

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
G R U N ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,
WHICH MET AT
PLEASANT GROVE, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY,
ON THE
FIRST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1839.

11 o'clock, A. M., September 6th, a sermon introductory to the business of the Association was preached by Elder William C. Buck, Daniel, vii. 27: "And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." Letters from the Churches were then read, and their messengers' names enrolled as follows, viz:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd by	Rec'd by	Restored.	Dismissed	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
		baptism	letter.		by letter.			
War's Creek.	Jas. M'Quaid, A. D. Stone and J. Stratton.	3	3		4		1	94
Sweth Run.	Benj. Garr, H. Hawkins and J. Mickelborough.		1	1	12	1	1	22
Run.	Dismissed.							
Run.	James Stout, J. Reaser and R. Dale.	7	3				1	52
Run.	D. Harris, H. Crawford, T. Conn and T. Mahorney.	27	9		3		1	127
Run's Creek.	O. Knowland, W. Shirley, L. Clore, W. M'Makin and B. Cardair.	7	2	1	2	1		90
Run's Branch.	J. L. Jones, J. Martin, J. Collier and G. Johnson.		1		9			73
Run's Creek.	GEORGE WALLER, F. DAVIS, B. C. Stevens, E. Stout, sen. and P. Courtney.	17		3	19	2	6	102
Run's Mount.	John Connelly.							84
Run's Lab Creek.	No letter nor Messenger.							
Run's Lab Creek.	F. Beauchamp, G. Lepage, J. Tichenor and H. Day.	12	3		9		1	86
Run's Lab Creek, or New Castle.	A. GOODELL, J. Roberts, sen., J. Nether-ton, J. Corbin, T. Brown and W. S. Fuller.	1			44	1	12	346
Run's Labville.	SAMUEL BAKER, S. Dupuy, J. Sharrard and N. Howell.	3	1	1	33	4	8	191
Run's Labville.	WILLIAM STOUT, J. Allen, R. Briscoe, W. Thomas and W. Vandyke.	49	5		8	2	1	181
Run's Labville.	Dismissed.							
Run's Labville.	JOHN DALE, J. Robinson, D. Shonse, J. M'Cullough and J. Hollingsworth.	27	3		5	2	5	177
Run's Labville.	R. Lancaster and J. Neal.				17	1	2	207
Run's Labville.	WILLIAM C. BUCK, C. Van Buskirk, W. Colgan, J. M. Delph, J. B. Whitman, W. L. Jones and John L. Waller.	51	20	2	42	17	5	532
Run's Labville.	J. Scoggin, S. Vance, John Howell, Silas B. Gibson T. Wilcox and John W. Williamson.	5	5	1	6	1	3	95
Run's Labville.	WILLIAM BARNETT, Richard H. Seaton and J. W. Alexander.	3	7		2	8	2	60
Run's Labville.	William Smith.	1			1		1	87
Run's Labville.	R. GAIBREATH and PETER M. CARY.							27
Run's Labville.	F. A. WILLARD, C. Quirey and Thomas R. Farrent.	2	20	1	5		1	32
	Grand total,	216	83	11	212	40	51	2635

Note.—Ordained ministers' names in small capitals, and licentiates in italics.

The Association then proceeded to elect Elder George Waller, Moderator, and John L. Waller, Clerk.

Prayer by Elder Goodell.

Letters from Corresponding Associations received as follows:

From Elkhorn, by Edmund Coppidge and Y. R. Pitts.

From Franklin, by James Ford and T. Lee.

From Concord, a letter but no messenger.

From Sulphur Fork, it was understood that a letter was prepared, but did not come to hand.

From South District, no letter nor messenger.

From Baptist, a letter but no messenger.

From Salem, a letter but no messenger.

A letter from the Second Baptist Church of Louisville, asking for admission into this Association, was read, and after an examination into her articles of faith and order, she was received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her messengers, Elder F. A. Willard, C. Quirey and R. Parrent.

Elder R. Giddings, who was appointed at our last meeting to write a circular letter, being absent, Elder Buck and John L. Waller were appointed to prepare a letter.

The Moderator and Clerk, with such brethren as they may invite to act with them, appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

It was agreed to publish a corresponding letter with our minutes; and Elders Baker and Goodell appointed to prepare said letter.

After prayer by Elder Davis, adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, SEPTEMBER 7.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Committee of Arrangements made report, which was received, and proceedings had in accordance therewith, as follows, viz:

1st. Our next Association to be held with the church of Brashears Creek, Shelby county, on the first Friday in September, 1840.

2d. The committee appointed to prepare the corresponding letter made report, which was received, and the following brethren were appointed messengers to our sister Associations, viz:

To Elkhorn, at Glen's Creek, Woodford county, the second Saturday in August, 1840, William C. Buck, John L. Waller, George Waller and Samuel Baker.

To Franklin, at Buffalo Lick, Shelby county, the third Friday in September, 1839, William C. Buck, Samuel Baker, James McQuaid, J. Stratton, N. Howel, John L. Waller.

To Concord, at Owington, Owen county, on the fourth Friday in August, 1840, J. Corbin, W. S. Fuller, J. Roberts, T. Brown, W. C. Buck, John L. Waller.

To Sulphur Fork, at Mount Pleasant, Henry county, the 13th of September, 1839, A. Goodell, A. Corbin, I. Netherton, J. Roberts, D. Harris, W. C. Buck, John L. Waller.

To South District, W. C. Buck, John L. Waller.

Baptist, at Goshen, Mercer county, on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1840, D. Harris and W. C. Buck.

Salem, at Brandenburg, Meade county, on the Friday before the Lord's-day in October, 1839, W. C. Buck, John L. Waller, George E. Stout, sen., C. Quirey, F. A. Willard, W. L. Jones.

The Circular read, amended and submitted to the committee to read and prepare for publication.

Elder S. Baker appointed to preach the next introductory sermon and Elder A. Goodell, his attenuate, and John L. Waller appointed to read the next circular letter.

W. C. Buck, A. Goodell, F. A. Willard, W. Colgan, J. Scoggin, Jones, R. Briscoe, S. B. Yeager, J. Collier, D. Harris, B. C. Stearns, J. Corbin, W. Stout, James Neal, J. Netherton, J. Roberts, J. Waller, George Waller, John Dale, W. Barnett, John L. Waller, J. M. Cary, A. D. Stone, J. Stone, J. Connelly, G. Johnson, P. Courtney, were appointed messengers to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, to meet in Shelbyville on Saturday the third Lord's-day in October, 1839.

It was agreed that an opportunity be afforded to the Agent of the General Association to take up a collection for the purposes of that body, to stand to-morrow, and that out of that collection he be permitted to receive \$5, the contribution of last year as paid by our messengers.

Elders W. C. Buck, S. Baker and George Waller, chosen to occupy the stand on Lord's-day.

Contributions amounting to \$26 25 for the printing of the minutes as then received; and brethren John L. Waller and J. Eliot appointed to superintend their printing and distribution.

Prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned in peace.

GEORGE WALLER, *Moderator.*

JOHN L. WALLER, *Clerk.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

BRETHREN: By the good hand of our God upon us, we have been preserved through another year, and have been permitted to sit in an associational capacity. We received your letter by your messengers, and invited them to seats with us. It affords us much pleasure to correspond with you, and we hope that by a continuance of this intercourse we may be enabled to provoke one another to love and good works.

For ourselves we would say that we feel an increased desire to share the honor of instrumentally converting the world to Christ. Our prayer is, "O send out thy light and thy truth." Hasten, O Lord, in thy appointed period when "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all shall see it together." With the Psalmist we would say, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy gates, O Jerusalem." With the Prophet, "For Zion's sake we would not hold our peace;

and for Jerusalem's sake we would not rest, until the righteousness of go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof, as a lamp burneth."

Although some of our churches complain of a spiritual drought, the general intelligence is of a very pleasing character. Some of our churches have enjoyed times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and there are indications which lead us to hope that upon the spirit is about to be poured from on high. We pray that God speedily arise and have mercy upon every part of his Zion, and that set time to favor all the churches of the living God may shortly come.

Since our last Association our increase, by baptism, is 216. We present this letter by the hands of the brethren designated in our minutes. We pray that God may abundantly bless all your churches, and guide you in all your deliberations, is the prayer of your brethren of Long Run. Am

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN: The brother who was appointed to write our circular, for the present year, having failed, either to attend or to forward the letter, we have concluded to present you with an abstract of the same in the church letters in its stead; believing that a succinct account of the state of the churches composing our body, will be more interesting and much more edifying to all concerned than an ordinary circular letter would be. The statistics of the churches will be found in the table, we shall therefore omit that part in the summary which is annexed.

Brashears' Creek. This church is situated near Shelbyville, and for a long time labored under a wintry state, but recently the good Lord seems to have smiled on her. The church is much engaged in prayer and seems to be alive to her duty, and although she does not report any additions, yet her heart is open to receive a blessing. Elder Wm. M. M. preaches to them the 1st Lord's-day in each month.

Chenoweth's Run. This is a small and declining body, containing some excellent members. It is located in Jeffersontown, is without a preacher, and almost upon the point of dissolution; we pray for its revival.

Fox Run. This church is situated near the Shelby and Henry roads; it has the pastoral labor of Elder William Ford, on the second Lord's-day in each month. Their letter informs us that they have withdrawn from this association to join the Sulphur Fork Association, as a matter of convenience.

Elk Creek. This church is situated in Spencer county. It has recently passed through a fiery ordeal, some of its members having withdrawn from the Association and the General Union of Baptists, in pursuance of anti-mission principles, have split the church and given it much trouble and greatly agitated the community. The storm, however, has passed by, and they are now in great prosperity, under the care of Elder G. W. M. M., who preaches to them the second Lord's-day in each month.

Long Run. This church is in Jefferson county, near the Shelby line. Elder J. Dale preaches to it the first Lord's-day in each month. It has long been under a cloud, but recently the clouds have dispersed, and the sun of righteousness has risen upon her with healing under his wings, and many have been added to her already; and as the revival is still in progress, it is hoped that many more will be born into this branch of the Lord's family. This has one licensed preacher, D. Harris, and is friendly to the General Association.

Harrod's Creek. This church is situated in Oldham county; its letter gives but an imperfect detail of the state of the church. Elder G. Waller preaches to them as often as his other engagements will permit. Elder O. Knowland is a member here, who, with brother Cardir, a licentiate of this body, preaches frequently in the neighborhood.

Burk's Branch. This church is located in Shelby county, and has had the ministerial labors of Elder G. Waller for upwards of thirty years, who is still preaching to them on the fourth Lord's-day in each month. They express themselves friendly to the General Association, and are in a position to do much good. Nothing remarkable has occurred here the past year.

Buck Creek. This church is located in Shelby county; it enjoys the ministerial labors of Elder G. Waller on the first Lord's-day in each month, and is a large and respectable body; it has been often refreshed with revivals, and is at this time in very happy circumstances, in this respect, and all alive to the great efforts of benevolence for the spread of the gospel, and few churches in this state are in circumstances to do more for the good cause than this. In addition to Elder Waller's labors here, Elder Francis Davis, who is a member here, labors much for this people.

Little Mount. This church is in Spencer county; their letter not coming to hand, we can only state from the information of Elder William Stout, their pastor, that they are at this time enjoying a happy state of revival, and are friendly to efforts for the spread of the gospel.

Kings. This church was not represented in the association this year. We understand that they have recently had a happy revival, and that between 40 and 50 have been added to their numbers.

Plumb Creek. This church is located in Spencer county, Elder William Stout preaches to it on the first Lord's day in each month, and his labors seem to have been much blessed in this place. They are at this time enjoying a state of revival, and prospects indicate a copious ingathering—may the Lord fulfil their hopes. This church, says their pastor, is ready to every good work.

Dreonnons Creek. This church is located in the town of Newcastle; it has the stated ministry of Elder A. Goodel, who is much assisted by our venerable brother, J. Netherton, who is a licentiate of this body. This is a very large church, and among the most wealthy in the state, and is abundantly able, not only to sustain its own pastor, so as to give him his entire time to the work, but also to do much for the general cause, to which she is very favorable.

Shelbyville. This church is located in the town of Shelbyville; it has

recently passed through some difficulties, their present condition is, however, more favorable. Elder S. Baker, a talented young minister from Missouri, is their pastor. We trust that blessed results will crown his labors. Elder J. P. Rucker is also a member here, and the church is quite alive to benevolent effort.

Taylorville. This church is located in the town of Taylorville, it has recently enjoyed a considerable outpouring of divine grace, many have been added to it already and as the work is still going on we hope that many more will be received into its bosom before the revival is over. Elder William Stout preaches to them the fourth Lord's-day in each month. He says that this church is also ready to put forth her energies to spread the Gospel.

Ballardville. This church is located at Ballardville, has the ministerial services of Elder Berry the fourth Lord's-day in each month. She informs us by letter that she intends removing her membership to the Sulpher Fork Association for convenience sake.

Simpsonville. This church is located in Simpsonville, it is a flourishing and large society, it is much united, and is wielding a happy influence around it. Elder J. Dale preaches here on the second Lord's-day in each month. They have been much replenished of late, and the work is still going on. The church is in favor of the General Association and is able to do much in the good cause.

Dover. This church is located in Shelby county, it has been a large and useful body, but it has been very much harrassed, for several years past, by a factious spirit, the result of antinomian influence. They are, however, recovering from this state of things, and having lately called and obtained the stated ministrations of brother Berry, we hope by the divine blessing they will flourish again.

First Baptist Church of Louisville. This church is a large and influential body, its members have nearly doubled within three years past, and is still increasing. The church has in its connexion and under its care a large African church, consisting of about 300 members. They are in a large new brick building, put up by their own means. Elder Henry Adams, a talented colored brother is their pastor, and preaches to them every Lord's-day, and receives for his support \$500 a year, quarterly in advance. It is the addition of this body to the white part of the church that swells their number to the amount exhibited in the table. This church is a staunch advocate of the great plans of benevolence in operation in our denomination. Elder William C. Buck has been settled with them for the last three years and a half, but he has resigned his charge and she is at this time without a pastor. Brother J. L. Waller is a member here and has been recently licensed to preach, so that they are not entirely destitute.

Pleasant Grove. This flourishing young church, where we are now in session, is located in Jefferson county, and enjoys the ministerial labors of Elder J. Dale on the third Lord's-day in each month, and of Elder Knowland on the first. It approves of the General Association.

Floyd's Fork. This church is located in Jefferson county, it has had some difficulties of late, produced by one or two violent opposers of

the General Association; these difficulties, however, have passed over, and they are now at peace. Elder William Barnet preaches to them on the fourth Lord's-day in each month, and we trust that the cloud of mercy which has been pouring its refreshing showers upon the churches around them, will soon visit them also.

Little Flock. This feeble body is in Bullit county, and is preached to on the fourth Sabbath in each month by Elder Robert Gailbreath. It is friendly to the General Association, but is able to do but little for its object, and is doing nothing for the support of its pastor.

Fish Pools. This is another small church in the neighborhood of the above, but in Jefferson county. Elder P. M. Cary and R. Gailheath preach here on the first and third Sabbaths in each month. It is in favor of the General Association, but is not able to aid much in its objects, and like too many churches of more wealth than they, entirely neglect the support of those who preach the gospel to them.

Second Baptist Church of Louisville. This body has been constituted the past year, out of the first church. They have worshipped since their organization in a hall on Pearl street, which they have neatly fitted up; they have, however, commenced a brick building on Green, between First and Second streets. For the first six months, Elder Morey was their pastor; at this time Elder F. A. Willard is settled with them. He is an efficient brother, lately from the state of Massachusetts, and we hope that his labors will prove a blessing to the church and to the community.

Thus, dear brethren, we have given you a succinct history of all the churches in our body, and which we could have rendered much more interesting if the letters had been more explicit, and we hope that you will not think us unkind or assuming, if we suggest, that each letter should contain a statement of the entire condition of the church, including the names of all the ordained and licensed preachers, the days of meeting, &c.; and if this information was furnished to the Association in your letters, instead of the lengthy sermons which some of them contain, it would not only lessen the labor of reading in the association, but would furnish matter which, if judiciously compiled, would render your annual minutes a volume worth preserving. Hoping that this suggestion will be duly appreciated by you, we affectionately commit you to God and the Word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified.

G. WALLER, *Moderator.*

JOHN L. WALLER, *Clerk.*