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OF THE

1811 NORTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS.

Held at Hopewell Meeting House, in the county of Woodford and State of Kentucky, on the 1st Saturday in August, in the year of our Lord 1811.

Brother David Chenault preached the Introductory Sermon from the Gospel of St. John, Chapter the 10th, verse 9th. Letters from the Churches were then read, and the names of the members enrolled agreeable to the following table:

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Disposed	Rem. in Arrear	Members	Total No.
Spencer's Creek	Jas. Rice, Jas. Alexander, David Rice	5	1	1	44
Lutescent	Payne, J. French, J. Treadway, T. C. Patterson,	116	8	1	303
Providence	Rolla. Elkin, T. Berry, jun. Robt. Dillick	100	17	1	234
Bald Eagle	John Cosho, Moses Sharp	2	2	1	61
Bethel	John Jameson, James Payne, Thos. Moseley	4	1	1	77
Red River	George Vanbuckirk, James Johnston	5	1	1	44
Greer's Creek	Edward Trabye, Robert Bomer	1	1	1	14
Howard's Upper Creek	Edward Kindred, Jesse Wilcox	58	5	1	147
Red Lick	John Kindred, Amos Park	1	1	1	28
Hopewell	I. Croucher, J. Grady, J. Brown, J. Edwards	1	1	1	78
Long Branch	Leonard Turley, William Mosce	1	1	1	15
State Union	Matthew Miller	1	1	1	32
Mount Pleasant	D. James, Joseph Craig, Thos. Cox, A. White	2	1	1	145
Steamore	Richard Stephens, Wm. Hanks, Robt. Dickey	1	1	1	100
Cane Spring	David Chenault, Wm. Nolen, J. Floyd	17	4	1	62
Gashes	William Whiteside	1	1	1	29
Grass Lick	Reubin M'Donald, James Mason	23	2	1	34
Friendship	J. Kelly, R. Pettéy, P. Moseley, A. Weldon	33	20	1	101
Log Lick	Charles Snoden	10	3	1	52
Cake Creek	Wingate Jackson, George Cofer	2	1	1	36
Ohio River	Peter Lionbarger	1	1	1	46
Unity	Am. Bush, jun. Dank. Rout, James Duncan	6	1	1	189
TOTAL,		510	107	13	1841

No messengers or letters received from the following six churches—viz: Poplar Run, Locust Creek, Tiger's Creek, Poplar Meeting-House, Burning Spring, East Fork of Flat Creek. The association then chose brother Jilson Payne, moderator, and brother Thomas Moseley, clerk.

messengers from corresponding associations were read and their messengers invited to seats—a letter from Elkhorn by their messengers, brethren Jacob Creath, Arthur Turner, John Killar, Thomas Bullock, Ambrose Bourne, Jeremiah Vardeman and Charles Buck—a letter from Bracken, but no messenger—a letter from Tate's creek by brother William Bush—a letter from South District by brother Gabriel Slaughter—a letter from Green River by brother Wm. Warder—a letter from Long Run by brethren John Taylor, John Scott, Joshua Rucker and James Bartlett.

A committee of brethren Jilson Payne, Robert Elkin, David Chenault, James French and Thomas Moseley to arrange the business for Monday. Brother James Mason appointed to write a corresponding letter to Elkhorn association—brother Daniel James to Bracken association—brother Tho. L. Patterson to Tate's creek association—brother Leonard Turley to Green River association—brother Robert Didlick to South District association, and brother James French to Long Run association.

Circular letter read and referred to the committee of arrangement.—Brethren Jeremiah Vardeman, John Taylor and Jacob Creath to preach to-morrow. The association then adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Monday morning the association met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to take up the business in order, as arranged by the committee.—1st. *Providence* enquires, should churches invite strangers to preach, that are travelling through the country, calling themselves Baptist preachers, unless such can shew their authority? Answer—the association recommend to the churches in such cases to use caution, in inviting such preachers.

Circular letter read and approved and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Corresponding letters read and approved and messengers appointed to bear them to each of the following associations—viz : To *Elkhorn*, brethren Isaac Croucher, Joseph Craig, Daniel James and Edward Trabue—to *Bracken*, brethren James Payne and John Jameson—to *Tate's Creek*, brethren Joseph Kelly and Ransdale Petty—to *South District*, brethren Robert Elkin, Robert Didlick, Joseph Craig and Edward Trabue—to *Green River*, brethren Leonard Turley, Richard Stephens and David Chenault—to *Long Run*, brethren Robert Elkin, James Edwards, Isaac Croucher, Daniel James, Jessy Grady and Thomas Berry.

Brother James French to write a circular letter for the next association : brother Isaac Croucher to preach the introductory sermon at the next association, and in case of failure brother Ed-

and Kindred: brother Thomas Moseley to superintend the printing of the minutes: next association to be at Providence, Clarke county, on the first Saturday in August, 1812.

J. PAYNE, Mod'r

THO'S. MOSELEY, CL'K.

Circular Letter.

Dearl Beloved Brethren and Sisters,

FROM the foregoing table of churches, you will discover the loving kindness of the Lord, in visiting some of them with the gracious outpouring of his spirit; and as we, according to his promise, look for him to come again, a few observations on that tremendous day may not be amiss.

The time when that amazing day shall arrive is known only to Deity, and the declaration of its commencement will be the descent of the Lord from Heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the arch angel and with the trump of God. And as these all powerful sounds echo throughout material intellectual nature, the wasted bodies of all that sleep in Jesus, will burst from the gloomy confines of death, into the glorious liberty of the children of God, and with those believers that remain until that day, who being changed in the twinkling of an eye, will, by the ministry of angels, be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air.

O luminous and glorious day! our dear Redeemer flaming in all the glories of the God-head, the holy angels beaming in all the lustre of their radiant orders, and the saints shining as so many stars or suns in the firmament. The bright and ardent glory of this refulgent day, will be so intense that the sun will be clothed in sackcloth and the moon turned into blood; the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the heavens being on fire, shall be dissolved; the earth and the things that are therein shall be burnt up, and all the kindreds of the earth with fearful exclamations, shall wail because of him.

The Heavens and the earth being fled away from the glorious face of our Lord, every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him, the splendor of the great white throne, and infi-

nite majesty of him that sitteth thereon, will hush into silent horror and anguish, all the wicked and apostate intelligencies, from Lucifer, son of the morning, to the most contemptible false brother that ever annoyed one of those little ones who believe in the Lord Jesus. And all the dead both small and great stand before God; and the books were opened.

The immense folio of idle words, the long record of the secrets of men—the black register of all the hidden things of darkness—the great volume of all the evil works of fallen beings, all to be opened and proclaimed, before the eyes, and in the audience of this awful assembly of angels, of saints, and the incalculable croud of guilty trembling sinners; what a time of disclosure!

The book of the holy and righteous law of the Lord in its sublime purity and inflexible justice, being opened to the understandings, and manifested to the consciences of all transgressors, that solemn and unchanging sentence of cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law of the Lord to do them, will seize upon the mind of all the ungodly with the fullest conviction of their unhappy and righteous destiny, and extort from them upon their knees the acknowledgement, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

And another book was opened which was the book of life, in whose fair columns are found written, the names of all his children, all of whom our dear Lord owns and acknowledges, in the presence of the holy angels, and before the face of his father. Then will saints & sinners discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

The final sentence of him that has the keys of death and hell, that shuts and none can open, and opens and none can shut, consigns all the workers of iniquity to the doleful regions of the second death, where their misery is so exquisite, that the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever—and gives to the righteous life, glory and joy, ineffable, inconceivable, and eternal. Amen.

THO^S MOSELEY, CL^RK.

J. PAYNE, MOD^R.