



New Zion Baptist Church

Site of 1999 Association

Directions From Nashville Area:

Take I-40 EAST (towards Knoxville)

Exit #280 - Baxter/Gainesboro Exit

turn left onto Hwy 56,

Go 4 miles to corner of Hwy 56 & Martins Creek Road

Church on the left

Front Cover-Three Springs Baptist Church

1998



Wiseman
Baptist Association

ORDER OF SERVICE

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 22, 1999**

- Call to Order
- Introductory Sermon - Bro. Deric McClard
- Enrollment of Churches & Roll Call of Messengers
- Reading of Rules of Decorum by Clerk
- Petitionary Letters Call
- Election Officers for 1999
- Select Meeting Place for 2000
- Select Brethren for 2000 Sermons
- Recognize All Visitors
- Order of Business Begins by:
- Call for Report on "Practical Means for Our Churches to Unite Our Efforts Without Sacrificing the Autonomy of the Local Church."
- Call for Report on "The Responsibility of the Lord's Churches to the American Family: What Can We Do to Keep Families Together and to Help Those That Have Been Broken."
- Call for Report on "What Methods of Education Should We Use in Our Churches to Prepare Our People to Spread the Gospel Throughout Our Community."

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 23, 1999**

- Roll Call of Messengers
- Recognize all Visitors
- Call For Report on "What Can Be Done to Improve the Correspondence Between the Missionary and the Local Churches?"
- Doctrinal Sermon - Bro. William Overton
- Call for Report on Wiseman Association Property
- Treasurer's Report
- Correspondence
- Correspondence from Various Associations
- Call for New Business
- Approve Order of Business for 2000
- Read and Approve Minutes
- Song and Parting Handshake

**WISEMAN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
108th ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 23-24, 1998**

**CONVENED WITH
THREE SPRINGS
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY**

OFFICERS

**KENNETH MASSEY, MODERATOR
905 CATALINA DRIVE
BOWLING GREEN, KY 42103**

**TOM ARMSTRONG, CLERK
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**BOBBY SUTTON, TREASURER
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The 1999 annual session will be hosted by New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Bloomington Springs Road, Cookeville, TN and will begin on Friday, October 22, 1999 at 10:00 A.M.

SERMONS 1999

INTRODUCTORY.....BRO. DERIC MCCLARD

DOCTRINAL.....BRO. WILLIAM OVERTON

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.

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 reprov'd 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
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1998**

After many handshakes and hellos, the 108th annual session of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association came together hearing Sister Toby Cockriel playing "When They Ring Those Golden Bells". Bro. Kenneth Massey, pastor of Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church, came welcoming everyone to the Wiseman Baptist Association and to Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. Lonnie Cockriel led, "The Gloryland Way" and "The Old Gospel Ship" accompanied by his wife, Sis. Toby Cockriel.

Bro. Massey read scripture from Revelations 21:1-27 and then asked the clerk of the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association for 37 years, Bro. Ray Smith, to lead in prayer. Thanks for all things were given and requests for help in all things were made in the spiritual prayer.

Bro. Cockriel led, "I Can Tell You the Time". The Cockriel Family sang, "It Will Be Worth It All", featuring Bro. Jim Tucker. Many tears of joy were shed along with numerous Amens.

Bro. Massey gave a history of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association giving years and names of preacher brethren and their subjects for the Introductory Sermon. Bro. Massey at this time, introduced Bro. Johnny Carver, chosen a year ago to deliver our Introductory Sermon for 1998.

Bro. Carver mentioned that the purpose of the church and the association was the joy of seeing someone saved. Bro. Carver read Matthew 28:16-20 as a scripture lesson. Psalms 150 was read and remarks made about praising the Lord. The value of good spiritual testimonies was expounded upon as was the necessity of preaching the gospel.

Bro. Carver reminded us that people being saved is the most important thing of all. He also told of remembering the testimonies of those who were interested in him. He was saved at age thirteen.

Teaching young christians and our children was mentioned and our negligence of teaching them was discussed.

Hosea 4:6 was read concerning educating our people. Bro. Carver closed by saying he believed the church is "the university".

Bro. Donnie Hines led "I've Been Washed In The Blood of the Lamb" as the congregation shook hands with Bro. Carver thanking him for his good sermon. "We'll Go On and Serve the Lord" was sung while fellowship continued. Testimonies of God's grace were given as well as thanks to God.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

The letters from the churches of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association were read by the clerk, Bro. Tom Armstrong. Enrollment of churches and their messengers were recorded as follows:

BETHLEHEM	Bobby Sutton
HARVEST	Bobby Pitt, Kenneth Zink
	Dean Andrews, Steven Turman, Wm. Woodall
LONGVIEW	Deric McClard, Mike Stokes
	Steve Anderson, Mike Patterson, Allen Trout
McFERRIN	Johnny Carver, Eugene Brown

Paul Patterson, Henry Smith, Alternate: Tom Armstrong
 NEW ZIONLarry Gregory, Clyde Dilleha
 Calbert Bruce, Kevin Perdue; Alternate: Rick Ellis
 THREE SPRINGSJ.C. Conatser, Ben Howard, Lonnie Cockriel
 Bill Honshell; Alternate: Dale Chaffin

OFFICERS FOR 1998

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

MODERATOREld. Kenneth Massey
 ASSISTANTEld. Johnny Carver
 CLERK.....Eld. Tom Armstrong
 ASSISTANT.....Eld. Larry Gregory
 TREASURER.....Eld. Bobby Sutton
 ASSISTANTBro. William Woodall

Speeches of thanks were made by the newly elected officers.

PETITIONARY LETTERS

There were no petitionary letters presented at the 1998 Wiseman Baptist Association meeting.

1999 MEETING PLACE

An invitation was given by New Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Bloomington Springs Road in Cookeville, TN and by Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Bowling Green, KY for the 1999 meeting of the Wiseman Baptist Association.

A motion passed to meet with New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in October, 1999.

SERMONS FOR 1999

The following ministers were elected to preach the sermons for the 1999 meeting of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association.

Bro. Deric McClard was elected by acclamation to preach the Introductory sermon.

Bro. Ottis Jones was elected by acclamation as the alternate for the Introductory sermon.

Bro. William Overton was elected by acclamation to preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

Bro. Paul Patterson was elected by acclamation as the alternate for the Doctrinal Sermon.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

NAME	CHURCH
Eld. Walter Deweese	Eastside, Franklin, KY
Eld. Steven Swords	Jared, Elmwood, TN
Bro. Curtis Hudson	Fellowship, IN
Deacon Dean Hauskins.....	Fellowship, IN
Deacon Donnie Binnion	Fellowship, IN
Eld. Tim Binnion.....	Victory, Hendersonville, TN
Eld. Kenneth Davis	Mt. Lebanon, Alvaton, KY
Eld. Rufus Chandler	Concord, West, TN
Deacon Ray Smith.....	Independent, Huntington, TN
Eld. Lynn Stapleton.....	Independent, Huntington, TN
Bro. & Sis. Ed Hardee.....	Old Paths, Lebanon, TN

A motion passed at 11:35 A.M. to dismiss for lunch until 12:30 P.M.

Announcements were made by Bro. Bobby Sutton, Bro. Eugene Brown, Bro. Kenneth Massey and Bro. Donnie Hines.

Bro. Walter Deweese offered the dismissal prayer and gave thanks for the food and for our blessings.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After an abundant and delicious lunch, we came back for the afternoon session. Bro. Donnie Hines led us in singing, "The Dearest Friend I Ever Had". Following the congregation singing, Bro. Hines sang "Wayfaring Stranger" acappela. This has been his favorite song since his youth, having grown up hearing Bro. F.L. Ray sing it.

Bro. Kenneth Massey read the 133rd Psalm for a devotional, and Bro. Steven Swords led us to the Lord in prayer, praising God for blessings we have received and asking for his help in all our undertakings.

Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk, Bro. Tom Armstrong and were explained by the moderator, Bro. Kenneth Massey.

Bro. Larry Gregory came at this time giving his report on "**Discerning the Leadership of the Holy Spirit**".

The recipients of I John were admonished in Chapter 4, verse 1 to, "*try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*" John 17:21 records the prayer of our Lord for His Church just before Judas came with a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees to betray Him: "*That they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*" When we consider the often strained harmony among us and the seeming lack of influence of our churches on a lost world, surely no one can doubt the need for our churches today to better discern the true leadership of the Holy Spirit.

John proceeded to outline the method of that trial of the spirits in I John 4:2-3. "*Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not God:...*" A casual glance at this verse might lead us to mistakenly believe that

every one that calls the name of Jesus is God. Let us examine it more carefully. The Greek word translated "confess" means literally "to say the same thing". What is this "same thing"? First, the name "Jesus" is equivalent to the Alexandrine Greek "Joshua", also appearing sometimes as "Jehoshua", meaning "Jehovah is salvation". Therefore, the name "Jesus" means Savior, as the angel of the Lord implied to Joseph in the dream recorded in Matthew 1:21 "*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.*"

The meaning of the title "Christ" is revealed to us in John 1:41 where Andrew announced to Simon that "*We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ*". The literal meaning of the term "Messiah" is "the anointed one". Anointment refers to a ceremony of induction to an office to which one has been appointed. Jesus was appointed by God the Father to be the Savior of lost mankind. In Acts 3:12, we are reminded that "*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*". Therefore, every spirit that recognizes Christianity, as only one of many religions acceptable to God, is not of God.

John wrote, the Spirit of God will be recognized by the confession that "*Jesus Christ is come in the flesh*". The same angel that instructed Joseph, to name the baby that Mary would bear "Jesus", also revealed to him the baby was not the product of Mary's unfaithfulness to him but, was "*of the Holy Ghost*". John 1:14 instructs us that "*the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*". Therefore, every spirit that departs in any way from the virgin birth, the Godship, and the full humanity of Jesus Christ is not of God.

Before His crucifixion, Jesus taught His church of the role of the Comforter as recorded in John 16:8, "*And when His is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.*" Therefore, every spirit that teaches that lost mankind can be reconciled to God by any other means than the conviction of the Holy Spirit that brings the godly sorrow that worketh repentance to God and faith in Jesus Christ for salvation is not of God.

In the thirteenth and fourteenth verses of the same chapter, Jesus had this to say about the Holy Spirit: "*Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.*" Therefore, every spirit that magnifies itself over Jesus is suspect.

Although the above truths are rudimentary, it would be well for us to be sure that our children are grounded in them. Not all the organizations in the world that call themselves Christian continue to hold to all of them.

Our responsibility to discern the leadership of the Holy Spirit surely goes beyond these rudiments. And yet, the method is rather straightforward. It consists of the regular, prayerful study of the word of God. Psalm 119 is replete with references to the value of the word of God, such as verse 105: "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*" We are taught in 2 Peter 1:19-21, "*We have also a more sure word of prophecy: whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*" Under the leadership of the Spirit, the apostle Paul instructed the young preacher Timothy

in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Both the old and new testaments have been preserved for us at great price: we should not expect the Holy Spirit to repeat His work because we are not willing to do ours. As Jesus promised, we should expect that He will "guide us into all truth" when we prayerfully study. The Spirit inspired the apostle Paul to instruct the church at Thessalonica in I Thessalonians 5:17 to "Pray without ceasing". The scriptures clearly teach us that the only begotten Son of God found it necessary to pray. Can we by any stretch of the imagination believe that prayer is any less necessary for us?

A current line of jewelry bears the code "WWJD", representing the question, "What would Jesus do?" In that same first chapter of John where John testifies that "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us", we are instructed, in the eighteenth verse, that "No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." In the twelfth chapter of the same book, we are given the account of certain Greeks who came to Philip expressing their desire "saying Sir, we would see Jesus." When their request came to Jesus, he began to speak of His impending crucifixion in the parable of the corn of wheat falling into the ground. He spoke of the great travail with which He approached that hour in verse 24: "Now is my soul troubled: and what shall I say? Father save me from this hour: but for this cause came I to this hour." What Jesus would do is what He willingly did when He gave himself for us on Calvary's cross. He did not shrink from the lowly, lonely, cruel and shameful office of the sacrificial Lamb of God to which He was willingly appointed from before the foundation of the world. Let us rest in the assurance that the Holy Spirit will not lead us to speak a word, do a deed, or assume an attitude that reflects any less love and meekness and long-suffering. And let us resolve to do His bidding.

Respectfully submitted,
Elder Larry S. Gregory
Brother Clyde Dilleha
Brother Mike Stokes

A motion passed to adopt this first report. Bro. Larry Gregory, Bro. Clyde Dilleha, and Bro. Mike Stokes spoke on this report.

The second report, "**Promiscuity, Society of Sodomy, Wholesale Abortion, Multiple Partners, So-Called Alternative Lifestyle and How Can Our Churches Encourage Our Members to Take a Godly Position**" was given by Bro. Paul Patterson. Brothers and Sisters.

The subject before us is an uncomfortable topic for a preacher to stand in the pulpit on Sunday morning and present to a congregation which includes small children. God puts such topics on our hearts because He hates sin in all forms. It behooves us to follow God and not to please man.

Since the beginning of time, men and women were made for each other. It is a natural thing for a man and a woman to have a sexual relationship. In Genesis 1:28, God told mankind to "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth..." This can only happen with a man and a woman. Any other sort of sexual relationship is wrong. God says in Leviticus 18:22, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." This verse gives us clear instructions on "same-sex" relationships. God said they

were wrong at that time, and they are still wrong today. Our nation and the entire world are allowing the sin of homosexuality to be known as an "alternative lifestyle" rather than as the sin that it actually is. I know this is grievous to our God.

The Bible says in Exodus 20:13, "*Thou shalt not kill.*" There is not an age restriction listed, yet every day many innocent victims are being murdered by the act of abortion. Supporters of this sin call themselves the "Pro-choice" movement. The baby that was killed was not given a choice. They argue that the child is not really a life, only a mass of tissue. However, Isaiah 44 makes reference to the Lord forming us in the womb. In Psalm 139, David praised the Lord because "*Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.*" In Luke 1:15, we read that John the Baptist was "*filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb.*" Clearly, God sees an unborn child as much more than a mass of tissue. God will get revenge for this.

Our world today is just like it was during the time of Noah. "*The earth was corrupt before God*" (Genesis 6:11). People were living like the devil wanted them to live. Men and women of today think nothing about pre-marital sexual relationships. They think they are just having a good time or trying to see if they are compatible before they marry. Yet from the beginning, the Lord intended the union of a man and a woman to take place in a virtuous way. That is why He gave us the institution of marriage! "*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*"

This holy union was intended to remain untarnished "*until death us do part.*" The Bible plainly says, "*Thou shalt not commit adultery*" (Exodus 20:14). This is God's law, not man's law, and it is still in effect today. It is just as strong as it was when He gave it to us. Society has downgraded the word "adultery" to "consensual sex". Regardless of what name you call it by, sexual relations in any form outside the union of marriage is sin.

Brothers and sisters in the Lord, it is high time we stand against these serious things. We must be in prayer to God to help us turn our nation back to God. With His help, we can keep our churches clean of this unrighteousness. Let us take the position that the word of God is true and it will stand when all others will fall and burn.

Prayerfully submitted,
 Brother Paul G. Patterson
 Brother Otis Jones
 Brother Dewayne Reed

Bro. Patterson, Bro. Ottis Jones, Bro. Kenneth Massey, Bro. Johnny Carver, Bro. Steven Swords, Bro. Ray Smith, Bro. Bobby Sutton, and Bro. Lynn Stapleton all spoke on this subject. A motion passed to adopt the report as given.

Bro. Eugene Brown gave the third report on "**When a Man is Called to the Mission Field, Who Should Be Responsible for His Basic Needs Being Met, and Who Should Keep Our Sister Churches Informed?**"

As to who should be responsible for missionaries' basic needs should be:

The Sponsoring church should help and aid the missionary, to plan and develop him in a responsible manner and help pre-plan the mission outreach. The home church should aid so as to see the mission does not fail. The missionary should go at length visiting other churches that are interested or could be interested in his mission.

In pre-planning:

The missionary if possible, should have some idea as to the cost of living and present this to interested churches. It is also advised by this committee that the prospective missionary get faith promises from the churches. If one church feels they can give \$25.00 per month, another \$100 and so forth. The missionary seeks to get promissory commitments from churches until he reaches 80% of his support needed. At this point he is seeing God move on people to see that his mission will be a success and not a failure. The missionary endeavor, that fails in developing into a Baptist church can be attributed to man's failure and not God's. The failure is a burden for the missionary, the sponsoring church, and the cause suffers.

As to keeping churches informed:

It is advised that the missionary keep records so as to be responsible to the government, and keep churches informed; in progress, and finances. This can be done by a regular newsletter or quarterly report. A mission worker that refused to be responsible to his supporting churches should be treated with skepticism. Everybody is responsible to somebody, even Jesus was accountable to his Father.

THE FOLLOWING IS A CATEGORICAL LIST AS TO HOW MISSION WORK WAS DONE IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

**SCRIPTURAL MISSIONS - WHO SHOULD GO?
BY WHAT AUTHORITY? HOW SHOULD IT BE FINANCED?**

I. WHO SHOULD GO?

THE CALLED - "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work unto which I have called them." **Acts 13-2b.**

Paul and Barnabas were sent out from the church in Antioch to reach the Gentile world. They began what is known as the first missionary journey. They proceeded west and came to the Island of Cyprus. From there they proceeded across the Mediterranean Sea to the area known as Galatia. They came to another town called Antioch, and there preached Christ, created a riot, and were thrown out of town. But they didn't quit. They proceeded farther into Asia Minor (Galatia in particular) to a town called Iconium. In Iconium, they were using their Spiritual gifts. (See Acts 14).

The Exhibition of Spiritual Gifts:**A. The gift of preaching**

Acts 14:1 "And it came to pass in Iconium that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake..." Here they exercised the gift of preaching, which is a spirit-given ability to declare the gospel with clarity and power. Not everyone has that gift, but they had it and they used it.

Acts 14:21 "And when they had preached the gospel to that city (Derbe), and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch." Again, they are exercising the gift of preaching.

Acts 14:25 "And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia." They had the Spirit of God to preach the gospel with power and with effect.

B. The gift of teaching

Acts 14:21-22 "And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many...Confirming the souls of the disciples..." The only way to confirm someone is to establish them in the doctrine of the Scripture. So they exhibited the gift of preaching and the gift of teaching.

C. The gift of exhortation

This is the gift of exhorting people. Sometimes it's exhibited publicly; sometimes it's exhibited on a one-to-one basis during counseling. It is the ability to encourage someone to pursue a certain course of action. They preached, they taught doctrine, then they encouraged people to follow what they had learned.

Acts 14:22 "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

D. The gift of administration

This gift is the ability to put the pieces together to make things function. **Acts 14:23** "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." After they had gone through those cities the first time, they organized the church in each city on their return visit.

II. BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

THE CHURCH. Acts 13:1-3. "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; ...As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."

Acts 14:26 "And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled." **Acts 15:40** "And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches."

There is no authority under Heaven recognized any higher than the church of the living God. He gave the church the "Keys" (authority) and what we bind on earth will be bound in heaven, what we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. **Matt. 18:18.** The scriptures know or teach no such doctrine as boards, associations, or committees, ordaining or sending out missionaries.

III. HOW SHOULD IT BE FINANCED?

THROUGH A LOCAL CHURCH. It has become of gross concern to me as to why our mission work has in the most part been unsuccessful. In my honest opinion, a young minister leaving his home, job and close relationship with his church and church people has assumed a most trying and difficult task, almost to despair. When you go to a new field, you are invading Satan's territory. Therefore, with no pastoral experience, he will spare no end in disrupting or completely destroying you. If it be by those who attend, this brings tension from within and without as well. If you are not receiving support from home and other churches, Satan is going to use this to weaken your faith, at least in the trust that you had put in people to support you. And how do we support through the church? By our pastors and teachers preaching and

encouraging our people to "bring the tithe into the storehouse that there may be meat..." for all.

Eugene Brown

Bro. Eugene Brown, Bro. Kenneth Massey, Bro. Johnny Carver, and Bro. Wayne Scott spoke on this subject. A motion passed to adopt the report.

A motion passed to adjourn until 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

Bro. Deric McClard, Bro. Larry Gregory, Bro. Paul Patterson and Bro. Johnny Carver were appointed to give the order of business for 1999.

The dismissal prayer was prayed by Bro. Ottis Jones.

SECOND DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1998

On another beautiful fall morning, we gathered in the vestibule of Three Springs Baptist Church for refreshments and fellowship.

At 10:00 A.M. the Wiseman Baptist Association came together with Sis. Toby Cockriel on the piano and Bro. Lonnie Cockriel leading. "He Set Me Free" and "Heaven's Jubilee". Bro. Kenneth Massey, moderator of the Wiseman Baptist Association and pastor of Three Springs Baptist Church welcomed everyone to this second day of the 1998 Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association meeting. Psalm 90 was read for a devotional by Bro. Massey.

Prayer requests were made for several of our friends. Bro. William Overton led us in prayer at this time and in his prayer he thanked God for his blessings and asked for his continued blessings on all we undertake to do.

Bro. William Overton was asked to sing "When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way".

Bro. Philip Van Meter came and sang with the Cockriel family. They sang "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference". The spirit of God was felt during their singing.

Bro. Massey introduced Bro. Eugene Brown at this time to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. He was elected last year to preach this sermon today.

Bro. Brown made mention of the nervousness of preaching although he had been preaching for forty years. Bro. Brown's subject was "The Gospel" using the words "Scheme of God".* He read Romans 1:14-16 for a lesson. Bro. Brown reminded us that the nature of man is to sin or go astray. He mentioned the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Bro. Brown talked of his conviction of sin, the burden thereof and the need of praying for salvation. Abraham, John the Baptist, Moses, Solomon and other biblical characters were expounded upon. Abraham Lincoln's life, failures and successes were mentioned because he loved and feared God.

Preaching and praying and sowing the Gospel seed is the responsibility of all Christians. People of the Gospel and their responsibility was mentioned. Hebrews 7:15-16 was used to make reference to priest of the world in comparison to our Savior, Jesus the High Priest.

Revelation 19:1-4 and Revelation 21:1-4 were used teaching us that we all shall stand before God.

Paul's testimony near the end of his life was referred to: "I have fought a good fight; there is a crown laid up for me."

As we sang "I'm a Child of the King", the congregation passed by shaking hands and hugging Bro. Brown for bringing a spiritual sermon. We also sang "Amazing Grace".

***Definition of "scheme": plan or design, project; list or table, outline or syllabus. (From Webster's Dictionary)**

SATURDAY VISITORS

NAME	CHURCH
Bro. Rodney Carter	Old Macedonia
Bro. Jr. Moore	New Harmony

Bro. Jackie Strode gave the fourth report at this time on "We Old Time Baptist Are Losing Our Youth to the World."

**WE OLD TIME BAPTIST ARE LOSING OUR YOUTH TO THE WORLD
WHAT CAN WE DO TO ENCOURAGE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE A GREATER LOVE FOR
THEIR CHURCH AND TO BE INVOLVED IN THE WORK OF HER MINISTRY?**

Psalm 122:1 "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

We as parents and older Christians need to live our lives by showing the importance of Sunday School and church by being examples to the youth and not only attend Sunday School and church but take an active role. Roles we know would be pleasing to God, which in turn would cause our youth to want to live their lives as they see us living ours, with God being in the center of our lives. We need to begin and end each day asking God to show us. The best way to do this would be by praying. Prayer should be a daily part of our lives.

1st John 2:15 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him."

The world we live in today has become a workshop that the devil uses to tempt the youth to draw them away from our old fashioned churches. We as Christians must use the tools that God gives us to show the youth that God loves them and that His love was so great that He was willing for his son to die for our sins.

We should take an active role in Sunday School whether it be as a teacher or as a person who attends Sunday School regularly. We should not only attend Sunday School, but we should come prepared to take an active role in our class by studying our lesson and having ourselves prayed up to God so He will give us what we need to say when we are asked a question.

The ministry of any church does not only involve being a member who comes to church and Sunday School, but being a member who would be willing to take our youth and go to a church retreat, or take our youth and go to other events. Always keeping in mind that God works through us only, if we are willing to do what He puts on us. We

should start any burden or task God gives us with prayer.

Ephesians 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."

I feel a great emphasis should be placed on going to Sunday School and church as a family. Again the ways of the world have taken over as we now feel it is okay to send our children to Sunday School and church instead of taking them. If our children or our neighbor's children see the importance of God, church, and Sunday School in our lives, then being an example, we can encourage our youth to attend Sunday School and church.

Finally, I feel, if we show by example and the youth sees how God blesses us with blessings and causes our Sunday School and church to grow, they will have a desire to serve God and be blessed by God. We will see more of our youth become active in Sunday School and church.

Jackie Strode
Donnie Hines

A motion passed to adopt this report. Bro. Strode, Bro. Donnie Hines, Bro. Larry Gregory, Bro. Eugene Brown, Bro. Johnny Carver spoke on this report.

A motion passed that we adjourn one hour for lunch and return at 1:00 P.M. Bro. Rodney Carter prayed the dismissal prayer and gave thanks for the food at this time.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a delicious and plentiful lunch and fellowship, we came together again at 1:00 P.M. with Bro. Donnie Hines playing the piano and Bro. Mike Patterson leading, "I'll Fly Away."

Bro. Massey had us to read with him Psalms 117 for a devotion. Bro. Clyde Dilleha led prayer asking God to be with us and to forgive us our sins.

At this time, Bro. Eugene Brown gave the report on the Wiseman Baptist Association Property and Manor.

1998 • WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PROPERTY/MANOR

During 1998, the Wiseman Baptist Manor had as many as six (6) residents. For various reasons, personal, health, etc., we have no residents at this time. The property now consists of the house and 2+ acres. The house is in good repair. Let's all pray that the right decisions will be made as to the future of this property.

Prayerfully submitted,

Eld. Eugene Brown
Bro. Hugh Shoulders

Attached is a financial statement as of October 1998

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

October 1998

Bank Balance at end of Associational Year - 1997 **\$282,277.48**

Receipts:

Resident's Rent	\$33,632.00	
Interest on Bank Account	\$8,259.97	
Insurance Refund	\$44.00	
Property Tax Refund	\$101.44	
Mid-TN Assn. of Residential Care Facilities Refund	<u>\$80.00</u>	
Total Available Cash		\$324,394.89

Expenditures:

Administrator's Fee	\$15,077.00	
Maintenance and Repairs	\$5,134.04	
Food/Household Supplies	\$4,900.00	
Refunds to Residents	\$1,070.00	
Household Furnishings	\$476.75	
Utilities	\$2,666.14	
Telephone	\$409.94	
Cable TV	\$287.72	
Advertising	\$1,210.50	
Trash Pick Up	\$121.00	
Lawn Care	\$440.00	
Insurance	\$1,564.50	
Check Charges	\$8.88	
Christmas Gifts/Administrator and Residents	\$245.00	
Administrator's Meeting Expenses	\$385.00	
Tennessee Health Department Fees	\$560.00	
Wiseman Association Clerk's Fee	\$500.00	
Wiseman Association Minutes (Balance)	\$147.09	
Disbursement of Property Sale Proceeds	<u>\$175,000.00</u>	

Total Expenditures **\$210,203.56**

BANK BALANCE (10/23/98) **\$114,191.33**

This is an unaudited report.

Hugh Shoulders, Treasurer

A motion passed to adopt the report as given. Bro. Brown and Bro. William Woodall spoke on this report.

Bro. Bobby Sutton came forward to give the Treasurer's Report for the Wiseman Baptist Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Balance October 24, 1997	\$ 9.91
Collected for printing October 25, 1997	<u>700.00</u>
Balance October 25, 1997	\$ 709.91
Billed from Gerald Printing Service for 500 Minute Books and Covers	\$ 857.00
Received check from Bro. Hugh Shoulders and Deposited	\$ 147.09
Bank Balance	\$ 857.00
Sent Check to Gerald Printing Service	<u>857.00</u>

Elder Bobby Sutton, Treasurer

A motion passed to print the letters from other Associations and for the clerk to send letters to them.

New Business for 1999 was presented by Bro. Larry Gregory and a motion passed to adopt the report.

NEW BUSINESS

Bro. Eugene Brown made a motion to add Bro. Lonnie Cockriel as Trustee of the Wiseman Baptist Property/Manor. The motion passed by acclamation.

Bro. Eugene Brown made a motion that Bro. William Woodall take over the responsibilities left by Bro. Hugh Shoulders. The motion passed.

Bro. Johnny Carver made a motion to discuss the value of the Wiseman Baptist Property/Manor.

Bro. Howard spoke on this motion as did Bro. Carver and Bro. Wayne Scott. The matter was closed with a motion to send two persons from each church to discuss this matter. The motion passed.

A motion was made to meet the first Saturday in December 1998 at Harvest Missionary Baptist Church. The motion passed.

The minutes were read by the clerk, Bro. Tom Armstrong.

A motion was made to adopt the minutes, adjourn, and meet October 22, 1999 at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Announcements were made at this time.

The dismissal prayer was prayed by Bro. J.C. Conatser.

Moderator: Elder. Kenneth Massey

Clerk: Eld. Tom Armstrong

CORRESPONDENCE

It has been an honor for us at Three Springs Baptist Church to host the 108th annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association.

We at Three Springs want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the music, singing, reports, discussions, preaching and prayers. A special "thank you" to the ladies for the preparation and serving of the meals. Most of all we want to thank God for his presence during this session, allowing us to conduct this business and to enjoy this good fellowship.

We at Three Springs with the help of the Lord and several of you, have had several firsts this past year in our new facility. We had our first baptizing, first soul saved, first revival, first vacation bible school, first deacon ordination, first wedding, first funeral and now hosting our first associational meeting.

Now as we look forward to next year's session, let us all pray that we would seek God's will in all things. Let us all begin to pray for New Zion Missionary Baptist Church as she prepares to host the association next year. If it be the Lord's will, we at Three Springs look forward to meeting with all of you as we come together for the 109th annual session on October 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Once again it has been an honor for Three Springs to host this session. We apologize and ask for your forgiveness if we failed to make you feel welcome. We pray that each of you will be returned safely to your homes and families.

Finally in closing, I would like to leave you with this verse of scripture taken from I Corinthians 1:10 "Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Prayerfully Submitted:

Dale Chaffin
Wayne Scott

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings from the Churches that make up the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. We pray that the past year has been fruitful in the labor of the Lord.

As we met for our one hundred fiftieth annual session in 1998, 28 churches reported 58 baptisms with a total membership of 3,127. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts with proof of a wonderful harvest of lost souls for God.

We are thankful for those who were able to visit with us during the 1998 session and pray that you found it most enjoyable. We would like to invite all to join us for the 1999 session to be held with Concord Missionary Baptist Church located on Westport Road east of Hwy 22 south of Huntingdon in Carroll County, Tennessee. The sessions will be held October 8-9, 1999, starting at 10:00 a.m. Bro. Lynn Stapleton will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday and Bro. Rufus Chandler will be preaching the Doctrinal Sermon on Saturday.

I also ask you to pray for our Moderator. We ask that God would bless him with the

health and stamina he needs to continue in his efforts to serve as the Lord leads.
Please remember our efforts in your prayers.

May God Bless,

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ENON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Greetings in the name of our LORD and SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, from the ENON MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. We hope that GOD blessed you with many souls who got saved and that you had a good association meeting last year.

In our 1997 session, there were nine churches that represented in the association. The association reports a membership of 1404, with a gain of 15 by baptism and a loss of 19 by death. We desire your prayers for the furtherance of the Lord's cause so that many more lost people will be saved.

The ENON ASSOCIATION will meet for the 1998 session on Friday, October 16th at 12 noon. This year we will meet at Bethany Missionary Baptist Church, located in Macon county, TN. We invite everyone to attend the services.

May GOD bless,
J.E. Shoulders - Moderator
Timothy Brown - Clerk
Carroll Barton - Treasurer

To our Sister Associations in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Greetings from the churches of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association. We trust that during the past year God has richly blessed your labors and prayers with spirit filled services and the salvation of souls.

As we met for our 40th annual session, there were 13 churches which reported a total membership of 1,492. We want to thank the Lord for the presence of His Spirit and the many blessings that He poured out upon us. We would also like to thank our young members who participated in the preparation for the meeting and the reports they prepared and

presented. It was encouraging to witness their zeal for the Lord's work.

We, the Association, also wish to thank Freedom Missionary Baptist Church of Speedway for hosting the association meeting this year. We pray that God will continue to bless your efforts as you continue to spread the Good News of our Savior. We thank our Lord for the visitors who attended and the glorious fellowship we shared.

We would like to invite you to join us for the 1998 session to be held at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church located at 1032 South Holmes in Indianapolis, Indiana. The sessions will be held September 18-20, 1998, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Friday evening, September 18. We enlist your prayers for this effort.

Elder William Shoulders, Moderator
Brother Mike Jackson, Clerk

127 Catalpa Drive
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
October 28, 1998

TO ALL SISTER CHURCHES
IN THE WISEMAN MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

On October 24, 1998 a motion was passed at the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association asking each church therein to send two representatives to help in deciding what avenues should be used in keeping or selling the remaining property of Wiseman Manor consisting of the home and two acres.

The meeting will be held at Harvest Missionary Baptist Church, 192 Curtis Cross Roads, Hendersonville, TN 37075 at 9:00 A.M. on December 5, 1998.

Kenneth Massey, Moderator
Tom Armstrong, Clerk

TA/rla

It was passed at the October 1998 meeting of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association that each church in the Wiseman Baptist Association send two representatives to a meeting on December 5th, 1998 at Harvest Missionary Baptist Church in Hendersonville, TN at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of discussing the Wiseman Baptist Manor property.

Representatives from each church in the Wiseman Baptist Association:

Bethlehem:	Bro. Bobby Sutton; Bro. Bob Newman
Harvest:	Bro. William Woodall; Bro. Kenneth Zink
Longview:	Bro. Bill Gammons; Bro. Mike Stokes
McFerrin:	Bro. Johnny Carver; Bro. Hugh Shoulders
New Zion:	Bro. Larry Gregory; Bro. Clyde Dilleha
Three Springs:	Bro. Kenneth Massey; Bro. Lonnie Cockriel

Bro. Kenneth Massey, moderator of the Wiseman Baptist Association, read for a devotion Psalms 135 and Bro. William Woodall led the group in prayer.

It was the consensus of the representatives that it would be prudent to sell the Wiseman Baptist Manor property.

A letter is being sent to each church in the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association and that should be returned by February 1, 1999 indicating the church's desire regarding this matter. A "yes" vote will indicate the church is in favor of selling the property and a "no" vote will indicate that the church does not wish to have the property sold. A majority vote to sell will authorize the Wiseman Baptist Manor trustees to sell the property.

Should the property be sold, each church is asked to bring to the 1999 Wiseman Baptist Association meeting, their suggestions as to how the money should be dispersed.

Please mark "yes" or "no" below and return to:

Tom Armstrong
Clerk, Wiseman Baptist Association
127 Catalpa Drive
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Regarding selling the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Manor property.

_____ CHURCH VOTES YES _____

_____ CHURCH VOTES NO _____

Kenneth Massey
Moderator
Wiseman Baptist Association

Tom Armstrong
Clerk
Wiseman Baptist Association

12/05/98

**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1999
AS PREPARED BY:**

**Bro. Deric McClard, Bro. Larry Gregory, Bro. Paul Patterson and Bro. Johnny Carver
Presented to the Wiseman Association by Bro. Larry Gregory**

Reports on the following subjects will be explored during the 1999 meeting of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association:

1. "Practical Means for Our Churches to Unite Our Efforts Without Sacrificing the Autonomy of the Local Church" (Bro. Larry Gregory, Bro. Paul Patterson, and Bro. Eugene Brown)
2. "The Responsibility of the Lord's Churches to the American Family; What Can We Do to Keep Families Together and to Help Those That Have Been Broken?" (Bro. Otis Jones, Bro. Deric McClard, and Bro. Steve Anderson)
3. "What Methods of Education Should We Use in Our Churches to Prepare Our People to Spread the Gospel Throughout Our Community?" (Bro. Johnny Carver, Bro. Billy Woodard, Bro. Roy Dale Chaffin)
4. "What Can be Done to Improve the Correspondence Between the Missionary and the Local Churches?" (Bro. Wayne Scott, Bro. Henry Smith, Bro. Wm. Woodall)
5. "Correspondence" (Bro. Clyde Dilleha and Bro. Kevin Perdue)

OUR SAINTED DEAD

	DATE OF DEATH
HARVEST	Sis. Vivian Pendleton.....September 28, 1998
LONGVIEW	Bro. James Kemper.....April 04, 1998
McFERRIN	Sis. Laura ShouldersFebruary 24, 1998 Bro. Jerry Evetts.....February 20, 1998 Bro. Houston PorterMarch 6, 1998 Bro. Daniel Revercomb.....May 28, 1998 Sis. Joyce Cantrell.....June 08, 1998
THREE SPRINGS	Sis. Anna Hayes.....June 11, 1998 Bro. Otis Shoultz.....July 22, 1998

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 Treasurer.....Marelle Newman
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 S. S. Supt.....None

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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

DATES	PLACE	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
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
1933	Rocky Mound	C.B. Massey	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1934	Pleasant Hill	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1935	Good Will	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1936	Spring Creek	W.T. Taylor	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1937	New Harmony	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1938	New Bethel	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1939	Union	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1940	Red Hill	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1941	Lafayette	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1942	Siloam	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1943	Athens	R.O. Sanders	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1944	Union Hill	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1945	Brattontown	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

DATES	PLACE	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
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 # 1	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
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
1996	McFerrin	Benny Snoddy	Larry Gregory	Tom Armstrong
1997	Harvest	Paul Patterson	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong
1998	Three Springs	Johnny Carver	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY

CHURCH	Enrollment 1995	Enrollment 1996	Enrollment 1997	Enrollment 1998	TEACHERS
Bethlehem	69	69	69	0	0
Harvest	21	20	20	25	5
Longview	100	100	40	40	8
McFerrin	234	250	284	304	14
New Zion	8	12	12	12	2
Three Springs	New	New	85	100	11
TOTALS	352	473	530	481	40

CHURCH MEMBERS

CHURCH	YEAR ORGANIZED	GAINS BY LETTER	GAIN BY BAPTISM	GAIN BY STATEMENT	LOSS BY LETTER	LOSS BY EXPULSION	DEATHS	CURRENT ENROLLMENT
Bethlehem	1962	2	1	0	0	0	0	128
Harvest	1980	7	1	0	1	0	1	81
Longview	1960	1	2	0	4	0	1	145
McFerrin	1948	12	10	3	2	0	5	530
New Zion	1981	1	0	0	0	0	0	38
Three Springs	1995	19	17	5	3	1	2	195
TOTALS		42	31	8	10	1	9	1,117