

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

LONG RUN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

HARROD'S CREEK MEETING-HOUSE,

OLDHAM COUNTY, KENTUCKY,

ON THE

FIFTH, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH DAYS OF SEPTEMBER, 1845.



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1. At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Smith Thomas, from Matthew, 15th chap. and 25th verse: "Lord help me."

2. Letters from the respective churches composing the Association were read, and the Messengers recognized as follows:

CHURCHES.	When conferred.	Counties.	MESSENGRS.	Baptized.	Restored. Rec. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Clear Creek,	1785	Shelby	G. B. PECK, J. Younger, J. Ford, A. D. Stone, J. W. Stone.		1 1	5 1	1 1		105
Elk Creek,		Spencer	Reuben Dale,* Josiah Reesor, Richard Vandyke, Peter Car- land,* Edmund Sloan.		1 1	2 2	1 1		87
Long Run,	1794	Jefferson	T. Conn, Wm. Montgaul, F. Lut- trell, S. Dale, E. Luttrell.	47	1 4	7 4	6 6		228
Harrod's Creek,	1797	Oldham	J. KINSOLVING, P. Carder, J. B Bridwell.	4	2	1	1		81
Buck Creek,	1799	Shelby	FRANCIS DAVIS, G. WALLER, B. C. Stevens, Joseph Stratton J. H. Stout, Gad Davis, Caleb Doyle.		3	6 8	1		289
New Castle,	1799	Henry	John Corbin,* Jas. Roberts, Sr.,* John Smith,* Thos. S. Haven, Thos. Smith, P. Ford,* Thos Brown,* Thomas Posey.*	1	2	7 17			328 140
King's Burk's Branch,	1800 1801	Bullitt Shelby	William Thurman. John L. Jones, Jonathan Young, Joseph Martin, Michael Collier, Evan Hinton.*		2	5 6	3		150
Little Mount,	1801	Spencer	N.C. BECKHAM,* Joel W. Garnett,* J. B. Connelly, Sm'l Ruble.	8	1	3	1		124
Pleasant Grove,	1805	Jefferson	Silas B. Yager, John Scoggin, John W. Yager,* J. T. Wilcox, John W. Williamson.	5	1	2	2		89
Plum Creek,	1810	Spencer	Moses V. Buckner,* P. Beau- champ, A. Varnarsdall, H Day.	11	2	7 1	2		165 110
Little Flock, Dover,	1810 1812	Bullitt Shelby	William L. Jones, Isaac Davis,* Joseph E. Powers.			5 1	2		94
Louisville, (1st)	1815		A. D. SEARS, G. GATES,* A. T. Heth, J. H. Bagby, C. Van Bus- kirk, A. Cochel, Jacob Friddle, J. B. Whitman.	14	38 2	36 16	4		400
Shelbyville,	1819	Shelby	W. W. GARDNER, <i>Geo W. Robert- son</i> , Wm. Jarvis*, J. S. Sharod,* John Gwin, Shelby Van Natta, Thos Handsborough.	1	12	14 6	2		375
Floyd's Fork,	1827	Jefferson	W. B. BARNETT, Wm. Parish, A. Bridwell, Samuel Bell.	1		5 1	1		100
Fishpool,	1827	Jefferson	R. GAILBREATH,* — Ashby,* P. M. CAREY.						30
Taylor'sville,	1828	Spencer	Wm. STOUT, <i>George La Page</i> , J. J. Wood, D. Burbank. Jesse Boston.	1	1 1	7 4	5		200
Simpsonville,	1830	Shelby	S. THOMAS, JOHN DALE, T. Shanks, D. Shouse, J. Robinson N. Hocker.	14	5	15 2	5		282

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Counties.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Restored. Rec'd by Letter.	Dis- by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	
Louisville, (2d.)	1838	Jefferson	T. S. MALCOM,* J. E. Tyler A. Peter,* C. C. P. CROSBY,* C. S. Tucker, C. T. Taylor.	3	28	12	14	1	171	
East Louisville,	1842	Jefferson	Wm. C. BUCK, ISAAC MCCOY, J. Bush.	14		5	2	1	44	
Shiloh,	1842	do	J. W. Waller, J. C. Waller, J. Paterson.*					1	20	
Louisville, (col'd)	1842	do		12	12	42	17	10	644	
Union Ridge,	1843	Oldham	W. S. Ragsdale, J. B. Ragsdale, Isaiah McQuin, John Huffman, J. R. Lockhart.	2	3			1	48	
Liberty,	1844	Jefferson	Robert Clore,* Wm. Clore, Joseph Guyton.	5	5				25	
Chenoweth Run,	1844	do	William Hawkins, S. Stivers.	1	1			1	11	
Totals,				130	135	119	186	96	52	4340

NOTE.—The names of ordained ministers are printed in SMALL CAPS, and those of Licentiate in *italics*. Messengers marked thus (*) were not present. Ordained ministers 18, licensed 4. † The colored part of this church is under the care of Elder G. Wells—number 72,

3. W. C. BUCK was chosen moderator, and ISAAC MCCOY clerk.

4. Bethel Church applied for admission, and their letter was laid on the table.

5. Letters from corresponding Associations were called for, and appeared as follows—from

Elkhorn Association—Neither Letter nor Messenger.

Concord Association—J. Stonestreet,* E. B. Stratton,* J. Chilton,* J. B. Porter.

Franklin Association—William Roberts.

Bethel Association, Ind.—SETH WOODRUFF, J. D. CRABS, John McCoy, Lewis McCoy.*

Sulphur Fork Association—Daniel Yager, John Coons, Thos. Button, R. Bennett, Z. G. Head.

Salem Association—WILLIAM VAUGHN.

Middle District Association—GEORGE BRISTOE, T. M'Lane, J. Ballard.

Baptist Association—Neither Letter nor Messenger.

6. Rules of Decorum were read.

7. Ministering brethren present were invited to a seat in counsel.

8. On motion, the Letter from Bethel Church was taken up, and referred to a committee consisting of GEORGE WALLER, WM. VAUGHAN, A. D. SEARS, E. G. BERRY, John McCoy, S. THOMAS, and W. W. GARDNER.

9. The delegates from the church at Harrod's Creek, were requested to appoint preachers to occupy the stand on Saturday; and S. WOODRUFF, J. D. CRABS, and E. G. BERRY were appointed.

10. On motion, the subject of Indian Missions was referred to a select committee, consisting of JOHN DALE, J. C. Waller, and G. B. PECK.

11. Voted, that a collection be taken on Sabbath, and equally divided between the Am. Ind. Miss. Ass. and the Am. and For. Bible Society.

12. Appointed the Moderator and Clerk a Committee of Arrangement.

13. Appointed WM. B. BARNETT, B. C. Stevens and G. W. Robinson a committee to write to corresponding Associations.

14. Adjourned to 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by W. W. GARDNER.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Elder Francis Davis.

15. The roll was called.

16. Received the report of the Committee of Arrangements.

17. The committee on the case of Bethel Church, now applying for admission into this body, reported; and, after a full discussion of the subject, and an amendment of the report, it was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, it is reported that the difficulty which has arisen in the Bethel church has terminated in a split of the church, and the Middle District Association having recognized a part of the church, at their late session at Beach Creek, to the injury of the Bethel church; and the Bethel church asking for admission into our fellowship; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the Middle District Association, to hold a called meeting, and that the parties at Bethel be urged to call a council of brethren to settle the matters of difference between them.

Resolved, That during the time that these difficulties continue, Bethel church, now applying for admission, be considered under the watch care of this Association.

18. The Circular Letter was read, and adopted.

19. The committee, to whom it had been referred, reported the Corresponding Letter, which was adopted, and messengers were appointed to bear it, viz., to

Franklin Association—J. Robinson, FRANCIS DAVIS, John Scoggin, *Geo. La Page*, John Ford, W. W. GARDNER, Gad Davis, and S. THOMAS.

Bethel Association, Ind.—ISAAC MCCOY, G. B. PECK, SMITH THOMAS, W. C. BUCK, and G. W. Robinson.

Sulphur Fork Association—J. KINSOLVING, THOS. SMITH, J. DALE, G. B. PECK, ISAAC MCCOY, and W. C. BUCK.

Middle District Association—A. D. SEARS, G. B. PECK, G. W. ROBINSON, W. Stratton, Samuel Ruble, J. Ford.

Salem Association—Geo. La Page, S. THOMAS, G. B. PECK.

Baptist Association—GEO. B. PECK, G. W. ROBINSON.

South District Association—A. D. SEARS.

Elkhorn Association—W. C. BUCK, W. W. GARDNER, John Ford.

Concord Association—Thos. Smith, G. B. Peck, W. C. BUCK, ISAAC McCoy.

20. *Resolved*, That any member of this Association presenting a copy of our minutes to a corresponding body, be considered a delegate.

21. The Committee on Indian Missions reported, and the report was adopted, as follows:

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Indian Missions, beg leave to report as follows :

Your committee have learnt, with much satisfaction, that contributions of this Association, and of individuals and public bodies within the bounds of this Association, have been successfully applied to the spiritual benefit of the Indians. God has graciously smiled upon this work of benevolence, in which we have the privilege of co-operating. Conversions have occurred, and the desire to enjoy the blessings of the gospel continues to increase among various tribes.

The adoption of the following resolution is respectfully recommended:

Resolved, That as the claims of the Aborigines of our country are evidently stronger upon christians in this country than those of any heathen more remote; and as great encouragement to future action in their behalf is furnished by the success of the past, and the inviting prospects of the future; therefore, the benevolent are earnestly recommended to direct their efforts specially to the promotion of missions among them, under the patronage of the American Indian Mission Association.

The following brethren were appointed correspondents to attend the next annual meeting of the American Indian Mission Association, viz: J. KINGSOLVING, G. B. PECK, Geo. La Page, W. C. BUCK, Richard Vandyke.

22. Received the Report of the Home Missionary, which was as follows :

“ *To the Executive Board*—The Association will expect a full report from me, through you. By reference to my communication in the Banner of the 12th of June, and the annexing of the following, you will have a full history: Served 76 days, rode 565 miles, accessions and applicants to the Associa-

tion 116, subscribers for the Banner 21, contributions to sustain the Editor \$30 20; making, in all, \$72 20. Contributions for Indian Missions \$20 85; sold two and a half dozen Baptist Hymn Books, one History of Indian Affairs; distributed 3,250 pages of tracts; received \$60 75.

G. B. PECK."

The Missionary Board reported that they had experienced difficulty in securing the attendance of a sufficient number to form a quorum at meetings of business; and they had on hand about money enough to pay all the expenses of the concern.

The Board of last year was continued, and requested to proceed according to their own discretion.

23. The report of the ministers, according to a resolution of last year, in favor of supporting the Banner, was called for. G. B. PECK reported that he had obtained twenty-two new subscribers; F. DAVIS, two; J. KINSOLVING, three; S. THOMAS, (unable to state the number.)

24. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That whilst the interests and rights of our denomination in the South and West have been involved in the late difficulties between the Northeast and Southwest, we take pleasure in acknowledging our obligations to the Editor of the Baptist Banner and Pioneer, as the able and consistent advocate of the interests of the Southwestern Baptists; and as an evidence of the estimation which we place upon his labors, we cordially recommend the Banner to our brethren of the Southwestern States, and solicit for it a more liberal patronage.

25. Brethren WM. VAUGHAN, E. G BERRY, and J. D. CRABS were appointed to preach on Lord's Day.

26. Appointed Elder George Waller to preach the next introductory sermon; and, in case of failure, Eld. W. C. Buck.

27. Agreed that the next Association be held at Elk Creek Meeting-house, Spencer county, to commence on the first Friday in September, 1846.

28. Appointed W. W. GARDNER to write the next Circular Letter.

29. Appointed the following brethren messengers to the General Association, viz: *George La Page*, W. W. GARDNER, G. W. ROBINSON, A. D. SEARS, and ISAAC MCCOY.

30. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. Pattison, President of the Theological Institute at Covington, has failed to answer the very reasonable inquiries of Elder J. L. Waller, as propounded to him in the Baptist Banner, therefore,

Resolved, That the Long Run Association fully sustain the course of brother Waller, and the Editor of the Banner and Pioneer.

Resolved, That from the situation in which Covington Institution is, on account of the suspicions respecting its President upon the subject of slavery, this Association deems it an unsafe place to educate the rising ministry of the Southwest.

31. *Resolved*, (unanimously,) that the Baptist Hymn Book, published by Eld. W. C. Buck, is calculated, in a high degree, to promote christian devotion, and is specially adapted to christians in the Western and Southern States; and it is earnestly recommended to churches and individuals to adopt it, and bring it into general use.

32. *Resolved*, That this Association behold, with great pleasure, the growing prosperity of the Georgetown College, and recommend it to the universal support and patronage of the friends of learning and religion.

33. Received money for printing the Minutes, and directed the Moderator and Clerk to superintend their printing and distribution.

Adjourned by a song of praise to God, and prayer by the President.

WILLIAM C. BUCK, *President*.

ISAAC MCCOY, *Clerk*.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

BY ELDER A. D. SEARS.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE LONG RUN ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The time having arrived when you reasonably expect an annual circular, we enter upon the task of preparing it under a feeling sense of the peculiar difficulties in which our beloved Zion is involved. The past has been a year of unexampled spiritual declension in the church of Jesus Christ. Owing to the political excitement in which the country was involved immediately subsequent to the last meeting of your Association, the feelings of the great mass of the church were carried into the political spirit of the times. The consequence was that, while practices were tolerated in many of the churches at war with the Bible, the Lord has visited the churches with his displeasure; and therefore error and heresy has prospered, iniquity has abounded, and the love of many has waxed cold. Joined to this season of spiritual declension, other evils, and those too of the most alarming character, have threatened the church, arising from the excitement which has arisen upon the slavery question. The aggressive spirit of Abolitionism, which, with all its intolerance, has been increasing for years, and which lately, under the milder aspect of *gradual* emancipation, has not only insinuated itself into the counsels of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, thereby influencing them to pass decisions in direct violation of the Constitution of the Triennial Convention, and subversive of the rights of the churches in the slaveholding States, but has also insinuated itself to a certain extent, for the time being, into the press of our own beloved Commonwealth. The effect of all these combined evils upon the declining spirit of the churches, has been most paralyzing, and especially have the opinions avowed by our Board of Foreign Missions in their answer to the queries of the Alabama Convention, advanced the cause of infidelity and irreligion, and promoted the interest and elevated the pride of the Anti-Missionary Baptists. The foregoing is a brief description of the unfavorable influences of an irreligious character, which have been in operation during our past associational year; and the effect of which has overclouded with gloom our denominational prosperity, and which has brought mortification to the friends of the Redeemer. The question may now very reasonably be asked by the friends of the Redeemer, what remedies shall be applied? How is the cause of the Redeemer, entrusted to our care, to be extricated from the difficulties in which it is involved? These questions are forced more imperatively upon none of the lovers of Jesus, than upon the members of the

Long Run Association. Your Association has felt the pressure of this season of gloom, as evidenced by the letters from the churches, as much as any other department of our Zion. Joined to this, you occupy a more extended border line upon the free States than any other Association of Baptists. Here the struggle upon the slavery question has to be met. Here the evils arising from that subject have to be endured. Of course, to meet the evils which will necessarily arise in our bounds, it will be necessary, while we duly remember that the Lord reigneth, that we should nevertheless determine upon a course at once firm, dignified, and pious. First, beloved brethren, we should make common cause upon the subject of missions with our brethren of the South, and carry out, in all our benevolent efforts, the spirit of the Resolutions of the Shelbyville Convention. Second, in place of having our prayers, efforts, and contributions for the salvation of the heathen of this and other lands decrease, we should increase them tenfold; and whilst remembering the heathen, and contending for our own rights against the aggressive arm of misrule, we should be attentive to the destitute in our borders. Let us then, brethren, become missionaries in our families, and in the domestic circle commend the religion of Jesus. Let us become missionaries in our neighborhoods, and impress by our intercourse in the associations of life, the religion of Jesus upon our neighbors. Let us become missionaries in our churches, and, as the brethren did of old, seek out the best gifts among us, and urge upon them improvement, and encourage them to engage in the labors of the pulpit, and thus brethren you may carry out in your Association the last instructions of Jesus—"Preach the gospel to every creature," and our beloved Zion may again be revived throughout the length and the breadth of our beloved country; and the interesting missions of the Baptist Church again become prosperous, and claim, as they once did, the approbation and sympathy of the whole civilized world. Brethren, farewell. May the God of all Grace sanctify and direct you to walk in Wisdom's ways, and may you be kept by his power through faith unto salvation.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Long Run Association of United Baptists, to Corresponding Associations:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We rejoice in being permitted to address you once more by letter and messengers. By reference to these minutes, you will find the names of our messengers, whom we have appointed to meet with you and assist in your deliberations. Although we have to lament our coldness, and inefficiency in the dear Redeemer's cause, still we hope that the Lord is about gloriously to revive his work throughout the bounds of the Association. Several churches have recently enjoyed refreshing showers of divine grace from the presence of the Lord, and others are anxiously looking, and seeking for an out-pouring of the Divine Spirit.

Brethren, let your prayers ascend to the throne of heavenly grace, with ours, that the Lord will revive his work more abundantly in the church, that sinners may be converted—and become heirs of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. We feel a deep interest in the benevolent enterprizes of the present age; especially the A. I. Mission Association, and the General Association, and an increasing interest for the Georgetown College.

For the statistics of the Association you are referred to our minutes.

Our next Association will be held at Elk Creek, Spencer county, and will commence on the first Friday in September, 1846.

Brethren! may the great head of the church guide, direct, and lead you by the gentle influences of his Holy Spirit, into all truth, is the prayer of your brethren.

W. C. BUCK, *Moderator*:

ISAAC McCoy, *Clerk*.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MINUTES.

Clear Creek,.....	\$1 25
Elk Creek,	1 00
Long Run,.....	1 75
Harrod's Creek,.....	1 25
Buck Creek,.....	2 50
New Castle,.....	2 00
Kings,.....	50
Burk's Branch,.....	1 25
Little Mount,.....	80
Pleasant Grove,.....	1 50
Plum Creek,.....	1 00
Little Flock,.....	0 00
Dover,.....	60
First Church of Louisville,.....	4 50
Shelbyville,.....	3 00
Bethel,.....	1 50
Floyd's Fork,.....	1 00
Fishpool,.....	0 00
Taylorsville,.....	1 25
Simpsonville,.....	2 00
Second Church, Louisville,.....	1 00
East Church, Louisville,.....	1 00
Shiloh,.....	50
Colored Church, Louisville,.....	0 00
Union Ridge,.....	50
Chenoweth's Run,.....	50
Liberty,.....	50
Total,.....	\$32 60

 ABSTRACT, &c.

An abstract from the letters from the churches is omitted, because they contain little that would be either interesting or useful. Generally, the state of religion is low, as may be inferred from the statistics in the table: the exceptions to this may also be inferred from the same table.