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# MINUTES

OF THE

## ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

Held with the Church at Great Crossings, Scott County, Ky.

Commencing on Tuesday, the 15th day of August, 1848, and continuing three days.

I. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder WM. M. PRATT, from ISAIAH, the 2d Chapter, and from the 2d to the 5th Verse, inclusive.

The LETTERS were then read from the stand, and Messengers bearing them enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd by Baptism.		Rec'd by Letter.		Dismissed by Letter.		Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
		Restored.	Restored.	Restored.	Restored.					
Clear Creek, :::::	W. F. BROADDUS, Wiatt Arnold, and Josiah Felix.	—	7	—	—	3	—	1	127	
Great Crossings, :::	Y. R. PITTS, W. G. CRAIG, G. B. Long, Asa Payne, and N. Long.	—	1	—	10	—	5	366		
Bryant's, :::::	E. DARNBY, J. E. Chrystall, G. W. Coons & W. W. Graves.*	7	1	1	8	2	3	192		
Stamping Ground, :	J. D. BLACK, F. C. McCalla, Isaac Adams, Jno. LUCAS, Jno. Ferguson, Moses Threlkeld, M. B. Mothershead, E. H. Black,* and W. B. Golloway. :	1	1	—	11	2	3	586		
David's Fork, :::::	E. Bryant, M. Coons, G. W. Darnaby, A. F. Eastin, R. M. Jones, Jno. Darnaby, B. Y. Crim, and Jas. Weathers.	2	—	—	2	2	4	644		
Big Spring, :::::	B. G. Yancy and F. Junod. :	7	—	2	2	5	3	102		
North Fork, :::::	J. S. Hockersmith and B. F. Head. :	—	1	1	10	4	2	68		
Mt. Pleasant, :::::	J. R. Barbee, Spencer Holloway, Jas. F. Barkly, and O. D. Bryant.* :	9	5	—	4	5	8	211		
Hartwood, :::::	Henderson Miller* and S. M. Berry. :	2	—	—	1	—	1	27		
Georgetown, :::::	D. R. CAMPBELL, R. M. Ewing, D. G. Hatch and B. T. Blewitt. :	1	12	—	14	4	4	272		
Silas, :::::	Joseph Cantrell,* W. Sparks, and Nathaniel Switzer.	—	1	—	2	—	4	88		
1st Baptist Church, Lexington.	Wm. M. PRATT, Isaac Niles, H. C. Payne, Philip H. Kidd, Samuel Kidd, Chas. Thompson, Jno. McMains,* Geo. Cowgill,* David Bosworth,* Charles Bosworth, Elzy Harney,* Purnell Bishop, and Richard B. Young.	23	6	1	13	6	4	353		
African Church, :::	Under care of 1st Baptist Church, Lexington. :	150	3	4	3	4	17	1396		
Pleasant Green, :::	" care of same. :	12	5	1	—	—	1	36		
Paris, :::::	Jahab Wheat,* Thos. Scott,* Jas. Paton, Joseph Porter,* and Richard Henderson. :	1	2	—	6	—	1	192		
Cane Run, :::::	B. P. DRAKE and Roger Quarles. :	6	2	—	3	1	—	88		
Dry Run, :::::	Milton Burch, T. Woolin, and Sanford Thomasson.	—	2	—	3	1	1	115		
Long Lick, :::::	James Power and John Hess. :	—	2	—	1	2	3	73		
East Hickman, :::::	R. T. DILLARD,* W. D. DILLARD,* W. Rodes, & P. G. Hunt.	9	6	—	3	1	1	277		
Glenn's Creek, :::::	J. L. Waller, John G. Mastin, D. G. Williams, and Robt. S. Reardon. :	5	—	—	5	1	3	185		
Hillsborough, :::::	J. D. Carpenter, Thos. Edwards, J. D. Egbert, and John Hammonds. :	—	3	1	9	5	1	232		
Mt. Vernon, :::::	L. W. SEELEY,* R. H. Goodloe, D. J. Williams, and Jas. M. Davis. :	35	7	1	3	2	1	219		
Versailles, :::::	Reuben Jesse, B. C. Bradley, and J. M. Shackelford.*	15	10	—	19	—	2	37		
African Church, :::	Under care of Versailles Church. :	—	—	—	—	—	—	35		
		285	77	12	135	47	73	5821		

SMALL CAPITALS—Ordained Ministers. \* Absentees.

2d. The Messengers then repaired to the Meeting house, and elected Brother F. C. McCALLA, Moderator, and JAMES M. DAVIS, Clerk.

The Association was then called to order, and the Throne of Grace addressed by Elder B. P. DRAKE.

3d. Letters from Corresponding Associations called for, read, and names of Messengers bearing them enrolled as follows:

*Shiloh, Va.*—Minutes sent to W. F. Broaddus.

*North Bend.*—No letter, but Bro. J. M. Frost reported as a Messenger.

*Baptist.*—No letter, but R. R. Lillard reported as a Messenger.

*Concord.*—A. Mothershead,\* T. M. Daniel,\* Erasmus Bainbridge, Joel Herndon, C. Horseman,\* L. White\* H. H. Turpin.\*

*Boone's Creek.*—Samuel Chorn, S. V. Potts, L. Robinson, Charles Hazlerigg, James Gregsby, Thos. McDowell, T. J. Wills, P. Bush, A. Bush, R. French, E. D. Isbell, and S. Treadway.

*Franklin.*—Henry Crutcher, Isaac Wingate, S. B. Scofield, W. R. Roberts, J.

R. Scott, J. B. Roberts, B. T. QUINN, Boswell Robinson, and J. W. GOODMAN.\*

*South District.*—No letter nor Messenger.

*Long Run.*—No letter nor Messenger.

*Union.*—George King, Henry Bell, M. Garnet, and Thos. Waggoner.\*

*Ten Mile.*—J. Baldwin, J. Thomas, and W. Y. H. Crouch.

*Bracken.*—S. L. HELM, John Holladay,\* A. Broaddus,\* Wm. V. Morris, and J. S. Morris.\*

*Sulphur Fork.*—S. McIlvaine and D. Porter.\*

*Tate's Creek.*—R. W. Graham, Hendley Middleton,\* Reuben Monday,\* G. W. Curtis, and Walter Chenault.\*

*South Kentucky.*—Brother Berry.\*

4th. The Circular Letter read, and referred to Brethren B. T. Blewitt, J. L. Waller, and James M. Davis.

5th. Voted that Elders Helm, Bryce and Hodges preach to-morrow, at the stand; and Brethren Wills, Drane and Frost, on Thursday.

6th. Brethren Broaddus, Thomas and Holloway appointed to write Corresponding Letters.

7th. Brethren Wm. Rodes, H. C. Payne, Edward Darnaby, the Moderator and Clerk, Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Voted that a Treasurer be appointed for this Association. Whereupon Brother D. G. Hatch was appointed to fill said office.

9th. That a Committee be appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the General Association of Kentucky, and that said Committee, be instructed to prepare and report to the Association, a plan by which all the moneys that may be committed to her charge, for benevolent effort, may be properly and speedily appropriated as directed by the donors in the letters of the several Churches, which may be sent up to this Association.

The said Committee was composed of the following Brethren: Rodes, Black, Waller, Campbell, and Broaddus.

10th. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourning prayer by Elder E. DARNABY.



Wednesday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Opening prayer by Brother SIMMS.

11th. The Corresponding Letter read and adopted; and Messenger's appointed to bear it, as follows:

*Shiloh, Va.*—Minutes sent by W. F. Broaddus.

*North Bend.*—J. M. Frost.

*Baptist.*—B. C. Bradly, Josiah Felix and Reuben Jesse.

*Concord.*—J. Adams, Y. R. Pitts, and J. D. Black.

*Boone's Creek.*—Wm. M. Pratt, E. Darnaby and E. Bryant.

*Franklin.*—Y. R. Pitts, W. F. Broaddus, J. D. Black and B. C. Bradly.

*General Association.*—G. B. Long, J. D. Black, J. L. Waller, W. F. Broaddus, W. G. Craig, Wm. M. Pratt, S. F. Gano, Y. R. Pitts, B. C. Bradly, R. B. Young, and R. M. Jones.

*South District.*—B. C. Bradly and W. F. Broaddus.

*Long Run.*—W. F. Broaddus.

*Union.*—

*Ten Mile.*—M. B. Mothershead.

*Bracken.*—

*Sulphur Fork.*—J. D. Carpenter.

*Tate's Creek.*—Wm. Rodes and B. P. Drake.

*South Kentucky.*—S. M. Berry.

12th. Voted to change the time of holding the Association back to the former time on which we met, the 2d Saturday in August.

13th. Voted that the next Association be held with the Church at David's Fork, Fayette county, Ky., on the 2d Saturday in August, 1849.

14th. Voted that Elder B. P. DRAKE preach the next Introductory, and Elder J. R. BARBEE his alternate.

15th. Corresponding Letter to the General Association, with accompanying Preamble and Resolutions, read and adopted.

#### 16th. ELKHORN ASSOCIATION,

##### *To the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Recognizing in your organization a powerful agency for supplying the destitute of our State with the preached Gospel, it gives us real pleasure to co-operate with you by sending delegates to your ensuing annual meeting. Our pleasure is heightened by the consideration, that the Churches composing our body have, at our present session, sent up contributions, which they request us to forward to you, to aid in the great object for which you are associated. In this movement, we think we see a prospect of a more efficient effort in this excellent work, than our Churches have ever previously made. God grant that all our Brethren may have their sympathies awakened in behalf of the thousands of our race who are perishing for lack of knowledge.

We send as our Delegates: G. B. Long, J. D. Black, J. L. Waller, W. F. Broaddus, W. G. Craig, Wm. M. Pratt, S. F. Gano, Y. R. Pitts, B. C. Bradly, R. B. Young, and R. M. Jones, whom receive ye as fellow helpers in your benevolent enterprise. May your session be pleasant, your measures prudent, and your labors of love blessed to the salvation of many.

WHEREAS most of our Churches have sent up to our present session, contributions for the spread of the Gospel, with a request that this body should become the organ of transmitting their funds to the treasuries of the several Benevolent Societies, for whose benefit they have contributed; *Resolved,*

1. That this Association hail with pleasure this movement on the part of the Churches, as indicating the growth of that spirit which is destined finally to fill the earth with the knowledge of God.

2. That the funds put into our hands, with any sums that may hereafter be contributed, shall be appropriated according to the directions given by the Churches contributing, whether for the benefit of Foreign or Domestic Missions.

3. That the several sums contributed appear in the Minutes of this session; and that the Treasurer's Report shall annually be inserted in our Minutes.

- 17th. Voted, (at the instance of the Delegates from the Lexington Church,) that this Association invite the General Association of Kentucky, to hold their next session with the Lexington Church.
- 18th. Voted that the request of North Fork Church, asking for a letter of dismission, be granted.
- 19th. That the General Association be requested to appoint a day of Fasting and Prayer, to be observed by the Churches in our connection throughout Kentucky.
- 20th. Bro. James M. Davis appointed to write the next Circular Letter.
- 21st. Voted that the Circular Letter, as amended, be adopted.
- 22d. Voted that Bro. B. P. Drake and the Clerk superintending the printing and distributing the Minutes.
- 23d. Voted the sum of \$10 be raised by individual subscription, to meet a loss of that amount sustained by the Treasurer (through mistake) in receiving the money sent up by the Messengers to this Association.
- 24th. Voted that a collection be taken up at the stand, on to-morrow, for the benefit of the General Association.
- 25th. The following Resolutions (by W. F. Broaddus) adopted:
1. *Resolved*, That the Pastors of our body be requested to set before their respective Churches, the claims of the various Benevolent Institutions which expect their support at our hands, and to encourage our brethren to make contributions to said institutions annually through our Treasury.
  2. *Resolved*, That this Association cordially recommend to our brethren the claims of Georgetown College to their prayers and patronage; and especially, that they be prepared to respond efficiently to the effort now in progress by the Agent (Bro. Frost) to increase the endowment fund.
- 26th. By J. L. Waller:
- Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Association be instructed to pay over the funds in his hands, to the Treasurers of the several institutions for which those funds have been designated, in time for them to appear in the next annual reports of said Treasurers.
- 27th. Voted that the Clerk be directed to send a copy of our Minutes to all the Ministers in Kentucky whose Post Office address he may know or ascertain.
- Adjourning remarks by D. R. Campbell and J. D. Black; and  
Prayer by Bro. Simms.

F. C. McCALLA, *Moderator*.  
Georgetown, Ky.

J. M. DAVIS, *Clerk*.  
Midway, Ky.



# CIRCULAR LETTER.

BY B. T. BLEWITT.

DEAR BRETHREN: The usual time for addressing you our annual Circular has again arrived. Whilst with grateful hearts we acknowledge the goodness of God in bestowing upon us that measure of harmony which has pervaded our Churches during the past year, we yet deeply deplore our lethargy and indifference to the claims which the cause of Christ has upon us. Desiring for ourselves an increase of Christian enjoyment, and enlarged benevolence for those around us, we propose as the theme of our present Circular, **THE DUTY OF THE CHURCH TO CARRY THE GOSPEL THROUGHOUT THE EARTH.** For the *Church* Christ came to earth, lived and died, and having risen, he commanded his disciples to *go* into all the world and preach the Gospel to *every* creature. This was to be their work.

How then may this be efficiently accomplished?

1st. *By encouraging ardent piety among her laity.*

To succeed in any enterprize, it is of the utmost consequence that those engaged in it should feel deeply enlisted, the heart must be in it; doubly important is it that those who are engaged in *this* work have their hearts right before God. There must be a more entire and hearty consecration of person, property, and influence to the cause. This evidently demands a tone of piety different from that which characterises Christians of the present day. The times and the occasion demand not that sort of piety which shall exhibit itself in an occasional meteoric glare; but that whose light shall be steady, constant, and increasing more and more to the perfect day. A sense of duty, a fixed principle, and not *impulse*, must be the controlling motive. Every Christian must feel *himself* obliged, from love to God, to keep his own lamp trimmed; for it is only by the commingling of these lesser lights that the Church is to become the moral luminary of the world.

2ND. *By occupying her posts with a faithful and an efficient Ministry.*

It is to be feared that that zeal for Christ and his cause which animated the Apostles, characterizes too little the Ministers of the present day. But may not the Church appropriately inquire how much of the inefficiency of her Ministers may be set down to

her account? Many are compelled by their necessary attention to secular affairs, to withdraw their attention from a suitable preparation for the sacred office.

The Church too is responsible for the *kind* of Ministers she sends forth. It is a lamentable truth, that many have responded, who have been destitute of the evidences of a call. It is the imperative *duty* of the Church to see whether she may not have those in membership who ought to prepare themselves for the sacred office; and if destitute of the means to enable them to do so, to afford them, and claim them as her property, and consecrate them to herself. Many a young and noble spirit, amply endowed by nature to render them highly useful, have been chained back by the *indifference* of the Church. The religious character of the members determines the usefulness of their Minister. A successful Minister without a prayerful and an active Church, would be an anomaly.

3RD. *By carefully fostering her Institutions.*

Effort, to be effective, must be prudently and intelligently directed. We are commanded to present our *reasonable* service. A more intimate acquaintance with the Bible should be cultivated, and the religious periodicals should be carefully consulted, so that it may be known what there *is* to be done, and *how* it ought to be done. For this, Tract and Bible Societies demand the sympathies and support of the Church. The Church should not be satisfied until every family has a Bible and is supplied with other important religious books. To the institution of the Sabbath School we anxiously look as an efficient instrumentality of the Church in promoting the Redeemer's kingdom. Affording an occasion for all to engage, either as scholars or teachers, it is greatly promotive of Christian activity, and its influence in raising the standard of intelligent piety is most potent. It is the fruitful nursery from which the Church may hope to draw her active laymen, her efficient ministry, and the self-denying missionary. By the blessing of God, the Sabbath School may be one of the levers which the Church shall use in lifting the world from sin, deeply sunken as it is. This instrumentality has done and still promises to do much for the Church.

A missionary spirit must more generally pervade the Church, the command is, *go and preach the gospel to every creature*. All may and should do something for this cause; they must either go, or send and pray for those who go—men must be dedicated, and property and influence consecrated to this grand enterprise, each must feel himself called upon personally to act and let *his* light shine.

*Finally*.—Encouraged by her past triumphant success, and conscious of her strength, let the Church go onward, gaining strength by opposition; she shall ultimately be triumphant. O



that every christian soldier, fully panoplied, may be found at his post and fighting manfully the battles of the Lord; that the animosity which has divided christian effort may be healed, and all unitedly address themselves to the work: then soon should the dark and portentous clouds of error and of sin, retreating from the light of truth, be spanned with the bow of hope announcing the approach of the Sun of Millennial day, and the "knowledge of the Lord should cover the earth as do the waters the great sea."



## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

### ELKHORN ASSOCIATION,

#### To Corresponding Associations.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our annual session has been attended with nothing out of the usual line of our experience. Some of our Churches report additions to their numbers, while most of them complain of coldness and barrenness. One incident has inspired us with the hope that the Lord is willing to use us as instruments for accomplishing his gracious purposes. Our churches for the most part, at this session, sent up contributions for benevolent purposes, with a request that the Association would become the organ of transmitting their funds to sundry Benevolent institutions.

In compliance with this request, we have, as you will perceive, appointed a Treasurer, and made such other arrangements as were deemed necessary to carry the benevolent designs of our brethren into effect. Let us have your prayers, dear brethren, that our offering on this altar may be accepted.

We have been favored with quite a number of your messengers. So may it always be! The more extended our intercourse with our brethren, the more are those ties strengthened by which the people of God are bound together. Renew then your visits of love to us, and let us learn from your annual Communications, how it fares with you in the things that pertain to the kingdom of Christ. Our next Session will be held at David's Fork, Fayette County, Ky. on the 2d Saturday in August, 1849. Grace, Mercy, and Peace be multiplied unto you.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DANIEL G. HATCH, *Treasurer,**In account current with the Elkhorn Association,*

1848.

		Dr.
Aug. 15.	To Cane Run Church, per Dr. Drake, - - -	\$11 00
	“ amount per Jas. D. Black, - - -	3 00
		\$14 00
	To Mt. Pleasant Church, per J. R. Barbee, -	\$30 15
	“ amount per Jas. D. Black, - - -	1 50
		31 65
	To Silas Church, per N. Switzer, - - -	\$10 75
	“ amount per Jas. D. Black, - - -	1 00
		11 75
	To Long Lick Church, per Jas. Power, -	2 00
	To Hillsborough Church, per Thos. Edwards,	\$21 00
	“ amount per Jas. D. Black, (Frost,) -	2 00
		23 00
	To Glenn's Creek Church, per J. G. Mastin,	\$19 00
	“ amount per Jas. D. Black, (Frost,) -	7 00
		26 00
	To Stamping Ground Church, per I. Adams,	\$67 35
	“ amount per Jas. D. Black, - - -	1 95
		69 30
	To North Fork Church, per B. F. Head, -	5 85
	To Mt. Vernon Church, per Jas. M. Davis, -	43 25
	“ amount per Jas. D. Black, (Frost,) -	10 00
		53 25
	To Lexington Church, per Wm. M. Pratt, -	\$46 00
	“ amount per Jas. D. Black, - - -	9 00
	“ cash, to constitute Bro. Wm. M. Pratt life } member of S. B. Foreign Missions, }	30 00
		85 00
	To Clear Creek Church, per Wm. F. Broaddus,	23 00
	“ Versailles Church, “ “ “	5 00
	“ Dry Run Church, per S. Thomasson, -	29 87
	“ Great Crossing's Church, per G. B. Long,	47 00
	To Georgetown Church, per D. G. Hatch,	\$106 50
	“ amount per Jas. D. Black, - - -	1 00
	“ Contribution, - - - - -	2 40
		109 90
	To Contribution at Association, - - -	15 12
	“ cash for Indian Missions, - - -	1 00
		\$552 69

The above amount of \$552 69 is now in the hands of the Treasurer, and will be paid forthwith to the Treasurers of the several Associations for which the funds are designated. It is presumed there will be paid about \$200 more into the Treasurer's hands for the General Association during this year, making more than \$700 from Elkhorn Association for Missionary purposes in this State.

DANIEL G. HATCH, *Treasurer.*