

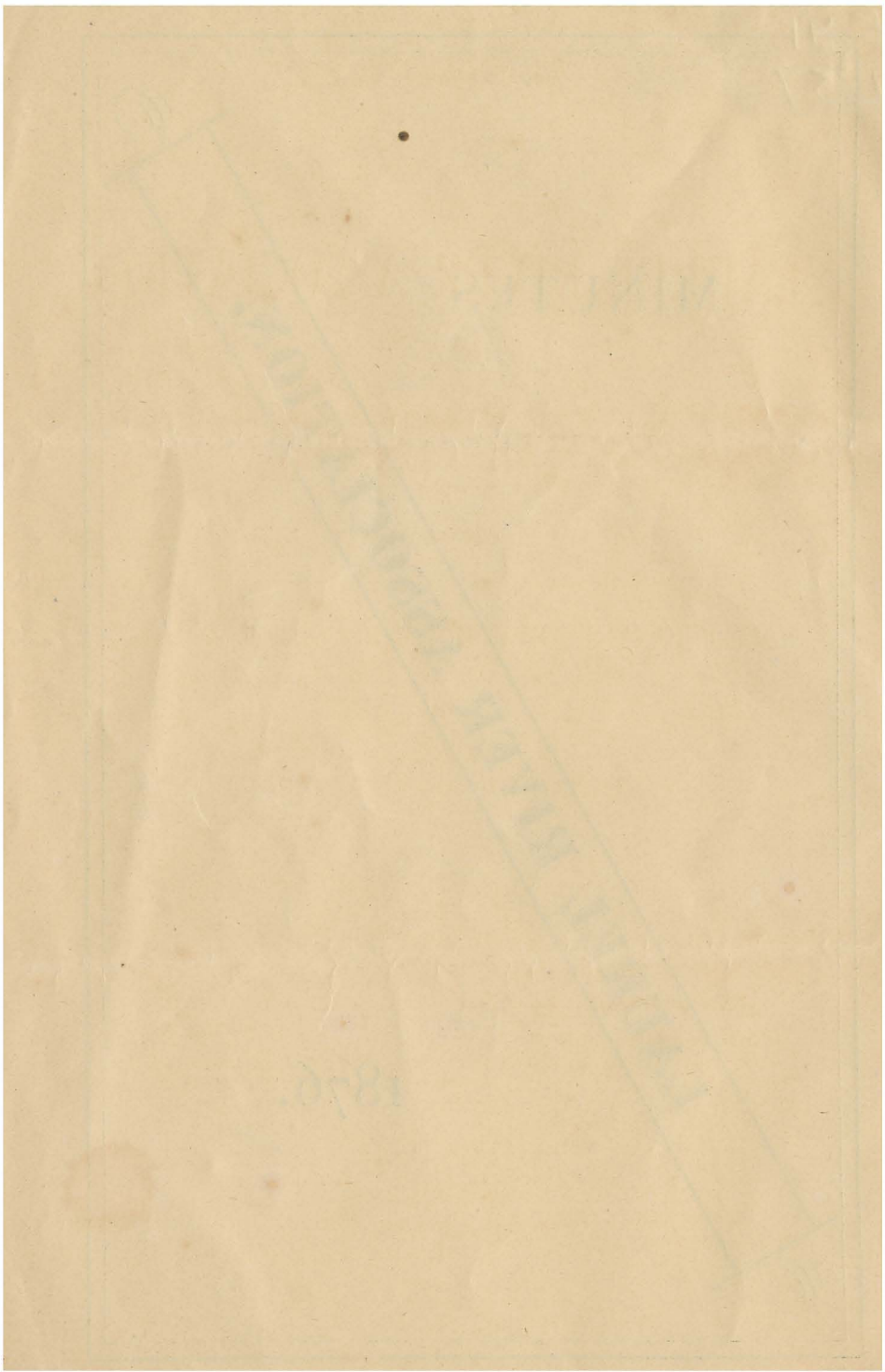
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UNITED BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH THE

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH, LAUREL CO., KENTUCKY,

ON

OCTOBER 6 AND 7, 1876.

OFFICERS:

HIRAM JOHNSON, MODERATOR RACCOON, KY.
DAN. R. BROCK, CLERK THE GLADES, KY.

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1876.

The Laurel River Association of United Baptists met pursuant to adjournment, with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Laurel county, Ky., October 6, 1876.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J. W. Moren, from Matthew 28 : 19, 20.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator of the last session, Elder Hiram Johnson.

The letters from the churches were read, and the delegates enrolled as follows :

- Cane Creek*.....Elder B. F. Catching, Br'n. W. C. Barrett, S. Elim, R. Elim.
FriendshipBr'n. S. P. M. Roach, H. C. Stanberry.
Grassy Spring...Wm. Broughton, Jos. Reed, John Owens, Lewis F. Brockman.
Green Hill.....Elder Cornelius Moore, Br'n. G. W. Cook, C. H. Purkey, Jos. Parrett, Robt. Parrett, J. M. Stansberry.
Hawk Creek.....Elder A. G. Whit, Br'n. J. M. Adams, John Jones, Levi Calahan, A. G. Jones, M. Whit, L. C. Burleson.
Hazel Patch.....Br'n. Lem Casteel, E. Wilson.
Horse Creek.....Jacob Stivers.
Island Creek.....Letter, no messenger.
Liberty, No. 1.....No report.
Liberty, No. 2.....Wm. Hornesby, Job Hornesby, James Reed.
Little Goose.....Elder Joel Philpot, T. Philpot, Sr., T. Philpot, Jr.
London.....Elder J. B. Lewis, Elder W. T. Bryant, Bro. C. W. Jones.
Long Branch.....P. F. Reams, Levi Vaughan, Alvis Burnet, Wm. Wise, J. H. Reams.
Mt. Ararat.....Peter Jarvis, C. C. Gilbert, Wm. Sasser, N. J. Gilbert.
Mt. Pleasant.....Elder T. P. McCracken, Br'n. W. R. McLauren, John Johnson, P. Swaner, H. Pierce, Wm. Porter.
Mt. Salem.....Jas. Proffit, J. C. Overby.
Mt. Zion.....John Hammons, R. Weaver, H. Weaver, Jas. Garland.
New Salem.....J. Proffit, A. Proffit, H. Hubbard.
Pleasant Grove...T. Lincks.
Pigeon Roost.....George Cole.
Pine Creek.....John McFadden.
Providence.....Elder P. Tuttle, Bro. Thos. Jones.
Rough Creek.....Elders W. B. Estes, W. Brock, Levi Brock, Br'n. B. Box, J. R. Yaden, David Watkins, J. C. Yaden, D. R. Brock.
Round Stone.....No report.
Salem.....Elders Hiram Johnson, J. W. Moren, Br'n. J. E. Williams, W. B. Johnson, Z. Johnson, G. W. Peters.

Slate Hill.....J. F. Weaver, J. C. McFadden, A. S. Dunn, Jas. Harkleroad.
Slate Lick.....Jas. George, Jas. McCarty.
Sinking Creek.....F. F. Bryant, J. J. Barrett.
Union.....Elder A. P. Smith, Br'n. Newton Hammack, S. Gilbert,
 Ragan Brock, Jos. Weaver.

The names of the messengers being enrolled, the Association proceeded to the election of officers. Elder Hiram Johnson was elected Moderator, and B. B. Brock, Clerk.

The following new churches applied by letters and messengers for admission to the Association, viz: Mt. Salem, London, and Green Hill.

On motion, they were received, and their messengers, as enrolled above, invited to seats in the body.

The following churches, dismissed from the Irvine Association, presented letters, viz: Pleasant Grove and Long Branch.

On motion, they were received, and messengers enrolled as above.

Corresponding letters from sister Associations were called for. The following reported, viz:

RockcastleLetter, but no messenger. Their number in fellowship is 943.
Irvine.....Messengers—Elders N. B. Johnson, L. P. Johnson, J. J. Edwards, Bro. D. Ward.
Red BirdElder Y. Sutton.
North Concord....Letter, no messenger. Report 85 baptized; members, 1,093.
Lynn Camp.....Elders N. B. Creekmore, Philip Foley, S. C. Jackson, Bro. W. J. Stanberry.

On motion, all visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body. Elder Enoch Wakefield, from Franklin Association, reported. On motion,

Resolved, That our next annual meeting be held with the church at Horse Creek, on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1877.

Two letters having been presented from Liberty Church, each claiming to be the church, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That a committee of our visiting brethren be appointed to hear and determine the difficulty, and report to-morrow morning.

Br'n. N. B. Johnson, N. B. Creekmore, J. J. Edwards, Z. Sutton, were named as the committee.

Resolved, That Elders A. B. Belvin and S. C. Jackson be permitted to conduct the investigation.

On motion, Br'n. J. F. Weaver, Jas. Harkleroad, and C. W. Jones were appointed a committee on correspondence.

On motion, the delegation of the Mt. Pleasant Church be a committee on divine services.

On motion, Br'n. Jos. Weaver, W. B. Estes, and Joel Philpot were appointed a committee on queries coming from Mt. Pleasant and Rough Creek churches.

On motion, Br'n. F. Lincks, J. F. Weaver and Thos. McCracken, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee on arrangements.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1876.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Elder A. P. Smith.

Report of committee on arrangements called for, read, adopted, and committee discharged.

Committee on divine services report that Elders Z. Sutton and J. J. Edwards preach in the forenoon to-day; and in afternoon, N. B. Johnson and Philip Foley. At night, at the meeting-house, Elders N. B. Creekmore and Philip Foley. On Sunday, Elders Z. Sutton, N. B. Johnson, and the Moderator.

Report of committee on correspondence called for, read, adopted, and committee discharged. The following brethren appointed to bear letters to corresponding Associations, viz:

Cumberland River—Elders Alfred Whit, W. T. Bryant, W. C. Barrett, and J. J. Barrett.

Irvine—Elders Joel Philpot, J. B. Lewis, W. B. Estes, J. W. Moren, Timothy Philpot, and Russel Weaver. Their next Association to be held with the church at Pleasant Run, Clay county, on Thursday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1877.

Lynn Camp—Elders A. P. Smith, W. B. Estes, and Br'n. Levi Brock, Thos. Jones, Wm. Sasser, C. C. Gilbert, H. P. Gilbert, Peter Jarvis. Their next Association to be held with the church at Mt. Olivet, Knox county, on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1877.

North Concord—Elders B. F. Catching, Newton Hammack, and F. F. Bryant. Their next Association to be held with the church at Liberty, Knox county, on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1877.

Red Bird—Elders W. C. Barrett, B. F. Catching, Joel Philpot, Br'n. George Cole and J. J. Barrett.

Rockcastle—Elder W. T. Bryant and James Mason. Their next Association to be held with the church at Freedom, Rockcastle county, on Thursday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1877.

Boonville—Elder J. B. Lewis and Elisha Bowling.

The committee appointed to consider queries from the churches reported as follows:

Query from Mt. Pleasant Church—Is a church bound to take the course laid down in Matthew, 18th, when dealing with offenders for any kind of transgression against the laws of God?

Answer—Your committee would say, in regard to discipline, that members of the Church, who publicly sin and violate God's laws, should be held to a public acknowledgement to the Church, to God, and to the community, or be cut off.

Signed,

JOSEPH WEAVER,

W. B. ESTES.

JOEL PHILPOT.

Query from Rough Creek Church—Do we, as an Association, believe it right for Baptists to engage in the manufacture, sale, or use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage?

Answer—Your committee would say that it is certainly not right for church members to engage in the manufacture, sale, or use, as a beverage, of ardent spirits; that members so engaged should certainly be dealt with by the Church.

Signed,

W. B. ESTES.

JOEL PHILPOT.

The report of the Evangelist of the Association was called for and presented as follows :

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Laurel River Association of United Baptists :

DEAR BRETHREN—As your evangelist for the past year, I respectfully wish to submit the following report for the consideration of this body: Spent in the work 120 days, traveled about 1,230 miles, delivered 135 sermons and exhortations, witnessed 47 accessions to the Church, assisted in the ordination of one minister and in the constitution of one church; received from the brethren at Mt. Pleasant, \$9.75; from other contributors, \$4.35—making in the whole \$14.10. I remain yours in Christ, to labor in the gospel,

J. W. MOREN, *Evangelist.*

In answer to a question by committee of arrangements, viz: Shall we appoint an Evangelist? the Association answers in the negative, the vote standing 21 for to 48 against.

The report from Bro. Joseph Weaver, (who was appointed by the last meeting of this body to collect certain historical facts concerning the rise and progress of the church at Providence), called for, read and adopted, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes as follows :

The church at Providence was constituted with nineteen members, on the 23d day of May, 1819, and since then has ordained eight ministers, and constituted seven churches, viz: Rockcastle, London, (now Slate Hill), Rough Creek, Robertson's Creek, Little Goose, Walnut Grove, and New Bethel.

The churches were all requested to meet at Providence, on the first Saturday in October, 1831, in conference, to organize an Association.

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH WEAVER, SR.

The committee appointed to hear and determine the difficulty existing in the church at Liberty, submitted the following report :

The committee organized by appointing Elder N. B. Johnson, chairman, and N. B. Creekmore, secretary. Letters from both parties were then read, and, after hearing the evidence, your committee decide that both parties are in disorder, and recommend that the parties unite upon some disinterested minister as their pastor, and wipe out all their records from February, 1876, to the present time, and become one people, and work for Christ in the future.

N. B. JOHNSON,	} <i>Committee.</i>
J. J. EDWARDS,	
Z. SUTTON,	
S. C. JACKSON,	
N. B. CREEKMORE,	

The report was adopted, and committee discharged.

On motion, Elder W. B. Estes was appointed to preach the next annual sermon, Elder Hiram Johnson his alternate.

Ordered that Br'n. C. W. Jones, George Cole, and G. W. Cook be appointed a committee on finance.

Resolved, That the brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes; and that we have one thousand copies printed, or so many as the money contributed will pay for.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to our visiting brethren, who have labored so faithfully to settle the difficulty among our brethren from Liberty.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful and impartial services; also to the brethren, sisters, and friends in the vicinity, who have, with such Christian friendship and hospitality, entertained us during our present session.

Resolved, That we now adjourn until our next Association in course.

DAN. R. BROCK, *Clerk*,
The Glades, Ky.

HIRAM JOHNSON, *Moderator*,
Raccoon, Ky.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

LEVI BROCK,
B. F. CATCHING,
HIRAM JOHNSON, London,
T. P. McCracken, London,
J. W. MOREN, London,
A. P. SMITH,

W. BROCK,
W. B. ESTES, London,
J. B. LEWIS, White Lilly,
CORNELIUS MOORE, London,
JOEL PHILPOT,
P. TUTTLE,

A. G. WHIT, Line Creek.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.	When Constituted.....	MEMBERSHIP.						For Minutes...
				INCREASE.			DECREASE.			
				Bap....	Letter.	Rest'n	Letter.	Exclusion..	Death.	Tot. Membership...
Cane Creek.....					13	3	13	2	1	23
Friendship.....					1	3	1	1	1	61
Grassy Spring.....				4	3	1	13	1	1	20
Hazel Hill.....					12	3	2	1	1	85
Hawk Creek.....				1	1	1	1	1	2	90
Hazel Patch.....				20	1	1	1	2	1	79
Horse Creek.....				1	1	1	1	1	1	85
Island Creek.....				10	1	1	1	1	1	23
Liberty No. 2.....				21	9	1	4	1	1	100
Little Goose.....				10	12	1	1	1	1	70
London.....				1	17	1	3	1	1	100
Long Branch.....				1	12	1	1	1	1	100
Mt. Ararat.....				12	4	1	1	1	1	75
Mt. Pleasant.....				22	11	1	3	4	1	86
Mt. Salem.....				1	1	1	1	1	1	14
Mt. Zion.....				1	1	1	1	1	1	67
New Salem.....				1	1	1	1	1	1	50
Pleasant Grove.....				46	19	2	5	1	1	50
Pigeon Roost.....				13	5	13	13	1	1	72
Pine Creek.....				1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Providence.....				3	3	1	1	1	1	49
Rough Creek.....				1	1	1	1	1	1	109
Round Stone.....				5	3	1	12	4	1	186
Salem.....				3	3	1	1	1	1	39
Sinking Creek.....				3	4	2	4	3	1	125
Slate Hill.....				10	6	1	1	1	1	75
Slate Lick.....				13	4	2	9	2	1	28
Union.....				209	95	11	100	28	15	333
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