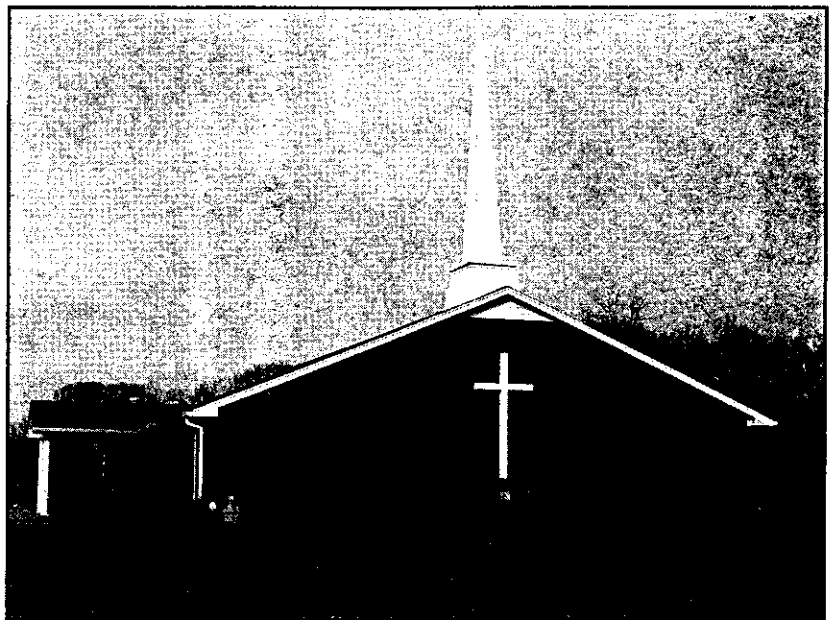


**WISEMAN
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**



OCTOBER 24 and 25, 2003

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 22 and 23, 2004

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2004

- **Call to Order**
- **Special Singing**
- **Introductory Sermon**
- **Enrollment of Churches and Roll Call of Messengers**
- **Reading of Rules of Decorum**
- **Petitionary Letters**
- **Election of 2004 Officers**
- **Selection of 2005 Meeting Place**
- **Selection of Brethren for 2005 Sermons**
- **Recognition of Visitors**
- **Selection of Brother for 2004 Fellowship Sermon**
- **Report: "How Can the Church Promote Bible Studies That Produce Results?"**
- **Special Singing**
- **Fellowship Sermon**
- **Obituary Report**
- **Associational Missionary's Report**
- **Associational Ambassador's Report**
- **Closing Prayer**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2004

- **Roll Call of Messengers**
- **Recognition of Visitors**
- **Special Singing**
- **Doctrinal Sermon**
- **Report: "What Is the Vision Christ Wants Every Church to Have, and How Can Each Church Fulfill That Vision Today?"**
- **Correspondence**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **New Business**
- **Approval of 2005 Order of Business**
- **Closing Song and Parting Handshake**
- **Closing Prayer**

WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Session
October 24 and 25, 2003**

Convened with

MT. JULIET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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The one hundred fourteenth annual session will be held October 22 and 23, 2004, at the New Life Missionary Baptist Church in Church Hill, TN, beginning each day at 10 a.m.

2004 SERMONS

- Introductory Sermon..... Elder Johnny Carver
- Alternate Elder Deric McClard
- Doctrinal Sermon Elder Kenneth Massey
- Alternate Elder Paul Patterson

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 brothers and sisters 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 or herself to the subject under discussion and shall not be interrupted unless he or she digress from the subject; and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his or her slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state his or her views without sophistry or criticism.
4. No member shall absent himself or herself 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 chairperson 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 or Sister.
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 or her 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.

**FRIDAY MORNING
OCTOBER 24, 2003**

On Friday morning, October 24, 2003, the members of the Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church welcomed the messengers and visitors to the one hundred thirteenth annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association. All were treated to the gracious hospitality of the host church.

The morning session began as Brother Donnie Hines led in singing "I Met the Savior" and "It's Been Worth It All" while Elder Jeremy Wilson played the piano. After making introductory remarks, Elder Kenneth Massey read Isaiah 53:1-12 and reminded us that Jesus is the "same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Referring to Matthew 17:1-5, he then spoke about the importance of Jesus. He informed the association of the death of Sister Arvella Stapleton and of the sickness of Elder Bobby Sutton and asked us to remember both families in prayer. After other prayer requests were made, Elder Steven Swords from Jared Missionary Baptist Church led the assembly in prayer.

Brother Hines then led in singing "Heaven Has It All" as Brother Wilson played the piano. Next, Brothers Key Dillard, Wayne Scott, Donnie Hines, and Jeremy Wilson blessed the association by singing "What a Day That Will Be" as Elder Deric McClard accompanied on the piano. Shouts of joy were made and tears of gladness were shed during the special song. Brother Massey then introduced Elder Trey Crews, who had been selected by the association last year as the alternate to preach the introductory sermon. Brother Massey recalled many early experiences with Brother Crews and his family and characterized him as a man of godly principles with a pure and fervent heart.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

In his introductory remarks, Brother Crews asked for the prayers of the congregation and expressed his desire to do God's will. He spoke of the problems that God's children have with sin and read Romans 7:15-25. When he spoke of his own struggles, he fought back tears to tell us that he was homesick for Heaven. He reminded us that we must "gird up the loins of [our] mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto [us] at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13).

Brother Crews then read his text: "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Proverbs 29:18). He spoke of the importance of having a vision and encouraged us to set goals. He asked us to consider where we expect to see our churches in the future.

He spoke of keeping our focus on Jesus and practicing self-evaluation. He said that we must continue to ask ourselves where we are going and assured us that no matter where we are now, we can always appeal to God for help in moving forward. Referring to I Corinthians 13:12, he explained the limited vision we currently possess. Then, he spoke of the importance of being "pure in heart" (Matthew 5:8), knowing God's will for our lives, and understanding what He has in store for us. He assured us that we will perish unless we take the time to develop our vision.

Next, Brother Crews spoke about the importance of keeping God's law. He reminded us that we cannot keep the law perfectly, but assured us that we will experience happiness when we focus our attention on Christ and live in the will of God. He cautioned us about seeking the things of the world and burying our heads in the sand like the proverbial ostrich. He warned that we sometimes fail to share the Truth with others because our vision is not broad enough. Then, he encouraged us not to "strain at a

gnat, and swallow a camel” (Matthew 23:24).

Next, Brother Crews spoke of the importance of our working together in harmony, which will be accomplished, he noted, when we all see the big picture. Then, he read Ephesians 1:17-19 and reminded us that all of God’s children have a purpose and must depend on God in carrying it out. He suggested that the Lord will open doors of opportunity for us if we seek God’s will.

Brother Crews reminded us of the importance of being led by the Spirit and of using common sense. He encouraged the preachers to continue preaching the unchanging gospel to an ever-changing world, to take our work as Christians seriously, and to remain zealous for the Lord. He expressed his thankfulness for his family, his heritage and God’s many blessings. Then, he challenged us to be “not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer” (Romans 12:11,12). He charged us to put forth an effort for the Lord as we remember what He has done for us.

Brother Crews assured us that God never forsook Israel even when they strayed from His will. He encouraged us to remain humble. Then, he reminded us of the many means available today for spreading the gospel and challenged us to make use of each one.

He closed by reading the prayer of Jabez in I Chronicles 4:10. He reminded us that it is important to expand our vision and to make use of some of the methods that are used by other denominations. Finally, he challenged us to be open-minded, to reach out to the unsaved, and to stay committed to the teachings of God’s Word.

Brother Massey expressed his appreciation for the message, Brother Hines led in singing “Blessed Assurance” as Brother Wilson played the piano, and the congregation gathered into the altar to shake hands with Brother Crews.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Brother McClard read the letters from the churches of the association, and the following were enrolled as messengers.

BETHLEHEM - Bro. Kenneth Zink, Eld. Gary Nicholas

LONGVIEW - Eld. Deric McClard, Bro. Mike Stokes, Bro. George Snow, Bro. Adam Troutt

McFERRIN - Bro. Greg Hines, Eld. Eugene Brown, Eld. Paul Patterson, Bro. Donnie Hines

MT. JULIET - Eld. Jeremy Wilson, Eld. Johnnie Brewer, Bro. Robby Cornwell, Bro. Morgan Scott

MURFREESBORO - Bro. Key Dillard, Bro. Jay Loving

NEW LIFE - Bro. Branton Williams, Bro. Bobby Mullins, Bro. Tim Simpson

NEW ZION - Bro. Clyde Dilleha, Eld. Larry Gregory

THREE SPRINGS - Bro. J. C. Conatser, Bro. Jason House, Eld. Trey Crews, Bro. Dale Chaffin

Next, Brother McClard read the Rules of Decorum.

No petitionary letters were presented.

OFFICERS FOR 2003

The following brethren were elected to serve the association during its one hundred thirteenth annual session:

MODERATOR	Elder Kenneth Massey
Assistant	Elder Johnny Carver
CLERK	Elder Deric McClard
Assistant	Elder Jeremy Wilson
TREASURER	Elder Bobby Sutton
Assistant	Brother James Hill

MEETING PLACE FOR 2004

Four churches extended an invitation to the association for 2004: Longview, New Life, New Zion, and Three Springs. After Brother Branton Williams spoke on behalf of New Life Church, Elder Larry Gregory made the motion to select New Life Missionary Baptist Church as the meeting place for 2004. The motion was seconded by Elder Johnny Brewer and passed without opposition by the messengers.

SERMONS FOR 2004

The following brethren were chosen to preach in 2004:

INTRODUCTORY SERMON Elder Johnny Carver

Alternate Elder Deric McClard

DOCTRINAL SERMON Elder Kenneth Massey

Alternate Elder Paul Patterson

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

- Sister Polly Allen, Huntingdon MBC, Carroll County, TN
- Elder Scott Carter, New Cross Roads MBC, Carroll County, TN
- Sister Paulette Crews, Huntingdon MBC, Carroll County, TN
- Brother Harold Eubanks, Huntingdon MBC, Carroll County, TN
- Elder Lynn Stapleton, Huntingdon MBC, Carroll County, TN
- Elder Steven Swords, Jared MBC, Smith County, TN

Elder Scott Carter, Clerk of the Southwest District Association, was selected to preach the Fellowship Sermon in the afternoon. The association was then adjourned for lunch. Elder Lynn Stapleton dismissed the assembly with prayer and thanked the Lord for the meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 24, 2003

After a wonderful meal, the association was reconvened as Brother Clyde Dilleha led in singing "Eternity's A Long, Long Time" while Brother Wilson played the piano. In the absence of Brother Massey, Elder Johnny Carver expressed his thanks for the music and the church's hospitality. On behalf of the church, Brother Wilson expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to host the association. He thanked the congregation for the good fellowship and the members of the church for their hard work in preparing for the annual meeting.

Brother Carver read Psalm 133:1 and spoke of the importance of focusing on what is good, instead of finding fault with others. He reminded us that our purpose is to give glory to God and encouraged us to love one another and to focus on the things on which we agree throughout the weekend. Then, Brother Greg Hines led in prayer. Brothers Donnie Hines, Key Dillard, Jeremy Wilson, and Wayne Scott sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop" as Brother McClard accompanied on the piano. Then, Brother Carver asked Elder Lynn Stapleton to introduce the speaker for the afternoon.

FELLOWSHIP SERMON

Brother Stapleton introduced Elder Scott Carter, pastor of the New Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church, whose grandfather had served the Southwest District Association as moderator for many years. He characterized Brother Carter as a sincere servant of the Lord with a great interest in the heritage of Baptist people.

In his introductory remarks, Brother Carter commended the association for their willingness to stand for the truth and spoke about our forefathers who had defended and ultimately died for the gospel. He assured us that God blesses His Word and that it will always endure. He also reminded us that we answer to God, not to man, and asked for the prayers of the congregation.

Brother Carter read from Joshua 20, taking his text from verse 2: "Appoint out for you cities of refuge." He reminded us that all of God's children have a city of refuge and proceeded with the help of God's Spirit to explain the significance of the cities in his reading lesson. He declared that the cities were built for a purpose, just as Christ came to this world with the twofold purpose of establishing His Church and providing a way of salvation. Reminding us of the law of revenge in the Old Testament ("an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth"), he taught us that the cities were prepared as a safe haven for God's children when they faced adversity because of sin. He again reminded us that we have a refuge in Christ and should not turn to the world for comfort.

Brother Carter insisted that the existence of the cities of refuge provides proof of God's grace. He used Psalm 51:5 to show that salvation is by grace, not by works. God provided a place of refuge for Israel where the guilty could be safe. Brother Carter then used Romans 5:12 and Psalm 51:5 to remind us that we, like the Israelites in the Old Testament, are guilty of sin and therefore under the sentence of death. However, thanks to God's grace, we have a city of refuge.

Brother Carter proceeded to unfold the ~~purpose of the cities~~ in verses 1-3, the Lord explains the purpose of the cities. ~~In verses 4-6 He speaks about their power.~~ Brother Carter referred to John 10:28, 29 ~~to assure us that as children of Israel~~ were safe in the cities of refuge, we are safe ~~in the hands of God~~. Furthermore, as there was only one way into the Old Testament ~~cities through the opening of the gate~~ in verse 4), there is only one way to heaven—~~through the blood of Jesus by the~~ drawing power of the Spirit.

Upon entering one of the cities of refuge, ~~the guilty Israelite was~~ instructed to "declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city" ~~in 4:10~~. Similarly, ~~Brother Carter explained,~~ we plead our case before Christ. He spoke of ~~the joy that the guilty must have felt~~ upon being welcomed into the city and then ~~delighted in the thought of the joy that he~~ will someday have when he enters into the ~~presence of God~~.

The Israelites were assured of being able to remain in the cities of refuge as long as the high priest lived. Brother Carter pointed out ~~that our high priest would live and that~~ He will never again taste the bitterness of death. We ~~do not have to ever being exiled~~ from our refuge, for our high priest is at the right hand of the Father ~~making intercession~~ for us. We can be sure that He is alive, for we can feel His ~~love~~. Brother Carter then assured us that we can flee to our refuge when ~~Satan attacks us~~. As Paul in Romans 7:21.

Brother Carter taught us that the cities of refuge were ~~built on the highest one on top~~ of the highest mountains in Israel. Thus, it would be easy ~~for the elders of Israel to~~ see where they needed to go. Similarly, it is important ~~for us to know to see where~~ they need to go. Moreover, the six cities were spaced ~~throughout the land of Israel~~ with three to the west of the Jordan River and three to the east. ~~Brother Carter~~ suggests that no matter where the Israelites were, a city of refuge was always ~~nearby~~. Brother Carter then reminded us that "the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear" (Isaiah 59:1). No matter where we are, the Lord is always nearby. What's more, as the Jordan is sometimes ~~viewed as an emblem of~~ death, Joshua 20 teaches us that God makes Himself available ~~to us on both sides of the~~ crossing.

Brother Carter taught us that the gate for each of the cities of refuge was always open and that the road leading to the gate was always kept clear. He ~~challenged us to make~~ sure that we do whatever is necessary to see that the gate is ~~open~~ and that the way is clear for sinners today. He reminded us that the guilty ~~must depend on the virtues~~ of others, but on the virtues of God. He then told us that ~~the way to the cities~~, meaning "refuge," pointed the way to the cities. Like John the Baptist ~~who pointed out Jesus in~~ John 1:29, we must point sinners to the One who is their refuge. ~~Brother Carter~~ assured us that Jesus is able to take care of all the problems that we face ~~today~~.

Brother Carter closed his wonderfully insightful message ~~by challenging us to tell the~~ world about our refuge, Jesus Christ who is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). He ~~closed by saying that we must~~ tell the world what they need and where He can be found.

Brother Donnie Hines led in singing "I Am Going to That City" and "Better Farther On" as Brother Jeremy Wilson played the piano. While the congregation sang, they passed into the altar to shake hands with one another and ~~to thank Brother Carter for~~ the message.

Brother Carver expressed his appreciation for the message and the songs. Then, he reminded us that "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18).

REPORTS

Brother Carver called for the report "Promotion of Christian Music Training in Our Churches." Brother Key Dillard read the report. After discussion by Brothers Key Dillard, Donnie Hines, Adam Troutt, Paul Patterson, Jeremy Wilson, and Johnny Carver, the report was adopted. Brother Dillard thanked the association for their interest in the topic, reminisced about the many blessings that he had received because of his involvement in music, lamented the decline in interest in music among the churches, and encouraged us to take pride in our music. Brother Hines stated that music had been a wonderful part of his life since the early days of his childhood, when his mother and father purchased a piano and encouraged him in his musical pursuits. In his thirty-fifth year as song leader at McFerrin, Brother Hines said that music is among the most important things that children should be taught and rejoiced in the words of the old hymn: "Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving ev'ry day; / Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay." Brother Troutt spoke of the importance of music in his life and the blessing he receives when he sees younger children learning to sing. Also, he expressed his thankfulness for godly teachers and stressed the importance of learning about the meaning of the songs we sing. Brother Patterson expressed his appreciation for Brother Dillard, reminded us that we are blessed to have music teachers among us, and encouraged us to continue in our support of singing schools and music education. Brother Wilson recalled many memories associated with music and expressed his appreciation for Brothers Dillard and Hines. He said that participating in the singing at his church as a child promoted his love for music. Brother Carver spoke of his fondest memory of music.

PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN MUSIC TRAINING IN OUR CHURCHES

Brother Moderator, Messengers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The committee appreciates the Wiseman Baptist Association for including this most timely and worthy subject in our deliberations for this one hundred thirteenth annual session. May we be encouraged in our Church music training and may God bless the labors of His children.

As we begin meditation and earnestly seeking God's leadership in the preparation of this report, our memory recalls our Saints of old, both singing school teachers and devoted church members, who held music training in our Churches in the highest esteem. They encouraged, exhorted and assured the training of this present day and past generations in the rudiments of music.

Revelation 14:13 *"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*
 The committee dedicates this report to their precious memories.

In consideration of this brief study, and prayerfully, to help those who feel music training is not appropriate, we feel it is absolutely necessary first to determine the answer to two basic questions. First, does Christian Music have a place in our Church worship? Second, what is the purpose of music in the worship service?

Then, as a follow up to these two basic questions, if indeed Christian music has a place in our church services, how do we promote it? On the other hand, if Christian music has no importance in our Church worship, then our subject of its promotion is of no necessity.

Let us be guided by the scriptures.

Early in the Bible, we find in Genesis 4 that God gave a talent to Jubal. Jubal was the seventh generation descendent of Adam and the son of Lamech. Verse 21 tells us that Jubal "was the father of all such as handle the harp." Mankind was blessed by God with this early talent. The harp was one of the two most important instruments in the temple worship, and as we will later explore, the harp was a favorite musical instrument of one of the greatest musicians, singers, songwriters, and promoters of music for God that this world has ever known, King David.

Exodus 15 records the first song to be found in the scriptures, though no doubt before this time, songs of praise were sung to the Lord. It is known as the song of Moses, and Moses had reason to sing for God had heard his prayer, and the children of Israel likewise had reason to praise and offer an oblation of thanksgiving as they had just been delivered from the hands of Pharaoh at the Red Sea. They sang unto the Lord, saying in verse 1, *"I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea,"* and in verse 2, *"The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: He is my God . . ."* Moses and the Israelites must have felt at that time of deliverance the way we all felt when we were saved from our destruction and delivered from Satan and the grave. God gives us a reason to sing! Can you sing a song of praise and thanksgiving to Him our Lord and King for His salvation?

One entire book of the Old Testament is a collection of songs and prayers that express the heart and soul of humanity. We will not have time to read each one, but for the sake of the reader who is sincere and wants to be blessed, here are a few chapters and verses in Psalms to help us identify the rightful place of song in the worship of our Lord and Savior: Psalm 13:6; 30:4; 59:17; 66:2; 71:23; 96:1,2; 108:1; 147:7; 149:1. Perhaps a favorite when we consider our subject is Psalm 104:33, *"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."*

Proverbs 29:6 tell us, *"In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice."* The righteous rejoices from the snares of sin and Satan through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The sweet Spirit makes us want to sing for the joy of redeeming grace and eternal life. Sing, *"Peace, peace, wonderful peace,"* as we look toward our home in Glory. Isaiah 49:13 teaches us to *"sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted."* The angels in Heaven rejoice at the conversion of a single sinner.

Have you ever experienced rejoicing and singing breaking forth as a sinner is saved in your Church? We are sure you have and the reason for all this is that the Lord blesses His people to rejoicing by sending His "Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove."

The New Testament finds Paul teaching believers the manner in which to sing. I Corinthians 14:15: "*I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*" In all that we do as we worship our Lord, we should do it with reverence to the mighty God, always seeking His Spirit. Especially should we approach the song service with reverence. The singers are the first line of worship. Every Church that we're aware of begins worship with singing. Singing with the Spirit and singing with the understanding prepares the heart and soul for the preaching of God's word. Always search the song for the spiritual meaning. Many times our souls are filled to rejoicing with God's music!

Paul urges believers to sing in Ephesians 5:19, "singing and making melody in your heart," and in Colossians 3:16,17, "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." How can we admonish and worship with the spirit if we don't glorify and honor God for whom we sing? The two go hand in hand with Jesus. Paul further states in verse 17, "*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*" John the Revelator gives us a glimpse of Heaven and singing in Revelation 5:9; 14:3; 15:3. Paul and Silas in Acts 16:25 prayed and sang at midnight: They "*sang praises unto God.*" Matthew 26:30 records our Lord and the disciples at the last supper singing: "*And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.*"

Now let us turn our attention to musical instrumentation. We have earlier presented the scriptures on how God gave a talent, or a gift, to Jubal and because of Jubal's talent, he was known as the father of the harp. This instrument was one of the favorites and most used in temple worship services. The Jews utilized the harp because its tone was described as sweet, tender and soft. I Samuel 16:23 says that "David took a harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him." God wants us to use our gifts and talents for His honor and glory. Sweet music instrumentation, as in the days of David, is a blessing in our worship services as it refreshes and causes the evil spirit to depart. Early worship in the scriptures found many other instruments such as the TAMBOURINE, found in Genesis 31:27, used as a rhythm indicator; HORN; and TRUMPET, originally a ram's horn and used as a signal instrument in religious ceremonies. Gideon sounded the Lord's horn to frighten His enemies. Joshua used it to fulfill God's plan in the capture of Jericho. Joshua 6:20 tells us it was used to stir up the heart of the people to reverence and awe of God. Our instruments today should follow the same guidelines and the musician should seek to stir the heart of the people.

Due to length, we have provided only a few of the many scriptures found both in the Old as well as the New Testament concerning the question before us: Does Christian music have a place in our Church worship services? We conclude from God's word that indeed Christian music does have a place in our Church worship service! From the scriptures of Genesis to Revelation, music is not only often described, but encouraged to be completed in order to please God. We must always remember that God wants us to do our very best for Him. As mentioned previously, our forefathers took pride in Christian music in their churches. We must also!

We believe that the very purpose of Christian music is to glorify and honor God!

It must be done with reverence and always seeking God's sweet Spirit in our song service. Songs of praise, adoration, thanksgiving, and victory are among the many songs that we sing. The apostle Paul says it best: We are to "sing with the spirit, and sing with the understanding." How can we accomplish the same as the apostle Paul unless we do so with reverence, humility and knowledge? The singers and musicians must approach their music with preparation.

Knowledge in music, as in God's word, is vitally important as we perform for God's glory and honor. What do the scriptures say about preparation and knowledge in church music? In I Chronicles, King David chose the Levites to provide music for the temple worship service. I Chronicles 15:16 tells us that King David appointed singers as well as musicians: "And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint brethren to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and chords, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy." Verse 22 tells us that there was a singing school teacher by the name of Chenaniah: "And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was instructed about the song, because he was skillful." Furthermore, in describing the knowledge of God's music, I Chronicles 25 gives the duties of the musicians in the worship service of the temple. Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun were appointed leaders. In verse 7, we find, "So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of the Lord, even all that were cunning [well-skilled and expert], was two hundred fourscore and eight." To sing in harmony, we must be instructed just as this great choir in the temple worship services.

Does a connection or similarity between the music then and the music now?

We declare a hearty YES, and emphasize that not only was there a great choir and song leaders then, but also these musicians were instructed in order to do their very best work. We believe they were taught in the proper way to sing God's music. We should follow the paths established for us throughout the scriptures concerning music training in our churches.

Then, how do we promote Christian music training in our churches? We can accomplish this promotion through a review of the scriptures presented before us and their application utilizing those teachings. Specifically, (1) God wants us to obey and receive His gifts for Him; (2) God wants us to reverence Him, always seeking His Spirit, peace and thanksgiving; (3) God wants us to glorify and honor Him. Everyone in the assembly today can become active in the promotion of church music. Although we may not have received the same musical gifts as others, we can pray, we can learn and we can help others to learn and exercise their talents and gifts for God's glory and honor.

Singing school teachers, as in the days past of our forefathers, stand ready to help our churches with music. You can encourage your church to host a singing school. The singing schools, as they are called, are spiritual blessings. Any of the committee can help you with this. As a matter of fact, God has blessed us in this Middle Tennessee area with the formation of comprehensive music schools where training takes place in a good environment. Young and old can enroll and live in campus housing or drive to school for up to two weeks while receiving intensive church music training both in musicianship as well as songship. Songwriting is also offered. The Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy meets at Cumberland University in Lebanon each first full week of June each year. Then immediately following for the next two full weeks in June each year, the Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music meets in Pulaski. We can participate in the promotion of each of these music schools.

In conclusion, Christian music training is common from the scriptures the Old Testament through Revelation in the New Testament. Remember, we should joyfully sing and play God's music with reverence. We must give God the glory and honor. May we always be obedient to God's music and promote it with joy. God's music has had its importance in worship service throughout the annals of time and will until He says that time will be no more. Then, we that have been saved by His grace will sing that new song that John spoke about with the millions in that heavenly choir as we gather around the throne eternal. In the meantime, may we be diligent in our efforts to promote Christian music training in our churches.

Humbly and prayerfully submitted,
Key Dillard, Clyde Dilleha, Donnie Hines, Adam Troutt

Brother Carver then called for the obituary report. Elder Larry Gregory read the report. After discussion by Brothers Larry Gregory, Brian Johnson, Bobby Mullins, Morgan Scott, and Mike Stokes, the report was adopted. After speaking of the Bible's use of clouds in Hebrews 12 and in the story of Elijah, Brother Gregory reminded us that we are like clouds in that our purpose is not to be admired, but to bring rain to the earth. We have a responsibility to carry God's Word to every creature. He admonished us to be more like Christ, who willingly gave His life for God's honor, not to be admired, but to be useful. He spoke also of the inevitability of death and reminded us of the importance of salvation. He expressed his belief that continuing in the Lord's work is a fitting way to memorialize those who have gone before us. Brother Johnson gave an account of his experience of salvation, reminded us of God's interest in the heart, insisted that we cannot fulfill God's purpose for our life without knowing God's grace and love, read one of his poems titled "Clouds upon Clouds," and announced that the Lord had called him into the ministry. Brother Mullins spoke of the difficulty of losing loved ones and assured us that death is gain and should not be feared. He reminded us that death is a universal reality and encouraged us to prepare our people for it. He spoke, too, of the connection between sin and death and referred to the words of Jesus—"except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit"—and to the teaching of Hebrews 4:9—"there remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Brother Scott reminisced about Brother William Overton and Brother Tom Armstrong and expressed his delight in the fact that these brethren lived still in his memories. Brother Stokes also recalled his memories of Brother Armstrong and spoke about the importance of education.

OBITUARY REPORT

After naming many of the great and well known fathers of the faith from Abel and Enoch through Noah and Abraham and on to Moses and David and Samuel, the writer of the Hebrews letter acknowledged that time would not allow him to name them all and began the twelfth chapter with these words:

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

We realize that clouds are composed of tiny droplets of water so small as to be

individually unnoticeable, if not invisible. And yet, when suspended in the atmosphere in numbers, the droplets form the clouds that offer the hope of the showers of rain that support life on the thirsty earth. When moved by the wind to the place of need, the showers come and the object of the hope is fulfilled.

We learn from the letters of the churches representing in the Wiseman Association that ten of our brothers and sisters have departed this life for the Better World in the presence of the Lord. For most of them, their lives and, therefore, their departures probably went largely unnoticed by the world. A few lines in an obituary may have been the only times their names were ever published in the newspaper. And yet, moved by the same Spirit that spoke peace to their souls, they joined themselves to churches and became part of the great cloud of witnesses that points a lost world to the only hope of eternal salvation in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Just as were the recipients of the Hebrew letter, we who are left behind have the responsibility to continue the race; it is the only fitting memorial to them. And the author and finisher of their faith and ours in still "set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Gregory, Bobby Mullins, Morgan Scott, Bobby Sutton

Brother Carver then called for the Associational Missionary's report. Elder Eugene Brown gave the report. After discussion by Brothers Brown, Robby Cornwell, and Jay Loving, the report was adopted. Brother Brown spoke of his experience in mission work and citing Luke 24:49, reminded us that power and direction are the keys to such work. He insisted that we must maintain our desire for mission work and shared information about areas in Middle Tennessee where the need for mission work exists. Finally, he reported on his short-wave radio and Internet ministries. Brother Cornwell expressed his appreciation for those who do mission work and reminded us that while such work requires a special call from God, all Christians in essence have missionary responsibilities. He then reported on the work of the Missionary Baptist Telecast. Brother Loving reported on the music mission trips that had been sponsored by Murfreesboro Church in the past few years.

Brother Donnie Hines moved to adjourn until the following morning. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. After encouraging us to be doers of the Word, not just hearers, Brother Carver thanked Mt. Juliet Church for their hospitality. Brother Dwight Massey prayed the dismissal prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING OCTOBER 25, 2003

The association reconvened on Saturday morning, October 25, 2003, at 10 a.m. as Brother Clyde Dilleha led in singing "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus" and "I Know I'm Saved" while Brother Adam Troutt played the piano. Elder Kenneth Massey welcomed the congregation to the association and reminded us that since yesterday's blessings were consumed by yesterday's needs, we needed the Lord today. He thanked the Lord for salvation and spoke about the believer's eternal security. He also acknowledged our dependence on the blood of Jesus and the principles of God's Word. He warned of the dangers of compromise, read Hebrews 12:1-3, and challenged us as Paul challenged the Corinthians: "Quit you like men" (16:13). He then read Hebrews 12:4-8 and expressed his thankfulness for God's chastisement. Brother Ray Smith, Moderator of the Southwest District Association, led the assembly in prayer. The clerk then called the roll of messengers, and Brother Massey recognized the visitors.

THE RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitors on Saturday morning:

- Brother Ray Smith, Huntingdon MBC, Southwest District Association
- Sister Wilma Smith, Huntingdon MBC, Southwest District Association
- Elder Ronnie Stewart, Shiloh MBC, Southwest District Association

REPORTS

Brother Massey called on Brother Donnie Hines, the association's ambassador, to report on his work in the past year. Brother Hines spoke of the encouragement that he had given to different churches in the past year to participate in the association and expressed his belief that the association will grow in the years to come. He encouraged all present to act as ambassadors in the coming year.

Brother Massey then called for the report "Christian Education." Brother Greg Hines read the report at the request of Elder Paul Patterson. After discussion by Brothers Hines, Johnnie Brewer, Paul Patterson, Jeremy Wilson, Branton Williams, and Bobby Mullins, the report was adopted. Brother Hines spoke of the importance of teaching our children and of the zeal of other denominations. He spoke of the lack of knowledge of the Bible that is prevalent among our people and noted that involving people in the work of the church is a good incentive to promote regular attendance. Brother Brewer spoke of the challenges of growing and studying for those who were saved later in life and of the desire which motivates Christians to pursue an education. He also suggested adopting many of the good ideas of other denominations. Brother Patterson reminded us of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19, 20) and lamented our dependence on the

customs of our forefathers. He also encouraged us to support Sunday School. Brother Wilson spoke of the mechanics of studying and teaching God's Word and encouraged the initiation of teacher training sessions within our churches and the utilization of the resources that we possess within our ranks. Brother Williams spoke of the importance of including our children in worship services. Brother Mullins spoke of the difficulty of receiving education and of the value of sound instruction in the teachings of the Bible.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A sound Christian education is the lifeline of a person's relationship with God.

Psalms 119:105 tells us, "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*" The word of God is ready at any time in a person's life to take away the darkness and lighten the way in which one should go. Of course, salvation is the heart and soul of one's eternal life.

Without hearing and learning about God's words and commandments, a life of separation from God is certain.

We read in I Peter 3:15, "*But sanctify [set apart] the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*" We must educate our churches to give a defense for this eternal hope of which God's word has assured us. This goes for our children, our young fathers and mothers, our older members, and last but not least our unsaved attendees.

Let's start with our children: Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "*train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.*" It is imperative that our children learn about the great characters of the Bible such as King David, Noah and Zacchaeus, but the days of just reciting Bible stories are over. We must indoctrinate our children before they are saved. Our children must be armed with the beliefs of a saved Christian. This will make it easier for them to surrender when conviction comes.

It will also set them on the path to being a young missionary. Children have an opportunity to tell their friends their beliefs, how God saved them and why they had to be saved.

Next, we look at our young fathers and mothers. Deuteronomy 6:5-7 says, "*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*" Young fathers and mothers have the daunting task of raising their children today in a world that doesn't know God. Sure there is a remnant of believers, but the majority of people our children come in contact with daily are not sound Christians. How can we as parents educate our children when we are satisfied with the limited amount of knowledge we have attained? We have to learn today what we believe. A time and place is sufficient to become a member of the Lord's Church, but just telling of a time and a place will fall on deaf ears in the world. We have to be

armed with a why and a how. Daily in-home Bible study and organized church Bible studies are imperative to indoctrinate our beliefs.

Last, let's look at our older members: "We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in thou days, in the times of old" (Psalm 44:1). The older members of the church continue to be a vital part of our Christian education; even though the methods and circumstances seem outdated, they are doctrinally sound and teachable.

Exodus 1:8 says, "Now there arose up a new king over Egypt which knew not Joseph." This young king didn't know Joseph because none of the elders ever taught him about Joseph. We must ask and learn from our older members because their knowledge and wisdom will surely bless us. Older members must also strive to be better educated. We can read in Proverbs 1:5, "A wise man will hear and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels."

As wise and educated as we become, we must understand there was and will only be one Man who had complete command of the scriptures, Jesus Christ. Striving for a better Christian education, we can be more like Him every day.

Greg Hines, Paul Patterson, Mike Stokes,
Trey Crews, Johnnie Brewer, Charles Stapleton

Brother Clyde Dilleha led in singing "What a Friend" as Brother Adam Troutt played the piano. Then, Brothers Key Dillard, Donnie Hines, Wayne Scott, and Jeremy Wilson sang "Going Home" and "Nothing But the Blood" as Brother Deric McClard accompanied on the piano. The singing was met with shouts of joy, which sounded from the lips of God's children. Brother Massey then introduced Elder Henry Smith, who had been selected to preach the doctrinal sermon. Brother Smith, 93 years old at the time of the association, was presented as a man of character, faith, and prayer, who had given his life to God. Brother Massey related that Brother Smith was beaten while serving as a missionary in Japan and characterized the brother as a "walking sermon."

THE DOCTRINAL SERMON

While frail in body and feeble in step, Brother Smith acknowledged his dependence on the Lord and expressed his appreciation to the association for being asked to preach. He then delighted in the providence of his God, whom he described as both kind and loving.

Brother Smith read Genesis 3:9-15, spoke about the implications of the verses, and announced his subject in the form of the question "Can We Preach Christ in the Old Testament?" Brother Smith reminded us of the importance of preaching Christ and assured us that we could do so even if we were deprived of the New Testament.

In directing our attention to Genesis 3:15, he said that the verse is the first in Old Testament where we can see Jesus. Consisting of the elements of prophecy and of material for evangelism, the verse promises the shed blood of Jesus. Isaiah was a witness of the same: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for

our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (53:5).

Next, Brother Smith reminded us that "*God . . . preached . . . the gospel unto Abraham*" (Galatians 3:8) when He made the promises of Genesis 22:17, 18. God then promised that "*all the nations of the earth [shall] be blessed*" (v. 18). While not everyone has believed on Jesus for salvation, everyone has been affected by His coming. We who have believed on Him have been touched in a special way, for we have found Him as a Savior. The promises in Genesis 22 are explained in Galatians 3:16, where Paul identifies the promised seed of Abraham as the Christ.

Brother Smith then assured us that Jesus can be found with the children of Israel in Egypt. There, Moses "*refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,*" for he "*[esteemed] the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt*" (Hebrews 11:24-26).

Jesus can also be found with David, Israel's sweet psalmist, who wrote about his "Lord" in Psalm 110:1. Jesus quoted the verse in Matthew 22:41-44, when He was confronted by questioners. Brother Smith pointed out that we cannot preach about the Lordship of Christ too much and encouraged us to make Him the Lord of our lives. The angels declare His Lordship in Luke 2:9-11.

Brother Smith then noted that Isaiah bore witness to the coming of the Messiah. The Old Testament prophet foretold the Lord's birth, His suffering, and His death. Moreover, the prophet revealed that the coming Messiah would be called Immanuel, meaning "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14). Most notable is the Lord's suffering, as foretold in Isaiah 53 and recounted in Philippians 2:8. Brother Smith then spoke of the world's aversion for preaching about the blood of Jesus. He reminded us, however, that it is our duty to speak about the controversial topic.

Brother Smith then spoke of the abundance of evidence in the Old Testament, which supports the claim of Jesus' resurrection. When Jesus spoke to the scribes and the Pharisees in Matthew 12:38-40, He taught them that the story of Jonah prefigured His coming resurrection. Brother Smith assured us that there was more to the story of Jonah than God's punishment of a disobedient prophet: "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (v. 40).

Brother Smith expressed his thankfulness for our high priest, whom the Lord "hath highly exalted" (Philippians 2:9), and about whom the Old Testament writer prophesied in Psalm 110:4: "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." Then, citing Hebrews 6:18-20, Brother Smith reminded us that Jesus' priesthood is unending.

Brother Smith concluded his wonderful message by confessing his inability to tell just what Jesus means to him. Citing Psalm 139:9, 10, He rejoiced in the fact that the Lord had always been with him.

As the congregation gathered into the altar to shake hands with Brother Smith, Donnie Hines led in singing "Victory in Jesus" and Brother Adam Trout played the piano. After many wonderful testimonies, the association was dismissed for lunch. The brethren from East Tennessee received permission from the moderator to leave the association early. Brother Brian Johnson from McFerrin prayed the dismissal prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 25, 2003

After another wonderful meal, the association was reconvened. Brother Key Dillard led in singing "Soon" as Sister Shirley Dillard played the piano. Brother Dillard then called on the youth to help him lead "My God Is Real." For special singing, Sister Heather Green from Murfreesboro Church led the young people in singing "Blessed Assurance" and "God Is So Good." The moderator then quoted Psalm 117 and expressed his thankfulness for the Lord's blessings. He recounted many of his experiences with Brother Dillard and others during a mission trip to Trinidad. Brother Donnie Hines then led in singing "God Bless America." Referring to I Timothy 2:1, Brother Massey spoke of the importance of praying for others and called on Brother Johnny Carver to lead in prayer.

Brother Massey next called for the reading of correspondence. Letters were read from the Big Bear Creek, Bethel, and Southwest District Associations. The association elected to include the letters in the minutes. Brother Massey then called on the brethren who had visited other associations in the past year to report on their visits. Messengers were then appointed to visit the sister associations in the coming year. Brother Massey quoted Psalm 133:1 and spoke of the problems associated with not forgiving others.

Brother Jeremy Wilson read the correspondence from Mt. Juliet Church. He expressed his joy in the church's being able to host the association and assured us that the meeting had been a great help to the church. After subsequent discussion, the report was adopted.

HOST CHURCH CORRESPONDENCE

Through God's mercy and goodness we have been blessed and kept through another year, and we count it our honor and joy to host the 113th annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association.

When we look back over the long period since the association was established, we are constrained to say—surely the Lord has indeed remembered and kept His covenant with His people. He is plainly manifesting the fulfillment of His promise to us that He will be our God, and we will be His people. No hand but His could have sheltered us, no power but His could have preserved us. He commands us as a kind and loving Father to forsake the weak and beggarly elements of the world and cleave to Him. If we do these things, we shall never fall. His arm is strong and He has all power in heaven and on earth.

Dear brethren, if we obey and trust Him we shall have nothing to fear. Be valiant and of a good courage. While the journey you are making seems long, and the way many times seems rugged, let us try to remember the land to which you are traveling is a good and pleasant land—a land where your rest will be sweet and will last forever. Our Lord loves His people with an everlasting love, and there we will fully realize what we have been permitted to believe here—the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

For our church, our association with you has strengthened the band of love, which binds our hearts. It is indeed a joy during these two days for us to feast upon the sweet

promises of the gospel here while the world surrounds us with trials and trouble. How wonderful it is for us to come together in love and unity to encourage and support one another as we enjoy each sermon, report, and moment of fellowship. These moments are all too brief when we are together. Thanks be unto the Father who has promised that we shall soon be together again to enjoy eternal fellowship in the land where parting is no more, and nothing but peace, joy, and pleasure will ever be known.

Brethren, until our next session, let us strive to be as obedient to duty as our nature will permit, looking to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith. May our divine Master enable us through His power and grace to present ourselves a living sacrifice when the call of duty reaches us. As a chosen and favored people, let us follow the meek and lowly Savior. If we do, all will be well.

Lovingly submitted,
Elder Jeremy Wilson and Elder Johnnie Brewer, Sr.

The treasurer's report was then read by Brother James Hill and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 24, 2003

10/26/02 - Balance	\$12,055.45
10/26/02 - Ck #1006, Clerk Fee	500.00
10/29/02 - Deposit	1,125.00
10/29/02 - Deposit	10.00
11/02/02 - Ck #1007, Murfreesboro Ch	1,000.00
11/02/02 - Ck #1008, Jamaica Fund	1,000.00
11/02/02 - Ck #1009, New Life Church	1,000.00
INTEREST EARNED	96.29
Bank Charges	100.00
09/25/03 - Ck #1010, Bible Literature (For 750 Association Minutes)	857.08
10/21/03 - Balance	\$ 8,829.66

Elder B. G. Sutton, Treasurer
Brother James Hill, Assistant

BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

January 6, 2003

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-Seventh Annual Session with Elam Creek Missionary Baptist Church. We had 29 churches reporting an increase of 135 with 77 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 87 with a total membership of 3,626. We still need to see many souls saved for the Lord.

We are truly thankful for the visitors that were able to be with us. We invite each one to join us for the 168th Annual Session to be held with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located near Russellville, Alabama. This session will be held October 11, 12, 13, 14, 2003.

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
Billy Murphy, Vice Moderator

BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

September 21, 2003

To our Sister Associations in our Lord Jesus Christ:

Greetings from the delegates to the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association. We want to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the lost souls that have been saved. A total of 15 churches were represented at our 46th annual session. We have a total membership of 1,675. Our total included 47 baptisms and 11 dismissed by death.

Contributions for this year, including missions, totaled \$524,533.00.

The churches in our association this year are hoping and praying that God will bless us in many ways with good fellowship and many souls saved.

We the association would like to thank Friendship Missionary Baptist Church at 5520 Baseline Road, Columbus, Indiana, for hosting the association meeting this year. May God richly bless you. We want to thank the Lord for the visitors we have this year. Also we want to thank the Sisters for the good food.

We hope and pray that we will see all of you at next year's session to be held at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 222 East Epler Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. The 2004 session will be held on Friday night, September 17. Services are to begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday services are to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elder William McElroy, Chairman
Brother Tim Spurgeon

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 20, 2003

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings from the churches that make up the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. It is our prayer that the fruits of your labor in the Lord have been most productive. As we met for our one hundred fifty-fifth annual session in 2003, 29 churches reported 56 baptisms with a total membership of 3,087.

In the early hours of August 27, 2003, the Lord called home our moderator, A. G. Hayes, to rest from his labors. Our association was saddened by his passing, but we thank God for the work that Bro. Hayes did. At the past session, the messengers of our association elected Bro. Ray Smith as our moderator and Bro. Derrick Jowers as the Assistant Moderator.

God blessed us again with the visitation of His Holy Spirit. We are thankful for those who were able to visit with us during the 2003 session and pray that you found it most enjoyable.

We would like to invite all to join us for the 2004 session to be held with Center Point Baptist Church located just off Highway 70, on Rowland Mill Road in Bruceton, Tennessee. The sessions will be held October 8-9, 2004, starting at 10:00 am. Bro. David Leslie, will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday, and Bro. Ronnie Stewart will be preaching the Doctrinal Sermon on Saturday.

Please remember our efforts in your prayers and we look forward to hearing from you soon. May the Lord bless you in your efforts to serve Him.

Until He Returns,
Bro. Scott Carter, Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

Brother Massey recommended that the wording in the rules of decorum be altered to allow for female messengers. The clerk agreed to reword the passages in question.

Brother Carver moved to include James Hill's name on the association's account. The motion was seconded and passed.

The motion was made by Brother Wilson to elect Brother Donnie Hines as the association's ambassador. The motion was seconded and passed.

Brother Key Dillard then spoke about the mission efforts of Murfreesboro Church, especially on the recent trip to Trinidad. At the request of the moderator, Brother Carver moved to select Brother Key Dillard as the association's mission director and to encourage each church to appoint a contact to serve as a liaison between Brother Dillard and the church. The motion was seconded and passed after much discussion.

The recommended order of business for 2004 was read by Brother Carver and adopted by the association.

While Brother Hines led in singing "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Amazing Grace," the congregation pressed into the altar for the parting handshake. Sister Heather Green sang "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" after many wonderful testimonies were given. The association was closed with prayer.

SPECIAL REPORTS FOR 2003

REPORT - "How Can the Church Promote Bible Studies That Produce Results?"

Chair: Greg Hines; Committee: Trey Crews, Heather Green, Larry Gregory, Cindy Rutledge

REPORT - "What Is the Vision Christ Wants Every Church to Have, and How Can Each Church Fulfill That Vision Today?"

Chair: Jeremy Wilson; Committee: Bill Green, George Snow, Kenneth Zink

REPORT - Obituaries

Chair: Wayne Scott; Committee: Johnnie Brewer, Gary Nicholas

REPORT - Association Missions

Chair: Key Dillard; Committee: Eugene Brown, Robby Cornwell, Tim Simpson, Adam Trout

Elder Kenneth Massey, Moderator
Elder Deric McClard, Clerk

IN LOVING MEMORY

BETHLEHEM

Herschel Miller July 2, 2003
 Georgia Farmer October 20, 2003

LONGVIEW

Laura Gammons March 8, 2003

McFERRIN

Marvin Knight July 15, 2002
 Johnnie Massey March 12, 2003
 Gertrude Oliver March 28, 2003
 Annie Gregory April 2, 2003
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 Virginia Wilmore October 13, 2003

NEW LIFE

Arvella Stapleton September 21, 2003

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DATE	PLACE	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1891	Cedar Bluff	J.H. Grime	W.M.S. Wilks	B.R. Hawkins
1892	Meadorville	W.M.S. Wilks	W.M.S. Wilks	B.R. Hawkins
1893	Dixon's Creek	J.S. Pardue	W.M.S. Wilks	B.R. Hawkins
1894	Lafayette	J.S. Pardue	W.M.S. Wilks	J.S. Pardue
1895	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	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	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
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	GO. 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	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
2001	McFerrin	Kevin Perdue	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory
2002	Bethlehem	Jeremy Wilson	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard
2003	Mt. Juliet	Trey Crews	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard

CHURCH	When Organ.	Gains by Baptism	Gains by Letter	Gains by Statement	Loss by Letter	Loss by Expulsion	Loss by Death	Current Enroll.
Bethlehem	1962	1	1	0	0	0	2	149
Longview	1960	3	0	1	1	0	1	181
McFerrin	1948	9	5	9	1	0	6	608
Mt. Juliet	1982	1	0	0	0	0	0	96
Murfreesboro	1984	3	3	0	0	1	0	73
New Life	1997	2	0	0	0	0	1	69
New Zion	1981	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Three Springs	1995	7	7	7	3	0	0	321
TOTALS		26	16	17	5	1	10	1,533

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

CHURCH	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Teachers
Bethlehem	0	20	23	15	22	5
Longview	45	50	50	70	75	9
McFerrin	300	308	329	348	351	16
Mt. Juliet	NA	NA	34	38	32	4
Murfreesboro	NA	NA	NA	35	35	5
New Life	NA	67	67	68	68	4
New Zion	17	15	8	11	5	1
Three Springs	112	115	118	116	148	16
TOTALS	474	575	629	701	736	60