

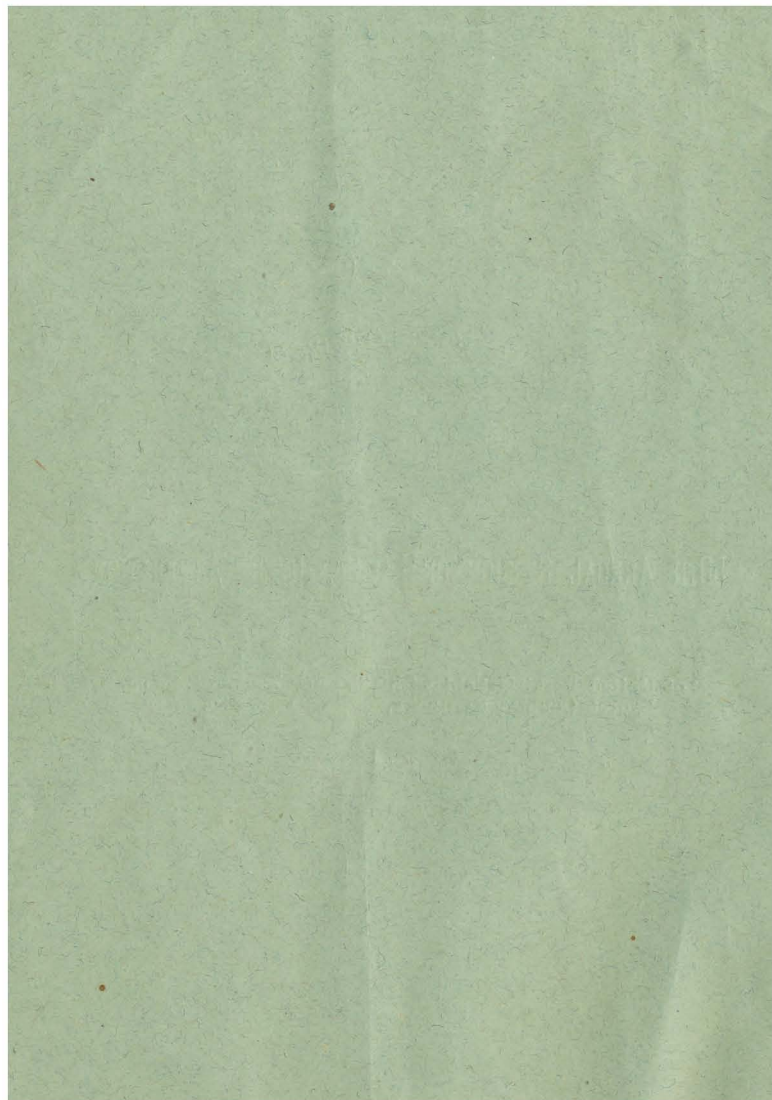
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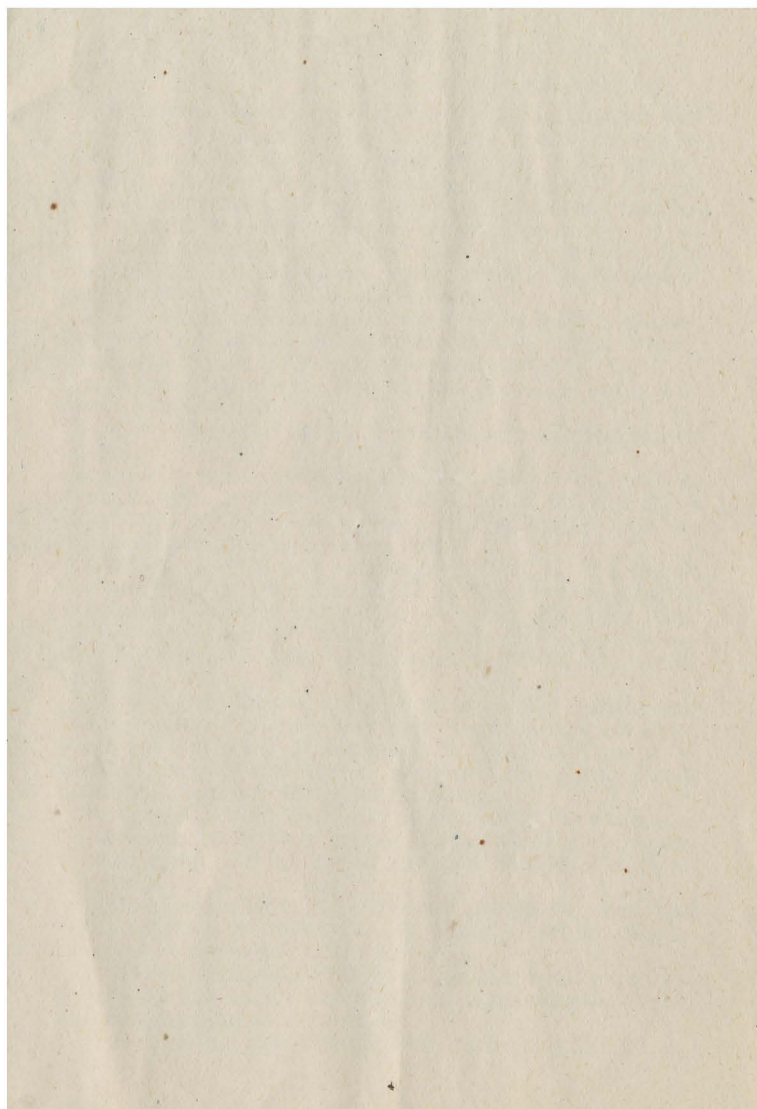


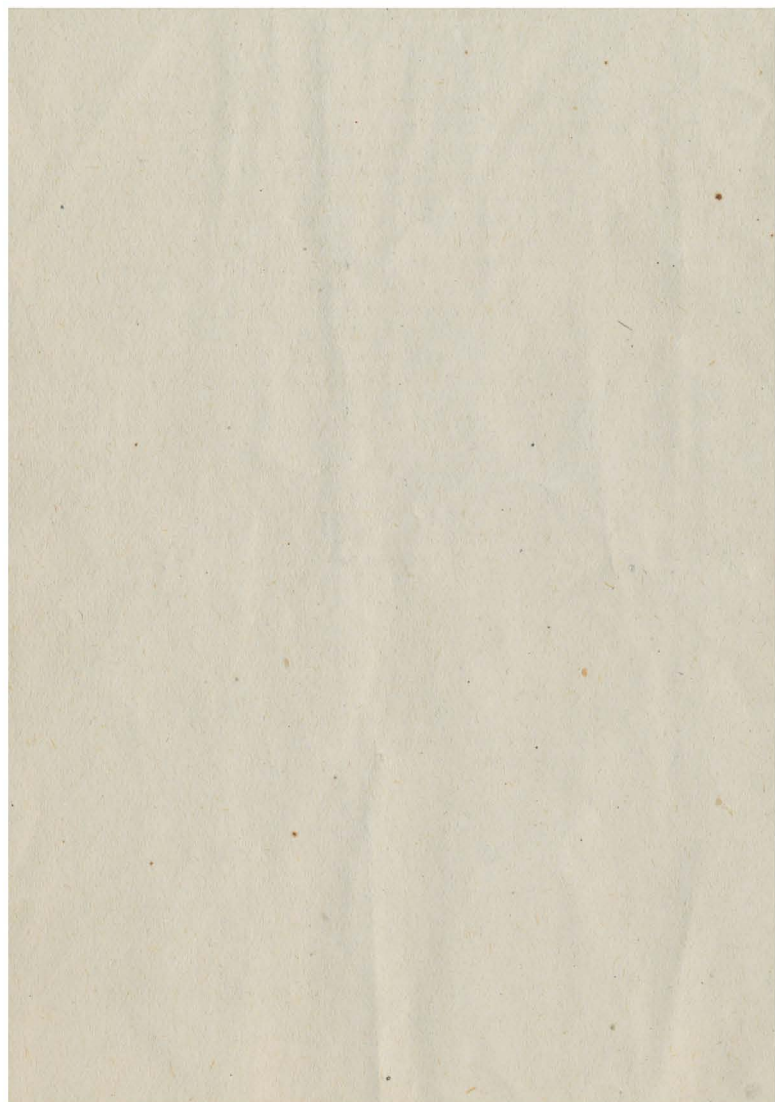
50TH ANNUAL SESSION OF LAUREL RIVER ASSOCIATION

of United Baptists held with the Church at Providence,
Laurel County, Kentucky, on September 30, 1881.









FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, September 30, 1881.

The Laurel River Association of United Baptists met in its fiftieth annual session with the church at Providence, Laurel county, Ky., September 30, 1881. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. John W. Moren, from Rom. x: 15, at the conclusion of which the Association was called to order by the former Moderator. Letters from the churches were called for, presented and read, from which the statistics were recorded and messengers enrolled. [See table of statistics.]

The Association then proceeded to ballot for officers, choosing Eld. Hiram Johnson Moderator, D. R. Brock, clerk, and James I. Weaver, assistant clerk.

1. An invitation extended for new churches, but no application presented.

2. Correspondence called for and the following presented letters:

Irvine—By her messengers, Eld. Wm. Stantifer, and Bro. John B. King. Their next meeting with the church at Riverside, in Clay county, Ky., on Thursday before the third Saturday in September, 1882.

Lynn Camp—By her messengers, Eld. E. H. Revel, and brethren D. W. Black, T. J. Trospen and Martin Williams. Their next meeting with the church at New Bethel, Knox county, on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1882. Statistics: Baptised, 83; total, 1,120.

All visiting brethren were then invited to seats, and the following reported and had their names enrolled. From the church at Manchester, W. J. Caudill and J. S. Herd. From Tates Creek, Benjamin Durham. From Cumberland River, Eld. Henry Wiser.

3. Agreed to hold our next session with the church at New Salem, near the source of Rockcastle River, in Laurel county, on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1882.

4. On motion, Bro. T. J. Hodges presented, and had read, a history of the church at Liberty, which was ordered to be appended to the minutes.

5. Brother Edmund Philpot is appointed and requested to write a history of the church at Little Goose Creek, and report at our next meeting.

6. On motion, one member from each church, with the

entire delegation from Providence, are appointed a committee on divine services.

7. Andrew Jackson is appointed to write the corresponding letter, and report to-morrow morning.

8. Ordered, that T. P. McCracken, W. B. Estes, Levi Brock, with the moderator and clerks, be appointed a committee to arrange the business for to-morrow.

9. The committee on divine services report that Brother Hiram Reid introduce the services, and Elders Whitt and Stanifer preach at the church to-night.

10. On motion, adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder William Stantifer.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, October 1, 1881.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. W. B. Estes.

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

2. Report of committee on divine services called for and presented, as follows: Elders Yeager and Bryant preach in the forenoon to-day, Lewis and Whitt in the afternoon, Philpot and McCracken at night, and on Sunday, Moren, Estes and the Moderator.

3. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

4. Corresponding letter called for, read and approved, and the following messengers appointed to corresponding Associations:

To Rockcastle—Eld. W. T. Bryant, and Jesse Nix, F. F. Bryant and Wm. Norton.

To South Union—Eld. B. F. Catching, and Jesse Nix.

To Lynn Camp—Elders B. F. Catching, A. P. Smith, and Gibson Weaver.

To North Concord—Eld. Joel Philpot and A. Jackson.

To Irvine—Elds. W. B. Estes, T. P. McCracken, and Bros. James Ball, Robert Ambrose, Milton Sibert and W. V. Fisher.

5. Report of committee on obituaries called for, but had no report prepared. On motion it is ordered that this committee be discharged, and discontinued.

6. Eld. W. B. Estes is selected to preach the next annual Sermon and T. P. McCracken his Alternate.

7. Report of committee on Sabbath-schools called for, read, adopted and committee discharged.

8. W. B. Estes, J. I. Weaver and T. P. McCracken are appointed a committee on finance, who report, for printing, \$23.45.

9. On motion, it is ordered that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of 800 copies of minutes; and that he have whatever money is left over for his services.

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of this Association to the Moderator and clerks for their services, and to the Brethren, sisters and citizens of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness shown us during our present session.

ANDREW JACKSON.

The minutes of to-day were then read and approved.

10. On motion, in it is ordered that we adjourn to meet with the church at New Salem, on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1882.

Prayer by Eld. Joel Philpot.

HIRAM JOHNSON, *Moderator*.

D. R. BROCK, *Clerk*, }
J. I. WEAVER, *Ass't*, } LONDON, KY.

On Sunday, October 2, an immense audience assembled at the stand and listened attentively to preaching by Elders Moren and Estes.

Corresponding Letter.

LAUREL COUNTY, KY., October 1, 1881.

The Laurel River Association of United Baptists, now in session with the Church at Providence, sendeth greeting to the Associations with whom she corresponds, by the hands of our Messengers:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our churches are very well represented, and we are having quite a pleasant session. Our churches have received during the past year, by baptism, 152 members. Our present total membership is 2,144. We are glad to meet so good a corresponding delegation as we have at this session. Our Association is anxious to keep up correspondence with you, and asks you to send your letters and messengers to our next Association, which will be held with the church at New Salem, Laurel county, Ky., on the headwaters of Rockcastle River, beginning on Friday, before the first Saturday in October, 1882. We remain yours in Christ. By order of the Association.

ANDREW JACKSON, C. S.

Sabbath-School Report.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to make the following report: It is impossible under our present arrangements

for your committee to visit the different points in the bounds of the Association and organize Sabbath schools, but believe a Sabbath-School should be organized in every church in the bounds of our Association, and those who are in favor of Sabbath-schools should take the matter in hand and attend to it, notwithstanding the opposition we have to meet. We have a very encouraging report from the school at Macedonia; the brethren seem to be pressing the matter there. We bid them God-speed in the good work, and recommend their course as worthy of emulation. Also the church at Green Hill has a lively working school, and the members of this church are alive to the great work of Sabbath-schools. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. ESTES,
T. P. McCRACKEN, } COMMITTEE.
A. G. WHITT,

History of The Church at Liberty.

The Church at Liberty, located on the Somerset road, about 4 1/4 miles north-west of London, in Laurel county, Ky. was constituted in the house of Daniel Ray, on the Sunday following the second Saturday in July, 1839, with the following members from the church at Line Creek, viz: Daniel Ray, Elizabeth Ray, Robt. Owens, Rachel Owens, Elizabeth Hood, Rachel Jones, Wm. Taylor, Millie Taylor, Joshua Lovens, Nancy Lovens, Elizabeth Adams, James Woodall, Rachel Woodall, Tabitha Lovens and Barthena Phillips.

The Churches at Sinking Valley, New Hope, Flat Lick, London and Providence were petitioned for an examining committee, and Presbytery, and after examination she was set apart and constituted a church by the following ministers who composed the Presbytery: Elders Robt. McAlister, Owen Adkins, David Weaver and Matthew Warren. Her first church meeting was at the house of Wm. Taylor, when Matthew Warren was chosen Moderator and Wm. Taylor, clerk. She joined the Laurel River Association in the same year. She has built two ordinary log houses for worship, one in 1840 the other in 1870, on land donated to the church by Granville Pearl. About 240 members have been received into the church. Two ministers and six deacons have been ordained, and she has had six clerks. During the years 1874 '76 she became involved in some very serious troubles with some of her members, causing her to pass through a cold and barren season,—

But now that winter time is past,

And her summer's come at last,

and the spirit of peace seems to be resting upon both church and people. Respectfully,

THOS. J. HODGES.

Table of Statistics.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	By Baptism.	Rec'd by Lett'r.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Contrib'tions
Bethany—Eld. J. W. Ball J. E. Bodkins.								
Eli Estrich J. McLeod, A. Carmack					1		66	1.00
Cane Creek—Eld. B. F. Catching.....	4	2			2		24	75
Green Hill—J. M. Stanberry, R. Ambrose	20	3	2	3	1		112	1.00
Hawk Creek—Report of 1880.....							39	
Hazel Patch—Report of 1880.....							22	
Horse Creek—Eld. W. Cottongum Wm.								
Webb, M. Sibert, J. Downey, M. C.								
Jones and Henry Gray.....	4	2		1		2	68	1.10
Liberty—Eld. W. T. Bryant, T. J. Hodges,		3				1	67	80
S. W. Owsley, and W. J. Warren...								
Liberty, 2—W. Hornsby, J. L. Hornsby,								
Jason Collins, and Hiram Reid.....	17				1		106	1.55
Little Goose—Eld. W. V. Fisher, T. E.								
Philpot, J. Philpot, Ed. Philpot, and								
Eld Joel Philpot.....	2	1	3	4	2	3	128	1.15
Long Branch—L. Vaughn, J. R. Reams								
Macedonia—Eld. A. G. Whitt, W. J.	9		1	5	1		72	1.05
Norton, and A. J. Norton.....								
Mt. Pleasant—Eld. T. P. McCracken, J.								
F. Pigg.....			1	5	4	1	100	75
Mt. Salem—Wm. Phelps, J. H. Odell,								
W. F. Odell and J. C. Overby.....	1			7			22	50
Mt. Ararat—C. Ledford, B. J. Gilbert,								
and W. H. Sasser, sr.....	27	14	1	11	2		82	75
Mt. Zion—G. Hubbard, J. R. Bundy...	21	2			3		69	60
New Salem—A. Brummett, J. Proffitt,								
and Henry Hubbard.....	1			1			44	50
Pine Creek—J. J. Barrett.....	9	1	2	1		1	56	45
Pleasant Grove—D. S. Hazlewood.....	1	2					102	55
Pigeon Roost—Wm. Cheek.....			1				16	25
Providence—Eld. P. Tuttle, E. Williams,								
Bro. J. M. Brock, J. K. Nickelson								
J. M. Brock, M. Gregory, A. D.								
Jones, T. J. Russell.....	4			7	2	2	172	1.25
Rough Creek—Elds. W. B. Estes L. Brock								
W. Brock, Bros. W. H. Sasser, jr., J. R.								
Yadon, D. R. Brock J. W. Brock, and								
J. L. Yadon.....	1	2		1	2		183	1.30
Round Stone—J. M. Jones.....							42	50
Salem—Elds. Hiram Johnson, J. W. Mo-								
ren, Bros. A. Jackson, W. Reams, L.								
Vaughn, jr., and Z. Johnson.....	3				2		171	1.00
Slate Lick—Eld. J. B. Lewis, S. Tipton R.								
V. Doughty, E. Maples, Wm George,								
and J. T. Stillings.....	14	4		4			80	1.00
Slate Hill—Eld. A. B. Belvin, M. Jack-								
son, E. Bryant sr., J. I. Weaver, W. H.								
Harkleroad, and S. M. Jackson.....					1	1	52	1.00
Sinking Creek—F. F. Bryant.....					1	1	32	80
Union—Elds. A. P. Smith, G. Proffitt, N.								
E. Hammock, Bros. J. Weaver, Gbson								
Weaver, and Joseph Proffitt.....	21	10	3	8	1	1	108	1.10
Union, R.—J. Ponder, Benj. Brummett..	2	4	1	3	5		48	1.00
Total.....	152	63	16	63	28	16	2,144	23.45