

1802 MINUTES

OF THE

NORTH-DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

OF

BAPTISTS

Held at Unity Meeting-house, on Four Mile, Clarke County,

State of Kentucky, October 1st, 2d, 3d, 1802.

FRIDAY, October 1st, 1802.

BROTHER John Davis, preached the introductory sermon from 1st Timothy, 1st and 15th, "That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Then brother Robert Elkin, was chosen Moderator, and brother Moses Bledsoe, Clerk, brother Edward Trabue, Assistant Clerk. Letters from 23 Churches were read. Ministers' names in CAPITALS, licensed preachers in *Italics*.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec. by let.	Dis. by let.	Excluded.	Locatd.	Total.
Spencer's Creek.	James Rice, Benjamin Cave.					7	7
Lulbulgrud.	{ John Tredway, Anthony Griffin, Abraham Miller.	10	6	2			49
Bofman's Fork.	{ Samuel Boon, David Watts, Wil- liam Tinsley.	13	1	3			43
Salt-lick Creek.	{ DAVID SCOTT, Anthony Cumins, Uriah Wilson.	100					116
Howard's Creek.	{ ROBERT ELKIN, Thomas Berry, JAMES HAGGARD, Danl. Ramey.	76	14				197
Unity.	{ JAMES QUESENBURY, John Haggard, David Shinall, Samuel Duglafs.	17		25	14		188
Bald Eagle.	{ LEONARD TURLEY, Willam Fer- guson.	9	12	14	3	1	51
Mount Pleasant.	{ ISAAC CROUTCHER, JOSEPH CRAIG, Daniel James, George Brown.						185
Blue Ash.	{ MOSES BLEDSOE, Jno. M'Gin- nis.	60	9	3	3		104
Log Meeting- house Tates creek.	{ Nicholas White, Nathan Roberts, Abraham Winscot, Thos. White.				11	8	168
Locust creek.	{ MAHALEAL SHACKLE, Jesse A- lexander.	7	3		4		39
Salem.	{ CHARES FINNEL, Thos. Trim- ble, Thos. Gully, Solomon Tur- pin, Robt. Henderson.						138

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec. by let.	Dis. by let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Johnson's Fork.	William Moss, Joseph Cole.	5			2		12
Red river.	{ James M'Mahan, Cornelius Newkirk, Mordecai Bowler.						25
Sycamore.	{ DANIEL WILLIAMS, William Hopper, Tobias James.						131
Jessamine.	JOHN DAVIS.	6				1	62
Greer's creek.	Edward Trabue, Robt. Brown.	10	3	1			18
Upper Howard's creek.	{ EDWARD KINDRED, James Elkin James Mure.						38
Station Camp.	David Gentry.						12
Brush creek.	{ HENRY BLACKGRAVE, John Roberts, Conrad Castor.		5		3		28
Long Branch.	Benjamin Heaton, James Frator.	1	4				45
Morton's Meeting house.	{ David Braningburg, David Haggard.						22
Hopewell.	{ ISAAC CROUTCHER, John Brown, Thornton Farrow.						135
Slate Union.	Jacob Williams, Thos. Maxey.	6			1	1	45
Total		320	56	16	4	2	1928

The seven last churches, and Salt-lick creek, upon their request were received into the association.

Letters from the following corresponding associations, were received and read, and their messengers invited to take seats. From Elkhorn, by their messengers Brethren David Barrow, and Jillson Payne. From Green River, sent on by Brother Miller. From South-District, Brethren Dillinham and Fears, without letter. From Tate's Creek, by their messengers Brethren Harris and Boon,

The association appointed a committee of 7, to wit: Brethren Moses Bledsoe, Robt. Elkin, David Barrow, Jillson Payne, Daniel Williams, James Quessenberry and Isaac Croutcher, to form a constitution, and rules of decorum, for this association, and to write a letter to the Elkhorn association; also, appointed a committee of five, to wit: Brethren Edward Trabue, Daniel James, Daniel Ramey, Leonard Turley, and Charles Finnel, to arrange the business in the letters for the ensuing day. Adjourned 'till next day 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, October 2.

MET and after Divine Service, the committee of seven made report of the constitution and rules of decorum, and after being read and examined, were passed, and agreed they should be printed with the minutes, also, the terms of union between the Elkhorn, and South-Kentucky associations. The committee of five made their report, which was received, and the committees discharged.

Appointed Brethren Bledsoe & Williams, to bear the letter to Elkhorn association—Brethren Bledsoe & Orear, to write to the Tate's creek & South-District associations, & Brethren Rice & Quessenberry, to bear the letter to Tate's creek—Brethren Turley and Trabue, to write to Green River association, and bear the same—Brethren Elkin and Crutcher, to bear the letter to South-District. The association advises the sister churches, who may be in difficulties with any of the churches composing the Tate's creek association, to call a con-

vention of said churches by delegates, to meet with any of the Tate's creek churches, at Stone Meeting-house on Tate's creek, 1st Friday in December, for the purpose of settling all difficulties, so that a full union may be established amongst said churches. Brethren Bledsoe, Turley and Scott, are appointed to attend a call from Johnson's Fork, respecting the ordination of Brother William Mofs.

C O N S T I T U T I O N

O F T H E

NORTH-DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS.

P R E A M B L E.

FROM a long series of experience, We the Churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized by immersion, upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches, and propose to keep the rules of an association, according to the following form of government.

1st. The association shall be composed of members sent from the different churches, with letters, to represent them.

2d. In said letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated & deceased, since the last association.

3d. The association thus formed, shall be a council of advice, and not an authoritative body.

4th. The association shall be governed by a regular decorum.

5th. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6th. Any church may be received, which the association may approve of.

7th. Every church in the union shall be entitled to an equal representation.

8th. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the association, except withdrawn by the member who made it.

9th. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of their proceedings, provided the churches will furnish the means.

10th. There shall be a book kept wherein the proceedings of every association, shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed for that purpose, who shall receive a compensation yearly, for his trouble.

11th. All questions shall be determined by the will of a majority in the association, as also, any amendment or alteration of this constitution.

12th. The association shall have a right to withdraw from any church, which they judge to act or persist in disorder.

13th. On the close of business, the minutes shall be read, passed by the association, signed by the moderator, and attested by the clerk.

R U L E S O F D E C O R U M.

1st. THE association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2d. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3d. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4th. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any, except he break the rules of this decorum; in which case the moderator shall, or any member may call him to order, and he shall immediately take his seat.

5th. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the per-

son who spoke before him, so as to make remarks on the impropriety of his language; but shall fairly state the matter and case, so as to convey his light.

6th, No member shall abruptly present himself without leave.

7th, No member shall speak more than three times to one subject, without liberty from the association.

8th, No member shall have the liberty of laughing, during the sitting of the association, nor whispering in time of a public speech.

9th, No member shall address another in any other term or appellation than brother, or brethren.

10th, The names of the members shall be enrolled, and called by the clerk, as often as the association requires.

11th, The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall not vote, unless the association be equally divided.

12th, A motion for adjournment, shall be in order at any time during the session.

TERMS OF UNION BETWEEN ELKHORN, AND SOUTH-KENTUCKY ASSOCIATIONS.

PREAMBLE.

WE of the committee of the Elkhorn association, & South-Kentucky association, do agree to unite on the following plan:

1st, That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infallible Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

2d, That there is one only True God, and in the Godhead or Divine Essence, there are Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3d, That by nature we are fallen and depraved creatures.

4th, That salvation, regeneration, sanctification and justification, are by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.

5th, That the Saints will finally persevere, through grace to glory.

6th, That Believers' baptism, by immersion, is necessary, to the receiving of the Lord's Supper.

7th, That the salvation of the righteous, and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8th, That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to each other, and study the happiness of the children of God in general, and to be engaged singly to promote the honor of God.

9th, And that the preaching Christ tasted death for every man, shall be no bar to communion.

10th, And that each may keep up their association and church government as to them may seem best.

11th, That a free correspondence and communion be kept up between the churches thus united.

12th, And that a convention of the churches be called, at Howard's creek meeting house, the second Saturday in October next—that the churches send two members to said convention, to carry said union fully into effect. August 22d, 1801.

Unanimously agreed to }
by the joint committee. }

Ambrose Dudley, Jos. Reddin,
John Price, David Barrow,
Robert Elkin, Moses Bledsoe,
Daniel Ramey, Samuel Johnson,
Thomas J. Cbilton.

The next association to be held at Stone Meeting House, Blue ash, Montgomery county near Mount Sterling, on the first Saturday in October; Also, a yearly meeting at Mount Pleasant, on Main Elkhorn, the first Friday in June.

Brother Moses Bledsoe, appointed to prepare our minutes, and superintend the printing.

ROBERT ELKIN, Moderator.

MOSES BLEDSOE, Clerk.

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D. BRADFORD, Printer, Lexington.