

MINUTES,

Of the LONG-RUN ASSOCIATION of BAPTISTS,

Convened at Long-Run Meeting-House, Jefferson County, the first Friday and Saturday in September, 1819.

1st. An introductory sermon was delivered by brother Benjamin Allen, from Matt. 5th Chap. 16th verse—"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven."

2d. Letters from 31 churches were read, & the names of the messengers enrolled.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Dis. by do.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
Beargrass,	R. Tomkins, A Kellar, R. Gailbreath,	11	1	1		2	96
Brashears' Creek,	J. M'Quade, J. Wells, E. Hansbrough,			14			87
Chinowith's Run,	Bartlett Asher, Jonathan Ellston,	1	1	2	1		39
Fox Run,	S. Vancleave, J. Clark, Wm. Ford,						98
Buck & Elk Crk.	R. Smith, W. Stout, Isaac Norman,		7	2	1	2	137
Harrod's Creek,	Benj. Allen, S. Dunagan, J. Nixon,	5	3	12	8	2	247
Long Run,	George Bridges, Wm. Britton,	1	4	2	2		50
Bethel,	R. Tyler, Alex. Eakin, John Barbee,	9	12	19	1	2	135
Buck Creek,	Geo. Waller, E. Stobt, Benj. Mason,		2	8	8	2	118
Eighteen Mile,	J. Coons, Z. M'Quinn, H. Netherton,	12	9	17	3	2	150
Corn Creek,	William Buckley, George Kindall,	15	3	23	4		159
Rock Lick,	Jesse Fears, George Neale,	18	4	3	2		48
Burk's Creek,	D. Shepherd, S. Marmaduke, D. Madox,	3	7	21	3	3	125
Church at King's,	G. Marshall, S. Sparks, W. Maxwell	1	6	5	2		72
Little Mount,	Joel Hulcy, Philip Porter,		1	6	1		95
Sulphur Fork,	Peter H. Voorhies,	15	20	8	1	2	185
So. Long Run,	H. Hobbs, S. Carpenter, D. White,	1	2	5			105
Lick Branch,	William Dawkins, Hadley Head,	2		3	1		43
East Fork,	Allen M'Guire, Solomon Bond,	1	3	2	1		52
Drinnin's Creek,	James Roberts, Bernard Dowdle,	8	10	14	2		123
Drinnin's Ridge,	Isaac Millon, John Baker,	1	3	4	2		52
Flat Rock,	David Forsythe, Samuel Vance,		8	2		2	67
Plum Creek,	Elijah Weeks, John Smith,		1	3	1	2	32
Little Flock,	James H. West, James Lyon,	10	2	6	2		106
Beech Ridge,	John Holland, James C. Burnett,			12	1		67
Dover,	J. Gillaspay, W. Williams, S. H. Madox	2	3	13	3		128
Fatton's Creek,	Peter Troutman, Benjamin Johnson,	18	1			1	67
Cane Run,	William Shepherd, William Noblett,	3	2	9	4	1	133
Louisville,	Benjamin Bridges, Mark Lampton,	14	8	3		3	51
North Six Mile,	John Metcalf, Elijah Gates,	2	9				37
Union Spring,	Daniel Pritchard, James Gillaspie,	8	6				33
Shelbyville,	James Bristow, Samuel Dupuy,						20
Pigeon Fork,	Jacob Rounder, Samuel Seller,						11
Mount Moriah,	Francis Davis, William Conley,						20
Hunter's Bottom,	John Wallace,						19
		162	129	219	54	26	3012

3. Brother George Waller was chosen Moderator and William Ford, Clerk.
4. Agreed that the church at Flat creek be dismissed for the purpose of uniting with the Franklin Association.

5. The four following churches, applied by letter and messengers for admission into this association, viz : one at Shelbyville, at Pigeon Fork, Mount Moriah, and Hunter's Bottom—which were all cordially received and their messengers invited to take their seats.

6. Letters from the corresponding associations were read and their messengers took their seats, viz : James Suggett, from Elkhorn ; Isaac Taylor and Beall Dorsey, from Salem ; Moses Ray, from North bend ; Rice M'Coy, from Blue river ; Joel Butler, Jesse Vawter, from Silver creek ; John Taylor, John Scott, Abram Cook and Samuel Tinsley, from Franklin ; John Mason, from Licking. From South District, Wabash, Russel's creek and Loughery associations, no communications were received.

7. Brother William Polke, from the vicinity of Wabash, (not a messenger) was invited to a seat.

8. The circular letter was called for, read and approved of.

9. The following brethren to write letters of correspondence to the different associations, viz : Zacheus Carpenter to Elkhorn ; Samuel Vancleave to Salem ; Allen M'Guire to North bend ; John Wells to South District ; William Stout to Wabash ; Abram Keller to Franklin ; Francis Davies to Blue river ; Benjamin Allen to Silver creek ; James M'Quade to Loughery ; and Enock Hansbrough to that of Licking.

10. A letter was presented by brother George Waller, from the board of Foreign Missions, of the United States ; and directed to be laid before the committee of arrangement.

11. The moderator and clerk to arrange the business of the association and make report tomorrow morning, and then adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow, A. M.
Met according to adjournment.

12. Brethren John Taylor, James Suggett, John Scott and Joel Butler were appointed to preach on Saturday.

13. The subject of corresponding with the Board of Foreign Missions, of the United States, was considerably discussed, and finally discontinued.

14. Received a circular letter from the Kentucky Mission Society, by the hands of elder —— Ficklin, who was invited to a seat.

15. *Query*, from the church at Beargrass—Does the association approve a catechism, or other mode of religious instruction for children ? If it does, will it devise some means for procuring a suitable form, and recommend it to the use of the people of the Baptist denomination ? *Answer*—We heartily approve of bringing up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord ; and in order to obtain that great object, we know of no better plan, than to read and expound the holy scriptures, with prayerful attention to our own lives and conversation, with and for them.

16. In answer to the united petition of Chinowith's Run and Beargrass churches for ministerial helps—we advise our ministering brethren (as far as reasonable) to visit those brethren in and about Jeffersontown.

17. The next association to be held at Burk's branch meeting house, Shelby county, on the first Friday in September next.

18. Corresponding letters were read, and messengers appointed to bear them, namely—to Elkhorn, George Waller, Benjamin Allen, Zacheus Carpenter, John Wallace, John Cocns, George Bridges and Bernard Dowdell ; to Salem, Geo.

Waller and John Holland ; the letter to North bend to be transmitted by brother Moses Ray ; and that to Wabash to be deposited in the hands of brother William Polke ; to Blue river, Samuel Vancleave, William Noblitt, and Peter Troutman ; to Silver creek, Wm. Buckley, Wm. Dawkins, Jesse Fears, Francis Davies, Wm. Noblitt and John Wallace ; to Franklin, George Waller, Allen M'Guire, John Wells, Wm. Noblitt, John Metcalf, Jesse Fears and Peter H. Voochies ; to Licking, Geo. Waller, Allen M'Guire, Geo. Marshall ; to Loughery, John Metcalf, Isaac Mellon and John Wallace ; to that of South District, Benjamin Allen, Jesse Fears and Zacheus Carpenter ; the correspondence with North district and Russel's creek associations, discontinued, on account of their remote situation.

19. The following brethren chosen to preach on the Sabbath : John Taylor, James Suggett and John Scott.

20. The money transmitted by several churches for missionary purposes, to be deposited in the hands of Elder Ficklin, and his receipt taken for the same.

21. Brother George Waller to preach the introductory sermon, the ensuing year, and in case of failure, brother Hinson Hobbs.

22. Brother John Wells to write the circular letter for the next year.

23. Money collected for printing the minutes, and brethren Wm. Ford and Samuel Dupuy to superintend the same. **GEORGE WALLER, Moderator.**

WM. FORD, Clerk.

The Long Run Association of Baptists, met at Long Run Meeting House, on the first Friday in September, 1819, to the churches composing the same.

DEAR BRETHREN—In recognizing the goodness of God, in thus permitting us, once more, to assemble together and in the peace and harmony which have pervaded the association, our hearts are impressed with sensations of gratitude. And as our usual practice is, we take the liberty of presenting to you, the following address ; referring you to the minutes of the association, and your messengers for information on those subjects which came under our consideration. The subject to which we would particularly solicit your attention, is the duty of prayer ; though this field of Christian exercise is so wide, that our letter would be extended beyond its usual length, were we only to touch on the many things, embraced in this subject : we will therefore just hint at some things, intended principally as excitements, to its frequent and earnest performance.

Let us, dear brethren, frequently call to mind and dwell upon the character of the blessed God, as represented in the holy scriptures ; and surely when our apprehensions are filled with the ideas of his glorious perfections, and especially, in their very glorious & illustrious display to us, in the plan of redemption, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, our hearts must be vividly animated to the most humble acts of adoration and thankfulness : elevated towards God in their disposition, and possessing pure enjoyment, sweet and refined felicity.

Let us endeavor at all times to keep in mind, that salvation is of God that sheweth mercy : that our acceptance with him is through the righteousness of God our Saviour ; to cherish the consciousness of our own weakness, helplessness, imperfections, unworthiness and dependance ; of his readiness to hear, his power to help, and his willingness to save ; and then we will not be wanting in the strongest excitements, to frequent, fervent, and importunate supplications.

Christians are deeply and solemnly impressed, with the necessity and importance of this duty, from the scriptures of truth, as well as from an experimental knowledge of its efficacy as a means of grace, and is peculiarly enhanced and endeared to them, from those feelings of heavenly origin, with which they are frequently impressed, while engaged in this solemn, pleasing, & delightful exercise.

Prayer is the great and powerful means of opposing the motions of corruption, the temptations of the world, and of satan ; those powerful enemies of your righteousness, & peace, & joy ; therefore, take your saviour's admonition, "watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation ;" lest you dishonor the cause of the blessed redeemer which you have espoused, wound the feelings of your brethren, and pierce yourselves through with many sorrows. We are also exhorted by an apostle of Christ, who knew and felt the importance of the exhortation, to pray without ceasing ; and as a powerful motive to which, it may be urged what the same apostle has said elsewhere, "for," says he, "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

It is in the right exercise of this duty, that you are to build up yourselves on your most holy faith ; that the Lord will grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might, by his spirit in the inner man ; that you are to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and keep yourselves in the love of God. It is by this that you are to assimilate to the Lord Jesus, in the exercise of the personal and social virtues, justice, fortitude, patience, benevolence, &c. which shone in him, with such peculiar splendour and perfection : and as it respects yourselves, brethren, you will be enabled to say, from a full conviction of your endearing relation to your redeemer, "my rock," "my fortress," "my deliverer," and under the sanction of faith, look for, and ardently anticipate the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Let the devout aspirations of your hearts ascend to God, for the unity of the spirit in the churches, and for his gracious effusions in the enlargement and prosperity of the redeemer's kingdom. And as the heathen are given to the Lord Jesus, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession, and the blessings of grace augmented to those who love him, by the participation of others in their enjoyment ; and as the heralds of peace are going forth, invading the habitations of cruelty ; let our hearts be enlarged with the beams of the divine glory, in the prospect of the glorious extension of the redeemer's empire ; and animated to the performance of the duties required of us, who possess such distinguishing privileges and advantages. Let our brethren who are engaged in this glorious cause, foregoing their domestic endearments, and enduring many difficulties and privations, have the warmest sympathies of our hearts. Let the love of Christ constrain us to afford these devoted servants, "a cup of cold water," and their solitary families, a morsel of bread.

That you may continue to abound in every good word, and work, to the glory of God, is the prayer of your brethren in Christ.