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MINUTES
OF
THE NORTH DISTRICT
Association Of
BAPTISTS,

HELD AT

SPENCER MEETINGHOUSE, IN MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, AND STATE OF KENTUCKY;
THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN JULY,
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND
NINETEEN.
AND THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS.

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INTRODUCTORY Sermon by elder Thomas White, from the first verse of the 133 Psalm, "Behold how good, and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity." Letters from the churches were next read, and the names of their messengers, and the present state of the churches minuted, according to the annexed table.

State of the Churches

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Members.	Professors.	Sabbath School.	Present No. &c.
Spencer Creek.	—Jas. Rice, John Coon, David Rice.	116	11	1	79
Lulbergrud.	—Jilson Payne, John Treadway, Jr. John Flecher, James French.	239	5	17	179
Prudence.	—Robert Elkin, Robert Didlick, Ths. Berry, William Morton.	8	5	8	408
Gold Eagle	—Joel Boon Robert M. Fryer.	3	3	3	24
Bethel.	—Thomas Moseley, Adam Dicky, Jacob Sallee.	1	3	3	66
Red River.	—Charles Snowden.	1	1	7	33
Up Hids. Crk.	—Edw'd. Kindred, Smith Vivion, Jas. Mure, Henry Bunch.	466	8	11	230
Mount Tabor	—Thos. White, Jesse Nowland, Ma- ses Daugherty, John Bennet.	6	4	1	44
Swamora	—Enoch Willoby, David Trimble, Isaac Lykins.	1	7	7	53
Cane Spring.	—David Chinault, Wm. Nowland, Thos. Burgess, Nath. Lipscomb.	112	3	12	340
Goshen.	—Thomas Boon, Ninian Ridgeway, Isaiah Cornelius.	125	5	10	245
Grassy Lick.	—John Smith, Reuben McDonald, David Badger, James Mason.	112	10	11	197

Friendship,	— Josiah Ashley, Perin Mosely	10	19	1	135
	Joseph Kelly, Wm. Rash, Jr.	19	3	5	50
Log Lick, Cane Creek, Unity,	— Abram Miller, Rev. Franklin	1		3	39
	— Sam'l Jackson, Wm. Hopper.				
Mount Giload, Beaver Pond, Lick's Pravid'e Drown'g creek	— James Quessenberry, Joseph Ship, Isam Baber.	2	3	10	137
	— Geo. Baker, Abram Thomas.				
Middle Fork, South Fork, Slate Union,	— Jas. Johnson, Benj. Halley.	1	4	4	13
	— Peter Casady, Robert Steel.				28
	— Sam'l Kelly, Abram Warford.				
	— Sam'l Davidson, Rob't Alcorn.	27	19	2	85
	— John Turner.				29
	— Joseph Carter, James Evans				25
	Jno. Leach.				30
Total.					18 243 98 129 22 2075

NOTE. The three last Churches received this Association.
 Brother David Chinault chosen Moderator, and brother James French Clerk for this Association.
 Corresponding Letters and Messengers from Sister Associations as followeth, who were invited to take seats with us.
 From Elkhorn, brethren Jas. Sims, George G. Boon, James Fishback. From Union, brother G. Riley. From Tates' creek, brother Jesse Cobb. From Long Run, brn Benjamin Allen, Enoch Hansborough. From Burning spring, br. Nathaniel Morgan. From Bracken, br. Landon Hust, Jonathan Prather. From South District, br. Joseph Fond, Charles Taylor.
 Brethren James Quessenberry, Robert Didlake, David Chinault, William Rash, Jr. and James French, appointed to arrange the business for the association, and report on Monday.
 The following brethren appointed to write corresponding letters to sister associations. James Mason to Elkhorn, Thos. Boon to Union, Jilson Payne to Burning Spring, Thos. Mosely to Bracken. Reuben McDonald to Long Run, Nathan Lipscomb to Tates' creek, Wm. Morton to South District, Robert M. Fryer to Franklin.
 Circular letter approved and to be printed with the minutes.
 Elders James Fishback, Wm. Grinstead, and Richard Morton to preach tomorrow, and elder George Boon to close worship as to him seems good. The association then adjourned till monday morning 9 o'clock.
 The association met according to adjournment, and after worship proceeded to business, in the order arranged, and reported by the brethren to whom that duty was assigned.
 Next association to be held at Unity meeting house, in Clarke county, on the fourth Saturday in July 1820.

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Mount Gilead enquires "Is it right for us to commune with a church which is not of the Union, or invite their preachers to our houses, though they are Baptists, they say we follow tradition, and call themselves an independent church."

Answer. We think it inconsistent with the terms of general union to commune with persons of such description. But as to inviting their preachers into their houses, the church will act according to her own discretion.

Friendship, requests this association to propose a correspondence with Licking association. Referred till next association, with an expectation that the churches will signify their pleasure on this subject.

Elder John Smith to preach the introductory sermon next association, and in case of failure, elder Samuel Kelly.

Brother James French to prepare a circular letter for next association, and to superintend the printing of the minutes of this association.

Corresponding letters to sister associations, reported, and brethren appointed our messengers to carry them as follows.— To Elkhorn, Wm. Morton, John Smith. To Fates' creek, Thomas White, Geo. Baker, Edward Kindred, Samuel Kelly, David Ghisault. To Union, Ninian Ridgeway, Isaiah Cornelius. To Long Run, Wm. Morton, Isaiah Cornelius, Thomas Boop. To Burning Spring, Samuel Jackson, James Mason, John Smith. To South District, William Morton, Samuel Kelly. To Franklin, Joseph Kelly, Robert Elkin.

The association then adjourned.

JAMES FRENCH, *Clrk.*

DAVID CHINAULT, *Modr.*

C I R C U L A R .

Dearly beloved Brethren & Sisters,

STILL enjoying the happiness to see each others faces in the flesh, and blessed with the privilege of sitting and conferring together, in the solemn capacity of messengers of the churches : O, that it might please Him, who is the head of the body, the church : to vouchsafe that what we write, may be according to the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you, while we mention a few of the many, yea rather of the innumerable good things, which he that is the beginning and the end, the first and the last, has done, is doing, and will do, for all that obey him.

But where shall we begin? or where shall we end? They are longer than the earth, and broader than the sea! Lower than the regions of the dead, and higher than the Heavens! Boundless as immensity, and lasting as eternity! For by him were all things created that are in Heaven, and that are in the earth; visible and invisible: whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities or powers, all things were created by him, and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist: and he is the head of the body, the church.

The head of the body, the church, sees all the tears and afflictions; hears all the prayers and groans, of his suffering members in all ages and places, and never leaves nor forsakes them; but gives strength equal to the day, and makes them more than conquerors. Not only gives them grace to overcome by the blood of the Lamb; but will also cause the privations and afflictions they suffer for his names sake: to terminate in additional glory: to end in an exceeding great reward. How consolatory, as well as encouraging in the midst of sorrows, is the apostolic inference, for I reckon that our present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us! Well might Peter, and the other apostles rejoice that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. Beloved brethren and sisters, endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, for faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it.

The head of the body, the church, is the avenger of all the wrongs and injuries done to his members. And to what a fearful amount, have those wrongs and injuries arisen! For from the time that by faith Abel offered unto God, a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, they who are born after the spirit, are counted as sheep for the slaughter; and as the blood of Abel cryeth, does not all the righteous blood shed

upon earth cry also. And is not the cry of the blood of the poor innocents, in unison with the cry of the souls under the altar. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them. Our Lord declares that he will avenge them speedily. And the tremendous truth, that vengeance belongeth unto God, and that he will repay, is plainly inculcated by the inspired writers from the time Moses rehearsed the Lord's Song in the ears of all the people, till John was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and heard a great voice of much people in Heaven, saying Alleluia; salvation and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God: for true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. Dearly beloved brethren and sisters, avenge not yourselves—to avenge yourselves would be rebellion against the Lord—would be presumptuously to arrogate to yourselves that which belongs to God. Never indulge rancor in your minds against any person: nor yield to the impulses of resentment, however injuriously you may be treated for Christ's sake.

The head of the body, the church, reproves with awful severity, & adjudges to everlasting punishment, those who barely neglect to minister to the necessities of the least of his brethren, & approves and unspeakably rewards every act of kindness to his destitute sick, or imprisoned saints, not even a cup of cold water escapes his all gracious regards. O, brethren and sisters, to do good, and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. And be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. And if it should not be your distinguished lot to entertain angels, you may have the honor and the happiness to entertain some for whom Christ died. To entertain some that the king will acknowledge, in presence of all the holy angels, was done to himself. And never, never forget, who it is that hath said, he that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. When, therefore, you receive a disciple of our Lord, you also receive a greater than angels! you receive him whom all the angels of God worship!

The head of the body, the church, loved the church, and gave himself for it; and we leave it with our beloved brethren and sisters to determine whether eternity itself will be long enough to recount all the good things which the head of the body the church, has done, is doing, and will do for the members of his body, of his bones, and of his flesh. O, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Amen.

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