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THE NEXT MEETING

To be held with McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, Tennessee on Friday October 23, 2009 at 10AM

INTRODUCTORY: Elder Larry Gregory Alternate: Elder Paul Patterson DOCTRINAL: Elder Mark Carver Alternate: Brother Jay Loving

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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 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 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 reproved 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.
- 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 24, 2008, the messengers to the one hundred seventeenth annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association arrived in Bloomington Springs, Tennessee, and were treated to a delicious breakfast and gracious hospitality by the host church. Brother Jeremy Warner opened the service by leading the congregation in singing hymn # 210 "My God is Real" and # 215 "I'll Meet You in the Morning" from the Heavenly Highway Hymnal. Sister Jean Duff played the piano. After the songs, Brother Kenneth Massey served as temporary Moderator. Brother Brian Johnson was appointed as temporary clerk, and Brother Robbie Cornwell as temporary treasurer. Brother Massey read Psalms 19 and called on Brother Tim Binion, pastor of Victory Missionary Baptist Church, to lead in prayer. Then, Brothers Don Hines, Jackie Wilburn, Key Dillard, and David Woodard sang "When They Ring the Bells of Heaven" and "Hide Thou Me." Brother Jeremy Wilson accompanied them on the piano.

Brother Massey thanked New Zion Missionary Baptist Church for hosting the association and spoke about many of our past meetings. He reminded us of the association meeting fifty years ago at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church and eighty years ago at Brattontown Missionary Baptist Church. Then, Brother Massey presented Brother Jeremy Wilson to preach the Introductory Sermon.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

After his introductory remarks, Brother Wilson read Mark 6:1-12 and titled the message, "The Message We Preach." He spoke of all the messages we hear on a daily basis. We are bombarded with messages everyday on the radio, television, and internet. They are meant to grab our attention causing us to buy their products. The messages are to convince us to think another way about situations. Presidential candidates tell us, "Trust me, I can change..." As ministers and churches, we are competing with these messages every Sunday. However, the message we preach has real life changing power. It can change hearts and attitudes. He told us the message of the Gospel is unbiased, unpopular, and universal.

The message we preach is unbiased. Brother Wilson said it is not just for the white and rich people. It is not partial to any group. We are not special because we grew up in a Baptist Church or have other credentials. There is

nothing that makes us worthy of hearing the message. It is not particular to a certain group or excluded from those who participate in certain sins. He quoted verses from Matthew 5:20, Luke 16:15, and said, "No one is worthy of heaven!" The message speaks to the matters of the heart and is for everyone.

The message we preach is also unpopular. It is not the most popular message out there, because people do not want to hear the truth. They want hope, change, and to be told how good they are. They want to think everything is peace, love, and happiness. The message we preach puts truth in our face and man does not want to look at the man in the mirror. He recalled the preachers, especially his dad, who preached to him in the past. Brother Wilson said the gospel made him realize, "I'm lost." The gospel reveals the truth about men. It exposes men in their darkness when the Holy Spirit convicts hearts and causes them to repent. The Holy Spirit draws us to Christ. Brother Wilson told us about his salvation experience at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, whose building was blown away by the tornado in February. He told us he could take us to the place where he was saved. He said I am so thankful for men who were not afraid to preach the Gospel truth even when it was unpopular.

Brother Wilson continued by saying, "The message we preach is universal!" This message is able to reach every sinner. It reaches the bad who we look at as undeserving and the good who think they have it all together. God exalts the humble and meets people where they are. He told us what Guthrie Thompson said, "Come with your hat in your hand young man." The message meets people where they are sitting. Jesus said, "He did not come for the whole, but for the sick." Those who have nothing to be proud of or to brag about can come. We were all beggars at some point. The gift of eternal life is one that is secured by God Himself, and we can not lose it. Jesus gives us real life. He said, "When death comes over my face, I will go from earth to heaven. There will be no break in my life. We are going to live forever, and we shall never die."

People will hear the message of a special sale and be lined up out the doors to purchase items of this world. They can not get enough of what feeds the flesh, but they hear the truth and can not run fast enough. He reminded us of the message Stephan preached. They were tired of him, but he preached all the way down. They tried to kill the gospel message, but the gospel will always be preached. God's Word will never fail, and He allows us to be a small part of what He is doing in the world. He concluded by saying, "The ministry can be

hard at times, but I am honored to be little part of what God is doing for mankind." We have the real message of hope, peace, and eternal life.

Brother Massey expressed his appreciation for the sermon, and the congregation pressed into the altar to shake hands with Brother Wilson while Brother Jackie Wilburn led in singing "Amazing Grace."

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

<u>Bethlehem</u> - Brian Johnson

Gladdice - John Wayne Draper, Charlie Patterson

<u>Longview</u> - Mike Stokes, Mary Stokes

McFerrin - Don Hines, Paul Patterson, Frank McClanahan, David

Woodard

Mt. Juliet - Rick Oliver, Robby Cornwell, Danny Miller

<u>Murfreesboro</u> - Jay Loving, Key Dillard, Sam Vance

New Life - Steve Newland, Steve Duncan, Kipp West, Judy West

New Zion - Larry Gregory, Tommy Maynard, Jeremy Warren

<u>Three Springs</u> - Jeremy Wilson, Jerry Thomas

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

2008 OFFICERS

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

MODERATOR Assistant Elder Kenneth Massey Elder Johnny Carver

CLERK Assistant Elder Brian Johnson Brother David Woodard

TREASURER Assistant Brother Robby Cornwell Elder Larry Gregory

2009 MEETING PLACE

McFerrin, Mt. Juliet, and New Life offered to host the next annual meeting of the association, McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, TN, was selected as the meeting place for 2009.

2009 SERMONS

The following brethren were selected to preach in 2009:

INTRODUCTORY

Elder Larry Gregory Elder Paul Patterson

DOCTRINAL

Elder Mark Carver

Alternate

Alternate

Brother Jay Loving

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Jackie Wilburn – Plunkett's Creek Missionary Baptist Church Jason Wheeley- Monoville Missionary Baptist Church Charles Allen Gentry – North Carthage Missionary Baptist Church Ray Smith – Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church
Lester Waugh– Concord Missionary Baptist Church
Rufus Chandler – Concord Missionary Baptist Church
Kenny and Nancy Rush– Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church
Tim Binion – Victory Missionary Baptist Church
Charles Brawner- Haysville Missionary Baptist Church
Tommy Ashford- Big Creek Missionary Baptist Church

Brother Tim Binion 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 the Local Church Encourage Each Member to be Mission Minded?" Read by Brother Robbie Cornwell, the report was adopted.

"How Can the Local Church Encourage Each Member to be Mission-Minded?"

We believe that the following three fundamental issues being addressed will increase the number of mission-minded congregations, and specifically the individual members of those congregations. These areas are:

- 1. Accountability & Awareness of the Congregation.
- 2. The Purity of the Gospel and Home Church- The Pulpit and Practice
- 3. Structure And Support of Missionary Efforts

ACCOUNTABILITY & AWARENESS OF THE CONGREGATION.

We believe that each individual member of the Lord's Church has an individual responsibility toward helping to spread the Gospel. Matthew 28:19 says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..." Mark 16:15 also states, "And he said unto them, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Each member should realize that it is his or her obligation and privilege to share what God has done for him or her. If pastors and church leaders aren't mission minded then the congregation will not be either. This has to be taught from the pastors and teachers of the churches. We, as God's

people, should not ever be satisfied with what has been done but should always seek to do more.

Revelation 3:15-16 says, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth".

There are different kinds of missionary efforts. Missions (foreign and domestic), and TV and Radio broadcasts are all missionary efforts going out into the world that need monetary and spiritual support from God's people. We have a common goal to spread the gospel, and we should have a common love for one another and lost souls between our churches.

Missionaries need to let the churches know what they are doing and how the churches can help. A lack of knowledge and a lack of communication allow our people to forget what is going on outside the walls of the local church.

All missionary work is not on foreign soil. There are a lot of things we need to do in our communities and neighborhoods. I saw a sign placed by the exit of one church that said "MISSION WORK STARTS HERE". This was to remind everyone leaving the church that the mission field is outside the walls of the church. Every one of us are missionaries to someone.

THE PURITY OF THE GOSPEL AND HOME CHURCH- THE PULPIT AND PRACTICE

As we think about church members being mission minded, we must start with the place where they get the most influence. The pastor of a local assembly has one of the greatest privileges and deepest responsibilities to preach the whole counsel of the Word of God. The centrality of missions and evangelism is the Glory of God and exaltation of Jesus Christ. Church members must be challenged with the demands of the Gospel on their lives each week. Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 16:24, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

When the Gospel is faithfully preached, it must be practiced. In Acts 13:1-3, we find a group of men at the church in Antioch gathered together for the sole purpose of ministering to the Lord. Can you imagine a church body that was only concerned with worshipping Jesus as Lord? This included fellowshipping around the Word, singing, praying, and fasting. We see no time limits in this passage. The men came together to meet with

God. The church had purity and devotion and most importantly was led by the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit spoke, the men separated Barnabas and Paul. They fasted and prayed, laid their hands on them, and sent them away in the power of the Holy Spirit and with church authority. This led to the greatest missionary outreach which is still continuing today among all the nations.

This church had it right. The purpose of missions is to send forth truth in a place where there is no truth. It is a desire to see God worshipped where there are no worshippers. It is a passion birthed out of the study of God's Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The natural result of a church being spiritually healthy will be missions, and the only way to get people mission-minded is to get them committed to Christ, connected with God through His Word, and committed to the local assembly. It is difficult to have mission-minded church members when one of the greatest mission fields is within the walls of the church. The church does not need more mission trips to export what we have at home. The church needs purification at home. The sins of social, racial, economic, and cultural prejudice must be confronted before the church can minister elsewhere. As the local church grows stronger in the Gospel of reconciliation and grows deeper in real relationships and community, the organic growth in being united with Christ will permeate homes, neighborhoods, and workplaces. The saltiness of church life and the radiance of God's glory will act as a preservative in the community and light to the world!

STRUCTURE AND SUPPORT OF MISSIONARY EFFORTS

We believe that a close examination and subsequent modeling of the scriptural patterns will aid our cause in two ways. One is that any time we follow those examples recorded and preserved for us by the graces of our Lord and Savior they shall be by Him rewarded. The second is that the more informed our congregations are about the processes and situations of our missionary efforts the more inclined they will be to support both monetarily and more importantly in prayer and zeal for the works. We find that God never tasks a man without providing/equipping whatever needs there may be. He always works on both ends. God has called us first unto Himself and second to be brethren toward one another. Although we are described as a remnant, we are never expected to be lone survivors. The most orderly and scriptural method for support and the easiest for people to get behind is that it be through the home church. This in no way should discourage support or visitation from other congregations/individuals but rather provides a clear

path for needs to be met and a central and reliable source for accurate information instead of rumor and conjecture. This is not a matter of legalism or documentation, but rather of responsibility and relationship. As in all things let us submit to God who so graciously saved us and lovingly calls us His own rather than submit to men's desires.

Prayerfully submitted: Brothers Robby Cornwell, David Woodard, Brian Johnson

The report's discussion was postponed until the after lunch, and Brother Kenneth Massey gave the floor to Brother Charles Brawner. He was originally from Macon County. His father passed away when he was 46 and his mother just this year. He does not have any children and wants to set up a scholarship fund in the name of his parents for students of Missionary Baptist Churches who are trying to continue their education. The Scholarship is called the Arnette, Pauline, and Charles Brawner Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund will be based out of West End Missionary Baptist Church. Please contact the church for more information.

The motion was made and seconded to suspend the order of business for one hour for lunch. The motion carried. Brother Ray Smith 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 Key Dilliard led in singing hymn # 304 "I Want to Know More About My Lord" and # 216 "In the Sweet Forever." Sister Dilliard played the piano. Then, Brother Massey read John 17:1-8 and commented on what it must be like to be able to say, "I have finished the work you have given me to do." He called on Brother Charles Alan Gentry to lead us in prayer. Next, the Wiseman Quartet consisting of Brothers Don Hines, Jackie Wilburn, Key Dillard, and David Woodard sang hymn # 89, "Take My Hand Precious Lord," hymn # 196, "I'm Bound For the Kingdom," and hymn # 211, "Wonderful City." Brother Jeremy Wilson accompanied them on the piano.

FELLOWSHIP SERMON

After the Wiseman Quarter sang, Brother Binion read Revelation 1:1-8 and announced as his subject "Unto Him." He began by assuring us that nothing

can compare with the fellowship that we are blessed to share. He said it was a privilege to be among brethren and talked about the joy of fellowshipping with each other down here and was looking forward to the joy that awaits us.

He read through the first four verses and then paused to put emphasis on the fifth verse. He emphasized Jesus, the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. He preceded with the next two words and evaluated them for their weight, "Unto Him." He said everything we do—preaching, singing, praying, studying, and visiting must be "unto Him." He is the only One worthy. He reminded everyone "Jesus loves you!" The love of God causes us to love Him. He commended His love toward us while we were sinners (Romans 5:8) and His love constrains us to love others (2 Corinthians 5:14). Brother Binion said, "God loves His people!" He said that he had a "do not harm" philosophy to ministry. He never wants to hinder the cause of Christ.

He took a special note that Jesus refers to us as brethren (Hebrews 2:11). What a joy it is to have an Elder Brother who sits at the right hand of the Father. He referenced Ephesians 3:19 and said, "we know about Christ's love."

The next point he made from verse five was that Jesus washed us from our sins by His own blood. It takes the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from our sins. He reminded us of Titus 3:5, Isaiah 1:18, and 1 John 1:9. He said we were washed and His blood continues to cleanse us. He reminded us of 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." Brothers, we are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of Jesus Christ.

He further stated that Jesus loves His churches, and He loves His pastors. He continued reading through verse eight. The "beholds" in the Bible stuck out to him. He said the Lord is coming. This should unite those who have the application of His blood. He is coming the way He left and is worthy of all glory and dominion both now and forever. May we be united in the cause of Christ!

Brother Massey expressed his appreciation for the sermon, and quoted Ephesians 3:21, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Brother Donnie Hines led "What Shall Wash Away My Sins" as the congregation came into the altar to shake hands with Brother Binion.

REPORTS

After the Fellowship Sermon, Brother Massey called for the further discussion of the report, "How Can the Local Church Encourage Each Member to be Mission-Minded?" Brothers David Woodard, Brian Johnson, Kenneth Massey, Jeremy Wilson, Donnie Hines and Johnny Carver commented on the topic.

Next, Brother Massey called for the report "What is the role of the Pastor and the role of the Deacon in the Church?" This topic was broken down into two categories- pastors and deacons. The pastor section was read by Brother Charles Patterson and Brother Frank McClanahan read the deacon's section.

WHAT IS THE ROLL OF THE PASTOR AND DEACON IN THE CHURCH?

An old pastor once said, "We were nearly all poor people, quite homely country folks, unable to give much of this world's goods, but ready to always give ourselves to the service of our dear Lord.

What times we had! What happy meetings. None of us had axes to grind. None of us cared for the honors. All of us loved the work and never stopped to count the cost.

Now let's come face to face with the great theme, the obligation, responsibilities and joy of pastors in the spread of the gospel.

Definitions

A Church is a company of saved baptized people organized into a working force for the spread of the gospel.

 Λ Pastor is the God appointed teacher, leader, and oversees this working force.

Obligation means his duty to teach and oversee that this working force under his charge will spread the gospel.

Responsibility means his accountability to God for the proper discharge of his duty.

Joy means the triple satisfaction derived from the approval of his conscience, the plaudit of his Lord and the sight of the harvest when duty is performed.

To accomplish such results, he must patient, many-sided, consecrated, full of faith, hope, charity, courage and the power of the Holy Ghost. It is his business by wise methods to make his people a reading, thinking, working and praying people. They must be informed in order to act intelligently. Their ignorance is his sin. They must be awakened, stirred, and directed. Their sleep, their sloth, their not pulling together is his sin. Yea more, their selfishness becomes his sin. If he will let them, they will dry up and the very fountain of benevolence by looking only at home.

The pastor, who will not thus or in some equivalent way be faithful to the spiritual interest of the flock he oversees, defrauds them by taking pay for service not rendered.

O pastor thou shalt give an account to God. The time is coming and is at hand when a voice as cold as death shall creep into the silence of the midnight chamber and whisper into your startled ear, "Thou mayest no longer be steward. Give an account of thy stewardship."

A deacon provides leadership in the area of service that is the temporal need of the church as described in Acts 6:3, "look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. See following deacon's report for more details.

Submitted by: Brothers Charles Patterson, Paul Patterson, Charles Reece

THE ROLE OF THE DEACON IN THE CHURCH

Acts 6:1-3 says, "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, it is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Therefore, the role of the deacon is set by scripture to administer to the secular needs of the church leaving the pastor as the chief under shepherd to teach the

word of God and be concerned with spiritual matters. The character of the deacon according to scripture is to be of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. One scriptural role of the deacon is to attend to secular matters and business of the church so that the pastor may be free of such secular matters in order to fully consider the Word of God.

Secular matters include but are not limited to the following:

- A. The "Lord's Table" would include serving the Lord's Supper.
- B. The "Pastor's Table" would include filling the needs of the Pastor so that he is free to follow the leadership of the Lord.
- C. The "Poor's Table" includes seeing to the needs of the poor within the Church.

Churches today have many more secular responsibilities that arise than did the early church. It is the deacon's role through the membership of the church to see that all secular matters are taken care of. It is the deacon's role to provide oversight for routine matters that affect the church and provide leadership in business meetings to consider extraordinary matters that may affect the church.

The wisdom referred to discloses that the deacons should work together to ensure that no business should come before the church in business meetings that may catch the church by surprise and sow discord. Deacons should always strive for reconciliation, love, unity, and harmony for the spiritual welfare of the church. In spiritual matters the deacons should always be prayerful but give the pastor the benefit of the doubt allowing him the liberty to care after spiritual matters of the church so long as it's scriptural. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

Other roles of the deacon are to be prayerful, full of knowledge of the scriptures, support every church service and activity unless providentially hindered, and using sound judgment. The deacon should fulfill the requirements outlined in I Timothy 3:8: "Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre"

Being full of the Holy Ghost as the scripture binds, the deacon must always consider Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." As they grew tired, Moses hands were held up by Aaron and Hur allowing Joshua to win the battle against

Amalek. Therefore, the deacon must understand that the churches battle is as just quoted in Ephesians 6:12 and must always hold the Pastor's hands up through prayer and support for him and the church to win the spiritual battle.

Conclusion

The pastor provides service in the area of leadership. The deacon provides leadership in the area of service.

Submitted by Co-Chair, Brother Frank McClanahan, Brother Steve Anderson

The report was adopted after discussion by Brothers Paul Patterson, Kipp West, Donnie Hines and Johnny Carver.

After a Spirit-filled day of singing, praying, fellowshipping and preaching in Bloomington Springs, Brother Kenneth Massey called on Brother Tommy Ashford to dismiss us in prayer until the Saturday morning session at 9AM.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The association continued on Saturday morning, October 25, 2008, after another wonderful breakfast provided by the host church. To begin the service, Brother Don Hines led in singing hymn # 156 "Blessed Assurance" and hymn # 311 "I Am Bound For the Promised Land." Sister Judy Femosa assisted on the piano. Brother Kenneth Massey read 1 Peter 1:3-5 and commented on the glorious inheritance we have awaiting us. He also reminded us of two marks of true Baptists- the security of the believer and the identity of the Lord's true church. He called on Brother Ron Stewart to lead in prayer.

After Brother Hines led in singing hymn #65, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand." Brother Massey then told us about Brother W.T. Russell's love for this song. He said Brother Russell preached at the Tennessee Women's State Penitentiary and a lady in there sang this song and forever touched his soul. Due to our early start, we preceded with the business of the Association before hearing the Doctrinal Sermon.

Brother Brian Johnson called the roll of messengers:

Bethlehem - Brian Johnson, Kenneth Zink

Gladdice - John Wayne Draper, Charlie Patterson

<u>Longview</u> - Mike and Mary Stokes, Lugene Adams

McFerrin - Paul Patterson, Don Hines, David Woodard

Mt. Juliet - Rick Oliver, Robby Cornwell, Danny Miller

Murfreesboro - Jay Loving, Sam Vance

New Life - Steve Newland, Steve Duncan, Kipp and Judy West

New Zion - Larry Gregory, Tommy Maynard, Jeremy Warner

Three Springs - Jerry Thomas

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitors:

Ron Stewart, Rayon City Missionary Baptist Church

REPORTS

Brother Massey called for the Obituary Report. Read by Brother Larry Gregory, the report was adopted after discussion by Brothers Kenneth Massey and Brian Johnson. Brother Massey told us about the day Brother F.W. Lambert and Robert Gregory died on May 10, 1990. He spoke about Brother W.T. Russell and his love for preaching the Word of God. Finally, He spoke about the loss of his dad in 1996 and quoted Revelation 14:13 "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, 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." Brother Brian Johnson spoke briefly by thanking the Association for their prayers and support during the loss of his father this year. He also reminded us that he announced his call to preach the Gospel five years ago at the Association in Mt. Juliet during the Obituary Report.

OBITUARY REPORT

Isaiah 57: 1 reads as follows: The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

While we may grieve for our own loss as our loved ones are called from this world, surely we must not grieve that they have been called "away from the evil to come" on this earth to the very presence of God. After a number of words of warning to the wicked in verses 3-14, Isaiah returns to the blessed state of the saints in a verse that seems to have one end anchored in this world and the other in Heaven:

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. (Isaiah 57:15)

Those who have entered into the presence of God have forever left the state of contrition in this world. But all who have entered there have done so by way of a contrite heart here. But while the state of contrition has been forever left behind, the sweet spirit of humility will be forever revived. All who have entered there have entered not only into the presence of God but also into the presence of a people of sweet humility.

May we who have been temporarily left behind be reminded of the words of Jesus to his disciples when they rejoiced that "even the devils are subject unto us."

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:20)

Let us rejoice in the sure and steadfast hope of joining these who have departed our midst for that much better place in the presence of the "high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy."

Respectfully Submitted, Elder Larry S. Gregory

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Gladdice

James "Kaiser" Reece March 15, 2008 Estelene Pate May 29, 2008

Longview

Ruby N. Hall March 6, 2008 T.C. Harrison June 6, 2008

McFerrin

Truman Dickens

Benton Wilmore

Retta Hill

Hollis Webb

November 28, 2007

March 2, 2008

Evic Dickerson

November 28, 2007

August 20, 2008

New Life

Billy Joe Williams April 1, 2008

Three Springs

Horace Harris September 22, 2008

William (Bill) Honshell May 8, 2008

Next, Brother Massey called for the report on Missions. Brother Jay Loving read the report and it was adopted. Brother Loving spoke about the recurring theme of our Association: "We are entering the mission field as soon as we leave our local church." Brother David Woodard read a letter from Brother Nathan Drake which is included in correspondence. Brother Johnson read a report in behalf of Brother Eugene Brown and the Words of Hope Ministry. He also spoke about the vision of the mission work in Jamaica with Brother Rick Jones. A group of men will be travelling to Jamaica in January to help roof the church building. Brother Robby Cornwell reported on the work of the Missionary Baptist Telecast's final year, and he thanked everyone who helped by preaching, praying, and giving. As recorded in Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus told his disciples, "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." The fields are white and ready!

2008 MISSIONS REPORT

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

God has blessed the Wiseman Association churches with many different missions that we need to pray for earnestly. Those of us who have been saved by God's grace, that may be working and praying within our home churches, need to see the mission field each and every time we exit the doors of our church. Jesus said in John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." As the Southeast continues to grow, we look at the communities that we live in and see the need to reach out to those we come in contact with on a daily basis. So the mission field is at home and abroad with the Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, brothers all over the United States, and foreign missions such as Jamaica and Africa. They need our prayers and support. Please find the enclosed reports to be read and discussed. Let's earnestly pray for the brothers and sisters that may be away from their families working for the calling of God.

Submitted by Elder Monty Shoulders and Brother Jay Loving

THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST TELECAST

Submitted by Robby Cornwell - (615) 872-8202

In March of 2008, the Missionary Baptist Telecast Committee met at the studio for the regular business meeting. The treasurer then informed everyone that the funds were depleted and that we were in debt to WHTN. After some discussion about the problem and level of financial support, the committee voted to disband the telecast and discontinue taping on WHTN. However, we will continue sending tapes to channel 19 (Nashville's public cable station) until the debt could be settled.

After several months, donations from the churches (including some that were not involved in the telecast) contributed and the debt was retired. After 20 years of sending the Gospel message out over the airwaves, the Missionary Baptist Telecast ended.

The committee and crew thanks everyone who had ever participated in this work and trusts God has blessed you for it.

THE DO RE MI GOSPEL MUSIC ACADEMY, INC.

Submitted by Key Dillard - (615) 890-0288

As the Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy met with the theme, "Doing our Best for God," we had 153 students representing 8 states and 51 churches. The students arrived on the campus of Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN on Sunday afternoon, June 8, 2008 to register for the 7th annual session. Ages ranged from 4-84 years. Enthusiasm and excitement were noticed even in the registration lines as both students and parents were eager to see old friends, make new ones, and talk about their expectations for another great week.

It was obvious from the first song, "Amazing Grace," directed by Key Dillard and the Board of Directors, that a wonderful week of shape-note gospel music was ahead. This year the curriculum expanded from seven classes to eight with the addition of another advanced class taught by Mr. Gary Martin of Scottsville, Kentucky. The songbooks included Barry Witcher's church songbook, Favorite Gospel Songs. Singing the do re mi's was a fun challenge and gave motivation to follow the theme of "Doing our Best for God."

The teachers and students did an excellent job this year. Six faculty members taught for the first time, bringing many years of teaching experience to the Academy. They were: Mr. Eddie Crook-advanced piano; Mr. Robert Clark-men's voice; Dr. Coleman Merryman, Dr. Sandra Merryman, Mrs. Catherine Pedigo and Mr. Gary Martin-classroom. It was evident that students who had attended the Academy in the past (some of them all seven years) have made exceptional progress. Teachers reported they were able to teach more theory and sight singing than previous years, and students were enthusiastic and wanted to learn more. One teacher reported the students in her class were like sponges, "They just soaked up the teaching."

The participation in assemblies showed that students were learning theory and how to apply the knowledge as they directed songs and sang their parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass). The soprano section was the strongest in the history of the Academy. For the first time, there were more females singing soprano than alto. Increased focus was placed on ear training during assemblies this year. A number of students also took advantage of private vocal and instrumental lessons. Our Churches reap the benefits of The Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, Inc.'s training.

The second year of the STUDENT TEACHER ASSISTANCE IN RUDIMENT TRAINING PROGRAM (S.T.A.R.T.) exceeded expectations. The S.T.A.R.T. students now have begun to teach the rudiments of shape-note music to our Churches. Elijah Dillehay is currently teaching singing schools at

Caney Fork Missionary Baptist Church and at Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church. Lesley Burton will be teaching at Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church. If your church would like to host a singing school contact Key Dillard at 615-890-0288 or e-mail dill71@juno.com. A singing school will improve your Church music!

Bro. Jackie Dillehay was welcomed as the new 2008 Chaplain. Pastors from area churches led devotionals of God's word each day. A character word was introduced during morning devotional and emphasized in the classrooms. A 45-minute character-building training class was held in the evening. These classes were taught by Sister Jenna Johnson, Elder Brian Johnson, Elder Rick Oliver and Bro. J. T. Honeycutt. We all can do a better job of "Doing our Best for God" when our character is trained by God's word.

Revival broke out during the Wednesday evening assembly. God's Spirit came on the scene, and we were reminded of the powerful revivals of the past. Christians were rejoicing and sinners were seeking the Lord. Two persons told us they were saved during this time. We thank God for His blessings.

After a full week of shape-note-gospel-music education devoted to our Lord, Friday came all too soon. A capacity, standing-room-only crowd attended the closing night Singing. Many arrived an hour early just to get a seat. The singing included The Do Re Mi Band, The Do Re Mi Blue Grass Band, The Do Re Mi Men's Quartet, The Do Re Mi Boys Quartet, The Do Re Mi Trio and The Do Re Mi Ambassadors. The cherished memorial trophy was won by Class 201 taught by Mr. Bobby Bradley.

Students, faculty, and dorm staff said good-bye to each other, closing another great year at The Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, Inc. Many promised to see each other again soon and for sure at next year's 8th annual session. Please make your plans to be at The Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, Inc., June 7-12, 2009.

The Academy is seeking a place of our own, rather than pay rent. Twenty-two acres of land are being purchased in Trousdale County, near Hartsville, on the river. If the Lord directs, the building program and Academy can use your financial help. Your donations and contributions will be used to further the Academy and assure a location for this music for generations to come. For further information, contact Building Chairman Barry Witcher at 615-666-5837 or e-mail gospelmusic@nctc.com.

Please continue to pray for the mission efforts of The Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy, Inc. KEEP ON SINGING FOR OUR LORD!

JAMAICA MISSION REPORT 2008

Submitted by Brother Rick Jones

Greetings to the Wiseman Association of Missionary Baptists. This year Jamaica has seen a glad but also a sad year. The first months of the year, three Jamaicans were saved, including one during Sunday service before the fire on Friday. In April at her Kansas mission, nine were saved - six were my grandchildren. In the two years the Kansas mission conducted services under the authority of Craighead Church, 12 were saved including my own brother, his wife and their daughter before her untimely passing.

In June, the Mission in Kansas organized with eleven charter members and two joined the following day. Brother Terry Nicodemus was called as the first pastor of Mine Creek Missionary Baptist Church . History in the most unique way was made that day as Craighead, a foreign Church in Jamaica , extended the arm to the mission to organize.

Tragically, on July 11 the church in Jamaica suffered the loss of its building due to a fire. As you probably know, Brother Scott Carter and his group helped the church members clean up the charred remains of their building. One old Jamaican friend said, "Why Pastor, take courage the building burnt down, but your Church is standing all around you today."

On September 11 another near tragedy befell me when the tie rod broke causing the light truck I bought ten years ago to plunged off a steep mountainside. It was a miracle Brother Dwen and I escaped with only a little scrape. Dr. Mike Collins put it best, "Brother Jones got banged up a little, but his guardian angel has two broken ribs, a broken arm and a big knot on his head."

- In September, Dr. Mike came over and a free clinic was held. Two hundred and fifty Jamaicans, including the church members, received medical attention.
- The brethren in Jamaica have begun to recast the concrete walls to make them ready for the roof to be replaced in January 2009. During the second and third weeks of January, the Jamaicans are preparing to host the American brethren as they come to help in rebuilding their Missionary Baptist temple in Jamaica.

In July 2009, our second semi-annual International Fellowship of Old & Young Folks will be held. In addition, three Jamaican brethren will be ordained, and

the second church organized in Jamaica. I will begin a new mission in Jamaica in the Spaldings/Christiana area. Therefore, on behalf of my Jamaican brothers and sisters, I thank you all for your prayers and support.

WORDS OF HOPE MINISTRY

Submitted by Brother Brian Johnson — (615) 428-4474 And Brother Eugene Brown — (615) 824-5285

The Lord led me to start this international radio ministry called "Words of Hope". We presently are broadcasting eight times weekly. Since September of 1991, we have aired more than 4,000 messages to this date. We have received mail from more than 50 nations, of which most are from third world countries. We have also established a website, www.wordsofhope.org. We have been able to monitor the nations that visit our website, and to this date we have documented 117 countries. In keeping with the world wide mission Christ gave the church in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come". Our most recent expansion has been producing video messages and placing them on the web.

Jesus said in John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." How could this be possible and why would Jesus say this? There is no greater work than the atonement Christ made on the cross; however, Jesus did expect his disciples to go out into all the world with the message of the Gospel. In the first century, the apostles spread the gospel to the farthest parts of the Roman Empire by footstep and boat. Today, we have more possibilities than ever through the radio, television, and internet. What impact will we make on eternity with all of the blessings of communication that we have? May God give us the grace to use all the avenues around us to carry the Gospel to a lost and dying world. This is what Words of Hope is trying to do. Thank you for you interest, prayer and financial support throughout the years.

If you wish, I would be glad to come to your church and speak further with you and your pastor about our work (phone number, 615-824-5285). We would be delighted to share what the Lord is doing. If you can not find a place for me to come, please remember us in your prayers.

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, January 24-31, 2008. Elder Bill Green (Murfreesboro MBC) and Elder Brian Johnson (Bethlehem MBC) coordinated the trip and was joined by Elder Ron Stewart (Murfreesboro MBC), Elder Mark Carver (McFerrin MBC), Bro. David Cunningham (McFerrin MBC), Bro. Brian Law (Victory MBC), Bro. J.T. Honeycutt (Victory MBC) and Bro. Paul Cofer and Sis. Shirley Cofer (Church Grove Chapel, MO). We also had the added blessing of Sis. Jones who was able to travel with us to Jamaica.

This eight day mission trip was intense. Over the course of 8 days, we conducted a Bible Conference entitled, "O Man of God." The theme was taken from 1 Timothy 6:11-12, which says, "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." The purpose of the trip was to help train the young preachers at the church about what it means to be a man of God. The conference started on Friday and continued on Monday through Wednesday the following week. There were 14 lessons taught. Below is a list of the topics:

- 1. The Man of God and His Testimony
- 2. The Man of God and Understanding the New Birth (1)- Bro. Paul Cofer
- 3. The Man of God and Understanding the New Birth (2) Bro. Ronnie Stewart
- 4. The Man of God and His Calling- Bro. Brian Johnson
- 5. The Man of God and the Holy Spirit- Bro. Mark Carver
- 6. The Man of God and the necessity for Prayer- Bro. J.T. Honeycutt
- 7. The Man of God and his living standards- Bro. J.T. Honeycutt
- 8. The Man of God and Church Conduct- Bro. Ronnie Stewart
- 9. The Man of God and True Riches- Bro. J.T. Honeycutt
- 10. The Man of God and Endurance- Bro. Paul Cofer
- 11. The Man of God and studying to teach others- Bro. Ronnie Stewart
- 12. The Man of God and his preaching- Bro. Paul Cofer
- 13. The Man of God and his friends- Bro. Mark Carver
- 14. The Man of God and Personal Evangelism- Bro. Brian Johnson

We had seven men who graduated from the conference. They averaged 2-4 classes a day which last between 30-50 minutes. The Jamaica brothers were Aaron Bent, Earl Shakes, Lennox Grant (deacon), Rodley Slowly, Dwen Gritton (deacon), and Steve Collins and Patrick Campbell. We were also able to visit the Freedom Basic School where Bro. Mark led the devotional and Pike School where Bro. Cofer led the devotional. Each night we were there, revival services were conducted at the Warsop Mission. One young lady named Fiona was saved during this trip which made the trip worth it all. During the little spare time that we had, we were able to work on a few things around the church, fit in a game of soccer at the local school, and a few games of "backyard" cricket. God blessed this trip with an amazing team, incredible teaching, solid preaching, men quipped for ministry, and one more soul ready for eternity. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift! To God be the glory!

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT

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. He has four or five churches in mind to talk with about joining or coming back. The association will be hosted by McFerrin next year which would provide a great opportunity to invite others to come and see what the Association is doing. The oral report was adopted as given by Brother Hines.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was read from the Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, and the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association.

BIG BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Keith L. Hood - Clerk 428 Rainbow Drive Double Springs, AL 35553 (205)489-2343 Email: KeithLHood@aol.com

July 16, 2008

Wiseman 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-Second Annual Session with Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. We had 27 churches reporting an increase of 82 with 35 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 95 with a total membership of 3,197. 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 173rd Annual Session to be held with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located east of Russellville, Alabama, just east of U.S. Highway 43 on Highway 48. This session will be held October 11, 12, 13, 14, 2008. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's love.

Keith L. Hood

Keith L. Hood, Clerk

Keith Prince - Moderator 124 County Road 165 Moulton, AL 35650 Billy Myrick - Vice Moderator 202 W. Douglas Street Sheffield, AL 35660

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

June 3, 2008

Wiseman Baptist Association Brother Deric McClard

Greetings:

We hope that this year has been spiritually uplifting to each of the churches of your association and the Lord has blessed with many souls being saved.

The churches of the Siloam Association met in October of 2007 at Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church for its fifty-fifth annual session. The spirit of the Lord was apparent throughout the sessions.

Lord willing, the fifty-sixth session of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association will meet at Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church located at 3400 Mt. Lebanon Church Road, Alvaton, KY beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday October 3, 2008. Elder Jeff Elliott is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Jerry Miller is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Billy Moran is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning. We invite you to attend the upcoming session as we worship our Lord and Savior and fellowship with our sister churches. A copy of the 2007 Siloam minutes is enclosed.

Your Brother in Christ

Elder Roger Carter, Clerk

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

1434 Alvaton Greenhill Road

Bowling Green, KY 42103

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist *Ti*ssociation

October 15, 2008

Wiseman 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 sixtieth annual session October 10-11, 2008, 28 churches reported 54 baptisms with a total membership of 3,004.

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. Bro. Johnny Wall was also selected as the assistant clerk.

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 2008 session and pray that you found it an uplifting visit.

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

We would like to invite all to join us for the 2009 session to be held with Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church located a few miles off Highway 641, on Divider-Natchez Trace Road in Camden, Tennessee. The sessions will be held October 10-11, 2009, starting at 10:00 am. Bro. Bryan Oakes will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday and Bro. Tim Maness will be preaching the Doctrinal Sermon on Saturday.

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

Until He Returns.

Bro. Scott Carter, Clerk 400 Chickasaw Drive

Huntingdon, TN 38344 Home: (731) 986-4701 Cell: (731) 415-1688 E-mail: clerk@swdmba.org

LETTER FROM BROTHER NATHAN DRAKE

October 23, 2008

Dear Brethren of the Wiseman Association,

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 yet again unable to meet with you, but remain thankful for the reason why I cannot attend. As I sit to write you an update, I ponder what it is that I shall report. Just what is it that you my brethren need to hear of my work? I don't know the answer to that, and I therefore will not take up too much time or space. . .

Last year as I wrote you, I was in Rawah, Iraq in the second month of my 210 day deployment. In the remaining five months after I wrote you, much happened; and, without going into a time of telling stories, I will attest to the fact that the Lord was with us through both physical and spiritual battles. We unfortunately endured one KIA, but we were comforted by the fact that we knew that he knew the Lord and that he had laid his life down for his friends. It was during his field memorial service that I was absolutely broken by the burden of the ministry to which I am called. At this point in my life, there is no other ministry that I can even imagine myself engaged in. I am convicted more than ever before that I AM where our Lord would have me to be - I truly love my Marines!

Before I close this brief letter, I must mention one more thing. Since the beginning of my last deployment, I have given out several thousand dollars worth of textually appropriate field expedient Bibles that I seemingly cannot get through the DoD supply chain. I sincerely wish to thank all of the Churches and individuals that have made this possible. I am now with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, which is a very prestigious and historically reputable unit. We are preparing to again deploy to Iraq (or possibly Afghanistan), and I am all but depleted of my stock of these Bibles. If any of you wish to contribute to this effort, please contact Brother Woodard @ 615-347-4796. . .

In closing, I must remind you that it is because I am here, living and working among these men that I am able to minister to them. Whether they know the Lord or not, I am their Chaplain, and they see me as a holy man. They trust me and come to me for a multitude of reasons. Every chance I get, I dare not shrink from telling each of them the wonderfully good news that Jesus Christ died in order to give them a new life, a better life, and eternal life. Please grow where you are planted - do the same among those who are in your sphere of influence. . .

Blessings in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Brother Nathan G. Drake LT, Chaplain Corps, US NAVY

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church Highway 56 at Martin's Creek Road Bloomington Springs, TN 38545

To: Sister Churches of the Wiseman Association

Re: Hosting the 2008 Wiseman Association Meeting

As we have listened to the messages, reports, and speeches at this association, the opportunity and the responsibility to serve seems to have been a recurring theme. We at New Zion would like to take this opportunity to thank our sister churches for giving us the honor of serving as your host for this year.

Oftentimes in this life we are disappointed that the events we plan do not live up to our anticipations. Because of the sweet and humble spirit of brotherly love that you have all exhibited and because of His Spirit made manifest in our midst, this event has exceeded even our best anticipations.

We thank each one who has been a part of these proceedings. We also thank those outside the membership of New Zion who have assisted us in this effort.

We pray God's richest blessings upon each of you as individuals, upon your families, and upon your churches in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

it is we be a garage

Elder Larry S. Gregory

Brother Clyde Dilleha

Brother Tommy Maynard

Brother Jeremy Warren

BUSINESS

Brother Massey called for the treasurer's report, which was read by Brother Robbie Cornwell and adopted by the messengers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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10-24-2007	Balance	\$ 2,871.03
10-27-2007	Clerk's Fee	(500.00)
11-7-2007	Deposit	1,425.00
	Interest Earned	29.74
04-24-2008	2007 Minutes	(1,497.28)
10-24-2008	Balance	\$ 2,328.49
10-24-2008	2008 Minute Fund	1,550.00
11-08-2008	Clerk's Fee	500.00
10-24-2008	Balance	\$3,378.49

In new business, the motion was made and seconded to record the Arnette, Pauline, and Charles Brawner Scholarship Fund or College Trust Fund in our minutes. There will be more to follow on this Trust Fund, but it will be available to aid students in Missionary Baptist Churches who desire to go to college and need assistance. Churches or individuals who would like to contribute to this noble effort can contact West End Missionary Baptist Church.

There was also a motion and second to give Brothers Brian Johnson and Brother David Woodard the authority to create a website for the Association.

Brother Kenneth Massey discussed the need to be able to teach our younger preachers. He said the subject came up 60 years ago in 1948. Brother W.T. Taylor and W.T. Russell researched the possibility but was discouraged by the lack of support. Nothing was reported in the 1949 Association.

A motion was made and seconded to form an Advisory Committee of three people (Brothers Kenneth Massey, Johnny Carver and Larry Gregory) from our Association to work toward forming a school for young preachers. Other Associations, the Bethel, Siloam, Southwestern District, Big Bear Creek and Aenon, will be contacted and asked to form an Advisory Committee of three. The last Association to meet will be responsible for setting the time and place for the meeting of Advisory committees.

Brother Johnny Carver proposed order of business for 2009. The agenda was approved by the messengers.

After the reports, correspondence, and new business was discussed, it was time for the Doctrinal Sermon. Brother Woodard led in signing hymn # 298 "Heaven's Jubilee." Sister Judy Femosa assisted on the piano. Then, Brother Massey presented Brother Ricky Oliver to preach the doctrinal sermon.

DOCTRINAL SERMON

After his introductory remarks, Brother Oliver took his text from Hebrews 5:1-10 and announced his subject, "God's Eternal Salvation and the Errors of our Days". He began his message by reminding us of the superiority of Christ and His Priesthood. Christ is the Author and Source of eternal salvation. The salvation of the soul is the line in the sand that divides us from false professors. He spoke of the doctrine of salvation, soteriology, which means, "a deliverance that comes from God." Salvation is a personal, immediate and future deliverance. It is eternal and touches every major doctrine that we teach. It is important that we get it right. Many of our good brethren have gone to their grave fighting against the heresies of their day. Satan's number one goal is to take souls to hell, but the Bible's message from beginning to end is about the Glory of God in the salvation of the soul.

First, the salvation experience is always accompanied with emotional feelings and conscious awareness. He read John 3:8, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." The Baptists have always believed that salvation is experiential. John 17:3 says, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." He spoke of reading after Brother W.T. Russell who said, "Salvation of the soul and the hidden wisdom of God could be summed up in one word, 'feelings." We can feel and know God. "What is a new covenant Christian?" he asked. It is a person who God has placed a heart of flesh and written His law on the tablets of their heart. When this happens, you can feel and know God.

Second, salvation always occurs in the heart of man. In the Old Testament, the heart is the seat of the emotions. In Deuteronomy 6:5 the Israelites were commanded, "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Jesus condemned the Scribes and Pharisees for their external form of religion instead of a heart-felt passion for God. The Holy Spirit must do the work on the heart of man. Brother Oliver

said He was called into the ministry at 30 years of age. He said he may have been young, but he could hear the voice of his Master.

Brother Oliver also warned us that every emotion is not of God. We must have discernment. We should be able to discern the Holy Spirit from indigestion. He asked, "Where have all of the shouters gone?" We do not need to suppress emotions but cultivate them. We should express ourselves rather than worrying about being dignified. He reminded us of Samuel who heard a voice three times before discerning the voice of God. Samuel learned the Lord had called and he obeyed. We must be careful not to act without hearing and hear without acting. Sometimes, we must be like David who encourages us in the Psalms to wait on the LORD.

Furthermore, He told us to beware of religions that say salvation is based on works. It is all of grace. Salvation must come from the side of the Divine. There is a consciousness of sin (conviction), an act of regeneration given from God, and a new disposition resulting in fruits of repentance. Without this Christian experience, you have blind assumptions. He reminded us that God is an emotional God who experiences anger, joy, and love. Jesus felt everything we felt.

He closed by telling us that the Bible is not our object of worship- Christ is. Some of the errors of today are Fundamentalism which places an over reliance on scripture and modernism which weakened the Gospel at the turn of the century by denying the deity of Christ. Also, traditionalism or legalism provides a good motive with a wrong method. We must not import the Gospel but export it. Salvation must be preached right and taken to the world. Salvation is Christ, and we must test all things with this question, "Will Christ be glorified in this?"

After the sermon, the congregation gathered into the altar to endorse Brother Oliver's message of truth while Brother David Woodard led hymn # 154, "When God Dips His Love In My Heart." Brothers Kipp West, John Wayne Draper, David Woodard and Brian Johnson gave testimonies to God's goodness and faithfulness. Then, the congregation sang hymn # 214, "If We Never Meet Again" and many tears rolled down cheeks in meditation of a day where there will be no more separation. Brother Jerry Thomas prayed the closing prayer. The 117th Annual Session of the Wiseman Association had closed with refreshed hearts, renewed fellowship and a greater zeal to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ until He returns. Everyone met in the community

center of Bloomington Springs, enjoyed another wonderful meal provided by our host church, and departed until we meet again at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church on October 23-24, 2009.

Moderator Kenneth Massey Clerk Brian Johnson

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(1) How can our churches ensure scriptural soundness and purity of the ordinances?

Chair: Jeremy Wilson (Three Springs)

Charles Patterson (Gladdice)

Odie Shoulders (Bethlehem)

Mike Stokes (Longview)

(2) What opportunities in our local communities can we as churches take advantage of to evangelize our neighbors?

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Jeremy Warren (New Zion)

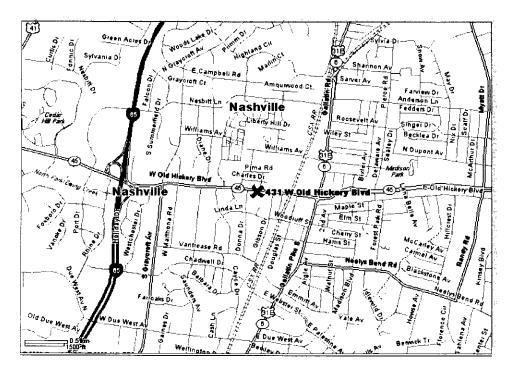
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Chair: Larry Gregory (New Zion)

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(4) Missions - David C Woodard (McFerrin)

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HISTORICAL TABLES - OFFICERS

	Year/Location	Moderator	<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. Recd	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	I.,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. Fugua	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
4 7.	1938 New Bethel	N.C. Fugua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
48.	1939 Union	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
4 9.	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	
63.	1954 Cedar Bluff	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker
64.	1955 West End	*	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker
65.		F.L. Ray		J.C. Walker
66.	1956 Buffalo Springs 1957 Concord	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker
67.		F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker
	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. R ay	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
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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
98.	1989 New Bethel	H.D. Linville	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory
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
104.	1995 Longview	Jerry Shrum	Kenneth Massey	Bobby Sutton
105.	1996 McFerrin	Larry Gregory	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
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
111.	2002 Bethlehem	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	Bobby Sutton
112.	2003 Mt. Juliet	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	Bobby Sutton
113.	2004 New Life	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill
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
117.	2008 New Zion	Kenneth Massey	Brian Johnson	Robby Cornwell

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	Year/Location	Introductory	
1.	1892 Meadorville	W.M.S. Wilks	
2.	1893 Dixon Creek	J.S. Pardue	
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	Doctrinal
16.	1907 Long Creek	W.M.S. Wilks	W.M.S. Wilks

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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 Bledsoe 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	
4 0.	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	<u>Memorial</u>
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.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. Russeli	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
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	Memorial/
85.	1976 Lafavette	H.D. Linville	H.G. Taylor	Missionary
86.	1977 Buffalo Springs	J.W. Briley	James 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
89.	1980 New Bethel	Everett Scruggs	James Porter	Bobby Gann
90.	1981 Faith (TN)	Guthrie Thompson	J.W. Briley	Edgar Copeland
91.	1982 Longview	Bobby Pitt	H.D. Linville	C.L. Russell
92.	1983 Salem	Charles Patterson	H.C. Vanderpool	W.E. Massey
93.	1984 Cedar Grove	Ray Sutton	A.G. Gregory	James Porter
94.	1985 Old Hopewell	Gary Duncan	H.D. Linville	Jas. Shoulders
95.	1986 Gateway	Ottis Jones	C.L. Russell	W.E. Massey
96.	1987 West End	Terry Lyles	lames Porter	Henry Smith
97.	1988 Goodwill	Jeff Brown	Hilman Duncan	Gary Duncan
98.	1989 New Bethel	Lonnie Meador	J.W. Briley	Johnny Meador
99.	1990 McFerrin	Charles Patterson	W.T. Russell	Ottis Jones
100.	1991 New Bethel	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton
101.	1992 Lafayette	Jimmy Roberts	James Shoulders	Johnny Carver
102.	1993 Parkwood	Larry Gregory	Kenneth Massey	Eugene Brown
103.	1994 New Bethel	Paul Patterson	Don Curtis	Wm, Overton
104.	1995 Longview	Deric McClard	Jimmy Roberts	Johnny Carver
105.	1996 McFerrin	Benny Snoddy	Johnny Carver	K.W. Massey
106.	1997 Harvest	Paul Patterson	William Overton	
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
117.	2008 New Zion	Jeremy Wilson	Ricky Oliver	Tim Binion
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Bethlehem	1962	1	5	0	0	2	0	0	149
Gladdice	1894	2	2	0	0	3	0	2	62
Longview	1960	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	183
McFerrin	1948	22	10	0	4	1	1	5	665
Mt. Juliet	1982	3	0	0	0	Ţ	0	0	123
Murfreesboro	1984	5		0	0	7	0	0	83
New Life	1661	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	112
New Zion	1981	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	42
Three Springs	1995	5	2	0	1	2	0	1	380
TOTALS		39	26	0	9	18	1	11	1799

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CHURCH	VEAR VEAR	2003	7007	2005	9007	7002	8002	Теасневя
Bethlehem	1962	22	12	25	18	18	18	4
Gladdice	1894	N/A	N/A	12	16	15	12	2
Longview	1960	75	75	75	75	75	70	8
McFerrin	1948	351	362	334	310	314	321	19
Mt. Juliet	1982	32	34	32	16	25	20	9
Murfreesboro	1984	35	35	40	40	40	40	7
New Life	1997	89	86	68	97	47	54	9
New Zion	1981	5	20	16_	20	18	N/A	2
Three Springs	1995	148	140	150	150	140	140	14
TOTALS		736	977	773	742	692	675	89