

# Wiseman Baptist Manor



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1995

Wiseman  
Baptist Association

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1996**

Call To Order

Introductory Sermon - Bro. Benny Snoddy

Enrollment of Churches & Roll Call of Messengers

Reading of Rules of Decorum by Clerk

Petitionary Letters Call

Elect Officers for 1996

Select Meeting-Place for 1997

Select Brethren for 1997 Sermons

Recognize All Visitors

Order of Business Begins by

Call For Report on The Scriptural Relationship Between  
Church & Pastor

Call For Report on How Can We Encourage Fellowship  
Among Churches?

Call For Report on The Importance of Music in our  
Worship Services

**FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25, 1996**

Call For Report on Obituaries

Memorial Sermon - Bro. Brent Hall

Read and Approve Minutes

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1996**

Roll Call of Messengers

Recognize All Visitors

Call For Report on Rescuing Our Youth for the Church Today

Doctrinal Sermon - Bro. Johnny Carver

Call For Report on Wiseman Association Property -  
Wiseman Manor

Treasurer's Report

Correspondence

Correspondence From Various Associations

Call For New Business

Approve Order of Business for 1997

Read and Approve Minutes

Song and Parting Handshake

**WISEMAN  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

**105th ANNUAL SESSION  
OCTOBER 20-21, 1995**

**CONVENED WITH  
LONGVIEW  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Gallatin, Tennessee**

**OFFICERS**

**Jerry Shrum, Moderator  
186 Wessington Place  
Hendersonville, Tenn. 37075**

**Kenneth Massey, Clerk  
905 Catalina Drive  
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103**

**Bobby Sutton, Treasurer  
130 Clifftop Drive  
Hendersonville, Tenn. 37075**

**Next session will convene with McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, Madison, Tennessee, beginning 10:00 a.m., October 25, 1996.**

**SERMONS 1996**

**INTRODUCTORY.....Bro. Benny Snoddy  
MEMORIAL .....Eld. Brent Hall  
DOCTRINAL .....Eld. Johnny Carver**



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**CONSTITUTION**

Article I. This body shall be known as Wiseman Association.

Article II. These Associations shall be composed of members duly chosen by regular and orderly Missionary Baptist Churches within our bounds.

Article III. The letters from 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 four 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.

Article XVIII. No preacher shall preach before the Association two years in succession.

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**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.

**FIRST DAY**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1995**

On a partly sunny morning, the Wiseman Baptist Association convened at Longview Missionary Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tennessee.

Bro. Mike Patterson began the singing with the songs, "I Want To Know More About My Lord" and "Victory in Jesus." His wife, Sister Darlene Patterson, was at the piano.

Bro. Jerry Shrum made opening remarks, welcomed all the visitors and read for a devotional, Isaiah 9:2-7. After an humble prayer by Bro. W.R. Overton, we then sang, "He Set Me Free."

At this time, Bro. Shrum introduced Bro. Deric McClard to preach the Introductory Sermon. Bro. McClard thanked the Association for the honor to preach, and requested everyone's prayers. His lesson was Ephesians 6:10. He said, "we need to be strong." Then referring to Ecclesiastes, chapter three, he reminded us of a time for all things - a time for prayer and a time to take the gospel to the world.

Bro. McClard spoke of how he wanted to be remembered, as one who had lived for God until his time had come to die. He expounded about a time to embrace and a time for war, referring to the war of carrying the gospel. He said, "I want to speak about coming and going." He said, "We need to come to the Lord in prayer for this is where God tells us where we are to go and what we are to do. He spoke of Peter walking on the troubled sea. Peter came to the Lord, and all God's children should come to Him and spend some time. He spoke of how we approach the Lord boldly by self denial. Speaking of being a servant of God's, he mentioned that we are nothing without Jesus. In prayer we come to God empty, and then He sends us away full."

Bro. McClard said that coming to Jesus in prayer is not enough, we must then go into the world preaching Jesus. He said, "It is time for us to go and fight the war. We must first lay aside our differences and preach the repentance. Preach the truth! This is our purpose."

Our brother stated that we all have a call. We are needed in order for the lost to hear the glorious gospel. He, also, spoke of the faithfulness of the older brethren, mentioning Bro. Levy Smith, a preacher buried yesterday. We need to all work double time. He told of how Isaiah, Moses and Jonah had received the call of God and they went forth. He reminded us that God knows our faults, calls us anyway and we need to go. God knows the need. He knows



where we can be of the most use to Him. God sent David to slay Goliath. God called and David answered.

Bro. Deric returned to Ephesians, the sixth chapter, and proclaimed that God provides for us an armor. We must put it on using the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit. If we do all that God would have us do, we would carry the gospel to our neighbors, to our places of work, to college campuses, and to any place God would send us. He thanked the association again for this opportunity to preach.

Bro. Shrum then called for a song and asked everyone to give Bro. McClard their hand of endorsement for this good sermon. With Bro. Steven Barrett directing, the old blessed hymns "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" and "Standing on the Promises" were sung. God's Spirit was felt in a wonderful way as we fellowshiped together.

**PERMANENT ORGANIZATION**

The church letters were requested and filed with the clerk. Bro. Johnny Carver read the letters. Enrollment of churches and their messengers was recorded as follows:

- BETHLEHEM .....Bobby Sutton, Herschel Miller
- COLORADO .....Richard Crain
- CONCORD .....Henry Burgett, Ray Hunter  
Mark Horton, Larry Brown, Bill Vaughn
- HARVEST.....Steve Perrigo, William Woodall
- LONGVIEW .....Jimmy Roberts, Mike Stokes  
Kenny Glover, Billy Gammons
- McFERRIN .....Johnny Carver, Eugene Brown  
Kenneth Massey, Roy Dale Chaffin
- NEW BETHEL .....Jeremy Sisk, Jeff Denton  
Benny Snoddy, Jerry L. Shrum
- NEW ZION .....Larry S. Gregory
- OLD PATHS.....Dolphus Smith, Ed Hardee

PARKWOOD .....Nordean Copas, Ferrell Gregory, Brent Hall

WHITE HILL.....James Spicer, Freddie McMurtry

**OFFICERS for 1995**

The annual election of officers was held at this time. The following brethren were elected by a show of hands:

- MODERATOR.....Elder Jerry Shrum
- ASSISTANT .....Elder Jimmy Roberts
- CLERK .....Elder Kenneth Massey
- ASSISTANT .....Elder Brent Hall
- TREASURER .....Elder Bobby Sutton
- ASSISTANT .....Elder Mark Horton

After the clerk read the Rules of Decorum, a call for Petitionary Letters was given with no response.

**1996 MEETING PLACE**

**McFERRIN CHURCH**

**Madison, Tennessee**

**SERMONS FOR 1996**

- Introductory .....Bro. Benny Snoddy
- Alternate .....Bro. John Buck
- Memorial.....Eld. Brent Hall
- Alternate .....Eld. Steve Perrigo
- Doctrinal .....Eld. Johnny Carver
- Alternate .....Eld. Larry Gregory

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Church</b>
Elder Don McDonald.....	Murfreesboro
Elder William House.....	South Carthage
Elder Rex Hunt .....	Union
Bro. A.M. Jones .....	Murfreesboro
Elder Terry Patterson .....	Walnut Grove
Sister Georgia Mai McClard.....	Lafayette
Bro. Deric McClard .....	Lafayette
Sister Norma McClard.....	Lafayette
Bro. Don Langford.....	Faith

Elder Billy Moran.....	Fairview Memorial
Elder Fred Carr.....	Fairview
Elder Marcus Sherfey.....	Old Tomkinsville

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Order of Business for this session was entered by the reading of the report "CHRISTIAN VALUES and the VIEWS of a SECULAR WORLD: CAN THEY CO-EXIST?" by Bro. Mark Horton.

### REPORT

#### CHRISTIAN VALUES AND THE VIEWS OF A SECULAR WORLD: CAN THEY CO-EXIST?

Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This should be done by all parents from the time their baby is born, until the child moves from the home. By instilling Christian values in a child from birth, this training will remain with them throughout their adult life. Just what are Christian values? Webster's dictionary defines a Christian as one who professes belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Value is defined as to rate highly. Thus, one who claims to have Christian values would profess belief in the teachings of Jesus Christ and rate highly those teachings above all others. Let us look at some of the differences between what a Christian should believe versus what the world accepts and has accepted through the ages.

In Exodus 20, Moses comes from atop Mt. Sinai and speaks to the children of Israel the words of God that were given to him (the ten commandments). It is needless to say that a vast majority of the world today is guilty of breaking all of the commandments and this majority is to include some Christians. "Thou shalt not commit adultery" is a prime example to show what should be acceptable and what should not. God did not put any if's, and's, or but's in that statement. He meant what He said. With this sin, the world is running rampant. No one seems to have any morals or values concerning adultery, much less regarding the teachings of Christ and it is due large in part to their upbringing. With this sin comes broken marriages, homes and families and sometimes includes unwanted pregnancies which lead to abortion, and that brings us to another sin which breaks another commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." This behavior is accepted by the world and is the ways of the world, but it is not to God's liking and is blatantly against His teachings. This should not be the norm for Christians, and this behavior should not be accepted by them as it is not accepted by God.

Another example of how the views of the secular world clearly go against Christian values, is the wide acceptance of the homosexual movement today. Romans 1:24-27 tells how God gave men up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves. Since they changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped the creature more than the Creator, God gave them up to vile affections, even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature and likewise the men leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly. These Bible truths would be laughed at by the world, as they believe that homosexuality is a sickness. It definitely is the worst of all sicknesses, sin sickness. This is natural behavior among the world, but is not in the eyes of the almighty God. Any Christian that supports this practice in any way, had better examine themselves and make it right with God, as this is not His ways and was not His thoughts when He created the man and the woman. We, as Christians, can't support this kind of behavior.

In I Peter 2:9, Peter wrote that we are a peculiar people and that we should show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. The world sees us as Jesus fanatics or that we think that we are better than they are, but we should follow after that which is right. James 4 4 states that whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. How can a Christian be a follower of God and support the sins of the world? Matthew 6:24 states that, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Prayerfully Submitted,  
Elder Mark Horton  
Brother Cary Kemp

After a motion to adopt this report, it was discussed by Bro. Mark Horton and Bro. Steve Perrigo.

At this time a motion was made to adjourn one hour for lunch. Bro. Billy Moran offered thanks and dismissed the morning service with prayer.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

Following a bountiful meal provided by the host church, afternoon services were opened by singing "I'm Bound for that City" and "Mansion Over the Hilltop." The moderator then read Hebrews 10:1-10, and asked Bro. Rex Hunt to offer prayer.

The Order of Business was continued on the above subject with speeches by Bro. Kenneth Massey, Bro. Eugene Brown, Bro. Jerry Shrum and Bro. W.R. Overton. Motion carried to adopt this report.

The report on "MAKING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MORE EFFECTIVE - LET'S GIVE PEOPLE SOMETHING TO TAKE HOME" was read by Bro. Brent Hall.

## REPORT

### MAKING A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MORE EFFECTIVE - LET'S GIVE OUR PEOPLE SOMETHING TO TAKE HOME

#### Lesson: Proverbs 3:1-12

Never at any time in the history of the world has the family unit been such an important part of society, or the future of it, than it is today. Never at any time in our world's history has the family unit been under a greater attack -- by Satan himself -- than it is today. Brothers and Sisters, it's a daily battle for those of us who do have some semblance of a Christian home, much less for those who have no relationship with God -- and whose duty it is ours to reach.

But today, we are here to talk about the Christian home -- that is your home and my home -- and the Christian education of it. Because just as we find in God's word that we must take care of our own homes before we can even begin to think about trying to help take care of someone else's, we must educate ourselves in God's word before we try to educate others. And to make that Christian education more effective, we must begin by making the home more Christian.

In II Corinthians 3:1-6, Paul asks if physical commendation is needed between he and the Corinthians as a show of proof of the effects of his preaching and teaching. He answers his own question -- and herein lies our point -- that the word of God in our lives must be "...written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but fleshly tables of the heart." You see, merely exuding the appearance of Christianity in our churches and homes is not enough. Because not only does God judge our hearts, but the other members of our households usually do, too.

Paul also points out here that we are nothing on our own; that all we ever will be is because of God. Paul said in I Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am..."; by that same grace we are what we are. Therefore, the only way that a Christian home can become more effective is for you and me to show more Godliness and humility and by openly giving God all of the credit and praise instead of seeming to say, "Look at what I've done!" To

do this, just as Solomon and Paul both stated, the word; its teachings, doctrines and statutes must be written in our hearts.

Accordingly, Brethren, we can take our cue from the Apostle Paul on what to give to our people to take home: "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." II Timothy 4:2.

Now, for a few of those things that we need to give our people and ourselves to take home:

As Peter said in his second epistle, in chapter 3, verses 7 and 8, God's word has not changed and is still in effect today. Let's drive home the point that he expects the same dedication from us that he did from our forefathers. As brought out in I Corinthians 10:11, we must teach our people, as well as ourselves, that the Bible is for our benefit, and show how the word of God relates to us in the here and now. Too many people today take the attitude that the Bible is merely a history book. We need to instill that it's not simply a history book, but a complete guide showing us not only how to be saved, but how to live our lives thereafter. A guide that tells us everything from how to raise our children, how to treat the elderly, abide by man's laws -- when not contradictory to God's -- to how to conduct our business, whether personal or church related.

Also, we must encourage our people to study the Bible themselves. It takes study, in any Christian's life, to help them to become what God would have them to be -- an effective Christian. Will God-called ministers grow in the word if they only study for their next sermon? Will God-saved people grow only by listening? The answer: not as much as they could if they prayerfully studied.

And for all of us to want to "take it home" we have to realize that being a Christian is not just Sunday morning's business, but a Sunday through Saturday - every time the church doors are open and in between's-affair. And as Peter said in I Peter 5:3, the number one way we pastors, preachers, and teachers can teach this is "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock."

We've all noticed how younger children seem to come along in learning so much faster than the firstborn may. This is because they watch and mimic every word, as well as action, of the older child. By the same token, all of these children, who seem to become young adults in the blink of an eye, grow up watching and many times copying everything that you and I say and do. So before you know it, they've grown up and their lives and whatever they become are the product of what you and I were and are.

We must give our people love. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." I Corinthians 13:13. Love: everyone wants it, and everyone needs it. Regardless of how young or old, how rich or poor, how shy or open anyone that darkens the churchhouse doors is, it is our responsibility to give it to them. But before we can show a Godly love, we must have a Godly love for all mankind, regardless of who they are, in our own hearts. It's simple; if we do not love them, then we will not be able to reach them, and if we cannot reach them, then we will not be able to teach them.

Now, where do we get all these things that we are going to give our people to take home? God said to Ezekiel in Ezekiel 3:17, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: Therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me." Just like Ezekiel, you and I are watchmen, and if we'll just let him, God will give us every message, with out fail, to give to our people. If we don't let God supply those messages, to paraphrase Paul, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto us. As we have been called by God to PREACH the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, ever the more shall we be JUDGED thereby. If we serve God first, we will be able to serve our people, but if we put ourselves first, chances are slim and none of serving God.

Just as the Lord, through John, in the book of the Revelation in his seven letters to the seven churches, passed warning and judgement on to them, we must let Him, through us, pass it on to our churches. People today don't care at all to offend you or me by not coming to church as they should, or by not listening as they should. Well, we need to make it clear to our people that even though you and I may be a little hurt, they should make no mistake: GOD is the offended party.

In closing, Galatians 6:7-10, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." We cannot do any better for our people, ourselves, our churches, and our God than to encourage and to educate our people in the word of the True and Living God. If we can do these things, we can look forward to the words "Well done" when we have drawn that last breath and find ourselves in the presence of God.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Bro. Brent Hall  
Bro. Tom Howard

The report was adopted after discussion by Bro. Brent Hall, Bro. Larry Gregory, Bro. Jimmy Roberts and Bro. William House.

The report on "THE NECESSITIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MISSION IN THE 1990's" was read by Bro. Kenneth Massey as follows:

### **THE NECESSITIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MISSION IN THE 1990'S**

Let's say you are meeting for your first service as a mission. What is needed in order to make the effort prosperous and pleasing to God.

The first thing needed is a gospel preacher whose burden is greater for that place than any other in the whole world. He shouldn't go to do mission work and get put in jail for improper preparation (e.g., visitor's visa). This brings reproach on God's opportunity. Neither should we announce our departure for some mission field, and never go. Some churches have contributed large sums for half-hearted missionaries to go out and buy extravagant cars or worldly possessions. Be sure you are where God wants you. **YOU WILL KNOW!** After the novelty has worn off, you must show your stickability. Don't shop around looking for the best place to live or raise children. If God puts you in a place, dig in and go to work.

Some seed people (e.g., saved and baptized Baptists) will lend great strength to the effort. Certainly, our focus is primarily toward the unsaved, but some unchurched saved folks can really come alive for mission labors.

I believe an arm of authority extended from some strong church is a tremendous advantage to any mission. You don't have to have this. Usually, the arm is extended by the home church of the missionary preacher.

Always start out the way you can hold out. Don't begin by compromising in order to get numbers. At the same time, don't go out of your way to run folks off before having opportunity to teach them. You must apply good wisdom at all times, and preach with love to all hearers.

We can't act like Mennonites and let our lights shine very far. Missions will bring together people from various rank and circumstance, but God's Holy Spirit can bond them together as one. Don't try to vindicate the gospel; just preach it. Don't proselyte members away from sister churches. If they come, greet them as God would.



We neither can gloat in our ignorance nor toot our ability. Just pray, prepare, preach, provide opportunities, and persevere as good soldiers for Jesus Christ.

My own personal goal in God's service is to: worship God, evangelize the unsaved, minister to all people, and fellowship with the saints. These few tenets will encompass every doctrine embraced by the New Testament. "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

Humbly Submitted,  
Kenneth W. Massey

Report was adopted after discussion by Bro. Kenneth Massey, Bro. Richard Crain, Bro. Eugene Brown, Bro. W.R. Overton, Bro. Jerry Shrum, Bro. Paul Patterson, Bro. Don McDonald, Bro. Steve Perrigo, Bro. Johnny Carver and Bro. Kenneth Massey.

A motion carried to adjourn until 7:00 p.m. for the Memorial Service. The benediction was prayed by Elder Don McDonald.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Wiseman Association of Baptists met at 7 p.m. this Friday evening with Bro. Don Hines directing the singing, and his wife, Sister Hilda, accompanying at the piano. Sister Darlene Patterson was playing the organ. The songs "Because He Lives" and "Precious Memories" were followed by the moderator reading 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. Prayer was then offered by Elder Clay Grizzle, after which the congregation sang "He Touched Me."

Bro. Johnny Carver came forward and read the Obituary Report as follows:

### OBITUARY REPORT - 1995

The great Judge of glory by His gentle hand has awarded 13 of His blessed saints from this Association, with the heavenly prize of a home in glory with Him. This memorial service gives us the opportunity to rejoice as we look at the race they have run, what they have obtained and what we can anxiously anticipate. "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." I Corinthians 9:24.

Their participation here in this sinful land is over. All their trials are done. They are now resting, but their works have left us a shining witness that we might the more earnestly run our race with a renewed zeal for our Lord's cause. "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1.

These elect of God have finished the course they began at regeneration. They began with saving faith. They were made able subjects capable of running the race only because of the blood of Jesus Christ. It placed them on heaven's course. They continued to run toward heaven knowing that a life lived for Jesus would bring more into the race. Yes, they knew Jesus could draw the unsaved to Him if they would be diligent for Him. Many of us are in the race tonight because of the testimony of their lives. "...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit: that they may rest from their labours: and their works do follow them." Revelations 14:12

Many times we heard from those faithful heirs of God that they were nearing the end. Their race would soon be over. The prize seemed even to be in sight as it became apparent that they were crossing God's finish line. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. They have obtained the prize - being in the presence of the Lord. They could say, "...I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge will give me..." II Tim 4:7, 8.

Until we have completed our race and joined those that have won the prize, may God help us to exalt the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ our King and Righteous Judge that all of our lost loved ones and friends may enter the course that Jesus has set for us to our heavenly home and our prize with Him.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Johnny E. Carver

### OUR SAINTED DEAD

#### Concord

Bro. Erby Hester.....December 4, 1994

#### Longview

Sis. Anna Jo Callis.....February 23, 1995

#### McFerrin

Sis. Ruby Riggan.....October 26, 1994

Bro. Alvin McClanahan.....November 15, 1994

Bro. Clarence Gregory .....December 21, 1994  
 Sis. Bessie Ramsey .....January 23, 1995  
 Elder P.H. Brooks .....May 19, 1995  
 Sis. Elsie Piper .....July 7, 1995  
 Sis. Beulah Hargis .....September 4, 1995

#### **New Bethel**

Elder Clemons Gregory .....February 6, 1995  
 Sis. Charlotte Woodard .....April 30, 1995  
 Sis. Maranda Wright .....August 1, 1995  
 Bro. Danny Miller .....September 6, 1995

These thirteen comrades have faded from earth's scenes to be entered upon the roll of heaven.

### **MEMORIAL SERMON**

Bro. Carver was presented by the moderator to preach the annual Memorial Sermon. After expressing his appreciation for being selected, he read for a lesson from Hebrews 11:33 through 12:2 and chose as a text, "Let us Run with Patience the race that is set before us."

Beginning with Adam's sin, he showed that all of us have sinned. But as James pointed out, that "sin when it is finished bringeth forth death," so Jesus became our Sinbearer and ran the great race for us all. All of our forbears have made it inside the home gates by following the Forerunner's course.

"And they overcame Satan by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Rev. 12:11) Grace puts us in the race for glory, grace keeps us on course, and by His marvelous grace we shall all reach the finish line victorious .

These departed saints did not quit in the race, but were promoted to the Great Olympic - heaven itself.

Using many and sufficient scriptures our brother proved that these fallen fellow laborers were preserved by God that they might persevere through all hardships to stand on Victory Square in the presence of the Grand Prize - JESUS CHRIST.

Bro. Carver closed with Paul's farewell message of assurance to Timothy that the race is well-worth the goal.

While singing "I Shall Be at Home with Jesus" and "Better Farther On"

the people pressed into the altar giving Bro. Carver and one another the glad hand of fellowship.

The Obituary Report was adopted as read and discussed in the good sermon.

The Minutes through this service were read and approved.

Bro. Jimmy Roberts announced that the ladies of the church had plenty of food available for all. Motion by Bro. Paul Patterson to stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m. the following day was carried.

The service was concluded with Bro. Nordean Copas praying the benediction.

## **SECOND DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1995**

On this gloriously sunny Fall morning, the 105th annual session of the Wiseman Association continued services by singing, "I Never Shall Forget the Day" and "What a Day That Will Be." Bro. Morris Watson was the song director and Sister Darlene Patterson played the piano.

The moderator welcomed everyone present and read for a devotional, Daniel 7:11-15. Following prayer by Bro. Fred Carr, the congregation sang "Because He Lives."

The Roll of Messengers was called by the clerk.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Elder Leon White - Faith Church (Nashville)

The report on "Role of Our Churches in Strengthening our Young Families" was read by Bro. Morris Watson as follows:

## ROLE OF OUR CHURCHES IN STRENGTHENING OUR YOUNG FAMILIES

From the very beginning of man the family unit was revered by God. Therefore shall a man leave father and mother and cleave to his wife and they shall be one flesh, Gen. 2:24. He also told them to go forth and be fruitful, Gen. 1:28. Thus, establishing His blessing on the family as the right way of life, God shows this as he saves Noah and his wife, Noah's three sons and their wives from the great flood, Gen. 7:21. Later God felt the need to start his own family by calling out Abraham and promising that his seed would be as the star from heaven and with the birth of Isaac in his old age of one hundred. Therefore, fulfilling the Promise and the start of the Hebrew children and the nation of Israel. As long as Israel stayed true to God, He blessed them; but if they didn't, His wrath was kindled against them. II Cor. 7:14 says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." God still assures us of this today in America.

The family importance is very distinctive in the New Testament as well. At the household of Cornelius, we find Cornelius calling his kindred and friends together in his house to hear Peter preach the great gospel message of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and their believing and being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, Acts 10:34-48. Also, when the Philippian jailer came in trembling before Paul and Silas while they were in prison and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul answered, "Believe in Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved and thy house." He and his household were saved and baptized, Acts 16:25-34. The Godhead is a family unit, The Father, we being saved become his children; Big Brother Jesus, for we become sons of God and will some day awaken in his likeness heirs and joint heirs with Christ; The Holy Spirit because he is called the Comforter, detects the mother image. For who better to comfort her own children when they become frightened or hurt than the mother. So when we have troubles that come our way even in the darkest of night the Holy Spirit is right there letting us know that everything is alright with peace and assurance.

Once a young family enters the church it is the responsibility of the members to make them feel welcome, needed, and most of all loved. A new commandment I give unto you That ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another, John 13:34-35.

People who come in our midst can tell if there is love in the Lord's house or not. There is no room for envy, strife, or jealousy in God's church. We need to support the talents of these young families in allowing them to use the

talent God gave them, whether it be in singing, playing instruments, teaching if qualified, calling on the young men to lead in prayer, etc. Make them feel they are part of God's church and the worship thereof.

The church most assuredly needs a good Sunday school with qualified teachers to help them in their growth of God's word as it is written in Titus 2nd Chapter, "the younger men and women should learn from the older men and women."

We should always strive to keep interest sparked in our Worship and Sunday School services. If a loss of interest occurs they might stop participating. Then, they may lose the joy of going to church and stop coming altogether. One sure way of keeping joy unspeakable and full of glory in our churches is to allow the Holy Spirit to move our church and to have Him visit us on a regular basis. Where there is no Spirit, we find a dead church. But the spirit will revive us and keep us coming back for more.

There is nothing at all wrong in having some outside activities, such as picnics, hay rides, and youth camps, etc. to show the young people you can have good clean fun and fellowship without resorting to vile worldly lusts. In the 2nd Chapter of John, Jesus and his disciples go to a social event, a marriage feast. Good fellowship with our young families can strengthen them by letting them know that Christians, of all the people in the world, really should be the happiest.

Stern sermons from the pulpit will strengthen young families, teaching them their responsibilities. One main responsibility is the role of man to be a man. He is to rule the house as explained in Eph. 5:22-24. Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church, and He is the saviour of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. The man has to be the leader and needs to establish the importance of taking the family to church, not sending them.

The church needs to teach these young couples to live the example before their children everyday, these little ones will watch their parents and do as they do. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it," Proverbs 22:6. The parents assuredly need to know how to talk to their children about Jesus. The children need to hear from their parents that when they become accountable for their sins, they should go to the only one who can save their soul from a burning hell and that is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the one who gave His precious blood for their sins.

The family unit is so vitally important to our church, most of our churches are made up of families all coming and worshiping together. Although we do have a few who come in our midst by themselves, but usually they too, if they continue to come, may eventually marry and have a family of their own or they may lead immediate family members to the Lord.

In conclusion, let us love and encourage our young families as much as we can, for they are the future and backbone of our churches.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Morris Watson  
Jeremy Sisk

Following discussion by Bro. Morris Watson, Bro. Jeremy Sisk, Bro. Brent Hall, Bro. Kenneth Massey, and Bro. Johnny Carver the report was adopted.

### DOCTRINAL SERMON

The hour having arrived for the annual Doctrinal Sermon, we stood to sing, "Mansion Over the Hilltop."

The moderator then presented Bro. Jimmy Roberts to preach.

Bro. Roberts came to the stand and expressed his thanks for the great privilege to preach today. He read for a lesson John 18:33-40, the conversation between Jesus and Pilate. Choosing as a text "What is Truth?" he began by establishing the existent facts of salvation and other fundamental doctrines. Desiring to point out some things that may be clouded as pertaining to the Lord's church, he mentioned the Church was instituted by Christ during his personal and earthly ministry. It is now being sustained in an independent body and answers directly to God for all sin. After all, that's where we get ALL POWER for keeping His House. The seven churches of Asia were used to illustrate the fact that no church can demand repentance owing to God.

To be honoring to the relationship of a bride to her husband, as written by Paul in Ephesians 5, we must show that we are missionary in practice as well as theory. Bro. Roberts stressed the importance of the church carrying the Commission - which is to make disciples, baptize, and teach them all things whatsoever He has commanded.

Using Luke 14, he proved that Evangelism is a New Testament doctrine whether we are doing it or not. God wants everyone to hear about His Son dying at Calvary for the sin debt of the whole world. "Compel them to come in" really

means using whatever we have to help save souls from a destructive hell.

Mentioning Sodom and Gormorrah as an example of what not only has happened but will happen again at the coming of our Lord. Our brother expressed his zeal of urgency to see all of us used by God to win the lost at any cost for Jesus paid it all.

Drawing a word picture of the angels going to Lot and his house, he pointed our minds to the present corruption of our land.

In Mark 10, when Jesus was asked, "who shall be the greatest?" He replied by saying, "whosoever shall be great among you, shall be your minister."

The Jerusalem Church was made up of the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated, the young and the old. But they had all things common, especially the great salvation.

Finally, Jesus intended for His Church to be a place of love and forgiveness. Common definition today for church is "a place where a group of perfect people meet and gloat over their achievements." Church is really the home of sinners saved by God's grace where we can forgive and be forgiven. The world knows us by that new commandment, "that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).

Jesus said, "Go after thieves, adulterers, liars, backsliders, hypocrites, and all other people." "For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. They that are whole need not a physician."

Please remember Jesus said, "I CAME NOT TO BE MINISTERED TO, BUT TO MINISTER TO OTHERS."

The good crowd pressed into the alter shaking Bro. Roberts' hand in endorsement of this fine sermon while singing, "Where Could I Go" and "I Have Found the Way."

Bro. Eugene Brown and Bro. Nordean Copas expressed their appreciation for this good sermon and all three sermons preached this year. Bro. Kenny Glover, a member of Longview, offered his thanks to his pastor, Bro. Roberts, for all his work for the Lord. Bro. Donnie Hines told of his feeling of humility under the weight of this doctrinal sermon.

Moved by Bro. Brown and passed to adjourn until 1:00 p.m. for lunch. Bro. Clyde Dillehay from Rock Bridge Church offered thanks for the food and dismissed us until the afternoon session.



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**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

All the messengers, members and visitors enjoyed a larapin good dinner while engaging in much Christian fellowship with each other. With Bro. Danny Miller leading and Sister Darlene Patterson playing the piano, everyone sang, "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" and "The Gloryland Way."

The moderator expressed thanks to Longview Church from us all for the wonderful refreshments. He then read from 2 Corinthians 2:1-6 and asked Bro. Don Langford of Faith Church to offer prayer. We than sang "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

The Order of Business was resumed as follows:

Report on the Wiseman Association Property was read by Bro. Johnny Carver.

**WISEMAN ASSOCIATION PROPERTY**

Wiseman Baptist Manor has just completed almost two years of operation. The Manor is called "home" to three residents at this time. There were four residents until the first of this month when one person had to be hospitalized and subsequently moved to a nursing facility.

We have begun an advertising campaign to try and attract more residents. It is our hope that all churches in the Wiseman Association will visit the facility and promote it to their congregations. It is a fine place to reside when it is no longer feasible to remain in your home.

The property is in excellent condition.

There is a \$59,500.00 mortgage balance remaining on the property.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Bro. Hugh Shoulders  
Bro. Wayne Scott

**WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PROPERTY  
AND WISEMAN BAPTIST MANOR**

Bank Balance at End of Associational Year - 1994 \$8,754.31

Receipts:

Church Donations	\$11,846.00
Farm Rental Income	2,000.00
Resident's Rent	<u>35,866.05</u>
Total Receipts	\$49,712.05
Total Available Cash	<u>\$58,466.36</u>

Expenditures:

Administrator's Fee	\$15,221.00
Maintenance & Repairs	384.79
Food/Household Supplies	4,669.97
Household Furnishings	469.95
Lawn Care 330.00	
Utilities 3,044.23	
Insurance 1,733.00	
Advertising 283.20	
Property Taxes 386.37	
Checks 8.68	
Tennessee Health Dept. Fees	200.00
Mid. TN Assoc. Residential Care Facility	265.00
Christmas Gifts - Administrator/Residents	200.00
Flowers - Funeral, Mrs. Cordell Earps	53.00
Refund to Residents	718.00
Monthly Note Payments	12,000.00
Trash Disposal	<u>130.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$40,097.19

Bank Balance 10/20/95 \$18,369.17

Hugh Shoulders, Treasurer

Monthly Note Payments	\$1,000.00
Farm Rental Income Due 12/1995	2,000.00
(7) Churches Contribute Monthly	750.00

Motion to adopt the report carried after discussion by: Bro. Johnny Carver, Bro. Harold Cole, Bro. Jimmy Roberts, Bro. Eugene Brown, Bro. William Woodall, Bro. Kenneth Massey, Bro. Jerry Shrum, Bro. Bobby Sutton, and Bro. Mike Stokes.

A motion and second passed to apply \$10,000.00 from the Manor treasury to the principal debt and recommend each church select one committee member each to form a steering committee to recommend a plan for the churches' approval. Said committee shall meet Saturday, December 9, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.

at Harvest Church in Hendersonville. The committee shall elect a chairman.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Jerry Shrum and Bro. Hugh Shoulders as Manor Directors for another year. Also, Bro. William Woodall was elected to fill the third director's seat.

Motion carried to re-elect Bro. Harold Cole for another term as trustee of all property. Serving with him as Trustees are Bro. Hugh Shoulders, Chairman and Bro. Jimmy Roberts.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

This report was read and adopted after comments by Bro. Bobby Sutton.

Ending Balance 10-20-94 .....	\$74.91
10-25-94 Deposit \$933.00.....	\$1007.91

#### EXPENDITURES

5-15-95 Gerald Printing Service3 .....	\$897.00
5-15-95 Dana Grosman (typing).....	50.00
Balance 10-20-95.....	\$60.91

Bethlehem.....	75.00
Colorado .....	10.00
Concord.....	50.00
Harmony .....	40.00
Harvest.....	20.00
Longview .....	100.00
McFerrin .....	125.00
New Bethel .....	150.00
New Zion .....	10.00
Parkwood.....	50.00
Old Paths.....	25.00
White Hill .....	50.00
Cash Donation .....	10.00
Total .....	715.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elder B.G. Sutton

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

The report was read by Bro. Kenny Glover, and adopted after discussion by Bro. Glover and Bro. Mike Stokes.

On behalf of the members of Longview Missionary Baptist Church we have been honored<sup>3d</sup> to have hosted the 105th annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association. We appreciate each one who has participated in the meeting including song leading, the music, and the countless hours of study, prayer and preparation for the reports and sermons. Also the women of the church for preparing and serving food Friday and Saturday.

It is always good news to hear of souls being saved and joining God's church. Each time one is saved, many prayers are being answered. God is still saving souls as he always has and always will until he returns. (Hebrew 13:8). Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. We are thankful that our preachers are still preaching the convicting power of God, repentance, and true heart felt salvation.

We want to thank each messenger, visitor and officer for taking part in this meeting and your support to the men of God who have preached the gospel. We have enjoyed your fellowship and being able to share in God's spirit with you all.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is a wonderful example of God's love, we pray each church represented here will rely on the Holy Spirit to lead them in the coming year. Romans 8:12 says, For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Our prayers will be with you all and we ask each of you to remember us at Longview.

Prayerfully Submitted,  
Bro. Kenny Glover  
Bro. Mike Stokes

Moved and passed to recognize correspondence from sister associations and spread them on the pages of our Minutes.

Motion carried to send letters of correspondence to the following associations: Enon, Siloam, Bethel and Southwestern District.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Order of Business for 1996 was read by Bro. Jimmy Roberts and adopted without discussion.

It was suggested that our written reports be condensed as much as possible due to high cost of printing expense of Minutes.

A motion was passed to send associational letters to all churches that have dropped out and other sound churches around us inviting them to petition our association.

Motion passed to send audio tapes of today's session to the pastors of churches once represented with us.

The Minutes were read and approved with one correction.

Motion carried to adjourn until we meet with McFerrin Church in Madison, Tennessee on Friday, October 25, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

As we wined toward the close of this session, many testimonies were given stating the great joy, spirit and fellowship of this entire sitting. After announcements we were dismissed with prayer by Elder Leon White.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS - 1996

1. The Scriptural Relationship Between Church and Pastor  
Chairman - Kenneth Massey      Assistant - Tom Armstrong
2. How Can We Encourage Fellowship Among Churches?  
Chairman - William House      Assistant - Jerry Shrum
3. Obituaries  
Chairman - Brent Hall      Assistant - Steve Perrigo
4. The Importance of Music in our Worship Services  
Chairman - Don Hines      Assistant - Clifton Tomes

5. Rescuing Our Youth For the Church Today  
Chairman - Kenny Glover      Assistant - Stephen Barrett
6. Wiseman Association Property/Wiseman Manor  
Hugh Shoulders/Harold Cole
7. Treasurer's Report  
Bobby Sutton
8. Correspondence  
Chairman - Tom Howard      Assistant - Hollis Webb
9. New Business

From: Bethel Missionary Baptist Association

TO: Our Sister Associations in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Greetings and may the grace of God and the mercy of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ be with you all. We hope that this letter finds you well and that many lost souls have been saved. With 13 churches represented at our 38th annual session, we had a total membership of 1456. Our total contributions were \$466,074 and \$35,932 was sent to mission work.

A great void was to be filled at this year's meeting with the passing of our Moderator Eld. Larry Taylor. Eld. William Shoulders was elected as Moderator, and like all of us he asks for your prayers and for God's help to fill this office.

We have been richly blessed with some wonderful preaching that has indeed been food for the soul and with fellowship that has been pleasing to God. We hope you will all join us at our 1996 meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. September 13th. It will be held at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 37800 Utica Rd., Sterling Heights, MI. 48312. Bringing the messages will be Eld. Randy Thompson - Introductory, Eld. Jerry Patterson - Memorial, and Eld. William Shoulders - Doctrinal. We look forward to seeing all who can join us and hope and pray that God continues to richly bless us all with the salvation of more souls.

Eld. William Shoulders-Moderator  
Bro. Kenneth Roe-Clerk  
Eld. Carlos Gammon-Treasurer

Enon Baptist Association

November 11, 1995

Bro. Kenneth W. Massey  
905 Catalina Drive  
Bowling Green, KY 42103

Dear Bro. Massey,

In answer to your letter, the Enon Missionary Baptist Association met October 13th for its 1995 session with Friendship Church. Eleven churches were represented.

We had three wonderful days this year, and will meet next year on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1996. Due to the fact that we received your letter too late to present to the Association this year, we will file it and read it at our '96 session.

We appreciate your letter very much. For two years we wrote to the Wiseman Association and received no response from them. We will add yours to our list and send you a copy of the Enon minutes as soon as they are available, possibly in January.

May God bless your labors.  
Your brothers in Christ,  
Bro. Jerry Tuttle, Clerk  
Bro. J.E. Shoulders, Moderator

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to the churches in your association from the affiliate churches of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association. It is our prayer that our Lord's great name has been exalted through your labors. As you meet for this year's session of your association may you have the unity and love that is needful to be effective laborers in the Master's vineyard.

We recently met for our 43rd annual session with Old Union Missionary Baptist Church. Twenty-eight churches reported 63 professions of faith, 129 total gains, 130 total losses with a total membership of 3921 members.

Contributions included \$14,474.33 for foreign missions and \$97,079.81 for home missions with a total contribution for all causes of \$975,734.98.

Siloam Association will convene on Friday, October 4th, 1996 at 10:00 A.M. with Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 6560 Galen Rd, Lafayette, TN. Everyone is invited to attend and worship with us as we listen to sermons by Elder Ensley Wright, Elder Chris Solomon and Elder Doug Curtis.

Please remember us in your prayers.

Yours in the Lord's name.

Elder Billy Moran, Moderator  
Brother Clifford Hayes, Clerk  
Elder Terry Patterson, Treasurer

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the churches of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. We trust that the past year of your efforts has brought honor and glory to the name of our Heavenly Father. We praise His Name for all that He does for us. Glory by the name of the Lord.

As we met for our one hundred forty-sixth annual session in 1994, 31 churches reported 50 baptisms with a total membership of 3,462. Please help us pray that the Lord will bless our efforts this year with proof of a wonderful harvest of lost souls for God.

We thank all who were able to visit with us during the 1994 session and pray that you found it most enjoyable in the Holy Spirit. We would like to invite all to join us for the 1995 session to be held with Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church located 3.6 miles west of Highway 70 Bypass on the Natchez Trace Road in Camden, TN. The sessions will be held October 6-7, 1995, starting at 10:00 am. Please remember our efforts in your prayers.

May God Bless,  
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S.S. SUPT- Same as pastor

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## 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
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	J.S. Pardue	W.M.S. Wilks	J.S. Pardue
1895	Hansville	J.S. Pardue	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed
1896	Cedar Bluff	J.A. Stone	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed
1897	Independence	J.F. Lambert	M.C. Fitzpatrick	D.S. Reed
1898	Dixon's Creek	W.M.S. Wilks	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed
1899	Friendship	J.L. Hawkins	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed
1900	Siloam	J.W. McQueen	J.F. Lambert	D.S. Reed
1901	Rocky Mound	J.J. Dyer	M.C. Fitzpatrick	D.S. Reed
1902	Shady Grove	H.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	Corum's Hill	Earl D. Simmons	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed
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	Hansville	E.E. Folk	C.N. Simmons	D.S. Reed
1910	Cedar Bluff	J.T. Oakley	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed
1911	Meadorville	C.B. Massey	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed
1912	Friendship	J.W. Gillon	A.J. Sloan	D.S. Reed
1913	Bledsoe's Creek	A.J. Sloan	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed
1914	Siloam	J.T. Oakley	P.S. Buntley	D.S. Reed
1915	Pleasant Hill	W.J. Summar	W.K. Johnson	D.S. Reed
1916	Spring Creek	C.B. Massey	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1917	Dixon's Creek	T.F. Moore	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1918	New Harmony	T.F. Moore	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1919	Fairview	P.S. Dyer	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1920	Pleasant Grove	W.S. Jenkins	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1921	New Zion	P.S. Dyer	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1922	Rock Bridge	R.O. Sanders	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1923	Cedar Bluff	N.C. Fuqua	R.Y. Hawkins	A.J. Sloan
1924	Long Creek	I.N. Sloan	R.O. Sanders	A.J. Sloan
1925	Mt. Zion	R.O. Sanders	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan
1926	Old Hopewell	L.A. Stewart	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan
1927	Union	A.W. Keen	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan
1928	Brattontown	R.O. Sanders	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan
1929	Meadorville	W.T. Taylor	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan
1930	Haysville	F.W. Lambert	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan
1931	Capitol Hill	A.J. Sloan	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan
1932	Siloam	R. Thompson	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan

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<b>DATES</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>PREACHER</b>	<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>CLERK</b>
1933	Rocky Mound	C.B. Massey	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1934	Pleasant Will	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1935	Good Will	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1936	Spring Creek	W.T. Taylor	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1937	New Harmony	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1938	New Bethel	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1939	Union	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1940	Red Hill	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1941	Lafayette	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1942	Siloam	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1943	Athens	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1944	Union Hill	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1945	Brattontown	H.H. Smith	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1946	Drake's Creek	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1947	Long Creek	F.L. Ray	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1948	Old Union	F.L. Ray	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1949	Macedonia	F.L. Ray	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1950	Old Hopewell	F.L. Ray	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1951	Rocky Mound	M.R. Drury	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1952	East Main St.	Albert Crouch	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1953	McFerrin Ave.	Albert Crouch	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1954	Cedar Bluff	H.C. Vanderpool	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1955	West End	H.C. Vanderpool	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1956	Buffalo Spgs.	H.C. Vanderpool	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1957	Concord	G.O. Templeton	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1958	Pleasant Hill	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1959	Enon Chapel	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1960	New Bethel	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1961	Liberty Hill	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1962	Longview	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1963	Old Hopewell	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1964	White Hill	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1965	Salem	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1966	Pipers Chapel	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1967	Fairview	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1968	Good Will	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1969	Faith No. I	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1970	Gateway	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1971	Faith #2	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1972	Grace	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1973	Cedar Bluff	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1974	Liberty Hill	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1975	Rock Bridge	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool

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<b>DATES</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>PREACHER</b>	<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>CLERK</b>
1976	Lafayette	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool
1977	Buffalo Springs	J.W. Briley	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool
1978	McFerrin	Kenneth Woodall	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool
1979	Harmony	Hillman Duncan	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1980	New Bethel	Everett Scruggs	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1981	Faith (TN)	Guthrie Thompson	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1982	Longview	Bobby Pitt	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1983	Salem	Charles Patterson	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1984	Cedar Grove	Ray A. Sutton	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1985	Old Hopewell	Gary Duncan	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1986	Gateway	Ottis Jones	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1987	West End	Terry Lyles	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1988	Goodwill	Jeff Brown	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1989	New Bethel	Lonnie Meador	H.D. Linville	H.C. Vanderpool
1990	McFerrin	Charles Patterson	H.D. Linville	Ottis Jones
1991	New Bethel	Kenneth Massey	Jerry Shrum	Kenneth Massey
1992	Lafayette	Jimmy Roberts	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis
1993	Parkwood	Larry Gregory	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis
1994	New Bethel	Paul Patterson	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis
1995	Longview	Deric McClard	Jerry Shrum	Kenneth Massey

## STATISTICAL TABLE

## CHURCH MEMBERS

CHURCHES	Year Organized	GAINS				LOSSES				Present Membership
		Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	Statement	Letters	Expulsions	Death		
Bethlehem	1962		1	12	4		128			
Colorado	1980		1					22		
Concord	1874					2	2	1		123
Harmony	1961	1	4				2			103
Harvest	1980		3			2				73
Longview	1960	14	11			6		1		176
McFerrin	1948	19	59	2	1		2	7		567
New Bethel	1794	18	1		1	10	8*	4		498
New Zion	1981									22
Old Paths	1973	1	3			3				59
Parkwood	1962		7			9				345
White Hill	1946	4					1			171
<b>Totals</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>2287</b>

\*Two of these were removed by rescinding the reception act.

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 1992	Enrollment 1993	Enrollment 1994	Enrollment 1995	No. of Teachers
BETHLEHEM	69	75	69	69	12
COLORADO	17	7	9	7	1
CONCORD	83	90	90	90	7
HARMONY	22	20	20	20	4
HARVEST	12	15	15	21	6
LONGVIEW	90	90	90	100	10
McFERRIN	255	262	233	234	11
NEW BETHEL	170	198	207	182	20
NEW ZION	7	5	8	8	1
OLD PATHS	25	25	25	20	5
PARKWOOD	75	95	75	65	7
WHITE HILL	55	60	54	58	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1087</b>	<b>1149</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>88</b>