

MINUTES

OF THE

Elkhorn Association of Baptists,

Held at Northfork Meeting House, in Franklin County, Ky., commencing on
Saturday, the 10th day of August, 1833.

At 11 o'clock, according to appointment, after singing and prayer, Brother GEORGE D. BLACKBURN preached the introductory sermon, from John iii. c. vii. v "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again."

According to established rule, the Moderator of the last session called the Association to order, and the Clerk for last session proceeded to read the letters, and enrol the names of the messengers from the churches composing the Association, as follows.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	MESSENGERS' NAMES.						Total Number.
		Rec'd by ex. & bap.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	
Clear Creek—John Lancaster,* B. Pilcher and William Rice.		4	2	1		2	163
Great Crossing—William Suggett, S. True,* A. Payne, Andrew Johnson, R. Adkins, Gabriel Long and S. Branham.		10	2	1	21	4	20
Bryan's—John Darnaby,* E. Darnaby,* D. McMurry* and A. Thompson.*		2	1	2	10	9	8
Stamping Ground—J. D. BLACK, MAREEN DUVALL, Jno. LUCAS, L. D. Alexander and R. Smith.*		105	8		4	3	14
North Elkhorn—John Graves, E. Shirly and N. Smith.*		1		1	2	1	5
North Fork—Henry Jenkins, Philip Hudson and John D. Graves.		1	2		3	1	3
David's Fork—E. Darnaby,* H. Ellis, Gilson Berryman,* James Dawson,* Martin Coons and B. Mitchell.*		12	3		3	10	18
Mount Pleasant—E. WALLER, Richard Woods, Hawkins Craig and Tho. Lyne.			2	1	10	11	4
Long Lick—H. Kelly and P. Trussell.		1	2				
Bethlehem—No letter nor messenger.							45
Big Spring—GEO. D. BLACKBURN and Tho. Suter.		4	2				2
Silas—No letter nor messenger.							69
Georgetown—A. M. LEWIS, G. W. EATON, and ROBERT READ.		5	3		9	1	5
Hartwood—Fountain Rutledge and Thos. Estes.		1	2				
1st Baptist Church at Lexington—M. Hoaglan, Jno. Jones and J. D. Bradley.		6	12	2	11		8
African Church at Lexington—Care of 1st Baptist Church at Lexington.		5	12	1		9	31
Paris—James Coons, Jahab Wheat and Joseph Porter.*					2		4
Cane Run—P. Stout and R. Quarles.		9	1				2
Pleasant Green—Fielding Wood.							15
Rocky Point—Simon Jackson and Wm. True.		1	2				
		171	57	9	75	51	124
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*Not present. Ministers' names in small capitals.

Thus far the business was transacted at the stand. After which, the Association adjourned to the meeting-house, and proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk: Whereupon Wm. SUGGETT was chosen Moderator and GEO. W. EATON, Clerk.

Letters from corresponding Associations were called for and read, and the messengers names enrolled as follows:

- From Bracken*—Wm. Vaughan, H. Roberts* and J. S. Morris.*
 “ *Tate’s Creek*—No letter nor messengers.
 “ *Franklin*—John S. Major, Isaac Wingate, M. B. Chinn, Barnett Harrod,* S. M. Noel,* Uriel B. Chambers, William Hickman, sr., and William Ford.
 “ *Salem*—David Thurman* and James Nall.*
 “ *Licking*—R. T. Dillard and H. C. Payne.
 “ *Union*—Siméon Boston,* Thomas Waggoner* and Miner Winn.*
 “ *Concord*—John Duvall,* William Long, C. Duvall, Richard H. Orr,* Richard C. Lindsay, C. Wingate, John D. Alexander, and R. W. Shipp.*
 “ *Baptist*—Richard D. Shipp, Thomas Hinton, John Price and John G. Maston.*
 “ *Sulphur Fork*—Wesley Alexander, F. H. Goodridge* and Merrill Forbes.*
 “ *South District*—No letter nor messenger.
 “ *Boon’s Creek*—David Hudson,* Joseph Christopher, John Henry* and N. R. Graves.
 “ *North District*—No letter nor messenger.

The circular letter was called for, and presented by brother John Jones.

Moved, that the circular be committed to brethren Jones, Waller and Long, to report on Monday next.

Brethren Lyne, Blackburn, Duvall and Quarles, with the Clerk, were appointed a committee to fix the order of business for the association, and report on Monday next.

Brethren Pilcher, L. D. Alexander, Read and H. Craig, were appointed a committee to write corresponding letters to our sister associations.

Brethren Vaughan, Alexander and Waller, were appointed to preach on to-morrow, (Lord’s day;) and brethren Blackburn, Black and Cotton, to preach on Monday.

After prayer by brother William Hickman, Sr., adjourned to meet at 9 o’clock, A. M. on Monday next.

SUNDAY, August 11.

The brethren appointed, preached. The congregation was large, and many present were attentive hearers.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o’clock.

The report of the committee of arrangement was received and adopted.

Brother Waller, from the committee on the circular letter, reported that in consequence of the great length of the letter, and the peculiar nature of the subject discussed, the committee deem it not suitable to the purpose for which it was intended; and therefore the committee offer a substitute, which substitute was adopted by this association as their circular letter.

The committee on corresponding letters reported, and their report, after a slight amendment, was accepted, and messengers appointed to bear the letters as follows:

Bracken Association—To be held at Carlisle, Nicholas county, 1st Saturday in Sept. 1832—Messengers: James Coon, Jos. Porter and George D. Blackburn.

- Tule's Creek*—To be held at ——— 4th Saturday in August, 1833.
South District—To be held at Flat Creek m. h. Mercer county, on Friday before the 3d Saturday in August, 1833.
Long Run—To be held at Taylorsville, Spencer county, 1st Friday in September, 1833. Wm. Rice.
Licking—To be held at Mt. Carmel m. h. Clarke county, on the 2d Saturday in September, 1833 S. True, Geo. D. Blackburn, John Graves and Jahab Wheat.
North Bend—To be held at Forks of Gunpowder, Boone county, on the 3d Friday in August, 1833. Wm. Rice.
Union—To be held at Drift Run m. h. Bracken county, on the 4th Friday in September, 1833. Robert Read.
Concord—To be held at Drennon's Ridge m. h. Henry county, on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1833. Geo. D. Blackburn and Thomas Suter.
Baptist Association—To be held at Unity m. h. Mercer co. on Friday before 1st Saturday in August, 1834. E. Waller, G. D. Blackburn, Thomas Suter and B. Pilcher.
Sulphur Fork—To be held at Corn creek m. h. Gallatin county, 4th Friday in September, 1833. M. Duvall and J. D. Alexander.
Boon's Creek—To be held at Athens, Fayette county, on the 3d Saturday in September, 1833. T. Lyne, M. Hoagland, G. D. Blackburn, Martin Coons, H. Ellis and R. Read.
Franklin—To be held at Cove Spring, Franklin county, on the Friday before the 3d Saturday in September, 1833—James D. Black and Gabriel Long.
Salem—To be held at Otter Creek church, Hardin county, on the Friday before the 1st Lord's day, in October, 1833.

Brother Edmund Waller was appointed to write the next circular letter.

Brother James D. Black was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and in case of failure, brother A. M. Lewis.

Brother George W. Eaton appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes.

Resolved, unanimously, by this association, that the 3d Lord's day in September, 1833, be recommended to the churches composing this association, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, to Almighty God, in view of the awful judgments he has been pleased to send upon our land, and of the low state of religion in many of our churches.

Next association to be held at Cane Run, Fayette county, 2d Saturday in August, 1834.

After prayer and benediction by brother A. M. Lewis, adjourned.

Attest,

WM. SUGGETT, *Moderator.*

G. W. EATON, *Clerk.*

The business of the association was conducted with much unanimity and good feeling; and, each day, the business was brought to a close at an early hour. On Monday, after the association adjourned, at the close of preaching at the stand, much warmth was manifested in the congregation; three persons were received for baptism—and an appointment was made, by some of the ministers present, to protract the meeting the following day.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—Clear Creek, \$1; Great Crossing, 2 50 cts.; Bryan's, 1; Stamping Ground, 1 50; Silas, — North Elkhorn, 1; North Fork, 1; David's Fork, 1 25; Mt. Pleasant, 1 50; Long Lick, 50 cts.; Big Spring, 75 cts.; Georgetown, 1; Hartwood, 50 cts.; 1st Baptist Church, Lexington, 1; African Church, 1; Paris, 1; Cane Run, 75 cts.; Pleasant Green, — Rocky Point, 50 cts. Total, \$17 75

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the Elkhorn Association.

BELOVED BRETHREN:—

The time has again arrived, when, agreeably to custom, we have again to address you by letter. To our minutes and to our returning brethren, we refer you to learn the particulars of our present meeting. The year that has elapsed has been in some respects an eventful one. By almost all your letters we learn that a spirit of lukewarmness is complained of, while from a few we hear the cheering news of the outpourings of the spirit of God. We are happy to see that your letters all seem to breathe a spirit of prayer, that God would revive his work; that he would make bare his holy arm.

You will see that our minutes present a dreadful catalogue of death. Many of our most valuable brethren have fallen asleep. The dreadful pestilence that now walks in darkness and wastes at noonday, seems to have fallen heavily upon us. Brethren, it is the Lord's doings, and let him do what seemeth him good: For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. And we reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us. Let us try to remember that whether we live or die we are the Lord's. Death is the inheritance of the saints, the gate to glory; life and death, things present and things to come, all are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Let us then, brethren, humbly approach a throne of grace, and pray our heavenly father to reconcile us to his divine pleasure; and that, if it seemeth good unto him, he would be pleased graciously to withdraw the ire of his displeasure, and remove the heavy judgments that desolate our lands; that he would revive his work, convince the world of sin, and in wrath remember mercy.

Dear brethren, the signs of the times are ominous of some important event. The judgments of Heaven, the commotions of the world, indicate that something important is at the door. A restless enquiring spirit pervades the earth, and a mighty revolution must ensue. When enquiry is awakened, truth will prevail. Already truth and error seem to marshal their champions, and are preparing for the conflict. The religious and political world declare by no equivocal signs, that the great battle is about to be fought, if it is not actually commenced, when the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. The thrones of darkness are already tottering, and the kings of the earth are quaking with fear.

Brethren—Let us be found on the Lord's side. Put on the whole armour of righteousness. Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear; for our God is a consuming fire. Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind; that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Watch and pray. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.