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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 reprov'd 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction;1 that it has God for its author, salvation for its end,2 and truth without any mixture of error for its matter;3 that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us;4 and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world,

the true center of Christian union,⁵ and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.⁶

1. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:21; 1 Sam. 23:2; Acts 1:16; 3:21; John 10:35; Luke 16:29-31; Psa. 119:11; Rom. 3:1-2
2. 2 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; Acts 11:14; Rom. 1:16; Mark 16:16; John 5:38-39.
3. Prov. 30:5-6; John 17:17; Rev. 22:18-19; Rom. 3:4.
4. Rom. 2:12; John 12:47-48; 1 Cor. 4:3-4; Luke 10:10-16; 12:47-48.
5. Phil. 3:16; Eph. 4:3-6; Phil. 2:1-2; 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Pet. 4:11.
6. 1 John 4:1; Isa. 8:20; 1 Thess. 5:21; 2 Cor. 8:5; Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:6; Jude 3:5; Eph. 6:17; Psa. 119:59-60; Phil. 1:9-11.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth;⁷ inexpressibly glorious in holiness,⁸ and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love;⁹ that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;¹⁰ equal in every divine perfection,¹¹ and executing distinct and harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.¹²

1. John 4:24; Psa. 147:5; 83:18; Heb. 3:4; Rom. 1:20; Jer. 10:10
2. Exod. 15:11; Isa. 6:3; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; Rev. 4:6-8
3. Mark 12:30; Rev. 4:11; Matt. 10:37; Jer. 2:12-13
4. Matt. 28:19; John 15:26; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 1 John 5:7
5. John 10:30; 5:17; 14:23; 17:5, 10; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 2:10-11; Phil. 2:5-6
6. Eph. 2:18; 2 Cor. 13:14; Rev. 1:4-5; comp. 2, 7

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker;¹³ but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state;¹⁴ in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners,¹⁵ not by constraint, but choice;¹⁶ being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin,¹⁷ without defense or excuse.¹⁸

1. Gen. 1:27, 31; Eccl. 7:29; Acts 16:26; Gen. 2:16
2. Gen. 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12
3. Rom. 5:19; John 3:6; Psalms. 51:5; Rom. 5:15-19; 8:7
4. Isa. 53:6; Gen. 6:12; Rom. 3:9-18
5. Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 1:18, 32; 2:1-16; Gal. 3:10; Matt. 20:15
6. Ezek. 18:19-20; Rom. 1:20; 3:19; Gal. 3:22

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace,¹⁹ through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God;²⁰ who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin;²¹ honored the divine law by his personal obedience,²² and by his death made a full atonement for our sins;²³ that having risen from the death, he is now enthroned in heaven;²⁴ and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.²⁵

1. Eph. 2:5; Matt. 18:11; 1 John 4:10; 1 Cor. 3:5-7; Acts 15:11
2. John 3:16; 1:1-14; Heb. 4:14; 12:24
3. Phil. 2:6-7; Heb. 2:9, 14; 2 Cor. 5:21
4. Isa. 42:21; Phil. 2:8; Gal. 4:4-5; Rom. 3:21
5. Isa. 53:4-5; Matt. 20:28; Rom. 4:25; 3:21-26; 1 John 4:10;

6. 2:2; 1 Cor. 15:1-3; Heb. 9:13-15
7. Heb. 1:8, 3; 8:1; Col. 3:1-4
8. Heb. 7:25; Col. 2:9; Heb. 2:18; 7:26; Psa. 89:19; Psa. 14

V. OF JUSTIFICATION

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ²⁶ secures to such as believe in him is Justification;²⁷ that Justification includes the pardon of sin,²⁸ and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness;²⁹ that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood;³⁰ by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God;³¹ that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.³²

1. John 1:16; Eph. 3:8
2. Acts 13:39; Isa. 3:11-12; Rom. 8:1
3. Rom. 5:9; Zech. 13:1; Matt. 9:6; Acts 10:43
4. Rom. 5:17; Titus 3:5-6; 1 Pet. 3:7; 1 John 2:25; Rom. 5:21
5. Rom. 4:4-5; 5:21; 6:28; Phil. 3:7-9
6. Rom. 5:19; 3:24-26; 4:23-25; 1 John 2:12

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel;³³ that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent, and obedient faith;³⁴ and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel;³⁵ which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.³⁶

1. Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Luke 14:17

2. Rom. 16:26; Mark 1:15; Rom. 1:15-17
3. John 5:40; Matt. 23:37; Rom. 9:32; Prov. 1:24; Acts 13:46
4. John 3:19; Matt. 11:20; Luke 19:27; 2 Thess. 1:8

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION

We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again;³⁷ that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind;³⁸ that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth,³⁹ so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel;⁴⁰ and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.⁴¹

1. John 3:3, 6-7; 1 Cor. 1:14; Rev. 8:7-9; 21:27
2. 2 Cor. 5:17; Ezek. 36:26; Deut. 30:6; Rom. 2:28-29; 5:5; 1 John 4:7
3. John 3:8; 1:13; James 1:16-18; 1 Cor. 1:30; Phil. 2:13
4. 1 Pet. 1:22-25; 1 John 5:1; Eph. 4:20-24; Col. 3:9-11
5. Eph. 5:9; Rom. 8:9; Gal. 5:16-23; Eph. 3:14-21; Matt. 3:8-10; 7:20; 1 John 5:4, 18

VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God;⁴² whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ,⁴³ we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy;⁴⁴ at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.⁴⁵

1. Mark 1:15; Acts 11:18; Eph. 2:8; 1 John 5:1
2. John 16:8; Acts 2:37-38; 16:30-31

3. Luke 18:13; 15:18-21; James 4:7-10; 2 Cor. 7:11; Rom. 10:12-13; Psa. 51
4. Rom. 10:9-11; Acts 3:22-23; Heb. 4:14; Psa. 2:6; Heb. 1:8; 8:25; 2 Tim. 1:12

IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners;⁴⁶ that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end;⁴⁷ that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy, and unchangeable;⁴⁸ that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy;⁴⁹ that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree;⁵⁰ that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel;⁵¹ that it is the foundation of Christian assurance;⁵² and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.⁵³

1. 2 Tim. 1:8-9; Eph. 1:3-14; 1 Pet. 1:1-2; Rom. 11:5-6; John 15:15; 1 John 4:19; Hos. 12:9
2. 2 Thess. 2:13-14; Acts 13:48; John 10:16; Matt. 20:16; Acts 15:14
3. Exod. 33:18-19; Matt. 20:15; Eph. 1:11; Rom. 9:23-24; Jer. 31:3; Rom. 11:28-29; James 1:17-18; 2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 11:32-36
4. 1 Cor. 4:7; 1:26-31; Rom. 3:27; 4:16; Col. 3:12; 1 Cor. 3:5-7; 15:10; 1 Pet. 5:10; Acts 1:24; 1 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 2:9; Luke 18:7; John 15:16; Eph. 1:16; 1 Thess. 2:12
5. 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Cor. 9:22; Rom. 8:28-30; John 6:37-40; 2 Pet. 1:10
6. 1 Thess. 1:4-10
7. Rom. 8:28-30; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:29
8. 2 Pet. 1:10-11; Phil. 3:12; Heb. 6:11

X. OF SANCTIFICATION

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness;⁵⁴ that it is a progressive work;⁵⁵ that it is begun in regeneration;⁵⁶ and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means-especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.⁵⁷

1. 1 Thess. 4:3; 5:23; 2 Cor. 7:1; 13:9; Eph. 1:4
2. Prov. 4:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; Heb. 6:1; 2 Pet. 1:5-8; Phil. 3:12-16
3. John 2:29; Rom. 8:5; John 3:6; Phil. 1:9-11; Eph. 1:13-14
4. Phil. 2:12-13; Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor. 13:5; Luke 11:35; 9:23; Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:18; 4:30

XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end;⁵⁸ that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors;⁵⁹ that a special Providence watches over their welfare;⁶⁰ and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.⁶¹

1. John 8:31; 1 John 2:27-28; 3:9; 5:18
2. 1 John 2:19; John 13:18; Matt. 13:20-21; John 6:66-69; Job 17:9
3. Rom. 8:28; Matt. 6:30-33; Jer. 32:40; Psa. 121:3; 91:11-12
4. Phil. 1:6; 2:12-13; Jude 24-25; Heb. 1:14; 2 Kings 6:16; Heb. 13:5; 1 John 4:4

XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL

We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government;⁶² that it is holy, just, and good;⁶³ and that the inability

which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin;⁶⁴ to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible Church.⁶⁵

1. Rom. 3:31; Matt. 5:17; Luke 16:17; Rom. 3:20; 4:15
2. Rom. 7:12, 7, 14, 22; Gal. 3:21; Psa. 119
3. Rom. 8:7-8; Josh. 24:19; Jer. 13:23; John 6:44; 5:44
4. Rom. 8:2, 4; 10:4; 1 Tim. 1:5; Heb. 8:10; Jude 20-21; Heb. 12:14; Matt. 16:17-18; 1 Cor. 12:28

XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH

We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers,⁶⁶ associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel;⁶⁷ observing the ordinances of Christ;⁶⁸ governed by his laws,⁶⁹ and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his Word;⁷⁰ that its only scriptural officers are Bishops, or Pastors, and Deacons,⁷¹ whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

1. 1 Cor. 1:1-13; Matt. 18:17; Acts 5:11; 8:1; 11:31; 1 Cor. 4:17; 14:23; 3 John 9; 1 Tim. 3:5
2. Acts 2:41-42; 2 Cor. 8:5; Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 5:12-13
3. 1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 3:6; Rom. 16:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23; Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:6; 2 Cor. 2:7; 1 Cor. 4:17
4. Matt. 28:20; John 14:15; 15:12; 1 John 4:21; John 14:21; 1 Thess. 4:2; 2 John 6; Gal. 6:2; all the Epistles
5. Eph. 4:7; 1 Cor. 14:12; Phil. 1:27; 1 Cor. 12:14
6. Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23; 15:22; 1 Tim. 3; Titus 1

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer;⁷² into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost;⁷³ to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life;⁷⁴ that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a Church relation; and to the Lord's Supper,⁷⁵ in which the members of the Church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ;⁷⁶ preceded always by solemn self-examination.⁷⁷

1. Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:5-6; John 3:22-23; 4:1-2; Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:12; 16:32-34; 18:8
2. Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:47-48; Gal. 3:27-28
3. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:20-21; Acts 22:16
4. Acts 2:41-42; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts and Epistles
5. 1 Cor. 11:26; Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20
6. 1 Cor. 11:28; 5:1, 8; 10:3-32; 11:17-32; John 6:26-71

XV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath;⁷⁸ and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes,⁷⁹ by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations;⁸⁰ by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private⁸¹ and public;⁸² and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.⁸³

1. Acts 20:7; Gen. 2:3; Col. 2:16-17; Mark 2:27; John 20:19; 1 Cor. 16:1-2
2. Exod. 20:8; Rev. 1:10; Psalms 118:24
3. Isa. 58:13-14; 56:2-8
4. Psalms 119:15

5. Heb. 10:24-25; Acts 11:26; 13:44; Lev. 19:30; Exod. 46:3; Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2, 3; Psalms 26:8; 87:3
6. Heb. 4:3-11

XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society;⁸⁴ and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed;⁸⁵ except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ⁸⁶ who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.⁸⁷

1. Rom. 13:1-7; Deut. 16:18; 1 Sam. 23:3; Exod. 18:23; Jer. 30:21
2. Matt. 22:21; Titus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13; 1 Tim. 2:1-8
3. Acts 5:29; Matt. 10:28; Dan. 3:15-18; 6:7-10; Acts 4:18-20
4. Matt. 23:10; Rom. 14:4; Rev. 19:16; Psalms 72:11; Psalm 2; Rom. 14:9-13

XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked;⁸⁸ that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem;⁸⁹ while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse;⁹⁰ and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.⁹¹

1. Mal. 3:18; Prov. 12:26; Isa. 5:20; Gen. 18:23; Jer. 15:19; Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 6:16
2. Rom. 1:17; 7:6; 1 John 2:29; 3:7; Rom. 6:18, 22; 1 Cor. 11:32; Prov. 11:31; 1 Pet. 4:17-18
3. 1 John 5:19; Gal. 3:10; John 3:36; Isa. 57:21; Psalm 10:4; Isaiah 55:6-7

4. Prov. 14:32; Luke 16:25; John 8:21-24; Prov. 10:24; Luke 12:4-5; 9:23-26; John 12:25-26; Eccl. 3:17; Matt. 7:13-14

XVIII. OF THE WORLD TO COME

We believe that the end of the world is approaching;⁹² that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven,⁹³ and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution;⁹⁴ that a solemn separation will then take place;⁹⁵ that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy;⁹⁶ and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.⁹⁷

1. 1 Pet. 4:7; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; Heb. 1:10-12; Matt. 24:35; 1 John 2:17; Matt. 28:20; 13:39-40; 2 Pet. 3:3-13
2. Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7; Heb. 9:28; Acts 3:21; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1-11
3. Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:12-59; Luke 14:14; Dan. 12:2; John 5:28-29; 6:40; 11:25-26; 2 Tim. 1:10; Acts 10:42
4. Matt. 13:49, 37-43; 24:30-31; 25:31-33
5. Matt. 25:35-41; Rev. 22:11; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Mark 9:43-48; 2 Pet. 2:9; Jude 7; Phil. 3:19; Rom. 6:32; 2 Cor. 5:10-11; John 4:36; 2 Cor. 4:18
6. Rom. 3:5-6; 2 Thess. 1:6-12; Heb. 6:1-2; 1 Cor. 4:5; Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:2-16; Rev. 20:11-12; 1 John 2:28; 4:17

The History of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

This church is located on 879 Long Hollow Pike, Goodlettsville, Sumner County, Tennessee. The mission leading to the organization of this church was located at 1100 N 2nd street in Nashville, TN. The Mission was started by Elder Bobby Sutton on Sunday afternoon, April 2, 1961, 2:30 PM.

The first service was attended by 50/60 people, most being from New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Bro. Sutton used as his first text at the Mission, Isaiah 6:8, "Here am I, send me." Afternoon services were conducted so other churches could help. On June 18, 1961, they began their own morning services with Sunday School. After a number of months Bro. Sutton asked Bro. O.E. Russell to assist in the work.

The Mission was organized into an independent church on November 18, 1962, at 1100 N. 2nd Street with 11 charter members. The organizational presbytery used the following: Elder W.T. Russell, Moderator; O.E. Russell, Clerk; Elder Howard Taylor read the Articles of Faith; Elder Burton Massey read the Church Covenant, Elder Charles R. Moore prayed organizational prayer, Elder F.L. Ray gave the charge to the newly organized church.

The 11 charter members were: Elder Bobby Sutton, Annette Sutton, Louise Sutton, Bobby Pully, Joan Pully, Porter Rawls, Jeannette Rawls, Wilma Crafton, Iva Crague, Lena Cherry, Larrie Mai White. After organization, the church elected Elder Bobby Sutton as Pastor and named the church Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.

Later, the church purchased a lot at 1401 Lischey Ave. in east Nashville where a basement church was erected. They moved into this structure on the 4th Sunday in November 1963. More work was to come, Bethlehem worked long, and hard hours and sisters cooked and furnished meals. Members state that this year, 1967, was a tiresome time but rewarding. In November 1967, Bethlehem Church moved into their new auditorium.

The general association churches (from Wiseman, Siloam, and Enon Associations) were invited to meet with them. This meeting was convened at Bethlehem March 29, 1969. Adjoining property to the church was purchased in the fall of 1977 for \$12,005.35.

The church met at the Lischey Avenue location until September 25, 1983, having sold the property due to community deterioration, for \$95,000. The church met in the community center in Goodlettsville TN from October 1, 1983 to June 1, 1984. During this period of time, the church purchased land and erected a new house of worship on Long Hollow Pike in Goodlettsville, TN. As additional funds became available, more improvements were added including steeple, paved parking lot, sidewalks, carport, etc. The new church building was dedicated on June 22, 1986.

Pastors: Elder Bobby Sutton, Elder Odie Russell, Elder Bobby Sutton, Elder Brian Johnson, Elder Paul Patterson, and currently Elder Brian Johnson.

At the present, Brother Steve Turman serves as Clerk and Sister Jeana Ball serves as church Treasurer and Brother Steve Turman serves as Sunday School Superintendent. Currently, the church has two Deacons: Brother J.T. Honeycutt and Brother Jesse Allen.

Two Missions have gone out of Bethlehem being organized into churches. They are Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit Michigan, and Hunters Point Missionary Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tennessee.

Bethlehem church petitioned the Wiseman Baptist Association on October 25, 1963, when convened with Old Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Bethpage, TN. They have continued to represent in this body through the present.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

On this rainy autumn morning, the One Hundred Twenty Seventh Annual Session met at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church at 10:00 AM. Services began with Don Hines leading the singing with Brother Sam Vance on the guitar for “Meet Me There” and “Jesus Is Coming Soon.” Our moderator Elder Kenneth Massey thanked the Lord that this old Baptist body was able to meet again for the One Hundred Twenty Seventh consecutive annual session. Brother Brain Johnson, Pastor of the host church was introduced. Brian came and welcomed all and expressed his thankfulness that we could meet in fellowship together without division. He offered assistance to anyone needing help during this time. Brother Massey spoke of how it was long ago in the meetings of our association and thankfully we are still meeting together under the same terms today. He then read for a devotional, Psalms 121:1-8 and asked Brother Rufus Chandler to lead our hearts in prayer. The congregation then sang “There Is A Light Guiding Me.” Brother Sam Vance was asked to sing a special, “The Voice of My Savior.” Brother Vance reminded us of the night in the 60’s at Caney Fork Missionary Baptist Church where he heard a voice like he had never heard before. Brother Massey came to the pulpit and introduced Brother Aaron Binion to preach the introductory sermon.

Introductory Sermon

Brother Binion expressed his appreciation for the privilege of preaching before this session of the Wiseman Association. He stated he wished to start with this encouraging text taken from I Corinthians 15:58 which states, “Moreover brethren I declare unto you the gospel which I preach unto you which also ye have received and wherein ye stand.”

He called our attention to the phrase “Ye Stand” by saying days are dark, times are perilous. We must endure difficult situations. The only way to stand is in the gospel, in the scripture, in Christ. All around us may be sinking sand, but on Christ, the solid rock, We Must Stand. He referred to I Corinthians 15:3-4, saying the scriptures are our meat, bread and milk. In scripture we find strength to stand knowing whatever God has said will always remain true. The word of God is still living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). He referred to Isaiah 55:10-11, it still carries a 100% guarantee that it will NEVER return to Him void. He reminded us, without the resurrection of Christ, we would all be dead in our sins and our faith would be in vain; wouldn’t we be a most miserable

people? But Glory be to God, Christ is risen and that's a reason to stand. He stated, the problem today is apathy. We sense our inability to do anything about situations in our society. Inability turns to indifference, so if we can't do anything about it then why care, why try, why show up? The answer is Christ. Without Him we can't do anything but with Him all things are possible. There is nothing more important than working for the Lord, the cause of Christ, and the business of His church. Truth is, we can do very little about the craziness of our day, but He can. We the churches that make up this association are standing as ONE striving together for the sake of the gospel and the Gates of Hell Shall NOT prevail against it. Once again, he called our attention to I Corinthians 15:58, "Be ye steadfast unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord for as much as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." Paul reminds us of the situation in the Corinthian Church and we are facing the same problems today. People fighting over preachers, believers arguing and using each other, church members living in such sin that even the lost people have a problem with it.

It's not enough to just get saved, put on the armor of God and go take a seat. Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only. Steadfast and unmovable are the objectives for how we should stand, for now and always. By steadfast, Paul is saying we should be completely committed. Baptists believe in Holy Spirit placed pastors who are called by spirit lead churches where both remain committed to each other. Steadfast means to be anchored in the truth, doctrine makes up our back bone. Christians shouldn't harbor disagreements over minor issues. He encouraged us to stand for Christ, whatever the cost. None of our difficulties in the name of religion is worthy to be compared with Christs' sufferings in life and death.

Our focus as Baptist people should always be to have a spiritual experience with Christ. That is, people must be born again of the Holy Spirit and are eternally secure in Christ. Salvation is of the Lord, but sinners must seek him until they find Him. Jesus was virgin born, lived a sinless life, died on the cross for sin and rose again for our justification. This gospel will never change. As Christians, how much hardship, discouragement or sacrifice would it take for you to throw in the towel? At times our faith gets weak and we must rely on determination until God once again restores our strength. None of the Lord's work is ever easy. Yes, he said my yolk is easy and my burdens light. But Satan attacks at every front and we must stand immobile and do our best for God. Our Brother was reminding us that we can be as Paul stated in II Timothy 4:6-7, I'm now ready to be offered for the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

Brother Binion closed by stating, “My sermon this morning is what God has already said. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord for as much as you know that your labor in the Lord is NEVER in vain.”

The congregation came and gave Brother Binion the right hand of endorsement while we sang, “Standing on The Promises.”

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, Jessie Allen, J.T. Honeycutt

Concord: Sammy Sloan, Morris Watson, Mike Moulton (F)

Gladlice: Charles Patterson, John Wayne Draper, Jesse Miller, Dustin Kemp

Longview: Danny Raines, Steve Anderson, George Snow (S)

McFerrin: Mike Cothron, Steve Perrigo, Nicky Wilson, Don Hines

Murfreesboro: Sam Vance (F), Bill Green, Tom Elkins (S), Dwight Faircloth, Barbara Faircloth

New Zion: Larry Gregory, Anthony Ferguson

Three Springs: Wayne Howard, Arron Binion, Christian Howard (S)

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 2018

The messengers elected by acclamation the following brethren to serve the association for the 2018 session:

- **Moderator** : Brother Kenneth Massey
- **Assistant Moderator** : Brother Johnny Carver
- **Clerk** : Brother Charles Patterson
- **Assistant Clerk** : Brother Larry Gregory
- **Treasurer**: Brother Danny Raines
- **Assistant Treasurer**: Brother Brian Johnson

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

Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church - Huntingdon, TN: Lynn Stapleton & Rufus Chandler

From this group of long-time friends of the Wiseman Association, Brother Lynn Stapleton from Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church in Huntingdon, TN was selected to preach the Fellowship Sermon in the afternoon.

Brother Massey called for the report on State of Religion. Brother Brian Johnson read the report.

REPORT: STATE OF RELIGION

After the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, He resurrected and showed himself alive by many infallible proofs. He walked on the earth for forty days teaching his disciples the things pertaining to the kingdom of God

(Acts 1:3). Faith, hope, and love were vibrant, and the church was equipped to take the good news of Jesus to the world. Just before Jesus ascended, He promised the disciples that the Holy Spirit would come and endue the church with power from on high to enable them to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8). As Jesus ascended, the angels asked and promised, “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).

Ten days after Jesus’ ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon the church which consisted of one hundred and twenty saints gathered in the upper room. They were empowered to proclaim the wonderful works of God (Acts 2:11). The outsiders noticed how joyful the saints were and thought they had been drinking and had become drunk. It was only nine in the morning. The Apostle Peter, a man forgiven of his sins, stood up and preached about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The environment was religious and hostile toward the gospel. However, as a result of this message, three-thousand souls came under conviction by the Holy Spirit, were saved, baptized, and added to the church. This was a mighty move of God.

The method of the early church was to teach the apostle’s doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers. The church was in one accord. The saint’s homes were open and filled with hospitality. The believers were united, and there was a commitment to their first love—the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the main attraction of the church at Jerusalem. The saints were praising God and gaining favor with all the people. The Lord continued to add to the church.

At this time, the church was focused on knowing Christ and making Him known, and the message of salvation would not be limited to Jerusalem. Through the book of Acts, the gospel would spread to both Jew and Gentile and be extended beyond Israel to other continents through the work the Apostles Peter and Paul and other servants of the Lord. The book of Acts ends with churches being established and the gospel spreading throughout the world. The joy of the resurrection and God’s life changing power was alive and well-- at least for a time in these places.

Nearing the end of the first century, the Lord of the church, instructed the Apostle John to write to seven churches in Asia Minor in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. This was approximately forty years after these churches were established. In essence, Jesus gave his churches a “State of Religion” address. Some churches fared better than others.

Five of the seven were called to repentance, and two of them were remaining faithful and were praised. If five of seven (or 71.4%) needed to repent and have their vision renewed, where does that leave us today? Jesus knew the works of every one of His churches. He complimented, corrected, and promised a reward to the overcomer for obedience or godliness. After reviewing the State of Religion for the seven churches in Asia Minor, we have listed 11 statements or questions to consider the condition of our individual churches.

1. **Vision:** The early church had seen and passed on the vision of the Risen Christ. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ never grows old or irrelevant at any time or in any culture. Does your church have a vision to know Christ and make Him known.
2. **Honest Assessment-** He knows the works and condition of every single church (Revelation 2:2,9, 13, 19; 3:1, 8, 15). Have you considered evaluating your church on biblical standards to get some sense of spiritual health and areas that need improvement and growth?
3. **God-called and appointed pastor-** He holds the God-called pastor in His hand (Revelation 1:20). Are the churches seeking the Lord for a pastor or looking for the pastor to be the Savior? Both church and God-called preachers need to be prayerful and obedient to God in filling this office in the church. When the right man is in the hand of Christ to pastor the church, there can be a wonderful and blessed union. The church has the responsibility to care for and pray for the pastor.
4. **Love:** (Ephesus) Has the church lost its first love for the Risen Savior? You can have right doctrine and moral purity without having a passion for the Risen Savior. The Lord is looking for more than formalism. He is looking for passionate followers of Jesus and for His disciples to love one another!
5. **Commitment in the midst of External Conflicts/Persecution-** (Smyrna- Good Report) Are we prepared to remain faithful in the midst of persecution? The congregation at Smyrna was facing slander by religious Jews, would suffer, and be imprisoned. They were encouraged to remain faithful to the point of death.
6. **Focus on the Family-** What are the state of the families in our congregations? (Pergamum) The doctrine of Balaam consisted of seduction of Moabite women with Israelite men in order to commit adultery and intermarriage. As a result, the women invited the men to the sacrifices of their gods, their feasts, and to worship false gods (Numbers 25:1-2). How are we promoting a godly seed where

believers marry believers, worship in their homes, and make disciples of their children?

7. **Internal Conflict-** How are we laying a foundation of sound doctrine? The churches in Asia Minor were plagued with the false teaching of Balaam and the Nicolaitans (Rev. 2:14-15). This consists of proactively teaching the truth of the gospel and giving a defense of the hope that lies within us with meekness and fear (1 Peter 3:15). Also, are personal preferences of individuals or groups within the church creating conflict and confusion in the church?
8. **Church Leadership and Moral Authority-** (Thyatira)-Are we allowing the roles of church leadership to be usurped and caving into the pressures of the sexual revolution in the world? A woman was given the name “Jezebel” in this church. She considered herself a prophetess and was teaching the congregation. She was teaching and deceiving Christ’s servants into committing sexual immorality. She was also promoting food sacrificed to idols. Are our churches being led by faithful men who are being faithful to their wives and families?
9. **Spiritual Life and Fruit-** (Sardis) Are we teaching the reality of genuine conversion and are we awake to the overwhelming need of evangelism? The church at Sardis has a reputation for being alive, but in reality, they were dead. The church is also encouraged to wake up and strengthen what remains, which is about to die. This church was not in a good place spiritually even though it had outward signs of life and activity. Numbers and programs do not always mean there is spiritual fruit. Baptist churches throughout history have stood for regenerate church membership. You must be born again.
10. **Evangelism and Missions-** Is the church actively involved making disciples locally and around the world? How are the church members on the go and making the most of opportunities to advance the gospel? (Philadelphia) This church was given doors of opportunity to advance the kingdom of God. How are we advancing the kingdom and is the current state of our church one that would be worth exporting to the world?
11. **Holiness or Worldliness-** Has the church lost its vision to come out of the world and be separate? Is a state of worldliness or being “lukewarm” a description of the church? Where there is no vision the people perish. The Risen Lord Jesus Christ, Conqueror of death, hell, and the grave, Binder of the strong man on earth, and soon coming Bridegroom of the church is our Vision. Does He have our attention and affection or are we allured by the things of the world?

As we consider the state of religion for our Missionary Baptist Churches, we must remember that every church is autonomous and in a different place spiritually. Further, lest we become discouraged, God will be working through His church until the end of the age. His name will be made great among all nations (Malachi 1:11). The church is the only institution who has been commissioned by Jesus to take the gospel to the world. Take heart, church of the living God. Take heart, dear pastor. We all have work to do. In case we find ourselves discouraged and ready to give up, it would be wise for us to hear the reality God shared with Elijah. Elijah, filled with a zeal for God and on the run due to the fear of man, was counseled from the cave. God said, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him." Elijah thought he was all alone in serving God. The Lord basically told Elijah He had a whole lot more going on than Elijah knew about or could fathom. Be encouraged and keep looking to Jesus. Ephesians 3:20 reminds us, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Respectively Submitted,
Brian Johnson
Jesse Allen
Kent Collier

Motion to adopt the report as read.

The report was discussed by Brian Johnson, Jesse Allen and Lynn Stapleton. Question called, motion approved.

Motion and second to adjourn one hour for lunch, motion carried.

Brother Johnny Carver was asked to pray the benediction and ask the blessing over the meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After a bountiful meal, we came back for the afternoon session. Brother Don Hines with Brother Sam Vance on the guitar, led us in "Blessed Assurance." Brother Massey came forward and thanked the ladies

from the host church for the good meal and then read for a devotional II Timothy 4:6-8 and asked Brother J.T. Honeycutt to lead prayer. After a good humble prayer, Brothers Sam Vance, Steve Perrigo, Jesse Allen and Don Hines sang a special, "What A Day That Will Be." Brother Massey expressed his appreciation for Brother Honeycutt's humble prayer. He then introduced this associational friend Brother Lynn Stapleton, Pastor of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church of the Southwestern District Baptist Association to preach the fellowship sermon.

FELLOWSHIP SERMON

Brother Stapleton came and thanked the association and the Lord for the privilege of being here. Brother Stapleton spoke of his lack of patience. He chose for his reading, II Peter 1:1-11. His text was taken from verse 4. His theme was **"Partakers of the Divine Nature."**

He started by using II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He then said all scripture is given by inspiration and is divinely inspired. Paul said, stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. The Bible warns us of the false teachings of Christ coming. He reminded us to give diligence to make your calling and election sure. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. The pearl of the great prize is Jesus Christ. I've never seen him with the natural eye, but he heard my voice and I heard His. I was very unlearned to be raised in a preacher's home, but the one thing I know, is when He saved my soul. He called our attention to II Peter 1:5-8, where Peter said, add to your faith. And Peter was referring to spiritual things. In these writings, Peter gave us seven things to help us move on to that divine perfection. He then spoke of Peter's denial of Christ and how many folks get saved but their outward living never changes. Peter is challenging us to know that we are saved and let it be seen in our personal lives.

Our God has given us such great things. Brother Stapleton spoke of his Dad's salvation experience of which 450 were saved in the meeting. Brother Stapleton was raised poor but became rich when he found Christ. He spoke of Adam's sin and then there was a promise made of a Savior that was to come. He used John 3:16 and then stated, all sinners are like Adam, we run and hide. In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son to redeem us from sin. He then read I John 3:1-2, "Behold, what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God:

therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.” “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”

Brother Stapleton closed his message with the Fanny Crosby saying, **“The Best is Yet to Come.”**

The congregation came into the alter while singing, “What A Savior” to shake hands with Brother Stapleton.

Brother Massey asked, “Aren’t we glad we have committed the keeping of our souls to God by trusting in Christ?”

The congregation then sang, “I’ve Just Begun to Live” lead by Brother Don Hines. After many good testimonies, we then went back to the order of business.

Brother Massey called for the report on Christian Education. The report was read by Steve Anderson.

REPORT: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The subject of Christian education is very broad and contains a variety of different topics. However, at the core of Christian education, is the gospel of Jesus Christ, His love for us, and His will.

Jesus included Christian education in the great commission when Jesus said, “Go therefore, and teach all nations ...”. Matthew 28:18-20 states “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Some ways can we educate children and others about God are as follows:

1. **Holy Spirit:** John 14:26 says “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” We should seek the Holy Spirit to teaching us, and those around us, “all things” pertaining to God and His will. There is no substitute for the Holy Spirit’s presence in a worship

service, sermon, testimony, song or anything else. The Holy Spirit is God here on earth and will teach us all things.

2. Parents and family: Family members can be a child's greatest teachers. A child brought up in an environment where both parents teach and talk about God with reverence and love is a blessing. A child's education will likely suffer if raised in a home of divorce, or where only one parent is saved or close to God.

A child's peers have a great influence over them. Parents should monitor their child's friends and encourage their children to make close friends with children at their church. If parents' value anything of the world greater than God, the child will likely do the same. Any sport or activity which will take a child away from a number of church activities should be avoided.

3. Sunday school: Each church member should attend Sunday School. Everyone needs to learn more about our Lord. When we attend Sunday School, we are supporting the education of everyone.

4. Retreats: Youth, women's, or men's retreats are great opportunity for intimate groups to worship, study, and fellowship together.

5. Vacation Bible School: This is an opportunity to teach the children of the church and children of the community. VBS is the only exposure many children get to biblical gospel. Knowing this, churches should make every effort to provide simple and doctrinally sound lessons.

6. Bible studies: An opportunity to educate everyone on a variety of topics including Baptist doctrine. Also, we should be teaching how to navigate through the bible by using a concordance, a dictionary, and maps.

7. Being good examples of servants to God: Much of what is learned comes from watching others and seeing the importance and reverence others place on God. Many learn what is important from our spiritual condition, worship services attendance, if we read the bible, our prayer life, if we're slow to anger and quick to forgive, our love for others, humility and on and on. Set a good example of how to live.

8. Ministries: Churches can and should use other ministries to teach the gospel. This includes supporting missions, TV, radio, podcasts, and through social media. Even simple ministries such as visiting the sick and helping the poor are opportunities to teach others and give examples for others to follow.

9. **Encourage:** Churches should encourage everyone to read and study the bible, pray often, attend all services, and for parents to educate their children at home.

Our personal Christian education is a lifelong endeavor. We should be constantly learning about God. We should constantly seek His will in all things in our lives.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Anderson

Motion to adopt the report. The report was discussed by Steve Anderson, Kenneth Massey, Jesse Allen, Anthony Ferguson, Nicki Wilson, Brian Johnson and Morris Watson. Question called. The messengers then adopted the report as discussed.

Brother Massey then called for the Obituary Report. Brother Larry Gregory read the report.

OBITUARY REPORT

Ecclesiastes 12: 1-8

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

² While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

³ In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

⁴ And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

⁵ Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a

burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

⁶Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

⁷Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

⁸Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

Speaking of how “desire shall fail”, we are reminded of the account of the aged man Barzillái in II Samuel 19: 31-35. Having been a sustainer of David in his flight from Saul, Barzillái was offered a place to be cared for in David’s court in Jerusalem. Citing his advanced age and the challenges that accompanied it, he respectfully declined.

By their own testimonies, all of these whose lives we memorialize today were **prepared** for the appointment they kept in the last year. Because of the challenges they faced here, surely many of them were not just **prepared** but **ready** for that appointment. For any whose desire to remain here had **not** failed, we are persuaded that none of them would exchange places with any of us today. May we rest in this assurance and look forward to seeing each of them again in that **Better Place**.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalms 116:15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elder Larry S. Gregory
Bro. Tommy Maynard
Bro. George Snow

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Bethlehem:	Sister Jean Truman	May 10, 2018
	Brother Roy Lee Honeycutt	July 26, 2018
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Concord:	Brother Loren Ehringer	October 18, 2018
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Gladdice:	None	
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Longview:	Sister Murial Allen	September 8, 2018
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McFerrin:	Sister Mary Woodard	November 10, 2017
	Brother James “Doc” Perrigo	December 22, 2017
	Brother Webb Russell	March 3, 2018
	Sister Katherine Kos	May 30, 2018
	Sister Jean McClanahan	July 11, 2018
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Murfreesboro:	Brother Jim Holland	October 2, 2017
	Sister Becky Sutton	July 6, 2018
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New Zion:	None	
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Three Springs:	Brother Jack Pitchford	January 17, 2018
	Brother Leonard Mitchell	January 22, 2018
	Brother Allan Copas	February 23, 2018
	Sister Karen Towe	June 3, 2018
	Brother Wendell Gentry	June 27, 2018



*Precious in the sight of the Lord is
the death of his saints.*

Psalms 116:15

Motion to adopt the report. Question called. The messengers then adopted the report as discussed.

Motion and second to adjourn until 10:00 AM Saturday morning, motion carried. Brother Massey asked Brother Dustin Kemp to pray the benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

After a short time of sweet fellowship, we met for our morning session with Brother Don Hines leading the singing with “I Want To Know More About My Lord,” with Brother Eddie Crook at the piano.

Our moderator, Brother Massey, came and welcomed all to the second day of our 127th annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association. He read Psalms 133 for a devotional and then asked Elder Paul Patterson to lead us in prayer. Brother Hines then lead “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand.” Brother Eddie Crook played a piano solo “When They Ring Those Golden Bells.”

Brother Massey introduced Brother Danny Raines, Pastor at Longview Missionary Baptist Church, to preach the doctrinal sermon.

DOCTRINAL SERMON

Brother Raines expressed his thankfulness to be here also thanking all who have come. He thanked the association for the privilege to preach this doctrinal sermon. He also thanked those who had come on his behalf. He said his first visit to the Wiseman Association was 35 years ago when convened at Salem Missionary Baptist Church. He stated as coming up he thought the doctrinal sermon was the highlight of the associational meeting. He asked for prayer and spoke of his preparation for the sermon. He announced his subject as **Support the Doctrine.**

He chose for his reading lesson, I Timothy 4:11-16, also Hebrews 13:7-10 and Titus 1:9. He started by saying he was truly thankful and glad to be a Baptist. He stated he has been preaching for 28 years, 26 of which was pastoring. I want all and learn all that God has to offer. He used Ephesians 6:13, instructing us to put on the whole armor of God.

What makes a Baptist? There are many opinions but the Book teaches us that this is a way that has a trail of blood. Many have given their lives to preserve the Baptist way. In I Peter 3:15 it says, *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*

Do you think this association has the true doctrine?

1. In Acts 8, the case of Phillip and the Eunuch, a work of the Holy Spirit, Phillip asked the question, *Understand what though readeth?* The response was, *how can I except some man should guide me?* Phillip took the same scripture from Isaiah 53 and preached unto him Jesus. He used Hebrews 4:12 to show us the power and affect of the word of God. He also used Psalms 119:60, II Timothy 3:15. In I Peter 1:23 he spoke of the sufferings of Christ. He also referred to John 20:27-28, be not faithless but believing. He referenced John 20:30, we must recognize the truth, Jesus as the truth and teach the truth. He instructed us to listen, learn and teach by the aide of the Holy Spirit. The Bible is our only rule of faith and practice. Do we believe this as Baptists?
2. Matthew 16:18, *Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* He asked us, what is a church? A visible congregation associated by a covenant of faith. He reminded us of The Great Commission that God gave to the church as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20 instructing them to preach the gospel, baptizing them and then teaching them to observe all things and I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world. And He gave this commission to His church and to no other group of people. When did the church come into existence? The church wasn't here when Christ came into the world and it was here when He left. Brother Raines then quoted Matthew 3:1.
3. He read Romans 8:38-39, nothing would separate us from the love of God. He also used John 10:28, he stated his name is recorded in the Lambs Book of Life and nothing can remove that. The salvation we have is sure and secure. He used Matthew 3:2, repent ye in order to acquire this salvation. He also used the following proof text, Ezekiel 18:30 repent and turn from your transgressions. Matthew 4:17, II Peter 3:9, Acts 20 repent toward God. Colossians 2:13.
4. Ephesians 1:13 our salvation is sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. He used Romans 8:16 the spirit bears witness with our spirit. Romans 1:8 the Holy Spirit feel on the church on the day of Pentecost. Brother Raines said at

sixteen years old the Holy Spirit spoke to him to preach the word and he ran for 12 years and he has never doubted his call to preach.

Brother Raines closed his message with the remark, we have these four points as identifying marks of the New Testament Church and we must continue to stand on these and never lose them.

Brother Massey invited all to come into the altar and shake hands and stated this was a good scriptural and sound sermon. We gathered and sang, "My God is Real."

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None.

Brother Massey called for the Report on Financing the Lord's Work. Brother Steve Perrigo read the report.

REPORT: FINANCING THE LORD'S WORK

God's Work begins with God! God's work in Mankind begins in the heart of Man! Because of Adam's transgression, the heart of mankind is corrupted and can only be changed by God who created it. When God changes the heart, he writes His law in that heart enabling man not only to Love God, but to obey God in all God instructs mankind to do. God's instruction to mankind is revealed in His Word through the operation of the Holy Spirit teaching us all God would have us to do. It therefore stands to reason that if God calls us to a work, will he not enable us to do that work? That answer is yes, even to all financial work needed, God will provide. However, there is a cost! There was a cost, a price paid for Mankind's redemption. Redemption is a free gift to all who through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ receive the free gift from God, but it cost Jesus His life and more. Cost is a consuming expense! By definition, cost means to tear, consume, and devour. Expense is something which eats up one's resources. Before any project begins there is a cost analysis.

Luk. 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down

first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish it?

The rich young ruler came to Jesus asking, “Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (Luke 18:18)

Luk. 18:19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none *is* good, save one, *that is*, God.

Luk. 18:20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

Luk. 18:21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

Luk. 18:22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

God’s free gift of salvation to us all must be received by faith. But if there is “one thing” in the way of complete trust in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, there is no remission of sin!

To finance God’s work may cost you everything! How much are you willing to give up? The following examples are biblical projects of extraordinary expense.

The first large project God ordered built by man was the Ark, Noah’s Ark. What was the cost estimate of the building of the Ark? How was it paid? It has been estimated to have cost an equivalent of \$1.5 Billion US. Its displacement compares roughly to a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier. Noah was building the ark for 120 years! (Gen 6:3) His workforce was 8 people. Each year of building the Ark required the equivalent of \$12.5 million dollars in revenue for building materials. Each person was responsible for \$1,562,500 in contributions toward the building of the Ark each year, every year for 120 years. How was this accomplished in a world of evil chaos, killing, lying, stealing, and destruction? The answer, by faith! God supplied all their needs.

Heb. 11:6 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.

Heb. 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Second event that was very expensive; Exodus!

The story told us in Exodus is about God's redemption and deliverance of His people from the bondage of Sin and death. According to God's promise to Abram;

Gen. 15:13 And He said to Abram, You must surely know that your seed shall be a stranger in a land not theirs, and shall serve them. And they shall afflict them four hundred years.

Gen. 15:14 And also I will judge that nation whom they shall serve. And afterward they shall come out with great substance.

Notice God said they would come out with great substance. When God was finished showing Egypt His great power, the Egyptian people gave to Israel an extremely great wealth of gold, silver, precious stones, fabrics and cattle. These things were used in the building of the Tabernacle and its furnishings.

Exo. 12:35 And the sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses. And they asked articles of silver, and articles of gold, and clothing from the Egyptians.

Exo. 12:36 And Jehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and they granted their request, and they plundered the Egyptians.

The estimated cost, or value, of the material used in the building of the tabernacle is scripturally listed:

Gold 29 talents 730 shekels = 1 ¼ tons

Silver 100 talents 1775 shekels = 41/4 tons

Brass 70 talents 2,400 shekels = 4 tons

A talent of gold was about 120 pounds, a talent of silver about 100 pounds, a shekel was one-half ounce.

Adding to this the cost of the wood, fabrics, priestly garments, precious stones, it has been estimated to be valued at 10 billion dollars without labor.

When we see these great numbers of equivalent dollar values, it staggers the imagination of how this all came about without seeing God's great work at hand. Even so, according to scripture, all these riches were in the possession of the people. They had to give it willingly from the heart! This is the scriptural basis of all contributions to the Work of God. It begins with the heart! Whether you are contributing money, time, or labor, God must have first put it in your heart to give willingly! Many examples are found throughout the Scriptures. Here are a few:

Exo. 25:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Exo. 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

Exo. 35:5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever *is* of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,

Exo. 35:29 The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

Have you ever heard of people giving too much? It can be that way when willing hearts, moved by the Spirit of God, GIVE!

Exo. 36:3 And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *withal*. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.

Exo. 36:4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

Exo. 36:5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.

Exo. 36:6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

Exo. 36:7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

Do we have hearts to give today to the Work of God? Are people being taught, instructed, the ways of God in tithes and offerings? Do people know what belongs to God? Do people know that God has given us this world and we honor Him when we return to Him the tenth part, because God's Word tell us;

Exo. 13:2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and of beast: it *is* mine.

Exo. 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

Lev. 25:23 The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land *is* mine for ye *are* strangers and sojourners with me.

Num. 3:13 Because all the firstborn *are* mine; *for* on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I *am* the LORD.

When did this world stop belonging to God? Never! But Satan has deceived the nations into believing a lie and this world is now in bondage to sin and death. Out of this world God has called a people unto Himself, elect, and precious. The people of God are a special treasure unto God Himself bestowing upon them the abundance of His Wonderful Love and Mercy. If you are one of these “peculiar” people, has not God called you to serve Him with all your heart? Has he not called you to serve him with your “firstfruits”?

Pro. 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Again, many do not know what belongs to God!

Mal. 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me.

Read Malachi! Study Malachi! The truth proclaimed by the prophet is still true today! The storehouse, the treasury is empty because the people do not believe God! The biggest problem with Christians today is unbelief! If God is telling you to do something, you do not believe God will supply your need. You have little to no faith! Without faith it is impossible to please God! God’s work begins with God himself. If God calls and sends us to the work, will he not supply all our need?

Luk. 22:35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

The corresponding account in Matthews Gospel states, freely ye have received, freely give.

There is so much more to give than just money!

Act. 3:6 But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!

Perhaps God is convicting your heart to give something you have to someone else’s need. Have you tried God’s way? God will ask you to try Him!

Mal. 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

Respectively submitted,
Steve Perrigo

Motion to adopt the report. The report was discussed by Brothers Steve Perrigo, Morris Watson and John Wayne Draper. Question called. The messengers then adopted the report as discussed.

Brother Massey then called for the Missions Report. The report was read by Brother Sam Vance.

MISSIONS REPORT

The scriptures record multiple instances of the Lord's directive to spread his word across the earth to mankind. Most prominently, the Lord was very direct in his Commission statement to the fledgling church in Matthew 28: 19-20. He also stated in this excerpt of Acts 1:8 **"...ye shall be witnesses unto me.....unto the uttermost part of the earth."** Again, in John 17:8, the Lord states to God in his prayer that **"...even so I have sent them into the world."**

Aside from those and other instances of the dispensation of divine inspiration on a corporate level, the Lord God tapped specific men not only to preach the word for the general cause, but to carry the word to individuals (e.g., Phillip and the eunuch, and Paul and the man in Macedonia), and to preach at specific locations (Jonah and Nineveh) and in particular households (Peter and Cornelius).

The Bible does not give an example of women receiving the call to preach, and we as Baptists therefore cling to and practice the belief that women are excluded from this obligation. But we also note that ALL saved have the responsibility and capability to share God's gifts through works and witness. This is evidenced by those who came to know the Lord through the influence of the Samaritan woman's testimony (refer to John 4:39).

In today's world, mankind in general is glorified through self-promotion, and the need for God and divine help is downplayed and often dismissed. As the effort to spread the gospel gets suppressed, those who would desire to hear the good news from God and get to know Him have to search harder for the truth. This was prophesied in Amos 8:11-12 **"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it."**

God made man to have fellowship with man, and to receive honor and glory from man in the relationship. We are aware that mankind must first hear the gospel and believe it to be true before they can come to know the Lord and be saved. The ultimate task of every saved soul is to get the 'seed' out of the barn and into the field so that we give the seed opportunity to germinate in the soul of the lost sinner. This constitutes mission work, which is not exclusive to preaching in person on foreign soil. Our Association continues to support mission work in Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, other states, and radio and TV broadcasts. We are engaged in local efforts such as vacation bible school, singing schools, outreach and nursing home ministries, etc., but are we doing all that we can? Are not the fields white with harvest in our own communities and neighborhoods and families? What more inspiration do we need other than the thought that our loved ones and acquaintances are living in the land of the dying without knowledge of salvation and the hope of a home in glory? Or are we at ease in Zion (Amos 6:1)?

We your Missions Report Committee would urge us all to beg God for a greater burden for lost humanity, that he would send more laborers into His divine service, that we would be more humble and submissive in seeking His will and to be more subservient to His cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder Bill Green
Brother Tom Elkins
Brother Sam Vance

Motion to adopt the report. The report was discussed by Brothers Sam Vance, Bill Green and Tom Elkins. 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

Dear beloved brothers and sisters of the Wiseman Baptist Association,

I find it to be a great blessing to be back among the loving people of this association. I have truly found encouragement in the spiritual prosperity amongst our churches this year. It seems that the Lord has been blessing not only churches in this association, but

churches all across the southeast and on foreign lands. I am glad to know that we still serve a mighty God that is still in the saving business. I have been fortunate enough to go and visit many churches, and to see and hear firsthand the work of this almighty God. I find great encouragement in this. From the salvation of sinners, to the additions to the Lords church, and the fellowship amongst Gods people, the blessings have been plenteous and rich this year. I know that this old, cruel world would have us to believe that our astounding God is dead; I know that He is surely alive and working in this world!

I do desire for us to look at some scripture in this report though; that I believe is relevant to today's time. Matthew 9:36-38 reads as follows, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 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.*" One common thread that I believe everyone is aware of, and that has impacted each church in one way or another, is a lack of labourers. Let us pray, one church for another, that the Lord would continue to add and call labourers unto His fold. Be encouraged by this, churches, that the harvest is truly plenteous if we do labor for the Lord.

Let us all never cease to keep inviting individuals into our churches to hear the gospel. Let us also continue to invite churches into the fellowship of this association. The scripture bears out these truths, Ephesians 4:3-6 reads, "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Let us strive to be in a greater unity with not only our fellow church members, but our fellow churches as well. This unity is Christ's whole hearted desire for us, John 17:20-21, "*Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*"

If anyone should question us on the purpose of this fellowship, I believe that the scripture can back the beauty of the unity that we experience one church with the other inside this associational fellowship, as well as what they might be missing by not joining, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 states, “Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.” The beauty of this fellowship is magnified in one of the greatest ways, when a church struggles or needs prayer, and the other churches are there to offer that hand to them. Let us never fail to do this for each other.

Lastly, Paul wrote this in the Corinthian letters, “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.” Let us be reminded, that we are all ambassadors for Christ! Let us all continue to invite lost into our churches and teach the true gospel that will stand when this world is on fire! Let us encourage those that have been saved to join the membership of the Lords church. Teach them to take up their cross and place inside the Lords church. Let us all try to invite churches into this delightful Wiseman Baptist Association. There is a great need for unity amongst God’s churches in this world, maybe now, more than ever! I will try my best to keep doing these things. I will continue to invite churches in. Please do pray for me, and I will be sure to pray for you. I love each one of you, and I pray that 2019 will be a great year for each church here!

With humbleness and love,
Brother Anthony Ferguson
Brother Donnie Hines

Brother Massey called for the Treasurers Report. Brother Danny Raines gave this report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance October 26, 2018	4859.33
Donation to Printing Fund	2650.00
Balance October 26, 2018	7509.33
EXPENSES: Check Fee	15.00
Minutes Printing Fee	990.00
Clerk's Fee	500.00
Postage	0.00
Balance October 27, 2018	6004.33

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Raines, Treasurer

Brian Johnson, 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. Motion carried.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS

Bethel Missionary Baptist Association:

Friday & Saturday before the third Sunday in September at 10:00 AM (September 13 & 14, 2019).

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Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association:

Saturday before the second Sunday in October continues Sunday, Monday & Tuesday (October 12-15, 2019).

Moderator: Johnny Hood, 11630 County Rd. 7, Moulton, AL 35650

(256) 292-3554

Clerk: Keith L. Hood, 12051 Hwy 278, Double Springs, AL 35553

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Siloam Missionary Baptist Association:

Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October at 10:00 AM and Saturday at 9:00 AM. (October 4 & 5, 2019).

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Clerk: Roger Carter, 1434 Alvaton Greenhill Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42103

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Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association:

Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October at 10:00 AM (October 11 & 12, 2019). Website: swdmba.org

Moderator: Ray Smith, 19950 East Main St., Huntingdon, TN 38344

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Clerk: Scott Carter, 400 Chickasaw Dr., Huntingdon, TN 38344

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Wiseman Baptist Association:

Friday and Saturday after the third Sunday in October at 10:00 AM (October 25 & 26, 2019)

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Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

October 12, 2018

Wiseman Baptist Association
Brother Charles Patterson

Greetings:

We would like to begin by thanking the Lord for His many blessings He has bestowed on each of us since the last time we corresponded. We are always thrilled to hear of the lost being saved and additions to the Lord's churches.

The churches of the Siloam Association met the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in October 2018 at Sulphur Fork Missionary Baptist Church for its sixty-sixth annual session. The Spirit of the Lord truly met with us and provided spirit filled sermons and wonderful topics that we pray will be helpful and encouraging to all in the days to come. 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-seventh session on October 4th & 5th, 2019 beginning at 10a.m. A site for the Association will be announced at a later date. Elder Robby Calvert is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Douglas Skinner is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder J.R. Mullins is scheduled to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday morning. We also invite everyone to check out the Siloam Association website www.siloamassociation.com as we have uploaded Associational minutes back to 2002 and audio content beginning with 2015 session.

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,

Elder Roger Carter, Clerk
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Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association

October 21, 2018

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 seventh annual session October 12-13, 2018, 20 churches reported 22 baptisms with a total membership of 1,744.

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.

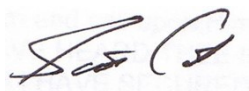
God blessed us again with the visitation of His Holy Spirit. We are thankful for those who were able to visit with us during the 2018 session and pray that you found it an uplifting visit.

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

We would like to invite all to join us for the 2019 session to be held with Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lexington, Tennessee. The sessions will be held October 11-12, 2019, starting at 10:00 am. Bro. Andrew Stokes will be preaching the Introductory Sermon on Friday, and Bro. Randy Thompson 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Carter", is written over a faint, light-colored rectangular background.

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**Mt Juliet Missionary Baptist Church**

August 27, 2018

Wiseman Association
c/o Eld. Charles Patterson, Clerk
524 Jim Chitwood Dr
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Brothers and Sisters of the Wiseman Association,

By act of the church in regular business meeting on August 1, 2018, Mount Juliet Missionary Baptist Church will no longer be representing in the Wiseman Baptist Association. As such, Brother Robby Cornwell will turn over duties as treasurer to his assistant, Elder Danny Raines, and Elder David Woodard will turn over chair of the committee for the report on Christian Education to Brother Steve Anderson.

This is not an act of ecclesiastical dis-fellowship with any of the churches of the Wiseman Association; merely a withdrawal from the association itself. We continue to desire and pray for gospel blessing and advancement in each of the churches and families representing in the association.

Blessings,

Elder David Woodard, Pastor

Sister Kristi Toth, Church Clerk

Notice from Three Springs Baptist Church

The Wiseman Association received a letter from Three Springs Baptist Church informing of the following:

A motion was made to exclude Jeremy T. Wilson from Three Springs Missionary Baptist Church and to withdraw his preaching credentials on the following charges: Heresy, plagiarism and malicious behavior.

The motion passed without opposition. This action was taken on January 1, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion and second to establish an associational website, motion passed without discussion.

The Order of Business for 2019 was read by Brother Johnny Carver and adopted by the messengers. These assignments are shown below:

- ❖ **HOST CHURCH:** Three Springs
- » **INTRODUCTORY SERMON:** Jesse Miller
- » **ALTERNATE:** Johnny Carver
- **CHRISTIAN EXCELLENCE IN THE CHURCH: Being a Role Model:** J.T. Honeycutt (Chair), Mike Cothron and Steve Anderson
- **GOD'S CHARACTER: THE SPIRITUAL MEDICINE FOR SUFFERING SAINTS:** Arron Binion (Chair), Dustin Kemp and Jessie Allen
- » **DOCTRINAL SERMON:** Brian Johnson
- » **ALTERNATE:** Kenneth Massey
- **OBITUARY REPORT:** Morris Watson (Chair), Wayne Howard and Dwight Faircloth
- **THE PROFILE OF A PREACHER:** Larry Gregory (Chair), Danny Raines and Steve Perrigo
- **MISSION REPORT:** Tom Elkins (Chair) and Bill Green
- **AMBASSADOR'S REPORT:** Don Hines (Chair) and Anthony Ferguson
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Danny Raines

The messengers voted to adopt the order of business. Motion passed without discussion.

At this time, the Moderator, Brother Kenneth Massey, invited all into the altar for a parting handshake while singing “I’ll Fly Away.” We enjoyed many spirit filled testimonies as the One Hundred Twenty Seventh Annual session came to a close.

There was a motion and second to adjourn; to meet with Three Springs Baptist Church in Bowling Green, KY on Friday after the third Sunday in October in the year of our Lord 2019, beginning at 10:00 AM, motion carried.

Brother Kenneth Massey prayed the benediction.

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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	<u>Doctrinal</u>
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	<u>Memorial</u>
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

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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	<u>Fellowship</u>
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
2018	Bethlehem	Kenneth Massey	Charles Patterson	Danny Raines	Aaron Binion	Danny Raines	Lynn Stapleton

STATISTICAL TABLES

	Year Organized	Received Baptism	Received Letter	Restored	Received Statement	Dismissed Letter	Dismissed Exclusion	Death	Rescinded	Total Members
Bethlehem	1962	0	5	0	0	1	0	2	0	38
Concord	1874	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	105
Gladdice	1894	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
Longview	1960	0	1	0	1	4	0	3	0	199
McFerrin	1948	5	4	0	3	1	0	5	0	783
Murfreesboro	1984	5	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	218
New Zion	1981	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	52
Three Springs	1995	4	1	0	0	13	0	5	0	435
Totals		16	15	2	5	20	0	18	0	1892

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

	Year Organized	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Number of Teachers
Bethlehem	1962	21	15	10	21	22	20	28	28	5
Concord	1874	n/a	n/a	51	50	50	46	46	46	6
Gladdice	1894	19	19	22	22	16	14	16	22	5
Longview	1960	50	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	8
McFerrin	1948	293	296	312	323	323	323	164	364	17
Murfreesboro	1984	50	50	50	50	65	70	62	133	19
New Zion	1981	22	22	24	24	25	25	25	25	3
Three Springs	1995	140	140	135	140	103	64	52	48	5
Totals		633	648	689	722	705	653	678	726	71

2019 Order of Service

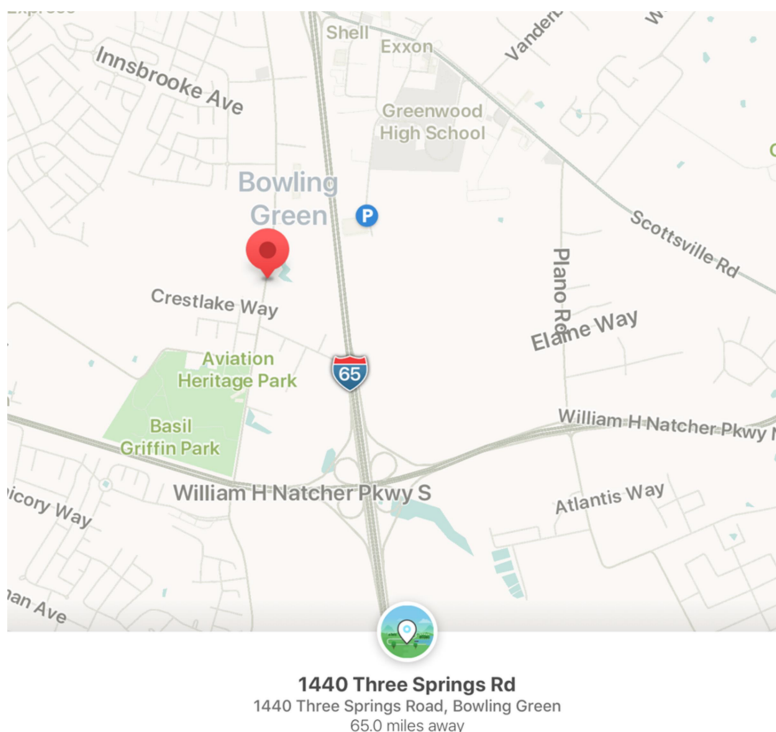
Friday, October 25, 2019

- 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 2019 Officers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Selections for 2019 Fellowship Sermon
- Report: Christian Excellence in the Church: Being a Role Model
- Break for Lunch
- Special Singing
- Fellowship Sermon
- Report: God's Character: The Spiritual Medicine for Suffering Saints
- Obituary Report

Saturday, October 26, 2019

- Roll Call of Messengers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Special Singing
- Report: The Profile of a Pastor
- Mission's Report
- Ambassador's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Reading of Correspondence
- New Business
- Order of Business for 2020
- Doctrinal Sermon
- Closing Song and Parting Handshake
- Closing Prayer

Map and Directions to
Three Springs Baptist Church
1440 Three Springs Road
Bowling Green, KY 42014



Directions

From Nashville, TN:

- 1) Take I 65 North keep on I-65 North
- 2) Take Exit 22 towards Bowling Green
- 3) Merge into Scottsville Rd
- 4) Turn left onto KY 884 South/Three Springs Rd.

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