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Wiseman
Baptist Association

**WISEMAN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

**102nd ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 23rd and 24th, 1992**

**CONVENED WITH
LAFAYETTE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Lafayette, Tennessee**

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Next session will convene with Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church at 10:00 A.M. Friday morning, October 1993. This church is located at 244 Ewing Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

SERMONS

**INTRODUCTORY Larry Gregory
MEMORIAL Steve Perrigo
DOCTRINAL Kenneth Massey**

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 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 welcome any visiting brethren present, who shall have the 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, except in the reception of churches into our fellowship, and that such reception be by a two-thirds vote.

Article XVII. If any Church fails to represent one or more years, and then desires to reenter the fellowship of this Association, there being, evidently, a reason for not representing, there must be a motion for their reentering the Association to be carried by a two-thirds vote. This action is to be taken after permanent organization and at the time to receive petitionary letters.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen annually to serve the Association.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of brother Moderator, and shall, while speaking, confine himself to the subject under discussion and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject; and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state his views without sophistry or criticism.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
5. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body. The chairman on each subject shall have an opening speech of ten minutes and two other speeches of five minutes each.
6. Each motion and second shall come under the immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.
7. No member shall address another by any appellation other than that of Brother.
8. On the first day, immediately upon permanent organization, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to read the Rules of Decorum. A roll call of messengers shall be made on the second day.
9. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, providing the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.
10. Any member violating these rules, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the Gospel shall be reprovved or such other course taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own option or any other member.

**ABSTRACT 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 convinced 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.

FIRST DAY PROCEEDINGS
Friday – October 23, 1992

Services began at 10:00 AM with singing led by Brother Bill Johnson. Sister Opal Johnson played the organ and Sister Annette Sutton played the piano. The songs were "Surely the Lord is in This Place", "Eyes Have Not Seen", and "God will be There."

The Acting Moderator, Brother Jerry Shrum, made some opening remarks and expressed his joy to be at Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church. He said he hoped this would be a good session.

Brother Shrum read a devotional from Ephesians 4:10-16 and requested that the messengers meet in the altar for prayer. The congregation sang "I'm Bound for That City" as the messengers made their way to the altar. Brother Paul Patterson was asked to start the prayer.

After the good prayer, Brother Shrum asked Brethren H.C. Vanderpool and Paul Cofer to read the church letters.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

BETHLEHEM	- Bobby G. Sutton, Ray McClard
COLORADO	- Doug Kearbey
FAITH	- Donald Langford, Leon White, Robby Cornwell
HARMONY	- James Shoulders, Henry Clary Grizzle
HARVEST	- Kenneth Zink
LAFAYETTE	- Don Curtis, Loryn Atwell, Carlos Smith
LONGVIEW	- Johnny Carver, Gary Shrum, Kenny Glover
MCFERRIN	- Eugene Brown, Paul Patterson, Henry Smith
NEW BETHEL	- Jerry Shrum, A.C. Andrews, John Buck
NEW ZION	- Larry Gregory
OLD PATHS	- Steve Perrigo, Ed Hardy, Danny Raines
PARKWOOD	- Nordean Copas, Henry Covington, Jimmy Roberts
WHITE HILL	- Jimmy House, Gene Escue

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Brother Shrum presented the Pastor of Parkwood, Brother Jimmy Roberts, to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Brother Roberts expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to preach the Introductory Sermon. He then read Ecclesiastes 9:10. His theme was "Do it with all thy might."

Brother Roberts said one thing will happen to us all - we all know we must die. After death, the only thing that will matter is what we have done for God. Taking us back to the garden of Eden, Brother Roberts brought out how that man had disobeyed God and brought sin upon all men. He told us about Jesus who came and took away our sin by obedience and death on the cross. He did all, with all his might.

Brother Roberts told us about Heaven and the New Jerusalem, a place that is much better than what we have now, a place of joy, no dying, no pain; a place

where God will wipe away all tears from every eye. Good reason to serve God with all our might. Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercy of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." God has given us reason why we need to serve God and win the victory.

He spoke of David and his fight against the giant Goliath. David said, "Is there not a cause?"

Brother Roberts spoke of Paul admonishing the church at Corinth about love. Love is reason to do things with all our might. Brother Roberts said Paul admonished the Romans about time. Time is important and with what we have we should serve God and not the things of this world. The coming of our Lord and the end of time is the reason God has given us weapons to use and a way to overcome. God hasn't changed. Paul spoke to Ephesus about the whole armor of weapons being effective and strong. Everything is within the power of God.

God's power was tried in the Old Testament as well as the New. The power came to the church on Pentecost, the church has power today.

The congregation sang "I'll Meet You in the Morning" and "I'll Fly Away" as they pressed forward to give Brother Roberts a hand of endorsement.

OFFICERS FOR 1992

MODERATOR – Jerry Shrum
Assistant – Jimmy Roberts
CLERK – Don Curtis
Assistant – Tom Armstrong
TREASURER – Bobby Sutton
Assistant – Larry Gregory

**1993 MEETING PLACE - Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church,
244 Ewing Drive, Nashville, Tennessee**

Petitionary letters - Concord of White House, Tennessee, presented their letter that was received by unanimous vote of the messengers. Their messengers were Brethren Mike Moulton, Joe Baggett, and Ray Hunter.

SERMONS 1993

INTRODUCTORY Larry Gregory
Alternate Leon White
MEMORIAL Steve Perrigo
Alternate Eugene Brown
DOCTRINAL Kenneth Massey
Alternate Don Curtis

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Name	Church
Bro. H.C. Vanderpool	Lyons Missionary Baptist
Bro. William Martin	Lyons Missionary Baptist
Bro. B.C. Webb	Lyons Missionary Baptist
Bro. Eddie Wright	Lyons Missionary Baptist
Bro. William House	South Carthage Missionary Baptist
Bro. Calvin Perrigo	Oak Grove Missionary Baptist
Bro. Estille Carter	Antioch Missionary Baptist
Bro. Rex Hunt	Union #1 Missionary Baptist
Bro. W.E. Massey	Days Cross Rds. Missionary Baptist
Bro. Paul Cofer	Victory Missionary Baptist

The Moderator at this time gave Brother Curtis an opportunity to speak. He expressed his pleasure for having the Association meet at Lafayette and invited everyone to make themselves at home.

Brother Shrum asked for a song "Heaven's Jubilee" was sung. Announcements were made followed by a motion to adjourn for one hour for lunch. Motion carried.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a great meal prepared by the sisters of Lafayette Church, the congregation returned for the afternoon session. The service began with the singing of the songs "Some Day" and "Won't It be Wonderful There."

Brother Shrum thanked the sisters for the wonderful meal and made some other timely remarks. He then read for a devotional from Proverbs 15:20-33. He then asked Brother Calvin Perrigo to lead prayer.

Following the good prayer, the congregation sang "When I Come to the Jordan."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

HOW DO WE CONVINCING THE RELIGIOUS GAINSAYER THAT OLD TIME BAPTIST ARE MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE TRUTH THAN TRADITION?

Jesus said in John 14:26, "But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Jesus also said in John 4:24, "God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." These two verses go a long way in defining and separating the Missionary Baptist people from the rest of the world.

Religious gainsayers, whom we face almost daily, would argue there is no spirit. They would have us believe their traditions stand instead of God's written word: that mankind is capable of saving himself. In having denied the very existence of the Holy Spirit, they have, in its place, instituted ceremonies and traditions for the glory of mankind. They have put a lot of effort in maintaining these traditions, preferring to place their faith in the hands of men rather than God.

In Matthew 15:2, Jesus asked, "Why do you transgress the commandment of God by your traditions?" Even when Jesus reminded them of their transgressions and the very truth was laid bare before their eyes, the power of Satan in the guise of traditions and ceremonies blinded them to the ways of the Lord.

We as old time Baptist must realize we have the power of truth in our possession. In the 4th Chapter of Corinthians II, Paul says, "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the God of this world has 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."

Too often the truth is hidden to the people who need it the most because of our silence in the face of old irregular traditions. Our preachers can expound from the pulpit to a house full of members and a few visitors about the irregularities found in today's religious minded people but when faced with those people outside the confines of our church, we sometimes and too often are silent. It is time, and I might add, past time, for the Baptist people; preachers, deacons, and lay members, to pick up their Bibles, dust them off, and prepare to defend our truth against the world's traditions. Paul once told a young preacher to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." I give a hearty AMEN! to Paul's instructions and admonish all God's children to study and educate yourself in the scriptures; to learn all we can about the "God of this world" and stand ready to show the religious gainsayer the folly of man-made traditions in the face of God's written word.

Respectively submitted,
Albert Lanier

The report was read by Brother Albert Lanier. It was adopted after discussion by Brethren Albert Lanier, Steve Perrigo, Tom Armstrong, Jerry Shrum, and William House.

MISSIONS! WHAT CONSTITUTES A MISSION AND WHEN DOES IT BECOME SELF SUPPORTING?

There are two schools of thought on what constitutes a mission. Rather than take a dogmatic position on one side or the other, we will present both arguments.

First, we can all agree that a God-called preacher sent by a Missionary Baptist Church to another location, with his home church sponsoring and sanctioning the work where he preaches the Gospel, is a missionary. If he concentrates his work in a particular location, that place may be called a mission.

Second, it is less clear whether a God-called preacher who starts a ministry in a place away from his home church, without being sent by his home church or any particular church, could correctly be called a missionary and whether the place where he preaches or the work itself can be correctly called a mission. Some are of

the opinion that this also qualifies as a mission.

At least one Bible dictionary, when consulted as a reference, was found not to contain a suitable definition of a mission. At least one ordinary dictionary (Funk and Wagnalls) would call either of these works a mission.

A mission is self-supporting when it can continue to grow without monetary support from outside its own membership.

A small congregation such as Northstar Church in Alaska, although organized, must continue to receive support to continue to exist and have a chance to grow. It would be a mistake to discontinue support for a small church because it has made the transition from mission to organized church; such a move would appear to punish them for having taken the positive step forward of organizing a church.

Respectfully submitted,
The Missionary Committee
Brother Harold Cole, Chairman

REPORT OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES 1991-1992

The Committee, consisting of Brethren Henry Smith, Jerry Shrum, Donnie Hines, and Harold Cole put together a report of the 12 missionaries currently identified by the Committee and mailed the report to 139 churches including all those in the Bethel, Damascus, Enon, Southwestern District, Siloam, and Wiseman Associations.

We have the opportunity to reach out to a lost world as never before with missionaries working in remote locations like Australia, Russia, Alaska, Japan, Mexico, and one headed for Malta from Australia which Elder Danny Chandler has suggested that we adopt, in addition to equally important missions closer to home. However, none of our missionaries are over-supported, and many are chronically under-supported.

Only one report was prepared this year, as the need to develop a better format than was used earlier had become apparent and development of the new format was time-consuming. The report required more than 120 man-hours to write and required more than 2,600 pages of print to be mailed (19 pages each to 139 churches).

The new report has instructions for the Clerk of the church to follow (suggestions only) when the report is received, so that we believe the churches will know better how to use this report than the last one. The appearance of the report is better, and the format uniform throughout.

We believe that this report is something that needs to continue to be done; if not by this format, then by another format; if not by this Committee, then by another group who might be better equipped to do the writing and printing.

It is our hope and prayer that our churches will take the report seriously and support our missionaries as never before.

Respectfully submitted,
The Missionary Committee
Brother Harold Cole, Chairman

Brother Harold Cole read the report. The report was adopted after discussion by Brethren Harold Cole, Henry Smith, Donnie Hines, Kenneth Davis, Jerry Shrum, Doug Kearbey, Johnny Carver, and Steve Perrigo.

A motion was made to adjourn until 7:00 PM.

After announcements and a special plea to remember Brother W.T. Russell in prayer, the day sessions were dismissed by Brother Rex Hunt.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service began with Brother Bill Johnson leading the congregation in song. Sister Opal Johnson played the organ and Sister Darlene Patterson also played the piano. The songs were "Praise His Name", "Heaven", and "Eyes Have Not Seen."

Brother Shrum expressed his appreciation for the good songs and the music. He said he was glad to be back and welcomed everyone. Brother Shrum read Matthew 25:31-34 for a devotional then asked Brother Leon White to lead the congregation in prayer.

Following the good prayer, the congregation sang "It's Been Worth It All."

An invitation was given for those visiting to sit with us. Seated as guests were: Brethren Dean Cornwell and Charles Reece from Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church.

Bother Shrum introduced Brother Johnny Carver to read the report on the obituary. Brother Carver read the list of our Sainted Dead as follows as well as the report:

OUR SAINTED DEAD

BETHLEHEM

Sis. Delilah Perry, March 3, 1992

Sis. Virginia Holt, June 18, 1992

CONCORD

Bro. Walter Butts, June 6, 1992

HARVEST

Sis. Dot Mankin, December 12, 1992

LAFAYETTE

Bro. Bobby Cothron, November 15, 1991

Bro. Charles Gregory, December 30, 1991

Bro. Corbin Smith, January 20, 1992

Bro. D.G. Creek, January 22, 1992

Bro. Chester Barton, September 9, 1992

Sis. Pearl Cassady, September 9, 1992

LONGVIEW

Bro. Thomas Kemper, March 12, 1992

Sis. Lola Durham, December 31, 1991

McFERRIN

Eld. Jesse Powell, December 12, 1991

Sis. Ruby Webb, December 24, 1991

Dea. Oakley Gregory, December 24, 1991

Sis. Nora Kemp, December 26, 1991

Bro. Charlie Brawner, February 2, 1991

Bro. Ray Whitley, April 3, 1992

Bro. Bruce Carver, April 3, 1992

Bro. Ray Hargis, September 9, 1992

OBITUARY REPORT – 1992

Since our last meeting of the Wiseman Association, God has called 20 blessed saints to the heavenly country. Though greatly missed, we realize they have gained much. Philippians 1:21 says, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Corinthians II 5:8 says, "To be absent in body is to be present with the Lord." What a wonderful time they must be having in the presence of the Lord. Sometimes we miss them greatly and would like to talk to them one more time. Let us remember what David said in Samuel II 12:23 when the Lord took the child he and Bathsheba had after David's sins. "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." We will not see our sainted dead in this life, but we will be together with them someday. What a glorious consolation for the children of God.

Humbly and prayerfully submitted,
Brother Johnny Carver

The report was adopted at this time.

Brother Carver reminded us that it is appointed unto man once to die. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. He said they wake up one morning in Heaven where there is not death nor pain.

Brother Carver said the rich man Luke 16 went to Hell, but Lazarus was comforted. He told us of David when his son died. David said, "I can't bring him back, but I can go to him." He said those that left us last year are resting forevermore. He said I'm young and like many young people, I have overloaded myself - I love to think of that eternal rest.

He said of the things in Heaven, the thing he wanted most was to see his Jesus. His grandmother was a proud woman, wouldn't get up hardly at all, but when they sang "I'll Meet You in the Morning", she came loose. He said he likes to talk to people that know the Lord. He said he knows when someone knows the Lord by the way they start talking about getting under convictions and genuine repentance.

Brother Carver said he wanted to talk about the part of the scriptures that says their works do follow them. He called our attention to Hebrews 11:4. Abel, he said, has been dead a long time, but we are still talking about his works. He spoke of Stephen when he was stoned to death and the heavens opened unto Stephen. He said, "I don't view death like I used to." He said we need to work out our salvation - love covers a multitude of sins. He also said let's work while it's day. Our works will follow us when we are focused on Jesus. When we work, Jesus blesses us and the Lord is glorified. If you serve God, people will be talking about you and the good

things you have done when you are gone. Brother Carver closed by saying, "Live for Jesus and your works will follow."

The congregation came forward to endorse Brother Carver's message by giving each other the hand of Christian fellowship. "Victory in Jesus" and "They Must be Having a Wonderful Time" were sung. A number of testimonies were given.

The minutes were read and approved up to this time.

A motion was made to adjourn until Saturday 10:00 AM. Motion carried. Brother Charles Reece prayed the closing prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association reconvened this beautiful day singing "There Shall be Peace and Contentment" and "In the Still of the Night." The singing was lead by Brother Bill Johnson. Sister Opal Johnson played the piano.

Brother Shrum came to the pulpit. He said he got saved in the still of the night. It was a wonderful loving peace that came to his soul. He said we had good sessions yesterday and last night in which we are thankful. He thanked the Lafayette Church for their wonderful hospitality.

Brother Shrum read Psalms 25:1-6 for a devotional lesson. He then requested an altar of prayer. The prayer was lead by Brother Nordean Copas followed by the congregation singing "Then I'll Have Everything."

The roll of messengers was called by the Clerk.

VISITORS WERE RECOGNIZED

Name	Name of Church
Bro. Ronnie Stewart	Southwest District Association

HOW DO WE RECLAIM WAYWARD MEMBERS?

As we discuss this question of reclaiming wayward members, it seems that the most important thing would be to find and address the cause rather than the symptom. So then, why do we have wayward members? The answer is not easy nor is it pleasant because it involves all of us sharing the responsibility for the problem. While we could discuss many things, we need to improve on, today let's mention three of perhaps the most important:

1. Teaching

In the book of Jeremiah 3:14-15, the Lord encourages Israel to return unto him. If they do, he will give them pastures that will feed them. That leads us to believe at least part of the reason they were backslidden is they were not fed. While in most cases we have taught about judgement and salvation adequately, the world also needs to know about a Jesus who cares when they are hurting. No greater evidence of this can be found than the time when Lazarus had died and Jesus wept with them. His heart went out because he cared. With all the problems society faces today, people need to know that Jesus still cares.

2. Attitude

Jesus told us in Matthew 5:14 that we are the light of the world; a light to direct all to the house of God. In order to accomplish this, we must always remember who we are and who we belong to. In Titus 2:14, we are told we are a peculiar people and truly we are different. Our lives are no more our own, but we belong to God. That lets us know beyond the shadow of any doubt that no matter what may come our way, God will give us the grace to bear it and heavenly power can be ours. For our God has not changed and his arm is not shortened that it cannot save. We know our cause and God has given us weapons that are mighty, even to the pulling down of strongholds. We are redeemed, so let's not be afraid to say so. With this attitude of power, love and responsibility, we can make a difference in the world and glorify the God we serve.

3. We Must Offer Them Fellowship

Once we have seen a soul saved and united with our church, we must never forget to offer them fellowship. There is a marked difference between membership and fellowship; and people need them both. Churches are instructed to bear one another's burdens, to exhort or encourage people, to be laborers together with God, and even see to their physical and material needs. In John I 3:17, we find, "But whosoever hath this world's goods and seeth his brother hath need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

So if we teach them, project the attitude of love and power that every Christian should have, and offer compassion, caring fellowship, and the love of God will keep them from becoming wayward members.

Prayerfully submitted,
Jimmy Roberts and Danny Raines

The report was read by Brother Jimmy Roberts. It was adopted after discussion by Brethren Jimmy Roberts, Steve Perrigo, Henry Smith, Jerry Shrum, Bobby Sutton, Morris Watson, and Loryn Atwell.

A motion was made at this time to suspend the order of business to give way for the Doctrinal Sermon. The motion passed.

DOCTRINAL SERMON

Brother Shrum introduced Brother James Shoulders who was elected by the messengers last year to preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

Brother Shoulders expressed his appreciation for the confidence of the Association. He read Corinthians I 3:1-15 for a reading lesson. He said I want us to look at the foundation Paul was talking about here. Paul told the church about their carnal attitude rather than a spiritual attitude. Brother Shoulders cited Isaiah 28:16 and Ephesians 2:20 as the foundation of Christ that Paul had preached about. He said he could remember the folks before us, how they would be in the spirit before they reached church for service. They were not carnal minded. He said as we teach today,

we must teach the oracles of God. We must teach that they can know good and evil.

Jesus taught his disciples that the Holy Spirit would bring things to their memory. We have the aid of the Holy Spirit. We can't even pray without the Holy Spirit. He said the scriptures tell us that though this outward man perishes, the inward man is renewed day by day. I hope it is true with us all.

We need wisdom, Solomon asked God for wisdom and God gave him wisdom. He will give us wisdom. Jesus walked with his disciples, and he will walk with us if we will walk in the spirit. We are to follow in the spirit not by the carnal man.

We need to learn more about God and be more spiritual. We need to keep the first commandment to love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind. We need to keep the second one to love our neighbors as ourselves. He said we need to love one another. He said, "I don't like strife, I have seen what it can do." We are told to walk in the spirit and truth. We need to tell the world the truth.

We are not our own, we are bought with a price. We should present our bodies as a living sacrifice. He said, "If God should call me home, I will be leaving the unsaved behind."

Jesus came to the world and humbled himself even to his death on the cross. We owe it to him to humble ourselves.

Adam was disobedient to God, but he came and obeyed God. We need to preach the book we have too much of man's doctrine in the world today. Sometimes a lot of our members need milk when they need to be on strong meat. They are carnal sometimes rather than spiritual.

I try to get out of things sometimes and maybe you do to; we need to do the work that will stand the work that Jesus laid out for us. We need to build on this foundation.

Brother Bill Johnson led the congregation in song as they pressed forward to endorse Brother Shoulders' good sermon. "When We All Get to Heaven" was sung. A number of good testimonies was given.

A motion was made to adjourn for one hour for lunch. Brother Ronnie Stewart prayed the benediction and offered thanks for the meal.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The association returned for the afternoon session after another wonderful meal. Brother Jimmy Roberts lead the congregation in song. Brother Dean Cornwell played the piano. The songs were "I'll Fly Away" and "When I've Traveled my Last Mile."

Brother Shrum read a devotional lesson, Galatians 5:1-10, then asked Brother Loryn Atwell to lead the congregation in prayer. The congregation then sung "I Know I'm Saved."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HOW FAR HAVE WE ADVANCED?)

Christian education is needful today for all our churches and is more needful for those that are called to preach the gospel.

We believe today that we are falling short of the necessary education that we need. It is true that the more education that we have, the better able we are to teach

others. Paul said to Timothy, "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also," Timothy II 2:2.

Ministers should know how to speak as correctly as they possibly can for the benefit of others, so that they may hear and know the truth. The command to the church, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," Matthew 28:19. How can we teach if we don't know ourselves. Philip heard the Ethiopian read Isaiah 53. Philip said, "Do you understand," and he answered him and said, "How can I except some man guide me." Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me," Matthew 11:28-29.

We believe that the Bible is the book of all books and should be used to prove all of God's words.

Prayerfully submitted,
William Overton
Leon White

Brother Leon White read the report. It was adopted after discussion by Brethren Leon White, Johnny Carver, Jerry Shrum, Steve Perrigo, Dean Cornwell, Dennis O'Donell, and Harold Cole.

LAFAYETTE ORPHANS HOME
WISEMAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST PROPERTY
Lafayette, Tennessee

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Proceeds from sale of property	\$ 325.16
Individual donations	500.00
Church donations	9,150.15
TOTAL	<u>\$9,975.31</u>
Expenditures:	
Closing costs for buying property	\$ 843.45
Postage	33.58
Six (6) monthly payments	4,629.36
Lawn care	800.00
Utilities	170.54
Land survey	683.00
Service charge for checks	13.23
Property sign	20.00
Bond insurance for Treasurer	84.00
TOTAL	<u>\$7,277.16</u>
Balance on hand as of October 23, 1992	\$2,698.15
Monthly payments on property	\$ 771.56
Nine (9) churches currently contributing (monthly)	\$1,050.00
Association will receive \$2,000 in December for lease of farm land.	
Hugh Shoulders, Treasurer	

Brother Harold Cole read the report. The report was adopted after discussion by Brethren Harold Cole, Jerry Shrum, Larry Gregory, Steve Perrigo, and Eugene Brown.

During the discussion, the clerk was asked to read the following "Minutes of the Special Called Meeting":

MINUTES

May 23, 1992

In response to the trustee's request for a meeting to determine the use of the property purchased from Enon and Southwestern District Associations, the following is a record of the recommendations hereby being sent to the churches.

On Saturday afternoon, May 23, 1992, at 3:00 PM, a special session of the Wiseman Baptist Association was held in the yard of the newly purchased property, formerly known as the Lafayette Baptist Orphans Home.

Brother Donnie Hines led the group of approximately 60 people in singing "Amazing Grace."

Brother Jerry Shrum acted as Moderator and read for a devotional, Proverbs 8:1-12. After this, Brother Jerry Reynolds offered prayer.

The following churches and messengers were enrolled:

BETHLEHEM	- B.G. Sutton, Herschel Miller
FAITH	- Donald Langford, Leon White, Bobby Cornwell
HARVEST	- Kenneth Zink
LAFAYETTE	- Komis Archer, Donald Rush, Carlos Smith
MCFERRIN	- Hugh Shoulders, James Perrigo, Kenneth Massey
NEW BETHEL	- Jerry Shrum, Harold Cole
NEW ZION	- Larry Gregory
PARKWOOD	- Delson Ragland
OLD PATHS	- Steve Perrigo, Ed Hardy

Motion carried to retain Brother Shrum as Moderator and Brother Massey as Clerk.

Our purpose for this meeting is in follow-up to the action in our last session "The home be kept and used for our Baptist people." The co-owners of the property were the Enon, Southwestern District, and Wiseman Associations. The first two named, desired to sell their part out, and the Wiseman churches voted with an overwhelming majority to buy the others at a price of \$80,000 or \$40,000 to each Association.

The trustees reported that this farm consisting of approximately 53 acres and a nine room house appraised at \$180,000. Since there was a surplus of funds in the Orphans Home Account, the actual cost to the Wiseman Association was \$65,000. The property will pay out in about 10 years with a monthly payment of \$775.00. At present, there is \$3,000 in the account.

Uses for the Property

1. Motion carried to use the house for Bible schools for ministers with some classes for all; music or singing schools. The following brethren spoke to the motion: Donald Langford, Leon White, Larry Gregory, Kenneth Massey, and Steve Perrigo.

Motion carried to elect a three man committee to organize the classes in the school. The following brethren were chosen: Kenneth Massey, Jerry Shrum, and Larry Gregory.

Motion carried to elect Brother Carlos Smith as Property Overseer and Brother Don Curtis as Activities Director.

Motion carried to authorize the trustees to have the property surveyed with concrete markers placed at the four corners.

2. Motion to appoint a committee to study the use of the backside of the property with the objective to build an amphitheater, and if they can find sufficient funds, to proceed with construction. Motion carried without discussion. The committee elected included Bert Lanier, Harold Cole, Hugh Shoulders, and Don Curtis.
3. Motion carried that one room of the house be designated for a library.
4. Motion that the house be used for retreats. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn carried. Minutes were approved as read.

Jerry Shrum, Moderator
Kenneth Massey, Clerk

Each church is hereby requested to vote "for" or "against" these recommendations. Your reply by July 1, 1992, would be most appreciated.

CORRESPONDENCE

We at Lafayette consider it a blessing to have been selected to host the 102nd session of the Wiseman Baptist Association. We feel our church has been uplifted by the fellowship of all the churches represented, both the Wiseman Association members and visitors. Your participation in the singing, the music, prayers, reports, talks, preaching, and the preparation of the good food is truly appreciated.

This year has been a hard year for Lafayette Church, but through much prayer and the help of God we are once again moving forward. The good spirit that we were able to feel throughout the Association meetings will certainly make

Lafayette a stronger church. It's good that we can come together in harmony and one accord.

The desire of the Lafayette Missionary Baptist Church is that we may continually be able to enjoy the good fellowship with you, our sister churches. We humbly ask that you pray for our church that it will continue to be strong and to grow in carrying out the Lord's work, and that it be as a light that shines from a hill drawing those that are lost and without God into the fold.

For any that had a part in this association, may God richly bless and reward you.

Prayerfully submitted,
Bill Johnson
Loryn Atwell

Brother Loryn Atwell read the report. The report was adopted after discussion by Brethren Loryn Atwell and Bill Johnson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BETHLEHEM	\$ 50.00
COLORADO	20.00
CONCORD	50.00
FAITH	75.00
HARMONY	0.00
HARVEST	25.00
LAFAYETTE	125.00
LONGVIEW	75.00
MCFERRIN	125.00
NEW BETHEL	125.00
NEW ZION	10.00
PARKWOOD	50.00
OLD PATHS	35.00
WHITE HILL	50.00
TOTAL	<u>\$815.00</u>
BANK	148.00
	<u><u>\$963.00</u></u>

Report was adopted after discussion by Brethren Bobby Sutton, Loryn Atwell, Steve Perrigo, and Jerry Shrum.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made that the school committee for the orphans home property be retained. The purpose to look into the feasibility of a home for the elderly. If feasible, start the work toward it. The motion passed.

A motion was made that a place be included in the Association letters for the printing fund. The motion passed.

A motion was made that Article Eight of the Constitution be changed to allow meetings on Thursday nights rather than Friday nights. The motion failed.

Brother Jimmy Roberts read the Order of Business for 1993. It was adopted.

1993 ORDER OF BUSINESS
WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Proposed Order of Business for 1993

1. HOW CAN WE MAKE THE COMMUNITY MORE AWARE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH AND WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER?
Kenneth Massey - Chairman, Mike Moulton
2. HOW DO WE MAKE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS MORE EVANGELISTIC?
Tom Howard – Chairman, Doug Kearbey
3. OBITUARIES
Steve Perrigo - Chairman, Eugene Brown
4. STRENGTHENING OUR YOUNG FAMILIES AND KEEPING THEM IN CHURCH
Johnny Carver - Chairman, Gary Shrum
5. KINDLING THE FIRES OF MISSION SUPPORT
Henry Smith - Chairman, Harold Cole
6. WISEMAN ASSOCIATION PROPERTY
Albert Lanier - Chairman, Hugh Shoulders, Harold Cole (New)
7. CORRESPONDENCE
Nordean Copas - Chairman, Talmadge Woodall
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
Bobby Sutton - Chairman
9. NEW BUSINESS

The clerk read letters from the Bethel, Siloam, and Southwest District Associations.

BETHEL ASSOCIATION

We, the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association, having convened Southside Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, take this opportunity to thank God for his loving care and council at our 34th annual session. We appreciate the earnest concern shown by each speaker in the serious topics discussed.

We honor the respect shown by Southside Church to this Association and each of its friends and visitors. Our desire for continual fellowship with all sister churches has been increased, and we are made to further realize the many benefits of mutual support among our brethren. We wish to express our thanks for those who took part in any way to make this the memorable session it has been.

We greatly appreciate the correspondence from our sister Associations. We wish to correspond to you that 14 churches had a total of 41 additions by Baptism, 24 by letter, and five by restoration. We also dismissed 52 by letter, expulsion 16, and death eight for a total membership of 1,828.

Value of church property was \$1,699,000.00 with total contributions of \$331,803.21.

We invite you to our 1992 session which will begin Friday night September 18, 1992, at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 222 E. Epler, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Brother Kenneth Roe - Clerk
900 S. Lewis
Kokomo, IN 46902

SILOAM ASSOCIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We send Christian greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We pray the churches in your Association can report many souls being saved, with the result that our Creator has been glorified and your spirituality has been greatly increased.

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association met recently for its 40th annual session hosted by Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church located in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

Twenty-eight churches were represented with 67 messengers seated. We had 186 increases in membership and 113 losses with a present membership of 4,203.

Contributions included \$72,853.56 for missions, both home and foreign, with total expenditures for all causes of \$772,086.

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will meet on Friday before the first Sunday in October. The 1993 session will be hosted by Lyons Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky beginning October 1, 1993, at 10:00 AM.

An invitation is extended to all to come and fellowship with us.

Yours in his eternal name,
Elder Billy Moran, Moderator
Clifford Hayes, Clerk

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

We extend greetings to you from the churches which make-up the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that this past year has been fruitful in the harvest of lost souls and uplifting for the redeemed of the Lord. We trust that the Lord has received honor and glory for the work performed in his name. Let us pray for each other as we all enter into another year of serving our God seeking his will in all things.

When we came together for our 143rd annual session in 1991, 30 churches reported a total of 42 baptisms with a total membership of 3,435. It is our prayer that as we meet for the 1992 session, the Lord will bless us with even larger numbers to be reported in both categories.

We take this opportunity to thank all those from your association who were able to visit with us during the 1991 session. We cordially invite one and all to meet with us in our 1992 session which will be held with Independent Missionary Baptist Church in Huntington, Tennessee, located just south of the bypass system on Highway 22 South. The session will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 9, 1992, and conclude Saturday afternoon at the completion of all business. If you are unable to attend, please remember our efforts in your prayers.

May God bless,

Harold Carver, Moderator
RFD 1
Buena Vista, TN 38318
(901) 586-2124

Lee Carter, MD, Clerk
1220 Goodman Circle West
Memphis, TN 38111
(901) 458-1326

A motion was made and passed that the Clerk correspond with the abovementioned Associations by letter.

A motion was made and passed to retain the Missionary Committee for another year.

The minutes were read by the clerk at this time. They were approved as read.

A motion was made to adjourn and meet with Parkwood Missionary Baptist Church at 10:00 AM, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1993. Motion passed.

The association was dismissed following a number of testimonies and announcements.

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PASTOR – B.G. Sutton, 130 Clifftop Dr., Hendersonville, TN 37075
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CLERK – Marelle Newman, 1011 Jensen Lane, Hendersonville, TN 37075
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CLERK – Lou Ella Sloan, 123 Ben Albert Rd., Cottontown, TN 37048
(672-4160)

TREAS – Carolyn Tate, 3921 Hwy. 76 Cottontown, TN 37048
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S.S. SUPT – Sammy Sloan, 123 Ben Albert Rd., Cottontown, TN 37048
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FAITH: Rose and Burbank Sts., Nashville, TN 37211

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(286-2227)

CLERK – R.C. Alexander, 1100 Pleasant Grove Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
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TREAS. – James Quinn, 238 Welsh Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 (832-2191)

S.S. SUPT – Henry Fisher, 702 Hillview Dr., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 (754-7940)

HARMONY: 1044 E. Trinity Lane, Nashville, TN 37207

PASTOR – Henry Clay Grizzle, 115 Chiroc Rd., Hendersonville, TN 37075
(824-0010)

CLERK – Steven Brown, 204 Spring Valley Dr., Hendersonville, TN 37075
(264-2412)

TREAS. – Geneva Graham, 3121 Union Hill Rd., Joelton, TN 37080
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S.S. SUPT – Larry Brown, 204 Spring Valley Dr., Hendersonville, TN 37075
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CLERK – William H. Woodall, 113 LaPlaza Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075
(824-7534)

TREAS. – Kenneth Zink, 103 Veebelt, Hendersonville, TN 37075 (824-2494)

S.S. SUPT – Dyke Dyer, 270 Sanders Ferry Rd., Hendersonville, TN 37075
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CLERK – Loryn Atwell, 1400 Hollis Lane, Lafayette, TN 37083 (666-2400)

TREAS. – Danny Robinson

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TREAS. – Same as Clerk

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CLERK – Ed Hardee, 4121 Hunters' Point Pike, Lebanon, TN 37087
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Note: All phone numbers without an area code listed are in the 615 area.

HISTORICAL TABLE
 Wiseman Association was organized at Cedar Bluff Church, near Gap of Ridge,
 Macon County, Tennessee, on November 18, 1891.

DATES	PLACE	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK	DATES	PLACE	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1891	Cedar Bluff	J.H. Grimes	W.M.S. Wilks	B.R. Hawkins	1931	Capitol Hill	A.J. Sloan	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan
1892	Meadorville	W.M.S. Wilks	W.M.S. Wilks	B.R. Hawkins	1932	Siloam	R. Thompson	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1893	Dixon's Creek	J.S. Pardue	W.M.S. Wilks	B.R. Hawkins	1933	Rocky Mount	C.B. Massey	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1894	Lafayette	J.S. Pardue	W.M.S. Wilks	J.S. Pardue	1934	Pleasant Will	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1895	Harrisville	J.S. Pardue	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	1935	Good Will	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1896	Cedar Bluff	J.A. Stoen	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	1936	Spring Creek	W.T. Taylor	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1897	Independence	J.F. Lambert	M.C. Fitzpatrick	D.S. Reed	1937	New Harmony	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1898	Dixon's Creek	W.M.S. Wilks	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	1938	New Bethel	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1899	Friendship	J.L. Hawkins	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	1939	Union	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1900	Siloam	J.W. McQueen	J.F. Lambert	D.S. Reed	1940	Red Hill	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1901	Rocky Mount	J.J. Dyer	M.C. Fitzpatrick	D.S. Reed	1941	Lafayette	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1902	Stady Grove	H.H. Grimo	M.C. Fitzpatrick	D.S. Reed	1942	Siloam	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1903	New Harmony	W.M.S. Wilks	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	1943	Athens	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1904	New Hopewell	J.W. McQueen	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	1944	Union Hill	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1905	Rock Bridge	J.W. McQueen	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	1945	Brantstown	H.H. Smith	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1906	Corum's Hill	Earl D. Simmons	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	1946	Deko's Creek	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1907	Long Creek	W.M.S. Wilks	C.N. Simmons	D.S. Reed	1947	Long Creek	F.L. Ray	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1908	Hilldale	E.R. Folk	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	1948	Old Union	P.L. Ray	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1909	Harrisville	E.R. Folk	C.N. Simmons	D.S. Reed	1949	Macdonia	P.L. Ray	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1910	Cedar Bluff	J.T. Oakley	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed	1950	Old Hopewell	P.L. Ray	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1911	Meadorville	C.B. Massey	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed	1951	Rocky Mount	M.R. Drury	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1912	Friendship	J.W. Gillen	A.J. Sloan	D.S. Reed	1952	East Main St.	Albert Crouch	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1913	Bloods's Creek	A.J. Sloan	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed	1953	McFerrin Ave.	Albert Crouch	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1914	Siloam	J.T. Oakley	P.S. Burnley	D.S. Reed	1954	Cedar Bluff	H.C. Vanderpool	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1915	Pleasant Hill	W.J. Summar	W.K. Johnson	D.S. Reed	1955	West End	H.C. Vanderpool	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1916	Spring Creek	C.B. Massey	A.J. Sloan	D.S. Reed	1956	Buffalo Spgs.	H.C. Vanderpool	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1917	Dixon's Creek	T.F. Moore	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	1957	Concord	G.O. Templeton	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1918	New Harmony	T.F. Moore	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	1958	Pleasant Hill	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1919	Fairview	P.S. Dyer	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	1959	Enon Chapel	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1920	Pleasant Grove	W.S. Jenkins	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	1960	New Bethel	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1921	New Zion	P.S. Dyer	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	1961	Liberty Hill	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1922	Rock Bridge	R.O. Sanders	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	1962	Longview	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1923	Cedar Bluff	N.C. Fuqua	R.Y. Jenkins	A.J. Sloan	1963	Old Hopewell	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1924	Long Creek	J.N. Sloan	R.O. Sanders	A.J. Sloan	1964	White Hill	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1925	Mt. Zion	R.O. Sanders	L.A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan	1965	Salom	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1926	Old Hopewell	L.A. Stewart	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	1966	Pipers Chapel	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1927	Union	A.W. Keen	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	1967	Fairview	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1928	Brantstown	R.O. Sanders	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	1968	Good Will	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1929	Meadorville	W.T. Taylor	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	1969	Faith No. 1	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1930	Fairville	P.W. Lambert	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan					

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Year Organized	CHURCH MEMBERS										Present Membership
		GAINS					LOSSES					
		Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	Statement	Letters	Expulsions	Deaths				
Bethel	1962	3	1			5				2		135
Colorado	1980	2										21
Concord	1874	3				3				1		118
Faith	1956	3	4		1	4						250
Harmony	1961					10						111
Harvest	1980	2								1		71
Lafayette	1849	1	4			4				6		485
Longview	1960	6	8							2		159
McFerrin	1948	8	3			3				8		479
New Bethel	1794	16	18	2	1							463
New Zion	1981				1							23
Parkwood	1962	4	6			7						339
Old Paths	1974		7			2			1			61
White Hill	1946	4	5									167
TOTALS		52	56	2	3	38	1			20		2,882

Note: The column for "Meeting Days" was omitted because all the representing churches have full-time services.
 The Association voted in New Business to omit publishing the "FINANCIAL REPORT"

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

CHURCH	Enrollment 1991	Enrollment 1992	No. of Teachers
BETHLEHEM	69	69	12
COLORADO	17	17	3
CONCORD	—	83	9
FAITH	77	77	7
HARMONY	30	22	4
HARVEST	12	12	3
LAFAYETTE	130	130	9
LONGVIEW	85	90	9
MCFERRIN	248	255	12
NEW BETHEL	121	170	10
NEW ZION	7	7	1
PARKWOOD	50	75	7
OLD PATHS	22	25	5
WHITE HILL	57	55	4
TOTALS	925	1,087	95

ELDER WILLIAM THOMPSON RUSSELL
(1914-1992)

Bro. Russell was born January 9, 1914, the only child of Mortie C. and Lauda Ellen Jones Russell.

He grew up on a farm, the son of a farmer in Barren County, Kentucky. He attended and completed grammar school (1929) at "Ellis," a one-room school, and attended high school one year at Tracy. In January 1931, he entered Bowling Green Business University and spent three years there. Following his college time he worked as a bookkeeper for a while.

As a child Bro. Russell had the advantage of christian surroundings. His father and grandparents wielded an influence that caused him to be saved early in life.

At the age of nine and while attending a protracted meeting at Union Baptist Church, and under the preaching of Elder L.A. Stewart, he was made to realize he was a sinner. He spent a year of fear and sorrow and another revival began. At an altar of prayer on a mourner's bench he made peace with the Lord and his sorrow turned to rejoicing. This was November, 1924. The same month he united with Union Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder L.A. Stewart.

At the age of sixteen, God placed a heavy burden upon his heart and called him to preach the gospel. To this he was not willing to submit readily and tried for five years to get out of the task. He states that these were restless and unhappy years because he was not doing his duty, but going contrary to the Lord. Finally, in 1935, after many reflections over God's goodness and mercy toward him, he surrendered to the call of the Master. In December 1935, he was ordained by Union Baptist Church to the full work of the gospel ministry.

He has pastored the following churches in Kentucky and Tennessee: Harmony, New Salem, Maple Grove, Oak Forest, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Vernon, Antioch, Long Creek, Rocky Mound, Greenwood, Oak Grove, Meadorville, Deafeated Creek, Dixon's Creek, New Bethel, Fairview Memorial, Crossroads, Goodlettsville, and Faith.

He was married to Ruby Livingston Carter on April 5, 1931. Sister Russell preceded him in death May 26, 1986. They have two daughters (Darlene Coleman and Patricia Womack) and two sons (W.T. Jr. and Richard). Bro. Russell is also survived by six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Elder Russell passed away October 26 at the residence of his younger daughter, Darlene.

Funeral services were conducted the following day by Elders Billy Moran, Leon White and Kenneth Massey. His earthly remains were deposited in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens of Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

Bro. Russell was one of the strongest doctrinal preachers the Baptists of this area have ever known. He engaged in numerous debates with false teachers. He also served as an officer of the associations and trustee to the Orphans Home. A preacher's teacher is a title he earned by the hours spent at the Old Union Ministers' School and various Bible Schools held at Lafayette, West End, etc.

Only heaven will reveal how many were saved through his labors. The Commander-In-Chief has given our beloved brother a glorious promotion from the battlefield to the victor's lane in glory. We salute him in all christian courtesy and brotherly love while acknowledging we shall miss you dear friend until we see you again.