

MINUTES  
OF THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION  
HELD IN LOUISVILLE

COMMENCING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1836.

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LE, KENTUCKY, SATURDAY,

On motion of br. Buck, *Resolved*, That in view of the uncertainty of the supplies afforded to this Convention by incidental donations, that our Evangelists be requested to originate life subscriptions throughout the state, to be paid by annual instalments.

In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary of the Convention was directed to take charge of the funds paid in at this meeting.

Adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock, and closed with prayer by br. Graham.

Pursuant to the arrangement of the committee for that purpose, br. Wm. C. Buck preached to a large congregation at 11 o'clock, A. M. on Lord's day, from the 16th ch. of Mark, and 15th v. After which a collection was taken in aid of the funds of the Convention, amounting to the sum of \$204.40.

*Monday Morning, May 23, 1830.*

The Convention assembled, and was opened with praise and prayer by brother Worley.

Br. Buck, from the committee on communications, made the following report, which was read and adopted, to-wit:

The committee on communications beg leave to report, that they have examined a letter from brother U. B. Chambers, Cor. Secretary, in which the claims of brethren Kelly and Moorman, are referred to. Your committee are of opinion that those claims should be attended to, but consider it impossible for any proceeding to be had upon them under present circumstances. They therefore recommend that the Board of Managers be directed to possess themselves of all the requisite information upon this subject, so as to enable them to make a fair and equitable adjustment of them, and report to the next Annual meeting of the Convention.

Your committee also examined a letter from brother Given, your treasurer, referring to the state of the funds, and especially to that part transferred by our clerk to the hands of Dr. Noel. Your committee are of opinion, that as your Treasurer is the responsible agent of this Convention in the security of the funds belonging to this Institution, he should be in possession of them, and therefore recommend that this Convention direct their Treasurer to call upon Dr. Noel for the funds in his hands, and hold them under his appointment for the use of the Convention.

On motion of br. Waller, seconded by br. Buck,

*Resolved, unanimously.* That in the opinion of this Convention, the resolution adopted by the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, on the 17th of February ult., is a violation of the spirit of the constitution of that society, and that the Baptists cannot consistently act in that society during the existence of said resolution.

*Resolved*, That we approve of the proposed Convention of the Baptists in the United States for the purpose of forming a *Baptist Bible Society*, and that we would recommend that said Convention take place as soon as practicable.

Br. Waller, from the committee appointed for that purpose, nominated br. Wm. Vaughan as a Helping Evangelist in the Eastern district in the place of br. Buck, resigned; and br. Jno. S. Higgins as an assistant to bro. Vaughan in the same district. Which nominations were unanimously agreed to; and the recording secretary is directed to notify those brethren of their respective appointments.

Brethren James Webb and George W. Graham of Frankfort, were appointed members of the board of Managers in the place of our late lamented brethren W. C. Warfield and Walter Warder. Said brethren are also appointed members of the executive committee of said board.

Br. William Vaughan was appointed to deliver the next introductory sermon, and in case of failure, br. James M. Pendleton, his alternate.

On motion of br. Buck,

*Resolved*, That this Convention receive and acknowledge the service of br. Wm. M. Brown for 30 days, and of br. John Ingram for six weeks, which they donate to the Convention.

*Resolved, furthermore*, That the executive committee be directed to examine and settle the accounts of brethren H. Chandler, John Harding, R. T. Anderson and D. L. Mansfield against the Convention, and make report thereon at the next annual meeting.

*Resolved*, That this Convention affectionately and thankfully acknowledge the christian courtesies shown them by the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Greensburg, for the use of their meeting houses, and the polite attention of their Pastors; as also the hospitalities and friendship of the citizens of the town of Greensburg during the sitting of the Convention.

*Resolved*, That the editor of the Baptist Banner be requested to insert the minutes of this Convention in his columns.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*, and was closed with prayer by br. Buck.

WM. WARDER, *Moderator pro tem.*

H. WINGATE, *Clerk.*

## Kentucky Baptist Convention.

### MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KY. BAPTIST CONVENTION.

At an annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, begun and held in Louisville on Saturday, 22d day of October, 1836,

At 11 o'clock brother William Vaughan delivered a sermon introductory to the business of the Convention, from John iii, 30.

The moderator and secretary of the former convention being absent, on motion of brother Buck, brother R. T. Dillard was called to the chair; and on motion of brother U. B. Chambers, bro. John L. Waller was appointed recording Secretary pro tem.

The names of auxiliary associations, societies, and churches were called, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

*Frankfort Association*—James Webb, U. B. Chambers.

*Owen and Gallatin Association*—

*New Castle and Ballardsville Association*—Joel Hulsey.

*Russel's Creek Association*—Daniel Colgan.

*Bethel Association*—James M. Pendleton, Robert Rutherford, L. H. Milliken.

*Louisville Missionary Association*—Wm. C. Buck, C. Quirey, W. Colgan, W. P. Weaver, and C. Vanbuskirk.

*Danville Church*—William Figg.

*Falmouth Church*—

*Hanging Fork Church*—

*Barren County Association*—

*Little Flock Church*—R. Gailbreath.

*Bloomfield Church*—William Vaughan.

*Ohio county Association*—

*Warren county Association*—

*Canoe creek Church*—J. Fellowes.

*Haycraft Association*—J. Elliott.

*Shelbyville Church*—R. Giddings and J. L. Waller.

*Lexington Association*—R. T. Dillard.

*Louisville Female Missionary Society*—W. C. Buck.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of R. T. Dillard as moderator, and John L. Waller secretary.

Letters and delegates from other associations, societies or churches, were called for, whereupon a letter was presented by brother J. Elliott from the Female Missionary Society in Elizabethtown, and on motion, said society was received as a member of this Convention.

Also, the Female Missionary Society in Lexington was admitted a member of this convention; and brother Joseph Beach, their delegate, invited to a seat.

The following brethren upon invitation became members of the Convention; Benj. Taylor, Joseph Beach, H. C. Thompson and B. F. Farnsworth.

*Visiting Brethren*, Elder A. Bennett, agent of the Baptist General Convention for Foreign Missions; Elder Joel Sweet, delegate from the Baptist Convention of Illinois; G. Matthews, A. R. Hickey, and S. Woodruff, from the Indiana General Association; Elders A. Goodell and Morris of Indiana, and Burrows of Ky.

Brethren Chambers, Pendleton and Buck, were appointed a committee to settle with the Evangelists, and report on the financial concerns of the Convention.

The Executive Board, pursuant to a resolution adopted at the adjourned Convention at Greensburg, directing them to examine the accounts of brethren H. Chandler, R. T. Anderson, J. Harding and D. L. Mansfield, made the following report, which was adopted:

At a meeting of the Executive Board for the Ky. Baptist Convention, held in Frankfort at the room of bro. James Webb, the resolutions adopted at the adjourned meeting of the Convention in May, 1836, directing this board to settle with certain persons therein named, for missionary labors, were attended to, and the committee beg leave to report as follows:

Rev. David J. Kelly labored 4 mo. at \$400 per ann., to-wit: from 15th March, 1834, till 15th July, 1834, \$133 33

Rec'd by contributions and collections,	60 00
	\$73 33

Rev. J. L. Moorman labored 3 mo. at \$400 per ann., to-wit, from 15th March 1834 till 15th June 1834, 100 00

Rec'd from contributions and collections,	29 87
	70 13

David L. Mansfield charges for 3 mo. services in 1833, at \$5 pr week, 60 00

Horatio Chandler charges for 40 days at \$5 pr week, say 6 weeks, 30 00

R. T. Anderson charges for missionary labors, viz: In Dec. 1832, 3 weeks at \$5 per week, 15 00

From 1st Jan. to 15th Oct. 1833, 9 1/2 mos. at \$400 per annum, 316 00

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And cash has been paid him:

In June, 1833,	80 00	
In August, 1833,	100 00	
In _____ 1834,	33 12	
		213 12
		117 87

The salaries of brethren Kelly and Moorman were made unconditional, but with the understanding that their collections were not only to be sufficient to cover their salaries, but to enable the Board to send out more missionaries to preach to the poor and destitute. They labored faithfully and their object would doubtless have been obtained, if they had been permitted by Providence to continue their labors. They formed a number of societies and obtained many pledges for stipulated sums, which this committee suppose have not been collected. Upon the whole we think the representatives of those brethren are entitled to some amount. We therefore adjudge to each of them the original amount claimed by them.

In regard to brethren Mansfield, Chandler, and Anderson, we would remark that we have the evidence from their reports that they preached and travelled laboriously, but they neglected to take up collections as required by the commission under which they acted, and thereby brought no funds to the treasury of the Convention. We therefore adjudge that they are entitled each to one half the stipulated amounts. So that the appropriation to each would stand as follows:

To the widow of Rev. D. J. Kelly,	\$73 33	
To the widow of Rev. J. H. L. Moorman,	70 13	
To Rev. D. L. Mansfield,	30 00	
To Rev. H. Chandler,	15 00	
To Rev. R. T. Anderson (\$50, (he having already received nearly two-thirds of the original amount charged,)	50 00	
		238 46

The report of the Rev. John Harding, if it has been forwarded to the board, has been lost or mislaid; and the board is in possession of no information by which they can make to bro. Harding an appropriation. They therefore refer that subject to the Convention.

In conclusion, the Board would recommend that an agent be appointed to collect the amounts pledged by societies and individuals in pursuance of the labors of brethren Kelly and Moorman, and which they were prevented from realizing to the Convention by the bereaving providence which took them from their labors at an untimely period.

Adjourned sine die.

JAMES WEBB, *Ch'n.*

U. B. Chambers, *Sec. P. T.*

On motion of bro. Buck, seconded by bro. Giddings, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That it should be matter of great humiliation, self-examination and prayer on the part of the ministry and churches throughout the state, and especially on the part of this convention, that we have been so frequently called upon to mourn the loss of zealous and laborious servants of Christ.

*Resolved*, That this convention feel the loss of our dear Bro. Wm. Warder, and lament that they have here to record his death; yet they weep in *hope*,—and earnestly press this consolation on his bereaved family and churches; while they hope that this with the many similar appeals made to the surviving ministry will urge them to work while it is day.

*Resolved*, That this convention recommend to the brethren and to the Baptist churches generally in Kentucky to unite with Elkhorn, South District, Salem, Long Run, Sulphur Fork, and Concord associations, in setting apart the first Saturday in November next not only in humiliation, prayer and fasting to the Great Head of the church not only for a revival of religion, but also that he would send forth more laborers into the great harvest of the world and to spare his faithful ministers.

Adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

On Lord's day, agreeably to the arrangement of the committee, bro. Dillard preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., bro. Bennett at 3 P. M. and bro. Vaughan at candlelight, at the Baptist meeting house, to an attentive and crowded audience. There was also preaching at several other meeting houses in town.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock, met pursuant to adjournment.

Bro. R. T. Dillard being indisposed, brother W. C. Buck was called to the chair.

Prayer by brother Farnsworth.

Other visiting brethren this morning appeared and were invited to seats, viz: Elder Luther Crawford, agent of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society; Elder J. L. Holman from the General Association of Indiana; Dr. A. Webber from the Bethel Missionary Society, Ky., and J. Stevens, from Cincinnati, O.

Brother J. Roberts of New Castle, Ky., was also received as a member of the Convention.

On motion of brother Thompson, seconded by brother Chambers, brother Farnsworth, President of Georgetown College, was unanimously requested to explain the condition and prospects of that institution; to which he complied in a very lucid and satisfactory address.

The following resolutions introduced by bro. Waller, and amended by bro. Thompson, were unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That we highly approve of the appointment by the Trustees of the Kentucky Baptist Education Society, of Elder B. F. Farnsworth as president of the Georgetown College, and consider that movement and other recent movements of said Trustees as indications of the future favorable progress of said institution and a pledge that it will hereafter be conducted so as to promote the great objects of its organization.

*Resolved*, That believing the principal cause of complaint virtually removed we recommend to the United Baptists of Kentucky that they will come forward with pupils and pecuniary assistance to the support of *their* college and make it worthy of its objects and of themselves.

*Resolved*, That our brethren throughout this state be requested to unite with us in special prayer for the Divine blessing on the college at Georgetown, and that the Holy Spirit may be poured out upon the faculty and students, and that the instructions there given may be sanctified to the enlargement and extension of the Redeemer's kingdom; and that the last Saturday of February next be recommended to the churches in this state to be observed by them in union with our brethren in other states as a day of fasting and prayer for our literary Institutions generally.

Brother Giddings introduced the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the great and benevolent objects contemplated in the organization of this Convention can only be accomplished by the general co-operation of the Baptist churches in Kentucky; and whereas such co-operation cannot rationally be relied on until the denomination is made acquainted with its wants:

Therefore, *Resolved*. That a committee of ——— brethren be appointed to inquire into the condition of the denomination throughout the state; to learn the number and size of the churches in every county; how many are supplied with weekly or monthly preaching, and how many are destitute; and as far as practicable to point out inviting fields of missionary labor. And further,

*Resolved*. That said committee be requested to embody such information as they may be enabled to obtain in the form of an "Address to the Baptist Churches of Ky." to be reported at the next annual meeting of the Convention.

Brethren Giddings, D. S. Colgan and Hulsey, were appointed a committee to nominate persons to fill the blank in the first resolution, to report this evening.

Brethren Chambers, Rutherford and Pendleton were appointed a committee to nominate the officers of the Convention for the ensuing year, they being instructed so to nominate them as to locate the Executive Committee in Louisville.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.  
Met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. Buck in the chair. Prayer by bro. Rutherford.  
Brother Chambers from the committee on

nomination of officers, made the following report, which was adopted:

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR 1836-7.

Wm. C. Buck, Moderator.  
Samuel Haycraft, John L. Waller and U. B. Chambers, Corresponding Secretaries.  
James E. Tyler, Recording Secretary.  
Charles Quiney, Treasurer.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

J. B. Whitman, Wm. Colgan, Thos. R. Parent, John C. Davie, C. Vanbuskirk, Gideon Shryock, R. T. Dillard, James Fishback, Wm. Vaughan, Joel Hulsey, Henry Wingate, George W. Gwin, J. S. Morris, John Holaday, Cyrus Wingate, John Scott, Johnson Graham, George Blackburn, Thomas B. Posey, John Harding, D. S. Colgan, D. L. Mansfield, Robert Gaibreath, A. M. Barrett, James Shannon, S. M. Noel, James M. Pendleton, Wm. Tatum, John B. Dunn, R. Giddings, James W. Mansfield, Dudley Williams, H. C. Thomson, Spence Minor, Samuel McKay, Cave Johnson, Wm. Tandy, John Burnam, Augustine Webber, Wm. J. Morton, J. C. Wilkins, Robt Rutherford, Jacob Lock, Roger Quarles, R. T. Anderson, Robt. Kirtly, James Webb, Stephen Ray and Horatio Chandler.

Brother Giddings from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the following brethren to fill the blank in the first resolution as above: W. C. Buck, John L. Waller and James E. Tyler, which nomination was confirmed.

The financial committee made the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer of the Convention, and with the Helping Evangelists and their assistants, have performed the duty assigned them, and would beg leave to report as follows:

In the Eastern District, Elder Wm. C. Buck who was appointed Helping Evangelist, and Elder Wm. Vaughan who was appointed his assistant, having both removed from the district at an early period in the year, and the Board not being able to procure any suitable ministers to succeed them, no report has been received from that district, except of \$30 received by brother Vaughan from the Female Missionary Society at Fann, which he paid over to Elder M. Owens.

In the Middle District, Elder Joel Hulsey has reported the performance of three months labour since the adjourned meeting at Greensburg in May last, but desires only to charge the Convention with two months labour. He has collected \$18 since the adjourned meeting—obtained pledges not collected amounting to \$14, and holds in his hands \$23 in money not paid in at the Greensburg meeting.

Elder Daniel S. Colgan the assistant of Elder Hulsey, has reported the performance of two months labour since the Greensburg meeting—during which time he has collected \$58.62 cts, and obtained pledges amounting to \$22 which have not yet been collected.

In the Western District, Elder Robert Rutherford was appointed Helping Evangelist and Elder D. L. Mansfield his assistant. Elder Rutherford has reported the performance of two and a half months labor for the Convention since the Greensburg meeting; and he has collected money for the Convention during his labours, amounting to \$21.32 cts.

Elder Mansfield, the assistant of Elder Rutherford, has made no report.

The cash of the Evangelists and their assistants who have reported the performance of labour, your committee

have allowed \$30 per month; so that the account with them will stand as follows:

The Convention, To Elder Joel Hulsey, Dr.  
 To labour for two months at \$30 per month, \$60 00  
 Contra Cr.  
 By money collected by Elder Hulsey since the Greensburg meeting, and now in his hands, 18 00  
 By amount retained at Greensburg, 23 00  
 Balance due Elder Hulsey, \$19 00

The Convention, To Elder Dan'l S. Colgan, Dr.  
 To labour for two months at \$30 per month, \$60 00  
 Contra Cr.  
 By money collected by Elder Colgan, and now in his hands, 58 62

Balance now handed over by Elder Colgan to the Convention, \$2 62

The Convention, To Elder Robert Rutherford, Dr.  
 To two and a half months labour at \$30 per month, \$75 00  
 Contra Cr.  
 By money collected by Elder Rutherford, and now in his hands, 221 32

Balance now handed over to the Convention, \$146 32

Your Committee in presenting a settlement with the Treasurer of the Convention, brother George W. Gwin, would remark that on account of the absence of brother Gwin they are under the necessity of predicating their settlement with him wholly on a communication received from him by the Convention since the commencement of the present meeting. The following is an extract from that communication:

1835. George W. Gwin, Treasurer,  
 In account with Convention, Dr.  
 To amount of cash then deposited in my hands, \$70 62  
 1836—To amount received of brother H. Wingate, proceeds of Greensburg Convention 200 00  
 Oct. 18—To amount received of brother U. B. Chambers, 1 25  
 Contra Cr. \$271 87

By Dr. Noel's order to brother Wilson of Shelbyville for printing, 40 00

Balance in my hands, \$231 87

Brother Gwin also reports the following statement of money in the hands of Dr. Noel, as having been furnished him by brother H. Wingate the Secretary of the Convention:

Amount of contributions at Louisville, October 1835, \$423 30

Deduct amount appropriated by the Convention towards defraying the expense of printing the minutes of the General Convention at Cincinnati, 20 00

Amount in hands of Dr. S. M. Noel, \$403 30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

U. B. CHAMBERS,  
 JAS. M. PENDLETON,  
 WM. C. BUCK,  
 Committee.

P. S. During the present session of the Convention, the following moneys have also been received, to-wit:

From Female Lexington Association, \$6 00  
 " Haycraft Association, 10 00  
 " Louisville Female Society, 59 50  
 " Elizabethtown Female Society, 26 31  
 " Benjamin Taylor, 5 00  
 " Joseph Beech, 1 00  
 " H. C. Thompson, 5 00  
 " Daniel Smith, 5 00  
 " J. Elliot, 5 00  
 " Mrs. Steele, 2 00  
 " Mrs. Carr, 10 00  
 " B. F. Farnsworth, 1 00  
 " James Roberts, 5 00  
 " The Baptist Church on Lord's day, 44 00

Total, \$167 87

Brother Dan. S. Colgan donated \$10 allowed him, which, on motion, was placed to his credit.

Brethren Vaughan, Chambers and Webber were appointed a committee to nominate Helping Evangelists and their assistants, to report in the morning.

The next adjourned meeting to be held at Georgetown, Scott county, on Saturday before the first Sunday in June 1837.

Brother Farnsworth was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon and brother Pendleton his alternate.

On motion of Brother Giddings, seconded by brother Vaughan, the Executive Committee are to employ an agent to promote the objects of the convention by procuring pupils and funds for the Georgetown College and by obtaining subscribers and collecting money for the Baptist Banner.

Paid into the hands of brother C. Quirey, the Treasurer, \$325 12 1/2.

The following preamble and resolution introduced by brother Pendleton, were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the American Bible Society has refused to aid in circulating versions of the Bible in which the Greek word baptizo and its cognates are translated by words signifying *immerse*, *immersion*, &c., thereby excluding from its patronage all translations made by Baptist Missionaries; and whereas our Baptist brethren in New York have organized a Society called the American and Foreign Bible Society, the object of which is to disseminate the scriptures in our own, but particularly in foreign lands; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly and affectionately advise the churches of our denomination throughout this state to co-operate with this Society in the accomplishment of the benevolent object contemplated in its formation.

Brethren Buck, Dillard, Giddings, and Waller, were appointed delegates to the General Convention of Baptists and to the Baptist Home Missionary Society to meet in Philadelphia the last week in April next.

Adjourned until half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by brother Hulsey.

Half past 8 o'clock, Tuesday morning.

The convention was opened by prayer by brother Goodell.

On motion of brother Thompson, seconded by brother Vaughan, Elder W. T. Mason of Mason county, and Elder Robt. Reed of Scott county, were added to the Board of Managers.

The committee appointed at the adjourned meeting in Greensburg to examine and report on the \$1000 subscription made a report which was received; and the executive committee were directed to furnish other names through the Banner if there be any, who are not named in said report.

The committee to nominate Helping Evangelists nominated Eld. John Scott in the Eastern District, Elder Johnson Graham in the Middle District and Elder R. Rutherford in the Western District; which nominations were unanimously confirmed.

It was agreed that the appointment of Assistant Evangelists be made the duty of the Executive Committee.

The following brethren were appointed to the General Association in Indiana—William Vaughan, H. C. Thompson, W. C. Buck, Wm. Colgan and C. Quirey.

To the Western Convention in Cincinnati—R. T. Dillard, James Webb, R. Giddings, W. C. Buck and H. C. Thompson.

To the Illinois Baptist Convention—R. Giddings.

To the Baptist Convention in Tennessee—L. H. Milliken, R. Rutherford, W. Vaughan and James M. Pendleton.

The following preamble and resolution introduced by brother Pendleton were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, brother A. Goodell being present, having visited the western states as a Missionary under the patronage of the A. B. H. M. Society, and there being a prospect of the Executive Committee's engaging him as an agent to promote the objects of this Convention in procuring pupils and funds for the Georgetown College, and in obtaining subscribers and collecting money for the Baptist Banner, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we cordially approve of his appointment, and will severally do all that we can to assist him in these important works, and would affectionately recommend him to the kind attention, hospitality and aid of our brethren generally.

On motion it was resolved that we open a correspondence with the Virginia Baptist General Association by sending them a copy of our minutes, and also with the Ohio State Convention.

The Evangelist of the Western District was instructed to collect the amounts pledged by societies and individuals in pursuance of the labors of brethren Kelly and Moorman.

Brother A. Bennett was requested to offer such suggestions as he might suppose beneficial to the advancement of our objects, which he did in a very able and pathetic manner.

On motion it was resolved that brother Gwin, our former Treasurer and Dr. Noel, be directed to pay to the order of brother Quirey the present Treasurer, the funds of the Convention in their hands.

Forty dollars were appropriated for the purpose of printing the minutes of the Western Convention of Baptists.

After prayer by brother W. C. Buck, adjourned *sine die*.

W. C. BUCK, Mod. pro tem.

JOHN L. WALLER, Clerk.