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MINUTES

OF THE

LAUREL RIVER ASSOCIATION

OF

UNITED BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT HORSE CREEK, CLAY COUNTY, KENTUCKY,

OCTOBER 5 AND 6, 1877.

OFFICERS:

JOHN W. MOREN, MODERATOR, - - - - - RACCOON, KY.
D. R. BROCK, CLERK, - - - - - THE GLADES, KY

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1877.

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1877.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. B. Estes, from Habakkuk iii : 2 : " O Lord, revive thy work."

The Moderator of the last session being absent, Elder J. W. Moren was appointed temporary Chairman, who called the Association to order ; after which letters from the churches were read, and delegates enrolled as follows :

<i>Cane Creek</i>	Elder B. F. Catching.
<i>Friendship</i>	Elder Jesse B. Lewis.
<i>Grassy Spring</i>	Not represented.
<i>Green Hill</i>	J. M. Stanberry, M. Edwards.
<i>Hawk Creek</i>	Elder A. G. Whitt, J. L. Price.
<i>Hazel Patch</i>	Not represented.
<i>Horse Creek</i>	W. Cottengim, W. V. Fisher, W. Webb, W. B. Hatten, M. Sibert.
<i>Island Creek</i>	Not represented.
<i>Liberty</i>	Wm. Herron, G. D. Wood, Elmore Cottengim.
<i>Liberty No. 2</i>	Elder J. B. Samms, Wiley Reed, William Hornsby, S. Hornsby, L. Mise, Thos. Sawyers, James Reed.
<i>Little Goose</i>	Elder Joel Philpot, J. M. Bennett, Pleasant Bennett, J. Philpot, T. E. Philpot.
<i>London</i>	Not represented.
<i>Long Branch</i>	Wm. Wise, David Lucas, Alvis Burnett, J. H. Vaughan.
<i>Mt. Ararat</i>	S. Edwards, Peter Jarvis, S. S. Wollum.
<i>Mt. Pleasant</i>	Elders T. P. McCracken, W. R. McCowen, Brethren D. O. Moren, J. Griffin.
<i>Mt. Salem</i>	J. C. Overbay, W. A. Phelps, Jas. Proffitt, J. H. Odell.
<i>Mt. Zion</i>	Russel Weaver, G. Hubbard, James Done, Sam'l Weaver, James Garland.
<i>New Salem</i>	Alex. Proffitt, John Proffitt, S. S. Proffitt.
<i>Pleasant Grove</i>	Not represented.
<i>Pigeon Roost</i>	Robert James, Wm. Tuttle, Isaac Depew.
<i>Pine Creek</i>	Not represented.
<i>Providence</i>	Elders Speed Taylor, Peter Tuttle, Brethren J. M. Tuttle, Thos. Box, John Petree, Wm. Yeager.
<i>Rough Creek</i>	Elders Geo. Brock, W. B. Estes, Levi Brock, Brethren Elisha Burnett, David Williams, B. Box, D. R. Brock.
<i>Round Stone</i>	W. E. Fitzgerald.
<i>Salem</i>	Elders I. T. Jones, J. W. Moren, A. J. Jackson, W. B. Johnson.
<i>Sinking Creek</i>	J. J. Barrett, Jesse Nix.
<i>Slate Hill</i>	Elder A. B. Belvin, J. I. Weaver, M. Jackson, S. R. Perman, John H. Jackson.
<i>Slate Lick</i>	Elder J. B. Lewis, James T. Stillings.
<i>Union</i>	Elder Newton Hammock, Jos. Weaver, Gibson Weaver.

The names of the messengers being enrolled, the Association proceeded to the election of officers. Elder John W. Moren was elected Moderator, and D. R. Brock, Clerk.

On taking the chair, the Moderator made a few very appropriate remarks.

Prayer by Elder A. G. Whitt.

On motion, an invitation was extended for new churches. Received none.

Corresponding Letters called for, and the following presented:

Lynn Camp—Messengers: Elders M. Corum, Henry Sasser, Philip Foley. Their statistics are: Baptized, 36; total, 1,065. Their next Association to be held with the church at Laurel River, on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1878.

Rockcastle—No letter, but Messenger Jesse Roper.

On motion, all visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body.

On motion, it was agreed that we hold our next annual meeting with the church at Mt. Zion, in Clay county, on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1878.

Gibson Weaver, T. P. McCracken, A. J. Jackson and J. M. Tuttle were appointed a Committee on Correspondence.

On motion, the pastor and delegation from Horse Creek were appointed a Committee on Divine Services.

Elders George Brock, W. B. Estes, A. B. Belvin, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by Elder M. Corum.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1877.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Philip Foley.

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

Report of Committee on Divine Services: Elder Philip Foley and John Yeager preach in the forenoon to-day; in the afternoon, Henry Sasser and Jesse Lewis; to-night, L. Hampton and J. B. Lewis; and on Sunday, W. B. Estes, L. Hampton, Speed Taylor and J. W. Moren.

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

The following brethren appointed to bear letters to Corresponding Associations, viz.:

Irvine..... Elders Joel Philpot, Jesse Lewis, J. B. Lewis, Isaac Depew.

Lynn Camp..... Elders B. F. Catching, W. B. Estes, George Brock, A. B. Belvin, J. B. Lewis, Levi Brock, J. W. Moren, Brethren Jesse Nix, Gibson Weaver, W. A. Phelps, J. M. Tuttle.

Rock Castle Elders A. G. Whitt, W. B. Estes, J. J. Barrett, G. D. Wood, J. L. Price, W. E. Fitzgerald, J. H. Vaughan, Jesse Nix.

On motion,

Resolved, That we drop correspondence with North Concord Association because of objections against the second article in their revised Constitution.

Elder Speed Taylor is selected to preach the next annual sermon; Elder T. P. McCracken, his alternate.

On motion, it is agreed that there be a Ministers and Deacons' Meeting organized immediately after the adjournment of this Association, which shall meet semi-annually.

On motion, agreed that we hold union meetings at the following times and places: At Friendship, on Friday before the second Saturday in November next; at Cane Creek, on Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1878; at New Salem, on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1878; at Mt. Zion, on Friday before the fourth Saturday in November next; at Slate Lick, on Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1878; at Long Branch, on Friday before the third Saturday in December next; at Round Stone, on the first Saturday in November next.

Ordered, that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of minutes, and that we have as many copies printed as the money contributed will pay for.

Andrew Jackson and J. I. Weaver were appointed a Committee on Finance.

Thos. Box, Andrew Jackson and W. B. Estes were appointed a Committee on Obituaries, who made the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee state that we have lost several prominent members by death, among whom are Ragan Brock, Deacon; Elder E. S. Jones, and E. M. Nowell, Deacon.

Brother Ragan Brock was born in Grainger county, Tenn., June 22, 1800; moved to Kentucky in 1838, united with the church at Rough Creek in 1842 (having professed a hope in Christ several years previous), was ordained a deacon in 1844, died Sept. 6, 1876, in the full triumphs of a living faith in Christ, after a painful illness of about two months. His intense suffering was borne with great patience. Before his death he called his family around him and admonished them to be faithful in the service of the Master, and expressed himself as willing and anxious to depart and be with Jesus. He died as he had lived, trusting in the mercy and grace of God for deliverance. His life was an example worthy to be imitated by those who follow after him.

Elder E. S. Jones was born in Tennessee, on the eleventh day of February, 1799; was brought to Kentucky when about three years old, united with the church at Providence in 1830, was licensed to preach in 1844, was ordained in 1845, died December 31, 1876. His membership was, at the time of his death, with the church at New Bethel, in the Lynn Camp Association. Brother Jones was a man of earnest zeal and unimpeachable character, and left unmistakable evidence of the true character of his piety, and that his spirit is happy with God who gave it.

E. M. Nowell was born August 11, 1804, united with the church at Providence in 1828, moved his membership to Rough Creek in 1847, was ordained a deacon in 1853, died April 12, 1877. In the death of Brother Nowell the church has lost one of her ablest counselors, and the community a good and useful citizen. May we strive to emulate his pious and godly example.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we request each church in the bounds of this Association to give the date of its constitution, and also the number of ordained ministers, in its letter to the Association in 1878.

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report to this body what neighborhoods are destitute of Baptist preaching, and the amount of ministerial labor necessary to supply said destitution, at which time we agree to receive a contribution of time from our ministers to supply the same.

J. W. MOREN.

Milton Sibert, Andrew Jackson, and others, appointed said committee.

Resolved, That we annually appoint a brother to write a condensed history of one of our churches, to be annexed as a circular to our minutes each year.

D. R. BROCK.

Elder Hiram Johnson was therefore appointed to write the history of Mt. Pleasant and report at our next session.

WHEREAS, It has become evident to us that the Irvine Association retains in her union churches which received alien immersion as valid baptism, and also tolerates adultery;

Resolved, Therefore, that we call in the letter to that Association and drop correspondence with her for the above-named reasons. MILTON SIBERT.

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.

J. I. WEAVER.

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

D. R. BROCK, Clerk,

JOHN W. MOREN, Moderator.

The Glades, Ky.

Raccoon, Ky.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter..	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	Total.....	Contributed.....
Cane Creek.....	4	5		5			25	\$6 60
Friendship	24	5	6	3			93	1 00
Grassy Spring.....							35	
Green Hill.....	13	1	2		1		42	50
Hawk Creek.....	1		4	21	3	1	49	60
Hazel Patch.....							35	
Horse Creek.....	2	3			5		78	1 25
Island Creek.....							13	
Liberty				10	3		62	1 00
Liberty No. 2.....	5	5	2		2	2	85	1 35
Little Goose.....	1		1		3	1	131	1 00
London.....							7	
Long Branch.....		1	1	2	3		59	90
Mt. Ararat.....	1	1		1			27	40
Mt. Pleasant.....		6	1	2			92	65
Mt. Salem	15	1					31	75
Mt. Zion.....	7		4	3	3		69	60
New Salem	15	1	2	4	3		47	55
Pleasant Grove.....							72	
Pigeon Roost.....		8		3		1	15	50
Pine Creek.....							49	
Providence.....	8	5		2		3	177	2 00
Rough Creek.....	4	11		6		1	194	2 00
Round Stone.....	7	5	3	1	3		53	50
Salem	16	7	1	5			143	1 45
Sinking Creek.....	1			3			26	60
Slate Hill.....		12				2	43	1 00
Slate Lick.....	5	3		1	1	1	67	80
Union	4	5		12	1		71	1 00
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