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MINUTES

OF THE

41st GREEN RIVER ASSOCIATION,

OF

UNITED BAPTISTS,

HELD AT

SMITH'S GROVE CHURCH, WARREN COUNTY, KY.

ON THE

2D SATURDAY IN AUGUST, 1840.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON WAS DELIVERED BY

ELDER JESSE MOONE.

A. R. MACEY, GAZETTE OFFICE,  
BOWLING-GREEN, KY.

1840.



As a well percieve that the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Ben Burden, Moore's  
Misbattery is not a member  
of the A.S.A. I'll explain  
I have it from authority  
at can be relied on that  
has taken off a young woman  
and left the country. It is also  
said that his wife besought  
in for the credit of his family  
wait a few days till she  
is as she was then sick and  
is expected to die. I have  
not heard whether she died.  
Suppose you ask Moore what  
Burden is. - They are all doing  
more than nothing in these minority  
law. I hope you will notice  
them as they deserve. When  
will we see you in this  
quarter? I hope ere long.



The Green River Association met—the several Churches—  
 es by their Messengers—to wit:

Churches.	Messenger's Names.	Baptised.	Dismissed by Letter.	Received by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total No. of Members.	No. of Minutes.	Amount of Contribution.
Sinking Creek—	Geo. Wright, Jos. Irvin and Wm. Gardner,	1	0	2	6	2	119	29	1 25
Blue Spring—	Elder Ralph Petty and Johiel Forrest,	0	11	4	0	2	91	29	1 25
Beaver Dam—	Eld. J. Moore, R. Ray and J. C. Roundtree,	3	3	0	0	1	100	35	1 50
Holly Springs—	Eld. J. Jones, S. Jones and C. Linsey,	0	0	0	1	2	96	24	1 00
New Hope—	Eld. A. Hacher, J. Gill and J. H. Brumfield,	1	5	0	1	1	87	24	1 00
Joy—	A. L. Edwards, J. Isbell and E. Floid,	9	0	2	0	0	44	12	50
Big Ready—	Job Wilkerson,	0	0	0	0	1	43	12	50
Brownsville—	A. M. Barret, Jesse Jones and J. W. Rogers,	0	5	0	0	0	30	12	50
Nolin—	Eld. Wm. Skaggs and John Sanders,	0	0	0	0	0	29	9	37
Barren River—	Jas. Curry, Wm. Hays, jr. and S. Hays,	0	0	0	0	0	21	12	50
Cedar Spring—	Eld. F. Meredith, D. Spurlock & R. Gardner,	0	5	1	0	3	62	24	1 00
Smith's Grove—	W. Hendrick, W. Wright & W. Ferguson,	1	4	0	11	1	73	24	1 00
Mt. Pisgah—	Leroy Wines and R. Reynolds,	1	2	2	0	0	43	24	1 00
Green River—	P. Rowlet and R. J. Mumfort,	0	4	0	0	2	137	6	25
Boiling Spring—	John Wilson and John Long,	0	0	0	0	1	21	12	50
Bethlehem—	R. Shelton and Christopher Slinker,	0	0	1	0	0	23	12	50
Little Ready—	J. V. Logston,	0	0	0	0	0	13	00	00

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You see that Little Ready  
 no money and consequently  
 no decency. This does not so fit  
 tally with that heavenly trait  
 our Gospel that the Poor  
 to have the good fel preach  
 them—but Little Ready gets no min  
 because she sends no Cash.



see that Bowling Spring Jack Wilson  
as app<sup>l</sup> to vote the circular. He  
the man of Alb. & Am. ental. Geo.

1st. Elder RALPH PETTY was chosen Moderator, and J. C. ROUNDTREE, Clerk.

2d. Letters of Correspondence called for, and such as were received were read, and Messengers names enrolled and invited to seats—to wit:

From Salem—Letter, but no Messenger.

From Russel's creek—Wm. Irvin, who was received and invited to a seat.

From Barren River—S. Mansfield, J. H. Owens, and J. Clark.

Which letter was objected to, and ordered to be referred to the committee of Arrangements.

From Goshen—No Letter nor Messenger.

Brethren Petty, Meredith and Moone are appointed to occupy the stand on to-morrow, commencing at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Agreed to refer the case of the absent churches formerly attached to this Association, to the consideration of the committee of Arrangements.

Brethren Wm. Wright, J. Wilson and C. Slinker, together with the Moderator and Clerk, are appointed a committee to arrange the business of the Association for Monday, the 10th instant.

Brethren E. Floyd, S. Jones, J. Wilson, W. Wright and C. Slinker are appointed to prepare letters of correspondence.

Brethren E. Floyd and J. Wilson are appointed to prepare a Circular Letter for the examination of the committee of Arrangements.

Monday Morning, August 10, 1840.



True memory - do you recollect  
him? Such people are a drag  
to our name. 5  
Yrs. J. C. Wells

Met according to adjournment, and after prayer and praise proceeded to business.

The committee of Arrangements made a report, which was approved, received, and said committee discharged.

Brethren A. Hacher and James Gills are appointed to call upon the Moderator and Clerk of this Association for the year 1839, for the rule of Decorum, together with all the records and papers, properly belonging to the Green River Association, and if received, deliver the same to the Moderator of the next Green River Association in the year 1841.

The case of the absent Churches, formerly of this Association—to wit: Mount Olive, Mount Tabor, Bowling Green, Three Springs, Salem and Glasgow, are dropped or excluded from this association. Said churches having joined what is called the Liberty Association of United Baptists.

The objection to the Corresponding Letter from Barren River Association was taken up, and after investigation, it is agreed by this Association to drop correspondence with said Barren River Association.

The Letter from Boiling Spring Church, presents the following query—to wit:

Was not the union that took place in 1801 between the Regular and Separate Baptist contrary to the word of God, and the cause of the most of our afflictions as the people of God.

To which query this Association think it inexpedient to give an answer.

A request in person by a member from Salem, and by Letter from a member of Three Springs, two divide



churches, requesting this Association, to give them advice relative to their situation.

Whereupon this Association give to them brethren, together with all others, the following advice—to wit:

That where there are remnants of churches, that have not departed from the usages and customs of the United Baptists churches, composing the Green River Association, and where Majorities have attached themselves to the Liberty Association, to organize themselves into churches, and where that cannot be done, on account of members or otherwise, that they apply to the neighboring churches for admission, and then represent themselves by letter and messengers in the next Green River Association.

The committee appointed to prepare letters of correspondence, made their report, and said committee discharged,

Whereupon this association agree to suspend any further correspondence with the Russel's Creek, Salem and Goshen Associations, said Associations being charged with having connection with the General Association and Missionary effort, as appears in their minutes.

Agreed that our next association be held at Sinking Creek Church, in Barren county, Ky. on the 2d Saturday in August, 1841.

Elder Ralph Petty is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next annual association, and Eld. Meredith his alternate.

The circular letter was read, received and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

Brethren William Wright and J. Wilson were appoint-



ed to receive and report contributions; who reported the present year's contributions to amount to \$12 62 1-2 cts

Agreed to have 300 copies of these minutes printed and Brother William Wright is appointed to superintend the printing and distribution thereof.

Brother William Wright is appointed Treasurer to this Association.

RALPH PETTY, *Moderator.*

J. C. ROUNDTREE, *Clerk.*

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## CIRCULAR LETTER.

*Very Dear Brethren in the Lord:*

We once more attempt to address you by a Circular as our minutes will show what we have done, and having but a few minutes to write, and having noticed a Convention that met in Glasgow, in the month of June, 1840 containing a part of the churches that form the Green River Association, met for the purpose of withdrawing and forming a new association; stating for several years past they have witnessed in the Green River Association a departure from the usages of that body, and a culpable opposition to the Missionary enterprize, not only authorized, but made obligatory by the Saviour's last command "go ye out into all the world," &c. These seem to be the apologies for withdrawing from the Green River Association; but we have strictly examined this matter and can find no departure from the usages and customs of that body on our part. But Elder Pendleton in his



protest, informs us that the General Association has different principles and objects in view from the Green River Association. Some say it is a religious institution, others say it is not. If religious, they have of course embraced a different religion. If there is no religion in it, the church of Christ has no business with it; for we are commanded to come out from among the world, for Christ has chosen his people out of the world. From the foregoing remarks it will clearly appear that they themselves have departed from the principles, usages and customs of the Green River Association—we also discover a visible departure from the Scriptures in their articles of Faith; they say God made man holy; this is not Scriptural, and includes too much. It implies the holy essence of God, which man did not possess; they speak of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; not using the language of inspiration, thereby not fully conveying the design intended. Likewise, in administering the ordinance of baptism, the language of scripture is not used, nor does not convey the whole essence of God as intended—we feel ourselves bound by the authority of Scripture to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints, and to sustain the church of Christ as the ground and pillar of the truth; and in so doing we may always expect to meet with great opposition; but let us be mild, and let our moderation be known unto all men, for the Lord is at hand; and now, dear brethren, as we have all shortly to appear before God, let us endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit and bonds of peace; to obtain so desirable an object, let us keep up a Godly discipline in our churches, and see that we have the "Gospel preached in its purity amongst us.

*and bonds of peace" do you give  
 it up? Gospel preached in its purity*