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# MINUTES

OF THE

## ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

HELD AT GLENN'S CREEK, WOODFORD COUNTY, KY.

Commencing on the 2d Saturday in August, 1840.

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TABLE, OF CHURCHES, MESSENGERS, &C.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by exp. & bap.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
Clear Creek,	C. Barnes, Reuben Jessee, JESSEE N. SEELY and Henry Moss,	11			7	1	3	188
Gr. Crossings,	Wm. Suggett, Simeon Branham, Y. R. Pitts, W. G. CRAIG, Asa Smith, and Gabriel B. Long,	10	3	1	11	1	7	452
Bryant's,.....	EDWARD DARNEBY, B. A. Hicks, Charles Rice, and Thomas O. Ellis,		2		10	2		200
Stamping Gr.	J. D. BLACK, JOHN LUCAS, F. C. McCalla, F. C. Ford, F. B. McDonald, Isaac Adams, and J. Lindsay,	39	2		24	1	10	537
David's Fork.	E. Darneby, H. Ellis, J. Wethers, E. Bryan, M. Coons, J. H. Darneby, and G. W. Darneby,	5		1	10	6	2	592
Big Spring,	THO. SUITER, B. G. Yancey, and Wyatt Wood,	36	8		4	1		122
North Fork,	Samuel W. Beohm, John S. Hocker-smith, and James F. Strong,	2	1	1	3	1	2	103
Mt. Pleasant.	EDMUND WALLER, James Smith, and Spencer Holloway,	1		1	3	18	5	132
Silas,.....	J. W. Sparks, J. M. Chinn, A. Shropshire, and J. Cantrell,	4				2	1	87
Georgetown,	G. G. Stiffce.	13	16				1	94
Hartwood,.....	Silas Berry and Jessee Richardson.	2			2			26
1st B. Ch. Lex and African, do.	W. F. BROADDUS, B. P. DRAKE, and M. Hoagland,	14	8	4	17	10	4	275
	E. Clarke, James H. Rice, N. Mixer, H. C. Payne, John Allen, Jas. Beach and Richard Brent, (under care of 1st Bap. Church.)	60	2	2		5	10	703
Paris,.....	GEO. C. SEDWICK, Thomas Scott, James Hinton, Thomas Sadler and William Griffing,	17	8	5	9	2	7	236
Dry Run,.....	Milton Burch and Joseph Johnson,	10				1		77
Pleas't View,	Jos. Wilson, R. Jones, and J. W. Lee,	51	1		2	1		105
Cane Run,.....	Roger Quarles and JOSIAH LEAKE,	45	4					71
Long Lick,.....	E. Coppidge and Jacob Smith,*	1	2	2	6			14
E. Hickman,	R. T. DILLARD, Young and Carr,*	0			1			153
Glenn,s Cr'k,	R. D. Shipp, Jas. Ford, Jno. G. Mastin, and Charles Bradley,	4	1	1	8	1	10	213
Hillsborough,	C. D. Barnes, B. Giltner, and John G. Price,	2	2		8	1	1	156
Mt. Vernon,	J. M. Hewett, Henry Wallace, Willis Price, R. Hicks and J. M. Davis.							
		327	60	18	125	52	65	4536

NOTE.—The names printed in Capitals are ordained ministers; those printed in italics are licentiates; and those with a \* affixed were absentees.

No return of members from Mt. Vernon Church.

## MINUTES.

AGREEABLY to appointment Brother **GEORGE C. SEDWICK** preached the introductory sermon, from 1st chap. Rev. part of the 5th and the 6th verses: "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, and his Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Letters from the Churches composing this Association were then called for, and read at the stand, and the names of the Messengers bearing them enrolled as follows:

[SEE TABLE ON OPPOSITE PAGE.]

After which the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk; whereupon Brother **WILLIAM SUGGETT** was elected Moderator, and **F. C. McCalla**, Clerk. The Moderator then called the Association to order, and after prayer by Bro. Vaughn proceeded to business.

The Baptist Church at Mount Vernon by letter, and her messengers as above recorded, applied for admission into this Association, which letter was referred to a committee of three, viz. brethren Broadus, Dillard and Waller, who immediately reported unanimously that the application be granted, which was agreed to, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her messengers.

The Circular Letter called for, and adopted.

*Resolved*, That this Association open a correspondence with the Shilo Association of Virginia, and that brother Broadus be appointed a messenger to bear said letter of correspondence.

The letters from corresponding associations called for and read, and the messengers' names bearing them enrolled as follows, who were invited to seats with us:

*Middle District*.—**J. Ford**, **W. G. Rice**, **P. Bass**, **J. Tipton**, **P. N. Robinson**, **H. S. Carns**, **F. H. Garnett**, and **F. Howard**.

*Franklin*.—**W. H. Martin**, **H. L. Foree**, **Abraham Cooke**, **S. B. Scofield**, **James Ford**, and **William Hickman**.

*Salem*.—**W. Vaughn**, **W. Queen**, and **J. L. Burrows**.

*Union*.—**Thomas Waggoner** and **Thomas J. Miller**.

*Concord*.—**W. M. Suiter**, **J. Scott**, **C. Duvall** and **P. H. Todd**.

*Baptist*.—**F. H. Green**, **A. Woods**, **J. A. Morris** and **Isaiah Boone**.

*Sulphur Fork*.—**E. G. Berry**, **James Shouse**, **William Calloway**, **N. Porter** and **J. A. McGuire**.

*South District*.—**J. S. Higgins**, **J. Bradshaw**, **J. H. Kemper**, **J. Rice**, **John Robinson**, **Buford E. Allen** and **Wm. Guess**.

*North Bend*.—**L. Conner** and **A. Graves**.

*Bracken*.

*Long Run*—(no letter,) **W. C. Buck** and **J. L. Waller**.

*Tate's Creek*.

Brethren John Darneby, W. F. Broaddus and Y. R. Pitts appointed to write corresponding letters.

Brethren Drake and Black appointed a committee to answer the letter from North Bend.

Brethren Broaddus, Vaughn and Dillard appointed to preach to-morrow (Lord's day) at the stand, and brethren Buck, Frost and Leake on Monday.

Brother Black presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were referred to a select committee of brethren Black, Dillard and Waller.

Whereas, the churches composing this Association embrace a large scope of country, which is but partially supplied with preaching, and many neighborhoods are entirely destitute; and whereas, we feel it to be our indispensable duty to use our best efforts to have the Gospel preached in every neighborhood, as well as to afford all the aid in our power to weak and destitute churches; as well as an ardent desire to impress upon the churches and preachers more forcibly the importance of the work and cause; that they may feel more sensibly the force of their reciprocal obligations to each other and the great head of the church; that our whole body may become stirred up to a higher and more lofty course of practical godliness towards the fulfilment of the great command, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature;" Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Association procure the services of some suitable, efficient and experienced Minister of the Gospel, to be employed during the next associational year; whose duty it shall be to visit the churches composing this body, as well as the destitute neighborhoods in our boundary; spread before the church the wants of our people; the claims of God and his cause; solicit the co-operation of the churches and ministers in behalf of the destitute; hold protracted meetings at suitable places and on suitable occasions; take up collections, and solicit voluntary contributions in behalf of this association when advisable, to enable us to carry into effect the aforesaid desirable objects; and above all, to solicit the prayerful co-operation of all the churches and brethren, that the great Head of the Church may crown our feeble efforts with success.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Minister so employed in our service, in order that the churches and brethren may know how their liberality has been applied, be required to keep an abridged but faithful journal of his operations, as to time employed in the actual service of this association; collections made, and protracted meetings held, &c. and report at our next association.

3d. *Resolved*, That our ministering brother thus employed receive the sum of \$—— per annum for his time employed in the actual service of this association, to be paid quarterly.

*Resolved*, That a collection be forthwith taken up for the purposes above named.

*Resolved*, That in case a suitable minister cannot be immediately procured, a committee of \_\_\_\_\_ brethren be appointed, whose duty it shall be to procure the services of such a ministering brother as soon as practicable.

4th. *Resolved*, That this association disclaim either the right or power to enforce the foregoing resolutions upon either churches or individuals.

Brethren Black, Mastin, Leake, the Moderator, and Clerk, appointed committee of arrangements.

After prayer by brother Broaddus, adjourned to meet Monday morning, 8 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and spent one hour in social prayer and praise.

9 o'clock.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, and after the roll was called, proceeded to business.

The report from the committee of arrangements was called for and received, and action had thereon as follows, viz.

1st. Our next Association to be held at East Hickman, Jessamine county.

2d. Brother Broaddus appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and brother Leake in case of failure.

3d. Brother H. C. Payne to write the next circular letter.

4th. Corresponding letters called for, read, and directed to be printed in the minutes; and messengers appointed to bear them, as follows, viz.

*Middle District*.—4th Friday in July, at Pigeon Fork, county of Anderson, Ky.—Jessee N. Seely, Henry Moss, Reuben Jessee, Jas. Smith, C. L. Barnes, Jos. Leake, H. Brent and W. F. Broaddus.

*Franklin*, at Mouth of Cedar, Owen county, Ky.—3d Friday in — next.—J. D. Black, Jos. Leake, W. G. Craig, R. T. Dillard, F. C. McCalla, Wm. Suggett, G. B. Long, Y. R. Pitts, J. N. Seely, and F. C. Ford.

*Salem*, at Rolling Fork, Nelson county, Ky.—1st Friday in October next.—J. D. Black, F. B. McDonald, W. G. Craig, and Josiah Leake.

*Union*, Beaver Creek, Harrison county.—4th Saturday in August inst.—Tho. Sadler, William Griffing and E. Coppidge.

*Concord*, at Owenton; 4th Saturday in August inst.—Tho. Suiter, F. F. Kenney, F. C. McCalla, Simeon Branham, Wm. Suggett and Isaac Adams.

*Baptist*, Providence, Anderson county, Ky. Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1841.—Barnet Giltner, Jos. Leake, R. D. Shipp, John G. Mastin, J. N. Seely, Reuben Jessee, A. F. Broaddus and C. L. Barnes.

*Sulphur Fork*, at East Fork, Henry county, Ky. 2d Friday in September, 1840.—R. D. Shipp and J. M. Davis.

*South District*, at Bethel, Washington, on the Friday before the 3d Saturday in August inst.—J. N. Seely.

*Boon's Creek*, at Boon's Creek meeting house, on the 3d Saturday in September, 1840—Reuben Jessee, B. P. Drake, Edward Darneby, H. Ellis, S. Holloway, H. C. Payne, James Smith, and M. Coons.

*Bracken*, at Washington, Mason county, 1st Saturday in September, 1840—G. C. Sedwick, R. Brent, Josiah Leake and Jno. Allen.

*Long Run*, at Clear Creek in Shelby county, 1st Friday in Sept.—C. L. Barnes, B. P. Drake, F. C. Ford, R. T. Dillard, Edmund Waller, H. C. Payne and John Allen.

*Tate's Creek*, August 22d, 1840.

*Shilo*, at Mount Lebanon, Va. 1st Lord's Day in Sept. 1840—W. F. Broaddus.

*North Bend*, at Sand Run, Boone county, Ky. 3d Friday in Aug. 1840—W. G. Craig and John I. Johnson.

The Church at Pleasant View, Owen County, applied to be dismissed from this Association, in order to be attached to Concord, which was granted.

The committee appointed to answer the letter from North Bend, made report by presenting a letter, which was adopted, and messengers appointed to bear it as above.

The select committee to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions offered by brother Black, reported the same without amendment; which was adopted; and brother James D. Black was unanimously appointed in obedience to the 1st resolution; and a committee of five, composed of brethren Edmund Waller, Milton Burch, Wm. Suggett, Y. R. Pitts and F. C. McCalla, was appointed, with which bro. Black may confer at any time concerning the work which he has been set apart to do, and to act as an executive committee for this Association so far as it relates to the above resolution. A contribution was then taken up, in accordance with the 4th resolution, of \$137.

On motion of bro. Sedwick, the following resolution was adopted, viz.

*Resolved*, That in view of the apostolic admonition, to "bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," we recommend to all our churches, as far as they possibly can, to sustain a Sabbath school in their respective congregations.

Ordered, That the Clerk and bro. Drake be a committee to superintend the printing and distributing the Minutes.

After prayer by bro. Broaddus, the Association adjournedd.

Attest,

WM. SUGGETT, Moderator.

F. C. McCALLA, Clerk.

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## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Elkhorn Association of United Baptists, to the Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian salutation.

Dearly Beloved Brethren:

We rejoice to hear from you through your letter and messengers, who were invited to seats with us; and we cordially reciprocate the desire which you express to continue our correspondence with you. We are also happy to inform you that we are in peace and harmony as an Association; and feel rejoiced to hear from the churches compo-

sing our body, that the Lord is doing great things for us, whereof we are glad; that his kingdom is spreading wider, for which we as his children should be faithfully engaged at a throne of grace, for the continuation of these blessings; that they may continue to extend until the praise of the Lord shall become vocal throughout the habitable globe. There is no privilege for which the saints ought to be more thankful than that of coming to a throne of grace; for our Redeemer has said that he will be sought unto by the house of Israel for such things as he will do unto them.

We send this by our brethren, as reported in our minutes. Our next Association will be held at East Hickman, Jessamine county, Ky. on the 2d Saturday in August, 1841.

And now, may the great Head of the Church meet with you and preside over you in all your deliberations; and may the Christian influence of your meeting be felt and acknowledged throughout all your borders; and may what you do, be done with an eye single to the glory of God, the edification of his people, and the advancement of his cause on earth, is the prayer of your brethren of Elkhorn.

## CIRCULAR LETTER:

(WRITTEN BY BRO. B. P. DRAKE.)

The Elkhorn Association to the Churches composing her body:

*Dear Brethren*—Although in the narrow sphere in which we move, we may see many things calculated to fill us with grief; though we may mourn that sin abounds and the love of many appears to wax cold; yet a wider and more comprehensive view of the state and prospects of the church is calculated to fill our hearts with almost unmingled joy. If we look back on the history of the last few years, we find that the triumphs of truth have never been surpassed since the apostolic age. In our happy country, revival has succeeded revival in the most glorious manner, and tens of thousands have crowded to the gates of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Abroad, orthodox churches have been planted in lands where the gospel was never before preached. Truth has rapidly encroached on the dominions of ignorance; idolatry and superstition and the darkness of Romanism, Mahomedism, and other false systems, is melting away before the brightness of its light. If we look forward, we see all these glorious things progressing in a constantly increasing ratio, under the guidance of an unchanging God. Aided by prophecy, the mighty results before us, and the means of their accomplishment, are open to our understandings. Many shall run to and fro; knowledge shall increase; every hour shall bring news from far countries of the triumphs of the cross; and the consummation of all will be, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord. In view of these mighty works of God, dear brethren, permit us to exhort you—

1st, Be steadfast in the faith; strive to remain firm on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief

ner stone. Suffer not yourselves to be blown about with every wind of doctrine. How unhappy is the condition of him who wavereth; and who, like a wave of the sea, is driven of the winds and tossed. The foundations of our faith are as old as the Christian Church; and while we can trace back the succession of our faith through martyrs whose blood stained the garments of the false church (and of whom the world was not worthy,) we desire no change. The Saviour foretold, that in the last times false teachers should arise, and should deceive, if it were possible, the very elect. Go ye not after them. Strenuously reject all strange systems; turn away from every new light in religion, and cleave to the sacred volume which God has given to us as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

2d. Live worthy your high vocation. Be not conformed to the world. Let your conduct be so exemplary that all may be able to distinguish between the Christian and the man of the world. Let the strictest integrity characterise all your transactions. Put a guard upon your lips, that you sin not. Live in peace with all men, but especially with the household of faith. Neglect not the worship of the family altar, nor of the public sanctuary. In brief, seek every day a more perfect conformity with the spirit and example of Him who was holy, harmless and undefiled.

3d. Let your exertions be equal to the occasion. The liberty and happiness of the world are resting, in the providence of God, on the efforts of the church. Give yourselves wholly to this work. Sustain the hands of those who labor among you. Support such as devote themselves to the foreign field. Let your unceasing prayers ascend to the Head of the Church for the fulfilment of his promises. Foster and encourage the gifts which are among you. Seek to multiply and disseminate the Holy Scriptures, and to occupy every station which the mercy of God may open for the preaching of the Gospel.

And now, brethren, we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all those that are sanctified. АМЕН.