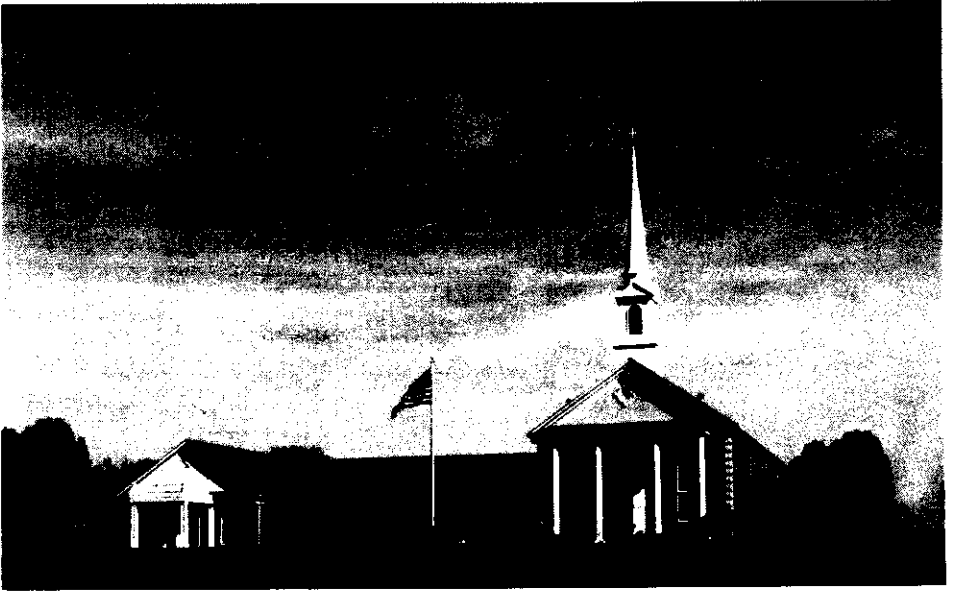


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ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

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.

We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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.

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.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

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.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

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 slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state his views without sophistry or criticism.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
5. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body. The 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, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.
10. Any member violating these rules, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the Gospel, shall be reprovved or such other course taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own option or any other member.

CONSTITUTION

Article I. This Body shall be known as the Wiseman Baptist 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 the Churches to the Association shall give the number of members of 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 transaction of business.

Article X. It is expected that these meetings shall be missionary in practice as well as theory.

Article XI. New churches may be admitted into this 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's 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 principal 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 sittings, may welcome any visiting brethren present, who shall have 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.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

On Friday morning, October 24, 2014, the messengers to the One Hundred Twenty Third Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association gathered at Three Springs Baptist Church. The Lord's Spirit was present as the brethren and sisters greeted one another in Christian love and fellowship.

The association's temporary moderator, Brother Kenneth Massey, began by welcoming the messengers and visitors to the 123rd annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association.

Brother Lonnie Cockriel led the congregation in singing, "I'm In The Gloryland Way," with Sister Deana Britt accompanying on piano.

Brother Massey read Revelation 3:7-13 for a devotion: *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

This was written by the Apostle John, who was exiled on Patmos and left to die by the enemies of Christ. The seven Churches mentioned in Revelation were located in Asia Minor, now modern-day Turkey. As recent as one-hundred years ago, the church at Philadelphia was still in existence. The church at Smyrna may have also existed in recent history as well. Those were the only two churches the Lord did not have something against, and subsequently, they are the two churches that lasted the longest. The Lord tells the church, "you have kept my word and have not denied my name, and because of that I have set before you an open door." This means that God sets before his people an open door of opportunity, and he gives power to

his churches. When we have that power, there is no limit on what we can accomplish.

Brother Massey continued by sharing some interesting history of the Wiseman Association. On this day, one hundred years ago, the Wiseman Association met at Siloam Missionary Baptist Church near Westmoreland, Tennessee. Fifty years ago, the association meeting was held at White Hill Missionary Baptist Church, and Brother Charles Allen Gentry offered prayer at that meeting. Brother Gentry is in the congregation this morning, fifty years later.

Brother Massey asked Brother Dennis Lunsford, the Associational Missionary from the Southwest District Missionary Baptist Association, to offer prayer.

After a spirit-filled prayer, Brother Massey called for the congregation to sing a hymn and asked for special singing in preparation for the introductory sermon.

Brother Cockriel then led the congregation in singing “Living By Faith.” He then asked his son, Brother Mark Cockriel, to join him for a special number. The brethren sang “At the Crossing” to the delight of the congregation.

Sister Tracie McCormack, and Brothers Erick Parnell and Jeremy Wilson came forward and favored the association with singing “I Have Been Blessed” with Sister Britt accompanying. The Holy Spirit stirred among the congregation as the gathered rejoiced in the Lord.

Brother Massey remarked how Three Springs continues to be blessed with talented singers, and he thanked them for coming to the association and sharing these special numbers. He then introduced Brother Danny Raines, who was selected by the messengers during the 2013 session to preach the introductory sermon.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Brother Raines began by expressing his appreciation for the service so far as well as for the spirit that he had felt. He expressed his desire for the prayers of the congregation while preaching. He reminisced about the first Wiseman Association meeting he attended in 1983 at Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tennessee as well as for the subsequent meetings he has been privileged to attend.

He took for a lesson Acts 8:9-22: *But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.*

He also read Ephesians 1:17-19: *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power*

With these verses, Brother Raines introduced his subject, "An Appreciation for the Power of God." He explained the attributes of God's power as being unmatched, glorious, and eternal. Further, there is nothing impossible for him. God is supreme, and his power is supreme. It is highest in degree and authority. He is the maker of heaven and earth, and there is nothing too hard for him.

He shared John 4:24 *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.* The attributes of God are displayed on every page of scripture. As we experience the power of God through the Holy Spirit, we are transformed. Paul explains in 2 Corinthian 3:17, *Now*

the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. We are changed into the image of God from “glory to glory” by that same spirit.

He posed a question to the congregation: “Have you ever been asked who God is?”

He mentioned that he has been asked that question on more than one occasion. He answered the question beginning with Genesis 1:1-3 *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.* God created all things and we need to appreciate the creator’s power. He further explained from Genesis 1:26-2, *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.* How did he do that? The answer is found in Genesis 2:7, *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* God made a shell-body and breathed life into it. The body was merely a shell until the power of God brought it to life, making it a living soul.

He asked another question, “How strong is God?”

It is easy for us to trust in something that we can see. It is more difficult to trust in something that you cannot see and you have never seen. When God does big things in our churches and in our ministries, it is easier to trust him. When we get into the routine of our daily lives, it is more difficult to trust that he is working in our lives. He shared verses from Numbers 11:23 *And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.* God is the same God today that he has always been. Hebrews 13:8 explains, *Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.* This power is readily available for our churches to use anytime. True power is demonstrated in our ability to use authority effectively.

He continued further with two questions:

Have you seen any mighty acts of God lately? Do you want to? He recounted how he has been present when someone was saved and born into the family of God. He stated, "I would say that is a mighty act of God," to which the congregation heartily agreed. We want to see more and more of that happen during the course of our ministries. He remembered when he was a young preacher, he would go from church to church, preaching the Gospel. He was so eager to see more people get saved and unite with the several churches where he preached. He mentioned that over time, his attitude has changed somewhat to "I want all that God wants to give me." He mentioned that our efforts, our service, and all we do is not for men and not for self...but it is for God.

He recounted Exodus 4:1-5 *And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:* We learn from this lesson that the message and ministry of Moses was confirmed by the power of God. Our message should also be confirmed by the power of God. Power in preaching does not necessarily mean that the preacher is loud and boisterous, but the power of God is demonstrated in that the message is from God. Sometimes God uses ordinary things for not-so-ordinary purposes. We must discount the ordinary things, because God can use anything he desires to further his cause in the world. We must recognize that the power is not in us, but all power comes from God.

In 2 Chronicles chapters 12 and 13, true worship in Judah had declined. There was a leader named Asa who became King of Judah. Asa set out to abolish adultery, idolatry, and wickedness. He made several enemies while trying to clean up the worship practices in Judah. 2 Chron. 14:11 reads, *And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.* The key to victory and success in the cause of Christ is recognizing that all human effort is useless without the power of God. 2 Corinthians 12:9 reads, *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* If we recognize, as the Apostle Paul did, our reliance on the strength and power of Christ, we

will go to God more than we do. His grace is still sufficient for us today. Sometimes, the mighty acts of God do not happen in seemingly mighty ways. When some people are saved, there is shouting, rejoicing, and praising. However, there are some who do not do any of these things, rather, they speak of the “sweet peace” that accompanies salvation.

He shared with us 1 Kings 19:9-12, *And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.* Brother Raines recounted when he was saved as a young man. He remembers doubting it at times, as some do. Then, in 1978, he was sitting in Church and he experienced the still, small voice of God calling him to the gospel ministry.

Throughout all the ages, people have hungered for power. Jesus addressed this condition in Matthew 23:13, *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.* The Pharisees were powerful and the most highly respected Jews of their day. Jesus spoke to them in this manner because they were hungry for power. People are still hungry for power today. Brother Raines expressed that God is still able to put us in our place. He continued that we have a message that the world needs to hear. People need to know Jesus Christ. They need the power that can only come from God through the finished work of his Son!

Peter and John were sent to Samaria to help the believers in that area. This was a critical time in the early Church. When Simon saw God's power manifested through the laying on of the Apostles' hands, he offered to pay the Apostles to give him that power. (Acts 8:14-18). While it seems that everything in the world has a monetary value and price, the only way to

receive the power of God is by repentance of sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Raines closed by expressing his appreciation for God's power being manifested in our churches. All power and authority was invested in Jesus Christ, and he gave this power and authority to his church to preach the Gospel, make disciples, and baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He empowers his Church, and he promised to "never leave us or forsake us." Let us continue preaching and serving God in his church, wherein is the power of God.

Brother Massey expressed his appreciation for the scriptural and spiritual sermon. He mentioned that Brother Raines accurately preached, "we need God's power right now." At Brother Massey's request, the congregation passed into the altar to shake hands with Brother Raines to thank him for the message while singing, "When We All Get To Heaven."

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Brother Massey called for the Roll of Messengers. The temporary clerk, Brother Jeremy Wilson, read the list and the following messengers were enrolled:

Bethlehem: Brian Johnson, Kenneth Zink, Brady Meeks

Concord: Mike Moulton, Sammy Sloan, Casey Barnes, Morris Watson

Gladdice: Johnnie Brewer, Sr., John Wayne Draper, Charles Patterson, Sister Judy Still

Longview: Danny Raines, Steve Anderson, Randy Norman

McFerrin: Paul Patterson, Don Hines, Sam Oldham, Nathan Drake

Mt. Juliet: Danny Miller, Robbie Cornwell, David Woodard, Otis Agee

Murfreesboro: Sam Vance, Jim Holland, Bill Green, Kenneth Massey

New Zion: Larry Gregory

Three Springs: Jerry Thomas, Steve Holman, Jimmy Meadors, Jeremy Wilson

Having a quorum of messengers present, Brother Massey instructed the meeting to continue.

Brother Wilson then read the associational rules of decorum.

PETITIONARY LETTERS

Brother Massey called for Letters of Petition, but none came.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

The messengers elected by acclamation the following brethren to serve the association for the 2014 session:

Moderator: Brother Kenneth Massey
Assistant Moderator: Brother Johnny Carver
Clerk: Brother Jeremy Wilson
Assistant Clerk: Brother Charles Patterson
Treasurer: Brother Robby Cornwell
Assistant Treasurer: Brother Larry Gregory

SELECTION OF 2015 MEETING PLACE

After several churches extended invitations to host the 2015 session, the messengers decided to meet with New Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

SERMONS FOR 2015

The messengers elected brethren to bring sermons at the 2015 session as follows:

Introductory: Brother Brian Johnson
Alternate: Brother Larry Gregory
Doctrinal: Brother David Woodard
Alternate: Brother Paul Patterson

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey called for visitors to be recognized. He welcomed the following visitors on behalf of the Association:

Caney Fork Missionary Baptist: Charles Gentry, Bobby Gentry
New Macedonia Missionary Baptist: Alec Driver
North Carthage Missionary Baptist: Zary Shealy
West End Missionary Baptist Church: James Mathis, Jerry Boze

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association Churches

Huntingdon Missionary Baptist: Lynn Stapleton, *Ray Smith,

* *Moderator of Southwestern District Association*

New Cross Roads Missionary Baptist: *Dennis Lunsford, Joann Lunsford

**Southwestern District Associational Missionary*

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association Churches

Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist: Chris Painter

Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist: Danny Chandler, Cindy Chandler

From this group of long-time friends of the Wiseman Association, Brother Danny Chandler was selected to preach the Fellowship Sermon in the afternoon.

Brother Massey called for the report on the State of Religion. The committee members preparing this report were Brothers Charles Patterson (Chair), Larry Gregory, and Sam Oldham

REPORT: STATE OF RELIGION

Religion, as distinct from Theology, is godliness of real piety in practice consisting in the performance of all known duties to God and our fellow man, in obedience to divine command of from love to God and his law.

We all agree the world is going in the wrong direction. The sad part of it is that it is in the name of religion. The general talk is that it is so bad we cannot do anything about it. That is not true, so let us refrain from teaching or preaching that way.

I have also heard it taught and preached that it is worse than it has ever been. History reveals that is also untrue. I have heard the phrase, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." This I believe, so let us get tougher.

The churches of this association seem to have had some increase in the past year. Souls have been saved, baptisms have been performed, and more education his being offered by our churches so our members can be educated in doctrine, giving to the work of the ministry, and living more like God intended for man to live.

The apostle Paul told Timothy, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure

afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry” (2 Timothy 4:1-4).

A relaxed religion has moved into our land and I am afraid even in our churches. This relaxed religion has caused so many to lose compassion for the unsaved, a lack of reverence for the church worship service and even the house of worship.

When visitors enter into our worship service, they should be able to see and feel the difference from the practices that are carried out at the new movements or so-called churches, which have moved into our communities. When these visitors, as well as our own people, hear what is proclaimed from the pulpit, they should be able to easily understand why and what the difference is.

WE ARE DIFFERENT...ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM. Let us not become weary in well doing, we shall reap if we faint not. One sows, another waters, and God will give the increase.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Patterson
Larry Gregory
Sam Oldham

Associated Speeches

Brother Charles Patterson expressed his appreciation for the message this morning and the session so far. He reviewed association minutes from past sessions to learn what happened during those sessions. In 1923, the association met at Cedar Bluff Missionary Baptist in Macon County, Tennessee. At the conclusion of the report on State of Religion, a great rejoicing broke out, and after a messenger named “Brother Simmons” finished his speech, many sinners came forward to give their heart to Jesus. In 2014, there is a relaxed feeling that has entered into our worship services. There are several congregations which have sprung up in our communities. Many of our younger folks are drawn to these more relaxed congregations and there is more of a “mind-set” than a “heart-work.” However, they call this carnal, emotional thing, “religion.” While our churches have provided good educational opportunities for members, there seem to be relatively few that take advantage of it. He spoke of how Gladdice Church has been studying Baptist doctrine in an attempt to establish in their hearts the

religion for which they will contend. The state of religion is okay, but it could be a lot better. With the things that we are confronted with in our world, I continue to be encouraged by what our churches are doing.

Brother Sam Oldham began by reading 2 Tim 5:1-5: *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

Brother Oldham spoke of the governmental stance toward homosexual marriage and abortion. Additionally, he spoke of the recent news story in which the Mayor of Houston, Texas had subpoenaed sermons from pastors of churches in the area. He further shared information from an article in The Tennessean entitled "Substitutes for God Don't Satisfy." The article points to six things that people often use as a substitute for a relationship with God. These are self, money, physical beauty, politics, and work. Brother Oldham shared examples of each of these in our culture. He added "Sports" as another vice people use to substitute for God. He warned of how governments are using tax-exempt status to attempt to control the messages that go out of pulpits or to influence the reception of members. He also spoke of violent sects who seek to destroy our way of life and attack our nation.

Brother Larry Gregory began by explaining that "religion" in a general sense, is anything that you do habitually. He spoke of "generic religions," which have arisen. The National Football League is one that has become very successful over the years. He continued that the only eternally important religion that exists is the religion of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. The foundation of this religion is as sound as it has ever been, our marching orders are as clear as they have ever been, and all the power we have ever had is still available. He spoke of his fears of the same things Brother Oldham mentioned, and he included his fear of what this generation is doing with our foundation, our marching orders, and the power we can have. He referenced Luke 5:5 *And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.* We often find ourselves blaming Peter for denying Christ, but the Bible teaches the other disciples denied him as well. Surely, Peter was disappointed in his day's work, but he

had to continue the work at the Lord's command. The same is true for us, as this is the only choice we have.

The messengers moved to suspend business until after lunch. Brother Massey asked Brother Lynn Stapleton to offer prayer and a blessing for the meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship, the messengers and visitors gathered once again to continue the work of the association.

Brother Don Hines led the congregation in singing, "My God Is Real," with Sister Britt accompanying. After this song, Brother Hines asked brothers David Woodard, Sam Vance, and Jeremy Wilson to join him in singing, "Not Made With Hands." The congregation rejoiced as the spirit moved among them.

Brother Massey thanked Three Springs Church for their work in preparing the satisfying meal. He then reminisced about his last visit with Brother W.T. Russell many years ago. Brother Massey shared with the association Brother Russell's love for preaching and the power through meekness that he brought to the pulpit. He recounted how, during their last conversation, Brother Russell asked Brother Massey to do him a favor. Brother Massey agreed, and Brother Russell asked, "Every time you get up to preach, will you preach a little for me?" Brother Massey then asked Brother Russell to do him a favor, and in turn, Brother Russell agreed. Brother Massey asked him, "When you get to heaven, will you tell Brother Lambert and Brother Ray I said hello, and I'm coming?" Brother Massey spoke of his thankfulness for that building "not made with hands."

He shared I Corinthians 13:12, *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

He also shared John 14:1-6, *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest;*

and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

He then asked Brother Jerry Boze to offer prayer for the afternoon session. Brother Boze offered a humble, spirit-filled prayer and blessing over the afternoon session. Brother Massey then introduced Brother Danny Chandler, pastor of Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church in Sumner County, Tennessee, the messengers' choice to preach the fellowship sermon.

FELLOWSHIP SERMON

Brother Chandler spoke of the honor he felt to preach before the Wiseman Association. Over the years, he has had the opportunity to interact with brethren and sisters from the association, and he reminisced about the first time he visited with the association in 1991 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. As a missionary in Australia, he was blessed with support from Wiseman Association Churches. He also thanked the churches on behalf of Brother Paul Bryson for their ongoing support of the work in Africa.

He mentioned that he had come prepared in case he was chosen to preach. He had looked back at some history and learned some interesting facts about the year 1891, which is the year the Wiseman Association was organized. When the association was organized, Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison were running for president. The main way to deal with diseases was to perform blood-letting with leeches. The average lifespan was 54, and the most commonly used anesthetic was alcohol. People rode horses and wagons from place to place, and 99 percent of homes did not have indoor plumbing. The scientific revolution was beginning and the first "air mail" was delivered from Gallatin to Nashville by hot air balloon.

He read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 for his text: *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

He then read 1 Peter 1:23-25: 23, *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*

Brother Chandler introduced the theme of his message, “While They Are Sleeping.” Since the beginning of the association, many things have changed and many brethren have been part of this work of this body. Not all the changes over the years have been bad. Electric lights, indoor plumbing, and refrigeration are good things. Advances in health care are also good changes. God told Adam to “subdue the earth,” and all the natural resources were placed here for our use. There were many enjoyable things in years past about serving and worshipping the Lord, however, there were also many hardships that might not be as enjoyable. We are blessed to be able to quickly drive to God’s house for services. Also, advances in technology such as television, radio, and internet can be used for evil, but they can also be used to spread the good news of God’s word.

While many of these changes have been for our good, there are some changes that are not so good. For example, in 1891, most schools were home schools or community schools. Most of the people in these small communities were Christians. The churches had influence over the education of the children. Today, the government continues to exercise more control over the schools and one of their agendas is to continue to drive God out of the classrooms. He reminisced about his childhood when his school had daily Bible reading and prayer. These things have changed for the worse. There are enemies of Jesus Christ who seek to destroy not only our way of life, but also our religion as well. One of the first things that entered our educational system which was a building block of the downfall was the introduction of the theory of evolution. Darwinian thought has become factual for most in academia, and creation theory is not even considered. Brother Chandler remembered his teachers, and how they not only taught the curriculum, but they also conveyed a moral foundation for their students. The education of our children has deteriorated tremendously in the last one hundred twenty three years, as God is not welcome in our schools today.

Since the time of our fathers, the moral foundation of our society has gotten weaker. He remembered watching “Leave It To Beaver” on television,

which was a wholesome program. We have gone from “Beaver” to “Bieber,” and who would want their children to grow up modeling their life after Justin Bieber? The divorce rates are increasing and alternate lifestyles are more accepted and promoted on television. These messages are contrary to God’s design for the family. The institution of marriage is coming under fire daily, and the government is trying to force churches to sanction these sinful activities. Our children are not going to hear the truth from school, or from television. They will hear the truth in Godly homes and in God’s churches. We still have churches and families who are trying to stand for Biblical principles.

There are people in foreign countries who suffer terrible persecution just because they believe the message of Christ. This persecution can come to America, and it is making its way to our land. Will we have the strength to stand when that happens? The power will not be within ourselves, but the power will come from God. It is not just society, entertainment, and media that has changed; but religious institutions have changed as well. Churches are different than they were above one-hundred years ago. Preachers have compromised their doctrine in preference for larger congregations and larger offerings. There was a time when most churches in America were small, and there is nothing wrong with that. Today, there are mega-churches who operate more like a business than a church. Unfortunately, while the pastors are good businessmen, they have compromised the message of the gospel.

Recently there have been studies that show that 70% of Americans claim to be Christian. 95% of Americans claim to be “religious” and have some belief in God. However, only 1 in 5 people self-proclaimed Christians have a biblical world-view. The standard of Christian living has been reduced and accepted by society, so that 80% of people who claim to be Christian do not have a biblical view of the world.

The nature of time itself will bring about change. Because of the finite nature of man, things will change and progress. Our families change, church families change, and this is a natural progression. The heart of a lost person will change as well. When God is dealing with them, they need to act immediately. Over time, their hearts will become more hardened, and we must bear this urgency in mind in our preaching and teaching. While we cannot tell them they are saved, we must try to reach them while their hearts are still tender. The Holy Spirit is able to break the hardest of hearts, but we should not make it more difficult for them than it has to be. Another thing that will change is that the door of opportunity to be saved will eventually close and their fates will be sealed for eternity. The Bible teaches us that

there is coming a day for every man that time will run out. If we are not prepared for that time, we will be eternally separated from God.

While there are many things that have changed, there are some things that have not changed. There are also things that will never change. This is because God himself does not change. I Peter 1:22-25 tells us, *Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.* While some progressives out there tell us that God has changed, we must understand this is not true. God has not changed, and his message has not changed. If God changed, he would be like us. He would have a relative morality like men do. However, God is the standard, and the standard does not change regardless of how men change.

Another thing that will not change is that it is the nature of man to sin. Man will consistently exercise his own will, and his natural will is to sin. Whether in Bowling Green, Kentucky or in Africa, man will always sin. Because of this, the need for man to be saved will never change. The only way to this salvation comes through Jesus Christ who was God coming to earth to die for the sins of mankind. There is only one plan to salvation and this also will never change. God validated this plan when Jesus rose from the dead and that the work had been completed. There is no other way to get to God but by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, the fact that Jesus Christ will come again and receive his saints unto himself will also never change. The same Lord who came, lived, died, and rose again will come back to gather his children. This gives great comfort to us, and we know he holds our salvation, and nothing shall take us from our Father's hand.

Many churches and associations over time have come and gone. Even these things have changed over the years, but we have a responsibility and proclaim the unchanging truth as long as we live.

Brother Massey called for the congregation to pass into the altar and extend the hand of fellowship, thanking Brother Chandler for the fellowship sermon. Brother Hines led the congregation in singing "I'm Standing on the Solid Rock" as the gathered enjoyed the Christian handshake.

Brother Massey then called for the report on Christian Education. The committee members preparing this report were Brothers Brian Johnson, David Woodard, and Mark Carver.

REPORT: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!” Thus opens Psalm 128. When speaking of Christian education, we are speaking of teaching about the Lord God, and how to walk in his ways. This is one of the Psalms of ascension, which would have been sung by families walking around Jerusalem to worship at the appointed feast, or also by priests ascending the steps of the temple for worship and ministry. This Psalm sings of the blessings of family and summarizes in verse 4: *thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord*. To address Christian education, we must speak both from a familial as well as church perspective. Each congregation is to be a family of families; a community of faith. Churches ought to teach the responsibility of, as well as partner with and support Christian education in the home. In this way, we honor the Lord, and fulfill the continuity of God’s plan for his people. We need to religiously educate both in the home and in the church. In so doing, the Lord will bless from Zion!

In thinking on religious education in the home and in an effort to be both practical and concise, this committee recommends focus on the following three practices: family prayer, family meals, and forming a biblical worldview. There cannot be enough emphasis on building a prayer life and modeling that for our children. Families are the building blocks of our churches, which are to be houses of prayer according to Jesus in Matthew 21:13, therefore we must begin at home to be prayerful and to teach our children to follow in this. Lord, grant that our children would learn to call on the name of the Lord at an early age. Family meals are strongly recommended, knowing that they are increasingly difficult to maintain in many of our homes due to busy schedules of parents and children alike. Following the example of our Lord Jesus, we can take meal times to build a sense of community, as well as share hospitality with others, both of which are worthy means to Kingdom ends. Mealtime is fellowship time. It provides opportunity for both bonding and instruction in an intimate, yet safe environment. Woven into all of this is forming a biblical worldview. Providing biblical categories early prepares our children to understand the world around them in light of God’s Word, rather than accepting a pagan worldview, which is the default message of all other sources. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 lays out a pattern for continual, intentional, and diligent instruction in

the home that should serve as our model today. Remember that biblical parenting is parenting that seeks to raise good citizens of the Kingdom!

While we understand the primary role of parents is to religiously educate their children in the home, there also lies a responsibility on the church to provide Christian education corporately. In our Lord Jesus Christ's Great Commission, He authorized Biblical education of the nations through the work of the church in Matthew 28:18-20. Likewise, in the Apostle Paul's letters such as Ephesians and Colossians, he instructed the church in doctrinal and practical matters of the gospel. As the letters of instruction were read, church, marriage and family structures which display the manifold wisdom of God were described (Ephesians 1-3, 3:10, 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21). Church members and visitors which consisted of husbands, wives, dads, moms, and children would have heard the gospel and been given practical instruction in Christian living in order to take home and implement. Therefore, the work of the Christian home and of the Lord's church goes hand in hand. Both are essential for the conversion of sinners and maturing of saints.

Practically, three areas within the church which will aid Christian education include the development of community in the midst of brokenness and isolation, making disciples courageously in the midst of the battle, and, and the dire need to cooperate with or provide support to the home. Jesus once asked, "Who is my mother? And who are my brethren" (Matthew 12:48)? He later stated to his disciples, "Behold my mother and my brethren" (Matthew 12:49)! Jesus considered his family to be those who did the will of His Father in heaven. There are some within the congregation who were raised in the faith, and some are brand new to the faith. Either way, the church must become a family of care and concern, which creates a safe, loving, and trusting environment to foster spiritual birth and maturity. The world is filled with broken relationships and isolation, and a church which cultivates a spiritually healthy, gospel-centered community will thrive. Second, in striving to educate continually, intentionally, and diligently, the church must be willing to address the topics of evangelism and everyday life—genuine conversion, church, marriage, family, communication, respecting authority, sexual purity, faith. This begins in the pulpit, but it is supplemented through the other classes within the church whether in Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, etc. The church needs to be brave in providing answers to a confused and questioning world (2 Peter 1:3-4, 1 Peter 3:15). Thoughtful consideration of curriculum for classes is loving and caring to those who are coming to church seeking godly counsel. Third, God's first institution of marriage and the home is under heavy attack in our culture.

There are generations of children growing up, starting families, and trying to navigate through life. With persistent Christian education, the desire of the church should be to see the display of Christ in the home as men love their wives and educate their children, women respect their husbands and nurture their children, and as children obey and honor their parents.

In conclusion, we have addressed the command to religiously educate within the confines of the home and church for the glory of God (2 Timothy 3:15, Matthew 28:18-20)! Both are needed in making good and faithful citizens of the kingdom of heaven. This is no small task. Spiritual lambs and sheep need feeding. Milk and meat need to be provided. Thankfully, God who provides seed to the sower and bread to the eater will provide all that is needed to accomplish the glorious work of making His name great among all nations (Isaiah 55:10, Philippians 4:19). From the house you call home to the house of the LORD, may joy and happiness be found in abundance as we sing His praises from here to there until we make it to our long home (Psalm 128:2, Ecclesiastes 12:5).

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Johnson
David Woodard
Mark Carver

Associated Speeches

Brother Brian Johnson began by expressing how he has enjoyed serving on this committee and the importance of this topic. He referenced Jeremiah 3:15, which reads, *And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.* The Old Testament prophets often expressed that God's people are destroyed for their lack of knowledge. Jesus gave the Great Commission to the Church, which is an educational commission. We are to be teaching sinners the way to be reconciled to God, and we are to be teaching Christians the ways of God in the Christian life. Often we overlook the opportunities we have every day at home and in the church to provide Christian education. He related how recently he had taken an opportunity to teach his young son about the creator and his creation. He expressed that prayer time in our homes is important for family strength and bonding. In our churches, we must develop a sense of community by speaking to one another face to face. We spend too much time looking down at our phones rather than talking to one another. The church must shine the light of truth against the dark background of the world to illuminate the beauty of the gospel of Jesus

Christ. We are to fill the whole earth with the knowledge of his glory. Every one of us are teaching something, in some way, all of the time.

Brother David Woodard began his remarks by echoing previous remarks, expressing his agreement with many things that have already been mentioned. He referenced Deuteronomy 6:7 *And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.* The message of this passage is intentionality. If in our home, our children hear us speak about world events and conditions primarily through the lens of which business or financial strategies work or don't work, we are raising pragmatists. Then, they will go through life asking "what will work?" If our children primarily hear us speak about matters through the lens of "that's not republican, democrat, Southeastern Conference, American, etc.," then we will be raising idolaters. They will live their lives wondering, "do I belong to the right team?" However, if we speak in our homes about what goes on in the world, in our nation, and our schools through the lens of categories such as righteousness, sinfulness, justice, grace, love, and mercy; we will be aiming our children toward a biblical and Christian worldview. Those things matter not just on Sunday morning and Wednesday night, but they matter in every facet of their lives. We will prepare them for decisions they must make based on the standard God has provided for us.

Brother Johnny Carver mentioned that when he was a boy, his family ate dinner around the table every evening. No matter what was going on, this was a priority in his home. As a father, he and his wife continued that practice. Many conversations took place around that table, and often the questions asked and answered during those conversations provided an opportunity to speak in terms of "what would God want us to do here?" He also spoke of the role of the church to teach our parents how to teach our children to respect God and to respect their parents. While it seems that more sin abounds and the world is getting darker; it seems that way primarily because news is more readily communicated. However, if the world is getting darker, then the Christian's light should shine the brighter.

Brother Kenneth Massey asked Brother Carver to serve as Moderator so he may speak on this topic. He mentioned that Murfreesboro Church held a bible conference on May 1-2, 2014. They invited over one hundred ministers to attend. Out of those one hundred invitations, only ten ministers attended. This number included the five who were giving the lessons. If

our churches do not have qualified preachers, it will not be long until we do not have churches. If we do not have churches, where will Christian families get their influences? In the last year, one of our churches has gone out of existence. Another church that used to be in this association has gone out of existence. The problem is we do not have enough preachers who are committed to study and prepare to preach and teach the word.

Brother Larry Gregory invited everyone to attend the annual minsters and deacons conference at North Carthage Baptist Church in November each year.

The messengers moved to adopt the report as read and discussed. Brother Massey then called for the Obituary Report. The committee members preparing this report were Brothers John W. Draper (chair), Sammy Sloan, and Wayne Howard.

OBITUARY REPORT

As I write this, I realize it will not be many days until my name is read at one of these sessions. When it is, you will know I am a happy soul. I will be in heaven in the presence of my God and my Savior I will also be with the Spirit who reached into my heart to let me know that glory exists, and that I could be a part of it. What a wonderful, comforting future I see before me. Until then, there is work to do.

Being newly elected to this committee to prepare this report, we reviewed past reports, and we found deep and profound paragraphs concerning the brothers and sisters who have left us for that far country. The eloquence of those reports was touching, and reading them left us closer to our God with each sentence.

Personally, I remember still, those who influenced me while growing up at New Bethel. I also remember those who were around me when I was seeking the salvation of my soul. There was praying and shouting as well as other souls seeking salvation. In later times, I remember the faces of the brothers and sisters I have met, loved, and missed since those earlier days. Those faces still inhabit my mind and my heart. They continue to influence my life today. I pray we will influence those among us in like manner. They would encourage us to go on as if the world would end in the next moment. So many more souls to be sought and taught. So many to be told of the comfort of the Lord's salvation.

This report was compiled with the aid of Brother Sloan and Brother Howard who were encouraging and helpful in their efforts.

Thank you,

John W. Draper
Sammy Sloan
Wayne Howard

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

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| Bethlehem | Elder Bobby G. Sutton | June 1, 2014 |
| Concord | Sister Velma Davis | December 29, 2013 |
| Longview | Sister Marandy Barrett | April 4, 2014 |
| McFerrin | Sister Athlyne Norman | October 2, 2013 |
| | Brother Glen Dillehay | December 21, 2013 |
| | Brother Danny Dyer | February 4, 2014 |
| | Brother Adam Pappas | March 2, 2014 |
| | Brother Wilson Dillard | March 7, 2014 |
| | Brother Randy McClanahan | March 8, 2014 |
| | Sister Lois Savage | August 19, 2014 |
| | Brother James Hill | August 30, 2014 |
| | Sister Betty Anderson | September 7, 2014 |
| | Brother Preston Ezell | October 3, 2014 |
| | Sister Almarine Thomas | October 7, 2014 |
| Sister Pamela Gregory Hughes | October 9, 2014 | |
| Sister Ellen Dillehay | October 10, 2014 | |
| Brother E.G. (Jr.) Williams* | February 2, 2001 | |

*Recently discovered he was left off previous lists.

Gladdice, Mt. Juliet, Murfreesboro, New Zion, and Three Springs all reported no deaths in the last year.

Following this report, the messengers adopted the report as discussed. Brother Massey then called for the report on Financing the Lord's Work. The committee members preparing this report were Brothers Jerry Thomas (chair), Johnny Carver, and Sam Vance.

REPORT: FINANCING THE LORD'S WORK

God has a plan for everything. He had a plan for creation, he had a plan for establishing the human family upon the earth, he had a plan for salvation, and a plan for establishing his church. He has a plan for financing the work of that church. It is by tithes and offerings of its members.

Giving back to the Lord is not new. Abraham gave tithes of all (Genesis 14:20). Jacob promised the Lord he would give a tenth of all he was given (Genesis 28:22). And all the tithe of the land whether the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree is the Lord's (Leviticus 27:30).

I Corinthians 16:2 teaches us how this should be done. It reads, *Upon the first day of the week, let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.* The Lord said, *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house* (Malachi 3:10).

God's plan will meet all the financial needs of the church, and finance all the church's efforts to meet the needs of its members and spread of the Gospel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Thomas
Johnny Carver
Sam Vance

Associated Speeches

Brother Jerry Thomas began by thanking the association for the opportunity to speak on this topic. He explained the importance of this topic, and he shared that many of our churches are constrained because of lack of funds. If every member gave as he should, there would be no lack of funds in our churches. While this is an old topic, it is still important today. Everything we endeavor to do in our churches takes funds. He shared that although his father did not attend church, he was careful to ensure that his mother took money with her to pay the preacher. This topic goes all the way back to the days of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He asked the question, "Would you rob God?" We live in a society with an abundance of material possessions, and there is no reason why we cannot support our pastors, our missionaries, and the poor in our community. He commended Three Springs Church for improving in our support for those in our community.

God has blessed us materially and spiritually, and we certainly owe him ten percent of our increase. That is our tithe, and anything we give above that is our offering. Too many times, it is not everyone in the congregation who pays their tithes, rather it is only a few. God loves a cheerful giver, and if everyone gave cheerfully, the storehouse would be full. Also, the modern day storehouse is the church itself. If you want to be a good Christian servant, you not only have to “live right,” but you also have to “give right.” By doing so, we show the world and our children that we love the Lord because we love his work.

Brother Johnny Carver expressed his appreciation to Brother Thomas for his work on the report. He also appreciated the Baptist stand on the subject. He spoke to those who claim that tithing is only an Old Testament practice. He referenced Matthew 23:23 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.* The way the church functions today is by tithes and offerings. I personally believe it and practice it, and I have been taught this since I was a boy. He also mentioned that you cannot out give God, and God has enabled him all his life to tithe. We also need to be consistent in our tithes, giving whether we feel close to God or not.

Brother Sam Vance spoke of the plainness of scripture. He referenced Matthew 6:21, which reads, *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* The things which excite you, the things that mean the most to you, and the things which are close to your heart are the things you will support. He also explained how in 2 Chronicles 7:14, we find good instruction, *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.* We find four things to do to be healed in this passage. The third one teaches that we should “seek his face.” If we seek the face of God, we will find that it is his will for us to give to his church to support. It is our duty, our responsibility, and your commandment to support the Lord’s work with our tithes, and when we are able to give above that, we are giving our offering.

Brother Jeremy Wilson began by explaining how we spend a lot of time speaking about how the members of the church should be personally giving their tithes and offerings. How often do we discuss church tithing? He explained that a few years ago, Three Springs Church was blessed to settle

the debt for the construction of the facility. At that point, the church considered going back into debt to build an addition to the facility. After prayerful consideration and wise counsel from the deacons, the church decided instead to stay out of debt, and look for ways to give to worthy efforts. Staying out of debt is the scripturally sound financial position for a church, as the bible teaches us “the borrower is slave to the lender.” This has freed the church to be able to support local community efforts to feed hungry children. This has provided a great example for our children as well. For example, Three Springs Youth held a yard sale a week ago and raised over one-thousand dollars. Rather than use those funds to plan a trip or make a purchase, the youth group donated every penny to a local food bank. When the church started giving away a larger percentage of its receipts to members who are in need and community organizations who feed children, our receipts and our membership experienced a continuing dramatic increase.

The messengers then adopted the report as discussed. They moved to adjourn until 10:00 AM Saturday, October 25. Brother Eugene Brown offered the dismissing prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

On Saturday morning, October 25, 2014, the messengers to the One Hundred Twenty Second Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association reconvened at Three Springs Baptist Church, displaying a warm Christian spirit in fellowship. Brother Don Hines led the congregation in singing “Oh It Thrills Me,” with Sister Deana Britt accompanying.

Brother Massey welcomed the congregation and thanked the congregation for their presence. He explained over the years, there has been some confusion about the exact date of the association’s organization. He related some historical information about the Wiseman Association. The association was organized at Cedar Bluff Missionary Baptist Church in Macon County, Tennessee in 1891. They did not have an “annual session” that year, as the sole purpose of that meeting was for the organization of the association. The first “annual session” took place the following year, in 1892, at Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church. The minutes of the organization and the first annual session are contained in the same book. Brother Massey offered to make a copy of this book and give to anyone who would like to have one.

Brother Massey remarked on the previous day's session, making note of peace, harmony, spirit, and love that has been shown during the session so far. He also thanked Three Springs Church for their hospitality and our visitors for joining us.

He then read Psalms 24 for a devotional: *The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your head, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*

He shared John 1:29, *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world,* and Jonah 2:9, *...Salvation is of the Lord.*

He asked Dr. Mike Collins to offer prayer for the session. After a touching prayer and blessing, Brother Massey asked Brother Casey Barnes to sing a special number. Brother Barnes favored the association with "Amazing Grace."

The spirit continued to move among the gathered, and the special singing continued. Brothers Don Hines, David Woodard, Sam Vance, and Jeremy Wilson sang, "Hallelujah, What a Savior." Then, Sisters Tracie McCormack and Deana Britt joined Brother Wilson to sing "Better Farther On." The spirit moved the congregation mightily during these special numbers, and Brother Massey asked Brother Johnny Carver to offer another prayer for the service. As Brother Carver touched the throne of heaven with his spirit-filled prayer, the association praised God. Brother Hines then led the congregation in singing, "O, The Glory Did Roll."

Brother Massey introduced Brother Morris Watson, who was selected by the messengers during the 2013 session to preach the doctrinal sermon.

DOCTRINAL SERMON

Brother Watson began by thanking the association for the opportunity to preach before the association. He requested prayers for Brother Billy Duke, who was not feeling well, and was unable to attend as a messenger today. Brother Watson remarked how he had been spiritually lifted by the service so far today. He mentioned the importance of young people getting involved in God's work, and he is certainly proud of Brother Casey Barnes' involvement in working for the Lord. He reminisced about his uncle Vestal who would shout and praise the Lord. He spoke about how in past days, sinners would come to the altar to pray and the altar would be packed with Christians praying for those who were bowed.

He shared information about the history of Concord church. It was organized in 1874, and the White House, Tennessee historian explained that in 1840 where the church now stands previously stood a log building that was used for a schoolhouse. It is reported that people began meeting for worship in that schoolhouse, and it eventually became Concord church. He shared information about previous pastors, A.J. Sloan, Calvin Gregory, and F.L Ray (Brother Ray baptized Brother Watson many years ago). Concord is celebrating 140 years since its organization in 2014

Brother Watson introduced his subject, "Carry On, Church." He expressed how God had impressed him with that subject on Friday morning in preparation for this message. He shared Psalms 72:16 *There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.*

He spoke of how Jesus stood on the mountain and chose his twelve apostles. Jesus himself established his church, and it is still in existence today. The church continues to wave the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ. He spoke of how he is proud of his heritage, and how he was taken to church from his infancy, His family members have been church-going people for several generations. He reminisced about Brother Kenneth Massey's father, Brother Frank Massey, and his efforts years ago to help establish Madison Missionary Baptist Church. Brother Watson expressed his sadness that the church at Madison is now out of existence, and it is especially painful when you consider the faithful efforts of good men like Frank Massey.

He took Matthew 28:16-20 for a lesson: *Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And*

when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

While the apostles saw Jesus, today we must believe by faith that God exists and that he sent his only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. We have not seen him; yet, by faith, we believe him. We have nothing as God's children to fear, as all power has been given to Jesus Christ. As Philippians 4:13 tells us, *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

Many martyrs have put their lives on the line for this cause, and today we still have the responsibility of carrying on until Jesus returns. The church will still be somewhere in the world when Jesus returns to gather his children. I pray that it will still be here in our area as it is today. That is why it is important that our young people understand they are needed and wanted in our churches. They will be responsible for ensuring the church exists in future generations. He spoke of how, when he was saved, the devil immediately tried to tell him to keep it to himself. When he looked up, he saw Brother W.T. Russell, who was assisting in the revival at McFerrin that year. He told Brother Russell, "the Lord saved me!" Shouting could be heard all over the house. He went home after the service and had another shouting service at home as he told his mother what had happened. There are people in our lives who have a great deal of influence on us, and we have had great confidence in them. Today, we are the ones charged to be the right influence on future generations.

Brother Watson shared Ephesians 6:11-13 *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to with stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. We must put on our armor and be ready to stand for our faith in a world that attempts to destroy it on every hand. We often say that we do not want to get involved in politics in our land, however, the Bible is filled with examples of kings and leaders who held high positions in government. Homosexuality is a sin, and we should teach it as such. Scripture has made it clear that it is against God's wishes for man, and we*

cannot justify this behavior by saying it is a “lifestyle.” It is the lifestyle of a serial killer to murder other human beings, and the lifestyle of a compulsive thief to steal. However, we would never justify that behavior.

Our fore fathers left religious persecution to come to a land where men can worship as they see fit. Thomas Jefferson visited a little Baptist church near his home, and he watched how the church conducted business. History teaches us this experience influenced his drafting the Constitution of the United States. These men created our system of government based on religious liberty, and our liberties are being abused to partake in sinful behavior. Additionally, we are being persecuted by other false religions, and the persecution is increasing in frequency and intensity.

Despite all this, Jesus has promised that he would be with us “all the way.” The church must continue to carry on in spite of these difficulties. We must continue to ensure future generations attend church so they may learn the truths of God’s word. He related how a child at Concord at five years old is able to recall the subjects of his sermons later in the week. He is encouraged by young parents who are bringing these children to church. The teaching they receive will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Brother Watson expressed how thankful he was to be a child of God. He is also thankful to have called into the ministry. While, at first, he was reluctant to step into that role, he is thankful that he listened to the call of God. He has been in church all his life, and he continues to love the church. He shared Jesus words from John 13:34, *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.* As we carry on, our churches need to love one another. We do not need infighting or one group picking on another. In times past, our ministers would hold joint revivals with other denominations, especially Methodists. For the revival, they would put aside their doctrinal differences to focus on preaching to sinners for salvation. We should not be allowing minor differences among our own people to keep us from focusing on preaching salvation by grace through faith. Jesus told us in John 14:6, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* Brother Watson closed the message expressing his thankfulness for his family, especially his parents who took him to church. He also expressed his desire for this way to go on and on until the Lord returns for his children, grandchildren, and future generations.

At Brother Massey’s request, Brother Hines led the congregation in singing, “Blessed Assurance.” The messengers and visitors met in the altar to extend

the right hand of fellowship to Brother Watson to thank him for the good sermon.

Brother Massey called for the Roll of Messengers. The clerk read the list, and the following messengers were enrolled:

Bethlehem: Brian Johnson, Brady Meeks

Concord: Mike Moulton, Morris Watson, Casey Barnes

Gladlice: Johnnie Brewer, Sr., John Wayne Draper, Charles Patterson, Sister Judy Still

Longview: Danny Raines, Steve Anderson, Randy Norman, George Snow

McFerrin: Paul Patterson, Don Hines, Sam Oldham, Nathan Drake

Mt. Juliet: Danny Miller, Robbie Cornwell, David Woodard, Nathaniel Woodard

Murfreesboro: Sam Vance, Bill Green, Kenneth Massey

New Zion: Larry Gregory

Three Springs: Jerry Thomas, Steve Holman, Jimmy Meadors, Jeremy Wilson

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brother Massey recognized and welcomed the following visitor on behalf of the association:

Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

Fairview Memorial: Dr. Mike Collins

Brother Massey called for the Missions Report. The committee members preparing this report were Brothers Bill Green, Steve Anderson, and Johnnie Brewer, Sr.

MISSIONS REPORT

Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also. And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the LORD, and see how they do (Acts 15:35-36).

Much of the second and third missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul and the many letters he wrote to the various churches were motivated by the great concern he had for the works he had begun during his first missionary

journey. Even though he dealt with obstacles on every hand, it was always his desire to be of encouragement to those he had encountered along the way. These follow-up journeys were not merely just reunions or a time to renew old acquaintances, but they were a continuation of the work that had already begun. It was on the second journey, Paul became acquainted with Timothy, Lydia, the seller of purple, and the Philippian jailer. During his third journey in Acts 19:20, the scripture records, "so mightily grew the word of God."

In all this, we can see the importance of follow-up and encouragement. Works begun and left unattended are great opportunities into which Satan can work his way. Often, there has been sufficient teaching for people to be saved and added to the church, but much more teaching is necessary for growth and stability. Someone must go again, visit, and see how they do.

This is the reason we support the mission trips both far and near. Whether it be a long trip to a foreign country or a short trip down the road to visit one of the music schools; our churches help support, and our purpose must be for encouragement to those who are trying to keep the work going. It should never be our intention to hinder or cause strife, but to further expand the Lord's work.

Financial support is a great part of encouragement. It takes money for work to continue. The burden does not need to fall on just a few who have a passion for missions, but all churches should be mission minded, both at home and afar. We cannot be all things to all people, but we can be some things to some people. Let us pray and allow the Holy Spirit to show us where, how, and when our mission efforts should be directed.

Bill Green
Steve Anderson
Johnnie Brewer, Sr.

Associated Speeches

Brother Bill Green began by relating how he had been on many mission trips. He remarked on how thankful people are to see the mission teams arrive. Paul had a great love for the Lord's work, and he taught Barnabas the importance of following up with the churches that had been established as a result of his initial mission efforts. It is important to let missionaries know they have not been left out there alone. During those trips, he was able to preach to others, such as the Philippian jailer and Lydia. There were

no modern means of communication available, and personal visits were the only way for him to reconnect with the Christians in those cities. When Murfreesboro church was a mission, we loved to see people come to visit us. I try to put myself in the shoes of those in foreign lands and I appreciate how much it means for them to have visitors. While they need financial support to be able to do the Lord's work in those places, most importantly, we need to be going in person to see the work that is taking place in the mission field.

Brother Johnnie Brewer, Sr. spoke of his partiality for mission work. "I was saved in a mission," he remarked, and explained how he later went to Colorado to help with mission work there as well. "Where would I be without a mission effort?" Many years ago, an old deacon invited him to hear preaching at a little mission. He was the first person saved in that mission effort. Missions are important, and the missionaries should be important to us all. We should support missionaries financially to help them fund the work. All of our churches started as missions at some point in the past. We often sit in our comfortable chairs in our churches and send a little money to the missionaries, and we think we are done. We generally do what we want to do, and if we want to support them well, we will. The burden for this does not fall on just a few to support them, but we can all work together to share the load.

Brother Steve Anderson began his remarks by sharing I Corinthians 3:6, *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.* When I was growing up, we lived on a farm. We grew crops and my father, my brother, and I would split the profits. Although my father did most of the work, he was trying to teach us something. My grandfather used to call working in his garden "tending" it. In mission work, just like with raising crops, someone plants the seed, then someone comes along and waters it. In Africa, the work began with preaching, and then working in the schools, and then opening schools and feeding children. This work is worthy of our support, and they need our prayers, money, support, and visits. You cannot plant a seed and walk away from it, rather you have to "tend" it. You cannot start a mission and walk away from it, but our churches and our preachers have to work to tend it. He spoke of those who begin sponsoring children in other places. He was advised that you should never start sponsoring a child unless you are prepared to support him all the way to adulthood. We cannot start missions and then later stop supporting them.

The messengers then moved to adopt the report as read and discussed. Brother Massey then called for the Ambassador's Report.

AMBASSADOR’S REPORT

Brother Don Hines, the Wiseman Association’s Ambassador, reported that he had been to fifteen churches this year to visit on behalf of the association. There are so many things in the world to grab our attention, but we must continue to focus on our fellowship and visiting our sister churches. He was encouraged by the reception he received, and he urged the churches of our association to continue to reach out to our sister churches and show them how much we love them.

Brother Massey called for the Treasurers Report. Brother Robby Cornwell gave this report as follows:

TREASURER’S REPORT

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| Balance October 25, 2013 | 2359.47 |
| Donation to Printing Fund | 2750.00 |
| Balance October 29, 2012 | 5109.47 |
| 2012 Minutes Printing Fee | 1271.94 |
| Clerk’s Fee | 500.00 |
| Postage | 114.10 |
| Balance October 25, 2014 | 3223.43 |

Respectfully Submitted,
Robby Cornwell, Treasurer
Elder Larry S. Gregory, Assistant Treasurer

The messengers moved to adopt the report as given.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brother Wilson read correspondence received from sister associations. The messengers moved to receive the correspondence and publish them in the minutes as reflected on the following pages.

Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association

October 23, 2014

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association:

Greetings from the Churches that make up the Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association. It is our prayer that the fruits of your labor in the Lord have been most productive. As we met for our one hundred sixty sixth annual session October 10-11, 2014, 21 churches reported 33 baptisms with a total membership of 2,031.

At the past session, the messengers of our association elected Bro. Ray Smith as our moderator. Bro. Andrew Stokes was elected as the Assistant Moderator. Bro. Clint Sanders was 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 2014 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 2015 session to be held with Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church located just off Highway 22, on Lexington Street in Huntingdon, Tennessee. The sessions will be held October 9-10, 2015, starting at 10:00 am. Bro. Trey Crews will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday, and Bro. Josh Parker 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,



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Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

December 16, 2014

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association
Brother Jeremy Wilson

Greetings:

With this year drawing to an end, we want to thank the Lord for the good news of souls that were saved and all the blessings He so graciously has given to the churches in your association.

The churches of the Siloam Association met the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 2014 at Old Union Missionary Baptist Church for its sixty-second annual session. The Lord blessed each time we met with an out-flowing of His spirit. We thank the Lord for all that were saved and those who joined the churches that make up the Siloam Association.

We invite you to come and fellowship with the Siloam Association as we meet for the sixty-third session at Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church located at 3400 Mount Lebanon Church Road Alvaton, KY beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday October 2, 2015. Elder Todd Fugate is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Cary Kemp is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Jerry Miller is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless all of His churches and that His word will go out to the lost people of this world and many will be saved.

Your Brother in Christ,

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December 27, 2014

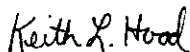
Wiseman Baptist Association:

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-Ninth Annual Session with Alva Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. We had 19 churches reporting an increase of 39 with 11 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 34 with a total membership of 1,775. 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 180th Annual Session to be held with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Franklin County, Alabama. The church is located east of Russellville, Alabama, on Highway 48. This session will be held October 10, 11, 12, and 13, 2015. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Christ's love,



Keith L. Hood, Clerk

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NEW BUSINESS

The following items of new business were considered by the messengers, and action was taken as shown below.

The messengers passed a motion to include recommendations of ministers to preach the introductory and doctrinal sermons as well as the following year's meeting place under New Business near the end of each session. Under this provision, the committee comprised of assistant officers (Assistant Moderator, Assistant Clerk, and Assistant Treasurer) will recommend preachers and meeting places for consideration along with the other report assignments in the Order of Business rather than considering them separately on the first day. This will take effect with the one-hundred twenty fourth annual session which will be held in 2015.

The messengers passed a motion for the clerk to include in the annual associational letter to member churches a section for each church to list the name and address of missions they support. The clerk will then include in the minutes a listing of all missionaries supported by Wiseman Association churches. These missionaries will not be listed by church, rather, a comprehensive list of all supported missionaries will be shown in the minutes. This will assist our member churches in finding contact information for missionaries who they may wish to assist in the future.

The Order of Business for 2015 was read by Brother Charles Patterson and adopted by the messengers. These assignments are shown below:

STATE OF RELIGION: Kenneth Massey (chair), Michael Moulton, Steve Anderson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Danny Raines (chair), Larry Gregory, Nathan Drake

OBITUARY REPORT: Jeremy Warren (chair), Jerry Thomas

FINANCING THE LORD'S WORK: Morris Watson (chair), Kenneth Zink, Johnnie Brewer, Sr

MISSIONS REPORT: Charles Patterson (chair), Jeremy Wilson, Bill Green

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT: Don Hines

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robby Cornwell, Larry Gregory

Brother Massey invited everyone to attend the annual Jubilee meeting at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church on April 17-18, 2015. Called Out and Do Re Mi singers will be featured, and Brothers Ken Parsons and Randy Thompson will be bringing devotionals.

Brother Massey asked the clerk to include in the minutes the appreciation for the work of the members of Three Springs Baptist Church during the annual session. The messengers voiced their agreement in the wonderful job Three Springs Church did with meals, hospitality, and love shown to the member churches and visitors over the past two days.

Brother Massey asked for a song and for everyone to come into the altar for the closing handshake. Brother Hines led the congregation in singing, "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," as everyone exchanged handshakes and enjoyed sweet fellowship and expressions of Christian love.

The messengers then passed motion to adjourn the one hundred twenty third annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association until the Friday after the third Sunday in October 2015, when association will reconvene at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Bloomington Springs, Tennessee.

After several spirit-filled testimonies and prayer requests, Brother Jerry Thomas offered the closing prayer and blessing over the meal, bringing to a close a wonderfully harmonious and blessed meeting of the Wiseman Baptist Association.

Ministers Present at the One Hundred Twenty Third Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association



Front Row Left to Right: David Woodard, Danny Chandler, Johnnie Brewer, Sr., Paul Patterson, Morris Watson, Charles Allen Gentry
Second Row Left to Right: Lynn Stapleton, Larry Gregory, Nathan Drake, Kenneth Massey, Danny Raines, Charles Patterson
Third Row Left to Right: Jeremy Wilson, Dennis Lunsford, Sam Vance, Johnny Carver, Bill Green, Jerry Boze, Brian Johnson, Bobby Gentry

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| <u>Year</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Moderator</u> | <u>Clerk</u> | <u>Treasurer</u> | <u>Introductory</u> | <u>Doctrinal</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1891 | Cedar Bluff | W.M.S. Wilks | B.R. Hawkins | B.R. Hawkins | | W.M.S. Wilks |
| 1892 | Meadorville | W.M.S. Wilks | B.R. Hawkins | J.S. Pardue | W.M.S. Wilks | |
| 1893 | Dixon Creek | W.M.S. Wilks | B.R. Hawkins | J.S. Pardue | J.S. Pardue | |
| 1894 | Lafayette | W.M.S. Wilks | J.S. Pardue | J.S. Pardue | W.M.S. Wilks | |
| 1895 | Hartsville | W.M.S. Wilks | D.S. Reed | D.S. Reed | J.S. Pardue | |
| 1896 | Cedar Bluff | W.M.S. Wilks | D.S. Reed | D.S. Reed | J.A. Stone | |
| 1897 | Independence | M.C. Fitzpatrick | D.S. Reed | D.S. Reed | J.F. Lambert | |
| 1898 | Dixon Creek | W.M.S. Wilks | D.S. Reed | D.S. Reed | W.M.S. Wilks | |
| 1899 | Friendship | W.M.S. Wilks | D.S. Reed | J.S. Pardue | J.L. Hawkins | |
| 1900 | Siloam | J.F. Lambert | D.S. Reed | W.M. Gammon | J.W. McQueen | |
| 1901 | Rocky Mound | M.C. Fitzpatrick | D.S. Reed | W.M. Gammon | J.J. Dyer | |
| 1902 | Shady Grove | M.C. Fitzpatrick | D.S. Reed | W.M. Gammon | J.H. Grime | |
| 1903 | New Harmony | W.M.S. Wilks | D.S. Reed | W.M. Gammon | W.M.S. Wilks | |
| 1904 | New Hopewell | W.M.S. Wilks | D.S. Reed | J.M. Wilks | J.W. McQueen | |
| 1905 | Rock Bridge | W.M.S. Wilks | D.S. Reed | J.M. Wilks | J.W. McQueen | |
| 1906 | Corum Hill | W.M.S. Wilks | C.D. High | J.M. Wilks | J.F. Lambert | |
| 1907 | Long Creek | C.M. Simmons | D.S. Reed | Gus Fuqua | W.M.S. Wilks | |
| 1908 | Hillsdale | W.M.S. Wilks | D.S. Reed | T.A. Bass | C.B. Massey | |
| 1909 | Hartsville | C.N. Simmons | D.S. Reed | Paul Johnson | E.E. Folk | |
| 1910 | Cedar Bluff | J.T. Oakley | D.S. Reed | J.W. Lewis | J.T. Oakley | |
| 1911 | Meadorville | J.T. Oakley | D.S. Reed | J.W. Lewis | C.B. Massey | |
| 1912 | Friendship | A.J. Sloan | D.S. Reed | J.W. Lewis | J.H. Grime | |
| 1913 | Bledsoe Creek | J.T. Oakley | D.S. Reed | J.W. Lewis | A.J. Sloan | |
| 1914 | Siloam | P.F. Burnley | D.S. Reed | J.W. Lewis | J.T. Oakley | |
| 1915 | Pleasant Hill | W.K. Johnson | D.S. Reed | J.W. Lewis | W.J. Sumnar | |
| 1916 | Spring Creek | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | J.D. Cook | C.B. Massey | |
| 1917 | Dixon Creek | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | J.D. Cook | T.F. Moore | |
| 1918 | New Harmony | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | J.D. Cook | T.F. Moore | |
| 1919 | Fairview | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | J.D. Cook | P.S. Dyer | |

| Year | Location | Moderator | Clerk | Treasurer | Introductory | Doctrinal |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1920 | Pleasant Grove | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | J.D. Cook | W.F. Jenkins | A.J. Sloan |
| 1921 | New Zion | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | J.D. Cook | P.S. Dyer | A.J. Sloan |
| 1922 | Rock Bridge | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | J.D. Cook | R.O. Sanders | A.J. Sloan |
| 1923 | Cedar Bluff | R.Y. Hawkins | A.J. Sloan | J.D. Cook | N.C. Fuqua | James Carter |
| 1924 | Long Creek | R.O. Sanders | A.J. Sloan | J.D. Cook | I.N. Sloan | Calvin Gregory |
| 1925 | Mt. Zion | L.A. Stewart | A.J. Sloan | J.D. Cook | R.O. Sanders | C.B. Massey |
| 1926 | Old Hopewell | L.A. Stewart | A.J. Sloan | J.D. Cook | L.A. Stewart | Calvin Gregory |
| 1927 | Union | L.A. Stewart | A.J. Sloan | J.D. Cook | A.W. Keen | Calvin Gregory |
| 1928 | Brattontown | L.A. Stewart | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | R.O. Sanders | Calvin Gregory |
| 1929 | Meadorville | L.A. Stewart | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | W.T. Taylor | N.C. Fuqua |
| 1930 | Haysville | L.A. Stewart | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | F.W. Lambert | A.J. Sloan |
| 1931 | Capitol Hill | L.A. Stewart | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | A.J. Sloan | C.B. Massey |
| 1932 | Siloam | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | R. Thompson | A.J. Sloan |
| 1933 | Rocky Mound | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | C.B. Massey | A.J. Sloan |
| 1934 | Pleasant Hill | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | R.O. Sanders | A.J. Sloan |
| 1935 | Goodwill | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | F.W. Lambert | A.J. Sloan |
| 1936 | Spring Creek | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | W.T. Taylor | A.J. Sloan |
| 1937 | New Harmony | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | R.O. Sanders | A.J. Sloan |
| 1938 | New Bethel | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | F.W. Lambert | A.J. Sloan |
| 1939 | Union | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | R.O. Sanders | A.J. Sloan |
| 1940 | Red Hill | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | R.O. Sanders | A.J. Sloan |
| 1941 | Lafayette | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | F.W. Lambert | A.J. Sloan |
| 1942 | Siloam | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | F.W. Lambert | A.J. Sloan |
| 1943 | Athens | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | R.O. Sanders | A.J. Sloan |
| 1944 | Union Hill | N.C. Fuqua | A.J. Sloan | T.C. Harrison | F.W. Lambert | A.J. Sloan |
| 1945 | Brattontown | N.C. Fuqua | F.W. Lambert | T.C. Harrison | J.H. Smith | A.J. Sloan |
| 1946 | Drakes Creek | N.C. Fuqua | F.W. Lambert | T.C. Harrison | F.W. Lambert | A.J. Sloan |
| 1947 | Long Creek | N.C. Fuqua | F.W. Lambert | T.C. Harrison | F.L. Ray | A.J. Sloan |
| 1948 | Old Union | N.C. Fuqua | F.W. Lambert | T.C. Harrison | F.L. Ray | A.J. Sloan |
| 1949 | Macedonia | F.L. Ray | F.W. Lambert | H.H. Harrison | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell |

| Year | Location | Moderator | Clerk | Treasurer | Introductory | Doctrinal |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1950 | Old Hopewell | F.L. Ray | F.W. Lambert | H.H. Harrison | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell |
| 1951 | Rocky Mound | F.L. Ray | F.W. Lambert | H.H. Harrison | M.R. Drury | W.T. Taylor |
| 1952 | East Main Street | F.L. Ray | F.W. Lambert | H.H. Harrison | Albert Crouch | W.T. Russell |
| 1953 | McFerrin | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | J.C. Walker | Albert Crouch | W.T. Russell |
| 1954 | Cedar Bluff | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | J.C. Walker | H.C. Vanderpool | J.C. Walker |
| 1955 | West End | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | J.C. Walker | H.C. Vanderpool | J.C. Walker |
| 1956 | Buffalo Springs | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | J.C. Walker | H.C. Vanderpool | W.T. Russell |
| 1957 | Concord | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | J.C. Walker | G.O. Templeton | J.C. Walker |
| 1958 | Pleasant Hill | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | J.C. Walker | A.G. Gregory | H.P. Brown |
| 1959 | Enon Chapel | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | J.C. Walker | A.G. Gregory | J.C. Walker |
| 1960 | New Bethel | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | Paul Oldham | A.G. Gregory | W.T. Russell |
| 1961 | Liberty Hill | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | Paul Oldham | A.G. Gregory | W.T. Russell |
| 1962 | Longview | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | Paul Oldham | James Porter | W.T. Russell |
| 1963 | Old Hopewell | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | Paul Oldham | James Porter | W.T. Russell |
| 1964 | White Hill | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | Paul Oldham | James Porter | W.T. Russell |
| 1965 | Salem | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | Paul Oldham | James Porter | W.T. Russell |
| 1966 | Piper's Chapel | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | Paul Oldham | James Porter | W.T. Russell |
| 1967 | Fairview | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | Paul Oldham | James Porter | W.T. Russell |
| 1968 | Goodwill | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | W.T. Russell |
| 1969 | Faith (TN) | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | W.T. Russell |
| 1970 | Gateway | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | W.T. Russell |
| 1971 | Faith (KY) | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | W.T. Russell |
| 1972 | Grace | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | W.T. Russell |
| 1973 | Cedar Bluff | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | W.T. Russell |
| 1974 | Liberty Hill | F.L. Ray | W.T. Russell | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | W.T. Russell |
| 1975 | Rock Bridge | F.L. Ray | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | H.G. Taylor |
| 1976 | Lafayette | F.L. Ray | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | H.G. Taylor |
| 1977 | Buffalo Springs | F.L. Ray | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | H.D. Linville | H.G. Taylor |
| 1978 | McFerrin | F.L. Ray | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | J.W. Briley | James Porter |
| 1979 | Harmony | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Kenneth Woodall | H.G. Taylor |
| 1980 | New Bethel | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Hilman Duncan | J.W. Briley |
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Bobby Gann

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| 1981 | Faith (TN) | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Guthrie Thompson | J.W. Briley | Edgar Copeland |
| 1982 | Longview | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Bobby Pitt | H.D. Linville | C.L. Russell |
| 1983 | Salem | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Charles Patterson | H.C. Vanderpool | W.E. Massey |
| 1984 | Cedar Grove | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Ray Sutton | A.G. Gregory | James Porter |
| 1985 | Old Hopewell | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Gary Duncan | H.D. Linville | James Shoulders |
| 1986 | Gateway | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Ottis Jones | C.L. Russell | W.E. Massey |
| 1987 | West End | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Terry Lyles | James Porter | Henry Smith |
| 1988 | Goodwill | H.G. Taylor | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Jeff Brown | Hilman Duncan | Gary Duncan |
| 1989 | New Bethel | H.D. Linville | H.C. Vanderpool | A.G. Gregory | Lonnie Meador | J.W. Briley | Johnny Meador |
| 1990 | McFerrin | H.D. Linville | Ottis Jones | A.G. Gregory | Charles Patterson | W.T. Russell | Ottis Jones |
| 1991 | New Bethel | Jerry Shrum | Kenneth Massey | Bobby Sutton | Kenneth Massey | Tom Armstrong | Bobby Sutton |
| 1992 | Lafayette | Jerry Shrum | Don Curtis | Bobby Sutton | Jimmy Roberts | James Shoulders | Johnny Carver |
| 1993 | Parkwood | Jerry Shrum | Don Curtis | Bobby Sutton | Larry Gregory | Kenneth Massey | Eugene Brown |
| 1994 | New Bethel | Jerry Shrum | Don Curtis | Bobby Sutton | Paul Patterson | Don Curtis | William Overton |
| 1995 | Longview | Jerry Shrum | Kenneth Massey | Bobby Sutton | Deric McClard | Jimmy Roberts | Johnny Carver |
| 1996 | McFerrin | Larry Gregory | Tom Armstrong | Bobby Sutton | Benny Snoddy | Johnny Carver | Kenneth Massey |
| 1997 | Harvest | Kenneth Massey | Tom Armstrong | Bobby Sutton | Paul Patterson | William Overton | |
| 1998 | Three Springs | Kenneth Massey | Tom Armstrong | Bobby Sutton | Johnny Carver | Eugene Brown | |
| 1999 | New Zion | Kenneth Massey | Tom Armstrong | Bobby Sutton | Deric McClard | William Overton | |
| 2000 | Longview | Kenneth Massey | Larry Gregory | Bobby Sutton | Paul Patterson | Johnny Carver | Fellowship |
| 2001 | McFerrin | Kenneth Massey | Larry Gregory | Bobby Sutton | Kevin Perdue | Deric McClard | Darren Bonee' |
| 2002 | Bethlehem | Kenneth Massey | Deric McClard | Bobby Sutton | Jeremy Wilson | Bobby Sutton | Lynn Stapleton |
| 2003 | Mt. Juliet | Kenneth Massey | Deric McClard | Bobby Sutton | Trey Crews | Henry Smith | Scott Carter |
| 2004 | New Life | Kenneth Massey | Deric McClard | James Hill | Johnny Carver | Kenneth Massey | Lynn Stapleton |
| 2005 | Murfreesboro | Kenneth Massey | Deric McClard | James Hill | Jeremy Wilson | Deric McClard | Charles Patterson |
| 2006 | Gladdice | Kenneth Massey | Deric McClard | James Hill | Brian Johnson | Paul Patterson | Jackie Wilburn |
| 2007 | Three Springs | Kenneth Massey | Deric McClard | James Hill | Monty Shoulders | Charles Reece | Randy Thompson |
| 2008 | New Zion | Kenneth Massey | Brian Johnson | Robby Cornwell | Jeremy Wilson | Ricky Oliver | Tim Binion |
| 2009 | McFerrin | Kenneth Massey | David Woodard | Robby Cornwell | Larry Gregory | Mark Carver | Jerry Boze |
| 2010 | Longview | Kenneth Massey | David Woodard | Robby Cornwell | David Woodard | Charles Patterson | Wesley Woods |
| 2011 | Murfreesboro | Kenneth Massey | David Woodard | Robby Cornwell | Phillip Church | Johnny Carver | C.A. Gentry |

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|-------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2012 | Mt. Juliet | Kenneth Massey | Jeremy Wilson | Robby Cornwell | Jeremy Wilson | Kenneth Massey | Danny Raines |
| 2013 | Gladlice | Kenneth Massey | Jeremy Wilson | Robby Cornwell | Johnny Carver | Larry Gregory | Lynn Stapleton |
| 2014 | Three Springs | Kenneth Massey | Jeremy Wilson | Robby Cornwell | Danny Raines | Morris Watson | Danny Chandler |

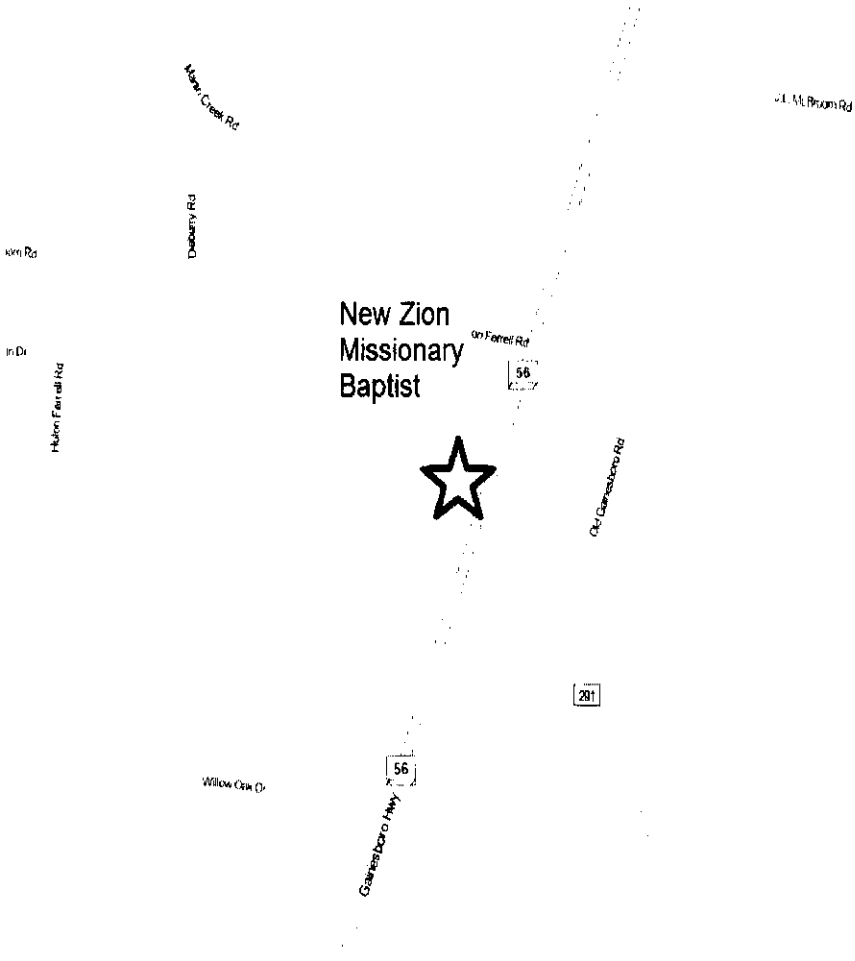
STATISTICAL TABLES

| Year Organized | Received Baptism | Received Letter | Restored | Received Statement | Dismissed Letter | Dismissed Exclusion | Death | Rescinded | Total Members |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Bethlehem | 2 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 29 |
| Concord | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 106 |
| Gladdice | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| Longview | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 198 |
| McFerrin | 12 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 741 |
| Mt. Juliet | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 127 |
| Murfreesboro | 4 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 169 |
| New Zion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 |
| Three Springs | 14 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 461 |
| Totals | 50 | 57 | 0 | 23 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 1932 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

| Year Organized | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | Number of Teachers |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Bethlehem | 18 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 15 | 10 | 21 | 4 |
| Concord | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 51 | 50 | 6 |
| Gladdice | 15 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 19 | 22 | 22 | 3 |
| Longview | 75 | 70 | 70 | 60 | 50 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 8 |
| McFerrin | 314 | 321 | 339 | 326 | 293 | 296 | 312 | 323 | 18 |
| Mt. Juliet | 25 | 20 | 20 | 25 | 38 | 38 | 25 | 32 | 5 |
| Murfreesboro | 40 | 40 | n/a | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 12 |
| New Zion | 18 | n/a | 26 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 5 |
| Three Springs | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 140 | 135 | 140 | 14 |
| Totals | 645 | 621 | 631 | 659 | 633 | 640 | 689 | 722 | 75 |

**Map and Directions to
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Bloomington Springs, TN 38545



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Go 4.0 miles and turn left onto Martin Creek Road
New Zion will be on the right

2015 Order Of Service

Friday October 23, 2015

- Call to Order
- Special Singing
- Introductory Sermon
- Enrollment of Churches and Roll Call of Messengers
- Reading of Rules of Decorum
- Letters of Petition
- Election of 2015 Officers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Selections for 2015 Fellowship Sermon
- Report: State of Religion
- Break for Lunch
- Special Singing
- Fellowship Sermon
- Report: Christian Education
- Obituary Report

Saturday, October 24, 2015

- Roll Call of Messengers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Special Singing
- Doctrinal Sermon
- Report: Financing the Lord's Work
- Missions Report
- Ambassador's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Reading of Correspondence
- New Business
- Order of Business for 2016
- Closing Song and Parting Handshake
- Closing Prayer