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GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

DONELSON, TENNESSEE



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Seventh-Ninth Annual Session

October 23-24, 1970

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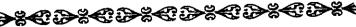
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Next Session of the Association will be held with Faith Baptist Church, Tenth and Kenton Sts., Bowling Green, Ky., beginning at 10:00 o'clock A. M., on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1971.

Introductory Sermon by Elder H. D. Linville



RULES OF DECORUM

- 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 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, failing 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 Each motion and second shall come under the immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.
- 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 of speaking as any other member, providing 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 reproved 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, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1970

The seventy-ninth annual session of Wiseman Baptist Association convened with Gateway Baptist Church, Donelson, Tennessee on the above date. The opening service began at 10:00 A. M., with singing, "Is Is Far," and "Gold Shall Wipe Away All Tears," after which the Moderator made some opening remarks, quoting the first two verses of the twelfth chapter of Romans and asked Eld. Floyd Ferguson to lead in Prayer.

After the prayer and the singing of "Jesus Wept," Eld. F. L. Ray presented Eld. H. D. Linville, the appointee of a year ago, to preach the Introductory Sermon. Brother Linville read from the tenth chapter of Matthew, verses 16 through 23 and chose for a text Luke 14:28, using for a subject, "Counting The Cost". He pointed out that from the beginning God did not promise the church an easy way or a life without trials and problems. He called attention to Old Testament saints suffering even unto death as well as those of the New Testament, clearly pointing out that those who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. He showed the church and the truth coming down to us through a trail of blood of those who loved the truth more than life. Bro. Linville also reminded his hearers how God had stood by his people, manifesting his mighty power in their deliverance; and, being the same God can help us in the solving of our little problems today. He showed the horrible sufferings of Christ who paid the cost of our salvation, his victory over death and his presence at God's right hand.

His message was well received and was delivered with power and much zeal. At the close the large congregation moved forward to clasp his hand and the hands of each other in appreciation of his good sermon, while the songs, "We'll Go On And Serve The Lord," "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand" and "Amazinge Grace" were sung.

At this time, the letters were filed with the Clerk, and Elders H. C. Vanderpool and J. E. Shoulders were appointed as reading clerks. After the reading of 18 letters adjourned one hour for dinner. Eld. Claudie Miller, pastor of the host church prayed the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying a delicious and bountiful dinner and the fellowship of one another services were resumed by singing "Blessed Assurance," prayer was offered by Eld. John Hedges from Southwestern District Baptist Association.

The reading of the letters was resumed to completion.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS WAS AS FOLLOWS:

BETHEHEM-Eid. B. G. Sutton, Bro. Glen Logsdon, Bro. Bobby Pulley

BUFFALO SPRINGS-John W. Thurman

CEDAR BLUFF-Earl Ford, Allen Adams

E. MAIN STREET—Arthur Clariday, Calvin Carruth, Beasley Satterfield

ENON CHAPEL-William Patterson, Nelson Gregory

FAIRVIEW-James Lawson

FAITH NO. 1-Eld. H. G. Taylor, Dean Cornwell, Leon White

FAITH NO. 2-Eld. Hilman Duncan, Estle Hughes

GATEWAY-Eld. C. D. Miller, Eld. Malcolm Grizzle, Bill Brown

GOOD WILL-Leonard Carter, Willie Moore, Tommy Scruggs

GRACE-Eld. Edward Rader, Eld. Edgar Copeland, Glen Wright

HARMONY-Tommy Oldham

LIBERTY HILL-Eld. Clyde Grizzle, Tandy W. Spears.

LONGVIEW-Curtis Dean Driver, Paul G. Patterson

McFERRIN AVENUE—Eld. A. G. Gregory, Oakley Gregory, Gary Nichols

MEADORVILLE-Charles Jones, Elmore Eller, Jimmy McClard

NEW BETHEL-Eld. F. L. Ray, Eld. W. T. Russell, Eld. James Gardner

NEW HARMONY-Leon Fuqua, Marion Deering, Lewis Gross

OLD HOPEWELL-Joe Thompson, Dessie O'Neal, Eld. H. D. Linville

PIPER'S CHAPEL-E. C. Cole, Larry Ladd, Donald R. Taylor

PLEASANT HILL-Clyde Graves, William Harrison, Otey Martin

RAYON CITY—Eld. O. E. Russell

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ROCK BRIDGE-Clyde Dilleha, R. R. Sherron, E. C. Sherron

SALEM-Eugene Porter, Robert Butts

WEST END-C. F. Boze, Eld. William House, Aaron Carver

WHITE HILL-W. F. Steele, Sr., J. T. Honeycutt, Freddie McMurtry

Permanent organization was effected by electing Eld. F. L. Ray, Moderator; Eld. H. G. Taylor, Assistant Moderator; Eld. W. T. Russell, Clerk; Eld. H. G. Taylor, Assistant Clerk; Eld. A. G. Gregory, Treas-

urer; Eld. O. E. Russell, Assistant Treasurer. Eld. H. G. Taylor being elected both Assistant Moderator and Assistant Clerk, a motion was made and carried that the next in line in the vote for Clerk be elected Assistant Clerk, resulting in Eld. William House being elected. Speeches of appreciation was made by the elected officers.

Petitionary letters were called for-none offered.

Visitors were seated as follows:

ENON ASSOCIATION—Elders J. E. Shoulders, Floyd Ferguson SILOAM ASSOCIATION—Elders Rex Hunt, H. C. Vanderpool, L. C. Long

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION—Elders John Hedges, John Powers

The next meeting place and the preachers of sermons was taken up, and since there was no church asking for the association next year, by motion, a committee was appointed to receive nivitations from churches and choose a place, reporting same in the minutes. The committee: Elders F. L. Ray, W. T. Russell and A. G. Gregory.

Faith Baptist Church, Tenth and Kenton Sts., Bowling Green, Kentucky, invited the association for 1971. Their invitation was accepted by the committee.

The vote was taken on the preachers of the next annual sermons, resulting in the selection of Eld. H. D. Linville, Introductory Sermon; Eld. H. G. Taylor, Alternate; Eld. W. T. Russell, Doctrinal Sermon; Eld. A. G. Gregory, Alternate.

The Order of Business was called for and was read by Eld. H. G. Taylor as follows:

- 1. Missions
- 2. Old Ministers and Orphans Home
- 3. Christian and Ministerial Education, Sundays Schools and Prayer Meeting
- 4. Obituaries
- 5. Faith and Practice of a true Baptist Church
- 6. Temperance, Morality and Church Discipline
- 7. Financing the Lord's Work
- 8. State of Religion

- 9. Resolutions
- 10. Correspondence
- 11. Treasurer's Report

The report was adopted with discussion.

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MISSIONS

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We read of the life of our Lord Jesus, how he came into this world, and how he was sent on a mission from our Father which is in heaven. That mission was to take away the sin of the world. He began his mission work in Bethlehem as a baby and stayed on that mission until it was completed after 33 1/2 years. On the cross at Calvary he was able to say to his Father, his church, you and I, "It is finished." John 19:30. He also said to the Father in John 17:4, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." We also read of the apostle Paul, and how he began his mission on the road to Damascus. In Acts 9:6, he said, "What wilt thou have me to do?" When he came to the end of his life he said in 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought a good figh,t I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Paul tells us in Hebrews 12:1 and 2 "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." So, we as Missionary Baptist should work while it is day, that the lost of the world could hear the gospel and be saved, and that the Lord's church shine brighter to a lost and sin cursed world.

Prayerfully submitted,

C. L. Russell

Adopted after discussion by Paul Patterson, C. L. Russell, Oakley Gregory and W. T. Russell.

The report on Baptist Old Ministers and Orphans Home was read by Eld. F. L. Ray as follows:

BAPTIST OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHANS HOME

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We have one of the best Orphans Homes that I know of anywhere. It is under very good supervision by Brother and Sister Glen Thomas. There are six children in the Home, three boys and three girls. These children are in school, also in Sunday School and church regularly.

We need your prayers, and financial help to operate this Home. All the buildings are in good repair except one old barn and a small feed building. We have already had a motion to tear these old buildings away and build a shed along one side of the large barn. If you will help us raise some extra money for this, we hope to get it done in the near future.

We thank each and every one of you who have contributed to this needy and worthy cause.

We are also depending on you to help us in the near future with this work.

I think the pastors and deacons should take this to their respective churches and try to get more people to give of their means to this great cause.

Humbly submitted, F. L. Ray William Johnson

BAPTIST OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHANS HOME

Lafayette, Tennessee

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash on hand and in bank Oct. 1, 1969 ______ \$1,451.25

Period October 1, 1969 - September 30, 1970

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RECEIPTS:		
Donations	\$7,900.96	
Rent	355.00	
Tobacco	1,453.55	
Corn	258.53	
Refund (Telephone - Fertilize)	27.08	
Coop (Dividend	 4.38	
Total Receipts	\$ 9,999.50)
Total Funds Available	\$11,450.75	5
Funds Direct to Children - \$312.61		
EXPENDITURES:		
Salaries	\$2,421.42	
Petty Fund		
Food	1,983.29	
Clothing		

Utilities	719.08
Repairs	393.55
Supplies	156.75
Insurance and Bonds	270.00
Doctors and Medicine	240.92
Wash House	284.01
Accounting	15.00
Christmas Gifts	30.00
Washer	200.00
Licenses	2.00
Lawn Mower	_ 53.50
Cabinets	87.93
Air Conditioning	463.19
Division-Tobacco (Children \$486.00)	972.11
Farm Expense	959.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,599.82
	\$1,850.93
Add Funds Deposited Not Recorded	156.84
Balance Per Bank Sept. 30, 1970	\$2,007.77
Hobart C. Barton, Treasurer	
Hal D. Howser, Public Accountant	

Adopted after discussion by F. L. Ray and H. G. Taylor.

The report on Christian and Ministerial Education, Sunday Schools and Prayer Meeting was read by Eld. H. C. Vanderpool as follows:

CHRISTIAN AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION. SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND PRAYER MEETINGS

We, your committee, respectfully submit the following report:

In today's world of "Much learning," it has become common place for men to play down the reality of a supreme God, the true church and the necessity of the truth. It is plain to be seen that there is a great field in which God's people can labor.

God has called and it still calling men to preach the gospel. This calling requires that these men know and rightly divide the Word of God. Each child of God must educate himself through the prayerful and diligent study of the Bible.

We are not only to lead people to the Lord, but we must teach them the ways of the Lord also. Sunday School is one of the best ways of teaching and educating our people. This is not done quickly but over a period of years of careful study and much time spent in prayer.

Prayer meetings are a great asset to our churches. Here we may confess our faults one to the other, come together in the altar to communicate with God in collective prayer.

Let's each one, Pray, Study and Teach more, that the Kingdom of God might be uplifted and the Spirit of God manifested.

Prayerfully submitted, Thomas A. Shoemake H. C. Vanderpool

Adopted after discussion by H. C. Vanderpool and Kenneth Woodall.

The report on Obituaries was read by Eld. H. G. Taylor as follows:

OBITUARIES

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Since the last sitting of this association, thirty-five Christians, who were members of Baptist churches composing Wiseman Baptist Association, have answered the call from time to eternity. According to their testimony, they believed in human depravity. Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." They saw their need of a saviour and heard the gospel message. Acts 20:21 "Testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." They repented of their sins and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

They united with a Baptist church, the greatest institution in the world, and followed the Lord in baptism, shownig to the world they desired to be identified with the people of God, joining that great cloud of witnesses spoken of by Paul in Hebrews 12:1, also Job 19:25, 26, 27 "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; nad though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom

I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behond, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

Humbly submitted, Howard G. Taylor B. G. Sutton Leonard Carter

Adopted after discussion by Howard G. Taylor, B. G. Sutton, Leonard Carter and F. L. Ray.

Moved to adjourn until 9:00 A. M. Saturday morning. After announcements, the benediction was offered by Brother Bates Martin

SECOND DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1970

Services opened with singing, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and "That Heavenly Home." Prayer was offered by Eld. Eugene Blankenship, after the Moderator had read for a scripture lesson 2 Timothy 4:1 through 8.

After the singing of "Meet Me There," the roll of messengers was called. A quorum being declared present, the rules of decorum were read, and the minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Visitors were seated as follows:

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION—Eld. Eugene Blankenship.

The regular order of business was taken up and the report on The Faith and Practice Of True Baptist was read by W. T. Russell as follows:

THE FAITH AND PRACTICE OF TRUE BAPTISTS

That the Bible sets forth a distinctive system of faith and practice to be preserved by Baptist churches is beyond successful contradiction. Therefore, only such as keep that faith can be recognized of God as true Baptist churches. When there is error practiced and endorsed by the Lord's churches, it is a departure from the system of faith and practice, and such a church cannot be regarded as a true Baptist church as long as there is a continuation in such error or errors.

When we take under consideration the word "true," which is the key-word in this heading, I am sure it would be profitable for every

church to make a thorough examination of self, whether we are following accepted traditions or Bible truths. If asked the question: Is your church true to every precept delivered unto her by her head and founder? Can we answer with an emphatic "Yes?" Can we say honestly that it is impossible for us to be misguided in ANY OF OUR PRACTICES?

Christ laid out the system of faith and practice for his churches, and to fulfill the complete purpose of God, each in its place, is just as important as the other. To use the words of Jesus, we should not "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." The teaching and practice of the whole system of faith is essential to its appointed purpose just as every detail of the pattern given for the construction of Soloman's Temple was to be followed to the minutest detail.

Faith—is the doctrinal teachings of the scriptures believed, and living our lives according to those teachings and putting into operation those things required of us as church members is the practice of that faith.

Jesus commanded the church to teach the baptized disciple to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:20. A person might claim to be a Baptist in belief, but the only way he can be identified as a true Baptist is by practice.

The building where the church meets may have the name "BAPTIST" in big letters over the door, this might distinguish them from others as to faith, but it is the practice of the people who meet there that actually determines what the church is.

Baptist believe that man, by nature is a totally depraved sinner and under condemnation of God because of unbelief, and must repent toward God to God's satisfaction.

True Baptist churches require men to repent and give evidence of the same.

Baptist believe the pure gospel must be preached to a lost world. True Baptist churches see to it that it is preached in its purity.

Baptist believe that God's power through the gospel convicts sinners, producing Godly sorrow for sin which works repentance unto salvation. True Baptist churches demand this be continually taught and practiced and that repentance to the satisfaction of God is the door to that degree of faith which brings salvation to the soul.

Baptist believe that faith in Christ with all the heart is the last condition of salvation to the repenting sinner, and that the believer has the Spirit's witness in himself, and therefore, has the fruits of that Spirit which is love, joy, peace with God, etc. True Baptist churches contend that this system of faith be preserved and practiced, requiring said evidence of candidates for baptism.

Baptist believe there is ONE baptism, which is: Immersion in water of a believer in Christ, by the one and only authority on earth (a Baptist Church), and by a duly ordained and authorized minister. True Baptist churches contend for and preserve this practice.

Baptist believe in the observance of the Lord's supper as a church ordinance.

True Baptist churches practice the observance with those only who are qualified, restricting it to such only as are scripturally baptized, to those who are morally fit who are not under church discipline, also (THOSE ONLY UNDER THE CHURCH'S AUTHORITY.)

Baptist believe in the discipline of members. True Baptist churches believe in the scriptural practice of discipline, in the spirit of godliness with a two-fold purpose. (1) To rid the church of reproaches through defilement, and (2) For the benefit and betterment of the offending member.

Baptist believe the church member should lead an exemplary life before the world.

True Baptist churches recognize their responsibility in keeping house for God and use that authority given them by Christ to act accordingly. Are we true Baptist in this respect?

I ask again, are we true to the faith and practice thereof. Are we true to the trust with which we have been invested, and can we say today that we are living up to what is expected of us by him who walks in the midst of the churches today just as he did in John's day?

Life's greatest goal is to really be a true Baptist in Faith and in Practice.

Respectfully submitted, W. T. Russell J. W. Briley

This report was discussed at length by J. W. Briley, James Gardner, H. G. Taylor, Paul Patterson, Oakley Gregory, Clyde Grizzle, W. T. Russell and possibly others. There being opposition to the restriction of the Lord's Supper to those only under the church's authority included in the report, a motion was made to amend the report by striking out that portion which you will find enclosed in parentheses. The amended report was adopted after further dis-

cussion by Curtis Dean Driver and Burton Massey.

The report on Temperance, Morality and Church Discipline was read by W. T. Russell in the absence of O. E. Russell, as follows:

TEMPERANCE, MORALITY AND CHURCH DISCIPLINE

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Temperance means "self-restraint." When we think of temperance we usually think of those who drink strong drink. Paul said, "we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" Titus 2:12. Paul also said, "and be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18

Morality, means "moral conduct". Paul said, "put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lust thereof." Rom. 13:14 To put on Christ means to follow his example, imitate him, do his will. Christ set an example for his people to follow. Peter said, "Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." 1 Peter 2:21. Paul said "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." I Cor. 11:1

Church discipline: When a church member is walking disorderly, the scriptures teach us the steps that should be taken necessary for the correcting of the member and the unburdening of the church. When scriptural steps are taken and fail, withdraw from the member. Matt. 18, verses 15 through 18 and 2 Thess. 3:6

Humbly submitted, O. E. Russell Clyde Grizzle

Adopted after discussion by Clyde Grizzle.

The time hvaing arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon, a song was called for and the congregation stood and sang "The Old Country Church On The Hill," after which the Moderator presented Eld. W. T. Russell to deliver the sermon. Brother Russell expressed his appreciation of Wiseman Baptist Association and for the respect this great body of Baptist had shown him through the years. He read for his lesson verses 7 through 15 from the 11th chapter of Matthew. calling special attention to the first clause of verse 11, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist." Bro. Russell used for his subject. John the Baptist.

He began his sermon by saying that for centuries, the majority of the religious world have turned their back upon this great man. First, the Catholics and then the protestant world from Martin Luther on down. At this point, he proceeded to show who were Protestant and the destinction between the Baptist and them because they have never protested and come out of any religious body, being

Br. Russell showed from the prophesy of Malachi how the Lord

Bro. Russell showed frmo the prophesy of Malachi how the Lord would send his messenger before his face to prepare the way before him. He proved this messenger to be John the Baptist, the man sent from God whose name was John. He showed that God gave him the name John, and clothed him with authority from heaven to baptize and because of that principle, he was John the Baptist when he came and before he beptized anyone. Matt. 3:1 says, "In those days came John the Baptist Preaching etc."

He also introduced the comparison that when God had created everything else and was ready for superior creature above all that he had made, he created man in his own likeness and image. When God was ready and the time was right for the setting up of his kingdom upon earth, he made a Baptist and sent him to this world to make ready a people (the material) prepared for the Lord.

Brother Russell showed that when Adam was created, he being the only man living he was referred to as "the man", even so, John being the first Baptist that ever lived, he was called "the Baptist." But just as there have been many children born that grew up to be men, there have been many children born in God's family who grew up to be Baptist.

He demonstrated how that only such material as came from the preparatory work of John could be accepted for the extablishment of the church, and that Jesus, the head and founder in order to fullfill all righteousness (God's righteous purpose) walked sixty miles to receive baptism at the hands of John the Baptist. The reason John the Baptist is disregarded by the protestant world is because they cannot connect with him, because of their youth. If Jesus were to come to earth today seeking admission into a church on his baptism, the only one that would recognize it would be the Baptist.

Brother Russell showed the true churches of the Lord to be Baptist, and that they make up the kingdom of God or kingdom of heaven which is the bride of Christ to whom he will be married when the commission is ended and lifes sacrafices, toils and burdens are over. He referred to John as saying, "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom (John himself) rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegrooms voice, this my joy therefore fulfilled. He must increase but I must decrease. John's mission was a unique one.

He closed his sermon saying he was proud to be a Baptist, and that God had men in his day to teach him the truth as it is in Jesus. He asked all who were glad they were in the Baptist fold to meet in the altar and shake hands with one another with a prayer for grace and strength to stand up against the foe and to earnestly contend for the truth.

His message was well received with many hearty amens, and while singing, 'Victory In Jesus" and other songs, the congregations came together in the altar shaking hands with one another and with Brother Russell in endorsement of his sermon.

A motion was made to adjourn fourty-five minutes for dinner. The benediction was offered by Brother E. J. Baker.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Another wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all, after which services were opened with singing, "Give Me A Double Portion". Prayer was offered by Brother Ray Smith and after singing, "I'll Fly Away", visitors were seated as follows:

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Eld. E. J. Baker, Brethren Ray Smith, Austin Johnson, R. H. Boyd, Ellis Holder.

SILOAM BOPTIST ASSOCIATION, Brethren William Martin, B. M. Scaggs.

The regular order of business was taken up, and the report on Financing the Lord's Work was read by Eld. William House as follows:

FINANCING THE LORD'S WORK

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We believe that financing the Lord's work is important and must be done in order to spread the gospel.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." If we want the Lord to bless us, we should bring the first fruits of our substance to the support of His cause. The question is asked in Malachi 3:8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed the?" And th answer is. "In tithes and offerings." The tenth verse teaches us to "bring all the tithes into the storehouse."

Abraham gave a tenth part to Melchisedec, and Abraham was under grace long before the law was given.

If we want the lost of this world to hear the gospel, let us give freely as God has prospered us, and God will reward us in this world, and in the world to come.

> Respectfully submitted, William House Charles Watts

Adopted after discussion by William House, Charles Watts, Eugene Porter, J. W. Briley, B. G. Sutton.

The report on The State of Religion was read by Eld. Hilman Ducan as follows:

STATE OF RELIGION

We, your committee, submit the following report:

There is no doubt, the state of religion is declining. Christians today do not have burdens, and do not see the need of humbling themselves before God and asking for the things we stand in need of. Prosperity and knowledge has caused us to lean to our own understanding, and we fail to recognize these to be blessings from God. We should accept them as such and be thankful. Instead, we never consider that God gives us all things. Therefore, we have become cold, indifferent and unconcerned.

Our eyes are blinded to the condition of the world and our need to pray and make manifest our love to each other because iniquity doth abound on every hand. God's love is perfect in us; that is, God's love is manifested to the world through his children who have the love of God shed abroad in their hearts. We are too busy trying to labor for the material things of life and fail to remember that the Lord said to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

The Lord has instructed us to labor with our own hands that we might have to give to them that hvae not. This is pure religion. To visit "or give" to the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. (Or to live in such a way that the world cannot find fault.)

We, as God's people, have a great number of spectators; therefore, we are told to run the race with patience, looking unto Jesus as our leader. If we run diligently and do our best, I am sure there will be great joy set before us.

We are told to let our light shine in such a manner that many will see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. If we do these things, we shall be happy in this life and the scriptures tell us we are wise and shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

Let us not complain under the burdens of the cross we carry, for Paul said, "I reckon that the sufferings of this life are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

Let us launch out on the promises of God and beautify the doctrines of God to the extent the world will desire the salvation of God and want to be like you and me, who have peace and joy in our hearts.

We are admonished to go to church regularly and be fed and strengthened that we may be able to withstand the wicked one. Each church is a team and needs every member working together in order to win the victory over sin. God said, try me, and I will pour out a blessing from heaven that you cannot receive.

Prayerfully submitted, Hilman Duncan

Adopted after discussion by Hilman Duncan

The report on Resolutions was read by Elder James Gardner as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

Whereas, Wiseman Baptist Association, having convened in its seventy-ninth session with Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Donelson, Tennessee, be it resolved:

- That we give thanks to God for his bountiful love, long suffering, mercy and kindness.
- 2. That we show our gratitude to Gateway Baptist Church for their fine food and their gracious hospitality.
- 3. That we express our appreciation to those having served in this association.
- 4. That we unite our effort in trying to reach the lost.
- 5. That the clerk have 1,200 copies of the minutes printed to be distributed to the churches according to the amount received from each church for the printing fund, and that the remainder of the printing fund be given to the clerk for his services. Also, churches may send additional money if they so desire.

 That this associaiton appoint a committee to pprepare the Order of Business for the next session to be held with the church accepted by the committee.

> Prayerfully submitted, James Gardner Truman Porter

Report on Resolutions was adopted after discussion by James Gardner.

The report on Correspondence was read by Eld. C. D. Miller as follows:

CORRESPONDENCE

It has been a blessing and a great joy for Gateway Church to have Wiseman Baptist Association and all the visitors to meet with us in this session of 1970. We feel that the Spirit of the Lord has been here and that brotherly love has been manifested by all, and for this, we humble our hearts and bow our knees and thank God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We feel that our church has greatly benefitted by it, and may God bless each church represented and each visitor that has come our way and heard the good sermons that were so ably delivered and each subject that has been so well discussed. May it now and forever be a reminder that it is good for brethren to meet together in unity.

When we tell others about the great salvation, let us earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, until the Lord comes for his own to take them to that beautiful home above.

We thank all visitors that have helped to supply food for the dinner hours. May God bless each one of you.

Respectfully submitted, Eld. C. D. Miller

Adopted after discussion by C. D. Miller

The Treasurer's report was read by Brother Harold Dunn as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following amounts have been turned over to the Treasurer of Wiseman Baptist Association during the present session to be distributed as follows:

Printing Fund \$324.50
Baptist Orphans Home, Bates Martin 5.00

\$329.50

Respectfully submitted, A. G. Gregory Harold Dunn

Adopted after discussion by William F. Steele, Sr., and W. T. Russell.

NEW BUSINESS

By motion, Eld. B. G. Sutton was recommended to the Trustees for election to the office of Trustee for a period of three years.

It was moved that the Clerk acquire the Treasurer's Report of the Orphans Home and place it in the minutes.

By motion, the Assistant Moderator and the Assistant Clerk were appointed as a committee to prepare the Order of Business for the 1971 session.

It was moved that Elders F. L. Ray, W. T. Russell and A. G. Gregory be appointed as a committee to meet with committees of both Enon and Siloam Associations relative to the printing of our own Sunday School literature.

Minutes were read and approved.

Moved to adjourn to meet at the place designated by the committee, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1971.

The benediction was offered and all went their several ways, we trust with a stronger zeal for the work of the Lord; and a greater determination to be better soldiers in he battle for truth.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF DECORUM OF THE BAPTIST OLD MINISTERS AND ORPHANS' HOME, LAFAYETTE, TENNESSEE

Article 1.—Object and purpose.

Section 1. The object of this Institution is to care for and support aged ministers, ministers' wives, dependent widows of ministers, and orphan and half orphan children. To effect this benevolent design the management of this Institution shall accept donations and shall hold and administer property thus acquired according to the expressed wish of the donors, when such wishes are not inconsistent of the regulations of the Institution. When no specific wish is expressed by the donors, the funds and property given shall be held and administered according to the regulations of the Home. Donations and bequeaths with the view of becoming permanent investments shall be securely guarded, and shall be used only for such purposes as may be indicated by the donor.

Section 2. Orphan children of either sex of the white race may be admitted into this Institution, and shall be retained, not only with the view of giving them comfortable support, but further, of according them such literary, industrial, vocational and Christian training as will fit them for self support and good citizenship.

Article 2.—Reception of children, aged ministers, ministers' wives and widows of ministers.

Section 1. It shall be the policy of the Home to receive destitute children when orphans or half orphans.

Section 2. The religious faith of parentage of children applying for admission into the Home shall not be considered as a bar to their admission into this Institution.

Section 3. No child abnormal in body or mind shall be admitted into the Home as an inmate.

Section 4. No child shall be brought to the Home until after due notice that the application has been accepted, has been received by those in charge of such a child. All children approved by the management of the Home, to enter the Home, must be delivered to the Home free of cost to the Institution.

Section 5. No child over fourteen years of age will be received into the Home, and those under two years old will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent and Matron.

Section 6. No child shall be received into the Home except by legal consignment, acknowledged before a notary public by the legal custodian of the child, and in all regular instances the application for admission into Home must be indorsed by a Missionary Baptist Church that will certify personal knowledge of conditions and worthiness of the applicant, except when applicant is known personally to the management of the Home.

Section 7. Such destitute, ordained ministers, ministers' wives or widows who are not abnormal in body or mind, as are properly recommended by a Missionary Baptist Church, or personally known by the management to be worthy applicants, may be received into the Home.

Article 3.-Children going out of the Home.

Section 1. Eighteen years shall be the age limit to the residence of a child in the Home. It shall be the policy of the Home to keep in touch with, and to advise and assist in all helpful ways,

those who go out from the Institution to seek a higher education or to enter business. No child shall be dismissed from the Home at the age limit until some definite place of abode and work is secured.

Section 2. It shall be the practice of the Home not to engage in the practice of having children adopted, but to keep them in the Home until they are able to provide a livelihood for themselves.

Article 4.-Board of Managers.

Section 1. The Managers shall consist of nine Trustees.

Section 2. The Trustees shall be chosen from the various churches composing the Southwestern District Baptist Association, Enon Baptist Association and Wiseman Baptist Association, and shall serve indefinitely.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees must always consist of members who are SOUND and FAITHFUL supporters of the TRUE Doctrine and practice of the Direct Missionary Baptists.

Section 4. Should a vacancy occur in the Board of Trustees, the remaining Trustees may select a member to fill such vacancy.

Article 5.-Meetings, Quorum.

Section 1. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be annual, special and called. The first Thursday in November shall be a permanent, fixed date for the annual stated meeting of the Trustees.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be held at the place and at the time agreed upon by the Chairman, and six members shall constitute a Quorum. It shall require a majority of the Board of Trustees to constitute a quorum for the purpose of the purchase or the selling of property.

Section 3. The Chairman of the Board of Managers may call a meeting at any time as necessity may demand, and six shall constitute a quorum, such meetings to be at any place convenient.

Article 6.—Election of Officers.

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall annually elect from their number a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, an Assistant-Secretary, and also a Superintendent, but who is not required to be one of their number. When agreeable with the Trustees, and the Superintendent, the Superintendent shall be the Treasurer of the Home also. The wife of the Superintendent shall be the Matron of the Home. In case of death or resignation on the part of any one of the Trustees, a successor to fill such a vacancy shall be selected by the remaining Trustees. Should any member of the Board of Trustees become disloyal or prove to be unsound in the faith, the remaining members shall call for his resignation, and if necessary they may declare his place vacant by a majority vote of the remaining members and select his successor immediately.

Section 2. Should either the Superintendent or the Matron become disloyal to the regulations of the Home, or should they prove to be untrue to the faith of Direct Missionary Baptists, it shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to call for their resignation and if necessary they may declare their place vacant by a majority vote of the Trustees, and select their successors immediately.

Article 7.—The Chairman.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to attend and preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, and perform all other such duties as his office requires. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall perform all the duties of the Chairman.

man. The Chairman or the Vice-Chairman shall give notice of all meetings.

Article 8.—The Secretary.

Section 1. The Secretary shall keep in a well-bound volume a correct record of all the proceedings of the Board of Trustees. He shall preserve all papers committed to his charge. At the termination of his office, he shall deliver to his successor all books, records, and papers pertaining to his office. In the absence of the Seconds, and papers pertaining to his office. retary, the Assistant Secretary shall perform all the duties of the Secretary.

Article 9.—The Treasurer.
Section 1. The Treasurer, who may or who may not be the Superintendent, shall keep a full and complete record of all properties, such as deeds, evidences of debt, and moneys belonging to the Institution. He shall keep in a well-bound volume accurate and detailed accounts of all moneys and property received by him and of his disbursements and investments, and at each annual meeting, and oftener, if required, make a detailed report of his transactions. He shall report to the Board of Trustees at each meeting the aggregate receipts and itemized list of his disbursements since the previous meeting of the Board of Trustees. His books shall be audited at least once a year. The condition of the bond shall be for the honest and faithful discharge of his office.

Section 2. All money, or property, belonging to the Institution, and in the custody of the Treasurer, may be kept by him in such bank or banks as the Board of Trustees may designate. At the close of his term he shall turn over to his successor all books and records pertaining to his office, and all money, other property, deeds, etc., belonging to the Institution.

Article 10.—The Superintendent.

Section 1. The Old Ministers and Orphans' Home shall be under the supervision and management of a general officer to be called the Superintendent of the Home.

Section 2. He shall reside at or in close proximity to the Home as the Trustees may provide.

Section 3. He shall have charge of all buildings, furniture and other such property belonging to the Institution, and shall use care and diligence in preserving the same from injury or loss. He shall, with the Trustees, have charge of the construction of all improvements directed to be made.

Section 4. He shall, with the approval of the Trustees, have power to select and appoint all necessary employees of the Institution, and to prescribe their duties, and to dismiss the same for valid cause, provided no office shall be created by him.

Section 5. He may, with the concurrence of the Trustees, receive into the Institution such applicants as the regulations embrace within the scope of its benefactions.

Section 6. He shall, as far as practical, keep a correct record of the names, ages, parentage, etc., of the inmates received into the Home and the localities from which they come and the day of their admission and removal.

Section 7. As it is the design of this Institution to provide, for those who come under its care, a plan and substantial main-tenance under conditions favorable to their health and happiness and the growth of children, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to observe such watchful supervision over their diet, clothing, exercise, and the general sanitary needs of the Institution as may be necessary to these ends.

Section 8. As it is the object of this Institution to afford all the influence and impress of a Christian home, the Superintendent will be expected to observe and maintain such regulations and standards in the daily life of the household as will be most conducive to these ends. Regularity, promptness, and system in the daily life of the inmates should be prime requisites, and respect for authority, obedience to regulations, reverence for character and for sacred institutions of all kinds, should be enjoined and make all-persuasive principles of the Institution. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to afford the inmates the best religious privileges, and as far as possible to lead the children to become Christians, and in a general way teach them the Bible.

Section 9. As it is the object of this Institution to send forth such children as may be committed to its care, prepared for self-support and independence in life, and to become useful members of society, it shall be the aim and endeavor of the Superintendent that they may be taught in the elementary branches of literature and to see that the children are trained to various arts of industry, as their ages, capacities, and facilities provided by the cooperation of the Trustees, may justify.

Section 10. He shall report from time to time to the Trustees as to the conditions and needs of the Home, and shall encourage such cooperation and assistance in the responsible duties of his office as they may be able to give. At the close of each associational year he shall submit a general report in writing, which shall be laid before the Trustees, and read at the Southwestern District Baptist Association, the Enon Baptist Association and the Wiseman Baptist Association.

Article 11.-Religious Faith of Employees.

Section 1. The Superintendent, all matrons, housekeepers, teachers and other administrative employees of the Home must be members, in good standing, of Missionary Baptist Churches of the Direct Missionary Baptist faith.

Article 12.-Amendments.

Section 1. No amendments to the above By-Laws that shall have a tendency to deviate from the faith and practice of Direct Missionary Baptist, shall ever be made by any group including the messengers of the Southwestern District Baptist Association, the Enon Baptist Association and the Wiseman Baptist Association.

The above By-Laws and Rules of Decorum were adopted by the Board of Trustees in regular meeting, which was held October 12, 1950, at the Masonic Building in Nashville, Tenn. Those present were: F. L. Jordan, R. R. Hastings, J. E. McDonald, W. T. Russell, Calvin Gregory and W. R. Overton.

> W. T. RUSSELL, Chairman, F. L. JORDAN, Vice-Chairman, W. R. OVERTON, Secretary, CALVIN GREGORY, Assistant Secretary.

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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.

Artile 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 Friday at 10 o'clock A. M., after the third Sunday in October, and continue two days, the meetings 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.

Aricle XI. New churches may be admitted into the 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 the union any Church or Churches that are heterodox in principle or disorderly in practice.

Article XIII. No proceedings shall be had against any Church except on charges preferred by a sister Church, which shall first have followed the direction of Matthew 18:15, in attempting to bring it to repentance.

Article XIV. The Association at its 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 except upon subjects of general union.

Article XV. Any alteration may be made to this Constitution at any regular meeting, by a majortiy vote of the members present.

Article XVI. That all questions arising before this Association be decided by a majority vote of the messengers present, except in the reception of churches into our fellowship, and that such reception be by a unanimous vote of messengers present.

ABSTRACTS OF PRINCIPLES OF WISEMAN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS

We, the Missionary Baptists of Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of the churches in order to maintain the general union and communion among ourselves; and being covinced that there can be no communion without union, we think it our duty to set forth in a concise manner the grounds upon which we propose to maintain this union.

- 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and that they are the only rule of faith.
- 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
- 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.
- 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
- 6. We believe in the final preservation of the saints, that they will never finally fall away and be lost, and that good works are fruits of faith and follow after justification.
- 7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, and that they were given to the Church by Him; and that true believers are the only proper subjects for baptism, and that baptism is an immersion, and that orderly members of the Churches of Christ, only, have a right to the Lord's Supper.
- 8. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except such as are regularly baptized and come under the hands of the Presbytery.
- 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

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.

Delon 13 Birers 120			Clerk
Dates Place	Preacher	Moderator	B. R. Hawkins
1891 Cedar Bluff	J. H. Grime	W. M. S. Wilks	B. R. Hawkins
1892 Meadorville	W. M. S. Wilks	W. M. S. Wilks W. M. S. Wilks	B. R. Hawkins
1893 Dixon's Creek	J. S. Pardue	W. M. S. Wilks	J. S. Pardue
1894 Lafayette	W. M. S. Wilks	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed
1895 Hartsville	J. S. Pardue	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed
1896 Cedar Bluff	J. A. Stone J. F. Lambert	M. C. Fitzpatrick	D. S. Reed
1897 Independence		W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed
1898 Dixon's Creek 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		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 D. S. Reed
1904 New Hopewell	J. W. McQueen	W. M. S. Wilks W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed
1905 Rock Bridge	J. W. McQueen	W. M. S. Wilks	C. D. High
1906 Corum's Hill	Earl D. Simm ns	C. N. Simmons	D. S. Reed
1907 Long Creek	W. M. S. Wilks	w. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed
1908 Hillsdale	C. B. Massey E. E. Folk	C. N. Simmons	D. S. Reed
1909 Hartsville	J. T. Oakley	J. T. Oakley	D S Reed
1910 Cedar Bluff	C. B. Massey	J. T. Oakley	D. S. Reed
1911 Meadorville 1912 Friendship	J. W. Gillon	A. J. Sl:an	D. S. Reed
1913 Bledsoe's Creel	A. J. Sloan	J. T. Oakley	D. S. Reed
1914 Siloam	J. T. Oakley	P. S. Burnley	D. S. Reed
1915 Pleasant Hill	W. J. Summar	W. K. Johnson	D. S. Reed T. C. Harrison
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 A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
1919 Fairview	P. S. Dyer	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
1920 Pleasant Grove	P. S. Dyer	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
1921 New Zion	R. O. Sanders	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
1922 Rock Bridge	N. C. Fuqua	R. Y. Hawkins	A. J. Sloan
1923 Cedar Bluff	I. N. Sloan	R. O. Sanders	A. J. Sloan
1924 Long Creek 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 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 L. A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan
1931 Capitol Hill	A. J. Sloan	N. C. Fugua	A. J. Sloan
1932 Siloam	R. Thompson	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan
1933 Rocky Mound	C. B. Massey R. O. Sanders	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan
1934 Pleasant Hill	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fugua	A. J. Sloan
1935 Good Will 1936 Spring Creek	W. T. Taylor	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan
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1938 New Bethel	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan
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1940 Red Hill	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Slean A. J. Slean
1941 Lafayette	R. O. Sanders	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sican
1942 Siloam	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan
1943 Athens	R. O. Sanders	N. C. Fuqua N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan
1944 Union Hill	F. W. Lambert	114. C. Fuqua	.,

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1945 Brattentown	J. H. Smith	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert F. W. Lambert
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1947 Long Creek	F. L. Ray	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1948 Old Union	F. L. Ray	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert
1949 Macedonia	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
1954 Cedar Bluff	H. C. Vanderpool	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1955 West End	H. C. Vanderpool	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1956 Buffalo Spgs.	H. C. Vanderpool	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1957 Concord	G. O. Templeton	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1958 Pleasant Hill	A. G. Gregory	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1959 Enon Chapel	A. G. Gregory	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1960 New Bethel	A. G. Gregory	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1961 Liberty Hill	A. G. Gregory	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1962 Longview	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F. L. RAY	W. T. Russell
1963 Old Hopewell	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1964 White Hill	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
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1965 Salem			W. T. Russell
1966 Pipers Chapel	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F. L. Ray	1
1967 Fairview	Harold D. Linville	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1968 Good Will	Harold D. Linville	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell
1969 Gateway	H. D. Linville	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell

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