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OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

LONG RUN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

WHICH MET, AT

BRASHEAR'S CREEK, SHELBY COUNTY, KY.

ON THE

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Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Long Run Association of Baptists, which met at BRASHEAR'S CREEK, Shelby county, Kentucky, on the first Friday in September, 1840.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., September 4th, a Sermon introductory to the business of the Association, was preached by Elder SAMUEL BAKER, from Matthew xxviii, 18-20; "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in Heaven, and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

The letters from the churches were then read, and their messengers' names enrolled as follows, viz:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd. by Baptism.	Rec'd. by Letter.....	Restored.....	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.....	Dead.....	TOTAL.....
1—Brashear's Creek,	Joseph Stratton, James McQuaid, and John Younger,	6	2		10	2	1	89
2—Chenoweth's Run,	Henry Hawkins,						1	17
3—Elk Creek.....	E. Sloan, J. Stout, R. Dale & J. Reaser	39	2	6	4	1	1	93
4—Long Run.....	T. Mahoney, T. Conn.,	74	1	6	6	1	3	198
5—Harrod's Creek,	L. Glore, J. Bondurant,	1			8			83
6—Buck's Branch.....	J. L. Jones, J. Yount, J. Collier and G. Johnson,	38	5	5	6		2	112
7—Buck Creek.....	G. WALLER, F. DAVIS, M. Burbank, E. Stout, sr. R. Smith & B. C. Stephens,	103	7		10	3	2	300
8—Little Mount.....	J. Connelly, N. Nowlan and S. Ruble,	32	3		2			94
9—Kings,.....	S. Evans, W. Sparks, J. Swearingen, W. Thurnman and G. Markwell,	8	4		7	4	2	164
10—Plumb Creek, ...	N. Cochran, J. Tichenor & H. Day ...	25	2		4		1	106
11—New Castle.....	J. Metherton, T. Smith, T. Brown, R. Guthrie, J. Carbin,	2	2		14		7	282
12—Shelbyville,	S. BAKER, W. Jarvis, S. Dupuy and S. P. RUCKER,	85	15	1	17	7	3	265
13—Taylorsville,	W. STOUT, N. C. Beckham,	35	3	9				210
14—Simpsonville, ...	J. DALE, J. Robinson, D. Shouse, & J. Hollingsworth.....	48	15	2	6		3	233
15—Dover,	J. Neal and W. C. Price.....	16		1	7		3	114
16—1st Church in Louisville,	J. FINLAY, W. C. BUCK, J. L. Waller, W. Colgan, J. Eliot & J. Gaar, ...	80	33	9	19	18	4	613
17—Pleasant Grove, ..	T. M. Rick, S. B. Yeager, S. W. Wil-Hudson and J. S. oggio,	12	3		3	1	1	108
18—Floyd's Fork, ...	W. BARNETT, W. Smith,	46	1	1	13	2	2	85
19—Little Fluck.....	James Field,	22		2			1	107
20—Fish Pool,	R. GAILBREATH and P. M. CAREY....							27
21—3d Church, Louisville	F. A. WILLARD, C. Quirey, and E. A. Bennett,	3	6		3		1	39
Grand Total		675	104	42	139	39	38	3339

NOTE.—The names of ordained ministers are in small capitals; those of licentiates in italics.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, whereupon, brother Geo. Waller was chosen Moderator, and brother J. L. Waller, Clerk. Prayer by Elder Kingsford.

Letters from Corresponding Associations were then read as follows, viz:

ELKHORN.—C. L. Burrows and F. C. Ford.

FRANKLIN.—T. Lee, W. W. Ford, and J. Ford.

CONCORD.—A letter, but no messenger.

SULPHUR FORK.—F. H. Goodridge.

SOUTH DISTRICT.—No letter or messenger.

BAPTIST.—W. Morris.

SALEM.—E. Wigginton.

Brother John L. Waller, who was appointed to prepare a circular letter, stated that he had been unable to comply with the request of the Association; he was thereupon excused; and a committee of brethren Buck, J. L. Waller, and Baker, were appointed to make a report upon the condition of the churches as exhibited in their letters to be printed, instead of the circular.

Elder E. KINGSFORD, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and Elder G. MATTHEWS, Agent of the General Association of Baptists, in Kentucky, being present, were invited to seats with us.

New business being called for, Brother JOHN L. WALLER gave notice, that on to-morrow he would introduce some resolutions on the Bible cause.

Brethren J. DALE, WILLARD, GAILBREATH and STOUT, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Brethren J. ELIOT and S. DUPUY, appointed a Committee to prepare the Corresponding letter.

*Our next Annual meeting to be at New Castle, Henry county, Ky., commencing on the first Friday in September, 1841.

Brethren BUCK, KINGSFORD & FINLAY, were appointed to preach on to-morrow. After prayer, by Elder WILLARD, adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder GAILBREATH.

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

1st.—The Committee appointed for that purpose, reported a Corresponding letter, which was adopted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes: And messengers were appointed to Corresponding Associations, as follows:

To ELKHORN—at East Hickman, Jessamine county, 2d Saturday in August, 1841—W. C. Buck, John L. Waller and Samuel Baker.

To CONCORD—at Muscle Shoals, Owen county, 4th Friday in August, 1841—John Corbin, T. Smith and W. C. Buck.

To SULPHUR FORK—at East Fork, Henry county, 2d Friday in September, 1840—W. C. Buck, J. P. Rucker, T. Smith, George Waller, J. Roberts, J. Netherton, J. Corbin, S. Baker and W. C. Price.

To SOUTH DISTRICT—at the Forks of Dix River, Garrard county, 3d Saturday in August, 1841—W. C. Buck, John L. Waller and J. P. Rucker.

To BAPTIST—at Providence, Anderson county, on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1841—W. C. Buck, John L. Waller and F. Davis.

To SALEM—at Rolling Fork, Nelson county, on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, 1840—S. Evans, E. Stout, Sen., R. B. Smith, F. A. Willard and John L. Waller.

To FRANKLIN—at the Mouth of Cedar, Owen county, 3d Friday in September, 1840—J. Scoggin, J. P. Rucker and John L. Waller.

2d.—The Committee on the condition of the churches, reported in part, and were instructed to finish their report and publish it with the Minutes.

3d.—The request of Taylorsville church,—that a Correspondence be opened with the Middle District Association—taken up; and it was agreed to open said correspondence. Whereupon, Brethren Willard and Baker prepare a letter to said Association; who, after a short retirement, reported a letter, which was received, and Brethren S. Baker, J. Stratton, J. McQuaid, W. C. Buck, J. L. Waller, F. Davis & R. Dale, were appointed to bear to the said Association when convened at Pigeon Fork, Anderson co., on the 4th Friday in July, 1841.

4th.—Elder John Finlay chosen to preach the next Introductory Sermon—and Elder T. M. Rice his alternate. Elder S. Baker to write the next Circular Letter.

5th.—Brethren John L. Waller, R. Gailbreath, W. C. Buck, John Finlay, T. M. Rice, J. Eliot, F. A. Willard, B. C³ Stephens and S. Baker, appointed messengers to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, to meet in Elizabethtown, on the Friday before the 4th Lord's day in October, 1840. It was also agreed that a collection be taken, at the stand to-morrow, to be divided equally between the General Association and the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society.

6th.—Brethren Finlay, Buck, Kingsford and Willard, chosen to preach on Lord's day.

7th.—\$22 95 cts. contributed by the churches for the Minutes; and Brethren J. Eliot and John L. Waller, to superintend their printing and distribution.

The following Preamble and Resolutions introduced by Brother J. L. Waller, were *unanimously* adopted:

WHEREAS, it behooves the children of God, at all times, to observe attentively, the developements of Divine Providence, that they may prepare themselves for the prompt and vigorous discharge of all the duties which such developements impose:—and, whereas, the recent resolutions and actions of the two National Bible Societies of America and England, render it utterly impossible for conscientious Baptists longer to co-operate with them in the great work of Bible distribution, and, whereas, numerous translations have been made by Baptist Missionaries, who have extensive acquaintance with the languages, dialects, and customs of the heathen—the peculiar facilities which they enjoy of circulating the Bible, their devoted piety, their untiring labors, under cruel persecutions, severe trials, and painful discouragements—it must be evident to all, that the Providence of God has placed the Baptist denomination in a most favorable position, to give the long neglected Heathen the pure words of God:

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the organization of the American and Foreign Bible Society, in the judgment of this Association, appears to be in perfect obedience to the plain indications of the will of God, and cannot fail to be pleasing in his sight.

Resolved, That as the Resolution of the Board of the American Bible Society, on the 17th of February, 1836, and the coincident action of the British and Foreign Bible Society, render it impossible for these Societies or the translators, under their patronage, to give *faithful* versions of the Sacred Scriptures in any of the languages of the heathen, the responsibility of the Baptist denomination is infinitely increased, and it becomes them to adopt and to carry into prompt and vigorous execution, enlarged and liberal measures, commensurate in their nature and extent with the moral grandeur of the enterprise in which they are engaged.

Resolved, That we learn, with unmingled satisfaction and delight, that our Baptist brethren of Great Britain have recently resolved themselves as a denomination into a Bible Translation Society—and that we may now regard them as cordial and efficient coadjutors in the great and glorious work of preserving the oracles of God from mutilation and suppression.

Resolved, That the Resolution of the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society, to raise, during the current year, *five thousand dollars*, to aid in giving faithful translations of the word of God to the benighted nations of the earth, is worthy the piety and enterprise of Kentucky Baptists; and we sincerely trust that all the churches within the bounds of this Association, whether feeble or strong, will cheerfully and liberally assist to redeem this pledge.

After praise and prayer, conducted by Elder W. C. Buck, adjourned in peace.

GEORGE WALLER, *Moderator.*

Attest:—JOHN L. WALLER, *Clerk.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Long Run Association in session at Brashear's Creek, Shelby county, Ky., to her Corresponding Associations.

Dear Brethren:—It affords us much pleasure again to address you, and renew assurances of our high regard and Christian esteem. Being engaged in a cause which we feel assured has the approbation of the great ruler of the universe, we are encouraged to persevere in it. And we desire to join you in untiring efforts to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom by every proper and legitimate means.

From some of your letters we are pleased to learn the work of the Lord is prospering in your midst; and it is our fervent prayer to the Most High, that during our next associational year, great good may be done whereof all our hearts shall be made to rejoice.

We solicit a continuance of your friendly correspondence, and shall always be gratified to receive and welcome your messengers.

In this association the bounty of Providence has been extended to us in rich profusion, and we have much cause of thankfulness to God. The Saviour of sinners has been gracious to our churches. Nearly every one has received valuable accessions by experience and baptism since our last meeting, amounting in the aggregate to six hundred and seventy-five members.

By referring to our Minutes, you will perceive we have appointed messengers to represent us and make known more fully our friendly disposition, and ardent desire to co-operate with you in every good word and work.

A CONDENSED VIEW OF THE CHURCHES AS REPORTED IN THESE LETTERS, &c.

1. **BRASHEAR'S CREEK**, is situated near Shelbyville; it is still enjoying the ministerial labor of Elder Wm. Ford, once a month, on the Lord's day after the first Saturday. They enjoy a state of quiet, have some indications of a revival, with some additions the last year. Their pastor informs us that they sustain him liberally, but nothing is known as to what extent they are laboring to spread the Gospel among the destitute.

2. **CHENOWETH'S RUN**. This small body have removed from Jefferson-town back to their old meeting house. They have been entirely destitute of stated, and nearly of occasional preaching the last year. Elder Carey has however engaged recently to preach for them once a month; no other changes have occurred with them, except the death of one of their members.

3. **ELK CHURCH**. This church is situated in Spencer county; has the ministerial services of Elder G. Waller, the second Lord's day in each month; they have continued to prosper ever since their emancipation from anti-ism; have been doing well for their pastor, are at peace and doing about as well as their sister churches for the general objects of religion.

4. **LONG RUN**. This old church which gave name to the Association, is situated on a water-course of the same name in Jefferson county. Elder John Dale preaches to them on the first Lord's day in each month. The revival which commenced there just before our last session, the first fruits of which were reported in our last years' Minutes, resulted in an unusual ingathering of souls, the amount of which may be seen by a reference to the table. Brother D. Harris is a licentiate of this body. Their pastor gives them credit for liberally sustaining him, and he hopes that they will soon come up to a systematic action in the other departments of labor to spread the gospel.

5. **HARROD'S CREEK**. This church is in Oldham county, near the Jefferson line; it has experienced a long wintry season from which they seem not yet relieved; and in addition to all this they seem to have had some special difficulties to contend with; they are however cheered with prospects of better times as they have recently secured the services of Elder G. Waller on the fourth Lord's day in each month. They propose to sustain him in the discharge of his duty, but say nothing as to what they are doing for other objects. Brother O. Knowland is an ordained preacher of their body.

6. **BUCK'S BRANCH.** This church is in Shelby county; it has experienced a most gracious outpouring of the Spirit the last year, the results of which may be seen by a reference to the table. They have recently obtained the services of brother J. Baker once a month, & engage to sustain him in his labor, but say nothing in their letter as to what they are doing for the general interests of religion.

7. **BUCK CREEK.** This church is also in Shelby county, is still attended on the first Lord's day in each month by Elder G. Waller, and has enjoyed a most delightful season in the past year, and many have been added to its number as may be seen in the table. This church has been in the habit of liberally sustaining its local minister, and has never failed to yield their support to the other objects of the denomination when called upon, but has as yet adopted no regular system in reference to those objects.

8. **LITTLE MOUNT,** is situated in Spencer county; their letter speaks of the happy state of things in the church, and of a delightful increase the past year. Elder Wm. Stout is still preaching to them once a month. They have generally been friendly to benevolent effort, but we are not aware that they have adopted any uniform system of action in those matters—nor are we aware how far they are sustaining their own pastor.

9. **KINGS.** This church is located in Bullitt county; has the services of Elder Wm. Barrett once a month, it has experienced a revival the past year, and some have been added to the body. They have heretofore stood upon neutral ground in reference to benevolent effort; we hope, however, that the increasing light which is gathering around them, upon these matters, will soon dissipate their hesitation, and that this church will be found among the foremost to unfurl the Banner of the Cross to a perishing world. We can say nothing as to what they are doing for their Pastor.

10. **PLUMB CREEK.** This church is in Spencer county. Elder William Stout preaches to them the 2d Lord's day in each month. They enjoyed quite a refreshing in the early part of the year, and considerable additions were made to their number; they are at peace at present—are friendly to effort—but seem not to have any system of action upon these subjects. We can say nothing as to how they discharge their duty to their Pastor.

11. **NEW CASTLE,** in the town of New-Castle—is preached to by Elder M'Guire—Elder Goodell having been compelled to desist from preaching on account of ill health. Nothing of a remarkable character has occurred to change the character of this church the past year. They are friendly to effort, and uniformly lend their assistance when applied to—but have no system to regulate their action; they are able to do much, and generally sustain their own Ministry. Brother Netherton is a licentiate in this church.

12. **SHELBYVILLE**—is in the town of Shelbyville; it has the ministerial labor of Elder Saml. Baker, two Sabbaths in the month—is in a tolerable prosperous condition, having had a considerable accession of numbers the past year—they are sustaining their preacher for the time appropriated to their service—are friendly to all the objects of benevolence, and contribute liberally to their support, when called upon, but like the majority of churches in this State, they have failed to adopt a uniform system in the distribution of their means; they have, however, a female Missionary Society among their members, and a large Sabbath School. Elder J. P. Rucker is a member here.

13. **TAYLORSVILLE,** is located in the town of the same name—Elder Wm. Stout preaches to them the third Lord's day in each month. They are in prosperous circumstances, having had considerable accessions the past year. They are friendly to effort, and, as others, contribute occasionally to their support, but without system. We are not authorized to say how they discharge their duty to their preacher—but we hope faithfully.

14. SIMPSONVILLE, is in the town of that name, in Shelby county.—It has the ministerial services of Elder John Dale, on the second Lord's day in each month. It is in a prosperous condition—has been greatly increased the past year; they are friendly to every good work, but are without any system in their appropriations. Their Pastor, however, gives them credit for doing their duty to him.

15. DOVER. This church is in Shelby county—it has recently passed through a serious trial, but is now in a quiet and peaceable condition, with prospects of better times. They are ministered to once a month, by Elder E. G. Berry, whom they propose to sustain in proportion to the time appropriated to their service—but they have not been able to do much for other objects, in consequence of the difficulties alluded to above.

16. FIRST CHURCH OF LOUISVILLE. This church is in a prosperous condition. Elder John Finlay is their Pastor. It has under its care, a large African Church, supplied by an able Minister, a colored man, by the name of — Addams. They have a commodious large brick house, which they have built and paid for themselves—and they pay their Pastor five hundred dollars a year, quarterly in advance; it is useless to say, that this African Church is prospering—their munificence is a standing reproof to many of our churches of another color. The First Church has a large Sabbath School, and in connection with the Second Church, a Female Missionary Society, and a Bible Society is kept up—but she has not yet systematized her action as a church upon these subjects.

17. PLEASANT GROVE. This church is in Jefferson county; it is in a state of comfortable prosperity. It has, this year, the ministerial services of Elder T. M. Rice half his time at a stipulated salary. They have among their members, a Missionary Society, Auxiliary to the Roberts' Fund, and China Mission Society—but the church, as such, though friendly to effort, is as the rest of the churches in this Association.

18. FLOYD'S FORK—is situated on the stream so called; since the spirit of anti-ism has been controlled in this body, its prosperity has exceeded any thing in its past history. Forty-six have been baptized there the past year—Elder Wm. Barnett is preaching to them once a month, and we understand, that they are aiming to sustain him. It is now what all churches should be, a Missionary body.

19. FISH POOL. This little body is in Jefferson county—Elders R. Gailbreath and P. M. Carey, preach here; it is so feeble, that its light seems almost extinguished. May God cause this little one to arise.

20. LITTLE FLOCK, is within three miles of the former—is preached to by Elder R. Gailbreath, stately, and by Elder Carey occasionally. It is much larger than Fish Pool, but not more active. We are inclined to think, that neither of the above churches are in the habit of doing much for the ministry among them—and perhaps this is one reason why they are so barren.

21. SECOND CHURCH, IN LOUISVILLE. This young church has gradually increased—it is small, but it contains some active, persevering members, and we hope will flourish. They have finished, in a very neat style, a brick house, on Green, between first and second streets. Elder F. A. Willard is still their Pastor. They have a large Sabbath School, and maintain, in connection with the First Church, a Bible Society, Auxiliary to the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society, and also a Female Missionary Society.

In conclusion, we hope that the time is not far off when we shall have the pleasure, not only to report that the churches of our Association are friendly to the efforts making to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth—but when we shall have the satisfaction to report what they do in these matters, by a regular system in their church capacity.