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Laurel River Association

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UNITED BAPTISTS,

Hold at Friendship Meeting-house, Jackson County, Ky.,  
Commencing on October 3, 1873.

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# PROCEEDINGS.

JACKSON COUNTY, KY., OCT. 3D, 1878.

The delegates from the several Churches, composing the Laurel River Association, convened at Friendship Meeting-house, Jackson County, Ky.

Elder A. B. Belvin delivered the annual sermon from Matthew, 25th chapter and 8th verse.

Elder Hiram Johnson, Moderator of last session, was present and called the Association to order; and T. J. McWhorter, Secretary of last session, being present, proceeded to enroll the names of delegates, and record the statistics of the several Churches, which are as follows:

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	DELEGATES.	By Letter	By Ballot	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Contributed
Providence.....	P. Tuttle, Thos. Box, J. M. Brock, C. Day, T. Jones and Elder S. Taylor.....	3	3	2	2	4	136	2 00
New Salem.....	J. Proffit, H. Sullivan, H. Hubbard, J. H. Hubbard.....	1	5	2	4	2	53	70
Union.....	G. Weaver, S. Gilbert, N. Hammock, J. W. Weaver, N. G. Decker, J. C. Weaver, J. Eaton, J. Weaver.....	1	1	19	6		27	1 00
Mt. Zion.....	R. Weaver and Wm. Hammons.....	7	1				26	50
Sinking Creek.....	Z. Adams, F. Bryant and J. C. McFadin.....	2	5	4	1		23	75
Salem.....	H. B. Johnson, S. Johnson, J. E. Williams, I. Dees and Elds. H. Johnson and J. W. Moren.....	4	1	7	2		101	1 20
Liberty.....	J. I. Weaver, W. Adams, S. M. Jackson and Elder A. B. Belvin.....	2	1	1	5	1	66	1 35
Liberty No. 2.....	J. Hornsby, W. Hornsby, C. Reed, W. Reed, J. Holinsworth and Elder J. B. Sams.....			8	5	1	49	1 50
Cane Creek.....	Elders B. F. Catching and W. C. Barret.....	5	1	2		1	26	85
London.....	M. Jackson.....	3					14	1 00
Pigeon Roost.....	R. Jones, J. Hampton and J. Brooks.....	1	2	1	3		20	60
Horse Creek.....	J. V. Runnels, W. Cottingim and W. B. Hatten.....			1	2		50	1 55
Friendship.....	A. Gentry, C. Stanberry, J. McCloud, S. Johnson, E. Boling, J. Lucas, L. Johnson, and J. B. Lewis.....	10	1	1	3	3	50	1 70
Rough Creek.....	G. Proffit, A. Jackson, D. R. Brock, E. M. Norvel, R. Brock, Levi Jackson, B. Box, G. Brock, W. Brock.....	5	1	1	2	1	165	2 65
Slate Lick.....	James Stillings, and James George.....	4	1				40	80
Hazle Patch.....	S. Templin, L. Casteel, E. Wilson and A. Jones.....		1	1	1	1	29	1 00
Little Goose.....	D. Hubbard, E. Filpot, W. V. Fisher, T. Filpot and Elder J. Filpot.....	1		5	3	2	75	1 25
Mt. Olive.....	S. E. Johnson, A. J. Gill and D. Parker.....						26	50
Mt. Pleasant.....	R. Watkins, F. Parker, W. Porter, E. Parker, T. J. McWhorter and Elder T. P. McCracken.....	2		4	1		60	1 00
Grassy Spring.....	J. Owens and M. V. Mobly.....						24	75

Pine Creek and Hawk Creek no letter nor delegate.

The Association being thus organized, proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, whereupon Elder Hiram Johnson was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. W. Moren, Clerk.

First. The privilege was extended for the reception of Churches in the Association. A letter was presented from the Church at Grassy Spring, by her Messengers, which was received and her Messengers invited to seats.

Second. Letters from corresponding Associations were read, viz: From North Concord, by Messenger, Elder J. S. Carl; their next Association to be held with the Church at Locus Grove, Whitley County, Ky., beginning on

Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1874. Their statistics are, baptized, 240, total, 934. From Irvine, by her Messengers, Elders N. B. Johnson and J. Ward, and brethren D. S. Haslewood, Wm. Beng and F. Links; their next Association to be held with the Church at South Fork, Jackson County, Ky., beginning on Thursday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1874. Their statistics are, baptized, 41, total, 1006. From Lynn Camp, by her Messengers, Elder Wm. B. Estes, and brethren D. W. Black, J. W. McWhorter and E. Jones; their next Association to be held with the Church at Pain's, Knox County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1874. Their statistics are, baptized, 46, total, 632. From Rockcastle, by her Messengers, S. P. Overlay and S. Wood; their next Association to be held with the Church at Line Creek, Pulaski County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1874. Their statistics are, baptized, 95, total, 1076. From Cumberland River, by her Messenger, J. S. Reynolds; their next Association to be held with the Church at Pleasant Point, Lincoln County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1874. Their total is 1011. A letter was presented, from Redbird Association, by her Messenger, Elder Z. Sutton, asking a correspondence with us, which was received; their next Association to be held with the Church at Rockhouse, on the Middle Fork of the Kentucky river, Clay County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1874. Their total is 174.

Third. Ordered, that we hold our next Association with the Church at Salem Meeting-house, Laurel County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1874.

Fourth. Ordered, that D. R. Brock, A. Jackson, M. Jackson, G. Weaver, J. I. Weaver and R. Jones, be a committee of correspondence.

Fifth. Ordered, that a committee of five brethren be appointed, viz: Elders G. Brock, A. B. Belvin, J. Philpot and T. P. McCracken and brother Levi Jackson, to answer queries coming from two Churches, viz: Horse Creek and Pigeon Roost. Also that three corresponding brethren be requested to set with said committee, viz: Elders N. B. Johnson, J. Ward and J. S. Reynolds, and said committee to report on to-morrow morning.

Sixth. Ordered that one member from each Church, with the entire delegation of the Church at Friendship, be a committee on Divine Service.

Seventh. Ordered, that brother Levi Johnston, J. Weaver, and B. F. Catching, with the Moderator and Clerk, be a committee on arrangements.

Eighth. Ordered, that we adjourn until to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, 9½ O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder S. Taylor.

First. Ordered, that Elder J. M. Roberts be invited to a seat with us as a correspondent from Booneville Association.

Second. Report of committee on arrangements read, adopted and committee discharged.

Third. Committee on Divine Service report that Elders S. Taylor, and B. F. Catching preach Saturday, A. M.; Elders J. S. Reynolds and J. Ward preach P. M. On Sabbath, N. B. Johnson and G. Brock A. M. Afternoon, W. B. Estes preach, and the Moderator close.

Fourth. Corresponding letters called for, read, adopted, the following brethren to bear them: To Lynn Camp, G. Weaver, G. Proffit, C. Day, and Elders J. Lewis, G. Brock, L. Johnston, and J. W. Moren; to North Concord, Elders J. Lewis, J. B. Sams, and brother J. How and W. V. Fisher; to Irvine, Elders L. Johnston, T. P. McCracken, J. W. Moren, and brethren E. Bowling and E. Parker; to Rockcastle, Wm. Adams, and Elders A. B. Belvin, W. C. Barret, and J. Philpot; to Redbird, A. Jones, G. Proffit, J. Hornsby, T. J. McWhorter, and Elders J. B. Sams, J. Philpot, J. W. Moren and A. B. Belvin; to Cumberland River, T. J. McWhorter, and Elders G. Brock, and J. W. Moren. Booneville Association changed her time of meeting to Thursday before the second Saturday in October, 1873.

Fifth. Ordered, that Elder R. Mobley be invited to a seat with us as a visiting brother.

Sixth. Ordered, that we invite all visiting brethren from corresponding Associations, who are present, to seats with us.

Seventh. Report of committee on queries: We, the committee appointed by the Laurel River Association, to answer queries coming from the Church at Pigeon Roost and Horse Creek, viz: Shall we, or shall we not fellowship

Churches that hold members that has been excludid from other Churches, or members who have violently left their church, and has not given satisfaction to their church, organized by choosing Elder N. B. Johnston Chairman, and Levi Jackson Secretary, have agreed to submit the following report to consideration of your body. Ans. We believe it depends entirely upon the circumstances connected with the case. We believe if a member of a church is actually in an error and is excludid for the same, he ought to be reconciled to the Church from which he was excludid. We also believe that if a church is actually in an error, and still persists in said error, that it would be the duty of all true Christians to withdraw from such a body and join some Church that keeps up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

LEVI JACKSON, Secretary.

ELDER N. B. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

Elders J. S. Reynolds, T. P. McCracken, A. B. Belvin, Joel Philpot, John Ward, Committee. Which report was unanimously received.

Eighth. On motion of Elder J. B. Sams, that we appoint an evangelist; the voice of the body was taken on the motion, which resulted in 27 for and 29 against the motion.

Ninth. On motion of brother G. Weaver, the Association advises the Churches to contribute liberally to the support of the ministry, and request all the ministers in our Association to labor all in their power, and throw as much of their labors as possible in the destitute part of the Association.

Tenth. Ordered, that Elder J. W. Moren preach the next introductory, and Elder S. Taylor his alternate.

Eleventh. Ordered, that brethren G. Weaver, A. Jackson, and M. Jackson be a committee on finance.

Twelfth. Ordered, that the brother Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that we have 600 copies printed and distributed among the churches according to number.

Thirteenth. Ordered, that when the above number of Minutes are printed, if there be any money left that it shall be given to the Clerk as a remuneration for his services.

Fourteenth. Resolution No. 1 adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes, viz: Whereas, brother Chandler Wyrick, in January last, was seized with that dreadful and contagious disease, smallpox, who, during his suffering, could not be soothed by the presence of his wife, who was not permitted to be with him during his affliction, yet he left the world in full hope of eternal rest. Brother Wyrick had, a short time before his affliction, been received by the Church at Rough Creek, as a candidate for baptism. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That in the death of brother Wyrick, we fully realize not only our loss, but the loss to society, and, more especially to his helpless family, upon whom the burden falls most heavily.

Resolved, That we will ever cherish in our hearts the memory of brother Wyrick, and will extend to his bereaved widow and orphan children, not only our expressions of sympathy, but such care and protection as is due the fatherless and widow.

Fifteenth. Resolved, That we tender our thanks to our Moderator and Clerk, for their prompt and impartial service, also to the brethren, sisters and friends in the vicinity who has, with such christian friendship and hospitality, entertained us during our present session.

Sixteenth. Ordered, that we adjourn till our next Association in course.

ELDER HIRAM JOHNSON, MODERATOR.

ELDER JOHN W. MOREN, Clerk.

T. J. MCWHORTER, Assistant.