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OF THE

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

*Held at the Salt River Meeting-House in Franklin County, on the
1st Friday in August, 1822.*

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AT 11 o'clock Elder Theoderick Boulware delivered a sermon introductory to the business of the association, from 10th Chap. 27 and 28 verses, Gospel by John.

“My Sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand.”

After which the messengers from sixteen Churches assembled, and their letters were received and read.

Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	By letter.				Present number.	
		Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.		
<i>South Benson,</i>	William Hickman, J. Brown and G. Brown.	1	2	1	1	104	
<i>Salt River,</i>	P. Rig, T. Hanks, C. Lillard, J. Penny Sr. D. Egbert and J. Penny	2	4	5	5	219	
<i>Hopewell,</i>	W. Darr, and J. Crutcher.	2	3	3	1	86	
<i>Goshen,</i>	W. W. Penny, N. Burrows and S. Sale. [1 restored.	1	3	2	2	87	
<i>Frankfort,</i>	S. M. Noel, P. Clay and J. Dudley	16	4	5	1	66	
<i>Mo. Cedar Cr'k</i>	T. Wilhite, S. B. Calvert, H. Hawkins and A. Rogers	7	1	1		30	
<i>Grier's Creek,</i>	S. Jesse, J. Roper and R. Jesse.	9	13			24	
<i>Mt. Pleasant,</i>	J. Green, J. Fears and R. Church	2	4	1	1	57	
<i>Buck Run,</i>	J. Taylor, T. Boulware, J. Wilson and B. Taylor [2 by rep.	2	2	11	1	62	
<i>Beech Creek,</i>	S. Tinsley, W. Ware and P. Robertson [3 restored.	50	3			138	
<i>Indian Fork,</i>	A. Cook, A. Bohannon and J. Jones [6 restored	95	15	9	1	171	
<i>Six Mile,</i>	G. T. Horney, E. Ford, R. Ridgway, W. W. Ford and J. Ford. [4 restored.	84	6	15		198	
<i>Buffaloe Lick,</i>	M. Basket, T. Lee and E. Thompson.	43	1	3	3	92	
<i>Fox Creek,</i>	J. Downey, S. Butts, S. Brown and G. Williams.				1	1	61
<i>Mo. of Elkhorn Forks E. horn.</i>	No messenger nor letter. W. Graham, C. Blanton and L. R. Major.						

The Association then proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk; Elder S. M. Noel was chosen moderator, and Benjamin Taylor, clerk.

Received into this Association the Church at the Forks of Elkhorn, and their messengers took their seats.

Letters from Associations with whom we correspond, were received, read, and their messengers took their seats with us as follows: viz.

From Elkhorn—J. Creath, T. Bullock, J. Atkins, P. Higby, W. Dale and L. Sullivan.

Long Run—J. Metcalfe.

North Bend—L. Robinson and J. Hawkins.

Licking—R. Thomas and A. Dudley.

Union—J. Munson.

North District—Letter received, but no messengers.

South District—J. Lillard.

The Church at Point Pleasant applied for admission, but the Association not being unanimous, they were not received.

Agreed to correspond with Salem Association and Brother A. Bohannon to write the letter of correspondence.

The Circular Letter called for, read and referred to a committee of Brethren Clay, Baskett, Cook, J. Ford and W. Ford, or a majority of them.

Brethren appointed to write letters of correspondence to the Associations, as follows:

To Elkhorn—P. Clay.

“ *Long Run*—W. Penny.

“ *North Bend*—L. R. Major.

“ *Licking*—J. Taylor.

“ *Union*—J. Fears.

“ *North District*—J. Ford.

“ *South District*—W. Hickman.

“ *Concord*—S. Jesse.

The Moderator and Clerk appointed a committee to arrange the business for to morrow.

Adjourned until to morrow 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3d, 1822.

The Association met, and after praise and prayer proceeded to business.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements, read and adopted.

The Committee who were appointed at the last Association to visit the Church at the Mouth of Elkhorn, to advise them, &c. made a verbal report of their situation; upon which, agreed that the further consideration of that subject be dispensed with.

Query from the Church at the mouth of Cedar. Does it comport with good order amongst the Baptists for their Ministers to

Baptize whom, where, and when they please, without the Church first hear the experience?

Answered in the negative.

Pursuant to the request of the Church at Frankfort, respecting a revision of the Constitution.

Brethren J. Taylor, J. Dudley, P. Clay, S. M. Noel, T. Boulware, A. Cook and J. Penny, Sen. were appointed a committee to present to the next Association. a constitution or a modification of the present constitution having regard to the Philadelphia confession of faith.

The next Association to be held at Frankfort on the 1st Friday in August, 1823.

Corresponding letters read, approved, and messengers appointed to bear them, to-wit:

To Elkhorn—J. Taylor, H. Hawkins, W. Darr and J. Crutcher.

“ Long Run—J. Penny, J. Taylor, S. M. Noel, M. Basket A. Cook and A. Bohannon.

“ North Bend—J. Taylor and A. Bohannon.

“ Licking—J. Taylor, T. Boulware, P. Clay, and S. M. Noel.

“ Union—J. Fears.

“ North District—J. Taylor, G. Harny and B. Taylor.

“ South District—E. Thompson.

“ Concord—R. Ridgeway and S. M. Noel.

“ Salem—A. Bohannon and J. Taylor.

Brother John Taylor to preach the next introductory sermon, and in case of failure, Brother A. Cook; and Brother W. W. Ford, to write the next circular letter.

The circular letter read and adopted.

The Moderator, Clerk and J. Dudley, appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

Brethren, T. Boulware, S. M. Noel and L. Robinson, appointed to preach to morrow, to commence at 10 o'clock.

Agreed to adjourn.

S. M. NOEL, *Moderator.*

BENJ. TAYLOR, *Clerk.*

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution are to meet at Frankfort on the last Friday in this month—A sermon at 10 o'clock A. M.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION.

BELOVED BRETHERN,

After having performed the duty assigned us in an associated capacity, and we trust, according to the mind of Christ, we rejoice with you for as much as it has pleased God to refresh the bowels of his dear people, by a precious ingathering of souls, in a number of the Churches within our Union; and, although the revival has not, as yet, extended its vital and salutary influence to all

the Churches, we believe it is progressing amongst those whom we hold dear to us as professing the same faith and as being part-takers of the same Heavenly calling, knowing that we shall reap, in due time, if we faint not. Brethren, the Lord's arm is not shortened; his promise and love are still the same: Therefore, let us not cease to praise and adore the matchless grace of God for the gift of an adorable redeemer; and in giving any of the fallen race of Adam a reasonable hope, that their sins have been washed in that fountain which is opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness. But, beloved brethren in the Lord, while we rejoice with you, for these Heavenly blessings, let us not forget a very necessary admonition of our blessed Saviour, which appears to be well suited to every state and condition of his people, while they tabernacle in the flesh. We, therefore, say unto you, watch; and what I say unto you, (says the Redeemer,) I say unto all, watch, for ye know not the hour when the Son of Man cometh; and, we, the rather, recommend watchfulness to you at this time, believing that there are signs which indicate that these are the last times. It must needs be, that offences come but woe unto that man by whom the offence cometh: Therefore, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor of love is not in vain in the Lord. Thus, Brethren, we have endeavored to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance; and in the language of the great Apostle of the Gentiles, we say, stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free; and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love, serve one other, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness, in high places: Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day; and having done all to stand. Stand fast, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, & having on the breast plate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; and above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked, take with you the helmet of salvation, the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. And may the Lord our God, by his Holy Spirit, direct you in your Godly determinations, and keep you until the day of Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever, amen.

S. M. NOEL, *Mod'r.*

BENJ. TAYLOR, *Clk.*