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MINUTES

OF THE

Laurel River Association

OF

UNITED BAPTIST,

**Held at Rough Creek Meeting House, Laurel Co., Ky.,
Commencing Oct. 1, 1875.**

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The delegates from the several churches composing the Laurel River Association of United Baptists, convened with the church at Rough Creek Meeting House, on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1875.

Eld. W. B. Estes delivered the annual sermon from St. Luke 19th chap. and 13th verse.

Eld. Hiram Johnson, moderator of last session, being present, called the association to order, and Eld. J. W. Moren, clerk of the last session, being present, proceeded to enroll delegates' names and record the statistics of the several churches, which are shown in the table of statistics.

The association being thus organized proceeded to ballot for moderator and clerk, whereupon Eld. Hiram Johnson was chosen as moderator and Eld. J. W. Moren, clerk.

1st. The privilege was extended for the reception of churches into the association; two letters were presented, one from the church at Island creek, Clay county, and one from the church at Mt. Ararat, Knox county, both of which was received and their messengers invited to seats.

2nd. Corresponding letters were called for, whereupon the following letters were handed in: From Lynn Camp, by her Messengers, E. R. Jones, R. H. Perry, J. Umphlete, J. Helton, and Elders G. Proffit, H. D. Harmon, E. H. Revel, W. Tye, and J. B. Lewis. Their statistics are: baptised 154, total 1089. From North Concord, by her messenger, J. N. Maddock; their statistics are: baptised 77, total 1043.—From Rockcastle, by her messengers, Elds. W. T. Reynolds and J. B. Abbott; their statistics are: baptised 92, total 1044. From Redbird, by her messenger, Eld. Z. Sutton; their statistics are: baptised 2, total 132. Cumberland River, messenger, J. S. Reynolds, but no letter; their statistics are: baptised 92, total 1400. Boonville, no letter, but messenger Eld. R. G. Murray.

3rd. Ordered, That we invite all visiting brethren to seats with us, whereupon, Eld. R. S. Taylor, from South District Association, reported and accepted the invitation.

4th. Ordered, That we hold our next annual meeting with the church at Mt. Pleasant meeting house, Laurel county, on Friday before the 1st Saturday in

October, 1876.

5th. Ordered, That brethren, D. R. Brock, G. Weaver and B. F. Johnson, be a committee on correspondence.

6th. Ordered, That brethren W. B. Estes, Joseph Weaver and W. Brock, be a committee to answer a query coming from the church at Mt. Pleasant.

7th. Ordered, That the delegation from the church at Rough Creek, be a committee on Divine services.

8th. Ordered, That brethren, J. Mason, W. V. Fisher and Wm. McCarty, with the moderator and clerk, be a committee on arrangements.

9th. Ordered, That we adjourn till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Eld. A. Whitt.

1st. Report of committee on arrangements, read, adopted and committee discharged.

2nd. Committee on Divine services report that Elders W. T. Reynolds, J. Abbott, J. B. Lewis and E. Williams, preach to-day—to night, J. Abbott and J. S. Reynolds—and on Sunday, H. D. Harmon, R. S. Taylor, preach, and moderator close, or select some one to close.

3rd. Letters to corresponding association called for, read and adopted, and the following brethren to bear them:—To Rockcastle, W. Adams and Elds. B. F. Catching, W. C. Barret, A. Whitt, A. B. Belvin. Their next association to be held with the church at Sinking Valley, Pulaski county, beginning on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1876. To Boonville, Elds. Levi Johnston, Joel Filpot and W. Wise. Their next association to be held with the church at Pleasant Grove, Owsley county, beginning on Thursday before the 2nd. Saturday in October, 1875. To Cumberland River, J. McFadden and Elds. W. T. Bryant, W. B. Estis and J. W. Moren.—Their next association to be held with the church at Pleasant Run, Pulaski county, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1876. To North Concord, Jas. Filpot, C. Day and Elds. J. B. Sams, I. T. Jones, J. Filpot, L. Hampton, S. Taylor and A. Whitt. Their next association to be held with the church at Fellowship, Knox county, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1876. To Lynn Camp, G. Weaver, D. Williams, J. C. Overbey and Elds. W. C. Barret, B. F. Catching, W. B. Es-

tis, L. Hampton, J. W. Moren, S. Taylor and L. Brock. Their next association to be held with the church at Mt. Zion, Whitley county, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1876. To Redbird, W. R. Cheek, M. Sibert, Jas. Fripot and Elds. J. B. Sams, I. T. Jones and L. Hampton. Their next association to be held with the church at Beech Grove, Clay county, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1876.

4th. The committee appointed to answer the query coming from the church at Mt. Pleasant, viz :

QUERY. "Will the Laurel River association hold a church in fellowship that holds a man as their deacon who is a perfect desperado and a habitual drunkard?" Answer in the negative, provided the church holds such characters knowingly and willingly.

W. B. ESTES,
JOSEPH WEAVER,
WILLIAM BROCK,
Committee.

Which report was adopted and the committee discharged.

4th. Ordered, That Eld. S. Taylor preach the next annual sermon—and J. W. Moren be his alternate.

6th. Report of Evangelist called for, and the following report was handed in, to-wit:

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Laurel River Association of United Baptists :

DEAR BRETHREN: As your Evangelist for the past year, I respectfully submit the following report to the consideration of your body: Spent in the work 145 days; travelled about 1075 miles; delivered 164 sermons and exhortations; witnessed 90 accessions to the church; assisted in the ordination of one minister and one deacon; received as a donation from the association when associated \$14 75 cents; received from the church at Slate Lick, \$7 70 cents; from the church at Mt. Pleasant, \$13 30 cents; from other contributors \$17 80 cents; making in the whole \$52 85 cents. [A collection when the report was made, raised the sum to \$71 50.]

I remain yours in Christ, to labor in the Gospel,
J. W. MOREN,

Which report was received and ordered to be placed in the minutes.

7th. A motion was made to appoint an Evangelist, and carried by a vote of 44 for and 31 against; whereupon J. W.

Moren was appointed as Evangelist for the present year.

8th. Ordered, that one hour and thirty minutes be given to Elds. R. S. Taylor and R. M. Chenault to speak on the Centennial movement in Kentucky.

9th. This Association advises the churches in her Union, to meet at the respective meeting houses on the 4 day of May, 1876, and in their own way, to celebrate the Centennial of the Baptists in Kentucky.

10. Ordered, That brethren W. J. Estis, Levi Johnston and D. William be a committee on finance.

11th. Ordered, That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and distribute the same among the churches according to number; also, that we have 700 copies printed.

12th. Ordered, That the clerk have any money that be left after the expense of printing is defrayed, as a remuneration for his services.

13th. On motion of Eld. G. Brock it is ordered that brother Joseph Weaver, be appointed to write a history of the rise and progress of the church at Providence, to be placed on record in the association book.

14th Resolution—No. 1.—Resolved That we request the Irvine association to take into notice the condition of Pleasant Run church.

Resolved 2nd, That the clerk have appended to the minutes the form of Letter to the association, and the churches be requested to conform thereto.

Resolved, 3d, That we tender our thanks to the moderator and clerk for their faithful and impartial services; also, to the brethren, sisters and friends in the vicinity, who have with such christian friendship and hospitality, entertained us during our present session.

15th. Ordered, That we adjourn until our next association in course.

HIRAM JOHNSON, *Mod.*
J. W. MOREN, *Cl'k.*
D. R. BROCK, *Ass't.*

Form of Letter to the Association :

We, a regular organized church of the United Baptist order, at ———, send this, our annual report to the Laurel River Association when assembled at ——— meeting house, in ———, by her delegates, ———. Our statistics are——.

We remain yours in Christ. This done by order of the church and signed by ———, Mod.

————, Cl'k.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased	Total	Contributions
Pigeon Roost	R. Jones, J. Hampton, G. Cole	...	...	...	4	2	2	14	45
ane Creek...	Elds. B. F. Catching, W. C. Barret	4	2	1	5	1	1	39	55
ound Stone	David Jones, J. R. Cobb	2	...	2	3	5	...	38	50
ft. Zion.....	R. Weaver, J. Hammons, G. Hubbard, D. Lucus, Wm. Garland	3	...	...	...	1	...	32	50
rovidence ...	J. Sasser, T. J. Russel, C. Day, Wm. Bodkin, and Elds. S. Taylor, P. Tuttle	5	3	2	8	2	2	120	2 00
ondon.....	A. S. Dunn, J. H. Jackson, S. R. Permom, J. Harkelroad, R. Perman	6	4	...	...	...	1	26	1 25
iberty.....	W. Adams, S. W. Owsley, and Eld. A. B. Belvin	3	1	1	4	...	...	82	1 35
alem.....	W. McCarty, F. Johnson, W. Cheep, J. Johnson, Thos. Seabron, and Elds. H. Johnson, I. T. Jones, J. W. Moren	26	8	3	2	1	1	136	2 00
Union	Joseph Weaver, T. McNew, J. C. Ovrbey, G. Weaver, J. Weaver	25	8	...	19	...	...	70	1 25
iberty No. 2	J. Hollinsworth, W. Hornsby, J. Hornsby, and Eld. J. B. Sams	6	4	...	2	...	1	66	1 75
orse Creek..	M. Sibert, W. Cottingham, W. B. Hatten, and Eld. L. Hampton	6	...	...	2	...	...	58	1 30
New Salem...	J. Proffit, A. Proffit, H. Hubbard	1	1	...	8	...	1	36	50
ink'g Creek.	J. Nix, J. J. Barret, J. M. Barret, J. Hash, Jesse McFadden	6	1	2	...	...	...	28	75
Little Goose.	E. Filpot, W. V. Fisher T. Filpot, G. W. Bennet, J. M. Bennett, J. Roach, Jas. Filpot, and Eld. J. Filpot	23	5	2	5	1	2	100	1 60
Rough Creek	Elds. G. Brock, W. B. Estis, W. Brock, and L. Brock, D. Williams, E. M. Norvil, L. Jackson, D. R. Brock, B. A. Yaden, L. Watkins	5	2	...	7	1	...	183	2 65
Slate Lick.....	J. S. Jones, J. T. Stillings, J. Tipton, Jas. Mason	10	5	3	3	...	1	49	1 00
Friendship ...	Eld. Levi Johnston, and Wm. Wise	3	2	2	...	4	...	75	1 50
Mt. Pleasant.	B. F. Johnson, Wm. Swanner, H. Pierce, A. J. Gill, and Eld. T. P. McCracken	7	6	1	1	...	2	79	1 00
Pine Creek...	J. McFadden, R. Wilbern	2	...	1	...	2	...	52	1 00
Hawk Creek.	E. Taylor, Elds. A. Whitt, W. T. Bryant	...	2	...	3	...	...	71	1 00
Hazel Patch.	No letter or messenger, total from 1874	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	...
Grassy Spn'gs	" " " " " "	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...
Island Creek.	J. Roark, J. Hollinsworth	2	...	...	...	...	...	12	50
Mt. Ararat...	H. P. Gilbert, C. C. Gilbert	4	...	...	...	...	...	23	50
.....	Total	149	54	20	76	21	14	1440	\$24 90