

MINUTES

OF THE

Long Run Association of Baptists,

HELD AT BUCK CREEK MEETING HOUSE, SHELBY COUNTY,
THE FIRST SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1816, AND CONTINUED
BY ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY.

1. An introductory sermon was delivered by brother Allen M'Guire, from the 10th and 11th verses of the 145th Psalm—"All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless thee; they shall speak of the glories of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power."

2. Brother Geo. Waller was nominated moderator, and Jas. Ford clerk, pro tem.

3. Letters from the several churches were read, and the names of the messengers enrolled.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dismissed by do.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
Beargrass,	Joseph Kellar, George Hikes,	2	3	1		1	71
Brashear's creek,	James M'Quade,	2	3	4	3	1	103
Chinoweth's run,	Thomas Graham, Jonathan Elston,	1	2		1		33
Fox run,	Saml. Vancleave, William Ford,						69
Buck & Elk creek,	R. Smith, J. Norman, J. Tichener,	23	6	2	3	5	151
Beech creek,	William Ware.	9	4	4	4	1	127
Harrod's creek,	Wm. Kellar, B. Allen, M.H. Bryan,	12	10	11	3	7	232
Long run,	Joseph Collins, George Bridges,			3		1	40
Bethel,	Alex. Eakin, John Willis,	7	5	10	3	3	136
Buck creek,	Geo. Waller, S.B. Smith, J. Brooks,	21	2	2		4	91
Six mile,	John Metcalf, Nicholas S. Smith,		13	4	1	1	121
Eighteen mile,	Zelek M'Guire, John Coons,	4	3	5	1	1	81
Corn creek,	George Kindall, David Owen,		2	1	1	1	61
Rock lick,	Benjamin Wiley James Harriss,	2	1			1	29
Burks' branch,	D. Shepherd, Samson Marmaduke,	4	10	5			123
Cane and Back run,	Samuel Sparks, Jesse Drake,	4	6	1	1		63
Little Mount,	John Russell, Jacob Bilderback,	7	4	4	2		60
Sulphur fork,	John Ransdall,						69
South Long run,	H. Hobbs, D. White, Z. Carpenter,	10	3	4			104
Lick branch,	Wm. Dawkins, Washington Oglesby		5	1		1	39
East Floyd's fork,	Allen M'Guire, Isaac Forbis,		7	2			49
M'Cool's bottom,	Thomas Craig, John M. Price,	4	1	1	5	1	84
Drinnon's creek,	J. Bartlett, J. Roberts, W. Noblett,	3	16	3	1	3	82
Drinnon's ridge,	Isaac Melon, Francis Baxter,	2	2	2			59
Buffalo Lick,	Tarlton Lee, Wm. T. Webber,	1		5			61
Flat rock,	James Bartlett,	2	6	2			71
Indian fork,	Abram Cook, Thos. Wooldridge,	3	4	3	1	1	60
White's run,	David Partlow,			2		1	27
Plumb creek,	William Stout, Elijah Weekes,	5	1	4			29
Little Floek,	Joshua M'Catvley, James Dawson			2	2		75
Floyd's fork,							
Beech ridge,	Jas. C. Burnett, Andrew Robertson,		6	3			48
Goshes,	Nathaniel Burrows, Wm. W. Peany,						41
Dover,	Saml. Ellis, Danl. M'Collister,	7	3	1			39
Flat creek,							12
Patton's creek,	Wm. Buckley, David Taylor,	1	2	4	3		11
Cane run,	Saml. M'Lone, James M'Lone,	2	7				4
Louisville,	Jesse West, Jesse Swindler,	9	5	4		1	19
		173	145	97	36	34	24

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4. The letters from the different churches being read, and the messengers' names enrolled, a permanent moderator and clerk for the session, were then chosen, viz. Wm. Kellar, mod'r, and Wm. Ford, clerk.

5. Letters from the corresponding associations, were read, and their messengers' names enrolled, viz: From Elkhorn, Edmund Waller; from Salem, Absalom Hawley, Joseph Lewis, Walter Hallard, Isaac Taylor and Danl. Walker—from South District, Evan Thompson Lewis Wilkhite—from Northbend, Christopher Wilson—from Wabash, William Polke—from Silver creek, Elisha Carr and Rice M'Coy.—From North District and Russell's creek associations, we received no letters of correspondence this year.

6. The Franklin Association petitioned to establish a correspondence with us, which was most cordially acceded to, and their messengers, John Taylor, John Penny, Wm. Hickman, jun. and John Scott, were invited to take their seats.

7. The circular letter was read, and (with a small amendment) approved of.

8. The following brethren were appointed to write to the corresponding associations, viz: James Ford, to Elkhorn—Zacheus Carpenter to Salem—Jas. C. Burnett, to Northbend; Wm. Stout, to South District—James M'Quade, to Wabash; Wm. T. Webber, to Silver creek—Allen M'Guire, to North District—Isaac Forbis, to Russell's creek, and Joseph Kellar to that of Franklin.

9. Brethren Allen M'Guire, Ben. Allen and Wm. Ford, to arrange the business of the association, and make report on Monday morning.

10. Brethren John Taylor, C. Wilson and E. Waller to preach on the Lord's day; and brethren J. Craig, J. Scott and R. M'Coy, to preach on Monday—and brother G. Waller to preach the introductory sermon the ensuing year; and in case of failure, Wm. Kellar. And then adjourned 'till Monday 9 o'clock.

11. Met according to adjournment, and the brethren appointed to arrange the business of the association made report, which was received.

12. Brother Geo. Waller continued as our corresponding secretary with the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions; and said brother is requested to distribute their reports when transmitted to them by said board, among the churches of our body, with equality as the nature of the case will admit of.

13. The committee of Domestic Missions made report of their proceedings, which was satisfactorily received; it appearing that \$209 6, had been received by them, for the support of missionary preaching, and that \$63 24 still remained

in the treasurer's hands, unappropriated—which sum the association agreed should be appropriated to the support of missionary preaching on our western frontiers—and that brethren G. Waller, Z. Carpenter, A. M'Guire, S. Vancleave and J. Ford, superintend that business.

14. The letters of correspondence were read, and messengers appointed to bear them viz: Geo. Waller, Wm. Buckley, Wm. Dawkins and J. Coons, to Elkhorn; W. Kellar, B. Allen and S. Vancleave, to Salem; Z. Carpenter, to Northbend; H. Hobbs, B. Allen, S. B. Smith, N. S. Smith, to South District; G. Waller and J. M'Quade, to Wabash—(Brother J. Taylor agreed to transmit the letter to North District—Wm. Buckley, R. Smith, Wm. Noblett and David Taylor, to Silver creek; Wm. Kellar, A. Cook, J. Bartlett, M. H. Bryan and S. Vancleave, to that of Franklin.

15. Query from the church at Indian Fork—Is there any scripture authority for ordaining a deacon if his work is a temporal one? Answer: we think ordination by a presbytery unnecessary, the setting them apart by the church being sufficient.

16. Having considered the pamphlet lately published by Henry Davidge, addressed to the advocates of a partial gospel, we unanimously bear testimony against the same, as containing unsound doctrine.

17. On motion to correspond with the Licking Association, the subject was taken up, and laid over until next session—and the churches are requested to give their opinions thereon, in their letters of the ensuing year.

18. Three churches petitioned for dismissal, to join the Franklin Association, viz. M'Cool's Bottom, White's run and Goshen, which was granted.

19. Money collected for printing the Minutes, and brother George Bridges requested to superintend the business.

20. The next Association to be held at Harrod's creek meeting house, Jefferson county, to commence on the first Friday in September next.

WILLIAM KELLAR, MOD'R.

WM. FORD, clerk.

Circular Letter.

THE LONG RUN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS, convened at Buck creek meeting house, on the first Saturday in September, 1816, to the churches of which it is composed, sendeth christian salutation:

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERN,

THRO' Divine goodness, we have been favoured with another friendly interview. Peace and harmony appear to pervade the churches in general, which compose our body; and from the information received, we desire, most heartily, to congratulate you on the happy effects which the gospel of the Redeemer hath had of late, on the hearts of poor sinners, in various parts

of our country. We have abundant reason to exclaim with the Psalmist, "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

DEAR BRETHREN—We desire to address you on the subject of LOVE; that love which the Lord sheds abroad in the hearts of his people, by which they are constrained to adore him, and to walk in all his commandments and ordinances; that love which is the cement of society, the source from which all true piety and godliness proceed. We do not expect to comprize, in this short letter of love to you, the many blessed effects of this cardinal grace, which may be very justly termed the root and offspring of the religion of Jesus Christ; which is so manifestly calculated to promote all the true interests of man; advance the happiness of society; inspires his people with generous and noble sentiments; and form, under the conduct of Christ, their great and glorious head, a kingdom of righteousness which in its glory, far exceeds all earthly empires, and shall, in its heavenly state, run parallel in its duration, with eternity. We are exhorted by the Apostle to "Love the Brotherhood," and it is also commanded elsewhere in the scriptures. Whatever doubts we may entertain concerning other duties, there can be none concerning this: It is a duty eminently calculated to display the power and excellency of religion, and to glorify God; for "by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," saith the Lord. Sin hath filled the world with disorder and contention; it hath embittered the hearts of men against each other, kindled domestic strife and national war; and in a word, hath produced all the miseries which our world experiences: To counteract so great an evil, to prevent the exercise of base passions, to restore lost man to an acquaintance with his true interests, and furnish an example of disinterested, generous love, the peaceable kingdom of Christ has been erected. In accomplishing these purposes also, the malice and artifices of Satan are overthrown; immortal souls are rescued out of the hands of the enemy; united in a fraternal band here, and prepared for a future state of most refined society, and everlasting bliss. In this state, dear brethren, with what facility and pleasure is the service of religion performed; then then there is reason to believe that the God of love and peace will abide among his people, and cause the light of his countenance to shine upon them. Humble souls who are seeking salvation, will gladly fly to the bosom of the church, to enter into her fellowship and share her blessings: How pleasing, also, the testimony of a good conscience in those, who, on every reflection, can recollect how the cause of Christ and his saints hath been endeared to them; and that, denying carnal interests and passions, they have endeavoured to promote peace and love among all the saints of God—A contrary temper and conduct, will open the mouths and strengthen the hands of infidels and enemies, who have never failed to take advantage of such appearances, and above all to wound Christ in his members, and grieve the Holy Spirit. But, dear brethren, we hope better things concerning you; we hope you love one another with pure hearts, fervently; and we exhort you in the words of an Apostle "let brotherly love continue;" not a contracted party love, but that love which cometh down from the father of lights—And finally, brethren, let us be frequent in prayer for the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world, and be looking for a city which hath foundations whose maker and builder is God; where love will in fruition reign, and where an address like the present, will be no longer requisite.

We are, dearly beloved brethren, yours in Gospel bonds,

WILLIAM KELLAR, Mod'r.

WILLIAM FORD, Clerk.