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**Eighty-Second Annual Session** 

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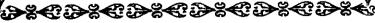
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Next session of the Association will be held with Liberty Hill Baptist Church, two and one-half miles north of Bethpage, Tennessee, beginning at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1974.

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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 Each motion and second shall come under the immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.
- 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 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 26, 1973

Wiseman Baptist Association met on the above date at 10:00 A.M. in its eighty-second session with Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, where in 1891 the association was organized, this being the fifth time this church has hosted the association since that time.

Services were opened with singing under the direction of Eld. Don Curtis. The songs, "When We All Get To Heaven" and "He'll Pilot Me" were sung; after which, the Moderator made some opening remarks and quoted the first two verses of the 12th chapter of Romans, then asked Eld. William Shoulders to lead the congergation in prayer.

After prayer, the song, "Brethren We Have Met To Worship" was sung, followed by the Moderator presenting Eld. Harold D. Linville to deliver the Introductory Sermon.

This being the seventh time Brother Linville had been chosen by the messengers to preach the opening sermon, he expressed his appreciation for the honor and read as a lesson Acts 5 from the 29th verse the remainder of the chapter. He chose for the text the latter clause of verse 38 and the first of verse 39, "If this counsel of this work be of men it will come to nought, but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it."

By the 18th verse of Matthew 16, Brother Linville showed the sure promise made by Jesus, the head and founder of the church, that the gates of heil; would not prevail against it - - the church will not die. From the prayer that Jesus prayed, recorded in John 17, he referred to the keeping power of God and the security enjoyed by them. From Acts 2, Brother Linville showed the fulfillment of the Lord's promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit in its baptismal form and the assurance that it would abide with the church forever. He showed how the church in New Testament times, though persecuted, the apostles beaten with stripes, imprisoned, driven from place to place and finally giving their lives, that the word of God grew mightily, the church increased and was strengthened because the Lord was with them. He showed how the early disciples looked for God and trusted him to prepare and guide them in their way.

He expressed his appreciation for all those who, through the centuries, defended the truth even unto death, as well as those, he said, who are among us today who have defended the same truth when challenged by the Campbellites and other false teachers of our day.

Brother Linville concluded his message in elevating our hearts and minds in anticipation of that day of rest that awaits the people of God, which God has promised at the end of our toils and labors.

After some very deserving remarks by the Moderator concerning the sermon the congergation pressed forward to extend the hand of appreciation and endorsement of his good, sound, solid and ably delivered message while singing, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms", "Standing On The Promises" and "What Are They Doing In Heaven Today."

The letters from the churches were filed, at this time, with the Clerk and the Moderator appointed Elder Calvin Perrigo and H. C. Vanderpool as Reading Clerks. After the reading of the letters, a motion was made and carried to adjourn one hour for dinner. After announcements, the benediction was offered by Brother Bobby Joe Budd, a visitor from Cedar County Association, Cedar County, Missouri.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES REPRESENTED BY MES-SENGERS WAS AS FOLLOWS:

BETHLEHEM . . J. F. Birdwell . Odie Shoulders BUFFALO SPRINGS - Eld, E. L. Wainscott - Jas. A. Thompson Stephen Robertson.

CEDAR BLUFF - . Jerry Watson - Bud Andrews.

E. MAIN STREET - . Earnest Warner - Beasley Satterfield -Harold West.

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

FAITH NO. 2. - Cletus Williams - Wendell Wiley - John W. Kelley.

ENON CHAPEL . . William Patterson.

FAIRVIEW - . Eld. James Lawson.

GATEWAY - . Eld. Hilman Duncan . Eld. Burton Massey. GOODWILL - - Coleman Beal - Carlos Watson - George Taylor.

. . Eld. Ronald Vetotoe - Herbert Dickens - Eld. GRACE

Edgar Copeland.

HARMONY . . J. T. Honeycutt - J. A. House - W. F. Steel. LIBERTY HILL . . Lee Roy Grizzle . Eld. Clyde Grizzle. LONGVIEW - . Eld. Paul Patterson - Raymond R. Hall - William E. Hall.

McFERRIN AVENUE - - Eld. A. G. Gregory - Wayne Scott - Gary Nicholas.

MEADORVILLE - Terry Patterson - Jimmy McClard. NEW BETHEL - Eld. F. L. Ray - Eld. W. T. Russell -Eld. James Garner.

NEW HARMONY - - Leon Fuqua - Lewis Gross.

OLD HOPEWELL .. Eld. Harold Dean Linville.

PIPERS CHAPEL .. Eld. Truman Porter . Billy Geminden . E. C. Cole.

PLEASANT HILL - Eld. Jas. W. Briley - Thomas Latimer - Eld. Kenneth Woodall.

RAYON CITY - Eld, D. W. Story - Bethel Thomas - Eld, O. E. Russell.

ROCK BRIDGE - - Harrison Sloan - Harold Wims - John B. White.

SALEM - Eugene Porter - D. R. Perrigo - Bailey Andrews. WEST END-Clarence Boze, Ralph Meador, Bates Martin WHITE HILL - W. Garner - M. Allen - Charles Spicer.

After the enjoyable and plentious dinner, together with an hour of pleasant fellowship, services were resumed with singing "Sweeter Each Day", followed by prayer being led by Elder Kenneth Massey. The song, "Is It Far" was then sung.

Permanent organization was effected by electing the following officers: Eld. F. L. Ray, Moderator; Eld. Howard G. Taylor, Assistant Moderator; Eld. W. T. Russell, Clerk; Eld. Harold D. Linville, Assistant Clerk; Eld. A. G. Gregory, Treasurer; Eld. O. E. Russell, Assistant Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for - - none offered.

At this time, an amendment to Article 14 of our Constitution was presented to the association as follows: The association at its sitting may welcome any visiting brethren present, who shall have liberty to join in the discussion of any report listed in the Order of Business, but shall have no vote in any action of the association. Adopted without discussion.

Liberty Hill Baptist Church asked for the association in 1974; and, by motion, the messengers voted to meet with said church next year.

The preachers of the next annual sermons was taken up, resulting in the selection of Eld. H. D. Linville, Introductory Sermon; Eld. Hilman Duncan, Alternate; Eld. W. T. Russell, Doctrinal Sermon; Eld. Howard G. Taylor, Alternate.

The Order of Business was read as follows:

- 1. Missions
- 2. Old Ministers and Orphans Home
- 3. Christian and Ministerial Education, Sunday Schools and Prayer Meetings
- 4. Obituaries
- 5. Faith and Practice of True Baptists
- 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 without discussion.

The Report on Missions was read by Eld. Clyde Grizzle as follows:

### Missions

We, your committee, submit the following report:

One of the great subjects of the bible is Missions. The Lord commanded his church to go into all the world with the glorious message of the gospel and make disciples. Matt. 28:19; Luke 24:47; Mark 16:15.

The first Baptist that ever lived was sent from God on a special mission - - "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." This man's duty was to prepare the way of the Lord and to make ready a people prepared for his coming. He preached repentance and faith in the Christ which was to come after him. Paul taught that the gospel is hid from the lost and must be revealed by the preaching of the gospel to them. "But if our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost. In whom, the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Cor. 4:3,4.

If those whom God has called into the ministry do not go forth in the discharge of their duty and fulfill their calling, how can the blind ever be able to see the light and come out of darkness and be saved?

We are convinced that there are many God-called preachers who will not go where they are led. We need more MISSIONARY Baptist and not just Baptist. Jesus said,

"I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Jno. 4:35. Also, "The harvest truly it great but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2. Who, among us, can say as Isaiah in days of old, "Here am I, send me." Isaiah 6:8.

The assurance given by Moses to Joshua should encourage all of us to go forth to the work, "Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6.

Humbly submitted, Eld. Clyde W. Grizzle Eld. Burton Massey Eld. James Gardner

Adopted after discussion by Clyde grizzle, James Gardner, Burton Massey, J. W. Briley, William House and Malcom Grizzle.

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

# Old Ministers And Orphans Home

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Since ninteen hundred and twenty seven this Home has been in operation.

We have cared for many orphan children during this period. At one time, there were twenty-three children in the home, this was while it was located in West Tennessee. About 1950, the Home was moved to Macon County.

There is about eighty acres of land in the farm, and all the buildings are in good repair.

We only have five children in the Home at the present time. We can take care of some more. If any of you know of any orphans or half orphan children that need a home please contact the management of the Home.

We express our sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the needs of the Home. "The Lord loves a cheerful giver."

We will continue to trust you for the offerings that keep the Home in operation. Prayerfully submitted, F. L. Ray Paul Patterson

### BAPTIST OLD MINSITERS AND ORPHANS HOME Lafayette, Tennessee

FINANCIAL REPORT Period October 1, 1972 - September 30, 1973
Cash in bank October 1, 1972 \$6,857.13
RECEIPTS:
Donations       \$10,940.26         Rent       .480.00         Tobacco       1,651.61         Corn       .277.56         Coop Dividend       .5.34         Fertilize (Supt.'s part)       .23.75         TOTAL RECEIPTS       \$13,378.52         TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE       \$20,235.65
EXPENDITURES:
Bond for Treasurer       \$25.00         Supplies       .16.50         Doctors and medicine       737.45         Insurance       .287.00         Salaries       .2,975.00         Audit       .10.00         Appliances and Household Furnishings       632.90         License       .2.00         Petty Fund       210.87         Hired Labor       218.11         Food       .2,421.00         Heifer for Eddie Troup       .250.00         Termite Treatment       .170.00         Milage (for hospital trips)       .25.00         Tobacco Division       1,001.03         Farm expense       .701.50         Clothing       .374.44         Utilities       .834.70         Telephone       .92.75         Repairs       .198.44         Piano Lessons       .164.57         Daily paper and yearbook       .31.30         TOTAL EXPENDITURES       \$11,379.56

The Report on the Old Ministers and Orphans Home together with the Financial Report were adopted after discussion by F. L. Ray and Paul Patterson.

The Report on Christian and Ministerial Education, Sunday Schools and Prayer Meetings was read by Eld. J. W. Briley as follows:

# Christians And Ministerial Education, Sunday Schools and Prayer Meetings

We, your committee, submit the following Report:

Education, what is it? Act or progress of educating, discipline of mind or character through study or instruction. Educate - - To develope and cultivate mentally or morally, teach - - - also to train, discipline or form.

One of the main qualifications of a preacher is to be apt to teach. I Tim.3-2.

### Teach . . .

- 1. To make to know how, show how, hence to train.
- 2. To direct as an instructor, guide the studies.
- 3. To impart the knowledge of given lessons in languages, etc.
- 4. To make aware by information or experience.

After the above definitions let's see Prov. 23:7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Education is to begin in the home very early. Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." See also 2 Tim. 1:5, "When I call to remembrance the unfringed faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in thee also." Begin young . "from a child thou has known the holy scriptures." A neglect of learning leads to this: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." Heb. 5:12 We see by this why they had trouble so if this lack of being taught caused pro-

blems here, doesn't it stand to sound reasoning that this is causing problems in our churches today?

2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; To him be glory both now and forever." How is this done? 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

We can readily see why there is so much confusion today. Paul tells us, "God is not the author of confusion." I Cor. 14:33. Since God is not the author of confusion, the devil must be. To know the truth is to be free from error and confusion as is recorded in John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." This is acquired by teaching and study. "And he said, how can I except some man guide me?"

Thus we see the need of good Sunday School's in our old fashion churches to train our children and our childrens' children in keeping with the commission. Matt. 28; 18, 19,20, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Failing to do this, we have no right to expect his favor toward us.

A sound Sunday School operated under the jurisdiction of the church with the business therefore transacted in conference is a great asset to any church. The Bible is the book of all books. It should always be our text book, and any other material we may study should be weighed by it, and if found wanting should be discarded.

Prayer meeting is good in church, but should start in the home. Around the table is a good place to offer our thanks to our Heavenly Father for food and the many blessings by his grace that are given us day by day.

As long as we have good common horse sense and put it to practice, we can never acquire too much education, but if we follow after the flesh and not after the Spirit, and education causes this in some, it would be better that we had never learned our ABC's.

To our piers before us who, in many cases, were self taught men and women who had a desire to know and to practice God's Word for the honor and glory to him who saved them, may we have the same motives. We can only be a good soldier of the cross if we put on the whole armour of God. Eph. 6:11, Let us teach and receive teaching

for the glory of God and not of man. May the Holy Spirit lead us into paths of truth.

Prayerfully submitted, James W. Briley W. T. Russell D. W. Story

Adopted after discussion by J. W. Briley, D. W. Story, W. T. Russell, Charles R. Moore, Kenneth Massey.

The Report on Obituaries was read by Eld. Edgar Copeland as follows:

### **Obituaries**

After another year of blessings and good health, we have the privilege of meeting back in Wiseman Association again. However, there has been sorrow and sadness experienced by many this past year, because of the loss of many loved ones and fellow-workers in the Lord who were dear to the hearts of all.

Looking back to Job we find, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."

Perhaps many times in life we all find it hard to accept the passing of loved ones; but, in all cases we have God to turn to for comfort in the darkest hours. He said, "Cast your cares upon me, for I care for you."

The promise that Jesus made concerning those who die in the Lord should ease the broken heart; "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also. John 14:2,3.

Prayerfully submitted, Edgar Copeland James E. Sorrell

Moved to adjourn to meet at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday. After announcements the benediction was offered by Bro. Donnie Perrigo.

# Second Day - Saturday, October 27, 1973

Services opened at 9:00 A.M., with singing in charge of Bro. Frank Massey. After singing, "Sunset Is Coming But The Sunrise We'll See" and "Standing By The River," the Moderator made some opening remarks and read the first seven verses of the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy, then asked Eld. James (Pete) Porter to lead the congregation in prayer. The song, "Heaven Holds All To Me," was sung and the Moderator asked the Clerk to read the Rules of Decorum and call the roll of messengers. The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

Visitors were extended a welcome by the Moderator, and the regular order of business was taken up.

The Report on Faith and Practice of True Baptist was read by Eld. Everett Scruggs as follows:

# Faith And Practice Of True Baptist

Faith is that system of doctrine and principles taught in the bible, believed and practiced by Baptist churches. The practice of things taught identifies the true followers of Jesus Christ. "Be ye doers of the world, and not hearers only." James 1:22.

Jude said, "It was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." If it was needful then, how much more we need to contend for the true doctrine today. Paul declared that some in his day had made shipwreck of faith. I Tim. 1:19. It is even worse today.

In the beginning, God created man in a holy state from which he fell and was separated from God and totally depraved. Being totally corrupt, he could not on his own by any work or act bring him back into relationship with God. It required the death and shed blood of Jesus Christ, and an application of that blood through repentance and faith to renew that relationship, which is effected by regeneration and the new birth. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Heart-felt or know-so salvation is a mystery to a lot of people today, because it is spiritual. They do not understand that man is a two-fold being. There is a fleshly birth

and there is also a spiritual birth. Jno. 3:6.

There are differences of opinion as to how one becomes a member of the church. True Baptist believes that saved people are added to the church through the exercise of baptism, the authority for which resides in the church. This is by immersion in water by a duly ordained and authorized minister.

The keys, which represent authority, was given to the church as an institution, the authority to bind and the authority to loose in accordance with the scriptures. Such actions taken by the church on earth is recognized in heaven. The reception and discipline of members is by authority of the church.

The church of Jesus Christ is the light of the world, and each member is commanded to "Let your light so shine; that men may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven."

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper seems to be misunderstood, and there is some disturbance about it. The Lord said, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we show his death. Some people want to make a fellowship supper of it.

Baptist believe there is eternal joy in heaven for the saints, and eternal torment for the wicked.

Respectfully submitted. Everett Scruggs Kenneth Woodall

Adopted after discussion by Everett Scruggs, Kenneth Woodall, J. W. Briley.

The Report on Temperance, Morality and ChurchDiscipline was read by Eld. James (Pete)Porter as follows:

# Temperance, Mortality And Church Discipline

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Temperance, means 'self restraint.' We believe that a child of God should restrain himself from strong drink; not only so, but we are to put off the former conversation (conduct), the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lust." "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Eph. 5:18-4:22, 23.

Paul tells us in I Thess. Chapter 4, how we are to walk and to please God, not only before the church, but also before them that are without.

The church being the light of the world, that light is to shine out so those who are in darkness may see Christ in our lives. Paul said in I Thess. 5:5 "Ye are the children of the day, we are not of the night, or of darkness."

# Church Discipline

We feel that church discipline is needful. Jesus taught this clearly in Matt. 18:15,16,17. He explained every step the church should take. This should always be done in love and christian kindness, that we may be able to help the member. Expulsion is to be exercised only after all bible steps have been followed and has failed, then follow Pauls command 2 Thess. 3:6 "Now we command you brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye withdraw yourselfs from every brethren that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

May we as the church of the Lord Jesus Christ strive to live so that the gospel will shine out to those that are in darkness, that they may see the need of salvation and be saved.

Prayerfully submitted, James (Pete) Porter C. L. Russell Truman Porter

Adopted after discussion by James (Pete) Porter, H. S. Linville, Calvin Perrigo.

The Report on Financing the Lord's Work was read by Eld. Cordell Earps as follows:

# Financing The Lord's Work

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We believe that financing the Lord's work is very essential for the promotion of his great cause. Everything of a material nature that man possesses in this world is given him of God. Therefore, as we are prospered of God, we should be as generous toward his cause as he is toward us. God has promised to bless those that do so.

Whatever we have an interest in we will work to advance

it, farms, homes, sporting equipment, boats, etc. We work very hard to meet these bills, and all have been guilty of some of these, I am sure.

Paul told the church at Corinth the way God would have them give. Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by himself in store, as God has prospered you, that there be no gatherings when I come. I Cor. 16:2.

In 2 Cor. 9:7, Paul said, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

We're not just robbing God, we are robbing ourselves. We are taught in Matt. 6:19,20 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal."

A word of warning to all of us who are not letting the Holy Spirit have his way in our lives. "But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

May we as Baptist by our lives and our giving for the promotion of his cause, honor God.

Prayerfully submitted, Cordell Earps Eugene E. Porter

Adopted after discussion by Cordell Earps, Wayne Scott, Edgar Copeland, Howard Taylor and A. G. Gregory.

(The record from this point was kept by the Assistant Clerk)

The time having arrived for the preaching of the Doctrinal Sermon, the Moderator called for a song, and the congregation stood and sang "Amazing Grace", after which he presented Eld. W. T. Russell to preach the sermon.

This being the twentieth year Brother Russell has been selected to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, he expressed his appreciation for the confidence and honor shown him by the Wiseman Association in this and all other respects.

He read for a scripture lesson Isaiah 46:8-13, and chose for a text the latter portion of verse II, "I have spoken it I will also bring to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it."

Brother Russell referred to God knowing the end from the beginning, thereby being fully qualified to speak concerning things to come, and his being all-powerful was fully able to bring it to pass. He referred to man's fall by sin, leaving all of Adams race in a corrupt and depraved state. Even though Adam was created with freedom of choice, he showed how this freedom was brought into the slavery of sin. leaving mankind altogether corrupt and depraved. Therefore, the sinner on his own, unassisted by divine power cannot choose to come to God. Using Paul's statement to the Romans, he showed that there is none righteous, Romans 3:9 That there is none that doeth good. Rom. 3:12 That there is none that seeketh after God. Rom 3:11 He also showed by Jer. 13:23 that it would be just as possible for the negro to change his skin and the lepard to change his spot as for the sinner to remedy his condition.

Brother Russell showed that the modern idea advocated by some today that man, on his own, can accept Christ or can decide on his own and be saved thereby was of the devil and is deceptive. He sighted the following scriptures: John 6:44, "No man can come to me except my Father which sent me draw him." Also 6:65, "No man can come to me except it were given him by my Father." John 5:40, "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." By this was shown that the sinner did not have the heart nor will to come to God without divine assistance, but that God, by his grace, make it possible.

It was shown how God purposed and spoke about the predestination of every believer to the adoption of sons, according to the good pleasure of his will and to the glory of his grace. God purposed this and he will do it. Eph.1;5,6.

Bro. Russell expressed his interest in the young preachers and their part in the promotion of the cause of God, and admonished us to ever walk in the old paths, teach the old paths and preach and practice the only true gospel that was left with the church to publish.

It was shown from Daniel 2:44; Isaiah 2:2 and Micah 4:1 that God's eternal purpose was the setting up of an everlasting kingdom that would never be destroyed, and, that would not be left to other people. (people of another faith). This God brought to pass. He did this by sending John the

Baptist to make ready the material, and Jesus, the God of Heaven used that material in the establishment of the church. All this God said he would do, and he did.

Our beloved brother preached with great power and truly stirred our souls in the presentation of the word of God concerning things God promised to do and has done, together with those things unfulfilled which he will most certainly bring to pass.

In his closing remarks he reminded us that God promised his children that he would bring them, by a resurrection from the dead, to himself in that home he went to prepare, saying he would come again and receive us to himself. He purposed it, and spoke it through the apostles and prophets, and he will do it according to the good pleasure of his will, and the glory of his grace. While the songs, "Glad Reunion Day" and "Victory In Jesus" were sung, the congregation gave the speaker the hand of endorsement of the great truths he had preached.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn 45 minutes for dinner. The benediction was offered by Brother H. H. Harrison.

# Saturday Afternoon

After another good dinner was enjoyed by all, the afternoon session was opened singing, under the direction of Brother Wayne Scott. The song, "What A Day That Will Be" was sung, and Brother Ray Smith, Clerk of Southwestern District Association, followed with the song, "A Double Portion."

The visitors were welcomed by the Moderator, and the regular order of business was taken up after the Moderator had read Hebrews 6:10.

The Report on State of Religion was read by Eld. Hilman Duncan as follows:

# State Of Religion And Hindrances To God's Cause

We the committee, submit the following report:

There are many religions in the world, and religion is on the increase but true religion is that which adheres to the word of God. James said, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. In view of the word of

God, I cannot help but believe that true religion is declining from year to year. We do not have the love and concern for each other that we ought. Therefore; hindrances to God's cause does not come altogether from our enemies but from among ourselves. The bible teaches a house divided against itself cannot stand.

I believe that all christians should attend the house of God to be strengthened and encouraged to be better soldiers for him. Many believe when they have gone to church, they have fulfilled their duty to God, when they should be going to better prepare themselves to be effective witnesses for God.

The Lord wants us to go out into the highways and hedges and compel people to come in that his house may be filled. I ask, are we not our worst enemies?

Humbly submitted,

Hilman Duncan

Adopted after discussion by Hilman Duncan.

The Report on Resolutions was read by Brother Harold Dunn as follows:

### Resolutions

We, your committee, submit the following:

WHEREAS: We as old-time Baptist believe that we have the responsibility of preaching the gospel to the world, as found in Matt. 28:19, 20. Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. That we thank God that we have freedom of worship in this country.
- 2. That we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the church, his bride.
- 3. That our worship of him will be such as to bring him honor and glory.
- 4. That our dealings with each other will be such as not to cause disorder among us.
- 5. That we will strive to live more peaceable with each other so as to have harmony among our churches.
- 6. That we will pray and work toward a great awakening among our people.
- 7. That we strive as ministers of almighty God to work in harmony and in one accord, that we may win the confidence of sinners, that through the preaching of the gospel they

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may be turned to the Lord and be saved.

8. That the Clerk have 1000 copies; of the minutes printed and distribute them among the churches according to the funds sent in, and that the rest of the fund be given to the clerk for his work.

Prayerfully submitted, Harold Dunn Gary D. Nicholas Ronald Vetetoe

Adopted after discussion by Harold Dunn, Ronald Vetetoe and Harold Dunn.

The Report on Correspondence was read by Brother Jerry Watson as follows:

We, the committee on Correspondence, submit the following report:

Cedar Bluff Baptist Church wishes to express her appreciation to the Wiseman Baptist Association for holding their eighty-second session with us.

We feel that our church has greatly benefited from it.

We wish to thank each sister church that has taken part.

We pray that each one has grown stronger through the fellowship that has been made manifest these two days.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalms 133.

Gratefully submitted, Jerry Watson Stanley Keen Junior Farley

Adopted after discussion by Jerry Watson and Stanley Keen. The Treasurer's Report was read by Eld. A. G. Gregory
as follows: Printing Fund\$442.30
Orphans Home (Longview Baptist Church) 69.75

Orphans	Home	(Longview	Baptist	Church)		69.75
Orphans	Home	(Harmony	Baptist	Church)	• •	25.00

Total			 -\$537.05
A. G. Gregory, T	reasurer		

Adopted after discussion by A. G. Gregory.

### **New Business**

It was moved and carried that the Assistant Moderator and Assistant Clerk prepare the Order of Business for the 1974 session.

By motion, Eld. A. G. Gregory was recommended to the Trustees of the Orphans Home for a three-year term.

It was moved to adjourn to meet with Liberty Hill Baptist Church two and one-half miles North of Bethpage, Tennessee, beginning at 10:00 A. M. on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1974.

After announcements, the benediction was offered by Brother E. J. Baker, Southwestern District Association.

NOTE: The eighty-second session of This grand old body of Baptist together with the eighty-one before is now history, but we are persuaded to believe the future of God's kingdom will continue to be advanced so long as the people of God earnestly contend for the faith and walk together in christian love and fellowship such as was enjoyed throughout this session. Jesus said, I'll be with you, and he was. Let us thank God and take courage. Your Clerk.

# 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 Secretary, 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.

The Old Ministers and Orphans' Home shall be Section 1. 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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SALEM

ORDAINED

James (Pete) Porter, Gallatin, Tenn. Everett Scruggs, Gallatin, Tenn. Vernon Hicks, Gallatin, Tenn. Thomas Vantrease, Gallatin, Tenn.

LICENSED

Eugene Porter, Hendersonville, Tenn.

WEST END

ORDAINED

C. C. Gregory, R.3, Ridgcrest, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Reece Leath, 126 Bonita Ave., Gailatin, Tenn.

### LICENSED

Earl Blevins, 205 Bush Ave., Gallatin, Tenn. Idivess Gammons, 419 Perrolee St., Gallatin, Tenn. Chas. W. Stephens, 121 Juanita St., Gallatin, Tenn. Thomas Brimm, Gallatin, Tenn.

WHITE HILL

ORDAINED

Estel Ray, Greenbrier, Tenn.

LICENSED

Marshel Allen, R-3, Goodlettsville, Tenn.

### IN MEMORIAM

BETHLEHEM - - . Bro. Joe Farmer, Feb. 7, 1973

EAST MAIN STREET - - -Bro. Frank McClanahan, June 2, 1973 Bro. Joseph Linville, April 21, 1973 Bro. Terry Sircy, September 16, 1973

FAITH NO. 1 . . . Bro. Billy McMillan, November 24, 1972

FAITH NO. 2 - - - Sister Jessie Lowery

ENON CHAPEL ... Bro. Ben Oldham. September 15, 1973

FAIRVIEW ... Sister Gracie Woodmore, August 6, 1973 Sister Emma Love, March 21, 1973

GATEWAY . . . Bro. J. C. Freeze, May 26, 1973

GOODWILL ... Bro. Arnett Porter, August 16, 1973

GRACE ... Bro. L. W. White, February 5, 1973

LIBERTY HILL ...
Sister Maggie Knight, March II, 1973

MCFERRIN AVENUE - - -Bro. Fielden Nicholas, Sr., February 24, 1973 Bro. Presley Shoulders, October 9, 1972

### IN MEMORIAM

MEADORVILLE . . . Bro. Jollie Linville, January 5, 1973 Sister Della Hesson, March 15, 1973 Bro. Clarence McClard, April 6, 1973 Bro. Jesse Ford, July 6, 1973

NEW BETHEL ... Sister L.R. Woodard, September 17, 1973

NEW HARMONY . . . Sister Nellie Jones, August 1, 1973 Sister Louella Ford, October 3, 1973

OLD HOPEWELL - . . Sister Lillie Jenkins, May 2, 1973

PLEASANT HILL - - . Sister Roxie Parker, December 10, 1972 Bro. Paul Key, March 27, 1973 Sister Lavelle Vanhooser, August 8, 1973

ROCK BRIDGE . . . Sister Ruby May Anderson, June 26, 1973

SALEM - - - Bro. Henry Jones, December I, 1972 Bro. Eldon Cornwell, September 29, 1973

WEST END . . . Sister Henrietta Perry, May 10, 1973

### 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 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 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.

Article 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

Article XIV. The Association, at its sitting may welcome any visiting brethren present, who shall have liberty to join in the discussion of any report listed in the Order of Business, but shall have no vote in any action of the association.

Article XV. Any alteration may be made to this Constitution at any regular meeting, by a majority 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 recep-

tion be by a unanimous vote of messengers present.

### 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 Cre≥k	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. P. 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 C∋rum's Hill	Earl D. Simm ns	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. SI an	D S. Reed
[913 Bledsoe's Creek		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
1916 Spring Creek	C. B. Massey	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
1917 Dixon's Creek	T. F. Moore	A. J. Slean	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		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 Ropewell	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	
1929 Meadorville	W. T. Taylor	I A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan 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	
1935 Good Will	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan 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 A. J. Sloan
1938 New Bethel	F. W. Lambert	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan
1939 Uni m	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	ia. J. Sioan

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