



# MINUTES

OF THE

## 64th Session of the Elkhorn Association:

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

At David's Fork, Fayette county, Ky., August 11th, 12th and 13th, 1849.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder B. P. Drake, from Heb. ix, 22.—“*Without the shedding of blood is no remission.*”. The Letters from the Churches were then read, and the names of the Messengers enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES, AND WHEN CONSTITUTED.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total number.
1753 Clear Creek.	No Messengers.							119
1753 Great Crossings.	Y. R. PERRY, G. B. LONG,	2	4		9	1	9	351
1756 Bryant Station.	E. DARNABY, J. E. CHRISTAL, G. W. COONS, J. M. COONS.	25	1	2	4	4	2	4 210
1787 East Hickman.	R. T. DILLARD, W. D. DILLARD, P. G. HUNT, Geo. HUNT,	3	3		20		3	3 257
1798 Stamping Ground.	Isaac Adams, M. B. Mothershead.	2	1		14		2	2 672
1800 Dry Run.	R. RAINE, S. THOMASON.	1			5		2	2 110
1801 Sillas.	James N. Allen.	1			1		1	87
1801 Glen's Creek.	JOHN L. WALKER, Jno. G. Mastin, Thomas Hinton.	2	3		1		1	183
1802 Hillshoro'.	S. Arnett.	1	3		1		5	2 220
1802 Mt. Pleasant.	N. B. Walker,	4	4		23		5	3 193
1802 David's Fork.	E. Bryant, G. W. Darnaby, R. M. Jones, J. H. Darnaby,	8	3	1	8	2	7	639
1805 Long Lick.	M. Coons, A. F. Eschlin, B. Y. Crim, Jas. Weather's.				10	5		58
1812 Hartwood.	Thomas Tolbert.	2						30
1812 Georgetown.	No Messengers.							30
1813 Big Spring.	J. M. Frost.	9	14		10	2	4	4 279
1817 Lexington.	No intelligence.							
1824 1st African.	Wm. M. Pratt, H. C. Payne, J. Estis, Samuel Kidd, J. Tolle,	4	9		11	6	16	333
1824 Pleasant Green.	E. Price, A. S. Drake.	33	41	7	51	0	34	1401
1813 Paris.	Do.	24	11	3	6	2	5	75
1823 Mt. Vernon.	Thomas Scott, W. M. Samuel,	34	13	3	3	2	3	923
1828 Cane Run.	N. Payne, G. W. Williams, B. W. Sealey, D. J. Williams, Jr.	10	2		1		1	88
1842 Versailles.	B. P. Drake, R. Quader.	2	5		2	1	2	34
1843 African Church.	R. Jess, B. C. Bradley.	3	10		1		1	72
1849 Nicholasville.	Under care of Versailles Church.	2	10		1		1	28
	T. J. Drake, J. F. Barkley.	2	10		1		1	28

2. The Messengers retired to the meeting-house and elected Elder R. T. DILLARD Moderator, and Elder Wm. M. PRATT Clerk. Whereupon the Association was called to order, and prayer offered by Elder E. DARNABY.

3. Letters from Corresponding Associations called for, read, and the names of the Messengers enrolled.

*Shiloh, Va.*—No intelligence.

*North Bend.*—Elder J. M. Frost.

*Baptist.*—S. Arnett.

*Concord.*—A. Mothershead.

*Boon's Creek.*—Eld. T. Drane, Eld. S. V.

Potts, J. Hunton, W. Summers, E. C.

Hickman, S. Chorn.

*Franklin.*—No intelligence.

*South District.*—No intelligence.

*Long Run.* do.

*Union.* do.

*Ten Mile.* do.

*Bracken.* do.

*Sulphur Fork.*—M. Whiteside.

*Tate's Creek.*—Minutes.

*South Kentucky.*—No intelligence.

4. Application was made by the Baptist Church at Nicholasville, Jessamine county, Ky., constituted February, 1849, to join this Association. After hearing her articles of faith read, it was voted unanimously to receive said Church into our body. Whereupon the Moderator extended to her Messengers the hand of fellowship.

5. The one appointed to present a Circular Letter having failed to perform the duty; on motion, Elders J. L. WALLER and T. J. DRANE were directed to prepare and present one on Monday.

6. The Treasurer transmitted his Report, which was referred to a Financial Committee consisting of Elder B. P. DRAKE and P. G. HUNT.

7. The following persons were elected to preach on Lord's day: J. L. WALLER, T. J. DRANE and Y. R. PITTS; and on Monday, S. V. POTTS, Wm. M. PRATT and Elder WHITING.

8. Brethren P. G. HUNT, B. P. DRAKE and JOHN DARNABY were appointed to write letters to Corresponding Associations.

9. Brethren E. DARNABY, Y. R. PITTS, Wm. D. DILLARD, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed Committee of Arrangements.

10. D. G. HATCH, the Treasurer of the Association, having resigned his office it was accepted, and G. B. LONG was elected Treasurer.

11. Elder J. L. WALLER was appointed to write a Letter of Correspondence to the General Association.

12. On motion, it was Resolved, That a public collection be taken on Lord's day for Foreign Missions.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Wm. M. PRATT.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

1. The Association convened and prayer offered by Wm. D. DILLARD.

2. Elder J. M. FROST was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the absence of Elder WHITING, at the stand.

3. Committee of Arrangements submitted their Report, which was adopted.

4. Elder J. L. WALLER reported a Circular, which was also adopted.

5. The Corresponding Letter was submitted to the Association, and adopted.

6. Elder WALLER presented a Corresponding Letter to the General Association which was adopted; and the following brethren appointed as our Messengers to the body: Elders R. T. Dillard, J. L. Waller, Wm. M. Pratt, Y. R. Pitts, J. M. Frost, W. D. Dillard, D. R. Campbell, T. J. Drane, and Brethren J. G. Mastin, G. B. Long and B. C. Bradley.

7. Voted, that the next Association be held with the *Church at Versailles, the 2d Saturday in August, 1850.*

8. Voted, that Elder T. J. DRANE preach the next Introductory, and Elder W. M. PRATT be the alternate.

9. Voted, to drop our correspondence with the Shiloh (Virginia) Association.

10. The following persons appointed Messengers to Corresponding Associations: *North Bend.*—M. Mothershead, D. R. Campbell. *Baptist.*—S. Arnett. *Concord.*—J. M. Frost, I. Adams, Y. R. Pitts. *Boon's Creek.*—T. J. Drane, E. Darnaby, E. Bryant, J. F. Barkley. *Franklin.*—J. M. Frost, Y. R. Pitts, R. Jesse. *South District.*—S. Arnett. *Long Run.*—J. L. Waller, J. M. Frost. *Union.*—J. M. Allen, W. M. Samuel. *Ten Mile.*—M. B. Mothershead, J. M. Frost. *Bracken.*—R. T. Dillard, B. C. Bradley. *Sulphur Fork.*—J. L. Waller. *Tate's Creek.*—T. J. Drane. *South Kentucky.*—S. M. Berry.

11. Elder J. M. FROST appointed to write Circular Letter.

12. The Financial Committee reported they had examined the Treasurer's Account, and found it correct.

13. The following Resolutions were submitted by Elder J. L. WALLER, and adopted without debate.

*Resolved,* That we learn with deep regret the death of our aged and much loved brother, Elder JOHN LUCAS, who departed this life, March 1843, after a useful and laborious pilgrimage on earth of more than three score years and ten.

*Resolved,* That we commend to the affectionate regard of all the brethren, the objects and interests of *Georgetown College*; an institution adapted eminently to promote the well-being of our beloved Zion and of our State.

*Resolved,* That the *Western Baptist Theological Institute, at Covington,* deserves the confidence and patronage of the Baptist denomination in the West.

Elder J. M. FROST submitted the following, which was also adopted:

*Resolved,* That we are deeply interested in our denominational papers, especially "*The Western Baptist Review*" and "*The Baptist Banner*," and that we will give our brethren editing those papers our cordial co-operation.

Elder B. P. DRAKE was appointed to assist the Clerk in superintending the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

Adjourned with singing and prayer, by  
W. M. PRATT, Clerk.

R. T. DILLARD, Moderator.

# CIRCULAR LETTER.

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DEAR BRETHREN:—The letters from a large majority of our churches indicate a state of spiritual declension deeply afflictive to every lover of Zion. Almost all of them complain of religious dearth—of leanness and barrenness in the things of religion. A spiritual blight has smitten the fair borders of the garden of God, and the laborers having it in charge have sunk down in inglorious ease. Perhaps in many churches, the larger portion of the families of their members is composed of those who are the enemies of God by wicked works. Parents and children, masters and servants, are now separated by the lines designating the righteous from the wicked in this world; and it is feared that if these lines were suddenly transferred to eternity, the greatest number of those now bound to us by the strong ties of family sympathy would be found with the impenitent and unbelieving, to be driven forever from the presence of God and the glory of his power!

These things merit solemn consideration. The question, *What ought we to do?* should be seriously asked by us all upon our knees before God. The sin and fault are undeniably ours. Our heavenly Father, ever plentiful in mercy, has not ceased to be gracious. His ear is ever open to the cries of his people, and his word assures us that he is prompt to hear and answer their supplications. Jesus, our elder brother, is still enthroned upon the mercy seat, and is willing to assist and to save.

This desolation—so wide spread and so appalling in our churches—has come upon us in accordance with *our* wishes. *We* and *not* God would have it so. Had we desired sincerely another and a better state of things, we know, from the promises in the Scriptures, that we should have obtained it. The Lord is not slack concerning his promises. He is not forgetful of his people. He does not wish that they should be smitten with spiritual decay and death. He would have them ever to bask in his smiles; to walk in his statutes; to diffuse the light which he has given them. As startling then as the reflection must be, it is nevertheless painfully true, that on us rests the heavy and grievous sin which threatens to lay waste our churches. God has not revived us, because we have not asked for a revival. God has not saved, because we have not entreated that he would make bare his arm unto salvation!

Surely, brethren, we are now ready to be up and doing. The voice of God's providence warns us to shake off our lethargy. The pestilence now walks in darkness and wastes at noon-day. Many thousands of our fellow men, citizens with us of the same country, have been suddenly summoned to the retributions of eternity. The angel of death is still engaged in the work of destruction, and many others are falling upon the right hand and upon the left. These things must convince us and make us feel, that the honors and the riches of this world are evenescent and worthless, and that he builds too low who builds beneath the skies. That religion is the one thing needful—the pearl of inestimable value.

The path of our duty is made manifest in the Scriptures. We should come before the Lord, and ask him to forgive our sins. Thus the Apostle exhorts us; "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." We should be importunate at a throne of grace, that our hearts may be weaned from things temporal and placed on things eternal—that sinners may be brought to repentance, and salvation. While the members of our churches seem to care more for the world than for Zion, sinners will mock at our empty professions and dispise the religion which we dishonor. We should neglect no opportunity of doing good. We should be instant in season and out of season. The institutions of the gospel should be sacredly observed. In short, we should study to ascertain from the Scriptures what the Lord would have us to do, and obey heartily and implicitly its sacred dictates. Let us work while it is called to-day; and the Lord, according to his promise, will smile upon and bless us.

And now may the very God of Peace abundantly bless you  
 Sabbath in August, 1860.  
 1860-12-18

# Corresponding Letter.

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## *Elkhorn Association to Corresponding Associations.*

DEAR BRETHREN!—In addressing you on the present occasion, we have to lament the general coldness which seems to preclude the churches which constitute our body. Yet there is one of our churches (the Stamping Ground) where the Lord is now carrying on his work most gloriously, and to which he has already added many souls. May his good work spread through all our churches and through all of yours until our country shall be full of the glory of the Lord.

During the year that has just past, our churches have been diminished to an unusual amount by death. The fell pestilence has been in our midst, and has swept off many valued brethren. Oh that the people may see in this the hand of the Lord, and be led to the repentance which is unto life.

We regret that at our present session we had the pleasure of seeing so few of our brethren from Corresponding Associations. The number was smaller than we remember to have had on any former occasion. We feel that it is a great privilege brethren, to be favored with your visits of love. We hope at our next meeting, to see many more, and to learn from them that the Lord has blest you abundantly.

You will perceive by our Minutes that,—not in word only, but in deed and in truth,—our churches are in favor of the benevolent operations of the day. They have sent up to us of their substance, as the Lord hath prospered them, and request us to appropriate their gift to the spread of the good work of the Lord. This we rejoice that we are permitted to do. In the spirit of christian love, we once more invite you to join with us in greater and more faithful efforts for the diffusion of the glory of Christ. May our united effort for this object never cease until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of the Lord.

Our next Association will be held at Versailles, in Woodford county, on the 2d Saturday in August, 1850.

And now may the very God of Peace abundantly bless you.

AUGUST 13, 1849.

# Treasurer's Account.

GABRIEL B. LONG, *Treasurer,*  
*In account with the Elkhorn Association.*

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Aug't. 11.	Great Crossing's Church, per G. B. Long,		\$40 00
	Silas Church, per Bro: Allen,	7 00	
	Dry Run Church, per Bro: Thomasson,	21 85	
	Glen's Creek Church, per J. G. Mastin,	16 50	
	Stamping Ground Church, by I. Adams,	63 70	
" 14.	Bryant's Station, per James Christal,	5 00	
	Cane Run Church, per R. Quarles,	13 00	
	Georgetown Church, per D. G. Hatch,	100 20	
	Collection at Association, for Foreign Missions,	17 30	
	East Hickman Church, per P. G. Hunt:		
	For Foreign Missions,	\$26 50	
	" Home Mission,	15 75	
	" Indian Mission,	21 75	
	" Colonization Society,	22 00	
			86 00
	Mt. Vernon Church, per G. Williams:		
	For Home Mission,	\$25 87	
	" Indian Mission,	1 00	
			26 87
	Mt. Pleasant Church, per Bro: Waller,		
	Lexington Church, per Wm. M. Pratt:		
	For General Association,	\$30 00	
	" Indian Mission,	46 50	
	" Bible Society,	82 25	
	" Foreign Missions,	13 25	
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GAB. B. LONG, *Treasurer*  
*Elkhorn Association.*