

MINUTES

OF THE ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

Held at Clear Creek Meeting House, Woodford County, Ky., Saturday
13th day of August, 1836.

Agreeably to appointment, Elder Wm. C. Buck preached the introductory sermon from Acts xx, 28, first clause,—“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers.”

Letters from the Churches composing the Association were then read, and the Messengers names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS NAMES.	Rec'd by exp. & ban.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total number.
CLEAR CREEK—John Lancaster, Lewis Arnold and Reuben Jessee.		3	2				2	134
GREAT CROSSINGS—Wm. Suggitt, B. F. Kenney, † G. B. Long, N. Long, Y. R. Pitts, and Asa Smith.		4		18			7	428
BRYAN'S—E. Darnaby,* D. McMurtrey, Wm. Graves,* and Asa Thompson.					4	3	3	192
STAMPING GROUND—James D. Black, † John Lucas, † H. Branham, F. C. Ford, and Edmund Coppage. †		2	9	23	4	5		329
NORTH ELKHORN—Lewis Atkins, † John Graves, and A. Wise.		1		1			1	105
DAVID'S FORK—Edward Darnaby, H. Ellis, J. Withers, M. Coons, E. Bryan and J. Dawson.		4		3	2	1		480
BIG SPRING—Geo. Blackburn † and Thomas Suter. †		2		3			2	67
NORTH FORK—S. W. Branham, J. D. Graves and R. Snell.		6		14	1	2		112
MOUNT PLEASANT—Edmund Waller, † S. Holloway, M. S. Singleton and Thos. Lyne.		7	2	2	4		7	216
SILAS—J. E. Duvall, †* J. Cantrell, A. Chinn, and A. Sbroproshire.		2		1			2	114
GEORGETOWN—Robert Reed † and Elijah Hawkins.		7	2		5	1	9	98
HARTWOOD—Thomas Eastes,* and George Bery.*		2	1		2			24*
1ST BAPTIST CH. IN LEX. S. M. Noel, † J. Fishback, † L. W. Seely, † M. Hoagland, J. Royle, E. Clark, R. Brent, J. Beach, and B. Pitcher.		27	23		9		4	188
AFRICAN CHURCH—Care of first Baptist church.		7	8	11		12	2	566
PARIS—J. Coons, J. Wheat, and F. Abbott.*		2	1	4	2	4		107
CANE RUN—Wm. Kise and P. Stout.		2			1	1	1	36
ROCKY POINT—J. R. Lee, and L. White.		2	5					27
DRY RUN—J. Hambrick and M. Burch.		2	4		1		1	54
Grand Total,		69	69	20	90	28	13	3277

*Not present. †Ordained Ministers. ‡Licentiate.

Thus far business was transacted at the stand; after which the Association repaired to the house and the election of moderator and clerk gone into, whereupon brother William Suggett was chosen moderator, and brother Elijah Hawkins, clerk.

Letters from corresponding Associations were called, read, and messengers bearing them invited to seats, and their names enrolled as follows, to-wit:

FRANKLIN—Joel Scott,* W. W. Ford,* U. B. Chambers,* J. Wilson,* N. Ayres, and H. Wingate.

SALEM—Wm. Quinn, Spence Minor,* T. Rush,* W. J. Stout,* C. Lovelace,* B. Keath,* and W. Hawkins.

UNION—T. Waggoner,* and N. Riley.

CONCORD—W. M. Suter, H. B. Vallandingham,* and J. T. Sudsor.

BAPTIST—J. G. Masten,* T. Hinton, B. P. Gray, Jas. Carpenter, J. Edwards, C. L. Barnes, B. Giltner, J. M. Bell,† J. H. Walker and A. Herndon.

SULPHUR FORK—B. Walker, J. Carpenter, J. A. McGuire, and J. Hulsey.*

SOUTH DISTRICT—John Dean, John Rice,* W. Prather, B. Kemper, E. Fisher, J. Graham,* E. Rogers, John S. Higgins, J. Hutchinson, and John Sandford.*

BOON'S CREEK—J. Henry, G. Minter, A. Christman, A. B. Hays,* J. Cravens,* H. Ballard,* E. Elkin,* J. Robinson,* B. P. Evans,* and J. Evans.*

NORTH BEND—F. Craig, and E. Graves.*

LONG RUN—George Waller, Thomas Dale, J. Roberts,* J. Robinson,* and J. Dale.*

BRACKEN—T. Adams, J. S. Morris,* and H. Roberts.*

TATES CREEK—Thos. Jarman,* S. Park,* T. Turner,*

LICKING—No letter arrived, but understanding one was written and brother J. Long appointed to bear it, he was therefore invited to a seat.

The circular letter called for, read, and received.

Brethren S. M. Noel, G. Blackburn, J. Lucas, with the moderator and clerk, appointed a committee of arrangement.

Brethren F. C. Ford, M. Burch, L. W. Seely, J. Graves and R. Reed, were appointed to write corresponding letters.

Brethren George Waller, S. M. Noel, and John A. McGuire were chosen to preach on to-morrow, (Lord's day;) and John S. Higgins, J. H. Walker and Wm. C. Buck on Monday at the stand.

After prayer, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

LORD'S DAY, August 14.—Brethren Noel, Waller, and McGuire preached with much acceptance to an unusually large, and in a great measure, attentive audience.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, August 15.—Met pursuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer proceeded to business.

The committee of arrangements made report, which was read, received, and proceedings had in accordance therewith.

1. This Association recommends to all the churches of which she is composed, and to corresponding Associations, to observe the first Saturday in November as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer to the great Head of the church for a revival of religion.

2. Our next Association shall be at Dry Run meeting-house, Scott county, Ky. on second Saturday in August, 1837.

3. Brother S. M. Noel to write the next circular letter.

4. Brother Edmund Waller appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and in case of failure, brother S. M. Noel.

5. Letters to corresponding Associations were read and brethren appointed to bear them as follows:

*Not present.

To Bracken Association, to be held at Bracken meeting-house, Mason county, Ky. on first Saturday in September, 1836; Richard Brent, J. Wheat, and Geo. Blackburn.

To Franklin, to be held at Pigeon Fork meeting-house, Anderson county, Ky. on the third Saturday in September, 1836; George Blackburn, F. C. Ford, J. Lancaster, S. Holloway and James D. Black.

To Salem, to be held at New Hope meeting-house, Washington county, on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, 1836; Edmund Waller.

The letter prepared by the committee to the Licking Association, being read, a motion was made to add a postscript to it stating some exceptionable doctrines and practices alledged to be taught and encouraged by members of said Association; which motion was agreed to, and brethren B. Pilcher, G. Blackburn, J. D. Black, G. Long and M. S. Singleton were appointed a committee to prepare said postscript, who after conference reported the letter as amended which was read and received as the letter

To Licking, to be held at Stony Point meeting-house, Bourbon county, Ky. on second Saturday in September, 1836, and brethren Lewis Atkins, A. Wair, W. Kise, John Graves and R. Jesse were appointed to bear it.

To Union, to be held at Falmouth, Pendleton county, Ky. on the fourth Friday in August, 1836; A. Shropshire and Edmund Coppage.

To Concord, to be at Cane Run meeting-house, Henry county, on the fourth Friday in August, 1836; B. F. Kenney and Thomas Suter.

To Baptist, to be held at Salt River meeting-house, Anderson county, on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1837; R. Jessee, L. Atkins, and John Lancaster.

To Sulpher Fork, to be held at Hillsborough, Henry county, Ky. on the second Friday in September, 1836; James Dawson.

To South District, to be held at McCormack's, Lincoln county, on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1836; Spencer Holloway.

To Boon's Creek, to be held at Indian creek meeting-house, Clark county, Ky. on third Saturday in September, 1836; Enoch Bryant and E. Darnaby.

To North Bend, to be held at Dry Creek, Campbell county, Ky. on third Friday in August, 1836; Robert Reed.

To Long Run, to be held at Simpsonsville, Shelby county, on Friday before the first Lord's day in September, 1836; Lewis Arnold and M. S. Singleton.

To Tate's Creek, to be held at Tate's creek stone meeting-house, Madison co. Ky. on the fourth Saturday in August, 1836; John Lancaster, Spencer Holloway and Lewis Atkins.

6. The clerk appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

7. The following contributions were made by the churches: Clear creek \$1; Great Crossings \$2; Bryan's \$1; Stamping Ground \$1 50; North Elkhorn \$1; David's Fork \$1 50; Big Spring 75 cts.; North Fork \$1; Mount Pleasant \$1 50; Silas \$1; Georgetown \$1; Hartwood 50 cents, 1st Baptist church in Lexington \$1 25; African church \$1 50; Paris \$2; Cane Run 50 cents; Rocky Point 50 cents; Dry Run \$1.—\$20 50.

After prayer by brother McGuire, adjourned.

Attest.

WILLIAM SUGGETT, *Moderator.*

ELIJAH HAWKINS, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Elkhorn Association of Baptists now in session at Clear Creek meeting-house, Woodford county, Ky. second Saturday in August, 1836, to the churches and members whom she represents, sendeth greeting:—

DEAR BRETHREN:—Agreeably to the usual custom we address you a circular letter, and have chosen the subject of Ministerial labor and support in the churches, as best suited to the present crisis. It is a fact, dear brethren, that some of the churches in our body are entirely destitute of stated preaching, and but few are supplied, statedly, more than once a month. Now, dear brethren, we cannot reasonably expect ever to prosper and increase as a denomination while we continue in this situation. We deem it important that every church should have her own pastor to dispense the word of life amongst them; and that they should meet on every Lord's day for worship, whether they have preaching or not, by which means gifts in the churches would be developed and improved, and in a reasonable time our languishing churches might be supplied with diligent and faithful pastors, who would spend their time and their talents in the service of God and the building up of the churches—in proclaiming a crucified and risen Savior to a perishing world. But, beloved brethren, we should bear in mind at the same time that our ministering brethren are flesh and blood as well as the the rest of us, and while they are laboring for the churches they ought and must be supported by the churches; for the great Apostle to the Gentiles says 'that the laborer is worthy of his hire;' and again, 'thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn;' and again, 'they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple;' and they that wait at the altar are partakers with the altar;' even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel'. We are aware brethren that some will say that this had no allusion to carnal or earthly things, to those things necessary to the support of this mortal body, and only means that they that preach the gospel should first be partakers of the grace of God; but those that take this view of that passage of scripture would exclude Paul from any participation in the grace of God; for in the verse next succeeding the above quotation, the Apostle says, 'but I have used none of these things.'

For a detail of the business transacted by the Association we refer you to our minutes and to your returning messengers. Now, dear brethren, let us endeavor to be united and firm, and contend earnestly (but not angrily) for the faith that was once delivered to the saints; and let us endeavor to discharge our duty to God and towards each other; and let us with one heart and one mind pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send out more laborers into his harvest.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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