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ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

We, the Missionary Baptists of Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of the Churches in order to maintain the general union and communion among ourselves; and being convinced that there can be no communion without union, we think it our duty to set forth in a concise manner the grounds upon which we propose to maintain this union.

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

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and that they are the only rule of faith

We believe in the doctrine of election, according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

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

We believe in the final preservation of the saints, that they will never finally fall away and be lost, and that good works are fruits of faith after justification.

We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, and that they were given to the Church by Him; and that true believers are the only proper subjects for baptism, and that baptism is an immersion, and that orderly members of the Churches of Christ, only, have a right to the Lord's Supper.

We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except such as are regularly baptized and come under the hands of the Presbytery.

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

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer shall be chosen annually to serve the Association.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and shall while speaking, confine himself or herself to the subject under discussion and shall not be interrupted unless he or she digress from the subject; and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state his views without sophistry or criticism.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
5. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body. The chairperson on each subject shall have an opening speech of ten minutes and two other speeches of five minutes each.
6. Each motion and second shall come under the immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.
7. No member shall address another by any appellation other than that of Brother or Sister.
8. On the first day, immediately upon permanent organization, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to read the Rules of Decorum. A roll call of messengers shall be made on the second day.

9. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.
10. Any member violating these rules, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the Gospel, shall be reproved or such other course taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own option or any other member.

CONSTITUTION

Article I. This Body shall be known as the Wiseman Baptist Association.

Article II. These Associations shall be composed of members duly chosen by regular and orderly Missionary Baptist Churches within our bounds.

Article III. The letters from the Churches to the Association shall give the number of members of fellowship, received by experience and baptism, received by letter, received by statement, restored, excluded, and dead since last annual meeting.

Article IV. Each church shall be entitled to four messengers.

Article V. These Associations shall elect annually as officers, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer whose duties shall be to serve their brothers and sisters in their several capacities.

Article VI. These Associations shall never interfere with the independence of any church or claim any ecclesiastical power or rights of supervision over any of the Churches.

Article VII. It shall be the object of these Associations to promote the union of the faith of the Gospel with our educational and mission interests.

Article VIII. These Associations shall meet annually on Friday at 10 o'clock a.m., after the third Sunday in October, and continue two days, the meetings to be held at such places as may be agreed upon by the Association at its annual sitting.

Article IX. A majority of the members of any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

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

Article XI. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and on examination, if found orthodox and orderly, may be received and made known by the Moderator's giving the right hand of fellowship to the 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; Psalms 119:11; Romans 3:1-2
2. 2 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; Acts 11:14; Romans 1:16; Mark 16:16; John 5:38-39.
3. Proverbs 30:5-6; John 17:17; Revelation 22:18-19; Romans 3:4.
4. Romans 2:12; John 12:47-48; 1 Corinthians 4:3-4; Luke 10:10-16; 12:47-48.
5. Philippians 3:16; Ephesians 4:3-6; Philippians 2:1-2; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Peter 4:11.
6. 1 John 4:1; Isaiah 8:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 2 Corinthians 8:5; Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:6; Jude 3:5; Ephesians 6:17; Psalms 119:59-60; Philippians 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; Psa. 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; Psalms 89:19; Psalm 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; Psalms 51
4. Rom. 10:9-11; Acts 3:22-23; Heb. 4:14; Psalms 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; Psalms 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; Psa. 118:24
3. Isa. 58:13-14; 56:2-8
4. Psa. 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; Psa. 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; Psa. 72:11; Psa. 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; Psa. 10:4; Isa 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 Three Springs Baptist Church

Nine people met one winter night in March of 1994 to discuss starting a new Baptist mission. Forty years had passed since a churchlike this was organized in Bowling Green.

After having services for about nine months, 89 saved and baptized Baptists joined together to charter the birth of Three Springs Baptist Church (December 5, 1995). The organization was held in the old Bowling Green High School on Center Street.

For the next twenty-four months, the new church rented the Seventh Day Adventist facility on Cave Mill Road. The first service in the new sanctuary was held the fourth Sunday in December of 1997.

Now, almost a quarter century later, the good Lord has saved many and a few hundred have been baptized declaring their spiritual salvation and desire to walk with Him in newness of life. The present pastor is Bro. Aaron Binion. Bro. Kenneth Massey was the founding pastor and served from 1995 thru 2005.

For whatever success this church has had, or will have in the future, may the Great God of glory receive all worship, honor and praise.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

On this 25th day of October of 2019, we met at 10:00 AM for the One Hundred Twenty Seventh Annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association at Three Springs Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Services began with Brother Don Hines leading the singing with Sister Tammy Painter at the piano. “The Lighthouse” and “I Am Bound For The Promised Land” were sung.

Our temporary Moderator Elder Kenneth Massey came forward and welcomed all to the association. He told us that 100 years ago this association met at Fairview Church in Macon County, Tennessee where Elder A.J. Sloan served as moderator and Brother P.S. Dyer delivered the introductory sermon and stated we have met consecutively from that day forward. He then read for a devotion, Songs of Solomon 6:8-10, and asked the question “Who is she?” The church. Then he asked Elder Mike Elkins from the Mulberry Gap Association to lead in prayer. After a season of prayer thanking God for His blessings and asking Him for His help and presence and asking for God’s mercy on behalf of the lost, the moderator then asked Brother’s Don Hines and Sam Vance to sing a song. They sang, “When All Of God’s Singers Get Home.” At this time, Brother Massey introduced Elder Jesse Miller, Pastor of Gladys Missionary Baptist Church, who was selected a year ago to preach the introductory sermon.

Brother Miller came and began by thanking the association for the opportunity to preach before this body. He also spoke of the experiences of his first pastorate at Gladys Church and relayed to us his call to preach while on trip to Israel. He then asked for our prayers.

Introductory Sermon

Brother Miller announced his reading Romans 5:12-21. He selected his text from verse 19 from this reading. He used for his theme “Where Grace Abound.” He began by saying he wants to always be able to affirm the truth by the word of God. Brother Miller challenged us to push harder past the daily challenges we experience due to the presence of sin. He then stated, “But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound” (Romans 6:20). He reminded us that sin abounds in our world today, but we have the

Holy Spirit to aid us in resisting sin (Rom. 8-14). Sin has twisted many minds and turned our lives upside down. Men are still saved by Grace (Eph. 2:8). Sin has spread so rapidly that it has gotten into the lives of the people of God, just as the Apostle Paul wrestled with it daily. Sin divides relationships between pastors and church members alike. Paul spoke of the gift of Grace many times in his ministry; Grace is an unmerited favor of God. He read Romans 11:5-7 and distinguished between works and Grace. He then read Ephesians 2:7-9; God's gracious gifts consisting of love, grace and kindness, yet he is angered by sin. He then called our attention to the fruit of the spirit as recorded in Galatians 5:22, 23. All of us are saved by repentance and faith. This type of doctrine was preached by John The Baptist and those that followed after him.

Brother Miller spoke of his own salvation and his home in heaven, and this all came about through and by the Grace of God. He reminded us that we all stand guilty before God with no justice to offer. He quoted Romans 3:23, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Brother Miller spoke of God's holiness, that He could not associate himself with it for He is God and He could not sin. In II Peter 3:18 it says, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." "To him be glory both now and for ever, Amen." I Peter 4:10 reminds us to be good stewards.

In closing, Brother Miller challenged us to minister to one another with holiness and for our lives to be more spotless. He then thanked God for the opportunity to stand and said let's let Grace abound in our lives.

The congregation came and gave Brother Miller the right hand of fellowship endorsing this good sermon while we sang, "Amazing Grace" and I've Just Begun To Live" led by Brother Don Hines.

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 (S)

Gladlice: Charles Patterson, John Wayne Draper, Jesse Miller, Jimmy Christian

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

McFerrin: Mike Cothran, Don Hines, Johnny Carver, Billy Gammons

Murfreesboro: Sam Vance, Bill Green, Tom Elkins, Kenneth Massey

New Zion: Larry Gregory, Anthony Ferguson

Three Springs: Wayne Howard, Arron Binion, Jerry Thomas, Chris Painter

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 2019

The messengers elected by acclamation the following brethren to serve the association for the 2019 session:

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

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: Elder Mike Elkins

Mt. Lebanon – Alvaton, KY: Bobby Vanderpool

Sulpher Fork – Bethpage, TN: Elder Danny Chandler

Dover – Scottsville, KY: Elder Nathan Chandler

From this group of long-time friends of the Wiseman Association, Elder Nathan Chandler from Dover Missionary Baptist Church in Scottsville, KY was selected to preach the Fellowship Sermon in the afternoon.

Brother Massey called for the report on Christian Excellence in the Church: Being a Role Model. Brother J.T. Honeycutt read the report.

REPORT: CHRISTIAN EXCELLENCE IN THE CHURCH: BEING A ROLE MODEL

How to be a good role model? Salvation is the starting point, not the end. The great commission isn't to go and make decisions, but disciples. It's simple we must be a disciple to make disciples.

Have you ever been told to "do as I say, not as I do"? In I Cor. 11:1 Paul let's know that following the example of Christ is paramount in being a role model.

Another starting point is to give yourself a checkup from the heart and neck up and examine your integrity. Integrity is uprightness of character, it's honesty, it's lining up with God's word. Your word is your bond. When role models say they will do something, they do it. Promises matter. What they say is reflected in their actions. Role models are not always right as there is only one perfect man, Jesus Christ. When role models are wrong, they admit it.

A role model has to have his own house in order. It begins in the home, church, workplace and then to the world. Mark 2:14 Jesus said to follow Him. John 10:27 Jesus said my sheep hear (listen to) my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 12:26 Jesus said whosoever serves Me must follow Me. Being an example is more important than talent. I Tim. 4:12 says don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. But set an example for the world in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Titus 2:6-8 says in everything set an example by doing good. Our children need role models that are examples of Jesus Christ; for what they see and hear in their young lives will have a great effect now and in years to come. A Christian role model is a lot more than just a believer. They are also doers of the word. John 14:15 Jesus says if you love me, you will obey what I command. A Christian role model should practice what they say and believe. It is always right to be a cheerful giver, and to have his life in order. Proverbs 28:2 When a country is rebellious it has many rulers, but a man of understanding and knowledge maintains order. He should ask himself has there ever been a time when I was more in love with Jesus than right now. If the answer is yes, fix it! A role model will avoid sowing seeds of discord

and being involved in gossip. The cause will mean more to him than having his own way. A role model will be a peacemaker not a troublemaker, a lover of the Lord and present himself or herself in a way the people can see that.

A role models' commitment and faithfulness is paramount, being on time is being early, being someone other people can lean on in times of trouble, being humble, being forgiving, being truthful, and most of all loving the Lord, His church and the souls of people. I believe He leaves us here for that purpose. Don't you?

In saying all this, a role model has to study to show themselves approved of the Lord first, and then to the people they come in contact within this life.

Do you have a desire to be a Godly role model, an example for people to follow as you follow Christ? There are many role models in the bible. Hebrews 11 tells us about some of them. But no doubt our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is our greatest. So let's be more like Him, that He may receive all the honor and glory from our lives.

Humbly and prayerfully submitted by Brothers J. T. Honeycutt, Steve Anderson and Mike Cothran.

Motion to adopt the report as read.

The report was discussed by J.T. Honeycutt, Steve Anderson, Mike Cothran. Question called; motion passed.

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

Brother Bobby Vanderpool was asked to pray the benediction and ask the blessing over the meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delicious meal provided by Three Springs Church, we came back for the afternoon session. Brother Sam Vance led us in “My God Is Real” with Sister Tammy Painter at the piano. Our Assistant Moderator, Elder Johnny Carver, came and welcomed all for the afternoon session. He read for a devotional Psalms 133:1-3 and asked Brother Morris Watson to lead us in prayer. Brother Carver then introduced Brother Nathan Chandler, Pastor Dover Missionary Baptist Church in Scottsville, Kentucky to deliver the annual fellowship sermon.

FELLOWSHIP SERMON

Brother Chandler began by expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to deliver the today’s message. He read for his lesson John 13:31-35. He then read from the Greek for his text “It Is Enough?”

If this commandment only is observed, is it enough? The commandment is “That ye love one another.” He then said true Christian fellowship is to love one another. Ecclesiastes 4:12, states this is our identity. The three points are:

1. Love for Christ
2. Love one another or the brotherhood.
3. Love the lost and dying world. (Matt. 28:19, 20) (Mk. 16:15).

The last impression that we leave, even on our death beds should be that we love one another. Jesus said, if you love me keep my commandments. This love should not have any shades of love. Jesus sets himself as the standard. He referred to his disciples in John 13:33 as little children. He then called our attention to I John 4:10, “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

Jesus laid down His life for us so should we for Him. He not only died for us, He lived for us. This should be the same in our marriage, we should live for our wives as explained in Ephesians 5:21-33. Brother Chandler stated Christ never broke fellowship with us, why should we break fellowship with him and one another? God is our role model, he gave his all for us, and we should give our all for him.

Brother Chandler addressed two things we as Old Time Baptists should display in our lives:

1. Righteousness
2. Loving our brother

As Christians, it is our duty to display righteousness and love for our brother since God saved our souls. Let's not lose sight of our time and place when God saved our souls. He then spoke of the time and place where he was saved, in the basement of the church in Elizabeth West Virginia. We have gotten so caught up in ourselves and our impurities that we have lost our love, one for another. He cautioned us to not be like the Pharisees by getting too caught up in our church traditions that we can't have freedom to follow the will of the spirit.

In closing, Brother Chandler used Revelations 2, Christ commended them first for their works, labour and patience and then He told them to return to their first love. By doing this, others will know that ye are my disciples. He admonished us to go back to the way it was in the days of the early church when the saints loved God and one another more than they loved themselves.

We then gathered into the altar while singing "Love Lifted Me" led by Brother Sam Vance while giving Brother Chandler the right hand of Christian fellowship and endorsement for the good spirit filled sermon. After many good testimonies, we then went back to the order of business.

Brother Carver called for the report on God's Character: The Spiritual Medicine for Suffering Saints. The report was read by Aaron Binion.

GOD'S CHARACTER: THE SPIRITUAL MEDICINE FOR SUFFERING SAINTS

When Adam sinned in the garden, sin ruined what God once called "very good". As a result, both saints and sinners would experience suffering. However, saints have Christ as both the balm and the Great Physician (Jeremiah 8). Because the Man of Sorrows is now the Risen Lord, saints can not only endure but find reason and purpose in suffering. The first step in treating physical sickness is a right diagnosis. Secondly, the right medicine will only work if taken as recommended by a patient wanting to

experience healing. The same is true spiritually. Scripture is the medicine for suffering saints - it tells us about God's character. Understanding God's character as revealed by scripture both diagnoses and prescribes the appropriate treatment. However, for the "medicine" to work saints must humble themselves before God and want to be healed in due time (1 Peter: 5:6).

James said to consider it joy when, not if, we encounter various trials (James 1:2). As Paul and Barnabas encountered suffering saints, they strengthened and encouraged them with the reminder that saints must endure many hardships to enter into the kingdom of God (Acts 14:22). Suffering isn't always due to sin or a lack of faith - sometimes it's for the glory of God (John 9:3) and other times it's for righteousness' sake (1 Peter 3:14). Like the gift of faith, God gives us the opportunity to suffer for the sake of Christ (Philippians 1:29). Persecuted on Patmos, enduring the spiritual condition of the seven Asian churches, and having lost all the other apostles to martyr deaths, John the suffering saint found the remedy. In a vision of heaven, John saw the throne of God (Revelation 4). From that throne John saw God ruling, reigning, and controlling all things. He found the spiritual medicine for suffering saints in a new understanding of the greatness of God.

For saints the question is not will they experience suffering but how will they respond? RICE is a common acronym used for treating soft tissue injuries. It stands for rest, ice, compression, and elevation. Suffering saints can also benefit by remembering RICE – God is Righteous, Infinite, Constant, and Eternal.

God is *righteous*. Abraham asked if the Judge of all the earth will deal justly (Genesis 18:25). God's actions, either by what He causes or allows, are always righteous. Moses said that God's work is perfect in all His ways, that He is a God of faithfulness and without injustice, and that He is righteous and upright. Because God is perfectly righteous, He can be completely trusted. He won't lie and He will always fulfill His promises. Righteous God is always in control. Everything happens either according to His prescription or His permission. Saints may not understand it or like it, but God is always right.

God is *infinite* and infinitely wise. God knows how much each of His saints can handle. Sometimes God reveals why He allows suffering (Genesis 6:5). Other times He may withhold the information until the suffering is over (Job 1:6-12, Job 31). Whether the suffering is for discipline, to prevent future sins, to let loose of the things of the world, or to

grow in love and reliance on God, saints know God does have a right purpose in it. God has infinite power and is able to work all things for His own glory and the saint's good (Romans 8:28). Saints have hope and patience in suffering knowing that the present suffering is working for an eternal weight of glory (2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Romans 8:18). Saints glory (rejoice) in suffering knowing God is using it to do something - mostly making them more like Jesus (Romans 5:3). Through suffering, saints grow in their ability to comfort and care for others (1 Corinthians 1:3-4). God formed the human body with a pain mechanism that allows the mind to forget much of the pain once endured, but God is infinite in memory. God is infinitely good, powerful, and able. Not only does He know about the saint's suffering, not only can He do something about it, but God has already done something about it. He sent His Son who conquered sin, death, and hell. His substitutionary sacrifice brought peace with God and will one day allow acceptance into heaven where suffering will be no more. Comfort is found in the gospel as saints remember what God has done for them in Christ (Romans 8:31).

Saints in suffering find relief in a *constant* God. God never changes (James 1:17). Suffering can cause even the most faithful of saints to question God's goodness, but the goodness of God that brought salvation remains constant through sanctification. His love and mercy are unceasing (Lamentations 3:22-23). Emotions like fear, anxiety, and even anger can be properly managed by remembering God's love that saved the soul will remain constant even through suffering. God remains constant but suffering brings saints to a closer relationship and greater understanding of God. Job said he had heard things about God but now (after suffering) his eyes had seen Him (Job 42:5). Physically muscles don't grow and won't get stronger unless forced to carry a weight almost too much to bear. Sufferings enable saints to find out how much they must rely on God and how able God is and that He alone is sufficient. Suffering, then, is a blessing meant to experientially know the comfort, mercy, and grace of God. David said that it was good for him to have been afflicted that he might learn God's statutes (Psalm 119:71). Suffering is often brought about by changes in circumstances, but God is constant. He is always there, never leaving, never forsaking, but always upholding by His mighty, righteous, omnipotent hand (Deuteronomy 31:6). Whatever the suffering is, it can't separate saints from their fellowship with God through Christ.

Finally, God is *eternal*. Suffering for the saint isn't optional but a way of life until heaven. One day in the new heaven and the new earth, suffering will be no more. God shall wipe every tear from the eyes of His saints (Revelation 21:4). In heaven saints will enjoy the absence of suffering and sin and the presence of eternal joy. Considering all God has done, and all God will do in heaven for His saints, the suffering saint can find rest, joy, peace, and the medicine for a troubled heart in what scripture says about the righteous, infinite, constant, and eternal greatness of God.

Motion to adopt the report. The report was discussed by Aaron Binion and Jessie Allen. Question called. The messengers then adopted the report as discussed.

Brother Carver then called for the Obituary Report. Brother Morris Watson read the report.

OBITUARY REPORT

While thinking about this report, the words of a song kept coming to mind. The song is titled "We Do Not Die," the words are:

Death is an appointment that we all must keep, but as a child of God, we just close our eyes and simply fall asleep to be carried away by angels wings up to heaven's door and move right into a mansion there to live forever more. Grave where is your victory, death where is your sting. We do not die we just move on high to live with Christ the King, to walk on gold and see the sites untold and with the saints of old to sing. Grave where is your victory, death where is your sting. The chorus of this song is taken from I Cor. 15:54-55.

Psalms 90:10 states "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet there is strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. II Cor. 5:1 states, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. In II Cor. 5:8 Paul says, "we are confident I say and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."

All of us who know Jesus Christ as our Savior should look forward to when the Lord calls our name. We will then enter into what is written in

Rev. 21:4, “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow or crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.”

Let us not forget that these saints are in a place of joy, peace, and gladness and that we will join them some day when this life is over.

Respectfully Submitted,
Morris Watson
Wayne Howard
Dwight Faircloth

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

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Concord:	None	
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Gladlice:	None	
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Longview:	None	
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McFerrin:	Brother Ray Scott	December 9, 2018
	Sister Angie McClanahan	February 22, 2019
	Sister Elaine Jackson Murray	March 29, 2019
	Sister Gwendolyn Beasley	May 5, 2019
	Brother Fred Shores	August 8, 2019
	Brother Vance Overton	August 17, 2019
	Sister Minnie Overton	September 29, 2019
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Murfreesboro:	Brother Donald Shaw	January 18, 2019
	Sister Jacquie McCollum	March 8, 2019
	Sister Lorraine Sisco	March 8, 2019
	Brother Robert Sisco	March 22, 2019
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New Zion:	Sister Sue Bruce	May 14, 2019
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Three Springs:	Sister Joann Mitchell	October 7, 2018
	Sister Elaine Leach	April 7, 2019
	Sister Doris Jean Young	April 11, 2019
	Brother J.C. Conatser	May 7, 2019
	Brother Bill DeYoung	July 31, 2019
	Sister Brenda Pruitt	September 11, 2019



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

Psalms 116:15

Motion to adopt the report. Speaking to the report was Brother Morris Watson. Question called. The messengers then adopted the report as discussed.

Motion and second to adjourn until 10:00 AM Saturday morning, motion carried. Brother Carver asked Brother Bobby Vanderpool to pray the benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

It was a rainy day, but God still smiled upon us as we met back for our 128th annual session, which began with Brother Don Hines leading the singing with “Oh I Want To See Him” and “I Can Almost See The Lights Of Home” with Sister Tammy Painter at the piano.

Our moderator, Brother Massey, came and welcomed all to the second day of our 128th annual session of the Wiseman Baptist Association and asked us to pray that the Holy Spirit would meet with us. He then asked Elder Billy Moran, Moderator of the Siloam Missionary Baptist Association, to lead us in prayer.

A special song was sung by Brother Eric Cornell, “What A Day That Will Be,” with Sister Tammy Painter at the piano.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Fairview Memorial – Elder Billy Moran – Bowling Green, KY

Brother Massey called for the Report on Profile of a Preacher. Brother Larry Gregory read the report.

PROFILE OF A PREACHER

Scripture: I Timothy 3:1-7

Profile defined: (noun) a short article giving a description of a person or organization.

The preacher is one who proclaims the good news about Jesus. This news is heralded by one who knows, by first-hand experience, this glorious truth: Jesus came to save sinners by way of His death on the cross, His burial, and His resurrection from the dead. The first required descriptor of a preacher is a “divine calling.” God begins the

process of the preaching ministry. In II Timothy 4:2, Paul said “I am appointed a preacher.” He did not say I decided to become a preacher. This knowledge is accompanied by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, God's witness, which empowers the preacher and the words he speaks. *(Luke 4:18-19) “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”*

Paul advised Timothy to preach “the Word.” (II Timothy 4:2) “Saturate your sermons with scripture” is a wise exhortation for the younger preacher as well as the older. One should never knowingly preach anything contrary to any part of the inspired word. Time spent in prayer and meditation on God’s word is an indispensable descriptor.

Preachers are a gift to the church, the body of Christ. They are not Lords and masters, but servants! Considering how Jesus washed the disciples’ feet, the servant should make his example a significant part of his leadership. Whether the preacher believes his calling to be as a pastor or as an evangelist, he should endeavor to meet the qualifications for a bishop listed in I Timothy 3:1-7.

The word “profile” implies a shadow image or a reflected image. The profile God expects of a preacher is an image of Jesus Christ. *(II Corinthians 3:18) “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”*

Respectfully Submitted,
 Larry Gregory
 Danny Raines
 Steve Perrigo

Those speaking the report were Larry Gregory, Danny Raines and Kenneth Massey. Question called. Motion carried.

Brother Massey then called for the Missions Report. The report was read by Brother Tom Elkins.

MISSIONS REPORT

In 1 Peter 3:15, the apostle writes, “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:”

Jesus set the ultimate example for us through his life and how he conducted his ministry. He was always on the move and constantly spreading the gospel to those he met. Jesus ministered to the whole person of those he encountered. He always attended to the spiritual needs of those who would believe but did not neglect to give what was required to meet the physical needs of those who sought his help.

As believers, it is incumbent upon us to share the good news of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ with a lost and dying world. Before His ascension, Christ clearly instructed us to evangelize the lost with the charge of the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20). We must seek the Lord’s help and prepare our hearts and minds to carry out this command.

Our Heavenly Father has equipped us for this task by bestowing his grace upon us and graciously giving unique gifts and talents to each of us. Our mission to share Jesus with those who don’t know him requires immediacy, and we must prepare ourselves individually and collectively to be soul winners for Jesus.

Whatever the missional direction God impresses upon each of us to pursue, we can be certain that the Devil, our adversary, will not cease in his attempt to discourage us and obstruct our efforts. But no, we will not be alone in our endeavors. Christ gives us the promise He will go with us, and He will enable our feeble efforts to be effective for Him.

May we seek to be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding that we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:9-10).

Further, let us be renewed in the spirit of our mind, putting on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:23-24). Let us be nourished by the sincere milk of the word (1 Peter 2:2), and may we grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 2:3).

May our prayer and sincere desire be that each of us be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use (2 Timothy 2:21). As we continue on towards maturity, may we ever become more effective ambassadors for Christ, and to God be the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder Bill Green
Brother Tom Elkins

Motion to adopt the report. The report was discussed by Brothers 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 27, 2018	6,004.33
Donation to Printing Fund	2,400.00
Balance October 27, 2018	8,404.33
EXPENSES:	
Minutes Printing Fee	1,161.00
Clerk's Fee	500.00
Postage	0.00
Balance October 26, 2019	6,743.33
Donations for 2019 Minutes	2,3500.00

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.

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Friday & Saturday before the third Sunday in September at 10:00 AM (September 18 & 19, 2020).

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Siloam Missionary Baptist Association

January 20, 2020

Wiseman Baptist Association
Brother Charlie 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 2019 at Harvest Missionary Baptist Church for its sixty-seventh annual session. Grace Missionary Baptist Church and Old Path Missionary Baptist Church also worked with Harvest to host the Siloam Association. 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 at Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Bowling Green Kentucky for the sixty-eighth session on October 2nd & 3rd, 2020 beginning at 10a.m. Elder Michael Reid is scheduled to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning and Elder Don Curtis is scheduled to preach the memorial sermon Friday night. Elder Kenneth Summers 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,
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**BIG BEAR CREEK
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

June 01, 2019

Wiseman Baptist Association:

We trust everything is going well with you and your lost are being saved. We also trust God is continuing to bless you.

This past October, we convened for the One Hundred Eighty-Third Annual Session with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. We had 15 churches reporting an increase of 26 with 11 of those being by baptism. We had a decrease of 27 with a total membership of 1,114. We still need to see many souls saved for the Lord.

We are truly thankful for the visitors that were able to be with us. We invite each one to join us for the 184th Annual Session to be held with Flat Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Lawrence County, Alabama. The church is located east of Moulton, Alabama, just off of Alabama Highway 24. This session will be held October 12, 13, 14, and 15, 2019. The service Saturday morning will begin at 11 :00 a.m.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Keith L. Hood". The script is cursive and fluid.

Keith L. Hood, Clerk

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Southwestern District Missionary Baptist Association

October 24, 2019

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 seventy first annual session October 11-12, 2019, 20 churches reported 32 baptisms with a total membership of 1, 745.

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 2019 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 2020 session to be held with Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Westport, Tennessee. The sessions will be held October 9-10, 2020, starting at 10:00 am. Bro. Phillip Gullledge will be preaching the Introductory Sermon and Friday, and Bro. Ryne Bivens will be preaching the Doctrinal Sermon on Saturday.

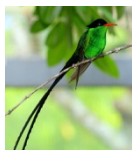
Please remember our efforts in your prayers, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

May the Lord bless you in your efforts to serve Him.

Under His Wings,

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From The Desk Of Elder Rick Jones

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September 2019

Re: Wiseman Association

Greetings from the Caribbean

I had hoped to return to the association this year instead I will be preparing to return to the Bahamas on October 11, 2019. Since my recovery last May to return to the mission field. I returned to Jamaica to help the church Craighead in beginning a mission work in Discovery Bay, near the seashore in Jamaica. Brother Scott followed up in July, with an open-air service and in August I held a revival during planting season. Bro Scott will return in October and I will conduct another revival in December.

After my trip to Bahamas in October where two US brethren will help in a revival and my return November 11, 2019. Then In January 2020, I will be doing the work of an evangelist in Nassau of the Bahamas on New Providence Island every other month to lay the groundwork for a stable mission work.

These efforts of walking by faith trusting the Lord has favored our undertakings and that of Brother Scott, Bro Patrick, and Brother Dwen and the Craighead church along with your prayers will be received with gladness. I know the prayer of the saints John reported in the book of Revelation are stored up in heaven as a sweet savor before the throne of grace.

I believe a young crippled man of palsy was saved in Nassau in August even though his testimony was expressed without speech, as traditionally received by the Church. His emotions of joy that radiated from him anointed by the Holy Spirit proved something glorious had changed his behavior. His mother who packed his twisted frame over her shoulders expressed they never saw such a reaction from him in church. The revival in Jamaica a ninety-year-old Jamaican tuck shop owner who made great efforts to help Brother Dwen have a spot of ground for the mission work. She sang

the last night of the meeting "Pass me not O' Gentle Savior" and shared her testimony of a time and place where the Lord saved her as a little girl. This beloved sister kissed me on the cheek every night and remarked she liked our form of worship. I call her my Lydia the businesswoman who met us like Paul along the seashore.

Our God is an awesome God I stand in awe how he prepares the work of the Lord for our Missionaries.

I hope he will bless your association with an even greater burden to see your prayers in support of all missions' home & abroad are not in vain.

Elder Rick Jones

NEW BUSINESS

Motion and second to print our 18 Articles of Faith in the Wiseman minutes each year. Motion carried.

Brother Aaron Binion reported the Wiseman Association website is up and running. It can be found at, www.wisemanassociation.com.

The Order of Business for 2020 was read by Brother Johnny Carver and adopted by the messengers. These assignments are shown below:

- ❖ **HOST CHURCH:** Murfreesboro
- » **INTRODUCTORY SERMON:** Johnny Carver
- » **ALTERNATE:** Larry Gregory
- **THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A PASTER:** Danny Raines (Chair), Aaron Binion, Jesse Miller and Morris Watson
- **THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A DEACON:** Tom Elkins (Chair), Steve Anderson, Jessie Allen and Jerry Thomas
- » **DOCTRINAL SERMON:** Kenneth Massey

» **ALTERNATE:** Charles Patterson

- **OBITUARY REPORT:** Sam Vance (Chair), John Draper and Jimmy Christian
- **THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A CHURCH MEMBER:** The Man's Role and the Woman's Role: Brian Johnson (Chair), Mike Cothran, J.T. Honeycutt and Anthony Ferguson
- **MISSION REPORT:** Bill Green (Chair) and Larry Gregory
- **AMBASSADOR'S REPORT:** Anthony Ferguson(Chair) and Don Hines
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Brian Johnson

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

Brother Massey then asked Brother Don Hines to lead a song and we sang "God Is So Good" with Sister Tammy Painter at the piano. Brother Massey then introduced Brother Brian Johnson, Pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Goodlettsville, TN, to deliver the doctrinal sermon.

DOCTRINAL SERMON

Brother Johnson expressed his appreciation of the privilege to preach the doctrinal sermon before this association and asked for the prayers of the saints.

He read from Ephesians 1;19-22, and his theme was **Enthroned In Heaven**.

Brother Johnson said reading two of Paul's prayers recorded while in prison (in Eph 1:15-23), Paul was overjoyed to hear about their faith in the Lord and their love for all saints. Paul wanted them to know of God's glorious powers. After giving us a brief summary of the life of Christ from the prophets, Brother Johnson called our attention to the 1833 New Hampshire Confession of Faith Article #4. Bro. Johnson began by speaking of the glorious powers of Christ as taught in the article of faith. He then provided the following three points:

1) He Rose from the Earth in Power (Ascension).

He reminded us of what Luke recorded in Acts 1:1-5 about the incarnation, birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He used Luke 24:51. He spoke of Luke's writings in Acts 1:6-14, the history of the early church. He used Mark 13:26 & 14:62, Christ told the apostles after His resurrection why stand ye here gazing, I will return as you see me go away. When Christ had finished His earthly ministry, He entered into the presence of God. When He left earth, He was carried up through the 1st, 2nd and into the 3rd Heaven. He took His seat beside His Father. The Father had accomplished redemption through His Son at the cross. The Father had vindicated justice through His Son's resurrection. Christ had been received into glory. The Son's seat had been reserved by the Father.

2) He Reigns over Heaven and earth in Power. (Session- the act of sitting).

Bro. Johnson spoke of the life and Ministry of Jesus in Acts 2:22. The Crucifixion of Jesus and the betrayal of Jesus. He was sold for thirty pieces of silver and this world is charged with the blood of this innocent man. Bro. Johnson used Acts 2:24 and Psalms 16:8-11 to show that the prophets spoke of His resurrection. Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, Enthroned in Heaven. Bro Johnson reminded us that we have received the

promise of the Holy Spirit, Joel 2:28, 29; Acts 2:17, 18; John 15:26, 27; 16:7; the Session of Jesus, Matthew 22:44, 45 & 26:64-66.

3) He Responds from Heaven in Power

This Jesus that the apostle Paul wanted us to see and the apostle Peter proclaimed on the Day of Pentecost is still in His same position, Hebrews 13:8. What does the Ascension and session of Jesus Christ mean to Him, the Church and to the world? (Philippians 2:9; Ephesians 1:20, 21; Hebrews 2:17,18; Acts 7:54-56; Luke 24:52, 53; Revelations 1:12, 13; Romans 2:16; II Thessalonians 1:7-10).

Brother Johnson concluded the message by reminding us that we worship Jesus when we meet on Sunday's and that it is truly a blessing to be a church member. For the lost, they are to repent and turn from sin as it states in Revelations 22, come to Jesus. There is no place to hide from God. Jesus is coming again as The Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Our Brother then closed the sermon by stating, Jesus left in power and will step from the throne and return in power.

Brother Massey invited all to come into the altar and shake hands with our brother and one another and stated this was a good doctrinal sermon and that he hoped we would have Brother Johnson for a long time. We gathered and sang, "Heavens Jubilee." After some spirit filled talks were given, Brother Mike Elkins sang "I Want To Live There, Don't You?".

There was a motion and second to adjourn; to meet with Murfreesboro Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, TN on Friday after the third Sunday in October in the year of our Lord 2020, beginning at 10:00 AM. Motion carried.

Brother Jimmy Christon prayed the benediction.

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HISTORICAL TABLE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Introductor</u>
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. McQuinn
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. Grimes
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. McQuinn
1905	Rock Bridge	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	J.M. Wilks	J.W. McQuinn
1906	Corum Hill	W.M.S. Wilks	C.D. High	J.M. Wilks	J.F. Lambert
1907	Long Creek	C.M. Simmons	D.S. Reed	Gus Fuqua	W.M.S. Wilks
1908	Hillsdale	W.M.S. Wilks	D.S. Reed	T.A. Bass	C.B. Masse

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1909	Hartsville	C.N. Simmons	D.S. Reed	Paul Johnson	E.E. Folk
1910	Cedar Bluff	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis	J.T. Oakley
1911	Meadorville	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis	C.B. Massie
1912	Friendship	A.J. Sloan	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis	J.W. Gillon
1913	Bledsoe Creek	J.T. Oakley	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis	A.J. Sloan
1914	Siloam	P.F. Burnley	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis	J.T. Oakley
1915	Pleasant Hill	W.K. Johnson	D.S. Reed	J.W. Lewis	W.J. Sumner
1916	Spring Creek	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook	C.B. Massie
1917	Dixon Creek	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook	T.F. Moore
1918	New Harmony	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook	T.F. Moore
1919	Fairview	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook	P.S. Dyer
1920	Pleasant Grove	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook	W.F. Jenkin
1921	New Zion	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook	P.S. Dyer
1922	Rock Bridge	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	J.D. Cook	R.O. Sanders
1923	Cedar Bluff	R.Y. Hawkins	A.J. Sloan	J.D. Cook	N.C. Fuqua
1924	Long Creek	R.O. Sanders	A.J. Sloan	J.D. Cook	I.N. Sloan
1925	Mt. Zion	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	J.D. Cook	R.O. Sanders
1926	Old Hopewell	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	J.D. Cook	L.A. Stewart
1927	Union	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	J.D. Cook	A.W. Keen
1928	Brattontown	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	R.O. Sanders

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1929	Meadorville	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	W.T. Taylor
1930	Haysville	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	F.W. Lambert
1931	Capitol Hill	L.A. Stewart	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	A.J. Sloan
1932	Siloam	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	R. Thompson
1933	Rocky Mound	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	C.B. Massie
1934	Pleasant Hill	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	R.O. Sande
1935	Goodwill	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	F.W. Lambert
1936	Spring Creek	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	W.T. Taylor
1937	New Harmony	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	R.O. Sande
1938	New Bethel	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	F.W. Lambert
1939	Union	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	R.O. Sande
1940	Red Hill	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	F.W. Lambert
1941	Lafayette	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	R.O. Sande
1942	Siloam	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	F.W. Lambert
1943	Athens	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	R.O. Sande
1944	Union Hill	N.C. Fuqua	A.J. Sloan	T.C. Harrison	F.W. Lambert
1945	Brattontown	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert	T.C. Harrison	J.H. Smith
1946	Drakes Creek	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert	T.C. Harrison	F.W. Lambert
1947	Long Creek	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert	T.C. Harrison	F.L. Ray
1948	Old Union	N.C. Fuqua	F.W. Lambert	T.C. Harrison	F.L. Ray

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1949	Macedonia	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert	H.H. Harrison	F.L. Ray
1950	Old Hopewell	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert	H.H. Harrison	F.L. Ray
1951	Rocky Mound	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert	H.H. Harrison	M.R. Drury
1952	East Main Street	F.L. Ray	F.W. Lambert	H.H. Harrison	Albert Cro
1953	McFerrin	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker	Albert Cro
1954	Cedar Bluff	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker	H.C. Vande
1955	West End	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker	H.C. Vande
1956	Buffalo Springs	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker	H.C. Vande
1957	Concord	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker	G.O. Temp
1958	Pleasant Hill	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker	A.G. Grego
1959	Enon Chapel	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	J.C. Walker	A.G. Grego
1960	New Bethel	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	Paul Oldham	A.G. Grego
1961	Liberty Hill	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	Paul Oldham	A.G. Grego
1962	Longview	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	Paul Oldham	James Port
1963	Old Hopewell	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	Paul Oldham	James Port
1964	White Hill	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	Paul Oldham	James Port
1965	Salem	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	Paul Oldham	James Port
1966	Piper's Chapel	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	Paul Oldham	James Port
1967	Fairview	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi

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1968	Goodwill	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi
1969	Faith (TN)	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi
1970	Gateway	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi
1971	Faith (KY)	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi
1972	Grace	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi
1973	Cedar Bluff	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi
1974	Liberty Hill	F.L. Ray	W.T. Russell	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi
1975	Rock Bridge	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi
1976	Lafayette	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	H.D. Linvi
1977	Buffalo Springs	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	J.W. Briley
1978	McFerrin	F.L. Ray	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Kenneth W
1979	Harmony	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Hilman Du
1980	New Bethel	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Everett Scr
1981	Faith (TN)	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Guthrie Th
1982	Longview	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Bobby Pitt
1983	Salem	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Charles Pat
1984	Cedar Grove	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Ray Sutton
1985	Old Hopewell	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Gary Dunc
1986	Gateway	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Ottis Jones
1987	West End	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Terry Lyle

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1988	Goodwill	H.G. Taylor	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Jeff Brown
1989	New Bethel	H.D. Linville	H.C. Vanderpool	A.G. Gregory	Lonnie Me
1990	McFerrin	H.D. Linville	Ottis Jones	A.G. Gregory	Charles Pat
1991	New Bethel	Jerry Shrum	Kenneth Massey	Bobby Sutton	Kenneth M
1992	Lafayette	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis	Bobby Sutton	Jimmy Rob
1993	Parkwood	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis	Bobby Sutton	Larry Greg
1994	New Bethel	Jerry Shrum	Don Curtis	Bobby Sutton	Paul Patter
1995	Longview	Jerry Shrum	Kenneth Massey	Bobby Sutton	Deric McC
1996	McFerrin	Larry Gregory	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton	Benny Sno
1997	Harvest	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton	Paul Patter
1998	Three Springs	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton	Johnny Car
1999	New Zion	Kenneth Massey	Tom Armstrong	Bobby Sutton	Deric McC
2000	Longview	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory	Bobby Sutton	Paul Patter
2001	McFerrin	Kenneth Massey	Larry Gregory	Bobby Sutton	Kevin Perd
2002	Bethlehem	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	Bobby Sutton	Jeremy Wi
2003	Mt. Juliet	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	Bobby Sutton	Trey Crews
2004	New Life	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill	Johnny Car
2005	Murfreesboro	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill	Jeremy Wi
2006	Gladdice	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill	Brian John
2007	Three Springs	Kenneth Massey	Deric McClard	James Hill	Monty Sho

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2008	New Zion	Kenneth Massey	Brian Johnson	Robby Cornwell	Jeremy Wi
2009	McFerrin	Kenneth Massey	David Woodard	Robby Cornwell	Larry Greg
2010	Longview	Kenneth Massey	David Woodard	Robby Cornwell	David Woo
2011	Murfreesboro	Kenneth Massey	David Woodard	Robby Cornwell	Phillip Chu
2012	Mt. Juliet	Kenneth Massey	Jeremy Wilson	Robby Cornwell	Jeremy Wi
2013	Gladdice	Kenneth Massey	Jeremy Wilson	Robby Cornwell	Johnny Car
2014	Three Springs	Kenneth Massey	Jeremy Wilson	Robby Cornwell	Danny Rain
2015	New Zion	Kenneth Massey	Jeremy Wilson	Robby Cornwell	Brian John
2016	McFerrin	Kenneth Massey	Charles Patterson	Robby Cornwell	Charles Pat
2017	Concord	Kenneth Massey	Charles Patterson	Robby Cornwell	Anthony F
2018	Bethlehem	Kenneth Massey	Charles Patterson	Danny Raines	Aaron Bini
2019	Three Springs	Kenneth Massey	Charles Patterson	Brian Johnson	Jesse Mille

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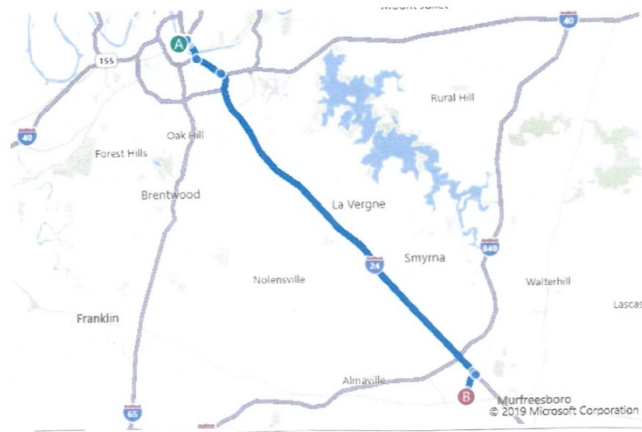
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Bethlehem	1962	7	3	0	0	0	2
Concord	1874	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gladdice	1894	0	2	0	0	0	3
Longview	1960	1	0	0	0	2	0
McFerrin	1948	10	1	1	1	6	0
Murfreesboro	1984	3	6	0	4	0	0
New Zion	1981	1	1	0	0	0	0
Three Springs	1995	2	1	0	1	1	3
Totals		24	14	1	6	9	4

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

	Year Organized	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bethlehem	1962	15	10	21	22	20	20
Concord	1874	n/a	51	50	50	46	46
Gladdice	1894	19	22	22	16	14	14
Longview	1960	60	60	60	60	60	60
McFerrin	1948	296	312	323	323	323	16
Murfreesboro	1984	50	50	50	65	70	65
New Zion	1981	22	24	24	25	25	25
Three Springs	1995	140	135	140	103	64	50
Totals		648	689	722	705	653	670

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From Nashville



Enter the freeway I-24 E from the right

1.1 mi



Turn slightly left onto I-24 E/I-40 E

1.7 mi



Keep right onto I-24 E

24.5 mi



Keep right and leave the freeway at exit 76 towards Fortress Blvd/Medical Center Pkwy

0.2 mi



Turn right onto Fortress Blvd

1.6 mi



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From Lebanon



- Enter the freeway I-40 W from the right
2.3 mi
- Keep right and leave the freeway at exit 235 towards I-840 West/Chattanooga/Huntsville/
Murfreesboro
- 1 mi
- Enter the freeway I-840 W from the right
- 22.9 mi
- Keep right and leave the freeway at exit 53A towards I-24 East/Chattanooga
- 1.2 mi
- Enter the freeway I-24 E from the right
- 0.8 mi
- Keep right and leave the freeway at exit 76 towards Fortress Blvd/Medical Center Pkwy
- 0.2 mi
- Turn right onto Fortress Blvd
- 1.6 mi
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