

Wiseman  
Baptist  
Association

**2000**

**October 20, 21**

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 26, 2001**

- Call to order
- Special Singing
- Introductory Sermon
- Enrollment of Churches and Roll Call of Messengers
- Reading of Rules of Decorum by Clerk
- Petitionary Letters Call
- Election of 2001 Officers
- Select Meeting Place for 2002
- Select Brethren for 2002 Sermons
- Recognize all Visitors
- Call for Report on Christian Education
- Special Singing
- Fellowship Sermon
- Close with Altar Prayer

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 27, 2001**

- Roll Call of Messengers
- Recognize All Visitors
- Special Singing
- Doctrinal Sermon
- Call for Report on Impacting Our Community
- Correspondence from Other Associations
- Call for New Business
- Approve Order of Business for 2002
- Read and Approve Minutes
- Song and Parting Handshake

**WISEMAN  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER 20-21, 2000**

**CONVENED WITH  
LONGVIEW  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
798 SPENCER STREET  
GALLATIN, TN 37066**

**OFFICERS**

**KENNETH MASSEY, MODERATOR  
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The 2001 annual session will be hosted by McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, 431 West Old Hickory Boulevard, Madison, TN and will begin on Friday, October 26, 2001 at 10:00 A.M.

**SERMONS 2001**

**INTRODUCTORY.....BROTHER KEVIN PERDUE**

**DOCTRINAL.....BROTHER DERIC MCCLARD**

## 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.** All questions arising before this Association shall 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.
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 20, 2000**

Messengers arrived to a warm welcome from Pastor Deric McClard and to refreshments served by the members of Longview Baptist Church, our host for the 110<sup>th</sup> session.

With Brother McClard playing the piano, Brother Mike Patterson led the congregation in singing "My God is Real" and "By Faith I Believe."

Brother Kenneth Massey, Moderator, opened with remarks concerning the meeting of the association one hundred years ago and welcomed the messengers and visitors to the 110<sup>th</sup> session. Brother Massey read Ephesians 2: 18-22 for a devotion and spoke of the importance of building together.

Brother Ray Smith, a member of Independent Baptist Church in the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association, led in prayer. Brother Smith gave thanks to God for all good and perfect gifts, for the protection of the messengers on the highways, for the churches represented and the many saved over the years. He thanked God for every minister, deacon, and lay person in attendance and prayed God's blessings upon the lost, the sick, and the afflicted.

Brother Massey then recognized Brother Jim Tucker who came rejoicing to sing "There's Something There That I Can't Tell." Brother Massey relayed the good news of a young lady being saved in a recent prayer meeting conducted by Brother Tucker at Three Springs Baptist Church.

Brother Massey proceeded to introduce Brother Paul Patterson, who was elected last year to preach the introductory sermon for 2000, and spoke of his long friendship with Brother Patterson. Brother Patterson related his salvation experience and his call to preach. He expressed his desire to please God and his need for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Brother Patterson read Genesis 6:14-18 and 22 for his lesson and used "The Importance of Following God's Pattern" for his theme. Brother Patterson spoke of Noah following God's pattern in the building of the ark on which he, his family, and the animal kingdom were saved from the flood waters. He spoke of how the first-born of the children of Israel were spared by following God's pattern to apply the blood of the properly prepared lamb to

the two side posts and the upper door post of their houses on the prescribed night. Brother Patterson spoke of Moses building the tabernacle according to God's pattern and of the worship therein being conducted according to God's instruction. He spoke of God smiting Uzzah for putting his hand to the ark of God in violation of God's command. Brother Patterson also recounted how the walls of Jerico fell when Joshua followed God's instruction and how every piece of Solomon's temple was put in place without the sound of a hammer because the material had been prepared according to God's blueprint. Brother Patterson reminded us how Jesus taught that God is a spirit and that we must worship Him in spirit and in truth. He spoke from Isaiah 44 of the blessings of worshiping the true and living God contrasted with the folly of idol worship. Brother Patterson quoted from Romans 12 to remind us of our responsibilities and from Hebrews 10 of the importance of exhorting one another to be about God's business. Brother Patterson's sermon was delivered in a spirit of love and encouragement. At the conclusion of the sermon, Brother Donnie Hines led "I'm in the Glory Land Way" and "Victory in Jesus" while the congregation met in the altar, shaking hands with Brother Patterson and each other.

### PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

At this point, Brother Tom Armstrong asked to be excused for reasons of health. Brother Massey requested that Brother Larry Gregory, the assistant clerk, read the letters from the churches of the Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association. The following brethren answered the roll call as messengers from their respective churches.

#### BETHLEHEM

B. G. Sutton, Gary Nicholas,  
David Gregory, Kenneth Zinc

#### LONGVIEW

Deric McClard, Steve Franklin,  
Carney Troutt, Mike Stokes,  
Michael Meador Sr., Alternate

#### MCFERRIN

Johnny Carver, Eugene Brown,  
Paul Patterson, Don Escue

#### NEW ZION

Kevin Perdue, Larry S. Gregory,  
Clyde Dilleha, Calbert Bruce



**THREE SPRINGS**

Kenneth Massey, Jimmy Meadors,  
J.C. Conatser, Dale Chaffin,  
Dale Gillim, Alternate

Brother Massey then asked Brother Gregory to read the Rules of Decorum.

**PETITIONARY LETTERS**

In response to the moderator's call for petitionary letters, Brothers Ron Laferty and Tim Simpson rose to request that New Life Missionary Baptist Church in Surgoinsville, Tennessee be admitted into the association. Brother Massey then read, one by one, the principles from the ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES OF WISEMAN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS and asked Brothers Laferty and Simpson to affirm, one by one, their belief in each principle. This having been accomplished, Brother Bobby Sutton moved that the Church be received. Brother Johnny Carver seconded, and the motion passed without exception. The moderator acknowledged the acceptance by shaking hands with the two messengers.

**OFFICERS FOR 2000**

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

**MODERATOR**  
**ASSISTANT**  
**CLERK**  
**ASSISTANT**  
**TREASURER**  
**ASSISTANT**

Elder Kenneth Massey  
Elder Johnny Carver  
Elder Larry Gregory  
Elder Deric McClard  
Elder Bobby Sutton  
Brother James Hill

A motion was then made and passed to adjourn one hour for lunch. Brother Massey recognized Elder Charles Patterson, Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church in the Siloam Association, and called on Brother Patterson to pray the benediction and God's blessing upon the food.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch, Brother Clyde Dilleha led the congregation in singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Elder Deric McClard played the piano. The moderator read Song of Solomon 6: 10-13, and made some remarks about the Bride of Christ. Elder Kenneth Davis led the association in prayer. Brother Donnie Hines then sang "If I Can Help Somebody" after making some remarks about "Victory in Jesus" and Brother Luther Drummond's role in typesetting the song in 1939. The moderator offered words of appreciation to Longview Church for the meal.

## 2001 MEETING PLACE

Invitations were extended to the association by McFerrin and New Zion. After remarks by messengers from both churches, the association chose McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church at 431 Old Hickory Boulevard, Nashville, TN, for the meeting place for the association in 2001.

## SERMONS FOR 2001

The following ministers were elected to preach during the 111th annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association:

Introductory Sermon	Elder Kevin Perdue
Alternate	Brother Don Escue
Doctrinal Sermon	Elder Deric McClard
Alternate	Elder Bobby Sutton

## RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed by the moderator:

Brother Ray Smith, Independent MBC, Huntingdon, TN, Southwest District  
 Elder Charles Patterson, Mt. Juliet MBC, Mt. Juliet, TN, Siloam Association  
 Brother Wayne Larkins, State Line BC, Kingsport, TN  
 Elder Kenneth Davis, Mt. Lebanon MBC, Warren County, KY, Siloam Association  
 Elder Rufus Chandler, Concord MBC, Huntingdon, TN, Southwest District  
 Sis. Barbara Chandler, Concord MBC, Huntingdon, TN, Southwest District

The moderator then called for the first report, "How to Encourage Young Churches to Become Indigenous." Elder Eugene Brown read the report. After discussion by Elder Brown and Elder Kenneth Massey, the report was adopted.

## INDIGENOUS CHURCH PLANNING

First, we must explain what we mean by an indigenous church. The definition would be "a missionary or a group of localized people who have a burden and desire to start a mission or church." These persons enter into a work with the objective that this mission will soon become an independent body organized into a church. After being organized into an independent body, three things should be taken into account. The body should be self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating. This should naturally be under the Lordship of Christ. Whether the church is a national (U. S. A.) or foreign mission, the church should reach toward providing its own financial support from its members. This is what we term an indigenous church. Out of loving concern, this church begets other churches. To take away any one of the three makes a church weak, and the church falls short of the New Testament pattern. The apostle Paul realized the need to plant new churches; this was his highest priority. Watering and cultivating are related to and are a necessary part of church planting. If the missionary or established church spends all their time propping up old work, then they may be missing their calling. Some missions have been carried on for several years without having a convert or becoming established as a church. After several years as a pastor, I began to seek out the patterns of the apostle Paul, especially in reference to establishing churches. To my amazement he never raised any money for the erecting of buildings. The only reference there is to Paul raising money is for the poor saints of Jerusalem. I am certainly not speaking against helping people in poor countries to build buildings, but to assume full financial responsibility to provide continual financial upkeep, and fully support the national pastors and not educating them biblically on how to be self supporting, we are falling short of what the bible teaches. An absolute dependence in the Holy Spirit is an indispensable essential in establishing indigenous churches. In doing God's work, His will can only be done with our full reliance upon God to provide for us. Any other way we are delegating our trust to people rather than trusting God to meet our needs.

Submitted by: Brother Eugene Brown and Brother Kenneth W. Massey

The moderator then called for the second report, "The Importance of Spiritual Leadership in the Church." The report was read by Elder Deric McClard. After discussion by Elder McClard, Elder Kevin Perdue, Elder Kenneth Davis, Elder Johnny Carver, and Brother Steve Franklin, the report was adopted.

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH**

The Holy Spirit has been at work in this world since the beginning of time, and His influence has been felt in all places (Psalm 139: 7). Just as He "moved upon the face of the waters" when "God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1: 1-2), He also worked in the lives of many of the heroes of the faith in the OT: Joseph (Genesis 41: 38), Moses (Numbers 11: 17), Joshua (Numbers 27: 18), Gideon (Judges 6: 34), Samson (Judges 13: 25), Saul (I Samuel 10: 10), David (I Samuel 16: 13), Elijah (I Kings 18: 12), Ezekiel (Ezekiel 3: 14), and Daniel (Daniel 4: 8). He empowered the OT prophets, moving them to proclaim God's Truth (II Peter 1: 21). Moreover, His contributions to our Savior's earthly ministry are incalculable, for He anointed Him (Matthew 3: 16), empowered Him (Luke 4: 14), and directed Him (Matthew 4: 1). May our hearts rejoice this afternoon as we acknowledge that this same Spirit is still at work among God's people today!

Our relationship with the Holy Spirit is complex. He is our companion (John 14: 16-17), comforter (John 14: 26), convicter (John 16: 8-11), conductor (John 16: 13), co-worker (Romans 8: 26), counselor (I Corinthians 2: 13), commender (II Corinthians 6: 4, 6), and confirmer (Ephesians 1: 13-14). Furthermore, we look to Him to discover God's will for our lives and to come to terms with the appropriate course of action in discharging our daily duties. The leadership that He provides is available to all of God's children: As Paul writes, "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8: 14), and "If ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law" (Galatians 5: 18).

The gift of spiritual leadership is promised by our Savior. When He spoke about the coming of the Holy Spirit, He said, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16: 13). Because truth is not just that which should be known (John 8: 32), but also that which should be performed (John 3: 21), the promise of John 16: 13 is one that ensures

spiritual guidance for all of God's children. Examples of this special ministry abound in the NT. For example, the Holy Spirit led Jesus to the wilderness (Matthew 4 :1) and Philip to the Eunuch (Acts 8: 29). He also brought together Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10: 19-20). He called Paul and Barnabas to the mission field, prompted the Church at Antioch to separate them for that work (Acts 13: 2), and directed the missionaries during their travels (Acts 16: 6-7).

While we may rely on the leadership of the Holy Spirit in all aspects of Christian service, it is important for us to note that the men of God who were led by the Spirit in the above examples were in positions to be so conducted. They were led after they submitted themselves to God's will and while they were engaged in God's work. Jesus was led to the wilderness after he was baptized by John (Matthew 3: 13-17). Philip was led to the eunuch after he obeyed the Lord's command to go to Gaza (Acts 8: 26-27). Peter was led by the Spirit while he meditated on the vision of the vessel (Acts 10: 10-19). The Church at Antioch was led while they "ministered to the Lord, and fasted" (Acts 13: 2). Paul and his companions were led while they traveled through Phrygia, Galatia, and Mysia (Acts 16: 6-7). Paul reminds us in Romans 12: 1-2 that we may "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," but only after we yield ourselves to His will and involve ourselves in His work.

It is not possible to over-emphasize the importance of spiritual leadership in the church. As the Psalmist observes, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psalm 127: 1). May we always be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit; may our steps always be "ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 37: 23); and may we never either grieve the Spirit by admitting the corrupt things of this world into our lives (Ephesians 4: 30-31), or quench Him in disobedience (I Thessalonians 5:19). Let us remember the words of Abraham's servant. Commissioned by his master to find a wife for Isaac, he said, "I being in the way, the Lord led me" (Genesis 24: 27).

**Lovingly submitted,**

**Elder Deric McClard, Elder Kevin Perdue, Brother Lonnie Cockriel**

**Elder Bobby Sutton moved to adjourn until 10 a.m. on Saturday morning.  
The motion carried. Elder Rufus Chandler prayed the benediction.**

## SATURDAY MORNING

The association met together again on a rainy Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Brother Mike Patterson led the congregation in singing "I Know I'm Saved" and "It Is Well with My Soul" while Elder Deric McClard played the piano. After making some remarks about Song of Solomon 3: 1-4 and his grandfather's experience of salvation at Cornwell's Chapel MBC, the moderator read Psalm 121 for a devotion and spoke about the state of the association, the need for love, and the Bible's prescription for reconciliation between brothers. Elder Eugene Brown led the congregation in an altar prayer. The clerk called the roll of messengers.

## RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The following brother was recognized and welcomed by the moderator:

Brother Ed Hardee, Old Paths MBC, Lebanon, TN

Brother Donnie Hines led the congregation in singing "The Life Boat" while Elder Deric McClard played the piano. The moderator then presented Elder Johnny Carver, pastor of the McFerrin MBC, to preach the doctrinal sermon. After some introductory remarks, Brother Carver read Acts 2: 41-42 and announced his subject: "The Apostles' Doctrine." He spoke about the power of the early church, reminded us that we need God's power today, and identified Bible teaching as the foundation for that power. Brother Carver suggested that the apostles' doctrine consists of a powerful kingdom message with character instruction for all time. It is what the apostles preached from the Day of Pentecost forward. Its origin is Jesus Christ, and its focus is loving God and neighbors as oneself. Speaking about the contents of the doctrine, he reminded us of the emphasis on teaching in the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19-20) and in John's writing (II John 9). He also identified the Sermon on the Mount as a suitable guide for the Christian life and cautioned the assembly about relying on God's power, rather than on secular education. He spoke about the relationship between the apostles' doctrine, grace, and suffering. He closed his message with remarks about self-examination and the reminder that our fellowship with one another depends on doctrinal agreement. While Brother Donnie Hines led the congregation in singing "I'll Fly Away" and "When the Roll Is Called up Yonder," the brothers and sisters met in the altar for a handshake and to express their appreciation for the good message.

The moderator then called for the report on obituaries. Elder W. R. Overton read Psalm 116: 1-8 and spoke of the brothers and sisters who have left us in the last year and of his belief that they had the same salvation that David had. The names of the deceased were read by the clerk. After discussion by Elder Bobby Sutton and Elder Gary Nicholas, a motion was passed to again include the report written by Brother Calvin Gregory for the 1929 Enon Association in the 2000 Wiseman minutes.

### OBITUARY REPORT

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."

Elder Bobby Sutton moved to adjourn one hour for lunch. The motion carried, and Brother Ed Hardee prayed the benediction, asking for God's blessings upon the food.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After another wonderful meal which was provided by the Longview MBC, the association reconvened while Brother Clyde Dilleha led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace." Elder Deric McClard played the piano. After leading the assembly in reciting Psalm 23, the moderator called on Elder Ron Lafferty to lead in prayer.

The moderator then called for the fourth report, "Financing the Lord's Work." The report was read by Elder Larry Gregory. After discussion by Brother Gregory, Brother Mike Stokes, Brother Kenneth Massey, and Brother Johnny Carver, the report was adopted.

## FINANCING THE LORD'S WORK

Jesus taught the following in Matthew 6: 1-3&4. "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

In Leviticus 27:32 we are taught the following: " And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."

Deuteronomy 14:29 tells us briefly what the tithe is to be used for:

"And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest."



In the New Testament, while tithing may not be the major thrust of the meaning of the first portion of Hebrews 7, the practice seems to be endorsed by the reference to Melchizedek "to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all;"

But Paul seems to have captured the essence of the matter as he lauded the giving of the poor Macedonians in his letter to the rich Corinthians (II Corinthians 8:5) "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

Respectfully submitted by  
 Brother Larry S. Gregory, Brother M. R. Stokes, Brother Henry Smith

The moderator then called for reports from missionaries within the association. Elder Eugene Brown spoke about his work with the Words of Hope Ministry.

Elder Bobby Sutton then read the treasurer's report. After discussion, the report was adopted.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Deposited 10-28-99, Cumberland Bank Gallatin	\$12,776.90
Paid Brother Tom Armstrong	\$500.00
Paid Print Shop & Office Supply (minutes) 3-14-00	\$1137.25
Balance	\$11,139.65
Interest Earned	\$521.65
Total Balance 10-20-00	\$11,661.30

Elder B. G. Sutton, Treasurer

The clerk read correspondence from the Big Bear Creek Association, the Siloam Association, and the Southwest District Association. The letters were adopted by the association, and the clerk was instructed to send reciprocal letters from the Wiseman Baptist Association to these sister associations.

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February 10, 2001

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association:

We trust everything is going well with you all and your lost are being saved. We also trust God is still blessing you.

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Sixty-Fifth Annual Session with Blue Water Missionary Baptist Church. We had 30 churches reporting an increase of 146 with 68 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 153 with a total membership of 3,512. We still need to see many souls saved for the Lord.

We truly are thankful for the visitors that were able to be with us. We invite each one to join us for the 166th Annual Session to be held with Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located near Russellville, Alabama. This session will be held October 13, 14, 15, 16, 2001

We look forward to your correspondence this coming year. May God richly bless you.

In Christ's Love,

Keith L. Hood Clerk

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## **Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association**

October 10, 2000

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-second annual session in 2000, 29 churches reported 53 baptisms with a total membership of 3,207. Our hearts were saddened by the absence of our Moderator, Brother Harold Carver, due to surgery on the Friday of the session.

We are thankful for those who were able to visit with us during the 2000 session and pray that you found it most enjoyable. We would like to invite all to join us for the 2001 session to be held with Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church located at 10540 Collierville Road in Collierville, Tennessee just east of Memphis. The sessions will be held October 12-13, 2001, starting at 10:00 am. Brother Derrick Jowers will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday and Brother Rufus Chandler will be preaching the Doctrinal Sermon on Saturday.

I ask you to continue to pray for our Moderator. We ask that God would bless us with his continued presence and influence for many years to come.

Please remember our efforts in your prayers.

May God Bless,

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**SILOAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

October 4, 2000

The Siloam Missionary Baptist Association sends greetings to her sister associations in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We trust that the year 2000 has been a time of spiritual prosperity for the churches in your fellowship and that His kingdom has been increased through the salvation of many souls.

The Siloam Association recently met with Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Bowling Green, KY. During this time of spiritual fellowship the assembly was blessed with sermons and reports that uplifted our Lord and pointed the way to serve Him more completely.

Beginning October 5, 2001, the association will meet with Harvest Missionary Baptist Church in Hendersonville, TN where we will enjoy sermons by Elders Don Curtis, Ron Spurgeon and Roy G. Mullins. We extend a cordial invitation to all our sister churches to visit with us during this time of peace and harmony, unity and love.

In His Eternal Name,

Elder Billy Moran,  
Moderator

Elder Terry Patterson,  
Treasurer

Brother Clifford Hayes,  
Clerk

## **NEW BUSINESS**

In new business, Elder Johnny Carver spoke about the need for the association to organize a missionary conference. Elder Eugene Brown moved to open the floor for discussion on the topic. The motion carried. After much productive discussion on the logistics of such an undertaking, Brother Carver moved to close discussion on the subject. The motion carried.

Elder Kenneth Massey moved to elect Elder Deric McClard as the Association Missionary for the coming year. After Brother Massey identified the duties of the office and spoke about those who had served in this capacity in the Enon Association years ago, the motion carried. The Association Missionary's responsibilities include ascertaining interest in organizing churches in areas where there are no churches.

Elder Johnny Carver moved to elect Brother Donnie Hines as the Association Ambassador for the coming year. After Elder Kenneth Massey spoke about the responsibilities of the office, the motion carried. The Association Ambassador will represent the Wiseman Baptist Association and visit with churches that are not in the association.

The order of business for 2001 was then read by Elder Johnny Carver. After discussion, the report was adopted.

## **ORDER OF SERVICE FOR 2001**

Christian Education (Brother Steve Franklin, Brother Kent Collier, Brother David Gregory)

Obituaries (Brother Paul Patterson, Brother Mike Stokes, Brother Tim Simpson)

Impacting Our Community (Brother Ron Lafferty, Brother Dale Chaffin, Brother Kent Collier, Brother Kenneth Zinc)

Committee to Arrange Special Singing for 2001 Association Meeting (Brother Donny Hines, Brother Mike Patterson, Brother Clyde Dilleha)

The following report from the Longview MBC, after reading and discussion by Brother Steve Franklin and Brother Carney Troutt, was adopted.

### HOST CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE

On behalf of Longview Missionary Baptist church we would like to thank you for allowing us to host the 110th annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association.

We would like to thank everyone that took part in this Associational meeting regardless how large or small that part might have been. Whether it was preaching or praying, leading the song service or playing the piano, reading a report or discussing it, even those who helped clean the church to make it ready for the services. THANK YOU.

We would also like a "special thanks" to go to those who made sure the meals were prepared and ready. But most of all we would like to thank God for his presence through the Holy Spirit and the unity that has been displayed. As the psalmist stated in Psalm 133:1 ... "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

We would like to ask that you remember us here at Longview in your prayers. God has blessed us in the last year with new members and is moving in great ways. Pray that we, as well as all of God's churches, would be strong and endure the attacks of Satan who is "seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8. As we look forward to another year, and meeting with McFerrin, let's be prayerful for that church and those chosen to bring the messages.

Also, I would like to encourage each church represented here to correspond with every church in this Association. A newsletter every 2 months letting us know what is going on with your church would go a long way toward improving our fellowship and would allow us to pray for your needs. Remember the words of the apostle Paul writing to the church at Ephesus, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Prayerfully submitted,

Brother Steve Franklin, Brother Carney Troutt

The clerk then read the minutes for the 110th Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association. Brother Mike Stokes moved for approval of the minutes; the motion carried.

The 110<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Wiseman Baptist Association was closed with a parting handshake while Brother Mike Patterson led the congregation in singing "Standing on the Promises of God." After a number of testimonies and announcements, Brother Bobby Sutton moved that the Association adjourn to meet again at 10:00 a.m. on Friday (after the third) Sunday in October, 2001 at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

Moderator: Elder Kenneth Massey  
Clerk: Elder Larry S. Gregory

### OUR SAINTED DEAD

<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	Sister Ercie Tomlin	December 26, 1999
	Brother Bob Gaines	February 21, 2000
	Sister Marie Miller	April 6, 2000
	Sister Mable Draper	April 15, 2000
<b>LONGVIEW</b>	Sister Harriett Gregory	February 28, 2000
<b>MCFERRIN</b>	Bro. Jonathan Cunningham	October 31, 1999
	Bro. J. B. McClanahan	October 8, 1999
	Sister Karen Pappas	December 20, 1999
	Sister Jane Wilmore	March 10, 2000
	Sister Annie Lee Smith	May 5, 2000
	Bro. Bennitt Pitcock, Jr.	July 21, 2000
	Bro. Steve Lambert	Sept. 20, 2000
Sister Betty Pitcock	May 28, 1993	
<b>THREE SPRINGS</b>	Sister Lettie White	October 17, 1999
	Bro. Sidney Craft	March 12, 2000
	Sister Martha Stamper	April 20, 2000

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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>DATE</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	Hartsville	J.S. Pardue	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed
1896	Cedar Bluff	J.A. Stone	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed
1897	Independence	J.F. Lambert	M.C. Fitzpatrick	D.S. Reed
1898	Dixon's 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	C.D. High
1907	Long Creek	W.M.S. Wilks	C.N. Simmons	D.S. Reed
1908	Hillsdale	C.B. Massey	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed
1909	Hartsville	E.E. Folk	C.N. Simmons	D.S. Reed
1910	Cedar Bluff	J.T. Oakley	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed
1911	Meadorville	C.B. Massey	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed
1912	Friendship	J.W. Gillon	A.J. Sloan	D.S. Reed
1913	Bledsoe's Creek	A.J. Sloan	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed
1914	Siloam	J.T. Oakley	PS. Burnley	D.S. Reed
1915	Pleasant Hill	W.J. Summar	W.K. Johnson	D.S. Reed
1916	Spring Creek	C.B. Massey	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1917	Dixon's Creek	T.F. Moore	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1918	New Harmony	T.F. Moore	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1919	Fairview	P. S. Dyer	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1920	Pleasant Grove	W.S. Jenkins	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1921	New Zion	PS. 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	LA. 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

DATE	PLACE	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1944	Union Hill	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan
1945	Brattontown	H.H. Smith	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1946	Drake's Creek	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1947	Long Creek	F.L. Ray	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1948	Old Union	F.L. Ray	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert
1949	Macedonia	F.L. Ray	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1950	Old Hopewell	F.L. Ray	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1951	Rocky Mound	M.R. Drury	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1952	East Main St.	Albert Crouch	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert
1953	McFerrin Ave.	Albert Crouch	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1954	Cedar Bluff	H.C. Vanderpool	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1955	West End	H.C. Vanderpool	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1956	Buffalo Spgs.	H.C. Vanderpool	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1957	Concord	G.O. Templeton	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1958	Pleasant Hill	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1959	Enon Chapel	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1960	New Bethel	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1961	Liberty Hill	A.G. Gregory	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1962	Longview	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1963	Old Hopewell	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1964	White Hill	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1965	Salem	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1966	Pipers Chapel	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1967	Fairview	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1968	Good Will	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1969	Faith # 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	FL. Ray	W.T. Russell
1973	Cedar Bluff	H.D. Linville	FL. Ray	W.T. Russell
1974	Liberty Hill	H.D. Linville	FL. 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	H.G. Taylor	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
2000	Longview	Paul Patterson	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory

# CHURCH MEMBERS

CHURCH	YEAR CHURCH ORGANIZED	GAINS		GAIN		LOSS		LOSS		DEATHS		CURRENT ENROLLMENT
		BY LETTER	BY BAPTISM	BY STATEMENT	BY LETTER	BY EXPULSION	BY DEATHS	BY DEATHS				
BETHLEHEM	1962	3	2	5	0	0	4				142	
LONGVIEW	1960	11	3	1	2	1	1				157	
McFERRIN	1948	15	18	4	3	0	8				566	
NEW LIFE	2000	5	58	2	0	0	0				65	
NEW ZION	1981	0	0	0	0	0	0				38	
THREE SPRINGS	1995	10	10	3	3	0*	3				242	
TOTALS		44	91	15	8	1	16				1,210	

\* Rescinded Receiving 2

# SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

CHURCH	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	TEACHERS
Bethlehem	69	69	0	0	20	2
Longview	100	40	40	45	50	9
McFerrin	250	284	304	300	308	14
New Life	New	New	New	New	67	5
New Zion	12	12	12	17	15	2
Three Springs	New	85	100	112	115	20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>52</b>