

# MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## LONG RUN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS:

HELD

AT LITTLE FLOCK MEETING HOUSE.

BULLITT COUNTY.

On the first Friday and Saturday in September, 1884.

The introductory sermon delivered by Elder JOHN HOLLAND, from the 31st verse of the 10th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Letters from the several churches were called for, read and the messengers names enroled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGRS NAMES.	Recd by Baptism.	Recd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total Number.	Church meetings held.
BRASHEARS CREEK,	John W. Stone, Joseph Stratton.	21	6	1	6			104	2 Su
CHENOWETH'S RUN,	H. Hawkins, B. Gaar, G. Duncan.	3	2	4	3			29	1st
FOX RUN,	Jon. Woods, W. Brite and Jno. Powell.	3	1		5	2	1	99	2nd
ELK CREEK,	N. Beauchamp, J. Gonterman, D. Bennett, and J. Stout.	55	3	5	18	4	2	213	3rd
LONG RUN,	D. Harris, F. Ragsdale, T. Mahorney.	9	4		11	5	3	112	1st
HARROD'S CREEK,	Henry Matthews, and William Shirley.		1		3			49	2nd
BETHEL,	A. Perry.	119	11	3	7	2	5	284	2nd
BERR'S BRANCH,	Isaac Collier, Archibald Tucker, Joseph Mar- tin and Geo. Johnston.	23		1	15	2	2	93	4th
BUCK CREEK,	Geo. Wall r, Ephraim Davis, Elijah Stout, Sen., and B. C. Stevens.	77	12	1	13	2		285	1st
KINGS,	Saml. Evans, D. E. Tyler, Walter Sparks and Geo. Markwell	20	7	3	7	1		119	2nd
LITTLE MOUNT,	James Conley and Jas. Stone.	21		6	14		3	94	2nd
PLUMB CREEK,	S. K. Sparks; D. Collings and H. Day.	36	13	1	5		1	112	1st
DRENNON'S CREEK,	J. Kelly, J. Corban and R. W. Rickets;	4	8		18	4		274	2 Sa
SALEM,	J. Holland, J. Ford and H. Caris.	79	15	9	9		5	255	3 Su
SHELBYVILLE,	W. Wilson, W. Jarvis, and S. Dupuy.	119	14	2	15	2	1	170	4th
TAYLORSVILLE,	W. Stoutt, R. L. Martin and W. Thomas.	80	11	4	1		1	160	4th
HOPEWELL,	L. Powell, E. Powell and J. Taylor.		2		10		1	54	4th
MOUNT MORIAH,	F. H. Garnett and E. Searcy.	40	4		8		1	101	4th
SIMPSONVILLE,	John Dale, P. Johnston, Jesse Robinson and John McCalough,	94	15		4		3	177	2nd
DOVER,	D. Capliner and C. Guthrie.	46	2	1	13	2	3	159	1st
LOUISVILLE,	J. S. Wilson, Charles Quary, C. Van Bus- kirk & W. Colgan.	13	36	1	8	2	7	240	3rd.
FLAT ROCK,	Samuel Vance and Silas Yager.	2	3	1	4			31	3rd
FLOYD'S FORK,	W. Barnett, W. Davis and J. Calvert.	14	12	2	1			54	4th
LITTLE FLOCK,	T. Wells and A. Gore.	4	1		2	1		78	4th
FISH POOL,	R. Gailthreath, E. Applegate and J. Ferry.						1	27	2nd
ROLINGTON,	W. McMeekin, J. Smith and J. W. Yager.	5	2					21	1st
MOUNT PLEASANT,	Thos. Shelbourn and Martin Summers.	10						36	3rd
BETHLEHEM,	Josiah H. Fishback.	1	9					26	1st
Churches,	28.	898	194	42	193	30	41	1843	6

Ordained Ministers, 11—LICENTIATES, 2

The Association being organized, Elder GEORGE WALLER was chosen Moderator, and SAMUEL DUPUY, Clerk.

A newly constituted church called Mount Pleasant, made application for admission into this Association, which was granted, and their messengers, Thos. Shelbourn and Martin Summers, received the right hand of fellowship, and invited to seats with us.

An application was also made by another church, called Bethlehem, which was also admitted, and her messenger Josiah H. Fishback received the right hand of fellowship and invited to a seat

Letters from corresponding Associations called for, and their messengers invited to seats.

From *Franklin*—No messenger.

“ *Concord*—No messenger.

“ *Baptist*—Alvin Herndon.

“ *Salem*—Isaac Taylor and Clark Wortham.

“ *Sulpher Fork*—W. Alexander.

“ *Elkhorn*—No messenger.

“ *South District*—No messenger.

“ *Licking*—No messenger.

The circular letter was called for, read, and adopted.

Brethren John S. Wilson, Philip Johnston, John Dale, Nathan Beauchamp and Henry Caris, appointed a committee to write to corresponding Associations.

The Moderator and Clerk appointed a committee of arrangement for to-morrow. Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Met on Saturday morning agreeable to adjournment. Prayer by brother Isaac Taylor.

The committee of arrangement made report, which was received and the committee discharged.

The next Association to be held at Harrod's creek, in the county of Oldham, the first Friday in September, 1835.

Union Meetings for the ensuing year as follows:—The 1st at Brashears creek—the 2nd at Hopewell—the 3d at Floyd's Fork—the 4th at Mount Moriah.

Letters to corresponding Associations called for, and messengers appointed to bear them.

To *Licking Association* ———

To *Salem*, Saml. K. Sparks, Robert L. Martin, John S. Wilson, George Waller, David Collings, N. Beauchamp, Josiah H. Fishback, Charles Quarry and Samuel Evans.

To *Baptist*—S. K. Sparks, Horatio Day, John Holland, Josiah H. Fishback, Henry Caris and John Ford.

To *Franklin*—S. K. Sparks, John Holland, Henry Caris, John Ford and George Waller.

To *Elkhorn*—George Waller, William Wilson, Joseph Kelly, John Corban and John M'Cullough.

To *Sulpher Fork*—S. K. Sparks, Daniel Caplinger, Daniel Harris, C. Guthrie, Joseph Kelly, R. W. Ricketts, John Powell and John Taylor.

To *Concord*—R. W. Ricketts and John Corban.

Brother John S. Wilson to preach the next introductory sermon,—Brother W. Barnett in case of failure.

Brother John Holland to write the next circular letter.

Brethren to preach on to-morrow, John S. Wilson, Isaac Taylor and John Holland.

The Clerk, with brother William Jarvis, to superintend the printing of the minutes.

GEORGE WALLER, Moderator,

SAMUEL DUPUY, Clerk.

Corresponding Associations held as follows:

*Concord*—At Greenup's Fork meeting house, Owen county, the 4th Friday in August, 1835.

*Baptist*—At Little Flock meeting house, Anderson county, on Friday before the 1st Saturday in August, 1835.

*Salem*—At Bloomfield, in Nelson county, on Friday before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1834.

*Sulphur Fork*—At LaGrange, Oldham county, the 4th Friday in Sept. 1834.

*Elkhorn*—At Bryan's Station, the 2d Saturday in August, 1835.

*South District*—At Freedom meeting house, Garrard county, on Friday before the 3d Saturday in August, 1835.

## C I R C U L A R L E T T E R ,

To the Churches composing the Long Run Association of Baptist.

DEAR BRETHREN:—It has been the good pleasure of the Lord to grant us another interview; for which favor, we desire grateful hearts to praise his adorable name. We rejoice to hear of the prospects among many of the churches for a glorious revival of the work of the Lord, and of the many precious souls who, since our last annual meeting, have been led by the holy spirit of God from the dark valley and shadow of death, to the marvelous light of the gospel, and the blessed kingdom of our Redeemer. Oh brethren, cease not to pray to the Lord for the conversion and salvation of the nations of the earth. Dear brethren, we wish to submit to you a few thoughts on the subject of watchfulness. No duty is more insisted on than this in the word of God. The importance of watchfulness arises from the fact, that the human heart is deceitful and desperately wicked; that we are attacked on all sides by the cunning craftiness of Satan, and the allurements of a wicked world; these are all enemies to God, the advancement of his kingdom, and the peace and happiness of his children. The Redeemer, who knew the trials his people would have to grapple with, having been tempted in all points, like as we are, urged constantly the necessity of watchfulness and prayer. Nor should this duty be indifferently performed: we are to watch continually against every sin. Brethren, let us watch against degrading thoughts of God, or his divine perfections; or against any principles which will tarnish his glory, or sully the brightness of his attributes. Let us watch against unbecoming ideas of the glory or dignity of Christ, and the merits of his sufferings. Let us never forget the duty office and efficient work of the Holy Spirit in bringing lost sinners unto life, liberty, and the joys of salvation through the reconciling blood of our dear Redeemer. Let us watch against all the evils which arise from our own depraved and corrupt hearts—especially pride, which causes us to entertain high thoughts of ourselves, and consequently disqualifies us for fulfilling that noble duty, esteeming others better than ourselves, and in honor preferring one another in love; and particular, as Christ has said, he that exalts himself shall be abased. Let us watch against an undue regard for the pleasures, honors and vain fashions of the world; not fashioning yourselves according to the former lust in your ignorance, but crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts thereof, and be not high minded, but fear. Brethren watch against every species of intemperance, especially excess in the use of ardent spirits, which has been the downfall of so many, even of those who profess to be the disciples of Christ.

Let us recollect the Saviour has said, no drunkard shall inherit or enter into the kingdom of Heaven. How many degrade themselves, their profession, and sink in the estimation of all the pious and in the sight of God beneath the brutes. May the Lord prevent and save the rising generation from this dreadful curse, and especially, all those that profess the religion of Christ. Above all things let us watch and guard against self, and deny it, taking up your crosses daily and following Christ—guard against covetousness, which is idolatry. Let us guard against that unruly member the tongue, and ever bear in mind the saying of the Apostle James, if any man among you seem to be religious and bridlieth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own soul, that man's religion is vain. Let us guard over all our actions, and so conduct ourselves before our children, our neighbors, that they may take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus; thus shall we, by well doing, put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. And lastly, watch against a back sliding spirit. We are surrounded by so many objects calculated to lead us from the Saviour and lead us into sin, and expose us to danger; we should give earnest heed to the admonitions of our Saviour, and not only watch, but watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation, and in every thing give thanks. Dear fathers and mothers in Israel, are you drawing near the grave? Yes, you will soon leave the church below; then be active and strive to lead young converts in the road of New Testament discipline, that when you are removed to the church above, they may fill your places with dignity and propriety in the church below. And ye dear young converts who have lately enlisted for war, look to the captain of your salvation, and remember the exhortation of your Saviour, search the scriptures. Brethren, stand fast in the faith—be not shaken by every floating vapor or wind of doctrine—know nothing but Jesus and him crucified, and you shall ultimately be redeemed by his grace from a world of sorrow, of trials, persecutions and distress, and taken home to reign and rest with Him in glory. We must now bid you farewell. Shall we ever meet in the flesh again, and join in sweet converse about the goodness of God, the Lord knoweth; but should we meet no more on the shores of time—oh God, in the matchless name of Jesus, we pray thee, that we may all be qualified to meet in peace around thy throne in glory, with all the redeemed from sin and condemnation—to admire and adore the riches of that grace which is able to save us forever. Amen.

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