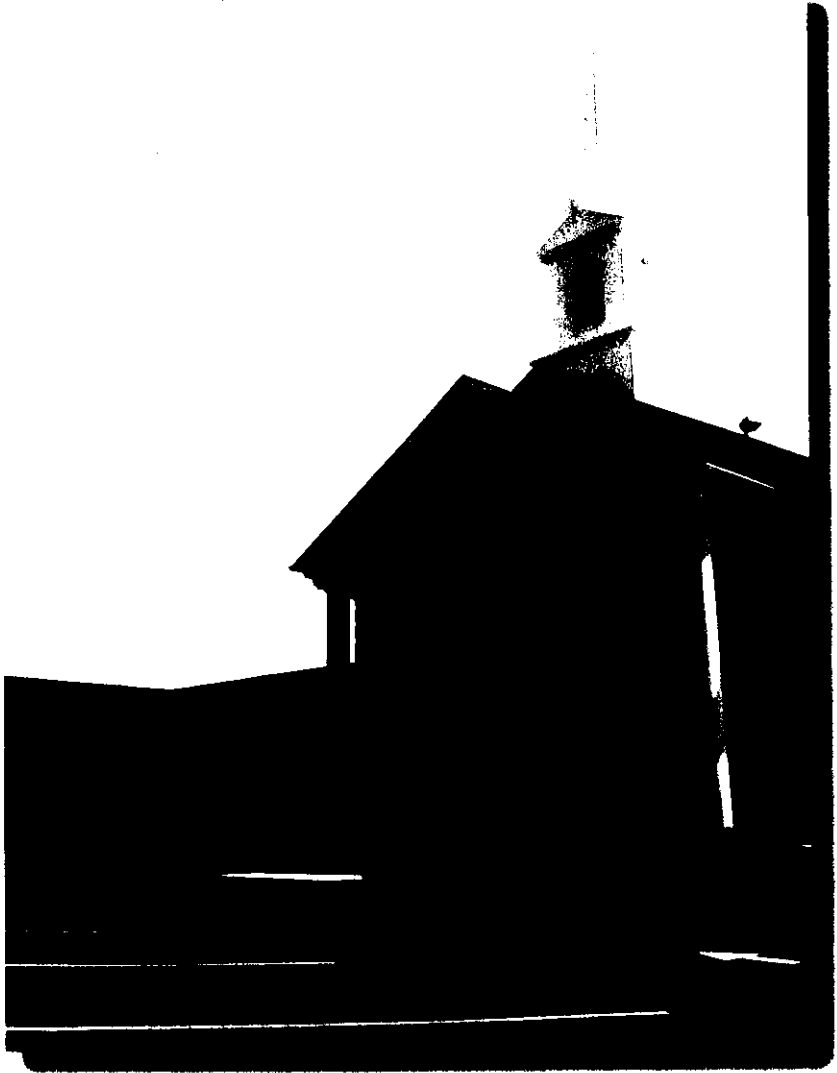


WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



October 26 and 27, 2007

ORDER OF SERVICE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008

- Call to Order
- Special Singing
- Introductory Sermon
- Enrollment of Churches and Roll Call of Messengers
- Reading of Rules of Decorum
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- Selection of 2009 Meeting Place
- Selection of Brethren for 2009 Sermons
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- Report: "How Can the Local Church Encourage Each Member to Be Mission Minded?"
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- Report: "What Is the Role of the Pastor and Deacon in the Church?"
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

- Roll Call of Messengers
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- Special Singing
- Doctrinal Sermon
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- Missions Report
- Association Ambassador's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Reading of Correspondence
- New Business
- Closing Song and Parting Handshake
- Closing Prayer

CONSTITUTION

- Article I. This body shall be known as the 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, received by statement, restored, excluded, 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 9 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 in 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

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 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 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 SESSION

On Friday morning, October 26, 2007, the messengers to the one hundred sixteenth annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association arrived in Bowling Green, KY, and were treated to a delicious breakfast and gracious hospitality by their host church. Brother Wayne Scott opened the service by leading the congregation in singing “I Know I’m Saved” and “Is My Lord Satisfied with Me?” Brother Jeremy Wilson played the piano. Then, Brothers Don Hines, Wayne Scott, Jeremy Wilson, and Chris Woodard sang “Bring My Children Home.” Brother Deric McClard accompanied them on the piano.

Brother Massey thanked Three Springs Church for hosting the association and spoke about many of our past meetings. He read Psalm 133:1-3 and called on Brother Ray Smith to lead in prayer. Brothers Hines, Scott, Wilson, and Woodard returned to sing “When He Blest My Soul.” Brother McClard accompanied them on the piano. Then, Brother Massey presented Brother Monty Shoulders to preach the Introductory Sermon.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

After his introductory remarks, Brother Shoulders read Acts 20:27-38 and Matthew 7:15. He chose II Corinthians 2:11 as his text and “Be Not Ignorant of Satan’s Devices” as his title. He began his message by warning us of the dangers of being ignorant of Satan’s deceitful ways. Among his many devices are traditionalism, humanism, non-denominationalism, disharmony, ignorance, formalism, and worldliness.

In speaking about traditionalism, Brothers Shoulders challenged us to distinguish between the traditions of men and the doctrines of the scriptures. We must never confuse the two. In speaking about humanism, Brother Shoulders warned us about any kind of teaching that leaves God out of the picture. Referring to Proverbs 3:6, he spoke about the importance of doing God’s will, the dangers of putting too much pressure on our children, and the fact that God is no respecter of persons. We must be careful not to show partiality in the church.

In speaking about non-denominationalism, Brother Shoulders exposed the folly of those who claim to embrace no particular set of beliefs. Quoting Ephesians 4:14, he cautioned us about being “children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine,” and proclaimed his belief in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. There are not many roads, all leading in the same direction, and we must not seek for unity at the expense of truth. Brother Shoulders continued to speak about the importance of being born again, the significance of prayer, and the difference between our beliefs and the beliefs that are held by the world. In distinguishing between the two sets of beliefs, Brother Shoulders identified what we believe about the true God, the true church, and true salvation. There are no shortcuts when it comes to the plan of salvation. We must be careful about what we teach our children.

In speaking about unity and harmony, Brother Shoulders lamented that church members are not as close as they should be. He suggested that true unity grows out of our working through disagreements and confrontations. We must learn how to deal with our problems. Pretending that things are as they should be is no way to make things better. Instead of criticizing one another over trivial matters, we should provoke one another unto love and good works, we should look for the good in our brothers and sisters, and we should bear the fruit of the Spirit. Many of our fellowship problems are caused by the egos of men.

In speaking about ignorance, Brother Shoulders reminded us of the importance of having an informed perspective when dealing with our problems. It is always important for us to see the big picture. He spoke about how our actions influence later generations and about why our decisions should not be based on the opinions of others. The Bible is not just for preachers. All must study and pray and develop their own convictions.

In speaking about formalism, Brother Shoulders read Matthew 23:23-28 and reminded us that we don't need pretenders in the Lord's work. He spoke about the working of the Spirit and about our woeful concern with appearances. While it is true that we must do all things decently and in order, it is also true that we must be careful not to quench the Holy Spirit. We must guard against allowing political correctness to influence our preaching. What is needed is the whole truth and nothing but the truth though such is unpopular today. The most attractive thing we have is our spiritual services. Brother Shoulders also spoke about the responsibilities of

parents in disciplining their children and suggested that the prevalence of mental problems among church members today may be caused by a failure on their part to release their emotions through such actions as bearing the burdens of others, confessing their sins to others, and weeping and mourning with those who weep and mourn. He believes that our spiritual well-being is tied to our physical and mental well-being. God is the only one who can fix our problems and meet our needs.

Finally, in speaking about worldliness, Brother Shoulders referred to John 17:15 and Romans 12:2 and challenged us not to be worldly minded. He spoke of the mindset that many have regarding the church. Instead of being concerned about what the church can do for us, we should be concerned about what we can do for the church. He also spoke of the dangers of prosperity, assuring us that prosperity is more dangerous to the church than persecution. The things of the world should not be more important to us than the work of the church. God demands to be first in our lives. He is a jealous God, and anything that we put before Him is idolatry. Brother Shoulders continued by insisting that we need a spiritual revival, not just a moral revival. The church needs to go to work. Changes will come when our hearts are changed. Referring to Psalm 66:18 and Proverbs 28:13, Brother Shoulders reminded us that we cannot prosper if we ignore our sins. Churches must discipline their members just as parents discipline their children. Brother Shoulders quoted Galatians 6:1 and reminded us that love is the only proper motivation for church discipline.

Brother Shoulders closed his message by challenging us to be realistic and to deal with our problems with honesty. Referring to the churches in the Shiloh Baptist Association of Virginia in 1846, he spoke about being concerned about our spiritual condition. More than large crowds, we should desire spiritual revival and guard against just going through the motions in our services. Of course, we cannot begin to fix our problems until we admit our problems. We must be careful not to allow Satan to seduce us into believing that we are better off than we truly are. Regardless of what the future may hold for us, God's people can thrive in all kinds of circumstances.

Brother Massey expressed his appreciation for the sermon, and the congregation pressed into the altar to shake hands with Brother Shoulders while Brother Scott led in singing "Victory in Jesus." Brother Wilson accompanied the singers on the piano. Brother Massey spoke about the

importance of helping each other and of working together. He expressed his desire not to let the Lord down.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

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

- Bethlehem - Brian Johnson, Kenneth Zink
- Gladdice - Charles Reece, Jeff Kemp, Dustin Kemp,
John Wayne Draper
- Longview - Monty Shoulders, Mike Stokes, Chris Woodard,
Steve Anderson
- McFerrin - Johnny Carver, Paul Patterson, Jimmy Hill, Greg Hines
- Mt. Juliet - Rick Oliver, Robby Cornwell, Danny Miller
- Murfreesboro - Jay Loving, Key Dillard
- New Life - Charles Stapleton, Richard Singleton, Walter Way
- New Zion - Larry Gregory, Clyde Dilleha
- Three Springs - Deric McClard, Jeremy Wilson, Ryan Hancock,
Matt Goss

Next, Brother McClard read the rules of decorum. No letters of petition were read.

2007 OFFICERS

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

MODERATOR	Elder Kenneth Massey
Assistant	Elder Johnny Carver
CLERK	Elder Deric McClard
Assistant	Elder Jeremy Wilson
TREASURER	Brother Jimmy Hill
Assistant	Brother Robby Cornwell

2008 MEETING PLACE

While many churches offered to host the next annual meeting of the association, New Zion Missionary Baptist Church near Cookeville, TN, was selected as the meeting place for 2008.

2008 SERMONS

The following brethren were selected to preach in 2008:

INTRODUCTORY	Elder Jeremy Wilson
Alternate	Elder Larry Gregory
DOCTRINAL	Elder Rick Oliver
Alternate	Elder Mark Carver

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Tim Binion – Victory Missionary Baptist Church
 Rufus Chandler – Concord Missionary Baptist Church
 Charles Allen Gentry – Caney Fork Missionary Baptist Church
 Jeff Gregory – Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church
 Seth Gregory – North Carthage Baptist Church
 Jerry Miller – Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
 Danny Raines – Caney Fork Missionary Baptist Church

Ray Smith – Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church
Lynn Stapleton – Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church
Randy Thompson – Crossroads Missionary Baptist Church
Jackie Wilburn – Plunkett’s Creek Missionary Baptist Church

Brother Randy Thompson was selected from among the visiting preachers to preach the fellowship sermon in the afternoon session.

REPORT

Brother Massey called for the report “How Can We Develop Acts 1:8 Churches with Regard to Local, National, and International Missions?” Read by Brother Brian Johnson, the report was adopted after discussion by Brothers Brian Johnson, Larry Gregory, and Chris Woodard.

In speaking about the importance of evangelism, Brother Johnson reminded us of the authority of God’s Word and of the need for us to use an inside-out approach when reaching the unsaved. The work of reaching the lost begins with the church’s leaders, and we must follow Jesus Christ and make Him the focus of all that we do. Brother Gregory spoke of supporting foreign mission and recounted how God had worked on behalf of New Zion Church to give the church members a heart for missions. He reminded us of the importance of prayer and of following the leadership of the Holy Spirit. In supporting and corresponding with foreign missionaries, it is important for us to take care of business. Brother Woodard spoke about addressing our needs at home and about being Christ-centered in our worship.

HOW CAN WE DEVELOP ACTS 1:8 CHURCHES WITH REGARD TO LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS?

Scripture References: Matthew 4:19 and Acts 1:8

What is the truth?

It is clear throughout scripture that God has been revealing Himself to mankind through the creation of the universe all the way to the knowledge within the conscience of man. God is the God who reveals Himself. He wants to be made known, honored and revered as our glorious Creator and Holy God. He created us and made us in His own image. With this being true, our hearts must yearn like Malachi’s. See Malachi 1:11. Malachi

prophesied of a time when not only the Jews would rejoice in the One True God, but the Gentiles would offer pure and holy worship to our Lord and Savior. We are living in that day.

The Apostle Paul spoke of the radiant beauty of cross-cultural believers in Ephesians 2:14-22. We are united together as a temple or body of believers to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus established His Church, He did it on the confession that He was the Son of God and He would build His Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. We all know that a gate is used for a defense mechanism to keep things out. What is Christ telling us here? The Church is not to be just on the defense in guarding the great doctrines of the faith, but on the offense when sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Like Paul, we must boldly believe and proclaim, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

Before Jesus ascended, He gave us the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20. Notice also His command in Acts 1:8. From that moment, He was taken up and received out of their sight. The disciples were amazed that Jesus had gone away and were mesmerized as they gazed into heaven. However, the angels soon got their attention. See Acts 1:11.

What is our current situation?

We are still gazing today and have forgotten that Jesus said to "Go!" In one parable, He said that if those invited, speaking of the Jews, would not come, then we must go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. We are living in a day when the people are not going to flood into our churches in miraculous proportions until we begin to be about our Father's business. There are churches on every street corner and evangelism is turning into a battle of who can market the best, put on the best production and satisfy the flesh in the best possible way. There is very little evangelism going on the way Jesus did it. He was the Master at meeting people one-on-one in the marketplace, in the Temple, or by wells or wherever He traveled. He always had His eyes open and was willing to share the truth about Himself. The grass-roots effort of the early New Testament Church turned the world upside down. Changed from inside out and following Jesus, the people of God were a force to be reckoned with. They stood strong in their convictions, were true to the word of God and

gave their lives before ever bowing their knee to an emperor or king. They were determined, willing and sacrificial.

Now, how do we compare to the vitality of the early New Testament Church? Our first mistake is looking at each other and comparing the sizes of our churches. Consider Paul's warning in 2 Corinthians 10:12. We must not look at each other and be jealous or have a complaining spirit, but we must look within and at the truth. If we'll be honest, most of our churches are growing because of members from other churches. We are swapping members from church to church as they follow the preacher that they like. See 1 Corinthians 3:5-6. We must teach people to follow Christ and not a preacher, follow truth and not mere man.

Furthermore, gazing church members are not fully seeing the need to give to missionaries on the field or even within our churches. This is not only a problem within our churches but universally.

The church enjoys the comforts of home and is not going themselves (sacrificing), therefore why would they see the need to support missionaries anywhere else? By revoking the call of God that every member is a missionary, the Old Ship of Zion which had its great thrust on the Day of Pentecost by the Holy Spirit has slowed down to a stand still amongst a sea of faces that are broken, hurting and in need of hope, healing and health.

*How do we get from where we are to a healthy New Testament Church?
Return to a Christ Centered Church Paradigm*

We need to ensure that the preeminent cause for our meetings/services and programs is not found in the desire to build church rolls, nor even to evangelize, but to worship and follow the Lord Jesus. Jesus Himself told us in scripture that if He be lifted up that He would draw all men. We need to focus more on holding up Jesus than trying ourselves to draw men which is the job of God's Holy Spirit and not our own. It is easy to become seeker-centric instead of making Jesus Christ the center of our worship. The scriptures teach us that unbelievers will come to know we are truly of the Lord by our love for each other (John 13:35). We must make our meetings worship services centered around Jesus and Him alone. This is the pattern of the New Testament Church (Acts 2:46-47). This is the Lord's desire for our churches in the 21st Century and until His return (Col. 1:18). When we do this, and only when we do this, His love will so permeate our lives as to be seen by all.

Clarity of the Gospel

We must continue teaching the necessity of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Each Sunday, the parishioner must realize the extreme importance of the born again experience along with the daily walk with Christ. Jesus constantly revealed that He did not come into the world to condemn the world but that through Him every person might be saved from the wrath of God. An individual that has the knowledge of sin must be brought before the cross to realize the depravity of his soul and the helplessness of his state. Then, he is empowered by God's Spirit to repent and faith is granted bringing a new love, joy and peace. The supernatural work upon the heart by God was not merited by anyone's goodness, but solely on the basis of God's grace as revealed in Jesus' finished work on the cross and glorious resurrection and ascension.

Value of Personal Testimony

After being converted, those redeemed have a precious tool to offer the lost all around. The personal testimony has always been one of the most powerful sources of conviction in the Church. If we can teach people to share their testimony that has been tempered by the word of God, it will enable every person to be able to share their faith in Christ. Paul used his three times in the book of Acts to tell about the change in his life. We must never forget that our testimonies are only as good as the lives that we live. When the High Priest walked into the Holy of Holies, he had bells and pomegranates on the fringe of his garment. The pomegranates spoke of fruitfulness and the bells sounded out the testimony that he was in the presence of God. For every bell, there was a pomegranate to match it which lets us know that our talk must equal our walk. See Psalm 107:2.

Where does this begin?

See 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10.

As Jesus called the common fishermen, He told them to follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. I will teach you and then show you how it is done. See the Bible's plain teaching in Philippians 3:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:9; and Hebrews 13:7-8. Jesus is our leader. We must continue to follow Him and be examples to those that God has entrusted us with. When we listen to God's Word, we can catch more fish than we could ever imagine. Make your church a great fishing hole and many will want to come and see the Great Galilean Fisherman.

Submitted by

Charles Patterson, Larry Gregory, Chris Woodard, Brian Johnson

The motion was made and seconded to suspend the order of business for one hour for lunch. The motion carried. Brother Charles Allen Gentry dismissed the service with prayer and returned thanks to God for the meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After a wonderful meal, the work of the association was resumed. First, Brother Clyde Dilleha led in singing "He Touched Me." Brother McClard played the piano. Then, Brother Massey read I Peter 1:3-5. Next, Sisters Amanda and Callie Greer sang "He Is Mine, and I Am His." Brother Seth Gregory accompanied them on the piano. Finally, Brother Wilson played and sang "Blessed Assurance." He asked the congregation to join him on the final chorus. Then, Brother Massey presented Brother Randy Thompson to preach the Fellowship Sermon.

FELLOWSHIP SERMON

After Brother Rufus Chandler led in prayer, Brother Thompson read Philippians 1:1-11, took his text from I John 1:3, and announced as his subject "Christian Fellowship." He began by assuring us that nothing can compare with the fellowship that we are blessed to share. He spoke of Paul's fellowship with his fellow Christians and reminded us that fellowship depends in large part on shared experiences.

In accounting for the uniqueness of Christian fellowship, Brother Thompson spoke of the power of the gospel and of the unifying power of our common salvation. Because we have exercised the same faith and received the same salvation, we can fellowship one with another. We cease to be our own and become the servants of Jesus Christ when we are saved. We are bound together by the gospel, and if we are all committed to the same gospel, then we should be able to walk together in Christian love.

Brother Thompson stressed that our fellowship is rooted in the gospel and reminded us that there is no room for jealousy in the work of God. We should exult in what God does for others just as much as we do in what God does for us. We should not be critical of others, but should be willing to try what works well in other churches.

Quoting John 15:1-4, Brother Thompson spoke of the importance of abiding in Christ. We must remain “plugged in” to Jesus. Only then can we abound in God’s work. We must follow the way of the Lord, and our desire should be to walk with God in our daily lives. Referring to Genesis 3:8, he reminded us that God created us to worship and have fellowship with Him.

Brother Thompson cautioned us about adopting the if-you-can’t-beat-them-then-join-them attitude. We must guard against getting sucked into fellowship with the world. Such will serve only to pull us farther away from God. In referring to the judgment that God poured out in the days of Noah, he assured us that we can find hope in the fact that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. While we live in a world of compromise in which the divinely set boundaries seem to have been changed, we must be vigilant in standing against sin. While society’s views of right and wrong have changed, Jesus Christ remains unchanged. Like Him, we must love the sinner, not the sin.

Brother Thompson spoke about the importance of calling on the Lord on a regular basis, but cautioned us about praying only for what we need. He spoke also about how both the saved and the unsaved can feel the presence of the Lord and reminded us of the relationship that exists between having a relationship with God and experiencing real joy. We must share with others the wonderful gift that God has given to us. He closed his message by referring to Matthew 15:8 and reminding us that lip service to God has no value. We must demonstrate our love for the Lord.

As the congregation gathered into the altar to shake hands with Brother Thompson and to express their appreciation for the message, Brother Hines led in singing “My God Is Real” and “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.” Brother Wilson accompanied him on the piano. Brother Massey spoke about the love that existed among God’s people in past.

REPORTS

Brother Massey called for the report “What Strategies Should We Develop in Discipling Members to Learn Spiritual Gifts, Minister within Our Churches, and Fulfill Their Purpose in the World?” Read by Brother Greg Hines, the report was adopted after discussion by Brothers Greg Hines, Mike Stokes, Jay Loving, Johnny Carver, Larry Gregory, and Kenneth Massey.

Brother Hines spoke of the importance of helping God’s people to identify and use their spiritual gifts. Brother Stokes spoke of setting a good example for new members. How will we be remembered when we are dead? He reminded us that we must exercise discipline in our lives and teach God’s Word, not man’s traditions. Brother Loving spoke about disciplining our children, encouraging one another, and continuing in our education. Brother Carver referred to II Timothy 2:1-2 and spoke about Paul’s relationship with Timothy and Jesus’ relationship with the twelve. He discussed the importance of teaching our children and the role of ministry in the church in promoting fellowship. We must work to develop a mission-mindedness among our people. Brother Carver also spoke about the importance of having mentors in the Christian service. We must show our young people what to do. It is not enough for us to tell them. Brother Gregory referred to John 13:35 and recounted many experiences from his years of pastoring New Zion Church. Brother Massey spoke about how spiritual gifts were identified in the past and reminisced about many experiences in his pastoral work. We must not forget that we are servants, but being a servant of God is honorable.

What Strategies Should We Develop in Discipling Members to Learn Spiritual Gifts, Minister within Our Churches, and Fulfill Their Purpose in the World?

A strategy is defined as a careful plan or method. Every one of us has a certain way or method that we do certain things.

The foundation of our plan to discipline members to learn spiritual gifts is to inform these members about spiritual gifts. A member who cannot name their spiritual gift cannot be expected to master their gift.

Discipline is defined as training that corrects, molds or perfects. See Ephesians 4:8, 12-13.

With mature members and new members we must mold them to serve their God and their church by using their spiritual gift. Spiritual gifts and the benefits of these gifts must be taught to each member. We all possess traits of more than one spiritual gift, but most of us need help finding our place of service.

Members want to learn their spiritual gift. Members want to serve. Many members don't serve because they don't know where to use their talents. Many members don't even know what their talents are.

Learning is defined as gaining knowledge or understanding by study, instruction or experience. In Acts 8:30-31, the Ethiopian was reading the book of Isaiah. Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading. The Ethiopian said, "How can I unless someone explains it to me?" Philip explained it to him and he understood it and was saved. As soon as a person is saved, he needs to attend classes of some form to understand his gift and how to use it. Most of us here have been trusted by our church to set up these classes to help people understand their gifts.

In order for any member of any church to fulfill their purpose in the world they must be equipped. Handing someone a Bible and saying go find a way to serve your church and lead people to Christ is a tall task. It is up to church leaders to institute plans of instruction for people who are looking for a way to serve their church.

The title of this report charges us with finding strategies to discipline members to learn spiritual gifts, to minister in their churches and fulfill their purpose. You may be able to list strategies for days. But there is one idea that will be a huge start. Explain to people what spiritual gifts are. Constantly remind people they have spiritual gifts and constantly urge people to use their spiritual gifts.

Greg Hines, Jay Loving, Mike Stokes, Johnnie Brewer

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. The motion carried. After many testimonies and announcements, Brother Lynn Stapleton prayed the benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The association continued on Saturday morning, October 27, 2007, after another wonderful breakfast provided by the host church. To begin the service, Brother Don Hines led in singing "I Know My Savior Cares for Me" and "My God Is Real." Brother Jeremy Wilson played the piano. Brother Kenneth Massey read Proverbs 4:7-11 and James 1:5 and spoke about our need for wisdom. He called on Brother Jeff Elliott to lead in prayer.

After Brother Hines led in singing "Since He Gave Me This Heart of Love," "My Hiding Place," and "I Will Not Be a Stranger," Brothers Wayne Scott, Jeremy Wilson, and Chris Woodard joined him in singing a special number while Brother Deric McClard accompanied them on the piano. Brother Massey then presented Brother Charles Reece to preach the doctrinal sermon.

DOCTRINAL SERMON

After his introductory remarks, Brother Reece read Acts 2:22-28 and spoke of his desire to direct our attention to what God has done. He began his message by reminding us of the sovereignty of God. He alone reigns absolutely and is subject to and influenced by no one. Because of His grace and mercy, we can have hope. Referring to Daniel 4:30-31, Brother Reece spoke about the characteristics of God that were revealed in His dealings with Nebuchadnezzar.

Brother Reece proceeded to speak of the Sonship of Jesus Christ. He is both the Son of God and the Son of Man. Both natures belong to Christ, and both are absolutely necessary. He spoke of the significance of these two natures. Jesus could not have been the Messiah without being both the Son of God and the Son of Man. He could not have suffered without being human. As the Second Adam, He kept God's Law perfectly and was committed to the Father's will. Referring to Galatians 4:4-5, Brother Reece reminded us that Jesus came as a man to serve.

Next, Brother Reece spoke of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, its necessity, and our dependence on it to know the Father. Jesus came to the world to become our perfect sacrifice. Referring to Matthew 26:39 and Acts 4:12, he spoke of

the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and of His cries from the cross for the God who had forsaken Him. He reminded us of how Jesus endured the cross and despised its shame (Hebrews 12:2).

Returning to Acts 2:24, Brother Reece spoke of Christ's flawless death and His perfect victory. God was bound to raise His Son; otherwise, He would have defied His own goodness, holiness, and justness. He spoke further about how Jesus kept the Father's face before Him at all times and about how He kept God at His right hand. He reminded us of the importance of the shield of faith and of the implications of Jesus' resurrection for us. Because death could not hold Him, it won't be able to hold us, either. He closed his message by speaking about what Jesus risked by coming into this world.

As Brother Hines led in singing "Victory in Jesus" and "God Is So Good," the congregation gathered into the altar to shake hands with Brother Reece and to express their appreciation for the message. Brother Wilson played the piano. Then, Brother Deric McClard call the roll of messengers:

- Bethlehem - Brian Johnson, Kenneth Zink
- Gladdice - Charles Reece, Dustin Kemp, Jeff Kemp,
John Wayne Draper
- Longview - Monty Shoulders, Mike Stokes, Chris Woodard,
Steve Anderson
- McFerrin - Johnny Carver, Paul Patterson, Jimmy Hill, Greg Hines
- Mt. Juliet - Rick Oliver, Robby Cornwell, Danny Miller
- Murfreesboro - Ron Stewart, Jay Loving
- New Life - Charles Stapleton, Richard Singleton, Walter Way
- New Zion - Larry Gregory, Clyde Dilleha
- Three Springs - Deric McClard, Jeremy Wilson, Ryan Hancock,
Matt Goss

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Scott Carter, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
Estelene Dilleha, Kempville United Methodist Church
Jeff Elliott, Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church
Lynn Stapleton, Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church
Wesley Woods, Maze's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

REPORTS

Brother Massey called for the report on missions. Read by Brother Robby Cornwell, the report was adopted after discussion by Brothers Robby Cornwell, Eugene Brown, Brian Johnson, Jeremy Wilson, Monty Shoulders, Kenneth Massey, and Chris Woodard. Brother Cornwell reported on the work of the Missionary Baptist Telecast. Brother Brown reported on the work of the Words of Hope Ministry. Brother Johnson reported on an upcoming trip to Jamaica. Brother Wilson spoke about the Missionary Baptist Telecast and the Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy. Brother Shoulders also spoke about the Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy and reported on a mission work in Virginia. Brother Massey spoke about the scriptural method for financing missionary endeavors. Brother Woodard spoke about his work in the Goodlettsville area.

2007 MISSIONS REPORT

God has once again wonderfully blessed the Wiseman Association churches with home missions through the Missionary Baptist Telecast and the Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, and with foreign missions through the direct efforts of the Words of Hope Ministry and missionary trips authorized by the Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church.

THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST TELECAST

Submitted by Robby Cornwell – (615) 872-8202

The Missionary Baptist Telecast has been blessed to be able to continue sending out the gospel message over the television airwaves. We are currently being aired twice a week on channel 39-WHTN and once a week on Nashville cable channel 19. We are being blessed with great participation from the preachers and churches preparing the tapes. There are 10 churches participating in the Telecast, and this session we have scheduled 20 different preachers to make tapes. GOD HAS TRULY BLESSED! We have some new equipment and have continued to try to improve the quality of the tapes we send out. We are, however, currently facing a shortage of money and will have to get more support very soon to be able to continue to broadcast. Please pray for us in this endeavor. The Telecast airs on channel 39-WHTN every Sunday at 12:30 pm and on channel 19 Nashville cable access at 8:30 am.

THE DO RE MI GOSPEL MUSIC ACADEMY, INC.

Submitted by Key Dillard – (615) 890-0288

The sixth annual session of the Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy was held at Cumberland University, June 10-15, 2007. Eight classroom instructors, including Elder Jeremy Wilson, and their associates provided music instruction for 144 students from 66 different churches representing 5 states, including Alaska. Additional studies were provided in private voice, private instrumentation of violin, guitar, banjo, bass fiddle, and piano. Andy Stringfield of the Stamps Quartet provided advanced piano instruction. Elder Monty Shoulders, pastor of Longview Missionary Baptist Church, coordinated chaplain services and our daily character training that included a comprehensive Bible study by area ministers on the subjects of Penitence, Faith, Love, Peace, and Joy. Elder Brian Johnson, pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, coordinated recreational activities for the academy, students and staff. Elder Bill Green assisted our dormitory staff.

God blessed throughout the week with His wonderful Spirit. On Tuesday, during assembly, revival broke out and many students testified of their salvation. Tears of joy and shouts of God's goodness filled the auditorium, and sinners cried out for the salvation of their souls. We older Christians

were blessed to see our young people worshipping God with such fervent spirit.

The Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy began a new program for advanced students called the S.T.A.R.T. (Student Teacher Assistance in Rudiment Training) program. The Academy mission with this program is to train students to become rudiment teachers in their local churches. Students are provided extensive training with required follow-up teaching experiences in their local area before receiving certification by the Academy. Nine students enrolled in the S.T.A.R.T. program and are assisting with music in their local churches. Reports have been received of many other Do Re Mi students working in their church's music program.

New songs were written by our songwriting class, and they are already being sung in some of our churches. Brother Chris Woodard served as the Master of Ceremonies for a standing-room-only closing night program.

God truly blessed our week, and we are thankful. A special invitation is extended to our Wiseman Association churches to join us for the seventh annual session of the Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, June 8-13, 2008. If you cannot attend, please pray that God will always be glorified and honored at the Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy. You can register online by going to our web site at www.doremigospelmusicacademy.org

WORDS OF HOPE MINISTRY

Submitted by Brother Brian Johnson – (615) 428-4474

And Brother Eugene Brown – (615) 824-5285

Words of Hope celebrated its 16th year on the air through WWCR (World Wide Christian Radio) during the last week in September. We have gone from airing 6-7 times each week last year to airing 9 times weekly on the short waves around the world (369 times this year). From a simple microphone, we have the ability to share the gospel with those who may have never heard. There are an estimated 1.5 billion short wave radios in the world. We are not able to trace how many of those are in English speaking countries since we began tracking our hits in December of 2005. We have also been experimenting with producing video sermons for the Internet and local television. The possibilities are endless, and we thank God for the opportunity to be involved in fulfilling the Great Commission by preaching the Word to those who may never have a church to attend. See

Malachi 1:11. Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to proclaim Christ and Him crucified throughout another year!

MURFREESBORO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION TRIPS

Submitted by Elder Brian Johnson – (615) 428-4474

And Elder Bill Green – (615) 895-4690

The Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church authorized a mission trip to Craighead Missionary Baptist Church, February 5-16, 2007. Elder Bill Green (Murfreesboro MBC) coordinated the trip and was joined by Elder Ron Stewart (Murfreesboro MBC), Elder Mark Carver (McFerrin MBC), Brother Brad Shoulders (McFerrin MBC), Brother Jerry Kemp (McFerrin MBC), and Elder Brian Johnson (Bethlehem MBC). Brother John Porter was also present. Brother Mike Collins led a Medical Mission Team with two other nurses.

The twelve day mission trip was quite adventurous. We spent the first few days visiting schools, supplying basic needs and having devotions with the children. We were even able to get into action on the soccer and cricket field that enabled us to connect with the children on their level. Bro. Jones also carried us around to the homes of the sick in the church. It was an humbling experience to see some of the people bed ridden under tin roofs with very little care. Each night, we had revival services at different places. The first few nights, we were at the Warsop Mission. We loaded the front and backside of the truck and headed to the wooden church house that had been built with 2x4's and plywood. This year the church house was painted bright colors, was well lit, and had wooden benches and a gravel floor. It was great to worship in an humble place where the hearts of the individual worshippers shined instead of the artificial lighting of a new church house in America. After a few nights in Craighead and the Warsop Mission, Dr. Mike held a clinic in a community center that had been scrubbed down with bleach and water. The dirty building was sanitized and became an official office with curtains and medical supplies. Many Jamaicans came miles to get medical attention. That night, the cleansed community center became a church house as the body of believers gathered, the Word was preached and the Holy Spirit visited us through singing, preaching and testimonies.

The greatest adventure was traveling to Montego Bay where Bro. Jones wanted to reach into a dark area in the town. When we told the Jamaicans where we were going to preach the Gospel, they were amazed that we were

brave enough to go to the Cornwell Courts. On Friday, February 9, we traveled two and a half hours down the mountain to set up the red and white tent in Montego Bay. For the next six nights, the Gospel faithfully went out into the community. Every preacher had their opportunity to preach, and we all visited the community and passed out tracts to many of the homes. We really learned what it meant to go into dark areas and be the light of the world. Over all, the Jamaican and American brothers were refreshed, encouraged and developed great friendships that continue today.

Each of the brethren returned home with a renewed zeal to serve the Lord, a greater burden for mission work, and an appreciation for the blessing we have in America. If you have never been on a mission trip either domestically or internationally, we encourage you to go because it will change your life!

Brother Don Hines reported on his work in the past year as he had visited and corresponded with various churches as the association's ambassador. He asked for the help of all in encouraging other churches to join the association.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was read from the Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, the Duck River Baptist Association, the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, and the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. Also, Brother Chris Woodard read a letter from Brother Nathan Drake.

BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

We trust everything is going well with you and your lost are being saved. We also trust God is continuing to bless you.

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Seventy-First Annual Session with Mt. Zion #1 Missionary Baptist Church. We had 28 churches reporting an increase of 88 with 37 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 92 with a total membership of 3,537. 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 172nd Annual Session to be held with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, AL. The church is located east of Russellville, Alabama, just east of U.S. Highway 43. This session will be held October 13-16, 2007. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 am.

*In Chris 's Love,
Keith L. Hood, Clerk*

DUCK RIVER ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS

We hope all is well with the brothers and sisters of the Wiseman Association. In August, we held our annual meeting and certainly rejoiced in the wonderful spirit that was present from the opening message through the conclusion Sunday afternoon. We enjoyed good attendance and hope that many seeds were sowed that will be reaped in times to come.

Our next annual session will not be till the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August of 2008. Our General Association was the same weekend this year as the Wiseman Association but hopefully there would still be an opportunity to visit at some time in the future. We certainly feel the contact with fellow believers of the Baptist faith and any encouragement that can be offered in these difficult times would be uplifting.

*In Christian Love,
Bob Crosslin, Clerk*

SILOAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Greetings:

Lord willing, beginning 10:00 a.m. Friday October 5, 2007, the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will convene its fifty-fifth session with:

Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church
5493 Rocky Mound Road
Westmoreland, Tennessee 37186

Please come and worship with us.

*Your brother in Christ,
Elder Roger Carter, Assistant Clerk*

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT 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-ninth annual session in 2007, 28 churches reported 57 baptisms with a total membership of 2,920.

At the past session, the messengers of our association once again elected Bro. Ray Smith as our moderator and Bro. Andrew Stokes was elected 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 2007 session and pray that you found it most enjoyable.

We want to remind you of the association website. On this site you will find audio sermons and topics along with the minutes. You may visit our website at: www.swdmha.org

We would like to invite all to join us for the 2008 session to be held with Oak Grove (CC) Missionary Baptist Church located off Highway 114, on Birdwell Road in Bruceton, Tennessee. The session will be held October 10-11, 2008, starting at 10:00 am. Brother Johnny Wall will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday and Brother Jimmy 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,
Brother Scott Carter, Clerk*

LETTER FROM BROTHER NATHAN DRAKE

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the One who was, is, and is yet to come! I regret that I am unable to meet with you this year, but am thankful to be able to report where I am: As I type this, I am on my computer in my office located in the aft portion of my Chapel here at Command Outpost (COP), Rawah, Iraq. Last year, I gave a report concerning my efforts as a Chaplain! I received my orders late in December of last year, orders that took me first to Newport, RI, to repeat Chaplain's School, and then to the Marine Air Ground Combat Center at 29 Palms, CA, where I was assigned to the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, the "Wolf Pack." Once there I had just a few months to become acquainted with the Marines and Sailors that are my flock before we deploy to war. Now here, we are Task Force Wolf Pack, with components of other battalions and groups of Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers. I cannot outright give the number of them under my charge, both sheep and goats, but I can say that it is roughly the same number of men that Samson struck with the jawbone of the donkey. Of that multitude, I would say that I might have about half as many as Gideon ended up with that I could say that know the Lord in the free pardon of sin. I am very thankful both for this presence of salt and light (regardless how proportionally small) and for the great field that is before me.

Concerning this field, it is unlike any other; and, as I have said before, the only way that a minister of God's Word is going to gain a chance to reach these souls is by being willing to live among them, learning and experiencing their culture, and participating in their hardships. This is what we in the Chaplain Corps call "deck-plate" ministry or a ministry of presence. Though this form of evangelism has been mostly removed from our society due to us backing down due to the pressure from the secular progressives, it was and is, especially in our now postmodern age, one of the most successful forms of evangelism. Yes, I hold weekly "Church" Services and Bible Studies where we come together to pray, worship, and hear the proclamation of the Word, but as I told one brother, these services are not occasions of sowing, but rather reaping, where I get to enjoy my labors from the rest of the week. The vast majority of my ministry is my daily visits among the troops, where I walk around and speak kind words of instruction or encouragement. The men get to know me and trust me, and see me as the presence of God in an otherwise godless and dead place. They often come

to me with question or concerns, which give me awesome opportunities to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One example follows:

As an LAR Battalion, our mission is built around the use of our Light Armored Vehicles or LAVs (8-wheeled amphibious "mini tanks" if you will); without them we are pretty well worthless as we have a very small number of infantry Marines, and the vast majority of our other Marines and Sailors are here to support these Marines and their LAVs. So, the other day I went out on the convoy to visit the guys at the outlying positions and to conduct ministry. I had a number desiring "Church" Service, so we sung a couple of songs and I preached for them. After that I had the opportunity to counsel a Marine with problems. By that time the convoy was waiting on me and my assistant (which is not a good thing), so when I got done counseling and praying with that Marine, my assistant and I literally ran out of the building to get back on the convoy so as not to degrade the logistics mission that I was tagging along with. Well, as we were running, we came upon a parked LAV. A couple of the Marines that were with the LAV stopped me and said, "Hey Sir, we were wondering if you could do your 'ominous do minus' over this [expletive deleted] LAV, it won't run!" I stopped, and instead of correcting their vulgarity, I raised my hands high to heaven and, speaking loudly to the Father, prayed a simple prayer asking Him to get the vehicle online so that these Marines could complete their mission safely and effectively. I closed that rushed, impromptu, open air prayer in Jesus' name and said farewell to those now amused Marines. In moments we were off to another location, and I didn't give another thought to that situation as there were other concerns pressing at the next stop. Well, during my visits on the day following this incident, I saw those Marines and they made it a point to very excitedly proclaim, "Hey Chaps – your prayer worked!" It was at that moment that I seized the opportunity given to me and spoke to them about Biblical Faith, that is, belief and trust rightly oriented in Jesus Christ the Son of the True and Living God.

This is one of many examples of the type of things I am able to do because I am here, living and working among these men. Whether they know the Lord or not, I am their Chaplain, and they see me as a holy man. Please pray for me that I can be just that, and bring the wonderfully good news of Jesus Christ to them that do not know Him before it is forever too late. Also please pray for my brethren in this place. They are not afforded the liberty that I am to keep spiritually healthy, and are in an atmosphere that is often very belligerent towards the spiritual life of a Christian...

*Brother Nathan G. Drake
LT, Chaplain Corps, US NAVY*

BUSINESS

Brother Massey called for the treasurer’s report, which was read by Brother James Hill and adopted by the messengers.

TREASURER’S REPORT

10-26-2006	Balance	\$ 7,985.84
10-20-2006	Clerk’s Fee	(500.00)
10-25-2006	Deposit	1,375.00
	Interest Earned	46.22
06-10-2007	2006 Minutes	(1,445.27)
EXPENSES FOR JUBILLE 2007		
02-08-2007	Maxwell House Motel	(3,740.00)
02-08-2007	Lapel Pins and Envelopes	(636.07)
02-08-2007	Postage	(229.68)
05-10-2007	Cash Refund	14.99
10-26-2007	Balance	\$ 2,871.03

In new business, the motion was made and seconded to change the starting time for the opening session of next year’s meeting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The motion carried.

Brother Johnny Carver reminded us of the three main focuses of the association and read the proposed order of business for 2008. The agenda was approved by the messengers.

While Brother Wayne Scott led in signing “Amazing Grace,” the congregation gathered into the altar for the parting handshake. Brother Wesley Woods prayed the closing prayer.

Moderator Kenneth Massey
Clerk Deric McClard

REPORTS FOR 2008

(1) How Can the Local Church Encourage Each Member to Be Mission Minded?

Chair Robby Cornwell, Chris Woodard, Brian Johnson, Charles Stapleton

(2) What Is the Role of the Pastor and Deacon in the Church?

Co-Chair Paul Patterson, Co-Chair Frank McClanahan, Steve Anderson, Charles Reece

(3) Obituaries - Chair Larry Gregory

(4) Missions - Chair Monty Shoulders, Jay Loving

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Bethlehem

Robert E. Newman

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McFerrin

Hollis Whitley

October 22, 2006

Mary Carver

January 4, 2007

Frank Renfro

April 25, 2007

Matthew Kos

July 9, 2007

Darlene Coleman

September 24, 2007

Mount Juliet

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January 2007

New Life

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	<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 Fnon 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	A.G. Gregory
95.	1986 Gateway	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory
96.	1987 West End	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory
97.	1988 Goodwill	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory

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99.	1990 McFerrin	H.D. Linville	Ottis Jones	A.G. Gregory
100.	1991 New Bethel	Jerry Shrum	Kenneth Massey	Bobby Sutton
101.	1992 Lafayette	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis	Bobby Sutton
102.	1993 Parkwood	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis	Bobby Sutton
103.	1994 New Bethel	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis	Bobby Sutton
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106.	1997 Harvest	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
107.	1998 Three Springs	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
108.	1999 New Zion	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
109.	2000 Longview	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory	Bobby Sutton
110.	2001 McFerrin	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory	Bobby Sutton
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114.	2005 Murfreesboro	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill
115.	2006 Gladdice	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill
116.	2007 Three Springs	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill

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3.	1894 Lafayette	W.M.S. Wilks	
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. Wilks	
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. Grime	
12.	1903 New Harmony	W.M.S. Wilks	
13.	1904 New Hopewell	J.W. McQueen	
14.	1905 Rock Bridge	J.W. McQueen	
15.	1906 Corum Hill	J.F. Lambert	<u>Doctrinal</u>
16.	1907 Long Creek	W.M.S. Wilks	W.M.S. Wilks
17.	1908 Hillsdale	C.B. Massey	A.D. Robinson
18.	1909 Hartsville	E.E. Folk	J.H. Grime
19.	1910 Cedar Bluff	J.T. Oakley	J.T. Oakley
20.	1911 Meadorville	C.B. Massey	C.B. Massey
21.	1912 Friendship	J.W. Gillon	J.H. Grime
22.	1913 Bledsoc Creek	A.J. Sloan	A.J. Sloan
23.	1914 Siloam	J.T. Oakley	J.T. Oakley
24.	1915 Pleasant Hill	W.J. Summar	A.J. Sloan
25.	1916 Spring Creek	C.B. Massey	J.Y. Freeman
26.	1917 Dixon Creek	T.F. Moore	T.F. Moore

27.	1918 New Harmony	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	
49.	1940 Red Hill	F.W. Lambert	A.J. Sloan	
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.H. 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 Porter	W.T. Russell	H.G. Taylor
72.	1963 Old Hopewell	James Porter	W.T. Russell	H.G. Taylor
73.	1964 White Hill	James Porter	W.T. Russell	H.G. Taylor
74.	1965 Salem	James Porter	W.T. Russell	H.G. Taylor
75.	1966 Piper's Chapel	James 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

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L.A. Stewart

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	W.T. Russell	
84.	1975 Rock Bridge	H.D. Linville	H.G. Taylor	
85.	1976 Lafayette	H.D. Linville	H.G. Taylor	<u>Memorial/</u>
86.	1977 Buffalo Springs	J.W. Briley	James Porter	<u>Missionary</u>
87.	1978 McFerrin	Kenneth Woodall	H.G. Taylor	F.L. Ray
88.	1979 Harmony	Hilman Duncan	J.W. Briley	C.L. Russell
89.	1980 New Bethel	Everett Scruggs	James Porter	D.W. Story
90.	1981 Faith (TN)	Guthrie Thompson	J.W. Briley	Bobby Gann
91.	1982 Longview	Bobby Pitt	H.D. Linville	Edgar Copeland
92.	1983 Salem	Charles Patterson	H.C. Vanderpool	C.L. Russell
93.	1984 Cedar Grove	Ray Sutton	A.G. Gregory	W.E. Massey
94.	1985 Old Hopewell	Gary Duncan	H.D. Linville	James Porter
95.	1986 Gateway	Ottis Jones	C.L. Russell	Jas. Shoulders
96.	1987 West End	Terry Lyles	James Porter	W.E. Massey
97.	1988 Goodwill	Jeff Brown	Hilman Duncan	Henry Smith
98.	1989 New Bethel	Lonnie Meador	J.W. Briley	Gary Duncan
99.	1990 McFerrin	Charles Patterson	W.T. Russell	Johnny Meador
100.	1991 New Bethel	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Ottis Jones
101.	1992 Lafayette	Jimmy Roberts	James Shoulders	Bobby Sutton
102.	1993 Parkwood	Larry Gregory	Kenneth Massey	Johnny Carver
103.	1994 New Bethel	Paul Patterson	Don Curtis	Eugene Brown
104.	1995 Longview	Deric McClard	Jimmy Roberts	Wm. Overton
105.	1996 McFerrin	Benny Snoddy	Johnny Carver	Johnny Carver
106.	1997 Harvest	Paul Patterson	William Overton	K.W. Massey
107.	1998 Three Springs	Johnny Carver	Eugene Brown	
108.	1999 New Zion	Deric McClard	William Overton	
109.	2000 Longview	Paul Patterson	Johnny Carver	<u>Fellowship</u>
110.	2001 McFerrin	Kevin Perdue	Deric McClard	Darren Bonee
111.	2002 Bethlehem	Jeremy Wilson	Bobby Sutton	Lynn Stapleton
112.	2003 Mt. Juliet	Trey Crews	Henry Smith	Scott Carter
113.	2004 New Life	Johnny Carver	Kenneth Massey	Lynn Stapleton
114.	2005 Murfreesboro	Jeremy Wilson	Deric McClard	Chas. Patterson
115.	2006 Gladdice	Brian Johnson	Paul Patterson	Jackie Wilburn
116.	2007 Three Springs	Monty Shoulders	Charles Reece	Randy Thompson

CHURCH	Year Organized	Gains by Baptism	Gains by Letter	Gains by Restoration	Gains by Statement	Losses by Letter	Losses by Exclusion	Losses by Death	Current Enrollment
Bethlehem	1962	2	7	0	0	4	0	1	145
Gladdice	1894	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	64
Longview	1960	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	190
McFerrin	1948	6	4	0	5	2	2	5	638
Mt. Juliet	1982	3	4	0	0	3	0	1	109
Murfreesboro	1984	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	79
New Life	1997	4	4	0	5	0	0	2	109
New Zion	1981	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Three Springs	1995	8	6	0	2	6	0	1	375
TOTALS		24	32	0	12	24	2	10	1749

CHURCH	Year Organized	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Teachers
Bethlehem	1962	22	12	25	18	18	4
Gladdice	1894	N/A	N/A	12	16	15	2
Longview	1960	75	75	75	75	75	7
McFerrin	1948	351	362	334	310	314	17
Mt. Juliet	1982	32	34	32	16	25	5
Murfreesboro	1984	35	35	40	40	40	7
New Life	1997	68	98	89	97	47	6
New Zion	1981	5	20	16	20	18	2
Three Springs	1995	148	140	150	150	140	20
TOTALS		736	776	773	742	692	70

Sunday School Enrollment