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OF THE

NORTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,
Held at Lulbegrad Meeting House in Montgomery
County, Kentucky, the second Saturday in Sep-
tember, 1815; and days following.

Brother David Chenault preached the Introductory Sermon from the
507th Psalm and 51st Verse.
Letters from the Churches were then read, and their Messengers' names enrolled agreeably to the following table

Churches.	Messengers' Names.	Dis- sent.	By Repa- tion.	Dis- sent- ing.	Wid- owed.	Wid- owed.
Spencer,	James Rice, David Rice, and Stephen Moore.	3	4	1		32
Lulbegrad,	Two letters presented and ordered to lie on the table indefinitely.					
Providence,	Robert Elkin, Robert Dickey, Thos. Berry & Nathl. Haggard.	3		6	2	15
Dad Eagle,	Richard Stone, Robert Frier.	1		1	2	25
Bethel,	Thos. Moseley, John Jamison, Jacob Sallee.	2	3	1	3	57
Red River,	Thomas Knox, Moses M'Mahan, Cornelius Newkirk.	1	4		5	45
Siswars Upper Creek,	Edward Kindred, Harvey Vinton.	1	4	6	7	34
Mount Tabor,	Thomas White, Jesse Nolin, Moses Dehortec.					21
Slate Union,	No letter nor messenger.					
Sycamore,	Robert Dickey, David Trimble, Isaac Likins.	1	2	3	2	51
Cane Spring,	David Chenault, William Nolin, Nathan Lipscomb, I. Thornburg.	1	20	3	10	120
Coshen,	John Berry, Charles Tracey.				1	13
Grassy Lick,	James Mason, James Sims, Reuben M'Donald, William Jeans.	2	5	3	5	107
Friendship,	Joseph Kelley, Ransdale Peity, W. Rash, Perrin Moseley.	1	2	6	9	103
Log Lick,	Thomas Boone, Dimsey Lusty.	3		2	2	49
Cane Creek,	Thomas Casaty, Abraham Alfey.	1			5	47
Unity,	James Quisenberry, Joseph Ship.	3		5	1	149
Reaver Pond,	Samuel Kelley, James Fowler.				6	18
Mount Pleasant,	George Baker.	3	1	4	1	32
Licking Providence,	Charles Harper, Jeremiah Foster.			2	1	26
Greer's Creek,	Samuel Jesse, Nathan Hawkins, J. Atkins.					

The association then chose brother Thomas Moseley moderator, and Nathan Lipscomb clerk.

Letters of correspondence were received from the following associations by their Messengers:

From Elkhorn, by brother Jacob Creath and Lewis Sullivan.

Tate's Creek—Jessee Coh, Jas. Moore and Joseph Collins.

Long Run—Letter but no messenger.

Burning Spring—John M'Guire, John Nicolds.

South District—No letter nor messenger.

Teazes Valley—Letter but no messenger.

Bracken—William Vaughn.

Franklin—John Taylor.

Brethren Jesse Nolin, David Chenault, Nathan Lipscomb, Isaac Thornburg, Samuel Jessee, Hanschela Petty and Robert Frier are appointed a select committee to enquire into the state of Lulbegrad Church and report to the association on Monday next. Brethren Thomas Moseley, James Quesenbury a committee to arrange the business for Monday next. The following brethren to write to the corresponding associations: John Jamison to Elkhorn; Reuben M'Donald to Tate's Creek; William Jeans to Bracken; James Sims to Long Run; Wm. Rash to South District; Thomas Boone to Burning Spring; Richard Stone to Teazes Valley; Thomas Moseley to Franklin. Brethren John Taylor, Jacob Creath and — Smith to preach to-morrow. The association then adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Monday morning, met according to adjournment. Greer's Creek Church, at her request, is dismissed from this association.

The committee appointed to enquire into the state of Lulbegrad church reported as follows, to wit: That we can see no just cause of distress from their record. But the association decided, Lulbegrad church to be in disorder, on account of her sending two letters to this association, and offer the following advice: That the Church at Lulbe grad unite of the terms agreed on by that church at their May meeting in 1815.

A letter directed to the Moderator, and presented by brother Luther Rice (Agent for the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions) was received and read, requesting a correspondence with that body. The association agrees to correspond with the baptist board for foreign missions, and have appointed brother James Mason their secretary for that purpose.

The Association agrees to correspond with Franklin Association.

Query from Friendship, "Is it rigid for members of the baptist church, to sit in Free Mason Lodges."

Answer, No.

Query from Log Lick, "How ought churches to act towards preachers who have been excluded, or will draw themselves from our association, and still appear in public as preachers?"

Answer, we think the churches ought not to encourage excluded preachers either by hearing or inviting them to preach. But such as have withdrawn themselves from our union, who are by good standing in their own societies, we think the churches ought to act discretionally.

The Association agrees to alter the time of her annual meeting from the second Saturday in September, to the fourth Saturday in July.

The next Association to be held at Bald Eagle meeting house in Bain County.

Circular letter approved, and ordered to be printed with the minutes. Brother James Mason is appointed to write a Circular letter for next Association.

Corresponding letter to Burning Spring Association, approved, and brother Thomas Cassity to bear the same.

Corresponding letter to Franklan Association, approved, and letters Ransdale Petty, and Joseph Kelly to bear the same, the association having altered the time of her annual meeting, makes it unnecessary to call for the other corresponding letters.

Brother Edward Kindred to preach the next introductory sermon, and in case of failure, brother R. Brown.

Brother Thomas Moseley to superintend the printing of the minutes.

THOMAS MOSELEY, *Moderator.*

NATHAN LIPSCOMB, *Clerk.*

(CIRCULAR LETTER.)

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

WE once more address you by circular letter—you will see by our minutes, the result of our assembling in association. From some of our sister churches we hear the pleasing, heart cheering tidings of the glorious progress, and effect of the Gospel of Christ; and its power in the hearts of sinners—even constraining some to cry out, "What shall we do to be saved?" or, "Jesus thou son of David, have mercy on us." While from others, we are sorry to hear a complaint of dead, lukewarm times, and the love of many wakening cold; which we fear is produced from too much neglect of duty, and inattention to our blessed Lord's direction in his and his apostles' admonitions in the scriptures of divine truth, in admonishing one another to love and good works, and the exercise of that charity which keeps alive the Christian soul, and makes it active in religious duties.—Charity, that excellent grace, so highly recommended by the inspired apostle Paul, who says, "though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling sycbal; and though I have the gifts of prophecy, and understandest all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing; and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing: Charity suffereth long, and is kind—charity envieth not—charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up—charity never faileth: and now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." (says Paul.)

Dear brethren, with the privilege to exercise these graces, the Christians of the present age are blessed. Let us learn to appreciate our high privilege, and adore the redeemer of sinners for the unspeakable gift of the sacred scriptures, to read at our leisure, and none to deter, or make us afraid. When millions of human beings are destitute of the favor and blessings we so bountifully enjoy—may it stimulate us to acts of gratitude and benevolence, and begot in our hearts, desires to pray to

God to extend the victories of his grace, and his gospel blessings to the dark and benighted heathen nations. That the desired time of all christians may come—when the glory of the redeemer shall cover the earth, as the waters do the seas. That the time may soon commence, when the redeemed of the Lamb shall learn and do his will; and then professors of christianity will cease to bite and devour one another, and each learn to esteem the things of others, better than those of themselves, and learn to bear each other's burthen, and so fulfil the law of Christ. In that happy day no member will think he is entitled to a place in the church of Christ, superior to his brother; but all shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of the children of the kingdom. And now dear brethren, let us try and double our diligence, for the Lord has told us he will be sought unto by the house of Israel. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen.

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