



LONGVIEW  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Site of 2000 Association

798 Spencer St.

GALLATIN, TENN.

1999

WISEMAN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 27, 2000**

- Call to Order
- Introductory Sermon
- Enrollment of churches and roll call of messengers
- Reading of Rules of Decorum by Clerk
- Petitionary Letters Call
- Election of 2000 Officers
- Select meeting place for 2001
- Select Brethren for 2001 Sermons
- Recognize All Visitors
- Order of Business Begins by:
- Call for Report on: "How to Encourage Young Churches to Become Indigenous."
- Call for Report on: "The Importance of Spiritual Leadership in the Church."
- Call for Report on: "Obituaries: A Temporary Separation from Our Sainted Dead."

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 28, 2000**

- Roll Call of Messengers
- Recognize All Visitors
- Call for 4th Report: "Financing the Lord's Work"
- Doctrinal Sermon
- Call for 5th Report: Missionary Report: Each missionary or missionary work will be given a ten minute speech.
- Treasurer's Report
- Correspondence from other Associations
- Call for New Business
- Approve Order of Business for 2001
- Read and approve Minutes
- Song and parting handshake

**WISEMAN  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
109TH ANNUAL SESSION  
OCTOBER 22-23, 1999**

**CONVENED WITH  
NEW ZION  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**OFFICERS**

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

**TOM ARMSTRONG, CLERK  
127 CATALPA DRIVE  
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**BOBBY SUTTON, TREASURER  
130 CLIFTOP DRIVE  
HENDERSONVILLE, TN 37075**

The 2000 annual session will be hosted by Longview Missionary Baptist Church, 798 Spencer Street, Gallatin, TN and will begin on Friday, October 27, 2000 at 10:00 A.M.

**SERMONS 2000**

**INTRODUCTORY .....BRO. PAUL PATTERSON**

**DOCTRINAL.....BRO. JOHNNY CARVER**

## 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 reprovved or such other course taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own option or any other member.

**ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES OF  
WISEMAN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS**

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

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and that they are the only rule of faith.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election, according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself

4. from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness

5. of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the final preservation of the saints, that they will never finally fall away

6. and be lost, and that good works are fruits of faith and follow after justification.

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, and that they

7. 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.

We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except such as are

8. regularly baptized and come under the hands of the Presbytery.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of

9. the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

**FIRST DAY  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1999**

After a dry, hot summer, we came together for the Wiseman Baptist Association. New Zion Baptist Church was our host for the 109th session.

With Bro. Donnie Hines playing the piano, Bro. Lonnie Cockriel led, "What A Day That Will Be" and "I Never Shall Forget The Day."

Brother Kenneth Massey, Moderator, came making remarks about the beautiful day and the sweet spirit we have already felt. The 148th Psalm was read for devotion.

Request was made for prayer for Bro. Larry Gregory and family concerning the loss of his mother. Bro. Henry Smith led in prayer, reminding us of the greatness of God, thanking God for friends and fellowship. Bro. Smith begged God to please come and be with us and remembered those who were unable to be with us because of ill health. Following the prayer, Bro. Cockriel led, "When We All Get To Heaven."

Bro. Kevin Perdue, Pastor of New Zion Church came at this time welcoming us to this church and spoke of the greatness of unity using love as a lesson.

Bro. Larry Gregory, former pastor of New Zion came using Proverbs 31 for a scriptural lesson. Bro. Gregory told of the joy he feels by the Association meeting here these two days. He spoke of the works for God that his mother had done throughout her lifetime.

Bro. Massey made several remarks on the history of the Wiseman Association and then proceeded by introducing Bro. Deric McClard who was elected last year to preach the Introductory Sermon for 1999. Galatians 3:26, "Peace Among The Children Of God." The second Chapter of Hebrews was used as proof scripture telling about us being brothers. Bro. McClard reminded us that earthly brothers and sisters had disagreements, saying that christian brothers also disagree giving Cain and Able as examples, as well as Esau and Jacob, Joseph and his brothers, David and Goliath, Mary, and Christ. Bro. McClard said there is no place in God's work for strife. With God we are all equal because of Christ's shed blood. John 17 was used and Ephesians 2:13 to prove the point that christians must be united, not divided. I Corinthians 12 reinforced our gifts and the operation of our talents. Bro. McClard said talents and responsibility were given by the same source. Rewards will not be equal, but there is no place for discord among us. At the conclusion of the introductory sermon, Bro. Cockriel led, "Victory In Jesus", while brothers and sisters met in the altar shaking hands and sharing God's spirit.

Bro. Kenneth Massey gave special attention to three brethren from East Tennessee. Then called for the enrollment of churches and Roll Call of the messengers.

**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, Robert E. Newman  
Gary Nicholas, Clint Greer



HARVEST.....	Bobby Pitt, Dean Andrews, Tom Cook
LONGVIEW .....	Deric McClard, Mike Stokes, Billy Gammons, Allen Troutt, Steve Franklin
McFERRIN .....	Johnny Carver, Eugene Brown Paul Patterson, James Hill, William Overton
NEW ZION .....	Kevin Perdue, Clyde Dilleha, Calvin Bruce, Larry Gregory, Rick Ellis, Clint Perdue
THREE SPRINGS.....	Kenneth Massey, Lonnie Cockriel, Wayne Scott, Jimmy Meadors

**OFFICERS FOR 1999**

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

- MODERATOR.....Elder Kenneth Massey
- ASSISTANT .....
- CLERK .....
- ASSISTANT .....
- TREASURER.....Elder Bobby Sutton
- ASSISTANT .....

Speeches of thanks were made by the newly elected officers.

The Clerk read Rules of Decorum.

**PETITIONARY LETTERS**

There were no petitionary letters presented at the 1999 Wiseman Baptist Association meeting.

**2000 MEETING PLACE**

An invitation was given by McFerrin and Longview. Longview Missionary Baptist Church at 798 Spencer Street, Gallatin, TN was chosen for the meeting of the Wiseman Baptist Association in the year 2000.

**SERMONS FOR 2000**

The following ministers were elected to preach the sermons for the 2000 meeting of the Wiseman Baptist Association.

**Bro. Paul Patterson** was elected by acclamation to preach the Introductory Sermon.

**Bro. Deric McClard** was elected by acclamation as the alternate for the Introductory Sermon.

**Bro. Johnny Carver** was elected by acclamation to preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

**Bro. Bobby Sutton** was elected by acclamation as the alternate for the Doctrinal Sermon.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

NAME	CHURCH
Eld. Steven Swords .....	Jared, Elwood, TN
Bro. Chris White .....	Jared, Elwood, TN
Bro. Tim Stinson .....	New Life, Surgoinsville, TN
Bro. Bobby Mullins .....	New Life, Surgoinsville, TN
Eld. Ron Laferty .....	New Life, Surgoinsville, TN
Eld. Raymond Hargis .....	Pleasant Valley, Washington, IL
Bro. & Sister Ed Hardy.....	Lebanon, TN

Bro. Kenneth Massey, moderator, called for Report #1, **“Practical Means for Our Churches to Unite Our Efforts Without Sacrificing the Autonomy of the Local Church.”** Elder Eugene Brown, Elder Paul Patterson, Elder Kenneth Massey, Brother Wayne Scott, and Elder Tom Armstrong spoke, the report was adopted.

A church’s territorial rights are limited or confined within its own body. It has no power to discipline, police, dictate, or correct any other church; otherwise, that local church would lose its independence. To submit to or be controlled by or even threatened by another church is unscriptural. The independent church has the power and authority from God as a living organism. The Lord “only” is to be the church’s head. A church is privileged to be its own interpreter as to what the Bible teaches. There are no ecclesiastical powers or rights to supervise over any other churches, its power, or its leadership from the independent church.

The local church is its own republic within itself. Webster defines a republic to be “a little republic within itself.”

“A government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens is entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representative responsibility to them. A territorial unit.”

In the case of the seven churches in Asia, most of them had problems of gross sin within themselves. However, God reserved Himself through His guidance to inform each of them of their own problem and if not repented of to His satisfaction the candlestick would be removed. Where in the Bible does God give the authority for one church to straighten out or bring about a threat to another church?

Our projected desire naturally is to try to keep our church clean. True, but how clean is clean? If you should take the record book or history of any church you will not find one spotless church. Even Jesus started the first church with a devil in it. If a devil (Judas) baptized, which the record indicated he did, then we have an error in the first church; and if we are to correct our errors we must go back to the first church. Jesus sat in and ordained a devil. So if Jesus sat in and ordained a devil knowingly, he did not set an example of a perfect church.

**John 4:1,2:** *“When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples).”*

True Baptists have always contended that people baptized by other denominations to be alien and not practiced or accepted among us by honoring their baptism.

In the case of Christians in error, we are to receive all that can give a testimony of

salvation based on the Lord's command in **Revelation 18:4** "*And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her (Babylon, a system of doctrine) my people.*" God addresses them as His people. If God addressed them as His people, then is it not the duty of churches to help them come out or say no? You and your kindred just go on in error and be partakers of the plagues. We may have to baptize them (that are saved); take them by letter if the receiving church can ascertain they have valid baptism receiving them by letter as we covenanted together in our church covenant. "As soon as we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant." In order to carry out the spirit of our subject, "**Practical means for our churches to unite our efforts without sacrificing the autonomy of the local church.**" The trend today is not to grant the letter and hold their members hostages for the rest of their lives. In the spirit of progress and aid to those in our community that desire fellowship with that local church, if they cannot receive a letter then take them by statement. A letter is what it states, "a member in regular standing." It is not a document but a courtesy. People need to enjoy their salvation and raise their families in the fear and admonition of the Lord in the community where they live.

The Wiseman Baptist Association met first at Cedar Bluff in 1891. I am assuming they adopted our constitution then.

I would like to site **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.

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"At variance with a commonly accepted doctrine in religion. Opposed to orthodox." If we are to maintain peace and progress among us we would do well to work together in the spirit of and admonition Paul gave to the Ephesians 4:2,3, "*With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*"

Elder Eugene Brown  
Elder Paul G. Patterson  
Elder Larry S. Gregory

A motion passed at 12:00 to dismiss for lunch and meet back at 1:00

Prayer request was made for Bro. William Woodall who is almost always at the association but was unable to attend this year.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a bountiful, delicious lunch, we came together with Bro. Clyde Dilleha leading "I Have Found the Way", with Bro. Donnie Hines at the piano.

Psalms 107:1-7 was read by Moderator Kenneth Massey for a devotional and he called on Bro. Raymond Hargis to lead in prayer. Bro. Hargis gave thanks for all the blessings and made requests that the Lord would help us to be used in the way God would be pleased.

At this time, Bro. Deric McClard gave the report on **“The Responsibility of the Lord’s Churches to the American Family: What Can We Do to Keep Families Together and Help Those That Have Been Broken.”** Bro. Deric McClard, Bro. Kenneth Massey, Bro. Johnny Carver and Bro. Paul Patterson spoke on this subject. The report was adopted.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Marriage is one of the most sacred unions in the economy of God’s Creation. Appropriately described as “holy” (Chapman 33), it has been identified as that “honorable estate instituted by God and signifying unto us the mystical union which exists between Christ and His Church” (156). But although a fundamental institution such as this should be revered and celebrated, it has far too often been despised, and the American family has suffered. In “The Breakdown of the Family,” Patrick F. Fagan explains the crisis:

In 1950, for every 100 children born, 12 entered a broken family. Today, for every 100 children born, 60 will enter a broken family. Each year, about one million children experience the divorce of their parents, 1.25 million are born out of wedlock, and another 1.4 million are aborted. Child abuse is growing steadily, and child sexual abuse is growing fastest of all. In short, Americans are literally turning against their children. But adults suffer as well from the breakdown of the family institution. (1)

The divorce rate in America is the highest in the world (Fagan 4), and Robert Hughes goes as far as to suggest that “for every marriage that occurs in this country there is about one divorce” (1). Other sociologists point out the undesirable consequences that follow the breakdown of the family unit. They include a rise in “crime, addiction, abuse, illness, and underachievement” (Fagan 2). When confronted with such startling facts as these, we must carefully consider our responsibilities in order to more clearly identify what we can do to keep families together and help those that have been broken.

Christ commissioned His Church to be a disciple-making, disciple-baptizing, disciple-teaching body. (See Matthew 28:19-20.). To defend the now beleaguered family unit, we must take this latter responsibility very seriously. By teaching our flocks “to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you,” we can provide the scriptural instruction and spiritual direction that are necessary to have a successful marriage and strong Christian family in “the midst of a crooked and perverse nation.” (See Philippians 2:15.) As we do so, certain things must be stressed:

- I. Marriage
  - A. Its divine institution - Genesis 2:18-24
  - B. Its spiritual endorsement - Proverbs 18:22
  - C. Its honorable character - Hebrews 13:4
  - D. Its symbolic significance - Ephesians 5:22-44

- II. Divorce - Matthew 5:31-32, 19:3-9

- III. Relationship Guidelines - Eph. 5:22-6:4, Col. 3:18-21, I Cor. 7:3-5
  - A. Husbands and wives
  - B. Parents and children

As we are given the opportunity and led by the Spirit of God, we must preach these things

from our pulpits; teach them in our Bible studies; share them during our counseling sessions, conferences, and retreats; and declare them with great boldness and a profound sense of urgency through all available means (radio, TV, Internet).

In addition to educating our congregations about the already-mentioned items, we can work to keep families together by providing opportunities within the church and activities outside the church to promote healthy interaction among family members. Why should the work of our churches not provide a forum for the forging of more solid relationships between husbands and wives and parents and children? Let us be "always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (See I Corinthians 15:58.) Our churches might also follow the example of the early church at Jerusalem by providing financial assistance for families with special needs. (See Acts 4:34-35.) Such needs are a contributing factor to many of the divorces in our country. We can lessen this great burden by utilizing our resources to take care of our own.

As we earnestly endeavor to preserve and defend the vitality and integrity of the family unit within our churches, we must recognize that some, if not many, in our congregations are, have been, or someday will be a part of a broken home. What can be done to help these brothers and sisters? Knowing that we cannot succeed with insensitive methods which involve fault-finding or guilt-imposing, we must remember that these suffering souls need the genuine, self-sacrificing love of their fellow church members. Are we not taught that this love "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things"? (See I Corinthians 13:7.) This love ought to characterize God's children. (See I John 4:7-8, John 13:35, I John 3:18.) It is needed by victims of broken homes.

To effectively deal with the serious social problems that seek to hinder the cause of God, we must remember our duties as Christians and members of the Lord's Body. Although it may seem that we are losing the war to uphold marriage and defend the family unit, we must continue to boldly teach God's Word, to cheerfully give of our time and energy and resources to those who are needy, and to vehemently demonstrate that powerful love that is "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." (See Romans 5:5.) Thus, we can gain the victory and be found discharging our duties as members of the Lord's Church.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Elder Deric McClard  
Brother Steve Anderson

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The next report, "What Methods of Education Should We Use In Our Churches to Prepare Our People to Spread the Gospel Throughout Our Communities?" was given by Bro. Johnny Carver. Bro. Carver, Bro. Tom Armstrong, Bro. Kevin Perdue, Bro. Kenneth Massey, Bro. Steven Swords, and Bro. Mike Stokes spoke on this subject. The report was adopted.

INTRODUCTION: God has always expected His people to know, understand, and do His will. God's word tells parents to train their children in the ways of the Lord. PROVERBS 22:6, EPH. 6:4. God's word tells churches to teach each member all things the Lord has commanded. MATT. 28:20. God desires to have a close walk with every believer. This can only happen as we spend time in His Holy word. II TIM. 2:15. We prayerfully submit the following suggestions from the word of God to help our churches prepare each member to spread the gospel in their communities.

- I. ENCOURAGE EACH MEMBER TO HAVE AN ON GOING BIBLE STUDY  
PSA. 119:105.
  - A. Daily devotional and prayer time. PSA 1.
  - B. Regular study time - Sunday school lesson. Bible study lessons.
  - C. Review of the 18 Articles of Faith from time to time. JER. 6:16.
  - D. Church Covenant
- II. ENCOURAGE REGULAR FAMILY BIBLE STUDY DEUT. 6:5-7.
  - A. Bible reading and prayer at family meals.
  - B. Discussion of Sunday school lesson during the week.
  - C. Family night once a week. EPH. 6:4.
  - D. Use the Bible to answer life's problems. PROV. 4:20-23.
- III. ENCOURAGE EACH CHURCH TO HAVE ON GOING CHURCH BIBLE TRAINING MATT. 28:20
  - A. Sunday school ACTS 2:42
  - B. Regular Bible studies. Men and Women TITUS 2:3-4.
  - C. Wednesday night Bible study ACTS 2:46.
  - D. Marriage enrichment seminars EPH. 5:21.33.
- IV. CONCLUSION: The responsibility of the church is to teach and prepare each member for the work God has called us to. God works in us to prepare each other.

Prayerfully Submitted,  
Brother Johnny Carver

At this time Bro. Henry Smith came forward and gave his report on **“What Can Be Done to Improve the Correspondence Between the Missionary and the Churches?”** Bro. Smith, Bro. Wayne Scott, and Bro. Donnie Hines spoke on this subject. The report was adopted.

I can't begin to tell you how important this subject is. You would have to be out in some destitute mission field to understand it fully. The missionary likes very much to hear from home. It is very encouraging to receive a message from some church or an individual as to how it is back home. Sometimes when receiving a letter with a check inside, he looks at that but that is not all, he looks to see if there is a good letter enclosed. Sometimes just a note and sometimes a long encouraging message. Such correspondence often comes at a time when he is in much need of a lift. God knows our needs and what to do to fill that need. The missionary is encouraged by a message from churches at home and churches are encouraged by the message from the missionary. This must be mutual to be as affective as it should be, not a oneway street.

#### HOW TO IMPROVE THIS CORRESPONDENCE

- I. Prayer is the answer to so many places to be filled in for the Lord's services; and

in missions this is no exception. So many times we received letters from somebody telling us that they were praying for us. Prayer stirs the hearts of people and in turn they want to do something for those they are praying for. This happens in the cause of missions.

II. Listen to the Spirit. Distance makes no difference with the Spirit of God, and He can convey His message to where he wants it to go, and this can be by touching the hearts of one of His to write that message, and send it.

III. Bible example: Though there were no postal services in Bible days as we have, but there were messengers who traveled from missionary to church conveying a message from one to the other. The apostle Paul rejoiced greatly when he received a message and offering from the church at Philippi by the hand of a man named Epaphroditus.

THE PHILLIPPIAN CHURCH:

"When I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again to my necessity. Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all; and abound I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable well pleasing to God" Phillipians 4:15-18.

THE CHURCH OF THE COLOSSIANS:

The apostle Paul was so moved by the Message which he had heard by a man named Epaphras that he prayed a great moving prayer for the Colossians. The expressions of his heart are written in his letter: "for this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you." And his great prayer follows. Please read Colossians 1:4-12.

Submitted for more correspondence,

Henry Smith

Wayne Scott

The next report was on the Wiseman Association Property and The Wiseman Baptist Manor. In the absence of Bro. William Woodall who was ill, Bro. Bobby Sutton and Bro. Eugene Brown presented the report. It was adopted.

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

October 1999

	<b><u>Bank Balance at end of Associational Year - 1998</u></b>	<b>\$114,191.33</b>
<b><u>Receipts:</u></b>		
	Interest on Bank Account	\$7,275.03
	Telephone Refund	\$22.66
	Insurance Refund	\$133.00
	Sale of House and Contents	\$94,166.85
	Remainder of Home Expense Account	<u>\$271.63</u>
	<b><u>Total Available Cash</u></b>	<b>\$216,060.50</b>
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>		
	Utilities	\$889.28
	Taxes	\$493.92
	Association Minutes	\$500.00
	Association Clerk	\$500.00
	Trash Pickup	\$77.00
	Telephone	\$147.59
	Cable	\$73.14
	Christmas Gift/Administrator	\$125.00
	Insurance	\$394.50
	Advertising	\$216.00
	Maintenance	<u>\$40.00</u>
	<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b>\$3,456.43</b>
	<b>BANK BALANCE (9/24/99)</b>	<b>\$212,604.07</b>

This is an unaudited report

William H. Woodall, Treasurer

The motion passed to dismiss until Saturday at 9:00 A.M. Bro. Chris White prayed the dismissal prayer.



**SECOND DAY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1999**

The Lord gave us another beautiful day with the sun shining as we came together at 9:00 A.M. after handshakes and fellowship.

With Sis. Judy Formosa playing the piano, Bro. Clyde Dilleha led, "Eternity's A Long Long Time." Bro. Lonnie Cockriel sang, "One Day at a Time."

Bro. Kenneth Massey, moderator, came at this time welcoming everyone, especially the visitors, to today's session of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association. Bro. Massey used Romans 8:14-31 for a devotional reading - "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Bro. Paul Patterson led the assembly to the Lord in prayer after several requests were made. He gave thanks to God for allowing all things to be as well with us as they are. Prayer was made for this meeting, that all things done would be pleasing to God. The sick were remembered in this prayer as well as the unsaved.

Next was the Roll Call of messengers.

**SATURDAY VISITORS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>
Bro. Dewey Dyer .....	Jared, Elwood, TN

**OBITUARY REPORT**

Bro. Kenneth Massey gave the Obituary Report at this time. He read from Bro. Calvin Gregory's writings. The Obituary Report was adopted and a motion passed to include Bro. Gregory's writings in the 1999 minutes.

The report on obituaries was read by Kenneth Massey, as follows:

We learn with sadness and grief that 32 brethren and sisters who were with us a year ago have gone from the shores of time to eternity. It seems such a short time since they were with us here below, but now they have gone and they will come into our homes, our churches, our family circles, our lives and our very heart no more while we sojourn as strangers here below. They grew weary and tired and a merciful God who knows all our burdens took them away from this evil world to a place where they might find the rest denied to them in their earthly homes. They have climbed the last hill between time and eternity and their journey is ended. Life's fitful storms come to them no more and they slumber sweetly in their graves while their souls have gone to be with Jesus.

Many of these were leaders in our churches, loving the cause of God unselfishly and giving to God their humble labors as His faithful followers. 'Tis hard to give them up when it seems that we need the best so much. Their places around the fireside are vacant now, and the family circles have been rudely broken, and we look for them in the churches but their places are empty now, for God's weary workmen have laid down the things of this life and the burden to us who still live is the greater.

'Tis hard to give them up, but is best. It would not be right for us to want them to labor and toil and sorrow and grieve through countless years. But our loss is so heavy and

our grief so unutterable, but God knows it all and His great loving heart is moved with a sense of our needs. We know He will help us, we know He will care for us, and we know He will at last carry us all home to a better and fairer land.

Let us not grow weary in well doing, but let us strive to take up the work laid down by our sainted dead and carry it on to a glorious finish. Let us try to walk in all good examples and at last may we hear the Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The above report was written by Bro. Calvin Gregory and presented before the Enon Association in 1929.

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Bro. Bobby Sutton gave the treasurer's report. It was adopted by the association.

No Balance Brought Forward      Oct. 1998

Deposit from Churches 11-3-98	\$ 500.00
Deposit (Bro. Woodall) 3-15-98	\$ 500.00
Gerald Printing Co. for Minutes	\$ 954.34
Interest Earned	\$ 3.47
Fee Charged by Bank	\$ 9.00
Total Money on Hand 10-22-99	\$ 40.13

Elder Bobby Sutton, Treasurer

Bro. Kevin Perdue read a letter from New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, stating that it was an honor for the church to receive everyone who took part in the 109th meeting of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association. Bro. Perdue and Bro. Clyde Dilleha spoke on this report. The report was adopted for inclusion in the 1999 minutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

It was a great honor to us at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church to receive everyone who took part in this Wiseman Baptist Association, now in it's 109th season.

First, we at New Zion would like to thank everyone for his/her attendance, which brought fellowship and the work of our Lord, as is our duty as Christians and members of God's church. We're also thankful for the food provided that has nourished our bodies, and for the music that has filled our souls. We thank the Lord most of all for this opportunity to meet with each other as children of God.

May we pray that we never disperse from His side nor lose sight of His love as we stumble along the way.

On behalf of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
Bro. Kevin Perdue  
Bro Clyde Dilleha

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

The churches in the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association send greetings to our sister churches in the other associations.

We pray for the spiritual prosperity of your churches and that God has richly blessed you in that your lost has been saved and your churches have been edified in the service of His blessed name.

When Siloam Association recently met for its forty-seventh annual session, hosted by Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church in Alvaton, KY, the messengers from the affiliate churches were reminded of the good fellowship and spiritual services of one year ago.

Three churches petitioned and were received into the fellowship of the Association. God blessed the efforts of Siloam Association again this year in that stirring messages, given by God, were delivered by Elders Richard Huskins, Vernon Roark and Doug Matthews. It is our prayer that your Association of Churches will be equally blessed in your session.

We appreciate the presence of all the visitors to our last annual session and trust that they found the services spiritually uplifting. All are invited to attend the 2000 session as we meet with Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church at Bowling Green, KY beginning at 10:00 A.M. September 30, 2000.

Sincerely, in the Master's name,  
Elder Billy Moran, Moderator  
Clifford Hayes, Clerk  
Elder Terry Patterson, Treasurer

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 fifty-first annual session in 1999, 29 churches reported 56 baptisms with a total membership of 3,232. 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 1999 session and pray that you found it most enjoyable. We would like to invite all to join us for the 2000 session to be held with Bethel Missionary Baptist Church located on Old 22 Road just off of Hwy 22 north of Huntingdon in Carroll County, Tennessee. The sessions will be held October 6-7, 2000, starting at 10:00 am. Bro. Chris Solomon will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday and Bro. Stephen Skinner 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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Bro. Eugene Brown made a motion to keep \$12,000 in the association's treasure and the remainder to be equally divided among the six churches now in the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association. The motion passed.

Bro. Eugene Brown suggested that books that he has of the Wiseman Baptist Association be given to McFerrin church library. The motion was made and passed regarding this.

Bro. Clyde Dilleha led us in singing, "Because of Calvary."

Bro. Kenneth Massey introduced Bro. William Overton, the man elected last year to preach our Doctrinal Sermon.

Bro. Overton came thanking the Association for selecting him for this opportunity to preach today. He spoke of his age and mentioned several preachers he knew that have gone on. He said that he and Bro. Henry Smith were ordained together at New Bethel Church in 1942.

Bro. Overton read II Timothy 3:1.

He said our Baptist churches should be ashamed for not getting together to fight the sinful things that are going on today. Bro. Overton stated that he loves everyone and wants everyone to go to heaven, although some people don't like him, even one of his neighbors. He made mention of how his mother took him to church as a child. He was taught about being saved by grace and not of works.

Bro. Overton spoke of Ephesians 2:8-9. He spoke of establishment of the Lord's house, using Isaiah 2:2, Daniel 2:44, Matthew 3:1-7, Psalms 51:1, Peter 1:5. He also spoke of the reality of heaven and hell. Bro. Overton quoted scriptures from I Corinthians 15.

Bro. Overton said we could look for him in heaven.

Bro. Clyde Dilleha led the congregation in singing "The Old Rugged Cross" while everyone came by to shake hands with Bro. Overton and thanking him for bringing such a good message. The spirit of God was felt during this handshake and many good testimonies were given.

Bro. Deric McClard played the piano while Bro. Lonnie Cockriel led "He Touched Me." Several more good testimonies were given following this song.

**NEW BUSINESS  
AS PREPARED BY ELD. JOHNNY CARVER**

Reports on the following subjects will be explored during the 2000 meeting of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association:

1. "How to Encourage Young Churches to Become Indigenous." (Eld. Eugene Brown, Eld. Kenneth Massey)
2. "The Importance of Spiritual Leadership in the Church." (Eld. Deric McClard, Eld. Kevin Perdue, Bro. Lonnie Cockriel)
3. "Obituaries: A Temporary Separation From Our Sainted Dead." (Eld. William Overton, Eld. Bobby Sutton, Eld. Gary Nichols)
4. "Financing the Lord's Work." (Eld. Larry Gregory, Bro. Mike Stokes, Eld. Henry Smith)
5. Missionary Report: Each missionary or missionary work will be given a ten minute speech. (Eld. Eugene Brown, Eld. Bobby Pitt)

This report was adopted for the year 2000.

At this time, the minutes were read by the clerk, Bro. Tom Armstrong, and they were approved by the association.

The 109th meeting of the Wiseman Baptist Association was closed with a parting handshake and testimonies of thankfulness. A motion was made that the Association close and meet again on Friday, October 27, 2000 at Longview Missionary Baptist Church. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

Moderator: Elder Kenneth Massey

Clerk: Elder Tom Armstrong

**OUR SAINTED DEAD**

<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	Bro. James Pappas .....July, 1999
<b>HARVEST</b>	Bro. Billy J. Cook .....September 20, 1999
<b>McFERRIN</b>	Bro. S.C. Vaughn .....December 18, 1998 Sis. Ruby Nell Goad .....February 19, 1999 Bro. Arthur Breeze .....May 4, 1999 Bro. Jimmy Williams .....May 27, 1999 Bro. David Wilkerson .....June 20, 1999 Bro. Mike Conyers .....July 14, 1999 Sis. Fran Parsons .....July 30, 1999
<b>THREE SPRINGS</b>	Sis. Maurine Dallas .....November 14, 1999 Bro. Kenneth Page .....March 27, 1999

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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.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>PREACHER</b>	<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>CLERK</b>
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



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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

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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	H.C. Vanderpool
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
1999	New Zion	Deric McClard	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong

**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	3	5	1	2	0	1	136
Harvest	1980	0	3	0	3	7	1	73
Longview	1960	1	3	0	3	1	0	146
McFerrin	1948	9	15	2	5	4	7	540
New Zion	1981	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Three Springs	1995	15	14	5	0	0	2	227
<b>TOTALS</b>		28	40	8	13	12	11	1,160

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMARY**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>Enrollment 1996</b>	<b>Enrollment 1997</b>	<b>Enrollment 1998</b>	<b>Enrollment 1999</b>	<b>TEACHERS</b>
Bethlehem	69	69	0	0	0
Harvest	20	20	25	25	5
Longview	100	40	40	45	8
McFerrin	250	284	304	300	14
New Zion	12	12	12	17	2
Three Springs	New	85	100	112	16
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>45</b>