

MINUTES

1814

OF THE

KENTUCKY BAPTIST
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

SALEM ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

Held at Goshen Meeting House, in Breckenridge County, on the 7th and 8th days of October, 1814.—being the 1st Friday and 2d Saturday in the said month.

1st The Introductory Sermon, was Preached by brother Alexander M'Dugal, from the 12th chapter of the Proverbs, and 26th verse—"The Righteous is more excellent than his neighbor, but the way of the wicked seduceth them"

2nd. Received Letters and Messengers from the following Churches, to-wit:—

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptised.	Dismiss'd by Let	Excommunicat'd	Letters Return'd	Rec'd by Letter	Dead.	TOTAL.
Cedar Creek,	William Abell.				2	1	3	63
Coxe's Creek,	Isaac Taylor, Joseph Lewis, Jno. Osburne.	2	14	2		2	6	84
Hardins Creek,	No Messengers.							
Simpson's Creek,	Absolum Hawley, Samuel Evans.		9	2		4	2	142
Mill Creek,	Thos. Hubbard, T. Linthicum, M. Parker.		1	1		3	2	64
Mount Moriah,	Jacob Newman.		1	1		1	1	86
Wilson's Creek,	Danl. Walker, Jno. Rogers, W. Edwards,		1	3	2			48
Bethel, B. C.	J. H. L. Moorman, P. Cummins, J. Brashear				2	2		42
Rock Creek,	Charles Stuteville, Jno. Doran, J. Snyder,			1		5		46
Rolling Fork,	Samuel Miller.		2	1			1	42
Seven's Valley,	James Haycraft, Jacob Vanmeter.		2			1		53
Nolin,	Alex. M'Dugal, Jacob Keith, Jno. Hodgen.		7	2		2	1	85
Beaver Dam Crk.	Owen Willis, Philip Dale, Jon. Rogers.		2	1		2	1	43
Bacon Creek,	William Meeks, George Coonrod.		17	7			2	75
Bethel, H. Cy.	Warren Cash, Martin Utterback.	3	12	1		2		68
Mill Creek, H. C.	John L. Shelton, Beal Dorsey.		5	4			1	43
Union,	Thomas Duval.	1	2			6		36
Goshen.	Charles Clarkson, Isaac Green.		6			2	2	64
Little Union,	Alexander M'Donall.		1	3		1	2	49
Caney Crk, G. C.	William Anderson, Tho. Bratcher.	1	5				1	27
Pleasant-run G. C.	Joseph Wilson.		2	1				10
Gilead Ind. Ter.	Jesse Barberry, James Morgan,	8		1		6		26
Forks, Rough C.	John Lloyd, Henry Lampton.	1	4			2		8
Otter Crk, H. C.	Saml. Anderson, Sha. Brown, T. Kindall.		8			12		63
Rough Crk, O. C.	Benj. Kelly, Josiah Haynes, M. Thomas.	13	3	1		2	1	95
Concord, G. C.	Abraham Vanmeter, John Burnet.		6	2				38
Pigah, B. C.	Ansil, Hyde, Charles Polke.		5	2	1	7		34
Newhope,	Thomas Piety, Jacob Wise.		3	2		1		17
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- 3d. Brother James H. L. Moorman chosen Moderator, and Jos. Lewis Clerk.
- 4th. Received Letters and Messengers from the following Corresponding Associations, viz:—From Elkhorn by brother William Hickman. Long Run—brethren John Taylor and William Keller. South District—by brother Philip Walker. Russell's Creek—a Letter, but no messenger. Green River—no letter nor messenger. Silver Creek—by brethren James Case and David Duncan. Wabash—no letter nor messenger. Jasper Run—a letter but no messenger.
- 5th. The *Circular Letter* called for, read and referred to the brethren appointed to arrange the business of the Association.
- 6th. Brethren James H. L. Moorman, Joseph Lewis, Warren Cash and Danl. Walker, appointed to arrange the business of the Association for to-morrow.
- 7th. Brother Joseph Wilson appointed to write the Circular Letter for the next year, and the subject be on the nature of "*Gospel Discipline*."
- 8th. Brother Warren Cash appointed to Preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Association, and in case of failure, brother Benjamin Kelly.
- 9th. Adjourned by prayer, till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.
- 10th. Saturday the 8th of October, 1814,—The association met, and after Prayer proceeded to business.
- 11th. The brethren appointed to arrange the business of the association made their report.
- 12th. The Circular Letter read and approved.
- 13th. The request from a few Churches in our association for a *Division*—deferred to next year, and desire each Church to express in their letter, whether they wish a division or not.
- 14th. The next Association to be held at Wilson's Creek meeting-house, Nelson County, on the 2d Friday in October next.
- 15th. From Nolin—would it not be advisable for this association to encourage and appoint days of "*Humiliation and Prayer*," under the distressing circumstances that we as a nation are under.—Answer, Yes—and appoint the 25th day of December next, as a day of *Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer*.
- 16th. Query from the Forks of Rough Creek—"Ought not Churches to be dealt with for receiving and holding in fellowship, members in their churches "denying the Personality and Deity of the Holy Ghost?" Answer, yes.
- 17th. The Corresponding Letters to the different Associations were read and the Messengers to bear them appointed, to wit: Alexander M'Dugal and Joseph Wilson, to Elkhorn—Isaac Taylor, Warren Cash, Absolum Hawley, Joseph Lewis and Daniel Walker to Long Run—Joseph Lewis & Martin Utterback to South District,—Jacob Keith, Alexander M'Dugal, James Haycraft & John Hodgen to Russels creek—Charles Stateville, Warren Cash, Alexander M'Dugal, and James H. L. Moorman to Green River—Shadrock Brown, John I. Shelton, Thompson Kendall, Saml. Anderson Alexander M'Dugal, and Warren Cash, to Silver Creek. Thomas Piety, Shadrock Brown, Charles Polke & James H. L. Moorman, to Wabash. Benjamin Kelly Massey Thomas, and Alexander M'Dugal to Jasper River.
- 18th. Brother Joseph Lewis, appointed to superintend the printing the Minutes & Circular Letter.
- 19th. Brethren Thomas Hubbard and Thomas Linthicum appointed to enquire into the cause, why Hardin's creek Church failed to represent herself—and report to the next Association.
- 20th. The next Elkhorn Association is to be held at Town-fork meeting-house, in Fayette county, on the 2nd Saturday in August, 1815. Long Run at Bethel, Shelby county, 1st. Saturday in Sept. 1815. South District at Shawnea Run, meeting house, in Mercer county, on the 3d Saturday in Aug. next. Russell's creek—at Sand Lick meeting house, in Green county, the third Saturday in Sept. next. Silver creek, to be held at Lower Blue River, Harrison county, on the fourth Sunday in August next. Jasper River, at Center Meeting-house, Logan county, on Friday before the fourth Lord's day, in August next. Green River, the fourth Saturday in July next, at Beaver dam meeting house, Warren county—and Wabash the third Saturday in September next, at Pigeon Meeting house, Gibson county.

JOSEPH LEWIS, CLERK.

JAMES H. L. MOORMAN, MODERATOR.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN,

THE scriptures inform us, that the Christians are the light of the world—A city set on an hill, cannot be hid—Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. Wherefore, we will not be negligent to put you in remembrance of these things. Though ye know them, and be established in the present truths—hence the design of our address, is to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

Therefore, let us consider, that in the conduct of all things, whether spiritual or temporal, a christian is called, not unto uncleanness, but unto holiness—and to be blameless, and harmless—a son of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation.

The methods and practices of evil men, are to be no rule with him—but his own word, life and conduct, should be a luminous example to them. He should remember, that though they cannot judge of his word, life or principle of action; yet, they are very able judges of the action itself; and can easily discover, whether his conduct agrees with his profession—hence, it becomes the Christian, to do all things to the glory of God—not only in the Church, but in the shop, the field, the house, the closet, & in all he hath and doeth in the world. For which end, grace must come into, and superintend the whole, be he rich or poor, high or low. For a Christian to think of getting satisfaction or happiness out of creatures, without God's blessings, argues a great want of faith, and experience—and he cannot have this blessing, unless he is enabled by grace to subject his own will, his vocation, his industry, and all his affairs to God's glory. Therefore a Christian should consider himself, as much a man of grace, when at court, at muster in the field, or at market, as when in the closet, or at church-meeting. He should deal fairly and conscientiously. Neither defrauding in the nature, measure, or weight of commodities—nor taking base advantages of the ignorance of others; for he never can be thought an upright man, fit to give light to others—who can pick another's pocket by words, which he knows to be deceitful and unjust, in the poor concerns of this world. A christian must be an honest person, and will not willfully, knowingly and perseveringly do wrong—and therefore, if any person will thus do and continue to do wrong, such an one, cannot deserve the name of a Christian. We should remember the counsels of the wicked only are deceit—hence if doubts arise on any subject of this kind, let the christian do as the Psalmist did—Set the Lord always before him. If we walk closely with God, we shall very rarely through ignorance, be guilty of injustice to man. It is the privilege and duty of a christian to commit all his concerns to the favor and blessing of God—and always to pray and never to faint. Duty hath much present comfort and no curse in it. Which consideration alone, is worth the care of the christian. Let not the christian therefore grieve without hope. If after all his attention to duty in his common concerns, they may not seem to prosper in his hands—for however, they seem, they prosper for his real good; and especially, if his heart and soul are down by any disappointments the closer to God.

God's promises are not to be measured by his provideuces—but his providences by his promises. Hence, the christian should keep in the path-way of duty, and leave it to God to appear faithful in the end, who can at no time be otherwise.

In religious duties, such as prayer and exhortation; in his family attending church meetings; and meetings for worship, &c. the christian may likewise not always be attended with success, but should not stop their performance on that account. He should remember what God hath appointed him—and be found in discharge of his duty—But as to the event, this doth not belong to him; it is God's concern entirely. He may indeed rejoice when he seeth the hand of God; but should trust and be a doing when he seeth it not. All will be well with him, and that shurely is sufficient for him.

It hath been a sore trial to many faithful ministers, when they have laboured a long time in God's vineyard, and have not seen any fruits of their labour. It is an old complaint. I have streached forth my hands all the day long, to a rebellious and gainsaying people.

So Noah was a preacher of righteousness, upwards of an hundred years, while the Ark was building—but it doth not appear that he wrought upon one soul. Yet he was not however the less blessed of God, therefore the christian should always be found in discharge of duty, and not be too much discouraged when he dose not see the immediate fruit of his labour. Farewell.

JOSEPH LEWIS, CLERK.

JAMES H. L. MOORMAN, MODERATOR.

By Wm. Bard—Bardstons.