

**WISEMAN  
BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**



**OCTOBER 21 and 22,  
2005**

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**October 20 and 21, 2006**

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# **WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

*One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Session*

**October 21 and 22, 2005**

**Convened with**

## **MURFREESBORO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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The one hundred sixteenth annual session will be held October 20 and 21, 2006, at the Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson County, TN, beginning each day at 10 a.m.

### **2006 SERMONS**

**Introductory Sermon . . . . . Elder Brian Johnson**

**Doctrinal Sermon . . . . . 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.

## **THE FRIDAY MORNING SESSION OCTOBER 21, 2005**

On Friday morning, October 21, 2005, the members of the Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church welcomed the messengers and visitors to the one hundred fifteenth annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association. All were blessed by the gracious hospitality of the host church.

The session began as Brother Key Dillard led in singing "Because of Calvary" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Sister Shirley Dillard played the piano. After welcoming the congregation, Brother Dillard encouraged us to worship the Lord. Then, Brother Kenneth Massey quoted Psalm 117 and spoke about the security of our



salvation. He read Matthew 5:1-16 and called on Brother Eugene Brown to lead the assembly in prayer.

Brother Rick Oliver, pastor of the host church, welcomed the congregation and expressed his desire for the blessings of the Lord. After reading Psalm 133:1, he spoke briefly about the importance of love and unity. Then, Brother Dillard led in singing "Near the Cross," as Sister Dillard played the piano. Next, Brothers Key Dillard, Don Hines, Wayne Scott and Jeremy Wilson favored the congregation by singing "The Homecoming Week." Brother Deric McClard accompanied on the piano. Finally, Brother Massey expressed his love and appreciation for the younger preachers in the association and reminded us that we had met together to worship the Lord, not to criticize one another. He presented Brother Jeremy Wilson, who had been selected to preach the introductory sermon.

## **THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON**

In his opening remarks, Brother Wilson spoke of his love of preaching about Jesus. After reminding us of our dependence on Calvary's spotless Lamb, he read Hebrews 2:5-9 and announced his subject: "But We See Jesus."

Brother Wilson began his message by characterizing the Book of Hebrews as a letter of encouragement written to a scattered group of persecuted Jewish believers. It was written to point them to Jesus, the cornerstone and foundation of our faith, and to assure them of His superiority. In Jesus we find a better priesthood, a better sacrifice, a better covenant, a better rest, and a better future. As bad as life may seem at times, we can always see a bright future and a better tomorrow with Jesus. When we

learn to see Him, we can find hope, strength, and encouragement.

Brother Wilson continued by reminding us that we can see Jesus in the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation, Jesus appears in every book of God's Holy Word. Citing Genesis 3:15, Genesis 12:1-3, and Isaiah 7:14, he said that we can see Jesus first as the Promised Seed of God. He spoke of God's many promises concerning Jesus, promises made to Adam and Eve, Abraham, Jacob, Judah, and David. Because of these promises, many believed that Jesus would come, just as we believe He did come and that He will come again. Brother Wilson reminded us that Jesus came to save people not from an oppressive government, but from their sin. He related how the Lord had saved him, rescuing him from sin and making him "free indeed" (John 8:36). Our hope and faith rests upon God's promises. As Brother Wilson continued to speak about Jesus, he reminded us of the time of the Savior's coming (Galatians 4:4), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14), and the star that pointed the wise men to Him (Matthew 2:2).

Next, Brother Wilson assured us that we can see Jesus as God's powerful Son. He reminded us the significance of the name *Immanuel* ("God with us") and spoke of Jesus in relation to God's wisdom and power. By walking on the sea (Matthew 14:25), and by calming the storm (Mark 4:39), Jesus proved that He can overcome impossible situations and that all things are subject to Him. Brother Wilson referred to many of the miracles of Jesus as further proof of the Lord's sovereign power. Not even death could defeat Him! Because Jesus overcame the world (John 16:33), Brother Wilson assured us that we could confidently sing "Victory in Jesus." He reminded us, too,

of the centurion, who said, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54).

Then, Brother Wilson spoke about the humility of Jesus. A rare combination, Jesus was both powerful and humble. He knows it all, but is not a know-it-all. Neither arrogant nor a braggart, the lowly Jesus was raised in humble surroundings. Brother Wilson referred to Philippians 2:5-8 in his further discussion of the Lord's humility. Jesus demonstrated this seemingly surprising quality because He did not want His followers to misunderstand that His kingdom is spiritual in nature (John 18:36). By girding Himself with a towel and washing His disciples' feet, Jesus best demonstrated His humility. Brother Wilson suggested that this quality is one of the many things we find so appealing about Jesus.

Finally, Brother Wilson described Jesus as the spotless, sinless Sacrifice (Hebrews 4:15). Had He not been spotless and sinless, He would not have been our Sacrifice. Brother Wilson spoke of the differences between our living Savior and the lifeless idols worshiped by others. Citing I Corinthians 15:1-4, Brother Wilson emphasized the importance of the Lord's resurrection and of repenting and believing in His completed redemptive work. Because of the Lord's work, the lost can be found, the dead can be made alive, and the hateful and proud can be made loving and humble.

Brother Wilson closed his message by speaking about the best way to see Jesus. The best way to see the living Word (John 1:14) is in the written Word, where He is depicted in many different ways. In Genesis, He is the Creator of all things. In Exodus, He is the Lamb of God. In Joshua, He

is the Angel of the Lord. In the Song of Solomon, He is the Lily of the Valley and the Rose of Sharon. In Daniel, He is the Stone “cut out without hands” (2:34). In the prophets, He is the Soon-Coming King. In John, He is “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (1:29). In Acts, He is seen by Stephen at God’s right hand. In Paul’s letters, He is the Foundation for and Builder of the Church. In Hebrews, He is better than all who came before Him and all who will follow. In Peter’s letters, He is the Cornerstone. In John’s letters, He is our Advocate. In Jude, He is “the only wise God our Saviour” (v. 25). In Revelation, He is the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Now we see Jesus in God’s Word, but soon we will see Him in the clouds (Revelation 1:7). He is the One to whom the world to come has been put under subjection.

Brother Massey expressed his appreciation for the message and the messenger and called for a Christian handshake. As the congregation sang “Better Farther On” and “Victory in Jesus,” they gathered into the altar to shake hands with Brother Wilson and to thank him for the good sermon.

## **PERMANENT ORGANIZATION**

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

BETHLEHEM - Brian Johnson, Kenneth ink, John Cole, Allen Phelps

LONGVIEW - Deric McClard, Mike Stokes, Nathan Drake, Carney Troutt

McFERRIN - James Hill, Don Hines, Greg Hines,  
Paul Patterson

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

MURFREESBORO -Rick Oliver, Bill Green, Jay Loving,  
Key Dillard

NEW LIFE - Branton Williams, Tim Simpson,  
Steve Newland, Bobby Mullins

NEW ZION - Larry Gregory, Clyde Dilleha, Jeremy  
Warren

THREE SPRINGS - Bob Morrison, Matt Goss, Wayne  
Scott, Tony Thornton

Next, Brother McClard read the Rules of Decorum. Then, Brother Massey called for petitionary letters. Represented by Brothers Mack Sircy, John Wayne Draper, and Charles Reece, Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church petitioned the association. After the messengers were examined according the abstract of principles (see page 4), a motion was made and seconded to welcome the church into the association. The motion carried. To the pleasure of all in attendance, Brother Massey extended the right hand of Christian fellowship to the messengers from Gladdice Church. After expressing his appreciation for the growth of the association, Brother Massey assured us that God is not pleased when His people fight among themselves and fail to work together.

## **OFFICERS FOR 2005**

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

<b>MODERATOR</b>	Elder Kenneth Massey
Assistant	Elder Johnny Carver
<b>CLERK</b>	Elder Deric McClard
Assistant	Elder Jeremy Wilson
<b>TREASURER</b>	Brother James Hill
Assistant	Elder Johnnie Brewer, Sr.

## **MEETING PLACE FOR 2006**

While many churches extended an invitation to the association, Gladdice Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson County, TN, was selected as the meeting place for 2006.

## **SERMONS FOR 2006**

The following brethren were chosen to preach in 2006:

<b>INTRODUCTORY</b>	Elder Brian Johnson
Alternate	Elder Rick Oliver
<b>DOCTRINAL</b>	Elder Paul Patterson
Alternate	Brother Bobby Mullins

# RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitor:

Adam Troutt, Hendersonville Missionary Baptist Church

Elder Charles Patterson was selected to preach the Fellowship Sermon in the afternoon.

## REPORTS

Brother Massey called for the report "Outreach Methods Beyond Our Regular Weekly Services." Read by Brother Greg Hines, the report was adopted after discussion by Brothers Greg Hines, Branton Williams, Trey Crews, Wayne Scott, Eugene Brown, Kenneth Massey, Bobby Mullins, and Brian Johnson.

Brother Hines spoke about the value of large-scale and small-scale outreach ministries. With regard to the needy, we must love them, feed them, and never leave them. Brother Williams told of the community outreach ministries of New Life Church and challenged us to involve the young people in our work and to tell as many people as we can about the Lord. After telling of the ministries of Three Springs Church, Brother Crews spoke of the importance of building a relationship with others in order to help them have a relationship with Christ. Brother Scott spoke of relief given by Three Springs Church to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. He reminded us that one church can make a difference and that we must be concerned about others and willing to minister on a one-on-one basis.

Brother Brown offered some practical suggestions about how to impact our communities. Brother Massey warned us of the importance of conducting ourselves properly when ministering to others. We can reach others in simple ways if we are willing to let our light shine. Brother Mullins spoke of the activities of the youth group at New Life Church and of the needs of the people with whom we come in contact. Concerned about lost souls, we must devote our time and energy to God's cause. Brother Johnson spoke about how to engage others in conversation and how important it is for people to feel cared for. If we look for an opportunity to minister, the Lord will provide an open door.

## **OUTREACH METHODS BEYOND OUR REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES**

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

Ever since most of us were able to understand what church was we have been cleaned up, dressed up, and loaded up to go to Sunday school and church. In our early years, the main objective of our time in Sunday school and church was to learn for ourselves what we must do to be saved and why we must be saved. Our next responsibility was to join a church and be baptized into that church. From that moment on, our responsibility took on a whole different meaning. It went from completely selfish to completely selfless. At the beginning of the report, I read Matthew 28:19. As I understand this verse, the noun *ye* can be



translated *you*. This means every single one of us is to go. Sitting in church on Sunday morning and Wednesday night, although a responsibility, privilege and testament of our faith, is the easy part of being a Christian. The challenge is the “you go.”

Matthew 9:37-38: “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.” Christ spoke these verses as well as the verses already read. If Christ tells us to go, He will help us go. If Christ tells us to pray for laborers, He will provide laborers. But how will we reach out? We will look at how Christ Himself reached out.

First, Christ was not afraid to talk to people about their souls. All of Christ’s previous lessons and golden truths were spoken, not written, except on one occasion in John 8:6. Christ trusted all of His words to the memories of a group of Galilean peasants and fishermen. Wasn’t Christ worried His words might be miswritten or carried away by the winds of time? No, Jesus knew and even spoke in parables, that once you have planted a seed, you can leave it to look after itself: God and the soil will do the rest. We cannot be afraid to use the most valuable outreach tool we have. Telling people about our Christ and what He can do for them.

Next, we look at how much of Christ’s outreach was brought about by casual incidents and events. In Matthew 12:10, we see an encounter with a paralytic in the synagogue. In Matthew 19:16, an encounter with the rich young ruler. In Luke 9:46, a sudden quarrel among His disciples regarding who was the better disciple. In

Matthew 22:17, a debate on the high temper issue of the government taxation. Along with hundreds of other examples, we see the point of Christ's outreach. Always be ready with a humble, common sense workable answer. Christ didn't need to set up elaborate scenes for His outreach; He used simple, everyday occurrences in people's lives. Christ sets us up with these same simple scenes on a seemingly minute-by-minute basis. We need to be ready to reach out in these situations.

Next, we see that Christ's outreach was always adapted to His audience. Christ's first objective was to put Himself at the point of view of His listeners and to start from there. In the many parables Christ used, we see the simple and direct language spoken to those by Christ while the professional speakers of the day scoffed because this type of teaching had never been seen before. We see Christ's gentle way with the children and those hurting that drew them to His side. We see Christ as a twelve year old boy sitting in a temple in Luke 2:47, astonishing the professional teachers of the day with understanding and answers. Christ used whatever method He needed to reach out to people.

In summary, Christ went and reached out to the rich and the poor, the famous and the unknown, the educated and the uneducated. Christ used big events and non-events to reach out. Christ used every bit of wisdom and guidance given from God the Father to reach people on every level. Christ's delivery and language were always changing and moving with times, but His message always stayed the same and will forever stay the same.

The order of business was suspended for lunch. Brother Adam Troutt prayed the benediction and gave thanks for the food.

## **THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION OCTOBER 21, 2005**

The association continued as Brother Mack Sircy lead in singing "If You Miss Heaven." Sister Shirley Dillard played the piano. Brother Massey read from Psalm 116. He thanked the church for the good meal, and reminisced about past association meetings. Brother Larry Gregory led the congregation in prayer. Then, Brothers Key Dillard, Don Hines, Wayne Scott and Jeremy Wilson sang "I Thank My Savior for It All" as Brother Deric McClard accompanied on the piano.

## **THE FELLOWSHIP SERMON**

Brother Massey presented Elder Charles Patterson, who had been selected to preach the fellowship sermon. After his introductory remarks and comments about past association meetings, Brother Patterson read I Corinthians 1:12-18 and spoke about the problems concerning the Corinthian Church. He chose as his theme "The Significant Things of Life to Accomplish God's Purpose," and subtitled his message "A Stick, a Stone, and a Bone."

Brother Patterson reminded us of the many blessings of God and the reason for His creating all things. All things were created for a purpose, to bring honor and glory to God. Similarly, all of God's children have a ministry. The

work of the church is for everyone, not just preachers, deacons and Sunday school teachers. To further instruct us concerning God's plan for our lives, Brother Patterson read Romans 12:1 and assured us that even the little things which we often take for granted have a purpose and can be used to accomplish the will of God. If God can use a stick, a stone, and a bone, then He can surely use all of us.

Brother Patterson identified the stick as the rod used by Moses to perform miracles in Egypt (Exodus 14:13). God can use small things to accomplish great tasks. Like the powerful rod, God can use us in leading others out of spiritual bondage. He identified the stone as the smooth stone used by David to slay Goliath. God's people have always had to fight. After outlining the details of the familiar story of David and Goliath, Brother Patterson reminisced about some of the notable soldiers of the cross from the past. He identified the bone as the jaw bone of the donkey used by Samson to slay the Philistines.

Brother Patterson cautioned us about overlooking things that God might use in His service. Directing our attention to I Corinthians 1:18, he spoke about the cross. Though it has no saving virtue, it is important to us because Jesus gave His life upon it. He reminded us that while Jesus bore His cross, we have a cross to carry in this life, too. He challenged us to keep our focus on Jesus, who bids us bring our burdens to Him (Matthew 11:28). Sadly, we sometimes take our burdens to Him, but do not leave them there.

Brother Patterson reminded us that God can use us in spite of the fact that we are insignificant. We are like the cross. It was just a piece of wood, yet the Lord used it to bring life. No one thinks much of sticks, stones, and bones, but

God has proven that He can use such things to do His work. He can use us, too.

Brother Key Dillard led in singing "The Old Rugged Cross" while the congregation assembled into the altar to shake hands with Brother Patterson and to express their appreciation for the good message.

## REPORTS

Brother Massey called for the obituary report. Read by Brother Bill Green, the report was adopted after discussion by Brothers Bill Green, Morgan Scott, Tim Simpson, Kenneth Zink, and Kenneth Massey. Brother Green reminisced about Brother and Sister A.M. Jones, faithful members of Murfreesboro Church. He referred to II Timothy 4:7-8 and spoke of our desires and responsibilities. Brother Scott reminisced about Brother Tom Armstrong, who had encouraged him and left behind a testimony of salvation. He discussed the universality of death and the importance of our memories of departed loved ones. Brother Simpson spoke of the importance of our faith and how difficult it is to lose a loved one. Brother Zink talked about the importance of giving good advice and proper instruction to the younger members of our churches. Unlike the people of the world, the Christian has the hope of living with the Lord after death. Death is really a promotion for us. We should not fear it, but rejoice because of it. Brother Massey spoke of the effects of death on the church. He reminisced about his experiences in life and with Three Springs Church. We must remember that this world is not our home, for we are children of the King.

## THE OBITUARY REPORT

This is the time in our associational meeting when we remember our brethren and sisters who have departed this life during the past year. According to their personal testimony, each of them has outstripped us and gone on to be with the Lord. Many of them fought life's final war with pain, but death gave way to victory. They left this old world of sin and sorrow and began life anew in a country where people don't die.

When we read the obituary of a loved one in the newspaper, attend a funeral and especially as we pay honor and tribute to our deceased members at this time, there are some reflections that are always present:

First, the loss we feel when a brother or sister is no longer in our presence. We miss them. Often their seat remains empty. The dynamics of our churches change every time a member passes on. The torch is passed on to those of us who remain to pick up the work they left behind, but their own works remain evident long after they have gone.

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them” (Revelation 14:13).

Second, we are reminded of our own immortality. The Scripture clearly teaches that it is appointed unto man once to die, but it is the nature of the flesh to try to suppress this thought. Life, even long life, is short compared to eternity. It behooves each of us to live life to the fullest in the Lord and look forward to the day when He shall call us home.

“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21).

Third, we rejoice in the consolation that we shall meet them again in that heavenly country. The fellowship here is so sweet. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1). But nothing here can compare with the joy when we all get home. As we stand by the gravesides of our departed loved ones, may we always realize that each of us will soon complete the journey. One day after while, we all shall be with the Lord. “For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (I Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Brother Massey called for the report on the association’s missions. Brothers Robby Cornwell, Brian Johnson, Key Dillard, and Eugene Brown reported to the association about their mission endeavors. The report was adopted. Brother Cornwell reported on the work of the Missionary Baptist Telecast and made a heart-rending appeal for participation to the churches in the association. Brother Johnson reported on the work with Brother Rick Jones in Jamaica, the Words of Hope Ministry, and his work with the Nashville Rescue Mission. Brother Dillard spoke about the mission endeavors of Murfreesboro Church. He spoke at length about the music mission trips the church had sponsored. (See the outline below.) Brother Brown spoke about the impact of II Corinthians 1:3-4 on his life and his work with his short-wave radio and Internet ministries.

Then, he reported on his progress with the spread of the gospel through television.

## **THE OUTLINE FOR THE MUSIC MISSION TRIP**

- I. INVITATION BY MISSION
  - Prayer
  - Missionary Needs
  - Time of Trip
  
- II. PRESENTATION TO CHURCH
  - Prayer
  - Church Authority and Approval
  
- III. COORDINATION OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
  - Travel Agent
    - Determination of cost
    - Payment options
    - Flight number and time
  - Internet
    - Ticket costs
    - Flight number and time
  - Wiseman Baptist Association Coordinators
  - Contact
  
- IV. COORDINATION OF TEACHING MEMBERS AND PREACHERS
  - Prayer
  - Contact and Commitment of Teaching Members and Preachers



- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS TO SISTER CHURCHES  
Specifics of Trip Identified  
Passport  
Health requirements  
Birth certificate  
Luggage and poundage
- VI. COORDINATION OF MATERIALS  
Books  
Music  
Bibles  
Equipment  
Supplies
- VII. FEE COLLECTION  
Master List Folder  
Name of each participant  
Payment documentation (check  
number, etc.)  
Deposit to Church Account  
Final Payment to Travel Agent
- VIII. MEETING OF ENTIRE GROUP  
Prayer  
Travel Itinerary  
Ticket Distribution  
Discussion of Trip
- IX. TRIP  
Follow Holy Spirit
- X. FOLLOW-UP MEETING  
Fellowship

Pictures  
Testimonies

Then, Brother Massey called for Brother Don Hines to report as the association's ambassador. Brother Hines reminded us that each one can reach one. He expressed his thankfulness for Gladdice Church. Brother Jeremy Wilson commended Brother Hines for his good work.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The motion carried. After a number of testimonies were given and prayer requests shared, Brother Clyde Dilleha prayed the benediction.

**THE SATURDAY MORNING SESSION  
OCTOBER 22, 2005**

The association continued on Saturday morning, October 22, 2005, as Brother Don Hines led in singing "I Am Going to That City" and "Take My Hand, Precious Lord."

Brother Adam Troutt played the piano. After his introductory remarks, Brother Kenneth Massey welcomed the congregation and read Revelation 21:1-5. He spoke of the association's meeting eighty years earlier, when Brother C. B. Massey had preached the doctrinal sermon, taking I Corinthians 11:1 as his text. Brother Massey admonished us to set a good example before others so that we can preach the Word more effectively and called on Brother Johnny Carver to lead the assembly in prayer.

## THE DOCTRINAL SERMON

After Brother Hines led the congregation in singing "I Will Be Glad," Brothers Key Dillard, Don Hines, Wayne Scott, and Jeremy Wilson sang "The Lights of Home" and "O, What a Savior Is He!" as Brother McClard accompanied on the piano. Brother Massey then presented Brother McClard, the newly elected pastor of Three Springs Church, to preach the doctrinal sermon.

After his introductory remarks, Brother McClard read Romans 3:20-28 and announced his subject: "Justification." Quoting many different writers, he characterized the subject as an important one, a foundational doctrine, which sets us apart from others. He began his message by identifying five reasons why we ought to rejoice about justification.

First, because of justification, we have peace with God (Romans 5:1). Brother McClard distinguished between the peace we have with God and the peace that comes from God. While the latter abides in our hearts in spite of the trouble we may face, the former is the subject of Romans 5:1. It means no more condemnation, degradation or separation from God.

Second, because of justification, we have the assurance that we will be "saved from wrath" (Romans 5:9). Though we all deserve Hell, we will not face God's wrath there because we have been justified.

Third, because of justification, we have the assurance of glorification (Romans 8:30). We are not glorified yet, but Paul speaks of it as if it had already been accomplished.

Brother McClard referred to Philippians 3:21, I John 3:2, and I Corinthians 15:42-43 in discussing the change that we can expect to experience at the resurrection.

Fourth, because of justification, we are changed (I Corinthians 6:9-11). We are not what we should be, nor are we what we someday will be. However, because the Lord has justified us, we are not what we once were!

Fifth, because of justification, no one can lay any charge against us (Romans 8:33). Whether or not Satan still has access to God today as he did in the days of Job, he is still the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10). However, he cannot lay anything to our charge because the Lord has justified us. As Brother McClard emphasized this point, the congregation received his preaching with shouts of praise.

Brother McClard continued by explaining that justification is a legal doctrine. When we are justified, the charges against us are dropped, the sentence before us is reversed, and God declares us "not guilty." He assured us that our justification is based on three things. First, it is based on the exercise of man's greatest responsibility: our faith. He referenced the stories of the Philippian jailer and the Ethiopian eunuch and quoted John 3:18, John 5:24, John 8:24, and John 11:25-26 in speaking about the importance of faith. We are justified by faith, not by works, nor by the keeping of the law.

Second, our justification is based on the imputation of the Lord's greatest gift: His righteousness. Brother McClard explained that while we will not go to heaven by our works, we cannot go without righteousness. He used Matthew

7:21-23 to show the difference between the two issues. We have no righteousness of our own, and the righteousness we need belongs to Jesus. He used II Corinthians 5:21, I Peter 2:22 and Hebrews 4:15 in speaking about the righteousness of Jesus, which is imputed to us when we put our trust in Him for salvation.

Third, our justification is based on the revelation of God's greatest attribute: His grace. His grace is sufficient for us for life and death. While our sins may abound, His grace truly super-abounds!

The congregation gathered into the altar to shake hands with Brother McClard as Brother Hines led in singing "He Wrote My Name" and "Amazing Grace." Brother Troutt accompanied on the piano. Many good testimonies were given as the assembly continued to rejoice in the good news proclaimed in the sermon.

Then, the clerk called the roll of messengers:

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Brian Johnson, Kenneth Zink,  
John Cole,  
Allen Phelps

GLADDICE -

Mack Sircy, John Wayne  
Draper, Charles Reece

LONGVIEW -

Deric McClard, Mike Stokes,  
Nathan Drake,  
Carney Troutt

McFERRIN -

James Hill, Don Hines, Paul  
Patterson, Eugene Brown

<u>MT. JULIET</u> -	Jeremy Wilson, Johnnie Brewer, Robby Cornwell, Morgan Scott
<u>MURFREESBORO</u> -	Rick Oliver, Bill Green, Jay Loving, Key Dillard
<u>NEW LIFE</u> -	Branton Williams, Tim Simpson, Steve Newland, Bobby Mullins
<u>NEW ZION</u> -	Larry Gregory
<u>THREE SPRINGS</u> -	Bob Morrison, Matt Goss, Ryan Hancock, Wayne Scott

## **REPORTS**

Brother Massey called for the report "How Should We Deal with Homosexuality in Our Congregations?" Read by Brother Larry Gregory, the report was adopted after discussion by Brothers Larry Gregory, Paul Patterson, Mike Stokes, Johnny Carver, Charles Reece, Kenneth Massey, Don Hines, Brian Johnson, and Robby Cornwell. Brother Gregory referenced Romans 1:24 and spoke about homosexuality and its relation to our society, which has forgotten about its need for Christ. He warned us about accepting into our congregations those who practice homosexuality and reminded us that the solution to the problem is Jesus Christ. Brother Patterson emphasized that homosexuality is an abomination against the Lord, which the Lord hates and against which we must stand. He

likened our society to Sodom and Gomorrah and to the world in Noah's day before the Flood. Brother Stokes spoke about the dangers associated with tolerating sin. We must stand against sin and resist the urge to conform to society. Many others strong points and timely observations were made. On the whole, the discourse was positive and uplifting, a proper way to treat such a challenging subject.

## **HOW SHOULD WE DEAL WITH HOMOSEXUALITY IN OUR CONGREGATIONS?**

The first issue in dealing with this matter is to unequivocally identify the deed as morally repulsive. See Leviticus 18:1-2, 22.

Our second responsibility is to warn all those who engage in or uphold this abomination of God's wrath against all unrighteousness. See Romans 1:18-24.

Thirdly, from Romans 1:24, we should recognize that the scourge of homosexuality is the expected result of a society that is "willingly ignorant" of God as our Creator and our Judge. See II Peter 3:1-7.

Finally, we should realize that the remedy for all man's sin is still the same as it has always been, the gospel of Jesus Christ. See Romans 1:16-17.

The gospel of Jesus Christ begins with Genesis 1:1 and ends with Revelation 22:21. Except for the intervention of the Holy Spirit in convicting power, a world that has been

blinded to the reality of the first Adam will be blinded to its need for the Second Adam.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitor:

Ronnie Stewart, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was read from the Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association, and Elder Rick Jones. A motion was made and seconded to include these letters in the minutes. The motion carried.

## **BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association:

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

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Sixty-Ninth Annual Session with Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. We had 28 churches reporting an increase of 129 with 80 of those being by baptism. We had a



decrease of 142 with a total membership of 3,541. 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 170th Annual Session to be held with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located near Russellville, Alabama. This session will be held October 8, 9, 10, 11, 2005. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's Love,

Keith L. Hood, Clerk

Keith Prince, Moderator

## **BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

To Our Sister Associations:

Greetings from the Bethel Missionary Baptist Association. It is our prayer that God has blessed you with great spiritual growth and that the lost are being saved.

The Lord has blessed us this year with a total of 14 churches represented. We have a total membership of 1597, including 44 baptisms and 17 deaths.

We are thankful for all the visitors and would like to invite all of our sister churches to our 48th Annual Session to be held with Kokomo Missionary Baptist Church, 1723 North Lindsay Street, Kokomo, Indiana, on September 16th, 2005, at 7:00 pm.

May God bless each one of your churches to His honor and glory.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry McCain, Chairman                      Kenneth Roe

Dear Churches of the Wiseman Association:

I bring you warm and tropical greetings from Jamaica, prayerful your Association this year will be a joyous occasion in the Lord.

Please accept my humble apologies for my absence-I am very sorry I could not be with you.

Since your last Association, 7 were saved and baptized-2 in our latest revival in September. This brings the number I have baptized since April 1998 to 60 Jamaicans.

The Mike & Susan Collins Free Medical Clinic (a community service which is very beneficial to my obtaining a work permit, enabling me to serve as missionary) was established 3 years ago through the Ministry of Health on the church grounds and was held in September. Nearly 300 patients were examined as well as hundreds of dollars of donated medicines were dispensed. Our first pediatrician (also a licensed preacher from Bethel Association in Indiana) assisted Dr. Mike this year. He preached at the Pike All-Aged School and during our revival while both children & parents attended.

The Jamaica Project, a work and inspiration of Sis. Heather Green-has allowed a number of Jamaican families to reap the benefit of this school program. The members of

Craighead Church are still benefiting from the Do Re Mi Music Academy.

The Church in Jamaica and its two missions will be hosting in February 2006, another free medical clinic including revival assisted by brethren from your Association.

We had weekend worship services in early September on the Grand Cayman under the theme of Matthew 18:20 both in Georgetown and on the seashore. Another service is tentatively planned for a weekend in mid January.

As an ambassador For Christ and foreign missionary on two island nations, I thank your respected churches for their prayers and support.

In His Majesty's Service out on the High Seas,  
Elder Richard A. (Rick) Jones

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Brother James Hill then read the treasurer's report, which was approved by the messengers.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

October 22, 2005

10/01/04 - Balance	
	\$8,539.52
10/22/04 - Clerk Fee (Ck #1017)	
	500.00

10/29/04 - Deposit  
1,175.00  
07/27/05 - 2004 Minutes (Ck #1018)  
934.70  
INTEREST EARNED  
106.29  
  
10/22/05 - Balance  
\$8,386.11

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The committee that had been selected to discuss training for ministers and deacons reported on their work in the past year. Brother Massey has agreed to teach a series of lessons titled "The Preacher and His Preaching."

The recommended order of business for 2006 was read by Brother Johnny Carver and adopted.

While Brother Hines led in singing "Heaven Seems Real to Me" and "I'll Fly Away," the congregation gathered into the altar for the parting handshake. After many good testimonies and expressions of appreciation for the association this year, Brother Ronnie Steward prayed the benediction.

Moderator Elder Kenneth Massey  
Clerk Elder Deric McClard

## **SPECIAL REPORTS FOR 2006**

**REPORT - "The Power of Christian Fellowship in the Church and Between Sister Churches"**

Chairman Larry Gregory, Clyde Dilleha, Matt Goss, Kenneth Zink, Johnnie Brewer

**REPORT - "How Should the Church Encourage Each Member to Become an Effective Bible Student and Be a Light for Christ in Their World?"**

Chairman Wayne Scott, Greg Hines, Jay Loving, Mike Stokes

**REPORT - Obituaries**

Chairman Charles Reece, Branton Williams, Steve Newland, Mack Sircy

**REPORT - Association Missions Chairman Key Dillard, Robby Cornwell, Eugene Brown, John Cole**

## **IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

### **BETHLEHEM**

Mamie Nicholas  
Bill Johnson

January 4, 2005  
March 2005

### **GLADDICE**

Gracie Lee West Dixon  
Bonnie Holland  
Reba Williams  
Clio Franklin

October 8, 2004  
October 19, 2004  
November 15, 2004  
October 1, 2005

## **McFERRIN**

Henrietta Pappas	January 20, 2005
Shirley Smith	March 14, 2005
Ernest Towns	May 8, 2005
Estelle Merryman	May 16, 2005
James Leonard Nicholas	July 9, 2005
Peggy Towe	July 29, 2005
Sam Riggan	September 21, 2005
Willie Canter	October 1, 2005

## **THREE SPRINGS**

Ann Gibson	January 2005
Carolyn Miller	January 2005
Maxine Hargis	February 2005
Betty Armstrong	March 2005
Maxine Walters	March 2005
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## HISTORY – OFFICERS

<u>Year/Location</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
1891 Cedar Bluff	W. M. S. Wilks	B. R. Hawkins	B. R. Hawkins
1. 1892 Meadorville	W. M. S. Wilks	B. R. Hawkins	J. S. Pardue
2. 1893 Dixon Creek	W. M. S. Wilks	B. R. Hawkins	J. S. Pardue
3. 1894 Lafayette	W. M. S. Wilks	J. S. Pardue	J. S. Pardue
4. 1895 Hartsville	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed	D. S. Reed
5. 1896 Cedar Bluff	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed	D. S. Reed
6. 1897 Independence	M. C. Fitzpatrick	D. S. Reed	D. S. Reed
7. 1898 Dixon Creek	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed	D. S. Reed
8. 1899 Friendship	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed	J. S. Pardue
9. 1900 Siloam	J. F. Lambert	D. S. Reed	W. M. Gammon
10. 1901 Rocky Mound	M. C. Fitzpatrick	D. S. Reed	W. M. Gammon
11. 1902 Shady Grove	M. C. Fitzpatrick	D. S. Reed	W. M. Gammon
12. 1903 New Harmony	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed	W. M. Gammon
13. 1904 New Hopewell	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed	J. M. Wilks
14. 1905 Rock Bridge	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed	J. M. Wilks
15. 1906 Corum Hill	W. M. S. Wilks	C. D. High	J. M. Wilks
16. 1907 Long Creek	C. N. Simmons	D. S. Reed	Gus Fuqua
17. 1908 Hillsdale	W. M. S. Wilks	D. S. Reed	T. A. Bass
18. 1909 Hartsville	C. N. Simmons	D. S. Reed	Paul Johnson
19. 1910 Cedar Bluff	J. T. Oakley	D. S. Reed	J. W. Lewis
20. 1911 Meadorville	J. T. Oakley	D. S. Reed	J. W. Lewis
21. 1912 Friendship	A. J. Sloan	D. S. Reed	J. W. Lewis
22. 1913 Bledsoe Creek	J. T. Oakley	D. S. Reed	J. W. Lewis
23. 1914 Siloam	P. F. Burnley	D. S. Reed	J. W. Lewis
24. 1915 Pleasant Hill	W. K. Johnson	D. S. Reed	J. W. Lewis
25. 1916 Spring Creek	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison	J. D. Cook
26. 1917 Dixon Creek	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison	J. D. Cook
27. 1918 New Harmony	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison	J. D. Cook
28. 1919 Fairview	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison	J. D. Cook
29. 1920 Pleasant Grove	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison	J. D. Cook
30. 1921 New Zion	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison	J. D. Cook
31. 1922 Rock Bridge	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison	J. D. Cook
32. 1923 Cedar Bluff	R. Y. Hawkins	A. J. Sloan	J. D. Cook
33. 1924 Long Creek	R. O. Sanders	A. J. Sloan	J. D. Cook
34. 1925 Mt. Zion	L. A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan	J. D. Cook
35. 1926 Old Hopewell	L. A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan	J. D. Cook
36. 1927 Union	L. A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan	J. D. Cook
37. 1928 Brattontown	L. A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
38. 1929 Meadorville	L. A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
39. 1930 Haysville	L. A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
40. 1931 Capitol Hill	L. A. Stewart	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
41. 1932 Siloam	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
42. 1933 Rocky Mound	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
43. 1934 Pleasant Hill	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
44. 1935 Goodwill	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
45. 1936 Spring Creek	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison

46. 1937 New Harmony	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
47. 1938 New Bethel	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
48. 1939 Union	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
49. 1940 Red Hill	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
50. 1941 Lafayette	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
51. 1942 Siloam	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
52. 1943 Athens	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
53. 1944 Union Hill	N. C. Fuqua	A. J. Sloan	T. C. Harrison
54. 1945 Brattontown	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert	T. C. Harrison
55. 1946 Drakes Creek	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert	T. C. Harrison
56. 1947 Long Creek	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert	T. C. Harrison
57. 1948 Old Union	N. C. Fuqua	F. W. Lambert	T. C. Harrison
58. 1949 Macedonia	F. L. Ray	F. W. Lambert	H. H. Harrison
59. 1950 Old Hopewell	F. L. Ray	F. W. Lambert	H. H. Harrison
60. 1951 Rocky Mound	F. L. Ray	F. W. Lambert	H. H. Harrison
61. 1952 East Main Street	F. L. Ray	F. W. Lambert	H. H. Harrison
62. 1953 McFerrin	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	J. C. Walker
63. 1954 Cedar Bluff	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	J. C. Walker
64. 1955 West End	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	J. C. Walker
65. 1956 Buffalo Springs	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	J. C. Walker
66. 1957 Concord	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	J. C. Walker
67. 1958 Pleasant Hill	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	J. C. Walker
68. 1959 Enon Chapel	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	J. C. Walker
69. 1960 New Bethel	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	Paul Oldham
70. 1961 Liberty Hill	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	Paul Oldham
71. 1962 Longview	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	Paul Oldham
72. 1963 Old Hopewell	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	Paul Oldham
73. 1964 White Hill	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	Paul Oldham
74. 1965 Salem	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	Paul Oldham
75. 1966 Piper's Chapel	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	Paul Oldham
76. 1967 Fairview	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	A. G. Gregory
77. 1968 Goodwill	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	A. G. Gregory
78. 1969 Faith (TN)	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	A. G. Gregory
79. 1970 Gateway	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	A. G. Gregory
80. 1971 Faith (KY)	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	A. G. Gregory
81. 1972 Grace	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	A. G. Gregory
82. 1973 Cedar Bluff	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	A. G. Gregory
83. 1974 Liberty Hill	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	A. G. Gregory
84. 1975 Rock Bridge	F. L. Ray	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
85. 1976 Lafayette	F. L. Ray	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
86. 1977 Buffalo Springs	F. L. Ray	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
87. 1978 McFerrin	F. L. Ray	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
88. 1979 Harmony	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
89. 1980 New Bethel****	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
90. 1981 Faith (TN)	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
91. 1982 Longview	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
92. 1983 Salem	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
93. 1984 Cedar Grove	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
94. 1985 Old Hopewell	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	H. G. Gregory
95. 1986 Gateway	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory

97. 1987 West End	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
98. 1988 Goodwill	H. G. Taylor	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
99. 1989 New Bethel	H. D. Linville	H. C. Vanderpool	A. G. Gregory
100. 1990 McFerrin	H. D. Linville	Ottis Jones	A. G. Gregory
101. 1991 New Bethel	Jerry Shrum	Kenneth Massey	Bobby Sutton
102. 1992 Lafayette	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis	Bobby Sutton
103. 1993 Parkwood	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis	Bobby Sutton
104. 1994 New Bethel	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis	Bobby Sutton
105. 1995 Longview	Jerry Shrum	Kenneth Massey	Bobby Sutton
106. 1996 McFerrin	Larry Gregory	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
107. 1997 Harvest	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
108. 1998 Three Springs	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
109. 1999 New Zion	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
110. 2000 Longview	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory	Bobby Sutton
111. 2001 McFerrin	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory	Bobby Sutton
112. 2002 Bethlehem	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	Bobby Sutton
113. 2003 Mt. Juliet	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	Bobby Sutton
114. 2004 New Life	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill
115. 2005 Murfreesboro	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill

## HISTORY - PREACHERS

<u>Year/Location</u>	<u>Introductory</u>	<u>Doctrinal</u>
1. 1892 Meadorville	W. M. S. Wilkes	
2. 1893 Dixon Creek	J. S. Pardue	
3. 1894 Lafayette	W. M. S. Wilkes	
4. 1895 Hartsville	J. S. Pardue	
5. 1896 Cedar Bluff	J. A. Stone	
6. 1897 Independence	J. F. Lambert	
7. 1898 Dixon Creek	W. M. S. Wilkes	
8. 1899 Friendship	J. L. Hawkins	
9. 1900 Siloam	J. W. McQueen	
10. 1901 Rocky Mound	J. J. Dyer	
11. 1902 Shady Grove	J. H. Grimes	
12. 1903 New Harmony	W. M. S. Wilkes	
13. 1904 New Hopewell	J. W. McQueen	
14. 1905 Rock Bridge	J. W. McQueen	
15. 1906 Corum Hill	J. F. Lambert	
16. 1907 Long Creek	W. M. S. Wilks	
17. 1908 Hillsdale	C. B. Massey	
18. 1909 Hartsville	E. E. Folk	
19. 1910 Cedar Bluff	J. T. Oakley	
20. 1911 Meadorville	C. B. Massey	
21. 1912 Friendship	J. W. Gillon	
22. 1913 Bledsoe Creek	A. J. Sloan	
23. 1914 Siloam	J. T. Oakley	
24. 1915 Pleasant Hill	W. J. Summar	
25. 1916 Spring Creek	C. B. Massey	
26. 1917 Dixon Creek	T. F. Moore	
27. 1918 New Harmony	T. F. Moore	
		W. M. S. Wilks
		A. D. Robinson
		J. H. Grime
		J. T. Oakley
		C. B. Massey
		J. H. Grime
		A. J. Sloan
		J. T. Oakley
		A. J. Sloan
		J. Y. Freeman
		T. F. Moore
		C. B. Massey

28. 1919 Fairview	P. S. Dyer	A. J. Sloan	
29. 1920 Pleasant Grove	W F. Jenkins	A. J. Sloan	
30. 1921 New Zion	P. S. Dyer	A. J. Sloan	
31. 1922 Rock Bridge	R. O. Sanders	A. J. Sloan	
32. 1923 Cedar Bluff	N. C. Fuqua	James Carter	
33. 1924 Long Creek	I. N. Sloan	Calvin Gregory	
34. 1925 Mt. Zion	R. O. Sanders	C. B. Massey	
35. 1926 Old Hopewell	L. A. Stewart	Calvin Gregory	
36. 1927 Union	A. W. Keen	Calvin Gregory	
37. 1928 Brattontown	R. O. Sanders	Calvin Gregory	
38. 1929 Meadorville	W. T. Taylor	N. C. Fuqua	
39. 1930 Haysville	F. W. Lambert	A. J. Sloan	
40. 1931 Capitol Hill	A. J. Sloan	C. B. Massey	
41. 1932 Siloam	R. Thompson	A. J. Sloan	
42. 1933 Rocky Mound	C. B. Massey	A. J. Sloan	
43. 1934 Pleasant Hill	R. O. Sanders	A. J. Sloan	
44. 1935 Goodwill	F. W. Lambert	A. J. Sloan	
45. 1936 Spring Creek	W. T. Taylor	A. J. Sloan	
46. 1937 New Harmony	R. O. Sanders	A. J. Sloan	
47. 1938 New Bethel	F. W. Lambert	A. J. Sloan	
48. 1939 Union	R. O. Sanders	A. J. Sloan	
<b><u>Memorial</u></b>			
49. 1940 Red Hill	F. W. Lambert	A. J. Sloan	L.A. Stewart
50. 1941 Lafayette	R. O. Sanders	A. J. Sloan	
51. 1942 Siloam	F. W. Lambert	A. J. Sloan	L. A. Stewart
52. 1943 Athens	R. O. Sanders	A. J. Sloan	F. W. Lambert
53. 1944 Union Hill	F. W. Lambert	A. J. Sloan	F. L. Ray
54. 1945 Brattontown	J. H. Smith	A. J. Sloan	F. W. Lambert
55. 1946 Drakes Creek	F. W. Lambert	A. J. Sloan	W. T. Russell
56. 1947 Long Creek	F. L. Ray	A. J. Sloan	F. W. Lambert
57. 1948 Old Union	F. L. Ray	A. J. Sloan	F. W. Lambert
58. 1949 Macedonia	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	F. W. Lambert
59. 1950 Old Hopewell	F. L. Ray	W. T. Russell	F. W. Lambert
60. 1951 Rocky Mound	M. R. Drury	W. T. Taylor	Lloyd Fishburn
61. 1952 East Main Street	Albert Crouch	W. T. Russell	F. W. Lambert
62. 1953 McFerrin	Albert Crouch	W. T. Russell	F. W. Lambert
63. 1954 Cedar Bluff	H. C. Vanderpool	J. C. Walker	L. W. Smith
64. 1955 West End	H. C. Vanderpool	J. C. Walker	Paul Oldham
65. 1956 Buffalo Springs	H. C. Vanderpool	W. T. Russell	Paul Oldham
66. 1957 Concord	G. O. Templeton	J. C. Walker	Paul Oldham
67. 1958 Pleasant Hill	A. G. Gregory	H. P. Brown	H. G. Taylor
68. 1959 Enon Chapel	A. G. Gregory	J. C. Walker	H. G. Taylor
69. 1960 New Bethel	A. G. Gregory	W. T. Russell	Paul Oldham
70. 1961 Liberty Hill	A. G. Gregory	W. T. Russell	H. G. Taylor
71. 1962 Longview	James (Pete) Porter	W. T. Russell	H. G. Taylor
72. 1963 Old Hopewell	James (Pete) Porter	W. T. Russell	H. G. Taylor
73. 1964 White Hill	James (Pete) Porter	W. T. Russell	H. G. Taylor
74. 1965 Salem	James (Pete) Porter	W. T. Russell	H. G. Taylor
75. 1966 Piper's Chapel	James (Pete) Porter	W. T. Russell	William House
76. 1967 Fairview	H. D. Linville	W. T. Russell	H. G. Taylor

77. 1968 Goodwill	H. D. Linville	W. T. Russell	H. G. Taylor
78. 1969 Faith (TN)	H. D. Linville	W. T. Russell	H. G. Taylor
79. 1970 Gateway	H. D. Linville	W. T. Russell	
80. 1971 Faith (KY)	H. D. Linville	W. T. Russell	
81. 1972 Grace	H. D. Linville	W. T. Russell	
82. 1973 Cedar Bluff	H. D. Linville	W. T. Russell	
83. 1974 Liberty Hill	H. D. Linville	H. T. Russell	
84. 1975 Rock Bridge	H. D. Linville	H. G. Taylor	
	<b><u>Memorial/</u></b>		
85. 1976 Lafayette	H. D. Linville	H. G. Taylor	
	<b><u>Missionary</u></b>		
86. 1977 Buffalo Springs	J. W. Briley	Jas. (Pete) Porter	F. L. Ray
87. 1978 McFerrin	Kenneth Woodall	H. G. Taylor	C. L. Russell
88. 1979 Harmony	Hilman Duncan	J. W. Briley	D. W. Story
90. 1980 New Bethel***	Everett Scruggs	Jas. (Pete) Porter	Bobby Gann
91. 1981 Faith (TN)	Guthrie Thompson	J. W. Briley	Edgar Copeland
92. 1982 Longview	Bobby Pitt	H. D. Linville	C. L. Russell
93. 1983 Salem	Charles Patterson	H. C. Vanderpool	W. E. Massey
94. 1984 Cedar Grove	Ray Sutton	A. G. Gregory	Jas. (Pete)
Porter			
95. 1985 Old Hopewell	Gary Duncan	H. D. Linville	James Shoulders
96. 1986 Gateway	Ottis Jones	C. L. Russell	W. E. Massey
97. 1987 West End	Terry Lyles	Jas. (Pete) Porter	Henry Smith
98. 1988 Goodwill	Jeff Brown	Hilman Duncan	Gary Duncan
99. 1989 New Bethel	Lonnie Meador	J. W. Briley	Johnny Meador
100. 1990 McFerrin	Charles Patterson	W. T. Russell	Ottis Jones
101. 1991 New Bethel	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
102. 1992 Lafayette	Jimmy Roberts	James Shoulders	Johnny Carver
103. 1993 Parkwood	Larry Gregory	Kenneth Massey	Eugene Brown
104. 1994 New Bethel	Paul Patterson	Don Curtis	William Overton
105. 1995 Longview	Deric McClard	Jimmy Roberts	Johnny Carver
106. 1996 McFerrin	Benny Snoddy	Johnny Carver	Kenneth Massey
107. 1997 Harvest	Paul Patterson	William Overton	
108. 1998 Three Springs	Johnny Carver	Eugene Brown	
109. 1999 New Zion	Deric McClard	William Overton	
110. 2000 Longview	Paul Patterson	Johnny Carver	
	<b><u>Fellowship</u></b>		
111. 2001 McFerrin	Kevin Perdue	Deric McClard	Darren Bonee
112. 2002 Bethlehem	Jeremy Wilson	Bobby Sutton	Lynn Stapleton
113. 2003 Mt. Juliet	Trey Crews	Henry Smith	Scott Carter
114. 2004 New Life	Johnny Carver	Kenneth Massey	Lynn Stapleton
115. 2005 Murfreesboro	Jeremy Wilson	Deric McClard	Charles
Patterson			

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## CHURCH MEMBERS

CHURCH	Year When Organized	Gains by Baptism	Gains by Letter	Gains by Restoration	Gains by Statement	Loss by Letter	Loss by Expulsion	Loss by Death	Current Enrollment
Bethlehem	1962	5	1	0	0	10	0	2	138
Gladdice	1894	0	4	0	0	1	0	4	51
Longview	1960	2	5	0	3	3	0	0	188
McFerrin	1948	5	2	0	1	4	1	8	626
Mt. Juliet	1982	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
Murfreesboro	1984	3	5	0	1	2	1	0	79
New Life	1997	4	4	0	2	0	0	0	89
New Zion	1981	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Three Springs	1995	14	4	0	7	1	0	9	347
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,653</b>

CHURCH	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Teachers
Bethlehem	23	15	22	12	25	6
Gladdice	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	2
Longview	50	70	75	75	75	9
McFerrin	329	348	351	362	334	16
Mt. Juliet	34	38	32	34	32	4
Murfreesboro	NA	35	35	35	40	7
New Life	67	68	68	98	89	6
New Zion	8	11	5	20	16	2
Three Springs	118	116	148	140	150	19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>71</b>