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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 messenger's 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.

## **The History of Concord Missionary Baptist Church**

On the thirty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, the following ministers and deacons met in the grove near the home of Richard Jones one mile south of White House, Tennessee, Sumner County, and were formed into a presbytery to constitute a Baptist Church. Elders G.W. Featherston, W.C. Shannon, T.W. Willis and W.H. McMurtry; Deacons: A.F. Barry, W.A. Willis, T.H. Willis and Jesse Jenkins.

The following names were presented: Brethren John R. Hale, Thomas Wilks, E.M. Willis, Sisters Ann Griffin, Nancy Wright, Ninthy Hale, Sallie Wilks, Rebecca Marritt and Martha Willis.

The Articles of Faith were presented, read and adopted. The new church first called its name Harmony, but was changed in conference July, 1874, to Concord.

Eld. G.W. Featherston was moderator of the presbytery and Eld. T.W. Willis was clerk.

On September 27, 1875, the church united with Cumberland Association, where it represented until 1915. In 1915 the church united with Robertson County Association and represented with them until 1949 when they united with the Wiseman Association.

PASTORS: Eld. T.W. Willis, one year; Eld. William McMurtry, six months; Eld. William Clark, 1876-1879; Eld. J.H. Swan, 1880-1886; Eld. A.H. Rather, 1887-1888; Eld. William Clark, 1889-1891; Eld. William Wilks, four months; Eld. William Watts, five months, 1892; Eld. R.E. Smith, seven months, 1892; Eld. G.W. Featherston, 1893-1899; Eld. Sylvanus Dorris, seven months, 1900; Eld. T.W. Meguiar, 1901; Eld. J.S. Pardue held revival 1902; Eld. S. Dorris, 1904-1917; Eld. J.L. Mason, 1918-1920; Eld. S. Dorris, 1921-1922; Eld. W.J. Watson, 1923-1929; Eld. A.J. Sloan 1930-1937; Eld. J.E. McDonald 1938-1940; Eld. F.L. Ray, 1941-1946; Eld. J.C. Walker, 1947-1965; Eld. Bart Lane, 1966-1967; Eld. G.C. Smith, 1968-1987; Eld. Delbert L. Compton, 1988-1990; Eld. Larry McKinney, 1990-1992; Eld. Tom Armstrong, 1993-1995; Eld. Jeremy Sisk, 1995-2000; Eld. Tom Armstrong, 2000-2001; Eld. Morris Watson, 2001-Present.

At the present, Sister Lori Vanderpool serves as church Clerk and Sister Carolyn Tate serves as church Treasurer. Brother Sammy Sloan serves as Sunday School Superintendent.

The church presently has two Deacons: Brothers Sammy Sloan and Michael Moulton.

Currently, the church has a membership of one hundred six.

The church presently has a nice building with education rooms and has added a beautiful fellowship hall.

## **FRIDAY MORNING SESSION**

On this beautiful autumn morning on Friday, October 20, 2017, the messengers to the One-Hundred-Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association gathered at Concord Missionary Baptist Church. They gathered and greeted one another in Christian love and fellowship.

The services began by singing “I’d Rather have Jesus” and “I’m Bound for the Promised Land” lead by Brother Sam Vance with Brother Don Hines at the piano.

Brother Kenneth Massey, our Temporary Moderator, welcomed everyone to the One-Hundred-Twenty-Sixth annual session of the Wiseman Association. He thanked Concord Church for hosting the Association. Brother Massey read for a devotional, II Timothy 4:1-5. He stated one hundred years ago this Association met at Dixon Creek Missionary Baptist Church with Brother A.J. Sloan serving as moderator. There were 18 churches in the Association, at present not a one of those are still in the Wiseman Association. Brother Massey expressed his gratitude for the Wiseman Association meeting one hundred twenty-six consecutive years. He gave a brief recollection of a revival that took place at Concord Church in 1953. Elder J.C. Walker and P.H. Brooks were preaching, and Brother Frank Massey was leading the singing. Fifty years ago, the association met at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church in Macon County. Brother Massey reminded the Association that himself, Brother Patterson and Brother Cornwell will continue to serve as Temporary Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer respectively until permanent organization.

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. He asked Brother Danny Chandler, Pastor of Sulpher Fork, to lead prayer. At this time Brother Massey introduced Brother Anthony Ferguson to preach the introductory sermon, as chosen by the Association a year ago. He also stated Brother Ferguson is 22 years of age, has been preaching approximately five years and has preached approximately 200 sermons. Brother Massey welcomed Brother Ferguson to the pulpit and asked that we pray for this young brother.

## **Introductory Sermon**

Brother Ferguson embraced the pulpit and referred to one of his Dad's teachings, that we learn by experience. He thanked the association for the privilege to stand before this Baptist body while asking for the prayers of the Saints. He said, this is the fifth association he has been privileged to attend. He expressed appreciation for his mentors of the past, Brother D.W. Story and Brother A.G. Gregory. Brother Ferguson announced his subject, **Living by Faith.**

He read for a lesson Romans 1:17-32. He began by expressing his love and appreciation for his Pastor and wife and the encouragement they gave him as a young minister. He began his message by telling us to live by faith because without the help of God we cannot know his will. He referred to Hebrews 11:6 which states, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." He encouraged us to seek God now as earnestly as we did when we were lost. Without Him we have no life neither do we have favor with God. Whatever wrong we have done, we need to right that with God and man. He tells us that God is love, God is invisible, but he has made himself known to us by his spirit as well as His creation through His son.

Many have tried to change the truth of God into a lie for personal gain. He referred us to Matthew 5:14, Ye are the light of the world and if the world doesn't see that in us then they won't see it anywhere else. We have forgotten this, or have we just neglected it? Wrong has become right. Really? Do we not know that the judgement of God that we must hold ourselves accountable to includes declaring to the world these things are wrong? Let's be heard and stand up and clean up homes and churches. To be successful and effective, we must start first with ourselves. We have the opportunity to make a difference. Brother Ferguson told us God still makes covenants with His people and He does not lie. What God promises He will do. Brother Ferguson stated he believed we are the chosen of God as recorded in Peter's writing. He said we lived in a modern day promised land. In II Chronicles 7:12-17, our Brother called our attention to what God did then He will also do now. What was the reason of this? Sin! Let's take a look around, notice verse 14 in II Chronicles 7, If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray. God does not expect anything grand, just humble ourselves and pray. To get an answer from God, we must first bring our petition to Jesus, our Mediator.

Our Brother then called our attention again to II Chronicles 7:19-20, If ye turn away and forsake my statues and my commandments which I have set before you. Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land. Looking back one hundred years ago, as Brother Massey mentioned, 18 churches, now there is 9. If we could put the two groups back together, we would have 27 churches. Brethren, we have gone backwards but it's not too late to turn it around. Brother Ferguson used James 5:16, The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Our faith does not need to be wavering but consumed in God so that others might see what we do profess to be. He closed his message by challenging us to stand for God and to live by faith.

After the sermon, Brother Massey called for a song, and invited all to come into the altar and shake our brother's hand endorsing this good sermon while singing, "My God is Real" lead by Brother Sam Vance.

At this time, Brother Massey invited Brother Morris Watson, Pastor of Concord Church, to come and address the association. Brother Watson stated his appreciation for the association choosing to meet at Concord and reminded us the association last met here in 1957 and also giving us a brief history of Concord Church. He then offered any assistance to any and all.

### **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: (F=Friday, S=Sat)

**Bethlehem:** Brian Johnson, Kenneth Zink, Jessie Allen, Kent Collier (F)

**Concord:** Sammy Sloan, Morris Watson

**Gladlice:** Charles Patterson, John Wayne Draper, Judy Still (F),  
Heather Birdwell, Lynn Draper (S)

**Longview:** Danny Raines, Steve Anderson (S)

**McFerrin:** Mike Cothron, Calvin Ellis, Billy Gammons, Steve Perrigo

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

**Murfreesboro:** Sam Vance, Bill Green (F), Tom Elkins, Penny Brockett, Kenneth Massey (S)

**New Zion:** Larry Gregory, Anthony Ferguson, Tommy Maynard (F)

**Three Springs:** Tony Thornton (F), Wayne Howard, Arron Binion

Having a quorum of messenger's 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 2017**

The messengers elected by acclamation the following brethren to serve the association for the 2017 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:

**Parkway Missionary Baptist Church** Morristown, TN: Mike Elkins

**Victory Missionary Baptist Church:** Tim Binion

**New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church** Allen County KY: Billy Moran

**Sulpher Fork Missionary Baptist Church:** Danny Chandler

**West End Missionary Baptist Church:** Wesley Wood & Troy Wood

From this group of long-time friends of the Wiseman Association, Brother Billy Moran from New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Allen County Kentucky 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 David Woodard, Brian Johnson, and Paul Patterson.

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

*If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. 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 1:26-27 KJV

The Lord, through the pen of James provides us with a working definition of the term religion that will be used in this brief report. Religion is the ‘doing’ associated with spiritual matters. We find the fullness of God’s Word to teach both that we are saved by grace alone, apart from works (Ephesians 2:8), and that such authentic grace will not be without works (Ephesians 2:10). Religion then, the doing that flows from believing, while not required to be saved, is required if you are saved. The pure religion of James 1 is evidence and fruit of genuine salvation and has at least these 3 emphases: self-control, love toward others, and holy living.

**Self-control:** This is an area of great concern and need in our churches today. We have been too often influenced from the surrounding

culture which idolizes hedonism and criticizes disciplined living. The danger is amplified in our day with the advent and proliferation of social media. A lapse of judgment in speech might be heard by a few standing around. A hasty tweet or Facebook post from a professing Christian can instantly be seen and read around the world and is by and large a bell that cannot be un-rung. Both are highly destructive to individual and our collective witness. Young believers need to be taught to be cautious when posting online. Adult and senior believers need to be reminded of the same. Our tongues, keyboards, and smartphones all need bridling lest our religion today be in vain and the message of the gospel of Jesus be obscured.

**Love toward others:** Visit them in their afflictions, says James. We need not unnecessarily narrow the application only to the fatherless and widows, but rather view those as clear examples of people in need. Needs vary. Some seem to color our willingness or eagerness to serve. Far too often God's people have allowed pride and prejudice to prevent ministries of mercy. In Luke 10 Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. In verse 36 He asks which man proved to be the neighbor, and in so doing revealed the self-righteousness of the questioning lawyer. Today, there are new and

varied groups of Samaritans; that is to say groups or classifications of people to whom otherwise well-meaning Christians are hesitant to visit in their need, in their affliction. We ought never allow members of our own church families to go without being ministered to. We ought never avoid reaching out to those whom God has providentially placed in our lives. We need to ask both as individuals and as churches: "Who is it we are not reaching around us?" And, "Why aren't we?"

**Holy living:** To be unspotted from the world is to be like Christ, the spotless Lamb of God. Paul writes to the Roman believers and instructs them (and by extension us) to not be conformed to this world. This is indeed a great and life-long struggle for us all. Perhaps one of the largest failings in this regard is that we have in recent generations neglected the very prescription given; that we be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Christian conscience has always been an important tool, but not to the exclusion of or apart from knowledge and understanding, else we might have zeal, but not according to knowledge (Romans 10:2). Great emphasis was given in the Old Testament to know the commandments and statutes of The Lord. While we are in no way bound to the same ceremonial and national restrictions given to Old Israel, we need to know God's Word and be grounded in Christian thought that we may know what holy living is.

Traditionalism is no suitable substitution for holiness; it is idolatry. Literacy rates in our day are higher than they have ever been, yet Biblical literacy is scarce. If we are not having our categories and patterns of thought renewed by, informed by, and aligned with scripture, we cannot avoid being conformed to and spotted by this world. We need to redouble our efforts to ensure our homes and churches are regularly covered, baptized in The Word of God.

We must and should be thankful to God for bright points where we see God's People being drawn closer to Him; when we see faithfulness from a grateful people. God is still moving and working and saving and He is worthy of all praise for His enduring grace and mercy. That said, we must not close our eyes and ears to the realities of the often-pitiful state of religion among us. We ask God to stir the hearts of His children to greater fervor and obedience; that our religion would not be vain.

Respectfully submitted,

David Woodard  
Bert Lanier  
Wayne Howard

Motion to adopt the report as read.

The report was discussed by David Woodard and Wayne Howard. Question called, motion approved.

Brother Massey then called for the report on Financing the Lord's Work. The committee members preparing the report were Tony Thornton, Jim Holland and Kenneth Massey.

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

Money and finance may be words that church members do not want to hear. But all of us want to have heat, air conditioning, lights and a man of God to be there to preach the gospel.

In God's word, II Corinthians 9:7, it says, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

It takes all church members working together to provide what a church needs. We are also to help in the mission field to be able to promote and tell of God's word.

The word tithing is in the Bible several times; each of us should give to the church all that we can. We need to search our hearts and pray earnestly about this. This is my feeling—I do not believe God has a calculator using it to see if we are giving ten percent of our earnings.

What we have comes from God and it is his. He is letting us use it, but we should always give and support the church.

My grandson, Will, taught me a lesson. Our family was on a trip; the son-in-law's, grandsons and I were waiting in the lobby for the ladies, so we could go out to eat. I saw a quarter on the floor and I said, "Will come here, see the quarter? Pick it up and you can have it." Will said back to me, "No Grandpa, it is not mine, I don't need to get it." A lesson taught to me by my 5-year-old grandson. What we have belongs to God and we should always remember that.

My Dad was a deacon at Old Union Missionary Baptist Church. I can recall the deacons having to pitch in to pay the minister. Old churches did not have many expenses. The church building was paid for, insurance was cheap, heating was done by a pot belly stove and we had outdoor toilets. Members donated their time to start the fires, clean the church and mow the yard. They gave their time to the Lord. Things have changed; we have mortgages, utilities, insurance, janitorial services, websites, sound systems plus the minister. Living expenses for our minister have increased.

We should always support our pastor and never put a hardship on him and his family. He is doing what God called him to do, and we should support him in our prayers, our attitudes, our church attendance and in monetary means. God, I feel, in turn blesses all of us.

The report was read by Tony Thornton.

Prayerfully submitted,

Tony Thornton  
Jim Holland  
Kenneth Massey

Those speaking to the report were Tony Thornton and Kenneth Massey.

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 Sam Vance led the congregation in singing, “Love Lifted Me,” with Brother Don Hines accompanying. Brother Hines then introduced Brother Sam Vance to sing a song. Brother Vance played his guitar and sang “My Real Home.”

Brother Massey quoted from a song he and his father sang together during revival in west Tennessee entitled “Sweet Heaven Was There.” And asked Brother Wesley Wood to lead prayer.

After a good spirit filled prayer, Brother Massey introduced Brother Billy Moran by telling how he had stayed in Brother Moran’s home when they were both serving in a revival in Indiana. Brother Massey spoke of a memory of that time when they saw an article that was published in The Baptist Examiner entitled “The Follie Fallacy and Fake of the Mourner’s Bench.” Brother Massey later wrote to author, Willard Willis, and advised him not to worry about the mourner’s bench but rather to worry about the mourner. Then Brother Billy Moran, Pastor of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Allen County Kentucky came to the pulpit.

### **FELLOWSHIP SERMON**

Brother Moran came to the pulpit and expressed his joy of being at the Wiseman Association, but never expected to have to preach, and stated he didn’t know the Wiseman Association allowed visitors to preach.

Brother Moran stated he was thankful to still be preaching at the age of 83 and also stated he had been saved for 73 years and preaching for almost 60 years. He expressed his love for the people he had met throughout

his ministry. He spoke about his burden to write a book entitled, “Handbook for Missionary Baptist Churches.” He stated he was surprised to be chosen to preach the sermon but was grateful.

He then announced his reading lesson would be taken from I Peter 2:1-7 and took for a text, “Precious Jesus.” The precious well-beloved son of God.

He started by saying the Lord is gracious. He then read Hebrews 6:4-6. “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost. And have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come. If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.” Brother Moran said Jesus is precious to God the Father and he then brought to our attention a song by Rusty Goodman entitled “Who am I” that Jesus would come so far for a person such as I. We may never know why He loves us so. It is important we know how much He loves those who serve Him. God’s plan is for all who will come but man can resist the drawing power of the spirit, even though He wants all men to be saved. He will allow the unbeliever to perish who refuse His drawing spirit. Jesus is precious to His Father, us and His church.

Brother Moran spoke of how the schools will not allow us to teach the Bible account of the creation but will allow the Muslim and other such religions but not Christianity. We are believers! That’s how we were saved, by believing in Jesus Christ—Jesus is precious. There is story of a woman in America who began working with a man in a foreign country and they became friendly which prompted the man to visit her. She was thrilled and asked her pastor if he had ever heard of anybody traveling so far to see someone. He said yes, Jesus came a long way to save sinners; he came from Glory. He knocked on my door and yours if you are saved. He was God and man and neither ever sinned. Brother Moran then gave his experience of salvation stating, though he was carried to church all his life, he never felt condemned until he was convicted by the Holy Spirit. He further stated when he was saved no one had to tell him, the Holy Spirit let him know.

He spoke of Paul’s conversion on the Damascus road, at that time He became precious to the Apostle Paul. He stated the living know that they shall die and the need to acquire precious Jesus before death. He then referred to Matthew 16 where Jesus spoke of the time of His death which He

came into this world to do. He was the sacrifice for our sins. Jesus prayed three times, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done. Even Pilot himself said, "I find no fault in him." He did not get justice, they condemned Him and said let Him be crucified. While on the cross, Jesus looked at those gathered and said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Brother Moran stated it was not a Roman Soldier or a Centurion that killed Jesus, it was our sins that caused Him to have to die.

Brother Moran then spoke of His burial; after the crucifixion, He was taken from the cross and then buried. But he didn't stay there. After three days, He arose and walked among men. After forty days, he ascended back to the Father and there seated at the right hand of God making intercessions for us. Jesus will come again, raise the dead and we shall all be changed as stated in I Corinthians 15.

In closing, Brother Moran stated Jesus came to save man to the fullest, so we could all go to heaven and then we'll know how precious Jesus really is. Brother Moran expressed his love and thankfulness to the association for the privilege to speak to this body.

Brother Massey called for a song and invited all into the altar to shake hands with Brother Moran endorsing this good, sound and spirit filled sermon, while singing "What A Savior."

At this time, we returned to the regular order of business. Brother Massey then called for the Obituary Report.

### **OBITUARY REPORT**

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:8

In any event, there is nothing better than being a child of God.

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 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. I Thessalonians 4:13-18

In the death of our church members, there is a secure hope that they are forever resting in the presence of the Lord.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13

We all have precious memories of those that God has called to their prepared place in heaven. May we continue to enjoy God’s blessings in our churches and may we never fail to remember the dedication and labours of those who have gone on before us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Raines  
John Draper  
Randy Norman

**IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES**

<b>Longview</b>	Sister Carrie Belle Kemper	
	Wardell	August 11, 2017
	Brother Ronnie Ray Hall	October 1, 2017
<b>McFerrin</b>	Sister Louise McClanahan	January 12, 2017
	Brother Rodney Swann	May 28, 2017
	Brother Billy McClanahan	September 21, 2017

<b>Mt. Juliet</b>	Brother Bobby Cornwell	March 2, 1017
<b>Murfreesboro</b>	Sister Laurretta Toney	April 28, 2017
<b>Three Springs</b>	Brother Dean Pitchford	January 11, 2017
	Brother Will Leach	May 23, 2017
	Brother Jack Lindsey	November 6, 2016
	Brother Goeble Cline	December 1, 2016

\*\*\*Bethlehem, Concord, Gladys and New Zion Churches had no deaths to report in the year.

The report was discussed by Danny Raines and John Draper. 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 21, 2017, and Brother Johnny Carver prayed the benediction.

## **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

On this sunny autumn Saturday morning, October 21, 2017, the messengers to the One-Hundred-Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Wiseman Baptist Association reconvened at Concord Missionary Baptist Church. Brother Don Hines led the congregation in singing, “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder,” with Sister Micki Hodge accompanying at the piano.

The associations Moderator, Brother Kenneth Massey, welcomed the congregation and thanked everyone for their presence. Brother Massey read for a devotional Nehemiah 6:1-9, and stated we need the strength of God’s hand. Then Brother Bobby Vanderpool lead us in prayer.

The moderator then asked the clerk to call the roll of messengers.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

- **Parkway Baptist Church** Morristown, TN: Elder Mike Elkins
- **Mt. Lebanon** Alvington, KY: Brother Bobby Vanderpool
- **Victory Missionary Baptist Church** Hendersonville, TN: Brother Carney Troutt

Brother Massey called for the Report on Christian Education. The committee members preparing this report were Brian Johnson, Larry Gregory and Kenneth Zink.

## **REPORT: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**The Centrality of the Gospel in the Christian Life and Community**  
Wiseman Baptist Association

October 20, 2017

### **Introduction**

On October 11, 2017, Pope Francis, the highest and central figure of the Roman Catholic church stated, “The death penalty, no matter how it is carried out is in itself, contrary to the Gospel.” The

development of church teaching, Pope Francis insisted, is not the same as contradicting or changing church teaching. “Tradition is a living reality and only a partial vision would lead to thinking of “the deposit of faith” as something static. Pope Francis made these remarks at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church at the Vatican (Catholic News Service, Accessed October 12, 2017, catholicnews.com). Clearly, the pope’s statement contradicts the Scriptures found throughout the Old and New Testaments (Genesis 9, Romans 13); however, culture and secular convictions have crept into the thinking of religious elites, and new doctrines are introduced which are contrary to sound doctrine.

This article is not about the pope, Roman Catholic Church, or a defense of the “death penalty.” The focus of this article is to discuss the centrality of the gospel in Christian life and community. The pope mentioned that the “death penalty is in itself contrary to the Gospel.” In our culture, there are many other things that the world would propose are contrary to the gospel. First, we must consider, “What is the Gospel?” Second, how does the Gospel motivate Christian behavior or ethics? The purpose of this report will be to remind all our churches to remain true or plumb (Amos 7:8) with the Gospel and to continuously educate its members of its glorious and liberating truth. This was the driving passion of the Apostle Paul as he had witnessed the churches of Galatia being bewitched or so quickly removed from the Gospel. He wrote one of His most passionate letters defending and defining the one and only glorious gospel of Jesus Christ (Galatians).

We are living in a time when there are many messages being proclaimed in the world and promoted as being from God. All of the world religions outside of Christianity make a claim of having a way to heaven and provide a world view for their followers to live by. Our dear brothers and sisters within our churches do not need to be swayed that there may be other ways to get to heaven. Within Christendom, there are many messages from many churches that proclaim to be presenting the Gospel; however, when evaluated under the light of the truth of Scripture, they are deemed shallow, artificial, and false. Some of the “so called” gospels are filled with “self-help and self-righteousness” promoting a better you. The focus is on self, and in the “health, wealth, and prosperity” gospel, many are focused on their best life right now. These messages are filled with self-sufficiency, shallowness, and

shimmering lights of worldliness rather than dependence on God, theological depth, and the Light of the world.

The first question before us is “What is the Gospel?” Simply stated, it is good news from heaven. The Scripture describes God’s message as the gospel (Luke 4:18), gospel of the kingdom (Matt. 4:23), gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Mark 1:1), gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24), gospel of God (Rom. 1:1), gospel of his Son (Rom. 1:9), gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16), gospel of peace (Rom. 10:15), Christ’s gospel (2 Cor. 2:12), glorious gospel of Christ (2 Cor. 4:4), gospel of your salvation (Eph. 1:13), gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 1:8), glorious gospel of the blessed God (1 Tim. 1:11), and everlasting gospel (Rev. 14:6). It is a message from God, about God, and for God. The Gospel is heaven sent, holy, and about humanity’s rescue from its plight of sin to live a life pleasing to God.

The Apostle Paul described it in 2 Timothy 1:10 saying, “But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:” He also summed up the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 stating, “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” The entirety of Paul’s ministry was to proclaim, “Jesus Christ, and him crucified” (1 Cor. 1:17, 2:2). This is the same message God delivered to the first man, Adam, in Eden and demonstrated in type through the shedding of blood and providing a covering for man’s nakedness before God (Gen. 3:15-21). The Gospel reveals the holiness of God, sinfulness of man, consequence of sin being death, and redemption through Christ’s substitutionary death on the cross. It is the greatest news in the world and the only news wherein a person can know how to get right with God (Romans 1:17). The imperative among humanity is “repent ye, and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:15).

Since this is a message from God, it cannot be tampered with without consequences. Any deviation from or dumbing down of the Gospel will lead to gospel erosion in the church, loss of spiritual power, and cause little impact on the community outside the church (Rom. 1:16). In some places, it is reduced to four spiritual laws or just a

message to get one saved. It is so much more. The good news from heaven is about God's work in this broken world and impacts every area of a person's life. God reigns and is seated high and lifted up on His throne. He is in control. He is angry with the wicked every day and will not clear the guilty (Psalm 7:11, Ex. 34:7). He has offered an abundant pardon for those who repent and have faith in Jesus Christ, His beloved Son (Isa. 55:7). When a person is saved by grace through faith, he or she is right with God and called to follow Jesus as a faithful disciple (Eph. 2:8-10). This requires making a public profession of faith through baptism at a gospel-centered church and being a witness throughout their lives attesting to the goodness and grace of God (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8, 2:38). The church which preaches and lives out a robust gospel will know God's power, see lives transformed, and be going into the world advancing the kingdom of God through mission work and church planting to the glory of His great name.

The vision of God's glory displayed in the Gospel is not always what we see in the homes and churches around us. Instead, fathers are absent or not focused on spiritual matters in the home. Mothers lead the home spiritually or dismiss those responsibilities. Extra-curricular activities become the central thrust dominating family activity. Family worship becomes reduced to saying grace before an evening meal. The worship of God is reduced to attending church on Sunday morning and putting leftovers in the offering plate. The gathering of the church becomes a weekly social gathering rather than a life changing experience of worshipping God. This is what gospel erosion looks like in the home and church.

Therefore, the fundamental need of the hour regarding Christian education is to rediscover the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ individually and as churches. Five hundred years ago on October 31, a man by the name of Martin Luther was gripped by Romans 1:16-17 which states, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." The pope, though endowed with power from people did not have the heavenly authority to change, add to, or pervert the gospel. Luther came to understand the good news. God had sent His Son to provide the gift of righteousness to those who would believe. This good news saturated

his heart, led him to write his 95 theses protesting against the Roman Catholic Church, and sparked the Reformation. The driving force was the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ which true churches had been guarding and proclaiming all along (1 Tim. 6:20).

Let us, as Missionary Baptist Churches, strengthen what remains, be renewed to build again, and carry this message to every creature (Rev. 3:2, Haggai 1:8, Mark 16:15). We must be reminded that God's gospel is offensive and foolishness to a world filled with pride, "but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). When we fear the Lord and consider all that He has done for us, we will respond by loving God and joyful obedience in fulfilling our respective roles as men and women, husbands and wives, parents and children, employers and employees, government officials and citizens, pastors, teachers, and church members. The gospel truth (doctrine) will direct our practical living including our motives, thoughts, words, and actions as we are conformed into the image of God's precious Son sent from heaven. May God's truth come alive in our personal studies, be discussed around our dinner tables and family altars, and be thundered in power from the pulpits of our churches to bring honor to the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

Humbly Submitted,

Brian Johnson  
Larry Gregory  
Kenneth Zink

Motion to adopt the report. The report was discussed by Brothers Brian Johnson, Larry Gregory, Kenneth Zink and Wayne Howard. Question called. The messengers then adopted the report as discussed.

Brother Massey then called for the Missions Report. The committee members preparing this report were Brothers Bill Green, Larry Garrett and Paul Patterson.

## **MISSIONS REPORT**

Matthew 9:37-38: Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.** These are the words the Lord spoke to his disciples after he saw the multitudes and was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. He spoke those same words again in Luke 10:2 when he sent the 70 out two by two.

The churches in our association do support some mission works; both at home and abroad. The Words of Hope, the works in Africa, Kenya, Jamaica, mission efforts closer to home, Cumberland Valley School of Gospel Music and Do Re Mi Gospel Music Academy and other worthy works are being helped financially by our churches. Some of our church members are traveling to these works and providing assistant in a number of ways. This is very good; but surely all agree our overall zeal for mission work is not nearly where it needs to be for a group of people who proudly call themselves Missionary Baptist. If any should be burdened for and excited about missions, it should be us.

Why are our churches not more mission minded? What has happened to our compassion for the lost and for training new converts? How much are we praying for laborers? How are we responding when he answers that prayer by giving us an assignment whether it is to go or to support someone who has gone? There is a harvest to be reaped whether it is on the street our church resides on, the next county or state over, or in a faraway land. The problem is the lack of laborers. Everyone will not be called to be a foreign missionary or to start a new work somewhere. Some will. However, anyone can be a worker wherever God plants him.

Our prayer should be that God will stir up the heart of each individual church member, give him or her a burden, and provide the direction for the work that He has for them to do.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Green  
Larry Garrett  
Paul Patterson

The report was read by Tom Elkins in the absence of the committee members. The report was discussed by Tom Elkins, Brian Johnson and Charles Patterson. Question called. 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 reported many of the retirees from McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church are visiting other church revivals which makes for good ambassadorship.

Motion to adopt the report. Motion carried.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance October 21, 2017	3615.95
Donation to Printing Fund	2650.00
Balance October 21, 2017	6265.95
EXPENSES	
Minutes Printing Fee	1406.62
Clerk’s Fee	0.00
Postage	0.00
Balance October 21, 2017	4859.33

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. Motion and second to spread letters from corresponding associations in the minutes as reflected on the following pages.

#### **Bethel Missionary Baptist Association:**

Friday & Saturday before the third Sunday in September at 10:00 AM.

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#### **Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association:**

Saturday before the second Sunday in October continuing through Sunday, Monday & Tuesday.

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**CRAIGHEAD OLD TIMEY MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Craighead District, Manchester, Jamaica**

Kindly convey to the churches of the Wiseman Association the above-mentioned church sends greetings from the islands which spared the wrath of the hurricanes this season.

This summer two were saved, one American & 60+ year old Jamaican in their revival in July and three baptized. DocMike continues to do his marvelous medical work twice a year. This November Brother Patrick Campbell will be ordained to the full work of the ministry and has been called to pastor Craighead. Brother Rick & a Kentucky brother will conduct revival the week before the ordination.

Brother Rick has aided the church in several revivals and teaching this year. He recently reported to the church that his contact in Nassau called. In October, a letter of invitation is expected for Brother Jones to come to Nassau for an interview to obtain a visa. He is hopeful of a rewarding interview and anxious to get his burden in the Bahamas underway. The church has authorized this work.

Bro Scott Carter, in charge of the Jamaica Fund has been working closely with Deacon Dwen Gritton and the church. The membership is grateful for his help. This summer brethren will come to complete another stage of the dormitory and anyone wishing to help can contact Bro. Scott.

Anyone in the medical field with a burden to help in the clinic please contact DocMike Collins. Also, any church that did not receive a letter regarding the ordination please let Brother Scott or Bro. Rick know. The church in Jamaica is grateful for the help your respective churches have donated to the church & Brother Jones expenses in his mission work in the Caribbean.

May the Lord bless your association

Done by order of the church

Patrick Campbell/Dwen Gritton/US Missionary Rick Jones

## ***Siloam Missionary Baptist Association***

October 19, 2017

Wiseman Missionary Baptist Association  
Brother Charles Patterson

Greetings:

We want to begin this letter thanking the Lord for His many blessings since we last corresponded. It is always good to hear news of the lost being saved and additions to His churches.

The churches of the Siloam Association met the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 2017 at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church for its sixty-fifth annual session. The Lord blessed us with spiritual and instructive sermons, along with wonderful topics that were presented and discussed. The Spirit of the Lord truly met with us. We must also 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-sixth session at Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church located at 455 Fairfield Road, Bethpage, TN beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 5, 2018. Elder Phil Creecy is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Stephen Skinner is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Billy Moran 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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# SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 20, 2017

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 ninth annual session October 06-07, 2017, 20 churches reported 16 baptisms with a total membership of 1,820.

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. Trey Crews 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 2017 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](http://www.swdmba.org).

We would like to invite all to join us for the 2018 session to be held with Cross Roads Missionary Baptist Church in Camden, Tennessee. The sessions will be held October 12-13, 2018, starting at 10:00 a.m. Bro. Bryan Oakes will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday, and Brother Lynn Stapleton 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.

Under His Wings,  
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## NEW BUSINESS

The Order of Business for 2018 was read by Brother Johnny Carver and adopted by the messengers. These assignments are shown below:

- ❖ **Host Church:** Bethlehem
- ❖ **Introductory Sermon:** Brother Arron Binion
- ❖ **Alternate:** Brother Johnny Carver
- **STATE OF RELIGION REPORT:** Brian Johnson (Chair), Jessie Allen and Kent Collier
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT:** David Woodard (Chair), Steve Anderson and Christian Howard
- **DOCTRINAL SERMON:** Brother Danny Raines
- **ALTERNATE:** Brother Brian Johnson
- **OBITUARY REPORT:** Larry Gregory (Chair), Tommy Maynard and George Snow
- **FINANCING THE LORD'S WORK:** Morris Watson (Chair), Steve Perrigo and John Wayne Draper
- **MISSIONS REPORT:** Bill Green (Chair), Tom Elkins and Sam Vance
- **AMBASSADOR'S REPORT:** Don Hines (Chair) and Anthony Ferguson
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Robby Cornwell

Brother Massey called for a piano special and a special song. Sister Micki Hodge at the piano, and Brother Sam Vance on the guitar, blessed the congregation with an instrumental and then Brother Sam Vance, sang a song entitled "In the Great Beyond."

The time having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon, Brother Massey introduced Brother Morris Watson, Pastor of Concord Missionary Baptist Church to preach the Doctrinal Sermon.

### **DOCTRINAL SERMON**

Brother Watson thanked the Association for the opportunity to preach today and began by providing a brief history of Concord church. He brought to our memory our beloved brethren who stood before this association and brought the doctrinal sermon on numerous occasions, thus feeling his unworthiness to bring this sermon on this occasion. He specifically mentioned beloved Brothers, Elder A.J. Sloan, Elder Calvin Gregory, Elder W.T. Russell and Elder F.L. Ray.

He mentioned at the close of last year's doctrinal sermon, Brother Massey said, "Lord Jesus Come Quickly" thus announcing his sermon for today entitled "**The Second Coming of Christ.**"

He began by saying we are seeing a lot of things come to pass as mentioned in Matthew 24. He referred to verses 34-38, how people were careless in their living and we are seeing the same things happening today. There is no regard for the marriage vows today. Brother Morris said he thought marriage was until death do us part. So many now are living together and we have men with men and women with women and stated we even have a law which makes same-sex-marriage legal now. We as the true Baptists must take a stand on the Bible account of marriage which consists between one man and one woman.

Brother Watson spoke of the need of having to have an armed guard at our Sunday services due to the goings on in the world today and mentioned so many churches have been the victims of these mass murders during church services. He went back to verse 6 and then we were asked the question, "What are the famines and pestilences?" Brother Watson's answer was, "All the happenings of the world such as cancer, heart issues and earthquakes correlate with what the Bible tells us about the sea and rolling waves. He then spoke of his childhood days as a boy living safely in east Nashville; not so now. He reminded us of the many false teachers and warned us to dodge those that declare "I am of Christ." Don't believe it!

He referred to verse 36 which says, “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my father only.” He spoke about how false

religious teachers have misled the minds of the world such as the Pope and others.

He then used Matthew Chapter 28, he encouraged us that the Lord will be with us always, even to the end of the world. Matt. 28:20. He then spoke about the anti-Christ in the final days and referred to II Thessalonians Chapter 2. He spoke of the great falling away as Paul mentioned in II Timothy 4:3, 4. He said as a child he was carried to McFerrin Church and heard sound preaching and from that time in his life he always loved to go to church. He spoke of how we need to keep our children in church which seems to be a problem. He spoke of the man of sin and used II Thessalonians 2:3,4, and stated this man would be later destroyed by the brightness of the coming of Christ. He said the coming of our Lord is closer than ever before and spoke of the Devil in Revelations Chapter 20, about the binding of the Devil. He then referred to I Thessalonians about the great coming of our Lord in I Thessalonians 4: 13-18; this will be a comforting time for the redeemed of God.

He closed his message by saying, “It’s hard to say Lord Jesus come quickly when so many are still lost and in sin.” He thanked all for their attention and asked for their prayers.

At this time, the Moderator, Brother Kenneth Massey, asked everyone to gather in the alter and shake hands with Brother Watson and each other. Brother Don Hines, accompanied by Sister Micki Hodge, lead the congregation in “Jesus Is Coming Soon.”

After some testimonies, Brother Massey spoke of the precious memories he had of singing a particular song with his Dad while in a revival at Crossroads Baptist Church, they sang “It Seems Like Sweet Heaven was There.”

Then there was a motion and second to adjourn and to meet with Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Goodlettsville, TN on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October in the year of our Lord 2018, beginning at 10:00 AM. Motion carried.

Brother Massey then asked Brother Eugene Brown to pray the benediction and bless the meal.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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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><u>Doctrinal</u></b>
1907	Long Creek	C.M. Simmons	D.S. Reed	Gus Fuqua	W.M.S. Wilks	W.M.S Wilks
1908	Hillsdale	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	T.A. Bass	C.B. Massey	A.D. Robinson

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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
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

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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

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1949	Macedonia	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert	H.H. Harrison	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell
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	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linville	W.T. Russell

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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><u>Memorial</u></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
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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Introductory</u>	<u>Doctrinal</u>	<u>Memorial</u>
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><u>Fellowship</u></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

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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
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
2017	Concord	Kenneth Massey	Charles Patterson	Robby Cornwell	Anthony Ferguson	Morris Watson	Billy Moran

**STATISTICAL TABLES**

	Year Organized	Received Baptism	Received Letter	Restored	Received Statement	Dismissed Letter	Dismissed Exclusion	Death	Rescinded	Total Members
Bethlehem	1962	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Concord	1874	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106
Gladdice	1894	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Longview	1960	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	202
McFerrin	1948	8	18	0	0	2	0	0	0	778
Mt. Juliet	1982	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	132
Murfreesboro	1984	7	2	0	5	2	0	1	0	212
New Zion	1981	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	48
Three Springs	1995	3	8	0	0	19	2	4	0	448
<b>Totals</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2023</b>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

	Year Organized	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Number of Teachers
Bethlehem	1962	21	21	15	10	21	22	20	28	5
Concord	1874	n/a	n/a	n/a	51	50	50	46	46	6
Gladdice	1894	15	19	19	22	22	16	14	16	3
Longview	1960	60	50	60	60	60	60	60	60	8
McFerrin	1948	326	293	296	312	323	323	323	364	15
Mt. Juliet	1982	25	38	38	25	32	41	31	25	5
Murfreesboro	1984	50	50	50	50	50	65	70	62	20
New Zion	1981	22	22	22	24	24	25	25	25	3
Three Springs	1995	140	140	140	135	140	103	64	52	6
<b>Totals</b>		<b>659</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>71</b>

# 2018 Order of Service

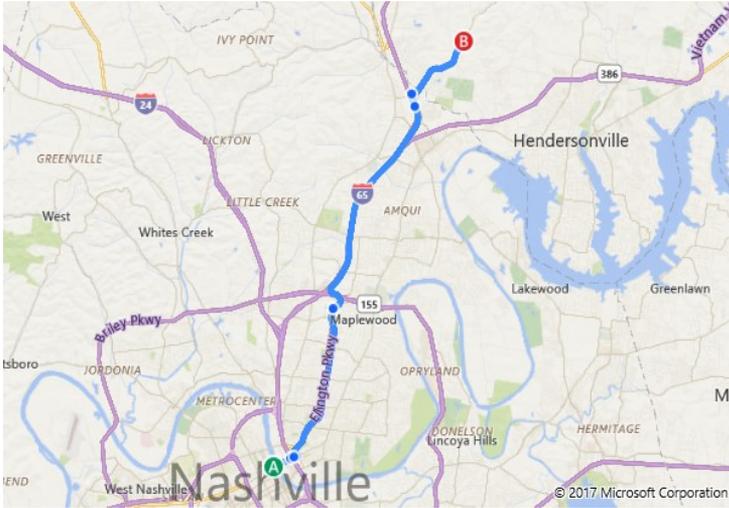
## Friday, October 26, 2018

- 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 2018 Officers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Selections for 2018 Fellowship Sermon
- Report: State of Religion
- Break for Lunch
- Special Singing
- Fellowship Sermon
- Report: Christian Education
- Obituary Report

## Saturday, October 27, 2018

- 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 2019
- Doctrinal Sermon
- Closing Song and Parting Handshake
- Closing Prayer

## Map and Directions to Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church 879 Long Hollow Pike Goodlettsville, TN 37072



<b>From</b>	Nashville
<b>To</b>	Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
20 min 15 mi	

↑	Head northeast on US-431 / US-31 / US-41 / TN-6 / TN-11 / James Robertson Pkwy.	
↗	Turn slightly right onto US-41 N / US-31 N / US-431 N / US-31E N / TN-6 N / TN-11 N / James Robertson Pkwy.	0.6 mi
↘	Keep right onto Ellington Pky/US-31E North.	0.1 mi
↘	Keep right and leave the freeway towards I-65 North/Louisville.	4.7 mi
↘	Keep right and leave the freeway at exit 97 towards Long Hollow Pike/TN-174/Goodlettsville.	6.9 mi
↘	Turn right onto TN-174 / Long Hollow Pike.	0.4 mi
📍	Your destination is on the right. (879 Long Hollow Pike Goodlettsville, TN)	

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**NOTES**