

MINUTES

Of the Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Long Run Association of Baptists, which met at Plumb Creek Meeting House, on the first Friday in September, 1837.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., a sermon, introductory to the business of the Association, was preached by Elder William C. Buck, from 1st John, iv. 1,—“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God.”

Letters from the several Churches were then read, and the Messengers' names enrolled as follows, to wit:—

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
Brashear's Creek,	P. J. Burruss, J. Stratton, and J. McQuaid,	3	2		3	3		93
Chenoweth's Run,	Benj. Garr, and J. Mickelborough,	1	9	1	4		1	38
Fox Run,	J. Woods, J. Powell, and W. Brite,	2	4		4		1	80
Elk Creek,	J. Tichenor, E. Brooks, N. Beauchamp, D. Bennett, and J. Gonterman,		6		15	8	2	188
Long Run,	H. Crawford, and T. Conn,	3	2	3	10	5		101
Harrod's Creek,	J. Gore, and W. Shirley,	5	10	3	1			63
Burk's Branch,	J. Yount, J. L. Jones, J. Martin, and G. Johnston,		3		6	1	2	83
Buck Creek,	Geo. Waller, F. Davis, E. Stout, B. C. Stephens, and P. Courtney,	4	5		26	4	5	202
Little Mount,	Jas. Stone, and J. Connelly,				4		1	71
Kings,	S. Evans, W. Spaks, E. Tyler, and G. Markwell,		5	1	4	2	2	141
Plumb Creek,	J. J. Heady, J. Tichenor, and H. Day,	1	3	1	18	3	2	81
Drennon's Creek,	J. Kelley, J. Corbin, and R. W. Ricketts,				18	11	2	332
Shelbyville,	R. Giddings, W. Jarvis, L. W. Dupuy, and W. Wilson,	29	12		12	2	3	198
Taylorville,	W. Stout, N. C. Beckham, J. Hill, & S. Shelburn,		2		10	1	4	140
Hopewell,	Sidney Powell,				4	3		30
Simpsonville,	J. Dale, J. Robinson, J. McCullough, A. T. Kirk, and J. Hollingsworth,	1	4		8	4	3	164
Dover,	C. Guthrie, A. Kincaid, and W. Williams,	2	1		8	1		142
Louisville,	C. Van Buskirk, W. C. Buck, C. Quirey, and John L. Waller,	6	40	6	18	12	10	372
Pleasant Grove,	S. Vance, Silas Yager, and J. Scoggan,	16	5		3	3	1	85
Floyd's Fork,	W. Barnett, R. Seaton, W. Singer, and N. Hamrick,	6	7		4	2		76
Little Flock,	J. Stone, and W. Smith,				1		1	87
Fish Pools,	R. Galbreath, and P. M. Carey,					2	1	26
Rollington,	Daniel Harris, and J. Shake,				3	1	1	19
Mt. Pleasant,	John Miller, and Cornelius Snyder,				11			19
Bethlehem,	T. Goodwin, and Jno. Howard,		1					22
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Note.—Ordained Ministers' Names in small capitals.

The Association then proceeded to the Election of Moderator and Clerk, whereupon, Eliza George Waller was chosen Moderator, and John L. Waller, Clerk.

Letters from Corresponding Associations called for, and received as follows, viz:—

From Elkhorn, no letter nor messenger.

From Concord, by Andrew Suter, James Baxter, and J. Brown.

From Salem, by J. Hobbs, I. Taylor, J. Tichenor, J. Lloyd, A. W. Garrett, and G. Wells.

From Sulphur Fork, a letter but no messenger.

From South District, by A. Gibbins.

From Baptist, a letter but no messenger.

From Licking, by Thomas P. Dudley, and J. Dudley.

Upon inquiry by the Clerk, he was instructed not to insert the name of Enoch S. Taber as a Messenger from the Licking Association, he having left a Church in a sister Association in a disorderly manner, and according to Baptist usages, could not be admitted as a member of the Church to which he is now attached in the Licking Association.

Application was made for correspondence with us on the part of the Middle District Association, and the consideration thereof, deferred until to-morrow.

The Circular Letter prepared by Brother R. W. Ricketts, read, and unanimously received.

Brethren W. C. Buck, R. Giddings, R. Gailbreath, R. W. Ricketts, C. Guthrie, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Brethren N. Beauchamp, J. Robinson, A. T. Kirk, C. Quirey, J. Gonterman, W. Jarvis, and P. J. Burruss, appointed a Committee to prepare Corresponding Letters.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 2.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by T. P. Dudley, proceeded to business.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements, received, and proceedings had in accordance therewith, as follows, viz:—

1st. The application of the Middle District Association for Correspondence, taken up, considered, and rejected.

2nd. Our next Association to be at Buck Creek, Shelby county, on the first Friday in September, 1838.

3rd. At their requests, the Mount Pleasant and Bethlehem Churches granted the liberty to join the Middle District Association.

4th. Upon examination of the letters from the Churches relative to the revision of the Philadelphia Confession of Faith by some Associations in Virginia, it appeared that four Churches were in favor of said revision, 19 in favor of the Philadelphia Confession of Faith, as adopted by this Association, and two expressed no opinion.

The Clerk was instructed to insert in the Minutes, the exceptions taken by this Association in her Constitution to the Philadelphia Confession of Faith.

The Constitution reads thus:—

“Agreed unanimously, that this Association be constituted on the Philadelphia Baptist Confession of Faith, excepting something contained in the third and fifth articles, if construed so as to make God the author of sin. Also, in the thirty-first article, respecting laying hands on newly baptized persons; that the using or not using of that ceremony, be no bar to fellowship. And that an oath before a Magistrate, be not considered a part of religious worship, as contained in the twenty-fourth article of the same.”

5th. The subject of corresponding with the Licking Association, taken up, and on motion, it was agreed to discontinue it.

6th. Corresponding letters called for, and received, and the following brethren appointed to bear them:—

To Elkhorn, to meet at David's Fork Meeting House, Fayette county, on the 2nd Saturday in August, 1838; George Waller, John L. Waller, and Peter Courtney.

To Franklin, at Mount Pleasant, Franklin county, the 3d Saturday in September, 1837, B. C. Stephens, John L. Waller, and Peter Courtney.

To Concord, at McCool's Bottom, Gallatin county, on the fourth Friday in August, 1838; John Coburn, Joseph Kelly, and David Harris.

To Sulphur Fork, at Providence, Henry county, 2nd Friday in September, 1837; John Corbin, John Powell, R. W. Ricketts, C. Guthrie, and J. Kelly.

To South District, at Doctor's Fork, Mercer county, on Friday, before the third Saturday in August, 1838, John L. Waller.

To Baptist, at Clover Bottom, Woodford county, on Friday, before the 1st Saturday in August, 1838, Daniel Harris.

To Salem, at Rood's Creek, Hardin county, on Friday, before the first Lord's day in October, 1837, W. C. Buck, Elijah Stout, and John L. Waller.

7th. Brother R. Giddings to preach the next introductory sermon, and brother R. W. Ricketts, his alternate. Brother Buck to write the next Circular Letter.

8th. Brethren W. C. Buck, R. M. Newport, and Isaac Taylor, chosen to preach on Lord's day; service to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

9th. The following contributions were made by the Churches:—Brashear's Creek, 75 cents; Chenoweth's Run, \$1.00; Fox Run, 75 cts.; Elk Creek, 1.00; Long Run, 1.00; Harrod's Creek, 75 cts.; Burk's Branch, 1.00; Buck Creek, 1.25; Little Mount, 50 cts.; King's, 1.00; Plumb Creek, 75 cts.; Drennon's Creek, 2.50; Shelbyville, 2.00; Taylorsville, 1.00; Howell, 50 cts.; Simpsons'ville, 1.00; Dover, 1.00; Louisville, 2.00; Pleasant Grove, 75 cts.; Floyd's Fork, 1.06; Little Flock, 75 cts.; Fish Pool, 50 cts.; Rollington, 50 cts. Total, 23.31.

10th. A Union Meeting appointed at Little Flock, Jefferson county, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in September; brother John Dale, agrees to attend. The presence of other ministering brethren is also earnestly solicited.

After praise and prayer by the Moderator, adjourned, *sine die*.

GEORGE WALLER, Moderator.

Attest, JOHN L. WALLER, Clerk.

LORD'S DAY, September 3.

At an early hour, a very large congregation assembled at the stand prepared in the woods for preaching. Elder Isaac Taylor being indisposed, Elder George Waller, in his stead, preached from Romans, iii, last clause of the last verse; Elder R. M. Newport, from Gal. iii, 21; Elder W. C. Buck, from Mark, xvi, 15, 16. The weather was fine, and the assembly very attentive and orderly. We hope some of the seed sown, fell upon good ground.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

To the Brethren and Sisters composing the Long Run Association of Baptists:

Beloved in the Lord—Through the kind and indulgent providence of God, we have been permitted to meet again in our associate capacity, for which our praise is due. What we have done, as also the condition of the Churches, you will see in our Minutes. As it has been our former practice to address you by a Circular, so we would at this time, by calling your attention to a few remarks on our high vocation, or calling. A view of this subject is calculated at once to impress the mind with a feeling sense of our awful condition as sinners, and of God's great love, wherewith he loved us even when we were dead in sins, which is manifested towards us in the gift of his son, and through his suffering and death to save sinners—in consequence of which, this call is made, the author of which is God, who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, from death to life, from ignorance to a knowledge of God, from darkness to his marvellous light, to be saints, and to peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. "By whom also we have access by faith into his grace, wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." "Where is boasting then? It is excluded, that no flesh should glory in his presence." "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us, wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; that according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

Seeing then that we are graciously created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them; let us be careful to walk worthy of the vocation

wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. Let us take the word of God for the man of our counsel, and be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, being followers of God as dear children, and walking in love. As the Lord has commanded us, so let us walk; even being guarded against them that say, "lo, here! and lo, there!" and have not the word of the Lord; knowing that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Let us therefore look into the scriptures prayerfully, that we may know and do the will of God and never be removed from him that called us into the grace of Christ; for God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness, that we should no longer receive for doctrines the commandments of men. We should be taught by the Apostle not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers; "for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? and what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, "I will dwell in them and walk in them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people." "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate," saith the Lord, "and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters," saith the Lord Almighty. "Let us, therefore, lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocracies, and envies, and all evil speakings, and run with patience the race that is set before us;" and "for the joy that is set before us, endure the cross and despise the shame, for even hereunto were ye called;" because, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." "Beloved, remember we were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light, and above all things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful. Finally, brethren and sisters, farewell. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind; live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you." "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost. be with you all. Amen."

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