

# MINUTES

*Of the Thirty-Third Annual Meeting of the Long Run Association of Baptists, held at Simpsonville, in the County of Shelby, on the 1st Friday and Saturday in September, 1836.*

The introductory sermon was delivered by brother R. W. Ricketts, from 1st Timothy, 1st ch. 15th v.—“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acception, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” Letters from the several churches were called for, read and the messengers names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS NAMES.		Rec'd by exp. & trip	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Rec'd by relation.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total number.
BRASHEAR'S CREEK.—Jas McQuade, T. J. Burriss* and J. Stratton,	4	7				2	1	2		113
CHENOWITH'S RUN.—B. Garr, J. Meckelborough and J. Duncan,		1			1			2	1	32
FOX RUN.—J. Wood, W. Brite and John Powell,		2				10	1	3		79
ELK CREEK.—J. Gonterman, N. Beauchamp, D. Bennett and E. Brooks,	1	1				10				207
LONG RUN.—T. McMahan* and T. Mahorney,	4	5				18	1	4		120
HARROD'S CREEK.—W. Shirley, H. Matthews and B. Carder,							1	2		47
BETHEL.—F. Howard, D. Dodd and L. Neal,	1					25	1	1		229
BURK'S BRANCH.—J. Yunt and G. Johnson,		3				8	2	5		91
BUCK CREEK.—George Waller,* F. Davis,* E. Vandyke, Thomas Dale and E. Stout,	1	3				12		3		228
LITTLE MOUNT.—James Stone, J. Connelly and S. Ruble,						10		1		74
KING'S.—D. E. Tyler, R. Hough, W. Sparks and G. Markwell,	7	3		1		10	1	1		143
PLUMB CREEK.—D. Collins, H. Day, M. M'Rae and W. L. Weeks,		5				10	3	1		102
DRENNON'S CREEK.—J. Kelley, J. Corbin, T. Smith, J. Roberts, R. W. Ricketts* and W. S. Fuller,	7	8				16	6			363
SALEM.—John Holland,* J. C. Burnett, Stephen Waller, H. S. Cariss and T. Jennings,	2	4				22	1	5		232
SHELBYVILLE.—R. Giddings,* John L. Waller and S. Dupuy,	4	15	2			11	1	1		173
TAYLORSVILLE.—N. C. Beckham, W. Stout,* W. Thomas and Jno. Hill,	3					7	3	1		153
HOPWELL.—E. Powell,		6				3				55
MT. MORIAH.—F. H. Garnett, E. Searcy and W. Shelburn,	1					10		3		98
SIMPSONVILLE.—J. Dale,* R. Atkinson, J. Robinson, J. McCollough and J. Hollingsworth,	7	9				11	1			180
DOVER.—J. Neal, D. Caplinger and C. Guthrie,	3	2				8		2		148
LOUISVILLE.—Wm. C. Buck,* C. Quirey, W. Colgan and W. P. Weaver,	34	28		7		3	10			360
FLAT ROCK.—S. Vance, J. Scoggan and S. Yager,	3	5				5		1		68
FLOYD'S FORK.—W. Barnett,* W. Davis, J. Calvert and N. Hamrick,		6				8	3	1		67
LITTLE FLOCK.—W. Smith,	6		1			2		1		90
FISH POOL'S.—P. M. Carey,* R. Gailbreath,* E. Applegate and J. Shadburn,		4						1		29
ROLINGTON.—Daniel Harris and J. Shake,				1						24
MT. PLEASANT.—J. C. Miller and John Hure,						7		2		30
BETHLEHEM.—T. Goodwin and E. Martin,						1	1	1		23
<b>Grand Total,</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3561</b>		

\*Ordained Ministers. NOTE.—The Clerk has omitted the names of absentees.

The Association then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, whereupon brother Geo. Waller was chosen Moderator and John L. Waller Clerk.

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

From ELKHORN—Lewis Arnold and M. S. Singleton.

“ FRANKLIN—Daniel Riley.

“ CONCORD—Samuel Jones.

“ SULPHUR FORK—F. H. Goodridge, E. G. Berry, B. Dawson, J. A. McGuire, and J. Hulsey.

“ SOUTH DISTRICT—L. Wilhoit.

“ BAPTIST—A. Herndon, E. Penney, and W. Munday.

“ SALEM—W. Foster, S. Thomas and I. Taylor.

“ LICKING—No letter or messenger.

Circular letter called for, read, slightly amended and adopted.

Brethren R. Gailbreath, J. Dale, R. Giddings, S. Dupuy, and C. Quirey, appointed a committee of correspondence.

The following query from Burk's Branch, on motion was then taken up, viz: “**QUERE.** Is it not the duty of the Long Run Association, in her correspondence with the Licking Association, to enquire as to the fact in common report, that there are preachers among them who hold and preach, that it is not the duty of unregenerated men to repent and believe the Gospel; and if so, will the Association sanction it?” And a committee of two, (W. C. Buck and W. Stout,) were appointed to write a letter to the Licking Association, enquiring as to the truth of the things in the above query, and also other doctrinal sentiments said to be taught by the preachers of that Association.

Brethren W. C. Buck, R. Giddings, P. Burriss, R. Gailbreath, R. W. Ricketts, and W. Barnett, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

After prayer by brother McGuire, adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

**SATURDAY MORNING,** 9 o'clock, Sept. 3rd.—Met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer and praise by brother A. Cook, proceeded to business.

The committee of arrangements made report, which was received and proceedings had in accordance therewith, as follows:

1. Our next Association to be at Plumb Creek meeting house, Spencer county, the first Friday in September, 1837.

2. The churches at Fox Run, Bethel, Salem, and Mt. Moriah, applied to be dismissed from this Association for the purpose of joining another association proposed to be formed, which application was granted.

3. The following quere from Elk Creek was taken up, and after some discussion, was laid upon the table.

**QUERY.** Are the spirit and principle of the modern mission system, with all its kindred institutions, warranted in the word of God, or is it a craft of human invention? If the latter, would we not do well to reject it as such? If warranted by the word, we do hope, some brother will put his finger on the passage, or passages, that we might all be united in supporting the same cause.

4. The subject of the Philadelphia Baptist Confession of Faith as referred last year to the churches by this Association, was taken up: Whereupon, the following preamble and resolution were proposed, to-wit:

Whereas, this Association was constituted upon the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as set out in the Philadelphia Baptist Confession of Faith, with several exceptions, and whereas the aforesaid Confession of Faith was revised, abridged, and adopted by several Associations in Virginia, and printed in the year 1806, and in this new form entitled, “The Baptist Declaration of Faith” revised and adopted by several disinct Associations of United Baptists in Virginia,

Resolved, That this Association adopt the said declaration in lieu of the Philadelphia Confession of Faith, as expressing more clearly, and more definitely, her views of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures upon which she was constituted, and that we recommend it to the churches of this body and to society at large, and that we have an edition of the work printed.

Which preamble and resolution were postponed until our next Association; and in the mean time the said Declaration of Faith is to be published in the Baptist Banner for the inspection and approval or disapproval of the churches.

5. Agreeably to the request of Elkhorn Association, this Association recommends to the churches to set apart the first Saturday in November next as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer to the great Head of the church for a revival of religion.

6. Letters to corresponding Associations called for, read, and received, and brethren appointed to bear them as follows, to-wit:

To Elkhorn Association, to meet at Dry Run, Scott county, Ky., on the second Saturday in August, 1837, by brethren John L. Waller, George Waller, John Corbin, J. Kelley, C. Guthrie, W. Davis, and R. Giddings.

To Franklin, to meet at Pigeon Fork, Anderson county, on the third Saturday in September, 1837, by brethren J. C. Burnett, John Holland, J. Ford, F. H. Gamett, E. Searcy, C. Guthrie, J. Woods, P. J. Burriss, H. Carriss and John L. Waller.

To Concord, to meet at Emacus meeting-house, Owen county, on the fourth Friday in August, 1837, by brethren R. W. Ricketts, W. S. Fuller, and J. Kelly.

To Sulphur Fork, to meet at Hillsborough, Henry county, the second Friday in September, 1836, by brethren John L. Waller, D. Harris, T. Smith, J. Kelley, T. Dale, W. S. Fuller, R. W. Ricketts, and J. Dale.

To South District, to meet at Bethlehem, Washington county, on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1837, by brethren George Waller and John L. Waller.

To Baptist, to meet at Salt River meeting-house, Anderson county, on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1837, by brethren P. J. Burriss, G. Waller, J. Holland and John L. Waller.

To Licking, to meet at Stoney Point meeting-house, Bourbon county, on the second Saturday in September, 1836.

7. Brother Wm. C. Buck to preach the next introductory sermon, and in case of failure, brother John Holland.

Brother R. W. Ricketts to write the next circular letter.

Brethren J. A. McGuire, I. Taylor, and A. Cook, chosen to preach on Lord's day.

8. The clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

After praise and prayer by brother Gailbreath, adjourned in peace.

SUNDAY MORNING 10 o'clock.—A large assembly collected at the stand and were addressed by brother I. Taylor from Psalms xxiii, 4; and by brother A. Cook from Heb. iv, 14; a shower of rain then commenced, which dispersed the audience and brother McGuire did not preach.

Attest

JOHN L. WALLER, Clerk.

GEORGE WALLER, Mod'r.

## CIRCULAR LETTER,

### TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE LONG RUN ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Once more through the dispensation of a kind providence, we are permitted to meet together in an associated capacity and feel induced by a union of pleasure and duty, to address you by way of a circular upon the great and stupendous plan of salvation through the Lord our Righteousness. To the minutes we would refer you, where you may see the business that came before the Association and the manner in which it was attended to, whilst we proceed, first, to consider the depravity and corruption of human nature, and the total inability of fallen men to justify or save themselves; and secondly, the glorious condescension of God our Saviour, in bringing in an everlasting righteousness for his people, his body, the church. The depravity of human nature is abundantly taught both in the Old and New Testament—the fallen, corrupt, and unholy state of man. Hence it is said, that although “God made man upright, yet he, (man,) hath sought out many inventions.” And again, the Lord hath said, “the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint; from the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness: all have gone out of the way and all have become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no not one.” “By one man sin hath entered into the world, and death by sin; so that death has passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” “Therefore as sin and death have entered into the world, and death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them who had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, (who is the figure of him that was to come, that is of Christ Jesus.)” God made promise of a glorious Redeemer, who was typified by figures and shadows which could never take away sin, but were shadows of good things to come until the redemption of the purchased possession. to the praise of the glory of His grace; and as grace was given the church in Christ Jesus before the world began, “it behooved Him for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of our salvation perfect through suffering.” hence “in the fullness of time, God sent forth His son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law; that we might receive the adoption of sons.” And as without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins, our glorious Redeemer as a lamb, offered himself without spot to God, shedding his precious blood, expiring upon the cross, that he might purge our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Here is the everlasting covenant sealed: here is the glorious fountain opened for sin and uncleanness, when Christ our ransom died, bearing our sins in his own body on the tree, and making an atonement for us; removing the hand writing of ordinances which were against us, and were contrary to us, taking them out of the way, nailing them to his cross. How glorious, how consoling to the dear children of God, when contemplating the period of their sufferings, the glory of their inheritance amongst the saints, the sanctified, the just made perfect, who surround the throne where the redeemed will join in praise to God and the Lamb forever! O brethren! let us daily examine ourselves by the unerring

standard of truth. Let us prove ourselves, "knowing that except Christ be in us we are reprobates." Let us prove to all around us by a pious walk and Godly conversation, that we have been taught of the Lord, redeeming the time for the days are evil. We would recommend watching and prayer—watching over the lusts of the flesh, the pride of the eye, and the wilds of the wicked one; and praying to our God to strengthen us with might by his spirit in the inner man, that we may be found blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation; among whom also ye shine as lights in the world, having your conversation honest before men, that they seeing your good works may glorify God in the day of visitation, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Let us endeavor to set pious and Godly examples before the world; and as this is not our home, let our affections be placed on things above and not on this terrestrial world; "for soon this earthly house of our tabernacle must be dissolved" and we shall enter that rest that remains for the people of God, where also our forerunner hath entered for us, having obtained a complete victory over the grave, and prepared a place for his people, that where he is, there they may be also, that they may behold his glory and dwell in his presence and see his glorious face without a veil, "where God the son forever reigns and scatters night away." O brethren and sisters! pray for sinners who are yet in darkness, that God may give them repentance unto life and save them; and pray the good Lord to raise up and send forth faithful ministers into his vineyard, who shall declare the whole counsel of God, not for filthy lucre's sake, but of a ready mind. Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will; working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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