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NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

*IRVINE ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTISTS,*

*Held with the Birch Lick Church, Jackson Co., Ky.,*

**SEPTEMBER 26, 27 AND 28, 1878.**

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OFFICERS: { N. B. JOHNSON, MODERATOR, . . . . . Waco, Ky.  
A. B. WILLIAMS, CLERK, . . . . . McKee, Ky.  
J. G. PARSONS, ASSISTANT CLERK, . . . . . McKee, Ky.

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# MINUTES.

## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

BIRCH LICK, KY., THURSDAY, Sept. 26th, 1878.

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Irvine Association of United Baptists met with the Baptist Church, at Birch Lick, Jackson county, Ky., at 11 o'clock, A. M. After prayer by L. P. Johnston, the Annual Sermon was preached by T. L. Lawson from II Timothy, 4th chapter, 2nd verse,—“Preach the Word.” After which the Association was called to order by the Moderator of last session, John Ward, and the letters from the various Churches were read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows :

MT. GILEAD.....	John Ward, D. M. Ward, G. L. Davis, J. S. Frost.
PILOT KNOB.....	T. L. Lawson, A. J. Baker, F. Golden, T. J. Calaham.
BLANTON'S FLAT.....	Wm. Blanton, Thos. Blanton, Jas. Rose, Alex. Blanton.
CHYQUAPIN ROUGH.....	Alford York, Redman Truett.
SOUTH FORK.....	A. B. Williams, D. T. Lamb, J. G. Parsons, J. J. Parsons, Levi Sparks, A. H. Williams, J. W. Parsons, A. D. Sparks, J. T. Alcorn, H. D. Sparks, J. G. Sparks, D. F. Parsons, S. A. Sparks, G. R. Lamb, E. Fowler.
LIBERTY.....	John Rader, J. Wilson, Wm. Wilson.
NEW HOPE.....	J. M. Nealy, J. F. Herd, M. V. Barker.
PINE GROVE.....	John Swinford.
PROVIDENCE.....	W. Standiford, L. P. Johnston, M. Turpen, O. W. Turpen, J. O. Dozier, C. C. Snoden.
PLEASANT RUN.....	F. M. Ponder, R. M. Ponder.
ISLAND CITY.....	Letter. No Messenger.
MT. ZION.....	W. Carpenter, R. Hisel.
CLOVER BOTTOM.....	Katie Harrison.
COW CREEK.....	James Muncie.
BETHLEHEM.....	P. Barclay, J. Barclay, G. B. Gabbard, Mrs. M. L. Gabbard.
DROWNING CRREK.....	S. Warford, L. Warford, R. Thomas, D. C. Thomas, W. C. Todd, N. B. Johnson.
BIRCH LICK.....	Isaac Sparks, Harrison Slone, Lewis Sandlin, Hardin Slone.
WIND CAVE.....	G. B. Lakes.
RIVER SIDE.....	James Roberts.
ROCK LICK.....	Larkin Powell.

There are six Churches not represented, viz: Union, Clear Creek, Mount Pleasant, Woodward's Creek, Cain Spring and Round Hill.

The Association was then organized by electing N. B. Johnson Moderator, A. B. Williams Clerk, and J. G. Parsons, Assistant Clerk.

Call for newly-constituted Churches. The following were received, viz: One at River Side, Clay county, Ky.; one at Wind Cave, Jackson county, Ky.,—which being found correct were received, and the Moderator extended to their Messengers the right hand of fellowship.

The Church at Rock Lick, Jackson county, Ky., was re-admitted into our union.

Committee on Divine Service—A. B. Williams, Isaac Sparks, Lewis Sandlin, Harrison Slone, Hardin Slone.

James Kindred was appointed to preach to-day.

Call for Correspondence from sister Associations. The following were represented by Messengers only, viz: Tate's Creek—E. J. Baker, James Kindred, Covington Baker, Mary Baker. Booneville—R. Williams.

Circular Letter called for, read and referred to a Committee consisting of the following brethren, viz: T. L. Lawson, John Rader and P. Barclay.

L. P. Johnston was selected by private ballot to preach the next Annual Sermon, and N. B. Johnson his Alternate.

Ordered, That our next Association be held with the Church, at Drowning Creek, Madison county, Ky., on Thursday before the Fourth Saturday in September, 1879.

J. G. Parsons was appointed to write the Corresponding Letter.

The following Committees were appointed: On Finance—A. J. Baker, F. Golden. On State Missions—John Ward, J. F. Herd, M. V. Barker. On Sunday Schools—A. G. Stansberry, James Muncie, Silas Warford. On Religious Periodicals—T. L. Lawson, L. P. Johnston, Isaac Sparks.

It was resolved that the hours of meeting, during the sitting of the Association, be as follows: Meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., adjourn at 12 o'clock, M.; meet at 1 o'clock, P. M., and adjourn at pleasure

Association adjourned. Prayer by A. G. Stansberry.

## SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, September 27th, 1878.

Moderator in the chair. Opened with singing by congregation, and prayer by A. B. Williams.

Minutes of preceding day read and corrected.

Committee on Divine Service reported that brethren E. Baker and D. T. Lamb would preach at the stand to-day; A. G. Stansberry at McKee at night; G. L. Davis at the Church at 6 o'clock, p. m.

Circular Letter called, and the Committee not being ready to report, were granted further time. J. G. Parsons was added to the Committee.

Corresponding Letter called for, read and adopted. The following brethren agree to bear the same :

- TATE'S CREEK.....L. P. Johnston, M. Turpen, J. G. Parsons, N. B. Johnson. To be held with the Church at Kirksville Madison county, Ky., on Tuesday after the Fourth Saturday in August, 1879.
- BOONE'S CREEK.....N. B. Johnson. Tuesday after the Second Saturday September, 1879.
- LAUREL RIVER.....J. G. Parsons. To be held with the Church at McKee, Clay county, Ky.
- BOONEVILLE.....J. Ward, L. P. Johnston, J. F. Herd, W. Standiford, R. Truett, D. M. Ward, N. B. Johnson, J. S. Froese. To be held with the Church at \_\_\_\_\_, Thursday before the Fourth Saturday in August, 1879.

The following brethren agreed to go to the General Association: N. B. Johnson, L. P. Johnston; T. L. Lawson, D. T. Lamb, J. G. Parsons, J. Ward.

Report of Committees on State Missions and Destitution called for, read, and, after remarks by various brethren, adopted. (See Reports.)

Adjourned until 1½ o'clock, p. m. Benediction by J. Kindred.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, and prayer by R. Williams, the Moderator called for the Missionary's Report, which was read and ordered to be appended to our Minutes. (See Report.)

Resolutions, relative to the Missionary work in the future, read and adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report. (See Report.)

Finance Committee reported \$18 15.

Ordered, that we offer correspondence with the Rockcastle Association, held Friday before the Fourth Saturday in August, 1879. D. T. Lamb was appointed to bear the petition.

Adjournment. Prayer by J. Kindred.

### THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, September 28th, 1878.

After singing, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by J. G. Parsons.

Minutes of second day's proceedings read and approved.

Circular Letter received. (See Letter.)

Committee on Divine Service made their final report as follows: J. Kindred to preach Saturday, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; L. P. Johnston, at 2 o'clock, P. M.; R. Williams and D. T. Lamb at the Church, at 6 o'clock; P. M.; N. B. Johnson at McKee, at 6 o'clock, P. M. On Sunday—A. G. Stansberry and T. L. Lawson, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; N. B. Johnson, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Report of Committee on Religious Periodicals called for, read, and, after remarks by J. G. Parsons, L. P. Johnston and N. B. Johnson, adopted. (See Report.)

Ordered, that we organize a Minister's and Member's Meeting in this Association, and that we hold the first meeting with the Church at Chinquepin Rough, Jackson county, Ky., commencing Thursday before the First Saturday in December, 1878, and that Bro. A. G. Stansberry preach a sermon introductory to the business.

Resolutions on Intoxicating Liquors offered by A. G. Stansberry. (See Resolutions.)

Ordered, that A. R. Williams and N. B. Johnson superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Church at Drowning Creek, Madison county, Ky., on Thursday before the Fourth Saturday in September, 1879. Prayer by N. B. Johnson.

N. B. JOHNSON, *Moderator.*

A. B. WILLIAMS, }  
J. G. PARSONS, } *Clerks.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The Irvine Association, now in session with the Baptist Church, Birch Lick, Jackson County, Ky., to our Sister Associations with whom we correspond:*

DEAR BRETHREN—We rejoice that through the mercies of our Heavenly Father we have assembled again as an Association, to devise means for the promotion of the cause of Christ. There seems to be a unity of the Spirit, as we are in peace and fellowship one with another. A greater number of our churches complain of coldness and lack of efficiency in the vineyard of the Lord, while others tell of refreshings from His presence. We need more of the missionary spirit—the spirit which animated the Apostles—the spirit of Christ—to carry on the work of our Master. There is much yet to be done; we hold the truth as it is in Christ—let us give it to the world. Jesus demands it of us as his servants—let us go forth with the love of Christ in our hearts, the bible in our hands, and the worth of souls in view, and at once occupy the ground. Brethren, we regret to see so small a correspondence. We rejoice to receive you in our midst to exchange fraternal greetings, to discuss the things that pertain to the Kingdom of Christ. We have received this session three new churches; by baptism 188; our total number is 1272. Our next Association will be held at Drowning Creek Church, Madison county, Ky., commencing Thursday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1879.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

BRO. MODERATOR—Your Committee would report that, while we thank God for what He has done in the past, still we feel there is much destitution in our bounds. In view of this we would recommend that instead of selecting ten Evangelists the entire ordained ministry be appointed Missionaries, to labor in this and adjoining Associations, as Providence may direct. And further, that they report their labor to this body at its next annual meeting. We desire to remain auxiliary to the State Board, and unite our efforts with theirs in the spread of the gospel. Yours respectfully,

JOHN WARD,  
J. F. HERD, } Committee.  
M. V. BARKER,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

So far as your Committee have been able to investigate, our bounds seem to be destitute of Sunday Schools. We would advise all pastors of every church in our bounds to organize Sunday Schools, as we believe it to be the first step to Christianity. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. MUNCIE,  
A. G. STANSBERRY, } Committee.  
SILAS WARFORD,

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Religious Periodicals would report that the benefit of a good religious paper, in its visits to our families, is in exerting a general influence for good upon the minds of its readers, upon all the questions of the day, instructing them in reference to the true doctrines of grace, as taught in the bible, and instructing them in regard to all their Christian duties, to quicken their zeal, and stimulate them to greater efforts to do good for the Master. We would commend to all our brethren and sisters the *Western Recorder*, edited and conducted by that able and sacrificing man of God, Bro. A. C. Caperton, Louisville, Ky. We would also recommend to our Sunday Schools *Kind Words*, edited by Bro. S. Boykin, and published at Macon, Ga. Yours, respectfully,

T. L. LAWSON,  
ISAAC SPARKS, } Committee.  
L. P. JOHNSTON,

## MISSIONARIES' REPORT.

Days labored, 64; miles traveled, 693; sermons preached, 44; exhortations, 40; baptised, 19; received into the churches, 16; churches constituted, 1; Deacons ordained, 1. Received from Birch Lick Church, \$3. Yours in Christ,  
A. B. WILLIAMS.

Days labored, 140; miles traveled, 911; sermons preached, 180; exhortations, 60; received into the churches, 57; baptised, 28. Received on the field, \$39.75. All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEVI P. JOHNSTON.

## RESOLUTIONS.

**WHEREAS**, It appears that intemperance is prevailing to an alarming extent, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, as an Association, will not retain or receive any church that permits its members to make, sell or use ardent spirits as a beverage.

A. G. STANSBERRY.

*Resolved*, That we return our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of Birch Lick Church for their hospitality in entertaining us during our session.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

N. B. Johnson, Waco, Ky.; W. S. Adams, Gray Hawk, Ky.; J. J. Edwards, Winston, Ky.; D. T. Lamb, Irvine, Ky.; A. B. Williams, McKee, Ky.; J. B. Rowlett, Travelers' Rest, Ky.; H. S. Ponder, Manchester, Ky.; T. L. Lawson, Speedwell, Ky.; Wm. Standiford, Clover Bottom, Ky.; D. M. Ward, Gray Hawk, Ky.; John Ward, Gray Hawk, Ky.; G. L. Davis, Gray Hawk, Ky.; J. G. Parsons, McKee, Ky.; Joseph Parsons, Sr., McKee, Ky.; Z. Fields, Irvine, Ky.; L. P. Johnston, Speedwell, Ky.; A. G. Stansberry, Irvine, Ky.; Joseph McSwain, Irvine, Ky.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order by the Moderator of last session, or, in his absence, by the Secretary or Moderator pro tem.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Reading Church Letters and enrolling names of Delegates.
4. Permanent organization—election of Moderator and Clerk.
5. Invitation to New Churches for membership.
6. Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.
7. Call for Letters from Corresponding Associations.
8. Visiting Ministers and Brethren invited to seats.
9. Reading of Circular Letter.
10. Appointment of some one to write Corresponding Letter.
11. Committee on State Missions and Destitution.
12. Committee on Sunday Schools.
13. Committee on Religious Periodicals.
14. Place for holding next Association.
15. Who shall preach next Annual Sermon.
16. Appoint some one to write Circular Letter.
17. Appointment of Committee on Finance.
18. Reading Corresponding Letter.
19. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
20. Report of Committee on State Missions.
21. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.
22. Report of Committee on Religious Periodicals.
23. New Business.

24. Appoint some one to superintend printing Minutes.
25. Resolutions.
26. Minutes read for amendment and approval.
27. Adjournment.


### CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN :—As it has been our custom to close our Minutes with a Circular Letter, I have selected the following subject, viz: Alien Immersion. First. Is it right for us as the Church of Christ to receive persons into our fellowship who have been immersed by ministers of human organizations? Verily not. But to the law and testimony: We claim that Christ did, while on earth, set up His Church with its ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper and in the last commission He said, "Go teach all nations," &c.,—Matthew 28 chapter, 19th and 20th verses. First, they were commanded to teach and to baptize the taught; and if we are right on Christ sitting up his Church of God we are the only people on earth that have the right to baptize, for it is clear on our mind that he never has authorized one out of the Church to baptize. A second proof that Christ did set up His Church is found in Daniel, 2nd chapter and 44th verse,—“And in the days of these Kings shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom,” &c. The Lord never delegated this power of setting up a Kingdom to any one, but reserved it unto himself. Now when was this prophecy verified? It must have been at the end of the law, for we read in Luke 16th chapter, and 16th verse, that “The Law and the Prophets were until John &c. Then did the Gospel begin at the preaching of John? For proof of this fact read Mark, 1st chapter, 1st, 2nd and 3rd verses, and also Matthew, 11th chapter and 12th verse,—“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffer violence,” &c. Now, brethren, how could the Kingdom of Heaven suffer violence if it had not been in existence? But we read further in Matthew, 16th chapter and 18th verse,—“And I say also unto thee That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.” So we have it fully made out that Christ did set up His own everlasting Kingdom, and said, “Occupy till I come.” Then as the Church of Christ, it is our duty to receive none but those who have been baptized by a legal administrator set apart to that work by a Gospel Church. Timothy did not have this authority until the laying on of hands by the Presbytery,—1st Timothy, 4th chapter and 14th verse. And now, brethren, when we ordain a man to preach and baptize, do we send him out to baptize for Campbellites, Methodists, or any other so-called Church? We answer, No. Neither do they send out men to baptize for us. Each organization has its officers to officiate in and for themselves. This being the case we cannot receive baptism from these modern sects. When we do we surrender our claims as Baptists and say by our action that baptismal regeneration and baby sprinkling with all other heresies and notions of men, is right. So, brethren, we hope you will pray that Baptists will think of these things, and remember that our faith is in Christ rather than surrender these blessed principles, shed their blood and sealed their truth with their lives. In conclusion, let me ask you, dear brethren, to earnestly contend for the one faith, one Lord and one baptism.



**STATISTICS.**

CHURCHES.	Sat. Meeting.	COUNTIES.	By Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Relation	Deat.	Total
Mt. Gliead.....	4	Jackson	1						1	55
Pilot Knob.....	2	Madison	2		4	1			1	49
Blanton's Flat.....	4	Jackson	2	1	2				1	68
Chinquepin Rough.....	1	Jackson		1						59
South Fork.....	2	Jackson							3	85
Liberty.....	3	Jackson	15	4						45
New Hope.....	4	Owsley		2	2					64
Pine Grove.....	2	Rockcastle	2	3						29
Providence.....	3	Estill	35		2			5	1	212
Pleasant Run.....	3	Clay		3		2				34
Island City.....	1	Owsley				1				18
Mt. Zion.....	1	Estill	3	2	1	1			1	38
Clover Bottom.....	3	Jackson								17
Cow Creek.....	3	Estill	3	2	6	2			2	75
Bethlehem.....	1	Madison	6	1	3	1				110
Drowning Creek.....	3	Madison	1	1		3				77
Birch Lick.....	1	Jackson	5							22
Wind Cave.....	3	Jackson	9						1	16
River Side.....	4	Clay	4					1		16
Rock Lick.....	2	Jackson			2				1	56
Union.....		Estill								8
Clear Creek.....	1	Estill								39
Mt. Pleasant.....		Estill								
Woodward's Creek.....		Estill								
Cain Spring.....	1	Estill								36
Round Hill.....	4	Estill								12
<b>Total.....</b>			<b>88</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1172</b>

 Total number of Churches taken from Minutes of last year.