Apple, Cottontown, Tenn., R. 2..... |
| WHITE HILL..... | Wm. Bloodworth, Goodlettsville, Tenn., R. 1..... | W. C. Johnson, Goodlettsville, Tenn., R. 1..... |

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | When Organized | Meeting Days | Members Re-ported Last Year | Baptisms | Church Memb. Gains Losses | | | | | Present Membership | Enrolled in Sunday School | No. of Teachers | Value of Church Property |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | Letters | Restorations | Letters | Expulsions | Deaths | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ATHENS..... | 1843 | First--Third | 98 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 98 | 47 | 4 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| BUFFALO SPRINGS..... | 1930 | Third..... | 101 | 12 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 112 | 44 | 4 | 2,500.00 |
| CEDAR BLUFF..... | 1887 | First..... | 133 | 10 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 142 | .. | .. | 2,000.00 |
| CONCORD..... | 1874 | Second--Fourth | 141 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 139 | 82 | 6 | 3,000.00 |
| EAST MAIN STREET.... | 1949 | First--Third.. | 143 | 5 | 7 | .. | 3 | .. | 2 | 150 | .. | 4 | 10,000.00 |
| ENONS CHAPEL..... | 1951 | Second--Fourth | 40 | 4 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 50 | .. | .. | 5,000.00 |
| FAIRVIEW NO. 1..... | 1875 | First..... | 137 | 12 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 147 | .. | .. | 1,500.00 |
| GOOD WILL..... | 1899 | Fourth..... | 202 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 203 | .. | .. | 6,000.00 |
| LAFAYETTE..... | 1849 | Full Time..... | 361 | 2 | 3 | .. | 7 | .. | 2 | 357 | 100 | 7 | 7,500.00 |
| McFERRIN AVENUE.... | 1948 | Full Time..... | 193 | 8 | 30 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 227 | 166 | 5 | 15,000.00 |
| MEADORVILLE..... | 1869 | Third..... | 311 | 24 | 4 | .. | 4 | .. | 7 | 328 | .. | .. | 16,000.00 |
| NEW BETHEL..... | 1794 | Full Time..... | 334 | 12 | 3 | .. | 23 | 3 | 1 | 322 | 112 | 5 | 3,000.00 |
| NEW HARMONEY..... | 1848 | Second..... | 257 | 2 | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 259 | .. | .. | 3,000.00 |
| OLD HOPEWELL..... | 1921 | Second..... | 184 | 6 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 186 | .. | .. | 2,000.00 |
| PLEASANT HILL..... | 1876 | First..... | 200 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 10 | .. | 4 | 193 | 60 | 4 | 2,500.00 |
| RIVER ROAD..... | .. | Third..... | 49 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 49 | 30 | 5 | 5,000.00 |
| ROCK BRIDGE..... | 1883 | First--Third.. | 183 | 13 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 195 | .. | .. | 3,000.00 |
| RUSSELL STREET..... | 1953 | Full Time..... | .. | 1 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 28 | 35 | 3 | .. |
| SALEM..... | 1949 | First--Third.. | 85 | .. | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 88 | 50 | 4 | 5,000.00 |
| UNION HILL..... | 1919 | Third..... | 244 | 3 | 1 | .. | 13 | .. | 2 | 233 | 134 | 4 | 5,000.00 |
| WEST END..... | 1945 | Second--Fourth | 181 | 18 | 13 | .. | 8 | 3 | 1 | 200 | 125 | 4 | 6,000.00 |
| WHITE HILL..... | 1940 | Full Time..... | 78 | .. | 12 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 88 | 76 | 5 | 10,000.00 |
| TOTALS..... | | | 3655 | 138 | 107 | 1 | 90 | 9 | 26 | 3,803 | 1,063 | 64 | \$116,000.00 |

FINANCIAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Ann. Missions | Lafayette 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..... | \$ 42.00 | \$ 180.00 | ..... | \$ 85.21 | \$ 54.00 | \$ 115.56 | \$ 606.47 | \$ 80.12 | ..... | \$ 123.13 | \$ 5.00 | ..... | \$ 1,291.49 |
| BUFFALO SPRINGS..... | 6.00 | ..... | ..... | 42.40 | ..... | 325.48 | 173.90 | 42.00 | ..... | 36.63 | 3.00 | 74.68 | 704.09 |
| CEDAR BLUFF..... | 40.00 | ..... | ..... | 48.53 | 15.00 | ..... | 329.00 | 122.00 | ..... | 11.50 | 3.00 | 18.04 | 587.07 |
| CONCORD..... | 50.50 | 180.00 | ..... | 90.38 | 97.64 | 67.69 | 695.42 | 180.00 | 474.07 | 41.34 | 5.00 | 49.58 | 1,931.62 |
| EAST MAIN STREET..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 22.50 | ..... | 152.90 | 482.82 | 103.00 | 205.00 | 192.18 | 4.00 | 20.00 | 1,182.40 |
| ENONS CHAPEL..... | ..... | 21.30 | 10.27 | 21.38 | ..... | 252.24 | 456.42 | 143.00 | ..... | 86.67 | 10.27 | 2.50 | 1,004.05 |
| FAIRVIEW NO. 1..... | 44.95 | ..... | ..... | 15.50 | 5.00 | ..... | 348.60 | 101.85 | ..... | 92.68 | 7.60 | 7.00 | 623.18 |
| GOOD WILL..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 197.37 | ..... | ..... | 420.38 | 231.98 | 200.00 | ..... | 6.00 | 109.00 | 1,164.73 |
| LAFAYETTE..... | 241.12 | ..... | ..... | 440.49 | 146.47 | 1,406.23 | 2,490.34 | 246.00 | 1,287.60 | 445.61 | 7.00 | ..... | 6,703.86 |
| McFERRIN AVENUE..... | 651.42 | 304.47 | ..... | 169.15 | 264.00 | 859.32 | 3,480.21 | 462.32 | 4,930.08 | 576.04 | 10.00 | ..... | 11,707.01 |
| HEADORVILLE..... | 32.48 | ..... | ..... | 289.35 | ..... | 126.14 | 883.53 | 410.84 | ..... | 70.36 | 5.00 | ..... | 1,806.87 |
| NEW BETHEL..... | 313.88 | 564.00 | ..... | 411.21 | 66.50 | 262.00 | 3,923.12 | 250.45 | 121.63 | 676.70 | 12.30 | 216.72 | 6,838.50 |
| NEW HARMONY..... | 7.50 | ..... | ..... | 219.24 | 4.00 | 31.70 | 403.29 | 209.00 | 17.89 | 75.25 | 5.00 | ..... | 972.87 |
| OLD HOPEWELL..... | 30.18 | 16.50 | ..... | 17.70 | 22.58 | 44.13 | 342.90 | 80.09 | 8.25 | 61.68 | 6.00 | 8.40 | 636.41 |
| PLEASANT HILL..... | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | 60.10 | ..... | 16.20 | 840.25 | 168.25 | ..... | 33.50 | 4.00 | 10.00 | 1,182.30 |
| RIVER ROAD..... | 27.00 | ..... | ..... | 15.88 | 52.75 | 166.19 | 488.54 | 54.35 | 42.00 | 248.78 | 5.00 | ..... | 1,023.49 |
| ROCK BRIDGE..... | 20.00 | ..... | ..... | 56.50 | 36.00 | 41.90 | 501.46 | 131.10 | ..... | 30.00 | 3.00 | 36.35 | 756.31 |
| McSSELL STREET..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 101.20 | 130.71 | ..... | 39.00 | 15.50 | 3.00 | 55.00 | 344.41 |
| SALEM..... | 32.00 | ..... | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | 22.94 | 244.45 | 52.00 | 54.00 | 48.00 | 3.00 | 12.00 | 473.39 |
| UNION HILL..... | 126.03 | 233.78 | ..... | 276.98 | 242.90 | 90.31 | 522.21 | 103.12 | ..... | 167.77 | 5.00 | 76.00 | 1,843.69 |
| WEST END..... | 82.48 | 15.77 | ..... | 259.86 | ..... | 472.46 | 1,153.71 | 131.50 | 1,301.56 | 163.86 | 8.00 | 9.34 | 3,598.54 |
| WHITE HILL..... | 178.47 | ..... | ..... | 50.00 | 25.00 | 38.28 | 560.61 | 73.88 | 237.35 | 58.00 | 6.00 | ..... | 1,227.59 |
| TOTALS..... | \$1,976.01 | \$1,815.82 | 10.27 | \$2,794.73 | \$1,031.84 | \$4,592.87 | \$19,401.34 | \$3,376.85 | \$8,918.43 | \$3,255.18 | \$126.17 | \$704.61 | \$47,604.07 |