

# MINUTES

*Of the Annual Meeting of the Elkhorn Association of Baptists, begun and held at Lexington, Kentucky, on Saturday the 8th day of August 1829.*

Elder JOHN BRYCE preached the Introductory Sermon. from St. John, iii, 7: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again."

Letters were received and read, and the messengers names enrolled from the churches, composing the association, as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd. By exp. & hap.	By Letter	Restored	Disd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total
SOUTH ELKHORN.	John Parker, Wm. Gist, Wm. Pollard, S. H. Craig, J. Higbee, D. Bryan, N. Faulkner, G. T. Muldrow, and R. C. Graves,	12	4		2	1		167
CLEAR CR.	*L. Sullivan, J. Lancaster, J. Mitchum, and Robert Scarce,		1		14	1	3	186
GREAT CROSSINGS.	W. Suggett, J. T. Johnson, B. S. Chambers, S. True, G. Long, A. Payne, *T. Craig, and John I. Johnson,	54	8	2	27	4	8	629
BRYAN'S.	J. C. Richardson Sen. J. Darnaby, Asa Thomson, C. Thomson, S. M. Patterson, and B. A. Hicks,	10	3	1	16	2	4	289
STAMPING GROUND.	J. D. Black, M. Duvall, John Lucas, and A. Brooking,	61	17	3	23	2	5	301
SILAS.	James E. Duvall, *W. B. Chinn, A. Shropshire, and Jos. G. Chinn,	30	8		7	2	1	180
NORTH ELKHORN.	J. Graves, T. Herndon, *J. G. Eve, and E. Shirley,	6	4	1	9	1		129
N. FORK.	J. McDonald, S. W. Beehm, *H. Jenkins, and S. G. Hudson,	68	8	1	5	2	1	117
DAVID'S FORK.	J. Vardeman, E. Darnaby, A. Wilson, H. Ellis, J. Withers, and S. W. Hunt,	22	1	4	17	12	15	555
MOUNT PLEASANT.	E. Waller, M. Singleton, P. Withers, E. Haydon, T. Lyne, E. Neal, and P. Smith,	7	5	2	16	3	4	297
LONG LICK.	J. Tinder, Z. Kirby, *J. Garwood, *J. R. Lee, and H. Kelly,	8	7	1	18	1	1	50
BETHLEHEM.	*J. King and Jos. Furman,	9	7	1	3			40
		277	73	16	157	31	42	2940

*Carried over.*

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	<i>Brought over.</i>	277	73	16	157	31	42	2940
BIG SPRING	<i>G. Blackburn, T. Suter, and *R. Johnson,</i>	25	7			3		71
VERSAILLES	<i>Jacob Creath sen, Jacob Creath jr, Josephus Hewett, Tho: Bullock, J. Sullivan, S. Nuckols, and J. B. Jessee,</i>	11	6		5		1	110
GEO. TOWN.	<i>John Bryce, Uriel B. Chambers, John Smith, and *R. Reed,</i>	1	1	1	6	2		137
HARTWOOD	<i>*E. Scott and *P. Short,</i>				4	1		21
PROVID'NCE	<i>L: Bryan, W: T: Bryan, B: Arnett, L: Singleton, J: Shoots, A: Ferra, E: Higbee, and S: Rutherford,</i>	2	3		6	2	3	169
1st BAP. CH. IN LEX'N.	<i>Abraham S: Drake, Wm: T: Smith, William H: Richardson, Martin Hoagland, B: Pilcher, and J: D: Dawson,</i>	27	11		13	3	2	150
PARIS.	<i>G: Gates, W: S: Bryan, *J: Massy, *H: Crockstoner, *G: W: Whate, *Loyd Warfield, and H: Bledsoe,</i>	10	8		21	6	1	346
CANE RUN.	<i>M: Oxley, P: Stout, and J: Appleton,</i>	10			1		3	48
AFRICAN C. IN LEX.	<i>Under the care of the 1st Baptist Church at Lexington,</i>	36	2	4	111	3		460
PLEASANT GREEN.	<i>Thomas Henderson, *E: Johnson, and Edward C: Stiffler,</i>							20
Total,		429	112	21	217	55	56	4488

This \* denotes those who were absent. Preachers names in *Italics*.

The Association proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk. Whereupon brother Thomas Bullock was elected Moderator, brother B. S. Chambers Clerk, and brother Beverly A. Hicks chosen assistant clerk.

Letters from Corresponding Associations received and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

From Bracken—R. L. G. Edwards and William Powel.

Tates Creek—*James E. Duwall, \*J. Bonnell, and T. Brownston.*

North District—*John Smith, W. Orear, \*J. Coons, S. Young, \*J. Suddith, W. McCall, and B. H. Payne.*

Franklin—Benjamin Taylor and Samuel Jessee.

Salem—No letter nor messenger.

South District—E. Fisher, N. Davis, J. Whitehead, E. M. Smith, J. Vaughan, and Isaac Allspaugh.

Long Run—James Roberts.

Boon's Creek—*James Sims, G. G. Boone, T. V. Bush, W. Morton, P. Higbee, J. Henry, J. Vallandigham, L. March, H. Chevis, E. Bibb, \*J. M. Coxwell, \*C. E. Williams, and \*L. N. Lindsay.*

Licking—*Thomas P. Dudley and W. Rash.*

North Bend—Richard Marrs.

Union—No letter nor messenger.

Concord—\*R. H. Ship, \*A. Suter, \*J. Scott, C. Duvall, and W. Tandy.

Baptist—\*C. L. Barnes, R. D. Ship, \*J. Buckley, \*D. Jones, W. W. Penny, and B. Twyman.

A door being opened for the reception of churches, a letter was presented from the Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at "Pleasant Green," Scott county, by her Messengers, \*E. Johnson, E. C. Stiffler, and *Thomas Henderson*, and unanimously admitted as a member of this Association, and the right hand of fellowship given to the Messengers by the Moderator. The Sulphur Fork Association, presented their constitution by the hands of bro: *J. W. Thomas*, and asked a correspondence with the Association, which was unanimously agreed to by the Association.

Brethren, J. T. Johnson, W. T. Smith, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed to arrange the business of the Association, and report on Monday next.

Elder J. Creath Jr. was appointed to write a circular letter, and report on Monday next.

Brethren Thomas Henderson, John B. Jessee, Silas W. Hunt, James E. Duvall, and J. G. Chinn, were appointed a committee to write letters to Corresponding Associations, and report on Monday next.

Eight Ministers were elected by private ballot to preach on Sunday as follows, viz:

Elders Vaughan and Dillard, in the First Baptist meeting-house.

Elders Vardeman and James E. Duvall, in the First Presbyterian meeting-house.

Elders John Smith and W. Morton, in the Methodist meeting-house: and

Elders J. Creath Sen. and J. Creath Jr. in M<sup>c</sup>Chord's church.

Adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, Aug. 9.

The Ministers appointed for the purpose, preached to day to crowded and attentive congregations, in the four meeting houses which had been thrown open by their owners for the accommodation of this Association. Much praise is due to those various denominations, for that spirit of accommodation and politeness so eminently shown on this occasion. We trust they will find an ample reward in that peace of conscience which is the joy of the Christian, and in a generous return of acts of kindness and liberality, politeness, charity, and benevolence, from the members of our denomination.

MONDAY, Aug. 10.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened for business by singing and prayer, offered by Elder Jeremiah Vardeman.

The committee appointed to arrange the business of the Association, made a report, which was read and adopted, and the business taken up accordingly.

Elder Jacob Creath Jr. reported a Circular Letter, which was read and re-committed to Brethren Jacob Creath Jr., Jeremiah Vardeman, and J. T. Johnson, who in some short time reported a Circular Letter, which was read and unanimously adopted, as follows, viz:

## CIRCULAR.

BELOVED BRETHREN:

The brethren and churches composing the Elkhorn Association, avail themselves of the pleasing task of again addressing you by circular letter. The friendly feelings which brought this body into existence are highly honorable to the Christian character, and afford the best opportunity for strengthening those bonds of love and friendship which characterize those who profess the one faith, the one hope, and the one baptism. There is a joy in meeting with our brethren from distant sections of the country, which can only be realized by those who have tasted that the Lord is gracious. When we meet and mingle together in the spirit of the gospel, the best feelings of our hearts are roused into action, and all the Christian virtues are brought to, and concentrated in, that great cause which brought the seed of life and glory into the world. This spirit renews our energies; and those who participate in our exercises and labours, return to their brethren with redoubled vigour, and to their respective churches, and are prepared to bear an humble part in promoting that holy religion, whose founder is the only begotten Son of God, and which will shine brighter and brighter until the world shall be illuminated by its heavenly rays.

We entreat you by all that is lovely and heavenly, and by the sacred truths of which we profess to be witnesses, that you be prayerful, watchful, and diligent in the discharge of every christian duty. Not with the feelings of the formal Pharisee, but with that devotion and humility, which is peculiar to those who have passed from death unto life. Let us exhort you to pray without ceasing. The neglect of this indispensable duty has been the cause of many professors going to their graves with mourning and heaviness. When the Christian yields to the imaginary difficulties which surround him, and avoids

prayer, he is then in danger of being overcome by temptation, and of undoing his own soul.

But, brethren, let us remember that it is not enough for us to keep our garments unspotted from the world. We are made for society. We owe duties to our fellow men. Our redeemer came into the world to redeem man from the dominion of sin. This he does by changing his character, and giving him a relish for pure and heavenly joys. Without such a change, he will forever grovel in the dust, and cling to earth. He will choose this world for his portion; will live like the beasts that perish, and die almost as thoughtless as they of his future destination. Can we behold our fellow creatures thus sinking, in rapid succession, into a world of despair, and not raise a finger for their rescue? Can we be so selfish, so destitute of the benevolent spirit of the gospel, as to be satisfied with our own safety and our own salvation, and not to care for the misery and wretchedness of others? No; let us feel the stirrings of generous sympathy. Let us awake to the wants and woes of our fellow creatures.

As there is now great agitation in society, we entreat the brethren to be cautious in taking improper and unwarrantable liberty with the character of those who may differ from them in sentiment, and with whom we stand connected by the strongest ties and obligations. We should remember that in all cases of difficulty and grievance, there are proper tribunals to which we may resort for satisfaction, to which each individual member is accountable for his sentiments and practice; and that these tribunals are accessible to all who subscribe to the tenets of the general union. We exhort the brethren therefore to let their moderation be shown unto all men, and to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, and whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things. And may the God of love and peace be with you. Amen.

The next Association to be held at Silas meeting-house, Bourbon county, the second Saturday of August, 1830.

Elder G. Gates appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon; and in case of failure, elder Edmund Waller.

• Letters to Corresponding Associations were reported, read, and Messengers appointed as follows, viz:

To Bracken Association—William S. Bryan, G. Gates, Josephus Hewett.

To Tate's Creek—James E. Duvall, J. Creath Jr., J. Hewett.  
 North District—J. Creath Sr. J. Creath Jr. G. Gates, B. S. Chambers, U. B. Chambers, J. Hewett.

Franklin—Geo. Blackburn, E. Waller, S. Nuckols, John I. Johnson, P. Smith, Wm. Suggett, John Mitchum.

South District—Thomas Bullock, J. Creath Jr., Josephus Hewett, J. Creath Sr.

Long Run—Simeon True, E. Haydon, Tho: Bullock, S. Nuckols.

Boon's Creek—J. Hewett, J. E. Duvall, J. Creath Sen. J. Creath Jr. Tho: Bullock.

Licking—Abner Shropshire, John Lancaster, George Blackburn, Jas E. Duvall, John Bryce.

Concord—Jas Tinder, George Blackburn, Mason Duvall.

Baptist—E. Haydon, G. Blackburn, Jno. McDonald, E. Waller, P. Smith, Tho: Herndon, William Suggett, and Simeon True.

North Bend—B. S. Chambers, Tho: Henderson, R. C. Graves.

Sulphur Fork—Robert Scarce.

Union—Abner Shropshire.

Brethren B. S. Chambers and Beverly A. Hicks, appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

On motion of bro: B. S. Chambers, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That hereafter the churches composing this association shall be represented by votes in the following manner, to wit:—Every church shall be entitled to two votes; if composed of one hundred members, three votes; and one vote for every additional hundred members. And we recommend to the churches in our connection to send messengers to the association agreeably to the number of votes they will be respectively entitled to, according to the above ratio.

On motion of bro: U. B. Chambers the following statement and resolution was adopted, viz:

Our brother Herbert C. Thomson, the general agent of the American Bible Society, being now present with us, and having visited this State for the purpose of aiding the friends of the Bible in their efforts to promote a more extensive circulation of the holy scriptures, and especially to furnish all the destitute families in this state that may be willing to purchase or receive the scriptures, with a copy of the Bible—*Resolved*, that we recommend to our fellow-citizens generally, and particularly to the brethren of our denomination, to organize Bible Societies in the different towns and congregations throughout the state of Kentucky.

Adjourned.

Att. B. S. CHAMBERS, *Clk.*

THO: BULLOCK, *Mod'r.*