

M I N U T E S

of the

North Elkhorn Association
of Baptists

Held at Dry Run Meeting-house, Scott County,
Ky. on the second Saturday in August 1837.

Agreeably to appointment Bro. Waller preached
the Introductory sermon from John 17th. 20th
verse.

Letters from the churches comprising the Asso-
ciation were then read the the Messengers names
enrolled as follows.

Churches	Messengers Names	Received by Ex & Bap.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded Dead	Total Number	
Clear Creek -	John Lancaster, Thos. Williams & Reuben Jessee		2		1	1	134	
Great Crossings -	W. Suggett, B. F. Kenney, G.B.Long, N. Long, A.Smith, Y.R.Pitts		1		8	1	7	413
Bryan's -	E.Darnaby, Chas. Reid, Asa Thompson	14	5		4	6	1	196
Stamping Ground -	Rodes Smith, John Lucas, F.C. Ford, F.C.McCalla, J.D. Black	3	3		9	1	8	317
North Elkhorn -	Lewis Atkins, J.Graves & A.Wair		1	1	3	1		104
David's Fork -	E.Darnaby, H. Ellis, E.Bryan, M.Coons, J.Dawson, B.Crim	4	2	1		3	4	476

Churches	Messengers Names	Received by Ex & Bap.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Number
Big Spring -	Thomas Suter, George Blackburn	18	2		3			82
North Fork -	J.Graves, J. Hockersmith	83	12				1	99
Mt.Pleasant -	E.Waller, Thos.Lyne, S.Holloway, Thos.S.Smith	5				4	2	207
Silas -	J.E.Duvall, J.W. Sparks, J.Browning, J. Cantrill		1		2		1	100
Georgetown -	E.Hawkins, Robert Read							25
Hartwood -	Thos.Estice, George Berry							
1st Bap.Church in Lexington -	Noel, Clark, Hoagland, Royle, Brent, Payne, J. Beach, and Tilton	16	16		3	4	2	201
African Church -	Care of 1st Baptist Church in Lexington	30			1	4	5	601
Paris -	A.Goodell, Jahab Wheat, J.Coons						2	107
Cane Run -	R.Quarles, J. Leak			1	6		2	29
Rocky Point -	J.R.Lea		2		4			26
Dry Run -	M.Burch, J.Ham- brick, W.W.Hawkins		3		2		1	55
Long Lick -	L.D.Trussell, J.Harrison				8		2	21
		173	45	8	54	27	36	3193

Thus far business was transacted at the stand, after which the Association repaired to the house and proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, whereupon brother William Suggett was elected Moderator, and brother Elijah Hawkins, Clerk.

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

Franklin - James Ford and W. D. Hubbell.

Union - Simeon Boston, Thomas Wagoner.

Salem - No Letter, W. Vaughn.

Concord - Elijah Threlkeld, W.M.Suter, C.Duvall,
Thomas Hopkins, A.Mothershead, L. D.
Alexander.

Baptist - J.R.Peters, J.G. Mastin and Jas.Penney.

Boone's Creek - Joseph Minter, Belain P.Evans
and Benj. Drake.

North Bend - Absalom Graves.

Bracken - No Letter. John Holliday.

Tate's Creek - No Letter.

Licking - Thomas P.Dudley, L.Corbis, J.Dudley,
E.S.Tabor, J.C.Long, T.Thompson, S.
Courtney and J.Withers.

The Church of Christ at Glen's Creek - Presented her letter of dismission from Baptist Association, and asked permission to become a member of this Association, and was unanimously received, and the right hand of fellowship given her messengers, John G. Mastin, Thos. Hinton, John P. Craig and Benj. P. Gray, and invited to seats.

The Baptist Church of Christ at East Hickman - By her messengers, R.T.Dillard, Asa Blanchard and P.G.Hunt, applied for admission into this Association, and the same being received, the right hand of fellowship was given their messengers, and invited to seats.

The Baptist Church of Christ at Hillsboro - Also received into this Association, and the right hand of fellowship given their messengers, C.L. Barnes, John G.Price and B.Giltner, and invited to seats.

Middle District Association admitted into our correspondence, Daniel Riley.

The Circular Letter called for, read and

received.

Brethren G.Blackburn, E.Waller and S.M.Noel with the Moderator and Clerk, Committee of Arrangement.

Brethren B.P.Gray, John Graves, B.Giltner, Lyne, J.G.Price appointed to write corresponding letters.

Brethren, G.B.Long, S.M.Noel, J.D.Black, Rodes Smith, F.C.McCalla appointed to attend to the letter from Licking.

Brethren, Vaughan, Dillard and Noel appointed to preach tomorrow, Lord's day - and brethren E.Waller, Landrum and Alexander, Monday at the stand.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Monday morning, met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment.

Committee of Arrangement sent report which was read as follows:

1st Our next Association to be held at David's Fork on the second Saturday in August, 1838.

2nd Bro.R.T.Dillard appointed to write our next Circular Letter.

3rd Bro.R.T.Dillard appointed to preach our next Introductory Sermon.

4th The Corresponding letters called for, read and received, and messengers appointed to bear them, as follows:

So.Franklin Association, to be held the 3rd Saturday in September next, J.E.Duvall, W.Suggett, R.T.Dillard, J.Lancaster & G.Blackburn.

Salem, 1st Friday in October, Hardin County. W.Vaughan.

Union, at Union meeting house, Harrison County, 4th Friday in August, 1837. J.Leake, J.E.Duvall.

Baptist - J.G.Mastin, B.Giltner, J.G.Price, B.P.Gray, C.L.Barnes, held at Cloverbottom, Woodford County, Friday before 1st Saturday in August 1838.

Sulphur Fork - Providence meeting-house, Henry County 2nd Friday in September 1837. A.Goodell.

South District - Washington County, near Springfield, on next Friday. Bro. Leake.

Boone's Creek - held at Boone's Creek meeting house, Jessamine County, on 3rd Saturday in September next, E.Waller, Jos. Leake, S.M.Noel, E.Bryan, Thos. Lyne, S.Holloway.

North Bend - Middle Creek meeting house, Boone
County 3rd Friday in August, 1837.
J.J.Johnson and E.Hawkins.

Long Run - Plumb Creek meeting house, Spencer
County 1st Friday in September 1837.
James Ford.

Bracken - Held 1st Saturday in September 1837 at
Millersburg. G.W.Blackburn, S.M.Noel,
R.Brent, A.Goodell, J.Coons, J.Leake,
R.T.Dillard.

Tate's Creek - At Liberty, Garrard County, on 4th
Saturday in this month. J.Lancaster,
Spencer Holloway.

Middle District - Held at Bethel meeting house,
Shelby County last Saturday in July,
1838. J.Leake, C.Barnes.

5th. Clerk appointed to superintend the printing
of the minutes.

6th. Report of the select committee to answer the
Licking letter reported verbally, and the
report was received, and the Association
decided to send no letter to the Licking
Association at this time.

William Suggett, Moderator.

Attest. Elijah Hawkins, Clerk.

The contributions were as follows:

Contributions - Clear Creek, \$1.00; Bryant's, \$1.00
Great Crossings, \$1.50; Stamping Ground, \$1.50;
David's Fork, \$1.50; North Elkhorn, 50 cents; Big
Spring, .75 cents; North Fork, 75 cents; Mt.
Pleasant \$1.50; Georgetown, \$1.00; Hartwood, 50
cents; 1st Bap.Church, Lexington \$1.50; African
Church, \$1.52; Paris \$1.50; Silas \$1.00; Cane Run,
75 cts; Rocky Point, 50 cts; Dry Run, 1.00; Long
Lick, 1.00; Hillsboro, 1.50; Glen's Creek, 1.50;
East Hickman, 1.50.

The Elkhorn Association of United Baptists now
in session, at Dry Run, Meeting House, Scott County
Ky, to the members of the Churches comprising the
Association

Sendeth Greeting.

Dear Brethren: - From various parts of our State we
have the most cheering accounts in reference to

revivals. Some of the Churches on the other side of Kentucky River, have been remarkably favored with refreshing seasons from on high. And within our own bounds there are some notices of conversions and baptisms, in which saints may rejoice. The fields appear already white unto harvest, and the reapers are going forth. Enough has been accomplished to strengthen and to gladden the hearts of believers, and to encourage us to hope, that we stand even now in the twilight of a brighter day. Throughout the length and breadth of this vast nation, the churches appear to be shaking off sloth, and awakening from the slumbers of a long night; already many of them have had large accessions and almost every day brings with it the Macedonian cry from the destitute around us. There we find encouragement and field of labor ample enough for those who look no further than to things at home. But when we take a bird's eye view at those dark points of the earth beyond the seas - where the battle now rages, where the powers of darkness present their most appalling front.- What stupendous operations, what amazing exhibitions of grace fill the wondering view, unfolding new scenes and presenting new subjects of prayer and praise.

There in the midst of Idol temples, pagodas and altars crowded by millions of deluded votaries, we look with wonder on Calvary's banner uplifted high; and there the crimsoned flag floats in triumph over benighted Burmah's golden city. There especially we gaze with thrilling delight upon the untiring energies of a little band of fearless pioneers; who having encountered perils by sea, and yet greater perils by land, are now bearing the glad tidings up to the very gates of darkness. These are the representatives of the United Baptists in North America - yes, they represent us, and through them we are now pleading the cause of Christ before the teeming millions of the East.

Among the native Indian tribes within the limits of the United States, consisting of 66,000 souls, we are ably represented by brother Isaac McCoy and

his associates. His appeal to the churches, calling for 20 additional missionaries to labor in the Indian Territory, we commend to your careful notice; and let it not be forgotten, that when these are supplied, there are yet 4,300,000 beyond our limits, living, dying in pagan darkness. A most remarkable circumstance demands our notice. The grand obstacle to Indian instruction has been recently removed by the invention of the new system of writing. A person capable of reading English, says Brother McCoy, in the course of an hour, may now learn to read a book in any Indian Language so as to be well understood by one acquainted with that language. And an Indian who never knew a letter can learn to read his own language in a few days. Thus lets and hindrances to the spread of the Gospel truth apparently great, are as light as mist before the rising sun—so shall every imagination and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, be cast down, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. Brethren, is this a time to strive about words to no profit, but to the subversion of hearers – or to be found doting about foolish and unlearned questions, and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strifes, railings and evil surmisings?

Would it not be more becoming to shun profane and vain babblings and to put on charity which is the bond of perfectness? Brethren, we are rapidly approaching a period when men shall be devoted to God as their fathers never were – an age of action, of enterprise, of generosity, of which, in their indolent and selfish repose, former generations had no conceptions.

The harvest of the world is to be gathered in; shall any portion of the coming ages rise up and call us blessed? In an age when all nature seems travailing together to bring forth the glory of the church, shall we be found lagging behind, casting ourselves as a dead weight upon the movements of the church? Sooner let us get back to the dark ages, unworthy of the present period. Finally, be exhorted to set yourselves to great and generous actions, to a high and glorious instrumentality in

the kingdom of Christ.

To this end we counsel ministers to assemble themselves together more frequently, and not to be content with anything short of a weekly Sabbath. We counsel ministers not to suppose they have done their duty, when they have labored one or two hours on one day in seven; but rather to give themselves wholly to the work. And to all, we say, walk in the spirit, grow in grace, in faith and in love - fight the good fight of faith, and thus lay hold of life eternal.