

MINUTES

OF THE TWELFTH ORIGINAL

BARREN RIVER ASSOCIATION

OF UNITED BAPTISTS,

Held at Mount Pleasant Meeting House,

Barren County, Kentucky,

The 4th Saturday in July, 1842, and days following.

Elder John Clark delivered the Introductory Discourse, from John, 1st chap. and 51st verse—"And he saith unto them," &c.

The moderator being absent, according to the rules of decorum it was the clerk's duty to appoint a moderator to organize, accordingly Elder Benjamin Bailey was appointed. The letters from the churches were read and their messengers' names enrolled; and the state of each given in the table below.

CHURCHES.	Messengers' Names.	Dis'd by letters,	Excluded,	Dead,	Total,
<i>Dripping Spring</i> —A. H. Snow, John Edwards and Joseph Read,		0	15	1	69
<i>Doughty's Creek</i> —Elder John Clark and John Ganes,		2	2	0	46
<i>Zoar</i> —Elder Benjamin Bailey,		1	0	0	13
<i>Mt. Pleasant</i> —Allen Williams, Steptoe O. Morrison and Thomas Well,		0	1	1	44
		3	18	2	172

Now ready to appoint a Moderator and Clerk. Benjamin Baily was appointed Moderator; Joseph Bay, Clerk, and John Clark, Assistant Clerk.

Motioned and seconded whether we continue as an association or not: this association unanimously agrees to continue as an association—further still, continue to invite any church or part of churches of United Baptists, in the bounds of the Barren River Association, that are in good standing, and has nothing to do with the missionaries or their institutions.

Brethren Ralph Petty, Henry Petty and Thomas Scaggs, are requested to preach on to-morrow, commencing at 10 o'clock.

The next association to be holden at Doughty's Creek Meeting House, in Barren county, Ky. fifteen miles west of Glasgow. Elder Benjamin Bailey is requested to preach the introductory to our next association, which will commence the 4th Saturday in July, 1843. Elder John Clark his alternate.

Brother Allen Williams is appointed trustee and treasurer to this association, in room of brother James Gillock, deceased. Ordered that our present treasurer receive all the money in the hands of our former treasurer, provided the opposing brethren have received their portion; if not, then let all remain until further orders, and the clerk give an order to the executor of the deceased in the name of the association, for the same.

The moderator and two clerks to arrange the business of the association for Monday. Adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

LORD'S DAY—The brethren that were requested, preached to a goodly, attentive and well ordered congregation, which had a considerable effect indeed.

MONDAY morning, the association met according to adjournment—after prayer by the moderator, the messengers' names being called and unanimously present, the report of the committee was read, received and the committee discharged.

1st. Moved by this association, at the request of others and in justification to herself, that we answer the minutes of last association, (1841,) held at Peters' Creek meeting house—charging us with violating the constitution, both in faith and practice. These minutes have a tendency to lead the honest enquiring mind that reads them, in a bewildered road, and tries to charge their unconstitutional acts on us. We will try and give a true statement of facts as well as we can recollect. We who opposed the resolution named in their minutes, offered to the friends of said resolution, if they would strike out the words "joining or not joining," we

would be satisfied. The vote then being taken twice on that question, which was a tied vote, the moderator was called on to decide the question, which he did, his vote giving the association liberty to join the General Association, and correspondence was entered into forthwith, with the missionary association called Liberty. Again, they say we admitted in our debates that some of the members then present were members of the benevolent societies of the day, and were members of the convention when the constitution was formed. We were obliged to acknowledge this, because in their debates they stated that they were members of said societies when the constitution was formed. Now, why do they want to force a wrong impression on the minds of their readers, also by saying provided not a single word had been said about the matter, it became engrafted into the constitution: holding out an idea that it was admitted in the convention; when we can assure all the brethren and the world, had such an idea been held forth in the convention which formed the constitution, there would not have been a constitution formed at that time—for old father Nuckols, Hern, and many others in the convention, would never have submitted to such a constitution as that. [Readers, read the constitution for yourselves.] Three fourths say we violated the 8th article of our constitution by opposing this resolution. That article says the association shall not infringe on the internal rights of the churches nor lord it over God's heritage. If this resolution had been created by any one church or churches, then it would have been constitutional. Now, why will our brethren try and cast a shade on the truth, when this association had once declared a such like resolution was unconstitutional and done it away. The 13th article says, the stand shall be under the immediate control of the association during each session. In 1841, when and where we split, on Saturday we appointed our Sunday preachers, and on the stand among the clergy, they put up James Lock, acknowledged missionary, to preach in place of one of the preachers the association appointed, contrary to the will of the association, and yet say, hence it will be seen that they stand upon original ground, but those who have broken off have forsaken the constitution—alluding to us who would not submit to the resolution and their unconstitutional act. Again it is urged on the minds of the brethren, in the minutes of 1840, there was a resolution passed at Bethany, (we suppose they mean Bethlehem,) when the association was held there; but we see no resolution there, either directly or indirectly. But we see one recinded: then the association stood as she was first constituted. Now you may clearly see they intended to deceive. Of course these members were in favor of those societies as they belong to them. And how could they subscribe to the minutes of the association at Dripping Spring, 1837, after being accused by old

father Nuckoils and others, that the Barren River association had joined or was friendly to the Baptist State Convention. Let us hear what the minutes say: "As to the tale put abroad, that this association has joined the state convention, we hope none will be deceived by it. In that matter this association stands exactly as she did at her first constitution, as may be seen by a reference to our minutes. We are sure no one church in this association is in favor of a union with the convention, and indeed if any individual members are in favor of a union between the association and the state convention, we are very sure there are but few." Now you may see their contradictory statements—therefore we stand on original ground, and are the original Barren River association of United Baptists.

2d. As two churches that were in council with us, on last September, have failed to represent themselves in this association, agreed that brethren Joseph Reed, A. H. Snow and John Edwards, go to Glover's Creek church, and brethren Allen Williams, Thomas Wells and Steptoe O. Morrison, to Concord church, and inquire into the cause why they did not send their representation to this association, and report next association.

Ordered that we have 200 minutes printed, and the clerk to attend to the printing and distribution of the same, 50 to be retained in the hands of the clerk for the several associations, and the balance to be distributed ~~to each church according to the number of members.~~ Brethren Snow and Morrison appointed to receive contributions—Dripping Spring, \$2 37 cents; Zoar, 50 cents; Mt. Pleasant, \$1 50; Doughty's Creek, 75 cts. in all making \$5 12 cents, now in the hands of the treasurer. After prayer, adjourned.

BENJAMIN BAILEY, Moderator.

Teste—JOSEPH READ, Clerk.

PRINTED BY W. B. KILGORE, GLASGOW, KY.
Price of 200 copies, \$6.