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MINUTES

OF THE ELKHORN ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT CANE-RUN MEETING HOUSE IN FAYETTE COUNTY, KY. COMMENCING ON SATURDAY THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1834.

At 11 o'clock, according to appointment, after singing and prayer, Brother James D. Black preached the introductory sermon from Isaiah 61st chap. 1, 2, 3, and 4th verses.

According to established rule, the Moderator of last Session called the Association to order, and the Clerk of last Session, (Bro. G. W. Eaton) having removed from us, the said Moderator called on brethren F. C. McCalla & Elijah Hawkins, who proceeded to read the letters, and enroll the names of the messengers from the churches composing the Association, as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.				Total.		
	Rec'd by Exp. & Bap.	Restored.	Dis'd by Letter.	Deceased.			
<i>Clear Creek</i> —Benj. Pilcher, John Lancaster, & Lewis Arnold.	3	1	1	5	2	3	159
<i>Great Crossing</i> —William Suggett, S. True, Robert Adkins, Andrew Johnson, and Asa Smith.	12		21	13	6		483
<i>Bryant's</i> —Asa Thompson, David McMurtry, Edward Darnaby, and Edmund G. Vaughan.	29	3	7	3	7		213
<i>Stumping Ground</i> —JAMES D. BLACK, JOHN LUCAS, MAREEN DUVALL, F. C. McCalla, & L. D. Alexander.	40	7	9	24	2	10	395
<i>North Elkhorn</i> —John Graves, Caleb Tarlton, and Nelson Smith.	9	1	1	6	2	1	103
<i>David's Fork</i> —E. Darnaby, H. Ellis, J. Withers, J. Dawson, M. Coons, and B. Mitchell.	32	2	3	7	1	4	480
<i>North Fork</i> —John D. Graves, Philip Hudson & Henry Jenkins	53	4	1	1	2	1	155
<i>Mount Pleasant</i> —EDMUND WALLER, Thos. Lyne, Merit S. Singleton and Peter Dedman.	7	3	1	4	5	6	216
<i>Long Dick</i> —L. D. Trussell and Pendleton Trussell	1	1		1	1	2	41
<i>Bethlehem</i> —No Letter, or Messenger.							
<i>Big Spring</i> —C. D. BLACKBURN and THOMAS SUTER.	8			6	2	2	71
<i>Silas</i> —JAMES E. DUVALL, James Cantrill, A. Shropshire, Milton Quinn.	15				3	4	115
<i>Georgetown</i> —E. Hawkins, ROBERT READ.		1		18		4	93
<i>Hartwood</i> —Fountain Rutlage, Geo. Berry.							
<i>1st Baptist Church of Christ at Lexington</i> —M. Hoaglan, E. Clark, J. McMain.		3		6	1		100
<i>African Church at Lexington</i> —Care of 1st Baptist Church at Lexington.	41	37	9	3	9	2	515
<i>Paris</i> —Jahab Wheat and French Abbott.	7	4	15	4			92
<i>Cane Run</i> —Azariah S. Higgins and John W. Tyler.	4	6		1	2	1	46
<i>Pleasant Green</i> —No Letter.	2		1	2			19
<i>Rocky Point</i> —William True.							

Rec'd by Exp. & Bap. 293 —By Letter 73 —Restored 42 —Dis'd by Letter 116 —Excluded 52 —Deceased 57 —Total 3039

Names of Preachers in SMALL CAPITALS, (*) signifies messengers not present.

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 William Suggett was chosen Moderator, Elijah Hawkins Clerk, and F. C. McCalla assistant Clerk.

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

From Franklin—Wm Vaughan, Wm. Warder.

“ *Franklin*—No Letter, U. B. Chambers messenger.

“ *Salem*—No Report.

“ *Licking*—Bre. A. Blanchard and Payne.

“ *Union*—No Report.

“ *Concord*—Erastus Bainbridge, R. C. Lindsey,* A. Suter,
John Scott.*

“ *Baptist Association*—Jordan H. Walker, Thomas Hinton, and John L. Walker.

“ *Sulphur Fork*—W. Alexander, S. Rush,* F. H. Goodridge, S. Kelly,* M. Forbis.*

“ *South District*—John Rice, R. P. Stunbergen,* Evan Rogers & Wm Prather.*

“ *Boon's Creek*—John Robinsou, John Henry, John Postwood, R. C. Allen, A. Chiman,* Wm. Gest, Gab. Minter,* David B. Hayes, B. P. Evans* and J. C. Christopher*.

“ *North Bend*—Cave Johnson and Robert Kirtley.

“ *Long Run*—Nathan Beacham,* Samuel K. Sparks,* Edmund Edwards.*

The circular letter was called for, and presented by brother Edward Waller—and after being read was unanimously adopted.

Brethren E. Waller, Mareen Duvall, George Blackburn with the Clerks were appointed a committee to fix the order of business for the Association, and report on Monday next.

Brethren L. D. Alexander, Benjamin Pilcher, John Graves and Thomas Lyne were appointed a committee to write corresponding letters to our Sister Associations.

Brethren Warder, Waller and Alexander were appointed to preach to-morrow, Lords day, at the House, and brethren Buck, Kirtley and Dudley at the Stand; and Brethren Hatch, Taylor and Blackburn at the Stand on Monday next.

After prayer, adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, AUGUST.

The brethren appointed, preached, and the congregation was large, and generally speaking, much order and solemnity prevailed.

MONDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

The Report of the Committee of arrangement received and adopted, and the first business which occupied the attention of this Association, was to comply with a request of the Church of North Elkhorn, on the subject of communion, which was answered as follows.

This Association in answer to an enquiry made by the Church at North Elkhorn, on the subject of communion, are of opinion that it is improper for a member of any Church in the communion with this Association to commune with any other denomination.

The committee on corresponding letters reported, and their report unanimously was accepted, and members appointed to bear the letters as follows.

Boon's Creek Association—To be held at Providence Meeting House, Clark county, Ky on the 3rd Saturday in September, 1834; Messengers James E. Duvall, James Cantrell, M. Coons, J. Dawson, E. Darnaby M. Hoagland and Hezekiah Ellis.

Franklin Association—To be held on the _____ day of _____ Messengers, Geo. Blackburn, Simeon True and Robt. Read.

Salem Association—To be held on the _____ day of _____ at _____ Messengers, E. Waller and George

Blackburn.

Sulphur Fork Association—To be held at Lagrange Meeting House, Oldham county, Ky., on the 4th Friday in September, 1834—Messengers, L. D. Alexander.

North Bend Association—To be held at Bullettsburg Meeting House, Boone county, Ky. the third Friday in August, 1834—Messenger, George Blackburn.

Concord Association—To be held at Sharon Meeting House, Gallatin county, Ky. the 4th Friday in August, 1834—Messengers, L. D. Trussell and George Blackburn.

Tate's Creek Association—Letter sent, no Messenger.

Union Association—Messenger. Robert Read.

Long Run Association—To be held at Little Flock Church, Bullett county, Ky. the 1st Friday in September, 1834—Letter sent, no Messenger.

Licking Association—To be held at Mount Gilead, Mason county, on the 2nd Saturday in September, 1834.—Messenger, French Abbott.

Bracken Association—To be held at Salt Lick Church, Lewis county Ky. on the 1st Saturday in September, 1834—Messenger, Jahab Wheat.

Baptist Association—To be held at Little Flock Meeting House, Anderson county, Ky., on the Friday before the 1st Saturday in August, 1835—Messengers, George Blackburn, Edmund Waller, Thomas Lyne, Peter Dedman and J. E. Duvall.

South District Association—To be held at New Providence, 3 miles East of Danville, in Lincoln county, Ky., on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August, 1834.

North District Association—No Letter, nor Messengers.

Brother Elijah Hawkins was appointed to write the next circular letter.

Brother Mareen Duvall was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and in case of failure brother Edmund Waller.

The next Association to be held at Bryants Station, the 2nd Saturday in Aug. 1835. After singing and prayer, adjourned.

WM. SGGGETT, *Moderator.*

ELIJAH HAWKINS, *Clerk.*

The busines of the Association was conducted with good feelings and brotherly love, and an affectionate feeling seemed to pervade the whole Association in a very peculiar manner.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—Clear Creek, \$1; Great Crossing, 2; Bryan's, 1; Stamping Ground 1 50; North Elkhorn, 1; North Fork, 1; David's Fork, 1 50; Mount Pleasant, 1 25; Long Lick, 37 1-2; Big Spring, 75; Silas, 1 25; Georgetown, 1; Hartwood, 50 cts.; 1st Baptist Church at Lexington, 1; African do. do. 1; Paris, 1; Cane Run, 75 cts.; Rocky Point, 50 cts.—\$18 37 1-2 cents..

CIRCULAR LETTER

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE ELKHORN ASSOCIATION.

Beloved Brethren,—It is not less in obedience to custom, than with the kindest feelings of brotherly love, and sincere desire to promote your future prosperity and welfare, that we again address you. We desire to return our grateful acknowledgments to the father of every good and perfect gift for all his kindness towards us, that we are still the spared monuments of his mercy, and that no particular mark of his displeasure is over us. These things should not only make us grateful, but should induce us to watch over ourselves, lest we should appear forgetful of his many favours. We should not therefore brethren, indulge ourselves in inglorious repose, and cry *peace, peace, when there is no peace*. The times are ominous and the warning voice of our master commands us still to *watch*. We have scarcely yet got rid of the troubles that but a few years ago threatened the peace and happiness of the Churches of this Association, and let us not even now deceive ourselves, with the vain and delusive hope that our troubles are over. No, *Satan is transformed as an Angel of light, and his ministers as*

the ministers of righteousness. Do we not give too much heed to seducing spirits? Should we not be more circumspect and careful, lest we bid God speed to the workers of iniquity! Does it not behove us to stand forth more boldly in defence of the faith once delivered to the saints! Should we be ashamed to maintain the doctrines we believe clearly set forth in the Bible? Brethren, these are not the times for new things—we should not be turned about by every wind of doctrine. The charms of novelty have enticed many astray amidst the fascinations of new things. Let us walk in the light of the Scriptures, and never to attain any end, to pursue a course, where for the same purpose a different way is clearly marked out in the Scriptures. We should enquire of the Saviour and his Apostles concerning all things, in relation to the order of his house. Does not the Bible teach, and have not the Baptists ever believed that the labourers in the harvest of the Lord are employed by himself? “that repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ are the gifts of God—that persons born from above are the subjects, and immersion the mode of Baptism.” And why should we now shrink to maintain these glorious truths! Let these be overthrown and our enemy will triumph signally. Overthrown! Indeed they cannot be, weakened and undermined they will not be, if you remain true to the doctrine of the Bible.

Brethren, take the Scriptures as the man of your counsel, study them prayerfully and carefully, that you may be enabled the better to watch over one another for good, and to examine your own hearts, to scrutinize your own actions, and to guard against false teachers—Those Wolves in Sheep's cloathing that prey upon the peace of Zion. Be of one mind—do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together—pray often in your families. Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true—whatsoever things are honest—whatsoever things are just—whatsoever things are pure—whatsoever things are lovely—whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise think on these things.