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MINUTES

OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH

Green River Baptist Association,

Holden at GREEN RIVER CHURCH, in Hart County, on the second SATURDAY IN AUGUST, 1827.—The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder SYLVANUS M. BAGBY, from the 4th chapter of Amos and latter clause of the 12th verse.

II. Letters from the several churches composing this Association were read, and the messengers names enrolled in the following table: which shows the state of each church, the time of their meetings, and the number of copies of these minutes, to which they are severally entitled.

Note. Ordained ministers in small capitals, and licensed preachers in italics.

Churches.	Messenger's names.	Baptized.	Dismissed by letter.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Expelled.	Dead.	Total No. members.	Saturdays of bus.	No. of minutes.
Dripping Spring,	Reuben Dale, Tapley Oldham, Lemuel Shockley.	5	2			1	2	64	1	36
Mount Labor,	JACOB LOCKE, M. W. Hall, ELIJAH DAVIDSON.	10	3			1	1	155	3	67
Sinking Creek,	James Mitchell, Jno. H. OWEN.	1	5	1		1	2	136	2	76
Blue Spring,	RALPH PETTY, WILLIAMSON TRENT, Jas. G. Hardye.	2	2			1		83	3	47
Concord,	Will. Fitzpatrick, Seth Bradshaw, James R. Beam.	5	1	4		1		41	3	23
Bethlehem,	Z EMERSON, Henry Collins, James McMurry.	1	3				1	77	2	44
Glover Creek,	EZEKIEL CAMPBELL, John Button.	1	1			2		39	4	22
Beaverdam,	John Rowntree, Richard Ray, E. Jones.	1	1			1		38	4	21
Green River,	JAMES WILSON, Peter Rowlet, Elisha Gardner.	1	4	3	1	1	2	95	1	54
Mount Pleas'nt	JOHN H. BAKER, Thomas Scrivner, James Gillock.					1	1	50	4	28
Punch'n Camp	ISAAC TRACY, Levi Roark, Matthew Johnson.	3	1			2	1	66	3*	37

* This Church is guided by Sundays instead of Saturdays.

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Skeggs' Creek	Moses Peden, Asa Young.	5	3		*50*	2	28
Mount Pisgah,	C. DEWEESE, Jas. Bryan.		2	1	2	36	4 20
Dover,	Thos. Winn, Dabney Turner, John Morris.		2	3	2	73	1 41
Doughty Cr'k,	Daniel Doughty, James Doughty,	1	1		1	30	3 17
Bethel,	Benjamin Martin, David Strait.					72	3 41
East Fork,	CARTER WARREN-ER.	1				26	3 15
Glasgow,	Richard Garnett, William Logan,	1	4	6	1	56	2 32
Holley Spring,	JOHN DAVIDSON, John Jones		1		1	15	3 9
Smith's Grove	WILLIAM WHITMAN, ALEX. REYNOLDS, John Murphey.	1	7	7	1	1	99 1 56
Bowlinggreen,	Daniel Smith.		3	1	1	1	44 3* 25
New Hope,	H. Davidson, Joel H. Brumfield, Sam. Allen.	3	1	2	1	45	2 25
Salem,	SYLVANUS M. BAGBY, William Savage, Samuel P. Bowdry.	1		9		30	4 17
Sinking Spring	Jacob Cassinger, Joshua Wooslay.	2		1		19	3 11
Three Springs,	Isham Hardy, William Conyer, Reuben Kelly.	1		2	1	32	2 18
Mount Olive,	William Clarke.		1		1	30	4 17
Ivy,	Thomas Brooks.		4		1	26	3 16
Big Reedy,	John Flatt.			1	1	15	4 9
Boiling Spring	Dudley Rowntree.			3		1	20 3 12
Mount Zion,	Haiden T. Brooks. ANDREW NUCKOLDS. John Sanders.					30	1 17

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The messengers names being called, and a majority present Elder JACOB LOCK was chosen moderator, and RICHARD GARNETT, Clerk.

The letters from corresponding associations, were called for, read and the messengers respectfully invited to seats, (to wit:) From Gasper's river, no letter, but messengers, Jacob Bower and David L. Mansfield. From Stockton's valley; George Hern, John Crouch and Benjamin Rush. From Salem, Ky. Simeon Buckhannon, Cornelius Lucas and B. Tabb. From Russel's Creek, John Durrett, Johnson Graham, J. R. Smith and W. Irvine. From Drake's Creek, Cornelius Turner. From Salem, (T.) Wm. G. Hardy. From Goshen, Charles H. Stutteville, M. Utterback and John Wilson.

Brethren Clack and Keith being present were invited to seats.

The following committees were appointed. 1st. Jacob Lock, Richard Garnett and Will. Whitman to arrange the business of the Association and

report:—2. Michael W. Hall, Richard Garnett and Will. Logan to examine and report the Circular Letter:—3. Dudley Rowntree, John Rowntree, James G. Hardy, Thomas Winn, Asa Young, Dabney Turner and J. H. Owens to prepare and report the necessary letters of correspondence.

Agreed that our next Association be held at Dripping Spring Meeting House, Barren county, commencing on the 2d Saturday in August, 1828.

Brethren Clack, Hem, Crouch and Bower were appointed to preach on to-morrow, commencing at ten o'clock.

Adjourned until Monday morning next, 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13, 1827.

The Association met according to adjournment; and after prayer by the moderator, proceeded to business. The rules of decorum were read, and the moderator recommended the observance of good order and a due attention to the rules. The committee of arrangement made a report which was adopted. The Circular Letter was reported, received and ordered to be printed with the Minutes. Ordered that the times of holding church meetings, in each of the churches, be inserted in a column for that purpose, in the table belonging to these Minutes.

Agreed that the first Saturday in November next be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for a revival of religion, and that the churches be requested to observe it as such.

Letters of correspondence were read, approved and messengers appointed to bear them, to wit: To Gasper's River, Zachariah Emerson, Daniel Smith and Alexander Reynolds. To Stockton's Valley, Andrew Nuckolds and Cornelius Deweese. To Salem, Ky. Andrew Nuckolds and Ezekiel Campbell. To Russell's Creek, Dudley Rowntree, Ralph Petty and Will. Trent. To Goshen, John Jones, Andrew Nuckolds, Ezekiel Campbell and William Whitman. To Drakes creek, Z. Emerson, John Ferris, Isham Hardy and John H. Baker. To Salem, (T.) Isaac Tracy and Levi Roark.

Cornelius Deweese is appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the opening of the next Association and in case of his failure, Isaac Tracy or Andrew Nuckolds shall supply his place.

And William Whitman is appointed to write our next Circular Letter.

Michael W. Hall and Alexander Reynolds were appointed to settle with the Treasurer; who reported that there is in the Treasury in Commonwealth's paper, \$11 33 3-4 and in specie \$2 35, making 13 68 3-4. The trustees appointed to collect the amount due from the former treasurer; Reported that they had received the money, amounting to 24 dollars 81 cents Commonwealth's paper; which was paid over to the Treasurer, and which when added to the sum aforesaid, leaves now in the Treasury, 38 dollars 49 3-4 cts. Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Andrew Nuckolds six dollars, for superintending the printing of our last years Minutes.

Andrew Nuckolds is appointed to superintend the printing of these minutes and directed to have 1000 copies printed, and to deliver to the Moderator 100 copies and distribute the balance among the churches according to the number of their members; and it is ordered that the treasurer advance a sum sufficient to pay for the printing.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren,—Feeling as we trust an interest in your present and eternal welfare, we, according to your expectation offer you another circular address; in which it will be useless to remind you of the present cold state of religion; for of this your letters generally complain. And when we enquire for the cause, it is to be feared it chiefly is to be attributed to

So great a neglect of duty: among which, a non-attendance on the public worship of God, particularly, the great failure to attend church-meetings, may be reckoned as one of those causes that produce such a great decline in religion; for there are many pernicious effects produced by members failing to fill their seats on the days of church business. 1st. The members repeatedly failing to attend his or her church meeting, without a good excuse, (such a one that we would not be ashamed to make in the day of Judgement,) is guilty of breaking his covenant with the church, made at the time he became a member; for when persons attach themselves to a church, it is clearly understood they will observe the rules of the same; among which it is known that they expect to meet in a church capacity at least once a month.

2nd. It gives occasion to the wicked to speak reproachfully of religion, when its professors fail to manifest that attachment to the cause they at first espoused with so much apparent delight.

3rd. The christian who has become negligent in this duty, has evidently lost that love; and fellowship for his brethren which characterise him as a christian, and with them his best evidence that he has passed from death unto life.

4th. It is well calculated to wound the feelings of the brethren.

5th. How must your minister feel who has rode from 10 to 15 miles to preach to you, and perhaps when he arrives does not find more members than he has rode miles to see you? We would naturally be led to suppose, (if he has left his temporal concerns which perhaps really required his attention,) that he must feel much discouraged, and that flame of zeal kindled in his breast much abated, when he so often finds that the brethren who had called him to attend them, should manifest such great indifference as not to be willing to spare a few hours from worldly pursuits to attend at the time and place, where they have requested him to meet them. But on the contrary, when the members of the church are punctual in attending their respective church-meetings, it is well calculated to strengthen the hands of their minister, and to promote their own peace and happiness.

We therefore exhort you beloved brethren each and every one to endeavour in future to fill your seats at each of your church-meetings, for it is truly gratifying to those members who do possess zeal enough to attend their meetings to see all their brethren and sisters attend; altho, you may have a very low opinion of yourself; still your presence is desirable by all who are lovers of God and his ways. And we deem it not improper, yea, highly important to recommend the propriety of coloured members being permitted to attend their church-meetings; a refusal will be lording it over God's heritage, in as much as the will of the slave is controlled by the master.

And now beloved brethren, in as much as we hear that the Lord has powerfully revived his work, and many precious souls have felt the power of redeeming grace, not far distant from us, even in our own state; let us therefore receive encouragement still with renewed diligence to continue in supplicating the rich throne of Gods grace that he would visit us in our languid state, and once more warm our hearts with love divine: and altho, He tarries let us wait for Him—wait in the use of the appointed means of his grace, “knowing this that our labour is not in vain in the Lord.” And may the good Lord help us all to let our light shine before the world, and finally bring us off more than conquerors through Him that loved us and gave himself for us, is the prayer of your brethren in the best of bonds.

JACOB LOCKE *Moderator*

RICHARD GARNETT *Cherl.*