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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 reproved 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 21, 2016, the messengers to the One-Hundred-Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association gathered at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church. They gathered and greeted one another in Christian love and fellowship.

Brother Massey welcomed everyone to the One-Hundred-Twenty-Fifth annual session of the Wiseman Association and gave us a brief history of one hundred years ago when the Association met at Spring Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Lafayette, TN. He thanked God for those old brothers and that this old Baptist Body is still carrying on today. He introduced Brother Don Hines to lead the congregational signing with Brother Eddie Crook at the piano, he lead “Victory in Jesus” and “Because He Lives.” Bother Massey stated, in 1953 McFerrin hosted this association in the basement of their church and, this being the seventh time they have hosted, he asked how many present were at that first association.

Brother Massey read for a devotional, Deuteronomy 32: 1-6. He asked Brother Mike Elkins, from the Mulberry Gap Association to lead prayer. After a good spiritual prayer, Brother Massey stated that Brother Charles Patterson, Brother Robby Cornwell and himself would serve as temporary officers until permanent organization. At this time, Brother Johnny Carver, Pastor at McFerrin, came and welcomed everyone to the Association, offered assistance to anyone in need and welcomed all visitors. Brother Hines then led “Blessed Assurance.” Brother Massey then asked for a special song from Brother Hines; he sang “Walk Around Heaven Every Day.” Brother Massey then introduced Brother Charles Patterson to preach the introductory sermon, as chosen by the Association a year ago, and asked Brother Larry Gregory to serve as temporary clerk.

## **Introductory Sermon**



Brother Patterson expressed his appreciation to preach the sermon, thanked the messengers from a year ago for giving him the opportunity and then he asked for prayer.

Brother Patterson read for a scriptural reading Romans 8:1-13, chose for his scriptural text verse 12 and used for a theme "Christian Debtors." He began the message by stating that Paul said in Romans 1:14, "I am a debtor to all and so are we because while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." He quoted Psalms 51:5, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." Also, he referred to Job 14:1, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble." So we see by this that because of our sinful condition that we were in need of a savior and God provided that. So therefore, that is reason enough that we should feel our indebtedness to Him and all men.

There are three groups that we are indebted to. One, those of the past which are our forefathers. Where are they today? Let's look at I Thessalonians 4:13-14. These now sleep in the grave but while living they carried their crosses faithfully. They made great sacrifices and their desires in life were to work and please God. He quoted Jude 3, stating "They of old earnestly contended for the faith that was once delivered to the saints." Let us be encouraged that as they carried their crosses faithfully, by the help of God we can do the same. Revelations 14:13 says, "And I heard a voice Write Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea sayeth the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." We who are here today are the results of their labors. We are not seeing as many being saved as were in years past. He spoke of how the sinner and the corrupt of our land are running our world today. God created this world and when he had finished His creation he looked and It was good. But human kind has corrupted our world. Our forefathers, while looking ahead, kept the faith and did not remove the ancient landmarks. They preached against sin and that Christ Jesus came to seek and to save that which is lost. As it says in John 3:17, "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." Pastor's encounter difficulties while serving their churches, trying to please both men and God. Neither the pastor nor the preacher can be pleasers of men and serve God. So we can see by the faithfulness of our forefathers that we are indebted to them for their labors in our behalf.

Point number two, we are indebted to those in the current age. Let's not be selective of who we want to evangelize. Brother Patterson used Mark 16:15, "And he said unto them Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and that meant not just a few but to all. He said that Jesus is coming soon, and while he delays his coming we need to be going to win the lost and trying to turn lives around; not to just the good sinners, because Paul said in Romans 3:12, "There is none good." We need some good news,

and the best news is that Jesus is still saving sinners. Its good news when we hear of the saved uniting with the Lord's church and receiving baptism. He stated that in our time that it seems we hear the news from some of our churches when we ask the question, How is your church doing? The answers we get are like when we visit a hospital and ask the family, how is the patient doing? They are stable. Its like being lukewarm as mentioned in Revelation with the church of the Laodiceans, which was lukewarm; that's dangerous.

Matthew 5:43-44 says, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shall love they neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." Brother Patterson stated that was difficult for him to do at times, he said the Lord is still teaching him. Sometimes it is hard for us to love our enemies enough to seek after their soul salvation. We're indebted to all classes of people in this present age, to give to them the Bible message. We need to remember when preaching that Jesus died to save the entire human race and not just those we personally select. He encouraged the pastor's to feed the church as Paul instructed the elders at Ephesus in Acts 20. So you see, we are indebted to this present age.

The last point, number three, if this way is to continue we are indebted also to the future generation; our children, grandchildren, churches and our country. In order to pay this debt, we must stop fulfilling the lust of the flesh as Paul mentioned in our reading lesson and seek to please God. How do we do that? Look at Exodus 20:3-5 which says thou shall have no other gods before me. This is the words that Moses delivered to the children of Israel at the command of God. We have to preach the very love of God as given to us in John 3:16. In order to be true servants, we must remember the teachings of our Lord in Matthew 20:28, when Jesus said, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Let us be as Mary was when Jesus visited their home, when Martha was so cumbered about waiting on the needs of our Lord, and complained to Jesus that Mary be instructed to help her, but he reminded her that Mary was doing the good thing. What was she doing? She was seated at the feet of Jesus. In order to be the good servant, we must practice what James told us in James 4:8-9, draw neigh to God, and he will draw neigh to you. Let's let God be God and lets serve Him until Jesus comes. Because we're indebted to those that were previously mentioned, all of our fellow man.

In closing, Brother Patterson said, What about the lost? They have nothing to pay with. Jesus has already paid the price for them. He closed his message with this passage of scripture, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

After the sermon, Brother Massey called for a song, and invited all to come into the altar and shake hands with Brother Patterson and one another. While coming into the altar, Brother Hines led the congregation in “Jesus is Coming Soon.”

### **PERMANENT ORGANIZATION**

Brother Massey called for the Roll of Messengers. The Temporary Clerk, Brother Charles Patterson, read the list and the following messengers were enrolled:

**Bethlehem:** Brian Johnson

**Concord:** Sammy Sloan, Morris Watson

**Gladlice:** John Wayne Draper, Charles Patterson, Sister Judy Still

**Longview:** Danny Raines, Larry Garrett, Randy Norman

**McFerrin:** Johnny Carver, Paul Patterson, Dean Andrews, Don Hines

**Mt. Juliet:** Burt Lanier, Robbie Cornwell, David Woodard,

**Murfreesboro:** Jim Holland, Bill Green, Key Dillard

**New Zion:** Anthony Ferguson, Larry Gregory

**Three Springs:** Tony Thornton, Wayne Strode

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

Brother Patterson then read the associational rules of decorum.

### **PETITIONARY LETTERS**

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

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016**

The messengers elected by acclamation the following brethren to serve the association for the 2016 session:

**Moderator:** Brother Kenneth Massey

**Assistant Moderator:** Brother Johnny Carver

**Clerk:** Brother Charles Patterson  
**Assistant Clerk:** Brother Larry Gregory  
**Treasurer:** Brother Robby Cornwell  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Brother Danny Raines

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

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

**Huntingdon Missionary Baptist:** Lynn Stapleton, Ray Smith,  
**Victory Missionary Baptist Church:** Tim Binion, Aaron Binion  
**Mt Calvary Missionary Baptist Church:** Taylor Gregory  
**Sartain Springs Missionary Baptist Church:** Mike Elkins

From this group of long-time friends of the Wiseman Association, Brother Mike Elkins from Sartain Springs Missionary Baptist Church was selected to preach the Fellowship Sermon in the afternoon.

Brother Massey called for the report on State of Religion. The committee members preparing the report were Brothers Brian Johnson, Paul Patterson and Brady Meeks.

### **REPORT: STATE OF RELIGION**

Fifty years ago in 1966, the Wiseman Baptist Association met with Piper's Chapel Baptist Church in Portland, Tennessee. F.L. Ray was the Moderator. W.T. Russell was the Clerk, and A.G. Gregory was the Treasurer. The order of business for the three-day associational meeting was missions, old ministers and orphans home, Christian and ministerial education, temperance, morality, and church discipline, financing the Lord's work, Sunday schools and prayer meetings, obituaries, resolutions, correspondence, and treasurer's report. There were 65 messengers present from 27 churches. The same God who met with our brothers and sisters then is the same God who we are worshipping here today.

As we consider the state of religion, this report was introduced in the association in 1892 when the first session was held in 1892. This report continued each year through perhaps 1946. It appears that it was dropped for a time, and I found it again in the 1968 minutes. The topic, "State of Religion," is an attempt to take the religious temperature of a certain time in history. Is there a fire burning brightly for God's glory? Is there a low ember? Is there mostly smoke with a flickering flame? Apparently, the brethren were concerned with the zeal of the churches and the condition of the world around

them during their times. It is an important to assess the religious climate in which we find ourselves.

### **The Goal of True Religion**

First, let's consider the goal of true religion. The aim of religion must be the glory of the one true God of the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:31). This is displayed in deep affections for and obedience to God and a love for people. It first and foremost requires a new heart (Ezekiel 36:26). The Apostle Paul stated, "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned" (1 Timothy 1:5). Our Lord's half-brother wrote, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27). Pure religion, therefore, is displayed through sacrificial love and holy living. Where this is practiced lives are being changed, worship is refreshing, the church is a radiant witness in the world. This includes shouts of sinners rejoicing in the new birth!

In 1969, the Association report begins, "There is no doubt, the state of religion is declining." Almost every other report from the 1970s made the same statements. We are meeting 40 and 50 years after some of these reports, and as we look around us, we can easily see the culture in which we live as being similar to the time when Paul wrote the first chapter of Romans. Perhaps in the 1960s and 1970s, the brethren were beginning to see how prosperity, modern technologies, and moral decline were impacting their times. Today, we are seeing a decline at rapid speeds within the American culture. There are a few matters our report intends to address. Is it true that the state of religion is declining? What are the causes? How do we improve? We, the committee, would like to provide some possible answers to these questions and give hope for us individually, as churches, and as an Association.

### **Is It True that the State of Religion is Declining?**

Jesus said in Matthew 24:12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." When sin is not confronted, confessed, and forsaken in an individual's heart, family, or church body, the gospel is not obeyed and cherished, and the result is a coldness or apathetic spirit. This type of heart toward God will hinder marriages, impact the families, and cause complacency and division in the church.

King Solomon stated, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9). Indifference to the things of God is nothing new. From the moment the first sin entered into the world, the state of religion has been impacted. When Adam sinned, Adam and Eve felt the darkness of fear, coldness of spiritual death, and loneliness which shame produced. However, God preached the gospel to them, extended grace to their bankrupt souls, and left a gospel preacher on the globe to carry His

message to the world ever since to call sinners to repentance and His people back to him (Jude 1:14, 2 Peter 2:5).

It is difficult to answer the question about the decline of the state of religion, but consider a few questions: Are you closer to God this year than last year? Is your marriage enjoying more intimacy this year than last year? How is your family spiritually? Are your children growing in the Lord? Has your church had more additions than losses? Is there a freshness in your worship services and a joy expressed among the members? The responses to these questions will help you understand what is the current state of religion in your life, family, and church.

### **What are the Causes of the Decline in the State of Religion?**

On a national scale, we are seeing the secularization of our society. The biblical worldview and religious liberties we have enjoyed in our past are quickly being eroded though judgments from the higher courts of our land. Similar to the days of Daniel, court rulings, executive orders, and/or legislation are contradicting the authority of the Word of God which binds the conscience of the believer (Daniel 6:6-10). One of these rulings includes the Supreme Court decision in the *Obergefell v. Hodges* case which ruled to require all states to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and to recognize same-sex marriages validly performed in other jurisdictions (Wikipedia). This decision from the highest court in the land signals the will and desire of society to throw off the restraint of God's Word. Political and economic pressures are already being employed on state governments due to these decisions, and the days are coming when the church will feel the pressure with greater intensity.

In regard to the churches, worldliness instead of holiness is impacting the church. James admonished the saints, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). Forty years ago, A.W. Carr and D.W. Story wrote about this problem stating: We all realize in this modern world that we are living in today that there is so much of this sinful world's pleasures. That a great number of God's people are enjoying the lust of the flesh. And they are forgetting about the great State of Religion and what it means to our country, our homes, our schools, and most of all our Old Fashion Churches.

There is much wisdom in this statement. When we seek more of the pleasures of this world rather than the pleasure of God, the churches will become stagnant and slowly go out of existence (Psalm 16:11). It is imperative that we hear the Word of the God, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16).

## **How Can We Improve the State of Religion?**

The Apostle Paul gives wrote to Timothy before he lost his head by the sword of a Roman soldier. He had been faithful to carry the gospel, and he invested much knowledge, time, and prayers into Timothy. He wrote: I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts 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 (2 Timothy 4:1-4).

There will always be the popular but false prophets of the Lord who will adapt their message for the crowds. This is nothing new. The Prophet Micah stated, "If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people." However, the man of God and the church, which is the pillar and ground of the truth, must herald and stand up for the truth of God's Holy Word (1 Timothy 3:15).

We can improve the state of religion by being committed to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ individually and as churches. Both the pastor and lay person must be educated in the truth and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear (1 Peter 3:15). Within God's eternal Word, He addresses all of the topics which are besetting our culture and churches. God's Word has answers for: understanding His eternal nature and excellences, the authority of His Word, and man's dignity of being made in the image of God which defines our value from conception to last breath. The Bible also addresses the design of masculinity and femininity and the pattern of marriage and the family. We can also read about the blessings of rest and worship, the dignity and responsibility of work, and the centrality of church life. The Word of God instructs us on salvation by grace through faith, gives answers for suffering and brokenness, and provides the hope we all need for a life of godliness (2 Peter 1:3-4). We have been completely furnished by God and have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7, 3:16-17).

## **Conclusion**

Although the "State of Religion" is declining in the American culture and religious liberty is slowly eroding in the midst of a moral revolution, let us be encouraged to take a stand for the Lord (Ephesians 6:13). The days we face are similar to those of saints gone by such as Adam, Noah, Daniel and Paul. May our song for the hour be: Give me that old time religion, It's good enough for me. Makes me love everybody... It was good for the He-

brew children... It was good for dad and mother... It will do when I am dying... Give me that old time religion. It's good enough for me."

On the first day of the Association fifty years ago, W.T. Russell took notes of Elder James Porter's introductory sermon and recorded:  
Brother Porter, after some opening remarks, read for a lesson Romans 5 and used John 3:16 for a text. He showed man's need of a Savior by his fall resulting in his separation from God and the sinful nature of the human family. He showed man's inability to save himself, being naturally sinful and therefore totally depraved, therefore desperate without God and without hope. Yet, in the face of this dark picture, he showed how God in his great love reached from heaven to earth providing the way of man's redemption by and through the gift of His only begotten Son who paid the penalty for sin and satisfied the broken law to bring about reconciliation between God and man; also, his burial and resurrection for our justification.

There are many things that are changing, but neither God or the gospel has changed in fifty years or will ever change. Let us be faithful to continue to proclaim the gospel and trust the Lord to bless our efforts, strengthen and grow the churches, give increase to our missionary endeavors, and advance His kingdom in this world for the glory of His great Name. If God be for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:31)?

Respectively Submitted,  
Brian Johnson  
Paul Patterson

Motion to adopt the report as read.

The report was discussed by Brian Johnson, David Woodard and Don Hines. Question called, motion approved.

Motion to adjourn one hour for lunch. Motion carried. Brother Morris Watson offered the benediction and the blessing over the meal.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

After a bountiful lunch and a time of fellowship, the messengers and visitors gathered once again to continue the work of the association.

Brother Don Hines led the congregation in singing, "I'll fly away," with Brother Eddie Crook accompanying.

Brother Massey expressed his appreciation to McFerrin for their hospitality and read for a devotional, John 14:1-6 and asked Brother Ray Smith, Mod-



erator of the Southwest District Baptist Association, to lead prayer. After a good humble spirit filled prayer, Brother Massey asked Brother Don Hines to sing a special. Brother Hines asked Brothers Morris Watson, Key Dillard and David Woodard to come forward. They sang "Hallelujah We Shall Rise". At this time, Brother Massey introduced Brother Mike Elkins from Sartain Springs Missionary Baptist Church to bring the Fellowship Sermon. Brother Massey introduced Brother Elkins by stating he and Brother Bill Green had previously visited the Mulberry Gap Association where Brother Elkins is from. Brother Massey stated they found a warm sweet spirit as they visited that association and heard a good humble sermon.

### **FELLOWSHIP SERMON**

Brother Elkins came to the pulpit and expressed his joy of being at the Wiseman Association, but never expected to have to preach. He jokingly thanked the folks for spoiling his lunch. And humbly expressed his appreciation and thanked the messengers for selecting him to preach this sermon. He expressed his love and appreciation for Brother Massey and the church at Murfreesboro where his son and his family attend and are now members. He also mentioned his daughter-in-law was saved there during revival.

Brother Elkins began his message but thanking God that we all have the opportunity to meet and fellowship. He spoke of how the standards had been lowered and because of this it's caused our churches to drift. He then asked us for our prayers. Brother Elkins said when the Lord called him to preach, all the Lord said was go preach. Brother Elkins said he was saved at thirteen years old in a church in Morristown, TN, by the name of Starview, and a brother by the name of Bill Jackson was instrumental in him coming to the Lord.

Brother Elkins read for his scriptural reading I Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Brother Elkins said his desire was to encourage us all to be steadfast and think about our grandchildren. Let's not move from the plum line but stay close. Let's not change as some have. He spoke of his love for the word of God and said, "Let's stay with it's teachings until Jesus comes, for he is coming soon." When Jesus comes and declares, time shall be no more, there will be no more time for the lost to be saved. Good works will not save us, but it takes Jesus. Let's ground our loved ones in the truth.

Brother Elkins spoke of the two ordinances that Jesus put in the church and stated there are only two. They are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

When God saves us, He intends for us to work for Him, and we should want to for the great love that he has for us. Its better to please God rather than to please man. He is the one we give an account to. Though the way gets hard sometimes, it will be worth it all. "I would like to be counted worthy to suffer shame for his name". We must preach the mysteries of God's word to the sinner because the sinner cannot understand how to be saved by themselves. As in Acts 8 with Phillip and the eunuch, when Phillip asked the eunuch, do you understand what you read? And his reply was, How can I except some man guide me? When it comes to preaching, it must be from God. Brother Elkins said while pastoring his first church, he went to pray and tell God he was quitting, but when it came to telling God, he could not, but instead asked God to forgive him for ever thinking of such a thing and he also went to the church and asked them to forgive him. God's eternal security is taught in the word of God .

Brother Elkins referred to his past employment with the water Department. Many times they had to clean out the crud from the galvanized water lines. Saying there is crud in our lives that we need to go to God to get cleaned out. Because we are taught in the word of God to present our bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service (Romans 12:1). He again thanked God for saving him and closed his message by saying, "Our labors are not in vain."

Brother Massey then called for a song. Brother Hines led the congregation in singing "I'm Standing on the Solid Rock" and we gathered in the altar and gave Brother Elkins the right hand of fellowship and endorsement of the good message.

At this time we went back to the regular order of business. Brother Massey then called for the report on Christian Education.

### **REPORT: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*II Timothy 3:1-7: 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 pleasure more than lovers of God: having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away for of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

A quote from H. Boyce Taylor Sr., his book *Studies in Genesis* from page 84. "Education without Christ and the Bible never made anybody better."

First, let me advise you this is not an indictment of teachers as I, myself, am a teacher. Some teachers, as are some in other professions, are the salt of the earth, hardworking, competent and diligent in their service; others not so much. The situation is that the system is being corrupted by people who do not have the education of our children as their primary focus. Some are outside the system and some are within it. So the incompetents have as much say as those diligent ones. If your school is not similar to this, be aware it is coming your way.

I have been a School Resource Officer for over six years and has found the public schools to reflect the communities of which they are a part. I have arrested juveniles on school grounds for everything from criminal trespass to attempted murder of their parents. There have been assaults, robberies, thefts of property, reckless driving, auto theft, burglaries, pulling fire alarms, and planting improvised explosive devices. There have been child abuses, child molestations, exchange of pornography with other students and driving while under the influence. Gangs, and those who wanted to be, attempt to recruit throughout the system. Everything happening in the public domain happens in the school system.

The public school system makes promises to keep the children safe but cannot come up with a program to do so. Most solutions they bring forth only make the problem worse. Some schools policies in this nation are criminal in nature as they violate constitutional mandates. Schools are known to perform physical examinations on juvenile females without parental consent with the statement that the child belongs to the school while in school. Certain schools promote special days to celebrate homosexual activities or worse. Local school boards have instituted gay/straight clubs supported by the school board. Even college is becoming more liberal as an Oxford University neurologist, Kathleen Taylor, is leading a study which will enable them to treat religious fundamentalism and other forms of ideological beliefs, potentially harmful to society, as a form of mental illness. Harvard advises people to treat Christians like Nazis. Some have mandated studies of other religions, mainly Muslims including how to pray to their deity, while at the same time, refusing to allow Christian practices in that school. This is to allow the student to see other options exist for the child to select from. Political correctness is an ongoing policy which guts the constitution, especially the first, second and tenth amendments. A primary teaching vessel for instructing anti-Christian values is the study of evolution or the lack of value of man and the lack of need of God.

Many of our own people ask what I see coming in the future for the public education system and I am not confident it can survive the government

mandates concerning control of the system; not without our complicity by acceptance of that system. Our people must be knowledgeable of what is occurring in the school system. We must be aware of what the textbooks and policies contain. Thus, we must be confident that our children are well grounded in our beliefs so that they face influences outside the home, they will understand the differences. Then, when we recognize it is not going to change the better, we must be prepared to home school them or place them into private institutions as long as possible or as long as the government allows. Remember that Hitler, Mao and Stalin believed control of the children without parental involvement was the key to indoctrinating them into the "system" which the government required. The evolutionists/progressives realize the educating of the young without parental involvement will bring about the direct disconnect of their belief in and relationship with God. Again, it is by indoctrination, not education.

It seems I was raised and schooled in another world than the current one I had teachers who taught morals and the codes of manners. Teachers taught history instead of revised history. Heroes were Crockett, Sam Davis and Jesus, not foul mouthed musical troupes, gang members and others of the same ilk. My parents would not recognize our schools as they are operated today. When I had children, I imagined the schools had not changed since my time in school. I was wrong. By the time I became knowledgeable of how much the system had changed, my children had grown into adults, retaining the teaching of the schools as much as that they learned at home. They were not taught immoral codes of conduct at home but that is what they learned in school. And on the television which is one of the tools used in schools. Progressivism is what the government wanted and that is what the system gave them. I found out what was occurring in the systems then became a staunch adherent of home schooling and in Baptist private schools. We must become aware of what is going on in the public school system and become intimately involved in it so our children will not be taught to remove God from their lives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Gregory  
Anthony Ferguson  
John Draper

Motion to adopt the report. The report was discussed by Larry Gregory, Anthony Ferguson and John Draper. Question called. The messengers then adopted the report as discussed.

Brother Massey then called for the Obituary Report.

## OBITUARY REPORT

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints* (Psalms 116:15). Some may ask how can death and separation from our loved ones be precious. We should keep in mind that when we are saved by His divine Grace we become children of God, so God is just calling his children home. Let us think of the good memories of our Blessed saints, by not wanting them back here to this world of sin and sorrow.

The Bible teaches us in I Corinthians 2:9, Eye hat not seen, or ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for the that love him. We also are taught in Luke 23:43, Jesus himself calls Heaven "Paradise."

So let us rejoice over the fact that our loved ones are in a place where their troubles, pains, trials and heartaches are forever over. May we all have the desire to hear the welcome words, **Well done, thou good and faithful servant: Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Morris Watson  
Sammy Sloan  
Jerry Thomas

## IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

<b>Bethlehem</b>	Sister Stephanie Riddle	May 19, 2016
<b>Concord</b>	Sister Ruthene Marlin	August 27, 2016

<b>McFerrin</b>	Brother Ed Logsden	November 9, 2015
	Brother Charles Canter	
	Sister Margaret Ray	March 4, 2016
	Brother Keith Mc-Clanahan	April 13, 2016
		May 4, 2016
	Brother Carroll Duke	May 30, 2016
	Sister Hellen Andrews	August 9, 2016
	Brother Dustin Locke	
	Sister Brenda Ray	August 14, 2016
	Sister Juanita Taylor	
	Sister Lori Austin	September 2, 2016
	Sister Ann Hudson	
	DeArk	September 4, 2016
	Sister Marie McClanahan	September 11, 2016
	September 20, 2016	
	October 10, 2016	
<b>Mt. Juliet</b>	Brother Johnny C. Brewer, Jr.	April 20, 2016
		August 9, 2016
	Brother Danny Pitcock	
<b>Murfreesboro</b>	Sister Evelyn McCormick	April 6, 2016
<b>Three Springs</b>	Sister Helen Thornton	April 6, 2015
	Brother Shelby Brown	March 7, 2016
	Brother Glenn Vanderpool	March 12, 2016
	Sister Margaret Haley	March 15, 2016
	Sister Hellen Howell	
	Sister Margaret Sartin	June 25, 2016
	October 27, 2016	

The report was discussed by Brother Morris Watson and Brother Kenneth Massey. Question called. The messengers then adopted the report as discussed.

After some testimonies, the messengers moved to adjourn until 10:00 AM Saturday morning October 22, 2016, and Brother Webb Russell prayed the benediction.

### **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

On Saturday morning, October 22, 2016, the messengers to the One-Hundred-Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association reconvened at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, displaying a warm Christian spirit in fellowship. Brother Don Hines led the congregation in singing, "I'm A Child of the King," with Brother Eddie Crook accompanying.

The associations Assistant Moderator, Brother Johnny Carver, welcomed the congregation and thanked the congregation for their presence. He also stated Brother Massey asked him to serve as the Moderator since Brother Massey would be bringing the doctrinal sermon. Brother Carver read for a devotional Acts 4:23-31. Then Brother Carver asked Brother Aaron Binion to lead us in prayer.

The moderator then asked the clerk to call the roll of messengers. The following messengers were enrolled:

**Bethlehem:** Brian Johnson

**Concord:** Sammy Sloan, Morris Watson

**Gladdice:** Charles Patterson, John Draper, Judy Still

**Longview:** Danny Raines, Randy Norman

**McFerrin:** Johnny Carver, Paul Patterson, Don Hines, Dean Andrews

**Mt. Juliet:** David Woodard, Burt Lanier, Robby Cornwell

**Murfreesboro:** Bill Green, Key Dillard, Dwight Faircloth

**New Zion:** Larry Gregory, Anthony Ferguson

**Three Springs:** Tony Thornton, Wayne Howard

**Recognition of Visitors:** Brother Mike Elkins, Sartain Springs Missionary Baptist Church

Brother Carver called for the Report on Financing The Lord's Work. The committee members preparing this report were Brothers Danny Raines, Robby Cornwell and Randy Norman.

### **REPORT: FINANCING THE LORD'S WORK**

The mission of our churches is to make disciples and teach them, Matthew 28:19-20. Once a disciple is made there are many things that the Lord has commanded to teach. Let's not fail to teach "Financing The Lord's Work".

Maybe too often churches or pastors are criticized for having an interest in money. There has always been a need for the Lord's church to be financed. The ones who are to contribute are everyone, I Corinthians 16:2. If church members really love God and His work, they will have high and noble purposes in their hearts and will give generously to the cause to show honor to the Lord, Proverbs 3:9.

When the church was established many years ago, it's expenses may have been small. The churches that we attend today are faced with expenses such as mortgage, insurance, water, electricity, sewer, telephone, upkeep of the building and grounds, internet website, supporting mission work and paying the pastor. These expenses and others have accumulated through the years which is a showing of the change of times.

Each church has different needs that can't be accomplished without healthy financing. A cheerful giver is helping the church to fulfill it's sacred mission and God loves a cheerful giver, II Corinthians 9:7.

Prayerfully submitted,

Danny Raines  
Randy Norman  
Robby Cornwell

The report was discussed by Brothers Danny Raines, Randy Norman, Robby Cornwell, Charles Paterson, Sam Oldham and John Draper. The messengers adopted the report as discussed.

Brother Carver then called for the Missions Report. The committee members preparing this report were Brothers Bill Green, David Woodard and Burt Lanier.

### **MISSIONS REPORT**

*Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20).*

We are very thankful for the mission efforts that come from the Wiseman Association. WE can't say enough about all the good works that are going on or enough about how much more needs to be done. The support provided to our foreign missions, both financial and through mission trips is so important and such a blessing to the people working in those foreign fields. A number of other mission activities are supported and/or need our support. Churches that support or send students to the area music schools, Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music and Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy



are investing in the education of our people to be better able to lead or participate in the song service. Our commission is to go into all the world and that world begins at our door step.

It is timely that we look at an aspect of home missions that would not have been a topic a few years ago. Many of our churches are located in rapidly growing areas in Middle Tennessee. Families are moving into our communities in unprecedented numbers. Some of these families are looking for a church. Some of them have moved away from their home church and are searching for a church similar to what they have left. Others are just looking.

Our churches are not in competition with each other to try to reach these people., but we are in competition with the world. In order for people to come visit our churches, they have to know we exist. *Ye are the light of the world, A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid* (Matthew 5:14).

How can these families know about our churches? Nothing replaces personal contact and word of mouth. A visible location can make a huge difference. However, many families are using the same methods/tools to find a church that they are using to find healthcare, childcare, etc. They are turning to the web and social media and are doing their research on where they want to worship.

It is important that our churches be very responsible with the use of our websites, Facebook pages or any other virtual representation. The content needs to be sound and reflect what our church teaches. Sermons, Bible studies and music needs to be available. IT should be up to date so that when people look at our calendar of events what they see is current. Our schedule for weekly services needs to be correct. Sometimes churches change time for a particular service, but fail to update their website. A website or Facebook page that is not well maintained will give the same negative impression as a church building that is not kept up.

It is unfortunate that a Missionary Baptist family should move into our city or community and not know that a Missionary Baptist Church is available. There is a rich that if they don't find a church similar to what they were used to, they will turn in another direction; maybe to another denomination. But more importantly, we need to be in prayer that God will use this as a tool to touch the hearts of unsaved, unchurched people and place in them a desire to want to visit. Once they visit, they may be inclined to come again. Prayerfully, people will attend the service, hear the true gospel of Jesus Christ, be saved and added to the church.

In no way are we advocating laziness or slothfulness or turning the work of the church over to the internet. However, we need to take advantage

of every opportunity to increase our visibility in today’s world. What man means for even, God can use for good.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Green  
David Woodard  
Burt Lanier

The report was read by Brother Bill Green. Motion to adopt the report. The report was discussed by Brothers Bill Green, David Woodard and Burt Lanier. Question called. The messengers then moved to adopt the report as read and discussed.

Brother Carver then called for the Ambassador’s Report.

**AMBASSADOR’S REPORT**

Brother Hines reported he is still inviting sister churches to visit our association and expressing our love toward them and asked that we continue to pray for them.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance October 24, 2016	3090.1 9
Donation to Printing Fund	2450.0 0
Balance October 24, 2016	5540.1 9
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Minutes Printing Fee	1426.7 4
Clerk’s Fee	500.00

Postage	197.00
Balance October 24, 2016	3415.9 5

Respectfully Submitted,

Robby Cornwell, Treasurer  
Danny Raines, Assistant Treasurer

The messengers moved to adopt the report as given.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Brother Patterson conveyed the information contained in the correspondence received from sister associations. The messengers moved to receive the correspondence and publish information as reflected below.

***Siloam Missionary Baptist Association***  
September 29 & 30, 2017, 10:00 AM

***Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association***  
October 14, 15, 16, & 17, 2017, 11:00 AM

***Bethel Missionary Baptist Association***  
September 15 & 16, 2017, 10:00 AM

***Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association***  
October 6 & 7, 2017, 10:00 AM

**NEW BUSINESS**

Brother Larry Gregory made a motion that the Association endorse the concept of establishing a website on the biblical account of the creation. To better inform our younger generation that we all stand responsible to God and that each church appoint a member from its body to serve as a steering committee to oversee this website. Motion carried.

The Order of Business for 2017 was read by Brother Johnny Carver and adopted by the messengers. These assignments are shown below:

**STATE OF RELIGION:** David Woodard (Chair), Burt Lanier, Wayne Howard

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Brian Johnson (Chair), Kenneth Zink, Larry Gregory

**OBITUARY REPORT:** Danny Raines (Chair), Randy Norman, John Wayne Draper

**FINANCING THE LORD'S WORK:** Kenneth Massey (Chair), Tony Thornton, Jim Holland

**MISSIONS REPORT:** Bill Green (Chair), Larry Garrett, Paul Patterson

**AMBASSADOR'S REPORT:** Don Hines

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Robby Cornwell, Larry Gregory

### **SELECTION OF 2017 MEETING PLACE**

The committee stated two churches had asked for the association, Murfreesboro and Concord. Since Concord had never hosted the association, the committee suggested we meet at Concord Missionary Baptist Church for the 2017 session.

### **SERMONS FOR 2017**

The messengers elected brethren to bring sermons at the 2017 session as follows:

**Introductory:** Brother Anthony Ferguson

**Alternate:** Brother Johnny Carver

**Doctrinal:** Brother Morris Watson

**Alternate:** Brother Danny Raines

The messengers adopted the meeting place and order of service as presented and recommended.

## **DOCTRINAL SERMON**

Brother Massey expressed his unworthiness being selected to preach the doctrinal sermon. He first began by reminiscing of those of the past that he felt were more worthy and able to preach than he. He mentioned Brothers A. J. Sloan, Calvin Gregory and W. T. Russell who we're well known strong doctrinal preachers who have stood before this association in years past. As a young boy, he never dreamed of having the responsibility to do this, but said, "Today it falls my lot." He called to our attention the associations of the past, how large the crowds were, and the crowds were so great there would be crowds on the outside larger than those on the inside. In these times, the moderator would appoint a preacher to preach to those on the outside as another was preaching to those on the inside. There was such fellowship among them that all the preachers had a standing invitation to visit their churches and to preach among them, but those privileges have slipped away from us. He told us of something from the 1945 association when Brother A. J. Sloan delivered a wonderful Doctrinal Sermon and Elder W. T. Russell went to his grave saying that was the greatest doctrinal sermon he had ever heard.

Brother Massey then announced his reading from the Song of Solomon Chapter 6:10, "Who is she that looked, fair as the morning, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" He announced his theme, "Who are the Baptists?" His text was taken from Revelation Chapter 7:13, "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?"

Brother Massey began by saying there are three practical things to answer the question.

One, God has an eternal purpose. Paul described this in Ephesians I. It was predestinated of God that he receive honor and glory from all but gets more honor from the redeemed.

Two, God provided a plan. God provided a plan when man transgressed His holy law, and that plan has remained unchanged.

Three, A method to accomplish the plan and purpose.

Noah preached for 120 years and built an ark during this time, and while being laughed at, he continued building the ark that God had instructed him. This ark represented Jesus Christ. When the rains began to fall, Noah and his family entered into the ark and God shut the door. Some say this teaches us that Noah and his family were saved by water. Baptists say we were saved by the ark, which is a type of Christ. God used the prophets and then a church to preach a message of repentance toward God and faith toward our

Lord Jesus Christ. He used I Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." In the Book of Daniel 2:44, it tells us in prophesy that God was going to establish His kingdom and it would consume all other kingdoms, and this kingdom would stand forever. It says this was the prophecy that God was going to establish a church kingdom. In Matthew 3:1-2 is the beginning of the fulfillment of this prophesy. This was also the fulfillment of prophesy in Isaiah 40:3 and also Solomon 8:5. John was the man who was sent from God. John's message, while preaching in the wilderness of Judea, was repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Brother Massey then asked the question, "Who are the Baptists?" Preachers of repentance; this is not politically correct, but it is the truth. John Baptized those who had repented. How sad, I never dreamed the day would come that the Baptist church, just a short distance from where I stand today, that ordained me into the work of the ministry, has closed her doors.

In Matthew 16:18, it says upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Let's look at how He built this church. John went into the regions round about Jordan preaching and baptizing those that had repented and confessed their sins. In John 5:17, it explains in the church that Jesus built that the purpose was to give glory to God. The church has had His Glory in it since the beginning. The question has been asked where did His church start, on the mountain? On the day of Pentecost? But I don't agree with either. But what did he do on the mountain? He ordained the twelve apostles. What happened on the day of pentecost? Look at Acts 2, the last gift which was tongues or languages, and also the church was baptized with the holy Spirit.

He put two ordinances in this church.

The first was Baptism. Who are the Baptists? They are the ones who won't take any other baptisms because these are the ones that can trace the origin back to the very beginning.

The second ordinance was the Lord's Supper, which represents His death. Baptism shows the burial and resurrection. There are two elements used in the Lord's Supper, fermented wine and unleavened bread.

Jesus left and will return again, in I Thessalonians 4:13-17 the 17th verse states, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." Brother Massey then asked the question, "Now what takes place?" The judgement, I believe it will be the judgement. There we'll be judged and receive our new bodies. He'll rapture His church. The word rapture means to be caught up as stated

in the scripture. The passage concludes with “So shall we ever be with the Lord.”

Brother Massey again reminded us of the Doctrinal Sermon that Brother Sloan preached in 1945 at Brattontown. This was during the time that World War II had come to a close; at the doctrinal sermon Brother Sloan asked everyone to remove their handkerchiefs and wave them. As the handkerchiefs waved the congregation began to rejoice and shout the praises of God signifying the victory.

Who are these? Revelation 19:9 discusses the marriage supper of the Lamb. Let’s look at the differences in how weddings are performed on earth and how the wedding in Heaven will be different. Here, when the minister, the best man, and groom have taken their places with all the guests, then the music begins to play “Here comes the bride.” The mother stands and the congregation stands and turns to face the bride dressed in her bright array. All the faces are on the bride as she walks to take her place in the altar.

In Heaven the setting is different. In the center stands God the Father, to His extreme left stands the best man, John the Baptist, to His immediate left, there stands the bride and gathered around us are those invited guests, and this wedding was furnished with guests as recorded in Matthew 22:10. Then the music starts and all the focus is placed on, “Here comes the bride-groom, Jesus.” And while rejoicing, Brother Massey said, “Lord Jesus Come Quickly.”

At this time, the Assistant Moderator, Brother Johnny Carver, thanked God for the good sound Baptist sermon.

There was a motion, second and carried to give the Clerk permission to prepare and print the minutes and distribute them to the churches. Brother Carver then called for a song and while singing “I’m Bound for the Kingdom” and “Amazing Grace,” the congregation gathered in the altar and shook hands with Brother Massey, and each other, endorsing this good sound Baptist sermon.

There was a motion and second to adjourn and to meet with Concord Missionary Baptist Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October at 10:00 AM in 2017. Motion carried.

Brother Morris Watson prayed the benediction and blessed the meal.

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Introductory</b>				
1891	Cedar Bluff	W.M.S. Wilks	B.R. Hawkins	B.R. Hawkins
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			
<b>Doctrinal</b>				
1907	Long Creek	C.M. Simmons	D.S. Reed	Gus Fuqua
	W.M.S. Wilks	W.M.S Wilks		
1908	Hillisdale	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	T.A. Bass
	C.B. Massey	A.D. Robinson		
1909	Hartsville	C.N. Simmons	D.S. Reed	Paul Johnson
	E.E. Folk	J.H. Grime		
1910	Cedar Bluff	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis
	J.T. Oakley	J.T. Oakley		
1911	Meadorville	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis
	C.B. Massey	C.B. Massey		
1912	Friendship	A.J. Sloan	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis
	J.W. Gillon	J.H. Grime		
1913	Bledsoe Creek	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis
	A.J. Sloan	A.J. Sloan		
1914	Siloam	P.F. Burnley	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis
	J.T. Oakley	J.T. Oakley		
1915	Pleasant Hill	W.K. Johnson	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis
	W.J. Sumnar	A.J. Sloan		
1916	Spring Creek	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook
	C.B. Massey	J.Y. Freeman		

1917	Dixon Creek	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook
	T.F. Moore	T.F. Moore		
1918	New Harmony	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook
	T.F. Moore	C.B. Massey		
1919	Fairview	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook
	P.S. Dyer	A.J. Sloan		

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	<u>Introductory</u>	<u>Doctrinal</u>		
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
	F.W. Lambert	A.J. Sloan		
1941	Lafayette	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison
	R.O. Sanders	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		
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	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	A.G. Gregory
	H.D. Linville	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	<b>Memorial</b>	
1977	Buffalo Springs	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory
	J.W. Briley	James Porter	F.L. Ray	
1978	McFerrin	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory
	Kenneth Woodall	H.G. Taylor	C.L. Russell	
1979	Harmony	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory
	Hilman Duncan	J.W. Briley	D.W. Story	
1980	New Bethel	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory
	Everett Scruggs	James Porter	Bobby Gann	
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	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	<b>Fellowship</b>	
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	
	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
	<b>Introductory</b>	<b>Doctrinal</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
2012	Mt. Juliet	Kenneth Massey	Jeremy Wilson	Robby Cornwell
	Jeremy Wilson	Kenneth Massey	Danny Raines	
2013	Gladdice	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	
2015	New Zion	Kenneth Massey	Jeremy Wilson	Robby Cornwell
	Brian Johnson	David Woodard	Dennis Lunsford	
2016	McFerrin	Kenneth Massey	Charles Patterson	Robby Cornwell
	Charles Patterson	Kenneth Massey	Mike Elkins	

## STATISTICAL TABLES

	Year Org ani zed	Re cei ved Ba pti sm	Re cei ved Let ter	Re st or ed	Re cei ved Sta te ment	Dis mis sed Let ter	Dis mis sed Ex clu sion	D ea th	Res cin ded	Tot al Me m bers
Beth- le- hem	196 2	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	29
Con- cord	187 4	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	106
Glad dice	189 4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	58
Long view	196 0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	205
Mc- Fer- rin	194 8	9	9	0	0	7	0	12	0	757
Mt. Juliet	198 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	128
Murf rees- boro	198 4	8	8	0	5	0	0	1	0	202
New Zion	198 1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Thre e Sprin gs	199 5	0	2	0	0	14	0	6	1	462
<b>To- tals</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>199 6</b>

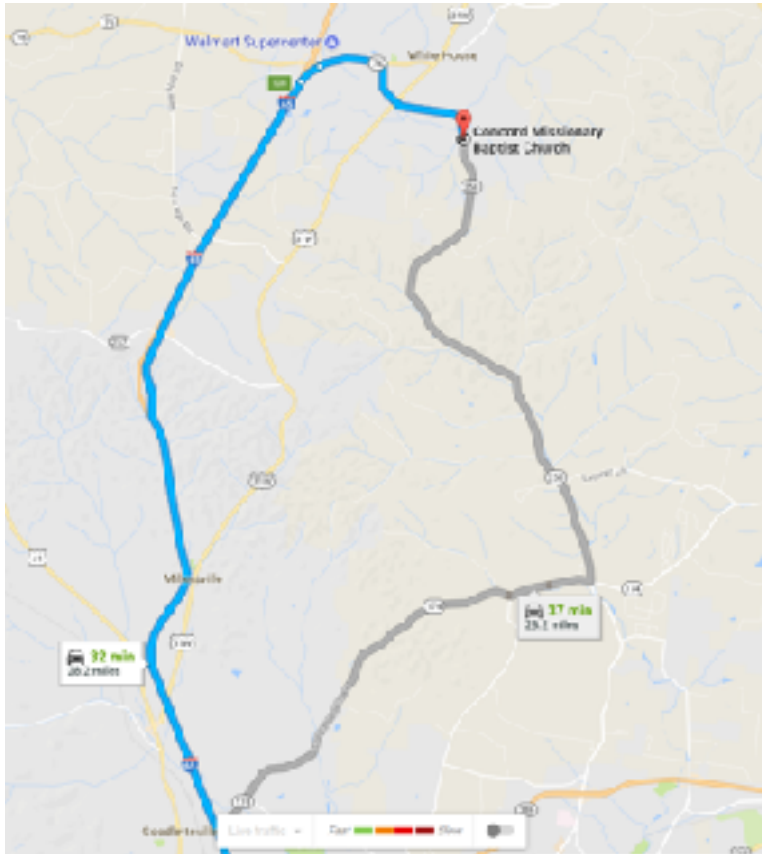
**SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

	Year Org aniz ed	20 09	20 10	20 11	20 12	201 3	20 14	20 15	201 6	Num ber of Teac hers
Beth le- hem	196 2	21	21	21	15	10	21	22	20	5
Con cord	187 4	n/ a	n/a	n/ a	n/a	51	50	50	46	6
Glad dice	189 4	15	15	19	19	22	22	16	14	3
Lon gvie w	196 0	70	60	50	60	60	60	60	60	8
Mc- Fer- rin	194 8	33 9	32 6	29 3	29 6	312	32 3	32 3	323	17
Mt. Juli- et	198 2	20	25	38	38	25	32	41	31	5
Murf rees boro	198 4	na	50	50	50	50	50	65	70	19
New Zion	198 1	26	22	22	22	24	24	25	25	3
Thre e Spr ings	199 5	14 0	14 0	14 0	14 0	135	14 0	10 3	64	7
<b>To- tals</b>		<b>63 1</b>	<b>65 9</b>	<b>63 3</b>	<b>64 0</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>72 2</b>	<b>70 5</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>73</b>





**Map and Directions to  
Concord Missionary Baptist Church  
604 Tyree Springs Road  
White House, TN 37188**



Take the exit toward Louisville onto I-65 N 17 .9 mi

Take exit 108 toward White House onto TN-76 E (Springfield Rd) 1.9 mi

Continue on College St 0.2 mi

Turn right onto Tyree Springs Rd 1.0 mi

Arrive at Tyree Springs Rd (TN-258). Your destination is on the left

604 Tyree Springs Rd, White House, TN 37188-5410

- Special Singing
- Introductory Sermon
- Enrollment of Churches and Roll Call of Messengers
- Reading of Rules of Decorum
- Letters of Petition
- Election of 2017 Officers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Selections for 2017 Fellowship Sermon
- Report: State of Religion
- Break for Lunch
- Special Singing
- Fellowship Sermon
- Report: Christian Education
- Obituary Report

## **Saturday, October 21, 2017**

- Roll Call of Messengers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Special Singing
- Report: Financing the Lord's Work
- Mission's Report
- Ambassador's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Reading of Correspondence
- New Business
- Order of Business for 2018
- Doctrinal Sermon
- Closing Song and Parting Handshake

- Closing Prayer

## **Notes**