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MINUTES

OF THE

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH AT MT. PLEASANT,

JESSAMINE COUNTY, KENTUCKY;

COMMENCING

On Tuesday, the 11th day of August, and continuing three days,

1846



GEORGETOWN:
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B. Agreeable to appointment, Elder John L. Waller preached the introductory sermon from the 6th chapter of Galatians; part of the 14th verse: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The letters from the Churches were then read, and the names of the Messengers bearing them, enrolled, as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGRS' NAMES.	Recd. by Bap.	Recd. by letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by let.	Excluded.	Dead.	TOTAL.
<i>Clear Creek,</i>	C. Barnes, H. Moss, B. Giltner and J. Felix,		1	1	5	2		125
<i>Great Crossings,</i>	Y. R. PITTS, W. G. CRAIG, G. B. Long, N. Long and W. H. Martin,	1	3		10	1	4	392
<i>Bryant's,</i>	E. DARNEY, G. W. Coones, James E. Chrystal and W. W. Graves,					1		185
<i>Stamping Ground,</i>	J. D. BLACK, J. R. BARBER, I. Adams, F. C. Ford, F. C. McCalla, John R. Ferguson, E. Coppidge & W. B. Galloway,	32	16	1	13	6	14	612
<i>David's Fork,</i>	E. Bryant, G. W. Darneby, A. F. Eastin, B. Y. Crim, G. Watts, M. Coons, R. M. Jones and J. H. Darneby,			1	1	2	2	615
<i>Big Spring,</i>	B. G. Yancy and F. Junod,		1	2	2	6	1	115
<i>North Fork,</i>	Saml. Boehm and R. Bryden.	3	8	1	8	3	2	92
<i>Mt. Pleasant,</i>	S. Holloway, E. Haydon, T. Smith and J. F. Barkley,	7	3		1	1	2	235
<i>Hartwood,</i>	James Trewett and Silas M. Berry,	5						33
<i>Georgetown,</i>	D. R. CAMPBELL, H. MALCOM, B. B. Ford and B. T. Blewitt,	21	17		9	2	2	209
<i>Silas,</i>	J. Cantrill, N. Switzer, J. N. Allen,				1			95
<i>1st Bapt. Church,</i>	W. M. PRATT, J. McMane, M. Mitchell, H. C. Payne, R. Brent, C. Bosworth, J. B. Payne, P. Kidd,							
<i>Lexington.</i>	J. F. Jones, N. Mixer, F. B. Rouse and G. Cowgill,	13	15	5	15	3	2	264
<i>African Church,</i>	(Under care 1st Baptist Church.)	14	2	3	2	3	8	1,143
<i>Pleasant Green,</i>	(Same care.)	1					1	16
<i>Paris,</i>	G. G. Goss, C. D. Isbell, Jas. Hinton, Thos. Scott & N. Goodman,	5	4	2	11	4	3	198
<i>Dry Run,</i>	Wm. Brooks, R. Raines & S. Thomson,	3	2		2	1	3	122
<i>Long Lick,</i>	M. C. H. Kirby and N. Covington,	19	5		6	3	1	76
<i>E. Hickman,</i>	R. T. DILLARD, Wm. Rodes, W. D. Dillard, Thos. Carr & P. G. Hunt,	7	7		10		3	250
<i>Glen's Creek,</i>	JOHN L. WALLER, W. F. BROADBUS, B. P. Gray, John G. Martin and R. D. Shipp,	16	4	7		1		221
<i>Hillsboroughs,</i>	Thos. Edwards, J. D. Carpenter, S. Arnett, J. Jelf and S. Gray,	35	5	2	10	4	2	274
<i>Mt. Vernon,</i>	L. W. SEELEY, S. Anderlon, H. Goodloe and James M. Davis;	6	4	1	1	1	4	174
<i>Cane Run,</i>	R. Quarles and BEN. P. DRAKE,		8			2	1	70
<i>Versailles,</i>	J. F. Jeste and B. C. Bradley,	4	5		4			33
<i>Bethlehem,</i>								
[Ordained Ministers in capitals; Licentiates in italic.]		197	111	26	112	44	55	5,549

2. The Messengers then repaired to the Meeting House, and elected brother William Rodes, Moderator, and F. C. McCalla, Clerk. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and a Throne of Grace addressed by Elder D. R. Campbell.

3. Letters from corresponding Associations called for and read; and the names of the Messengers bearing them, enrolled, as follows:

SHILOAH, VA.—Minutes sent to Elder W. F. Broaddus.

NORTH BEND.—James C. Graves and JAMES A. KIRTLEY.

BAPTIST.—J. Hayden, J. Boone, R. Sale, S. Ruffner and P. Reynolds.

CONCORD.—A. Mothershead and Zac. Ransdell.

BOONE'S CREEK.—N. Haggard, G. Minter, S. Chorn, B. E. ALLEN, S. V. POTTS, MASON OWEN and A. R. MACY.

FRANKLIN.—No letter. A. GOODELL, F. H. HODGES and B. T. Quinn.

S. DISTRICT.—R. Alexander, J. L. Smith, B. Kemper and J. H. Kemper.

LONG RUN.—No letter. No Messengers.

UNION.—

TEN MILE.—E. B. Bartlett.

BRACKEN.—S. L. HELM, JOHN HOLLADAY and J. MORRIS.

SULPHUR FORK.—W. Calloway, James M. Head and T. E. Dawson.

TATE'S CREEK.—Reuben Munday; Anderson Chenault, Levi Moore and Walter Chenault.

SOUTH KY.—Letter by Elder Broaddus.

4. A door was opened for the reception of Corresponding Associations, when a letter from South Kentucky Association of Baptists, asking for correspondence, was read, and the application agreed to.

5. Ministers present not Messengers, invited to seats.

6. Voted that the application of the Church at Bethlehem, for admission into this Association, be referred to a committee of three, viz: Elders W. F. Broaddus, Waller and Goss.

7. The Circular letter read and referred to a committee of Elders Malcom, Craig, Campbell and Seelye.

8. Voted, That the business of this Association be transacted on Wednesday, and finished if possible.

9. Voted, That Elders Allen, Helm and A. Broaddus preach to-morrow at the stand, and Elders Campbell, Goodell and Dillard on Thursday.

10. Elder Pitts, Kenney and brother George Darneby be a committee to prepare Corresponding letters.

11. G. B. Long, H. C. Payne, P. Carr, the Moderator and Clerk a committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. F. Broaddus.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Opening prayer by Elder Josiah Leake.

12. The committee on the Bethlehem letter reported favorably, and the right hand of fellowship given to her delegate.

13. Whereas an impression exists that this Association has a rule prohibiting our Ministers from filling the Moderator's office—

Resolved, That we recognize no such rule as the law of this body, but consider our Ministers eligible to any office to which the body may think proper to appoint them.

14. The Corresponding letter read and adopted, and Messengers appointed to bear it, as follows:

SHILOAH, VA.—Minutes sent by Elder W. F. Broaddus.

N. BEND.—The 3d Friday in August, at Big Boone, Boone county. Elder Howard Malcom.

BAPTIST.—4th Saturday in August, at Clover Bottom. Thomas Edwards, Y. R. PITTS, B. C. Bradley and S. Arnett.

CONCORD.—4th Friday in August, at Cain Run, Henry County. W. G. CRAIG and S. W. SEELEY.

BOONE'S CREEK.—2nd Saturday in September, at Lubigrud, Montgomery county. WILL RODES, EDWARD DARNEY, W. M. PRATT, Doctor Jones, Coones, and Richard Brent.

FRANKLIN.—3rd Friday in August. W. G. CRAIG, E. Coppage. F. C. McCalla, W. H. Martin, J. R. Barbee, H. C. Payne, and F. C. Ford.

S. DISTRICT.—3rd Saturday in August. Y. R. PITTS, S. Holloway, and Walter Chenault.

LONG RUN.—Josiah Leake.

UNION.—R. T. Dillard and S. Arnett.

TEN MILE.—1st Friday in September. S. W. Boehm.

BRACKEN.—8th September, at Leesburg, Mason county. J. W. KENNY, G. G. Goss, and F. C. McCalla.

SULPHUR FORK.—R. T. DILLARD.

TATE'S CREEK.—4th Saturday in August. D. R. Campbell, W. M. PRATT, and Richard Brent.

SOUTH KENTUCKY.—At Greesy Creek, Spencer county. S. M. Berry.

At this stage of the proceeding, Elder Dillard proposed to spend a few moments in prayer, which was done.

15. *Resolved*, That it is not expedient to publish in its present shape, the Circular prepared by Elder L. W. Seeley.

Resolved, That the committee on the circular letter be instructed to request Elder Seeley to continue his researches into the history of this Association with a view to present, at our next annual meeting, a fuller account of our past history.

17. Voted, That Elders Malcom and Campbell be a committee to prepare extracts from the letters to the association in lieu of a circular letter.

17. Voted, That the next Association be held at Silas, Bourbon county, on Tuesday after the 2nd Saturday in August, 1847.

18. Voted, That Elder D. R. Campbell preach the next introductory, and Elder W. M. Pratt his alternate.

19. Elder W. M. Pratt appointed to write next circular letter.

20. Voted, That a collection be taken up after the 1st sermon, at the stand, on to-morrow, in aid of the General Assembly.

21. *Whereas* it is known that there are in Kentucky many young brethren, regularly called by their respective churches to the gospel ministry, whose age and circumstances would permit their spending one or two years in improving their minds by study, but who are hindered by want of means: while, therefore, we reject the idea that book learning is an indispensable qualification for the ministers, we cordially approve of our young ministers endeavoring to avail themselves of all proper means for mutual improvement and increase of knowledge. And in view of the poverty of some of our promising Licentiates, we recommend the churches to aid these by such contributions as they may see fit, with a view of their spending some time at our College at Georgetown.

Resolved, That the "Western Baptist Review," soon to enter upon the second volume, is worthy of the continued and increasing patronage of our brethren. We expected much from the editor (Brother J. L. Waller,) and our expectations have been more than realized. We could wish the subscription list more than doubled for the second volume.

Resolved, That we approve of the organization and objects of the General Association, and recommend it to the vigorous support of the churches.

Resolved, That as a body we heartily approve of the American S. S. Union, and recommend to the churches to establish Sunday Schools in their midst, and to adopt the books and publications of American S. S. Union.

Adjourning prayer by Elder H. Malcom.

F. C. McCALLA, Clerk, }
Georgetown, Ky. }

WILL. RODES, Mod'r., }
Lexington, Ky. }

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

As a token of our regard, we send this annual Communication. Our Churches are at peace. The letters which have come from them bring to our ears tidings of various kinds. Some complain of coldness and indifference in religious matters; some tell of the gracious out pourings of God's spirit, by which saints have been revived, and sinners comforted—others speak of the cold hand of Death taking from their midst those they love—while all speak of the interest they feel in the benevolent operations by which the kingdom of the Redeemer is being extended. We give an annual contribution to the General Association, of upwards of \$400, and some of our Churches have not yet been visited who will give liberally to this body, besides we give to other missionary bodies.

Brethren, join with us in endeavoring to send out God's light and truth to every destitute portion of the world. Since our last meeting there have been added to our numbers 197 willing converts. Our present number is 5549. We send this by our Brethren as named in our Minutes. Our next Association will be held at "Silas," Bourbon County, on Tuesday after the 2nd Saturday in August, 1847.

F. C. McCALLA, *Clerk.*

WILL. RODES, *Moderator.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE ELKHORN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:—

By request, we present you on the present occasion, with a succinct statement, showing the condition of the respective Churches composing this body, as set forth in their several letters sent up to its present session. We shall observe the order in which the letters were read.

CLEAR CREEK, WOODFORD COUNTY.—Nothing of unusual interest has occurred in this Church during the year. She seems to feel deeply her languid condition, and earnestly desires a refreshing season. Preaching twice a month. *W. F. Broadus*, Pastor.

GREAT CROSSINGS, SCOTT COUNTY.—The condition of this Church is on the whole improving. During the year she has been doing more than usual for the cause of missions; she has also a flourishing Sabbath School. Preaching twice a month, by *Y. R. Pitts* and *W. G. Craig*.

BRYANT'S STATION, FAYETTE COUNTY.—This Church is recovering from the effects of former calamities. Her letter breathes a spirit of deep devotion, and longs for a general revival of religion. Preaching once a month. *Edward Darneby* Pastor.

STAMPING GROUND, SCOTT COUNTY.—Fourteen of the members of this Church have died during the year. Her letter says: "The melancholy list of mortality which we report to you this year stands unparalleled in our history as a Church, and yet we seem not to be humbled." God has not, however,

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withheld his favors. She has received 22 by baptism, and has quite a flourishing Sabbath School. Preaching twice a month. *J. D. Black* and *J. R. Barbee*.

DAVID'S FORK, FAYETTE COUNTY.—The letter from this Church breathes a spirit of deep depression in view of her cold and inactive condition. She solicits an interest in the prayers of sister Churches. Preaching twice a month. *R. T. Dillard* Pastor.

BIG SPRING, WOODFORD COUNTY.—This Church says she enjoys peace, but complains of her coldness, and desires to be revived. Preaching once a month by brother *Quinn*, licentiate.

NORTH FORK, FRANKLIN COUNTY.—The letter of this Church breathes a good spirit. They seem to be getting along well under the care of brethren *B. F. Kenny* and *W. G. Craig*. Brother *C. Lewis* also preaches to this Church once a month.

MOUNT PLEASANT, JESSAMINE COUNTY.—This Church seems to have enjoyed a good measure of religious prosperity during the year. She avows herself friendly to the spread of the Gospel. Her letter states that there is not a Baptist Preacher residing in the county. Ministering brethren are solicited to visit her, to aid the Pastor in preaching the Gospel. Preaching 3rd Saturday and Sunday. *Y. R. Pitts* Pastor.

SILAS, BOURBON COUNTY.—The Church complains of her lukewarmness and inefficiency. She longs for a revival, and prays that the time may soon come when the Gospel shall be carried to the ends of the earth. She solicits an interest in the prayers of sister Churches. Preaching once a month. *J. D. Black* Pastor.

GEORGETOWN, SCOTT COUNTY.—This Church has enjoyed an unusual degree of prosperity during the year. Her internal condition is greatly improved. Her increase by baptism and letter is 38. She has raised about \$3,000 for various purposes. Her Sabbath School has been more interesting than at any previous time. Several of its members have made a profession of religion. *D. R. Campbell* Pastor.

HARTWOOD, SCOTT COUNTY.—This Church has been greatly blessed this year by visits from the Beneficiaries of Georgetown College. She has a flourishing Sunday School, conducted by these brethren, who also preach to her frequently. Regular preaching once a month. Elder *John Lucas* Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON.—This Church has recovered from her former difficulties and is greatly improved. Her increase by baptism and letter is 33. She has a flourishing Sabbath School, and is actively engaged in efforts for the spread of the Gospel. *W. M. Pratt* Pastor.

AFRICAN CHURCH, LEXINGTON.—This Church is auxiliary to the 1st Baptist Church. Her members number 1143. She is orderly and flourishing. Preaching every Lord's Day. *L. Ferrell* Pastor.

PLEASANT GREEN AFRICAN CHURCH, LEXINGTON.—This is a small Church, and is auxiliary also to the 1st Baptist Church. She is doing well, but has no regular Pastor.

PARIS, BOURBON COUNTY.—This Church records her gratitude for past favors, but complains of present apathy. She has a good Sabbath School which promises to be a great blessing to the rising youth. *G. G. Goss* Pastor.

DRY RUN, SCOTT COUNTY.—The state of religion in this Church has been almost stationary during the year. Peace, however, reigns in their midst. Preaching once a month. *J. D. Black* Pastor.

CANE RUN, FAYETTE COUNTY.—This Church has not enjoyed any special religious prosperity for some time. She complains of her apathy, and prays for a revival of religion. Preaching twice a month. *B. P. Drake* Pastor.

LONG LICK, SCOTT COUNTY.—The labors of brother *W. R. Combs*, missionary of the General Association, have been of special service to this Church during the present year. 34 have been added to her number, and a flourishing Sabbath School has been established, and is being conducted vigorously.

Brother Combes has resigned and brother *J. E. Duvall* preaches once a month.

EAST HICKMAN, JESSAMINE COUNTY.—This is an interesting Church. She is actively engaged in every good work, and enjoys a good degree of religious prosperity. Preaching twice a month. *R. T. Dillard* Pastor.

GLEN'S CREEK, WOODFORD COUNTY.—The letter of this Church shows that the brethren are deeply engaged in measures of internal improvement. Considerable additions have been made to their number during the year. They have a Bible Class and Sabbath School, and preaching every Lord's Day. *J. L. Waller* Pastor.

HILLSBOROUGH, WOODFORD COUNTY.—In the early part of the year this Church received 35 additions. She, however, complains of great declension, and seems to feel humbled on account of it. They long for a refreshing shower. Preaching once a month. *J. Leake* Pastor.

MOUNT VERNON, WOODFORD COUNTY.—This Church has received a few additions during the year. She, however, deprecates the want of greater zeal in the cause of Christ. Preaching once a month. *W. L. Sealey* Pastor.

VERSAILLES, WOODFORD COUNTY.—This is a feeble Church, just in its infancy. They complain of neglect on the part of the ministry, and desire to be visited more frequently, that they may be aided and encouraged. They have occasional preaching by brethren *W. F. Broaddus* and *J. L. Waller*.

BETHLEHEM, BOURBON COUNTY.—This Church suffered from the effects of the so called "Reformation," and became so discouraged that she dropped associational correspondence for several years. She renewed it at the present session of our body, and states that her prospects are encouraging. She has lately received several additions, has preaching once a month, but as yet no regular Pastor.

R E M A R K S .

DEAR BRETHREN—

The exhibit here made of the condition of our Churches, as set forth in their several letters to the Association, is far from being as a whole, cheering. Some of the Churches have prospered during the year, but more have evidently declined. How, under God, are we to bring about a better state of things? The letters show one thing conclusively. Those Churches which have had most pastoral labor bestowed upon them, have been most blessed and are most prosperous. *Mere preaching* on the Sabbath—once or twice a month will accomplish but little towards a high standard of piety, intelligence and efficiency among our members. The Churches *ought* to expect their pastors to "watch" as well as "preach." *Less preaching* and more *watching* would be productive of greater permanent good than we now enjoy. The Churches *ought*, as far as practicable, to enable their pastors to give themselves "*wholly to the work.*" Then every *worthy pastor* would endeavor to raise the standard of Christian excellence much above its present measure. He would himself be *more studious*, his sermons would be *more instructive*, and, of course, his practical influence *much greater*. He would become better acquainted with the real condition of his flock, and could more successfully train them to "every good word and work." We would respectfully submit these hints for the consideration of all concerned, and pray that God may grant us all a greater measure of religious prosperity and enjoyment during the coming year.

F. C. McCALLA, *Clerk.*

WILL. RODES, *Moderator.*