

Wiseman  
Baptist  
Association

**2001**

**October 26-27**

**In Loving Memory**



**Elder Tom Armstrong, Clerk  
Wiseman Association  
1996-1999**

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 25, 2002**

- **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 2002 Officers**
- **Select Meeting Place for 2003**
- **Select Brethren for 2003 Sermons**
- **Select Brother for 2002 Fellowship Sermon**
- **Recognize all Visitors**
- **Call for Report on How the Church Can Fulfill the Great Commission through the Work of Sunday School**
- **Special Singing**
- **Fellowship Sermon**
- **Obituary Report**
- **Association Missionary Report**
- **Association Ambassador Report**
- **Close with Prayer**

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 26, 2002**

- **Roll Call of Messengers**
- **Recognize All Visitors**
- **Special Singing**
- **Doctrinal Sermon**
- **Call for Report on Promoting Worship in the Lord's Service**
- **Correspondence from Other Associations**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Call for New Business**
- **Approve Order of Business for 2003**
- **Read and Approve Minutes**
- **Song and Parting Handshake**

**WISEMAN  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
OCTOBER 26-27, 2001**

**CONVENED WITH  
McFERRIN  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
431 WEST OLD HICKORY BOULEVARD  
MADISON, TN 37115**

**OFFICERS**

**KENNETH MASSEY, MODERATOR  
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**The 2002 annual session will be hosted by Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 879 Long Hollow Pike, Goodlettsville, TN and will begin on Friday, October 25, 2002, at 10:00 A.M.**

**SERMONS 2002**

**INTRODUCTORY.....BROTHER JEREMY WILSON**

**DOCTRINAL.....BROTHER BOBBY SUTTON**

## 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.

**MORNING SESSION  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2001**

On a crisp, beautiful Friday morning, the messengers to the 111th annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association were warmly welcomed by the members of the McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, TN, and her pastor, Elder Johnny Carver. All who arrived early enjoyed refreshments and fellowship in the church's fellowship hall.

The morning session began as Brother Mike Patterson from the Longview Missionary Baptist Church lead the assembly in singing "Because of Calvary" and "Eternity Is a Long, Long Time." Brother Donnie Hines from McFerrin Church accompanied the congregation on the piano. Elder Kenneth Massey from Three Springs Baptist Church, the moderator during the 110th annual session, welcomed the congregation and thanked God for the privilege of attending the association and for heart-felt salvation. He read Isaiah 46: 9-13 for a devotional and assured those present that God has the answers to our concerns and that His plan is being worked out in this world. He then led the congregation in reciting Psalm 117.

Elder Lynn Stapleton, pastor of the Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church, led the assembly in prayer. While fighting back tears, Brother Stapleton humbly declared his love for God and asked Him to enable all who were present to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. He prayed for the country, the lost, and the officers of and messengers to the association.

After Brother Patterson led the congregation in singing "Let Me Touch Him," Elder Jeremy Wilson from the Mount Juliet Missionary Baptist Church sang "Follow Me," and the Holy Spirit blessed all in attendance.

Brother Massey then spoke of the determination of the Lord Jesus Christ in giving His life for our salvation. He reminded the congregation of some of the highlights of the association fifty years earlier, when the Wiseman Baptist Association met with the Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church in Macon County, TN. Brother Massey reminisced about Brother William Overton who reported on financing the Lord's work during that session, Brother Henry Smith who was doing mission work in Japan at that time, and Brother F. L. Ray, who served the association as moderator for thirty consecutive years. He then presented Elder Kevin Perdue from the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Brother Perdue had been selected to



preach the introductory sermon.

### INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Brother Perdue began by reminiscing about his childhood, his family, and his experience of salvation. After praising God for having always been with him and for having watched over him throughout his life, he read I Corinthians 12: 12-25 and spoke about the lovely illustration that Paul uses to describe the church. Brother Perdue reminded us that we are one body in Christ Jesus and exhorted us to work together as such. An association, he said, is a body of persons with a common goal. He encouraged us to adopt this mindset.

Brother Perdue then read Acts 2: 41-47 and spoke about the early church and the revival that it experienced on and shortly after the Day of Pentecost. He insisted that we must have a common goal, but assured us that we could not possess a common goal until we first have something in common. He reminded us that the early church had three spiritual things in common: their fellowship, their prayerfulness, and their fear of God. In speaking about our fellowship, Brother Perdue cited I John 1: 3-8 and described the relationship between our fellowship with each other and our fellowship with God. He said that if we truly love one another, then we will want to fellowship. In speaking about the prayerfulness of the early church, he suggested that the early saints prayed often, together, and on bended knee. Prayer, he said, is a holy thing and insisted that he feels closer to God when he prays than he does at any other time. He then spoke of the significance of the Temple's rent veil and the elders' vials of odors in Revelation 5: 8, relative to prayer. In speaking about our fear of God, Brother Perdue made a distinction between the fear that is provoked by evil and the fear that is provoked by love. He commended the latter. He then compared our fear of God with the fear that a child has toward a loving parent.

Brother Perdue spoke also of the importance of our having a singleness of heart. He ably spoke about the virtues of simplicity and its attractiveness to others. He concluded his message by quoting Psalm 133, speaking of the sweetness of Christian fellowship, and charging us to be mindful of the needs of the poor. He challenged us with Paul's words in II Corinthians 13: 11 and Galatians 2: 9-10. He spoke of the importance of the old paths described in Jeremiah 6: 16; identified our goal as the great commission (Matthew 28: 19-20); and admonished us to remember what we have in

common and that we all are a part of the body of Christ. He ended his message by saying that we must continue to love, honor, and care for one another.

As Brother Donnie Hines played the piano, Brother Mike Patterson led the congregation in singing "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Victory in Jesus." The assembly gathered in the altar to extend to Brother Perdue the right hand of Christian fellowship. All endorsed and rejoiced in the good message as the Holy Spirit blessed it to our hearts.

### PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Elder Deric McClard from the Longview Missionary Baptist Church, assistant clerk during the 110th annual session, read the letters from the churches representing in the association. The following brethren answered the roll call as messengers from the various churches.

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| <b>BETHLEHEM -</b>     | Eld. Bobby Sutton, Bro. Gary Nicholas,<br>Bro. Kenneth Zink, Bro. Clint Greer (Sat.) |
| <b>LONGVIEW -</b>      | Eld. Deric McClard, Bro. Steve Franklin,<br>Bro. Mike Stokes, Bro. Adam Troutt       |
| <b>McFERRIN -</b>      | Eld. Johnny Carver, Eld. Paul Patterson,<br>Eld. Eugene Brown, Bro. Greg Hines       |
| <b>NEW LIFE -</b>      | Bro. Bobby Mullins, Bro. Branton Williams,<br>Bro. Michael Blair                     |
| <b>NEW ZION -</b>      | Eld. Kevin Perdue, Bro. Clyde Dilleha,<br>Eld. Larry Gregory (Friday afternoon)      |
| <b>THREE SPRINGS -</b> | Bro. Lonnie Cockriel, Bro. J. C. Conaster,<br>Bro. Matt Goss, Eld. Kenneth Massey    |

Brother McClard then read the Rules of Decorum.

**PETITIONARY LETTERS**

In response to the moderator’s call for petitionary letters, Elder Jeremy Wilson, Brother Morgan Scott, Brother Shirley Russell, and Elder Johnny Brewer requested that the Mount Juliet Missionary Baptist Church be admitted into the association. After the brethren affirmed their belief in the principles from the Abstract of Principles of the Wiseman Association of Baptists, Elder Bobby Sutton moved to welcome the church into the association. Elder Johnny Carver seconded the motion. After the messengers voted unanimously to welcome the church, Brother Massey extended the right hand of fellowship to the four brethren.

**OFFICERS FOR 2001**

The following brethren were elected to serve the association during its 111<sup>th</sup> annual session.

MODERATOR	Elder Kenneth Massey
Assistant Moderator	Elder Johnny Carver
CLERK	Elder Larry Gregory
Assistant Clerk	Elder Deric McClard
TREASURER	Elder Bobby Sutton
Assistant Treasurer	Brother James Hill

**MEETING PLACE FOR 2002**

Both Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church and Three Springs Baptist Church extended invitations to the association for 2002. After remarks from the pastors of the two churches, the messengers selected Bethlehem Church as the meeting place for the 112<sup>th</sup> annual session of the association.

**SERMONS FOR 2002**

The following brethren were chosen to preach before the 112<sup>th</sup> annual session of the association in 2002.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON	Elder Jeremy Wilson
Alternate	Elder Gary Nicholas
DOCTRINAL SERMON	Elder Bobby Sutton
Alternate	Elder Paul Patterson

Pastor Darren Boneé of the Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church was selected to preach the fellowship sermon for the afternoon session today.

## RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitors.

Elder Kenneth Davis, Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church  
Elder Jason Wheelley, Maple Grove Missionary Baptist Church #2  
Elder Lynn Stapleton, Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church  
Elder Philip Halter, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church  
Brother Jay Loving, Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church  
Elder Bill Green, Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church  
Brother and Sister Ed Hardee, Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church  
Elder & Sis. Darren Boneé, Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church  
Brother Key Dillard, Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church

The moderator then called for the report, "Christian Education." Brother Steve Franklin read the report. After discussion by Brother Franklin, Elder Eugene Brown, Elder Jeremy Wilson, and Elder Kenneth Massey, the report was adopted.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The topic under consideration is Christian Education. I would like to include, along with Christian Education, the topic of Ministerial Education as well. Both of these topics have been reported on in the past, separately and combined.

According to Matt. 28:19,20, we are to be a teaching institution. We are told to "teach all nations" and then we are told to "teach them to observe all things." The Apostle Paul even encouraged Timothy to "teach faithful men" so that they could "teach others also"(2 Tim. 2:1).

Over the years ideas have changed as to what Christian Education meant. In the 1890's, Christian Education was considered formal schooling by Christian institutions. In the late 1960's it was Christian parents teaching their children the Bible and taking them to Church.

W.A. Dorris reported to the Wiseman Association in 1892, "To Promote the cause of Christian Education is the duty of every follower of Christ. The denomination that fails to promote Christian Education and foster Christian schools neglects their duty. We therefore recommend to our brethren and

Churches to support our Baptist Schools.” In 1893, J.S. Pardue praised their fine religious institutions, Boscobel College, for girls, and the University of Jackson and Bethel College, for boys. He also recommended seminary for preachers.

Our forefathers attitude on Christian Education was best stated by M. C. Fitzpatrick in 1895. Speaking of education he said it was “the Churches most powerful and indispensable auxiliary... it adds grace and elegance to the ministry as in other professions.”

What is our attitude toward Christian Education, both Christian and Ministerial? We have one school in this area, Rivergate Academy, that is just getting started and one in Kentucky, run by Old Union. As far as educating preachers, Old Union hosts a three-day fellowship for preachers called the Old Union Minister’s School.

I am not opposed to public education, but seeing the direction public education is headed and the perversion they allow, we need to establish and support Christian alternatives. As for Ministerial Education, schools are desperately needed. We have gone from a denomination that praised such institutions to one that sees no need for one. I pray that God would raise up a few men, and Churches, to be front-runners in an effort to return Missionary Baptist Churches to the days of prominence concerning Ministerial Education.

I’ll close with the words of J.M. Wilkes who, in 1913, said of Ministerial Education, “it is the first essential in building the kingdom ... ministry should be equally trained to meet the demands of the times.”

Humbly and prayerfully submitted,  
Brother Stephen Franklin

Elder Johnny Carver moved to break for lunch. The motion was seconded by Brother Mike Stokes and agreed to by the other messengers. Elder Kenneth Davis dismissed the assembly and asked God’s blessings on the meal.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a wonderful lunch, Brother Donnie Hines recognized Brother Lonnie Cockriel, who led the congregation in singing "I Never Shall Forget the Day." Elder Deric McClard played the piano. The moderator read Psalm 19: 1-14 for a devotional lesson and called on Brother Philip Halter, Pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church to lead in prayer. The moderator offered words of appreciation to McFerrin Church for the meal.

The moderator then opened the floor for continued discussion on the report on Christian Education. After speeches by Brother Don Escue and Brother Johnny Carver, Brother Paul Patterson called for the question and the report was adopted.

A quartet composed of Brother Lonnie Cockriel, Brother Donnie Hines, Brother Mike Patterson, and Brother Jeremy Wilson blessed the assembly with their singing of "Looking for a City" and "What a Day That Will Be."

Brother Massey then presented Brother Darren Boneé, Pastor of the Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church, also identifying him as the grand son-in-law of Brother D. C. Barton.

## FELLOWSHIP SERMON

Brother Boneé began by expressing his appreciation for the warm welcome he had received. Reading the fourth chapter of 1 Timothy for his lesson, Brother Boneé took verse 12 as his text: **"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."** Brother Boneé reminded us that the basis of our fellowship is "charity" or love. He spoke of the Great Commission and the charge to make disciples by preaching to sinners of **God's great love for them and of "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:"** He reminded us that Jesus taught that loving God is the greatest commandment and that loving one another is the next greatest. Brother Boneé expressed his belief that the doctrines of fellowship, of church autonomy, and of Christ alone having authority to hold churches accountable are not being practiced today. Reminding us that God created man anyway, knowing that he would sin and that Christ died for us **"while we were yet sinners,"** Brother Boneé reminded us that **"the greatest of these is charity"** and exhorted us that love for a Christian brother should

surpass our minor differences. He exhorted the assembly to believe what we believe because we find it in the word of God. Recognizing that the scriptures teach us that we are not to fellowship the unrighteous world, Brother Boneé spoke of not having found an example of a New Testament church declaring non-fellowship with another scriptural church. Brother Boneé closed his message by expressing his fear that the love of many is waxing cold and by admonishing all in the assembly to love one another. The congregation gathered in the altar for a Christian handshake and to express words of appreciation for Brother Boneé's message while Brother Donnie Hines led them in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Yes, I Know I've Been Redeemed."

The moderator then called for the report on obituaries. Elder Paul Patterson read his report and spoke of his sadness at our loss of these twelve brothers and sisters who have left us in the last year and of his joy in the belief that they have gone to a better place. After discussion by Brother Mike Stokes, the names of the deceased were read by the clerk and the report was adopted.

### OBITUARY REPORT

From the letters to the Association we learn with sadness that 12 of our dearly beloved brethren and sisters have crossed the silent river of death since we met in our last gathering. Truly "**man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.**" By the home-going of these dear ones we, are reminded of the fact that we who still live must answer the call sooner or later. We live in a world of death, with shadows of life lengthening each day toward the grave. The green trees, the bright flowers, the grass upon the earth and those we love as dearly as life itself fade and die alike.

Today our hearts are filled with sadness as we think of the happy scenes of other days when our departed dead were with us, when they lived and loved as we do now. But now their tender voices are hushed in the long silence of death, the clasp of their dear hands is no longer felt, their bright faces are now hidden from us by the dark shroud of death and we see them no more. How filled are our hearts with longing for just another glimpse of their dear faces, the gentle touch of their hands and the sound of voices that speak no more on earth. Oh, how our hearts fill with a longing that the world can never fill! Is it possible that this is all, that there is no hereafter, that our loved ones are lost to us forever? Let such gloomy thoughts perish forever, for we know that even the unsatisfied longings of the human heart, the

constant reaching out after those things that the world can never give, and the yearning for a better land free from life's imperfections are not in vain.

We turn to the word of God and learn that our sorrows will be replaced with joy, our cross-bearing with a crown, our sad good-byes with happy reunions and bereavement with mending happiness. Our loved ones lost wait for us today in a fair country, undisturbed by life's trials and sorrows. We shall see them soon. Until God shall call us away, let us try to emulate every good deed in the lives of our departed dead. And soon God shall take us to dwell with our sainted dead in that wonderful land where sadness never intrudes, sickness never comes, good-bye words are never spoken, and death never enters.

Elder Paul G. Patterson  
Mike Stokes  
Tim Simpson

After the moderator observed that a number of the messengers scheduled to give the report on "Impacting Our Community" were absent, a motion was passed to appoint Brother Branton Williams and Brother Kenneth Zink to prepare that report for Saturday morning.

### **ASSOCIATION MISSIONARY**

In response to the moderator's call for a report from the Association Missionary, Brother Deric McClard reported that he had discovered some interest for a mission in the Franklin, Tennessee area but that no one had acknowledged the Lord's impression to lead such a work. The moderator exhorted that any such work should be preceded by much prayer.

### **ASSOCIATION AMBASSADOR**

Brother Massey then called on Brother Donnie Hines for the report of the Association Ambassador. Brother Hines expressed his thankfulness for the opportunity. He reported that he had focused on five churches, personally visiting each one. He noted that Mount Juliet Missionary Baptist Church, one of the five, had petitioned and been received into the association. He took the occasion to personally welcome them.

After a number of announcements and testimonies, a motion was made to adjourn until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. The session was closed with prayer.



## SATURDAY MORNING

The association met together again on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Pastor Johnny Carver came forth to welcome the messengers and visitors and to thank God for the joy, singing and fellowship of the previous day. Brother Clyde Dilleha led the congregation in singing "When I've Traveled My Last Mile" and "I Have Found the Way" while Brother Donnie Hines played the piano. After making some remarks about Brother and Sister Dilleha having been members of the Grand Ole Opry, the moderator read Psalm 133 for a devotion and thanked God for the assurance of "life for evermore" and for his knowledge of where he would spend eternity. Brother Massey recognized Brother Henry Smith as the eldest among us and asked Brother Smith to lead the congregation in prayer. The clerk called the roll of messengers.

The moderator then called for the third report, "Impacting Our Community." The report was read by Brother Branton Williams. After discussion by Brother Williams, Brother Kenneth Massey, Brother Johnny Carver, and Brother Kenneth Zink, the report was adopted.

## IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY

We first have to know what the church is before we can understand how it should affect the community. The church is the assembly of the saints. (Psalms 89:7 "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.") The church is the body of Christ. (Romans 12:5 "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.") (I Corinthians 12:27 "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.") The church is the flock of God. (I Peter 5:2 "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;") The church is the bride of Christ. (Revelation 19:7&8 "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.") Revelation 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.")

Secondly, we must recognize that the church was and is Divinely commissioned directly by Jesus, thus having her impact on the community defined. (**Matthew 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”**) She is to provide spiritual enlightenment. (**Isaiah 2:3 “And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”**) She is to be a witness for Christ. (**Acts 1:8 “ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”**)

Respectfully submitted,  
Brother Branton Williams

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The following visitors not recognized on Friday were recognized and welcomed by the moderator:

Elder Fred Carr, Fairview MBC, Macon County  
Brother S. B. Cornwell, Dixon's Creek MBC  
Sister Andrea Duncan, Grace MBC, Hendersonville  
Elder and Sister Bobby Earps, Hope MBC, Manchester  
Elder Kenneth Grizzle, Grider Memorial MBC, Glasgow, KY  
Deacon Travis and Sister Kay Lewis, Landmark MBC, Memphis  
Sister Norma McClard, Lafayette MBC  
Elder Morris Watson, Concord MBC  
Brother Glynn And Sister Linda Williams, Westport MBC

Brother Donnie Hines led the congregation in singing “Standing on the Promises of God” and “Saved, Saved!” while Sister Joan Oldham played the piano. By request, Brother Hines then sang “Wayfaring Pilgrim” solo. The moderator then presented Elder Deric McClard, who had been selected the previous year to preach the doctrinal sermon.

## DOCTRINAL SERMON

Brother McClard announced his text as Job 22:21 **"Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."** He titled his message, "The Counsel of Eliphaz." Brother McClard spoke of his knowledge of God through his experience of salvation. Yet he reminded us all that our knowledge of God needs to be greater. He cited Colossians 1:10 **"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;"** II Peter 3:18 **"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..."** and Philippians 3:8 **"Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."** Brother McClard reminded us that our knowledge grows when we experience Him working in our lives and proclaimed the knowledge of the one and only true God as the greatest doctrine of them all.

Brother McClard developed his message upon five great attributes of God. First, God is self-existent. God told Moses **"I AM THAT I AM"** - Exodus 3:14. Jesus said **"the Father hath life in Himself"** - John 5:26. Paul preached **"in Him we live, and move, and have our being"** - Acts 17:28. Second, God is eternal. According to Genesis 1:1, **"In the beginning, God"** already existed and began to create. **"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms:"** - Deuteronomy 33:27. **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."** - John 1:1. Third, God does not change. **"For I am the Lord, I change not;..."** - Malachi 3:6. **"BUT THOU ART THE SAME, AND THY YEARS SHALL NOT FAIL."** - Hebrews 1:12. **"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."** - James 1:17. Fourth, God is perfect. He cannot sin; His actions will not contradict His nature. Paul wrote to the church at Rome **"how unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"** - Romans 11:33 **"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."** - Isaiah 55:9 Fifth, God is sovereign. Daniel taught Nebuchadnezzar **"that the most High ruleth over the kingdom of men."** - Daniel 4:25 Paul wrote to the Ephesians of One **"Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will."** - Ephesians 1:11

Brother McClard closed his message by reminding us of Job's words, "man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble." – Job 14:1 He assured us that our knowledge of God in our salvation experience is sufficient to take us to Heaven. He exhorted us, however, in days of trouble, to follow the example of David, who "encouraged himself in the Lord his God" – I Samuel 30:6 and of the Lord Jesus who, facing the crucifixion, kneeled down and prayed in the garden of Gethsemane.

While Brother Donnie Hines led "My God is Real" and "I'll Fly Away", the congregation pressed into the altar to show their appreciation for the message with a Christian handshake and words of encouragement. Brother Johnny Carver moved that we recess one hour for lunch. Brother Kenneth Grizzle prayed the benediction and God's blessing upon the food.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

After another wonderful meal provided by the McFerrin MBC, the association reconvened while Brother Donnie Hines led the congregation in singing "I'm Bound for that City." Elder Deric McClard played the piano. After reading Hebrews 12: 1-14 for a devotion, the moderator called on Brother Bobby Earps to lead in prayer. Special singing was then presented by Brother Donnie Hines, Brother Lonnie Cockriel, and Brother Jeremy Wilson, accompanied by Brother Deric McClard at the piano.

The moderator then called for the treasurer's report. After being presented by Elder Bobby Sutton, the following report was adopted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance 10-20-2000	\$11,661.30
Paid Brother Larry Gregory 10-24-00	\$500.00
Deposit 10-24-2000	\$875.00
Balance	\$12,036.30
Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation (minutes) 4-9-01	\$559.96
Interest Earned	\$521.16
Balance	\$11,997.50
Paid Brother Larry Gregory 10-27-01	\$500.00
Total Balance 10-20-00	\$11,497.50

Elder B. G. Sutton, Treasurer

The following report from the McFerrin MBC, after reading and discussion by Brother William Woodall and Brother Paul Patterson, was adopted.

### **HOST CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE**

On behalf of McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, we thank the Wiseman Baptist Association for letting us host the 111<sup>th</sup> annual association. We thank the association for the fellowship, harmony, and cooperation at these sessions.

We wish to express our gratitude to all who participated in any manner in making this session a success; even to those who were unable to attend, but offered a prayer in our behalf. To those who spent many hours preparing, planning, and serving the food, we thank you.

As we end this session, we ask for your prayers for our church. In this time of trouble in our country, remember our leaders and those who are daily in harm's way.

Our prayer is that God will continue to bless all our churches until we meet with Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church for the 112<sup>th</sup> session.

Respectfully Submitted,  
William Woodall  
Hugh Shoulders

### **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SISTER ASSOCIATIONS**

The clerk read correspondence from the Big Bear Creek Association. Brother Paul Patterson moved to authorize the clerk to include in the minutes all correspondence received from sister associations. The motion passed.

**BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
KEITH L. HOOD, CLERK  
290 COUNTY ROAD 108  
ARLEY, AL 35541  
(256) 747-7380  
FAX: (256) 747-7380**

March 9, 2002

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association:

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

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Sixty-Sixth Annual Session with Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. We had 29 churches reporting an increase of 114 with 41 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 99 with a total membership of 3,570. 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 167<sup>th</sup> Annual Session to be held with Elam Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Lawrence County, Alabama. The church is located near Moulton, Alabama. This session will be held October 12, 13, 14, 15, 2002.

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

In Christ's Love,

Keith L. Hood, Clerk

Keith Prince - Moderator  
124 County Road 165  
Moulton, AL 35650  
(256) 974-7898

Billy Murphy - Vice Moderator  
P.O. Box 281  
Double Springs, AL 35553

## **Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association**

October 13, 2001

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-third annual session in 2001, 28 churches reported 78 baptisms with a total membership of 3,174.

We are thankful for those who were able to visit with us during the 2001 session and pray that you found it most enjoyable. We would like to invite all to join us for the 2002 session to be held with Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church located east of Lexington, Tennessee on Oak Grove Road. The sessions will be held October 11-12, 2002, starting at 10:00 a.m. Brother Robert Simmons will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday and Brother Jimmy Stewart 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,

Elder A. G. Hayes, Moderator  
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(731) 968-7508

Brother Lee M. Carter, MD, Clerk  
150 Carter Drive  
Huntingdon, TN 38344  
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**SILOAM  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

April 1, 2002

Wiseman Baptist Association:

Greetings from the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, and we pray that the Lord has blessed your churches in His work.

We invite you to join us October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2002, for our 50<sup>th</sup> annual session. The association will convene at MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH in Holland, KY, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church is located on Highway 99 between Holland, Kentucky and Lafayette, Tennessee.

Sermons are scheduled as follows:

- INTRODUCTORY                      Brother Steven Skinner
- MEMORIAL                              Brother Berlin Roy
- DOCTRINAL                             Brother Ricky Huff

Please pray for the Lord's work in our churches.

May God Bless,

Billy Moran, Moderator  
1585 Stafford Way  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
270-782-0498

G. W. Knight, Treasurer  
246 Fox Run Lane  
Lafayette, TN 37083  
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### **NEW BUSINESS**

Brother Massey then called on Brother Johnny Carver for the proposed order of business for 2002. Upon Brother Carver's presentation, the order of business with the following reports was adopted. (See inside cover for complete order.)

### **SPECIAL REPORTS FOR 2002**

How Can the Church Fulfill the Great Commission through the Work of Sunday School (Brother Tom Howard, Brother George Snow, Brother Kenneth Zink, Brother Mike Blair)

Obituaries (Brother Johnny Brewer, Brother Kevin Perdue, Brother Bobby Mullins)

Promoting Worship in the Lord's Service (Brother Deric McClard, Brother Charles Patterson, Brother Branton Williams, Brother Steve Franklin)

Associational Missionary (Bro. Deric McClard and Brother Jeremy Wilson)

Associational Ambassador (Brother Donnie Hines)

Committee to Arrange Special Singing for 2002 Association Meeting (Brother Lonnie Cockriel, Brother Donny Hines, Brother Mike Patterson, Brother Clyde Dilleha)

Upon the moderator's call for further new business, Brother Johnny Carver rose to speak of questions the deacons at McFerrin had raised about learning helpful methods to carry out their responsibilities. After discussion by a number of the messengers and visitors, Brother Clyde Dilleha moved that the Association request that McFerrin organize a session on this issue for both deacons and pastors. The motion carried.

The clerk then read the minutes for the 111th Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association. Brother Mike Stokes moved for approval of the minutes; the motion carried. After a number of testimonies, a song and parting handshake, the 111<sup>th</sup> session was closed with a benediction by Brother Glynn Williams.

Moderator: Elder Kenneth Massey

Clerk: Elder Larry S. Gregory

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- BETHLEHEM:** 879 Long Hollow Pike, Goodlettsville, Tn 37072  
 (615) 859-3925
- Pastor.....Bobby G. Sutton  
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- Clerk & Treasurer.....Marelle Newman  
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- Pastor.....Deric McClard  
 87 Bull Whip Lane, Lafayette, TN 37083 (615-666-4524)
- Clerk & Treasurer.....Mike Patterson  
 102 Crosspointe, Hendersonville, TN 37075 (615-824-0816)
- S.S.Supt.....George Snow  
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- McFERRIN:** 431 West Old Hickory Blvd., Madison, TN 37115  
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- Pastor.....Johnny Carver  
 1110 Kendall Farms Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075 (615-824-3818)
- Clerk.....Frank McClanahan  
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- S.S. Supt.....Tom Howard  
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Pastor.....Jeremy Wilson  
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**NEW LIFE:** 3540 Stanley Valley Road, Surgoinsville, TN 37857  
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Pastor.....Charles Stapleton  
414 Silver Lake Road, Church Hill, TN 37642 (423-357-9307)

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Treasurer.....Billy Joe Williams  
408 Dover Avenue, Mt. Carmel, TN 37645 (423-357-7836)

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Pastor.....Larry S. Gregory (Interim)  
2231 Sparta Pike, Lebanon, TN 37090 (615-449-0837)

Clerk & Treasurer.....Mattie Gregory  
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Pastor.....Kenneth Massey  
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Clerk.....Dale Chaffin  
3427 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., Woodburn, KY 42170 (270-529-2091)

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734 Hampton Dr., Bowling Green, KY 42103 (270-842-0416)

**OUR SAINTED DEAD**

**McFERRIN**

Sister Mable McClanahan	January 10, 2001
Brother Bethel Thomas	January 25, 2001
Sister Willie Mae McCoin	January 30, 2001
Brother E. G. Williams Jr.	February 12, 2001
Sister Shelia Gregory	June 30, 1995
Sister Gladys Eubank	October 1, 2001

**NEW LIFE**

Brother Greene Holt August 29, 2001

**THREE SPRINGS**

Brother Dennis Montgomery	February 9, 2001
Sister Linda Roark	May 3, 2001
Brother Larry Yates	June 8, 2001
Sister Linda Montgomery	June 16, 2001
Sister Mabel Butts	September 21, 2001

## DIRECTORY OF ORDAINED AND \*LICENSED MINISTERS

### BETHLEHEM:

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\*Gary Nicholas, 199 Wessington Place, Hendersonville, TN 37075 (615-824-1774)  
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### NEW LIFE:

- Charles Stapleton, 414 Silver Lake Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642 (423-357-9307)  
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\*Tim Simpson, 359 Spangler Road, #19, Piney Flats, TN 37686 (423-323-9332)

### NEW ZION:

- Larry S. Gregory, 2231 Sparta Pike, Lebanon, TN 37090 (615-449-0837)  
Kevin Perdue, 1150 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. D8, Cookeville, TN 38501 (931-528-9091)

### THREE SPRINGS:

- Kenneth Massey, 905 Catalina Dr., Bowling Green, KY 42103 (270-745-9974)  
\*Jack Garmon, 4633 Maple Lane, Bowling Green, KY 42101. (270-746-9042)  
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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. Wuks	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	P.S. 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	P.S. Dyer	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
1922	Rock Bridge	R.O. Sanders	A.J. Sloan	A.J. Sloan
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
1944	Union Hill	F.W. Lambert	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan

DATE	PLACE	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
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	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1973	Cedar Bluff	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1974	Liberty Hill	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
1975	Rock Bridge	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool
1976	Lafayette	H.D. Linville	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool
1977	Buffalo Springs	J.W. Briley	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool
1978	McFerrin	Kenneth Woodall	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool
1979	Harmony	Hillman Duncan	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1980	New Bethel	Everett Scruggs	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1981	Faith (TN)	Guthrie Thompson	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1982	Longview	Bobby Pitt	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1983	Salem	Charles Patterson	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1984	Cedar Grove	Ray A. Sutton	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1985	Old Hopewell	Gary Duncan	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1986	Gateway	Ottis Jones	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1987	West End	Terry Lyles	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1988	Goodwill	Jeff Brown	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool
1989	New Bethel	Lonnie Meador	H.D. Linville	Ottis Jones
1990	McFerrin	Charles Patterson	H.D. Linville	Kenneth Massey
1991	New Bethel	Kenneth Massey	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis
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	Johanny Carver	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong
1999	New Zion	Deric McClard	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory
2000	Longview	Paul Patterson	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory
2001	McFerrin	Kevin Perdue	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory

## CHURCH MEMBERS

CHURCH	YEAR CHURCH ORGANIZED	GAINS BY LETTER	GAINS BY BAPTISM	GAINS BY STATEMENT	LOSS BY LETTER	LOSS BY EXPULSION	LOSS BY DEATHS	CURRENT ENROLLMENT
BETHLEHEM	1962	0	0	0	0	0	0	142
LONGVIEW	1960	4	1	5	2	0	0	165
McFERRIN	1948	7	8	1	2	0	6	574
MOUNT JULIET	1981	3	7	0	0	0	0	87
NEW LIFE	2000	2	2	0	0	0	1	68
NEW ZION	1981	0	0	0	1	0	0	37
THREE SPRINGS	1995	16	20	4	0	0	5	277
TOTALS		32	38	10	5	0	12	1,350



## SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

CHURCH	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	TEACHERS
Bethlehem	69	0	0	20	23	2
Longview	40	40	45	50	50	9
McFerrin	284	304	300	308	329	17
Mt. Juliet	32	32	33	21	34	4
New Life	New	New	New	67	67	5
New Zion	12	12	17	15	8	1
Three Springs	85	100	112	115	118	14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>52</b>