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NORTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OF THE

OF

BAPTISTS.

HELD AT

BETHEL MEETING HOUSE,

IN THE

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, AND STATE OF
KENTUCKY,

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN AUGUST, IN THE YEAR OF OUR
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STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES. MESSENGERS.

					Total
		Increased	Excluded	Dismissed	
		Rec'd by Letter	Baptized		
Spanier Creek,	James Alexander, James Rice, David Rice,			2	40
Lulbergroes,	Jilson Payne, James French, J. Treadway, Jr. Wm. Oscar,	1	1	1	58
Providence,	Robert Elkin, Thos. Berry, Jr.			1	117
Bald Eagle,	Robert Didlake, Nath'l. W. Ralls, John Corhow, Richard Stoue, Charles Ro-			1	56
Poplar Run,	gers, Daniel Moss, John Lee,	2	5	1	24
Bethel,	Thomas Jamison, Wm. Casady,			1	4
Red River,	John Jamison, Thos. Moseley,		9	10	77
Grier's Creek,	Cornelius Newkirk, Geo. Van-				40
Howard's up- per Creek,	bereskirk, James Fowler, Edward Trabue,	2	1	2	12
Red Lick,	Edward Kindred, James Elkin, Smith Vivion, Milton Vivion,	2	1	3	74
Hopewell,	John Kindred, David Gentry,			1	27
Long Branch,	Isaac Crutcher, Jas. Edwards,			1	79
State Union,	Leonard Turley, Wm. Mauzee,			4	11
Mount Pleasant,	Robert Scott, Edward Parker, Thomas Cox, Ambrose White,				
Sycamore,	Joseph Craig, Daniel James, Eras. Jones,	1	2	5	160
Cane Spring,	Richd. Stephens, Tobias James, Robt. Dicky, Wm. Wopper,	2	2	1	97
Goshen,	David Chinnult, Wm. Noland,			3	45
Grassy Lick,	Jonathan Eloyd, Jas. Ester,				
Friendship,	David Thompson, Charles Tra-			1	24
Log Lick,	Reuben McDonald, Henry Gait-			2	
East Fork,	skill,			2	118
Flatt Creek,	Abram Weldon, Peter Mosely,			1	
Cane Creek,	Jos. Kelly, Ransdale Petty,			1	50
Ohio River,	Charles Snowden, Joseph M. Mahon,	4	3	1	37
Locust Creek,	Henry Rice, Joseph Layne,			3	10
Tygart's Creek,	Wingate Jackson, Thos. Can-			2	
Poplar Meet- ing-House,	ady, George Cofner,			3	45
Unity,	John Young, Peter Lionbarger,	1	1	1	45
Burning Spring,	Joseph Powell,			1	17
	Charles Harper,				
	John McGoy, Stephen Jeans,				
	Moses Fugua,			3	21
	Daniel Williams, Ambrose			2	
	Jones, John McQuire,			1	21
	James Quessenberry, Daniel			6	
	Rout, John Haggard,			5	122
	Randale Fugate, Samuel Han-			5	
	nah,				13
					1401
					TOTAL
				2037	1341

BROTHER EDWARD KINDRED preached the introductory Sermon from the words, "it is finished" 19th Chap. and 30th verse of the Gospel by John.

Letters from the Churches were then read, and the names of the Messengers enrolled, agreeable to the Table.

The Association then chose brother Robert Elkin, Moderator, and brother James French, Clerk.

Burning Spring Church, the last in the table, being lately constituted, applied for admission into this Association, and was admitted accordingly.

The Moderator and Clerk, and brethren Crutcher, Chinault and Quessenberry, appointed to arrange, and report the business of the Association, on Monday next, and the Circular Letter was also referred to them, for examination.

The following brethren appointed to write letters to corresponding Associations, and report on Monday next:— Jilson Payne, to Elkhorn; Thomas Worley, to South District; John Young, to Tates' Creek; Reuben M'Donald, to Bracken; William Oreat, to Green River; and Nathaniel W. Rolls, to Long Run.

Brethren Taylor, Creath and Brown, appointed to preach to-morrow, and that worship begin at 11 o'clock.

The Association then adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Monday morning the Association met according to adjournment.

Committee of arrangement made report:

Circular Letter read, approved, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes, and that brother James French prepare a Circular letter for next Association.

The several letters to corresponding Associations, were reported, approved, and messengers appointed to carry them, as follows: To Elkhorn, brethren Joseph Craig, Isaac Crutcher, John Young and James

Edwards; to Bracken, brethren Wingate Jackson and James Alexander; to Tates' Creek, brethren James Quesenberry and David Chinault; to South District, brethren Leonard Turly, James Rice and Joseph Rice; to Green River, brethren Leonard Turly and Richard Stephens; to Long Run, brethren Isaac Crutcher, Ambrose White, Joseph Craig and Robert Scott.

Brother David Chinault to preach the introductory Sermon next Association, and in case of failure, brother Wingate Jackson.—Brother French to superintend the printing of the Minutes of this Association. The Association then adjourned without day; next association to be held at Hopewell, in Woodford County, state of Kentucky, and to commence on the first Saturday in August in the year of our Lord 1811.

ROBERT ELKIN, *Mod^r.*
JAMES FRENCH, *Cpk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN & SISTERS,

WHILE we mourn a declining ministry, and sickly wasting society, we desire to be thankful, that our ever kind and gracious Redeemer, has latterly manifested some indications of his stately stepings in some of the Churches, and still indulges us with the free and unrestrained use of the Holy Scriptures; in which we have not only received how we ought to walk and to please God, but who can recount the awful and tremendous things written in the Book of the Law of the Lord, or the glorious and comfortable things revealed in the Gospel of his grace. And amid all the amazing displays of the Divine Character in this Holy Book of God, are there any, that overwhelms a broken Heart, and contrite Spirit, with joy unspeakable and full of glory, like a believing view of the love of God, and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to poor sinners, as manifested in the sufferings and death of the Blessed Jesus?—and how many and inconsiderable are the blessings, and privileges, that those who believe receive from the precious blood of the Lamb?

The poor heavy laden sinner, who feels himself sinking, justly sinking, under an inexpressible weight of guilt, and the mighty terrors of the broken Law of God, to the doleful regions of the second death: the moment the good spirit of our God reveals his atoning Son in him; without hesitation, and without pausing to reason or make deductions, instantly feels his whole Heart and Soul, pouring forth new, joyful and unutterable ascriptions of praise and glory, to God and the Lamb.—This poor desponding creature, on whom the pains of Hell had got hold, and who expected soon to lay down in sorrow and everlasting burnings, is now made nigh by the Blood of Christ.

This blood of the blessed Son of God, is so precious and all availing, that it cleanses those who believe from all sin, and was shed for the remission of

sins—remission of sins! Divinely rich blessing! This divinely rich blessing, Abraham who is become the father of all them that believe, received and felt, when he believed God, and saw the day of our Lord, and rejoiced and was glad.—This divinely rich blessing, the poor expiring thief upon the cross experienced, while our dear Redeemer hung by his side, and the precious blood of our Lord, was literally running down the tree of the Cross.—And by this precious blood, the last poor sinner who is delivered from the wrath to come, will find rest to his soul, will receive remission of sin.

This precious blood of Christ redeems those who believe from their vain conversation in the world, from that cursing and bitterness with which their mouths were filled—and from that destruction and misery which was in their ways. This precious blood of Christ purges the conscience of those who believe from dead works, removes their sins and iniquities as far from them as the east is from the west, and effectually, and compleatly cures the mind from all degree of expectation or hope of forgiveness of sins from any other source.—By this precious blood of Christ, those who believe have access into the Holiest, by a new, and living way. How solemn the thought, that every time a believer approaches the throne of his Heavenly Father's grace, he approaches by the precious blood of the Son of God!—and our blessed Lord has by one offering forever perfected those who are sanctified, them who are dedicated, or set apart to God, by this precious blood of the everlasting Covenant; for both he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified, are all of one, wherefore he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

The blessings and privileges of this precious blood has been seen, and embraced by believers in all ages, and the one offering of our Lord prefigured, when by faith Abel offered the bleeding firstlings of his flock—was pointed out, in all the blood.

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shedding rites of the patriarchal alters—was typified in the great cloud of bloody sacrifices enjoined on the Jews—and many of the blessings, which poor sinners receive from the precious blood of Christ, was signified in the various sprinklings, and other sanctifications by blood, commanded by the Most High, to be observed in the Jewish economy—This precious blood, and its heavenly benefit, was more explicitly revealed by our Lord and his apostles—and the precious bloodshedding or death of our Lord, directed by himself to be shewn by those that believe till he come. And this precious blood, and its blessed effects, and consequences, is now, and will be ever more, celebrated in the triumphant songs of the new Jerusalem, before the throne of God and the Lamb.

O ! Brethren and Sisters, let us all with one heart, and one voice, join that disciple whom Jesus loved, and say with him, “unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and made us Kings and Priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion, forever and ever, Amen.”

ROBERT ELKIN, *Mod'r.*
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