

1815 **MINUTES**
 1815 OF THE KENTUCKY BAPTIST
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
**SALEM ASSOCIATION OF
 BAPTISTS,**

HELD AT WILSON'S CREEK MEETING-HOUSE, IN NELSON COUNTY, ON
 SECOND FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IN OCTOBER 1815, BEING THE
 THIRTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH OF THE SAID MONTH.

1st—The introductory Sermon was preached by brother Warren Cash, from Paul's
 Epistle to Timothy, 2nd. Chapter and 15th verse, "Study to shew thyself approved
 God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
 2nd—Received Letters and Messengers from the following Churches, to wit: (Orda
 Ministers in Capitals.)

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Dism'd by letter.	Rec'd. by letter.	Evangelistic to	Letters returned.	Dead.	TOTAL.	contributions for
Cedar Creek,	JOSHUA MORRIS, Jas. Hackly Wm. Abel.	4		1			1	61	5
Cox's Creek,	MOSES PIERRON, ISAAC TAYLOR, Jcs. Lewis,	23	1				1	163	5
Hardin's cr'k.	Benjamin Phillips, John Phillips,	7					2	12	
Simpson's crk.	W. STALLARD, A. Hawley, W. Davis, N. Coombs,	10	2	1			1	132	8
Mill Creek,	T. Hubbard, Tho. Linthicum, W. Kendrick, sr.	4	1				1	60	
Mount Moriah	Jas. Hamilton, Isaac Irwine Jacob Newman,	12		1			1	66	3
Wilson's cr'k.	DANL. WALKER, Jas. Caldwell, John Rogers,	1		3				42	
Bethel B. C.	JAMES H. L. MOORMAN, Joseph Brashear,	1	1	1				42	
Rock Creek,	William Cleaver, Benj. Owens, John Doran,	1	1	3				41	
Rolling Fork,	James Edelin, Samuel Miller,			3			1	39	
Seyvern's Vally	Anthony Varnon, Duff Green,	3	9				1	50	
Nolin,	ALEXR. M'DUGAL, Geo. Helm, Jno. Hodgen,	2	3				1	83	
Beaver D. C.	Jonathan Rogers, Philip Dale,	3		1			2	38	
Bacon Creek,	John Smoot, James Taylor,	10	2	14			1	52	
Bethel, H. C.	W. CASH, M. UTTERBACK, J. Cash, R. Tomkins	10	2	2			1	52	20
Mill crk. H.C.	Beall Dorsey, John E. Hinton,	2	3	4				40	100
Union.	EANAS KEITH, Eanes Harned,	2						34	100
Goshen,	Isaac Green, Grant Owen,	5		1			1	45	
Little Union,	Elijah Weggington, A. Bridges, A. M'Donnall,	2	13	1				60	250
Cany crk. G.C	No Messengers.							27	
Pleasant R. CC	JOSEPH WILSON,	2						9	
Galad, I. T.	No Messenger.							26	
Offer crk. H.C	SHAD'H. BROWN, SAM. ANDERSON, C. M'Carty	2	5				2	65	275
Rough crk. G.C	Benjamin Thomas,	28	1	1			2	31	
Concord, G.C.	Jos. Wilson, Wm. Keith, John Burnet,	1	8					45	225
Pisgah, G. C.	No Messenger,	1	0				1	32	
Wren-Hope,	John Huckerby,	6						13	
M'L. Pleas't. oc	David Hall, Josiah Haynes,	3	11	23				55	
Salem, Birds't	Benjamin Meason, Wm. Kendall,			2				11	
		14	149	62	37	2	18	1435	4800

- Brother James H. L. Moorman, chosen Moderator, and Brother Jos. Lewis, clerk.
- Received letters and Messengers from the following corresponding Associations, to Elkhorn, a letter, but no Messenger. Long Run, by Brethren George Waller, Will-
 teller, Zacheus Carpenter. South District, Jeremiah Briscoe. Russel's creek, Bro-
 Isaac Hodgen. Green river, a letter, but no Messenger. Silver creek, Brethren Isaac
 and James Case. Wabash, no letter or messenger. Jasper river, no letter, Messen-
 Isaac Chenowith.
- Mount Pleasant, Ohio county, petition for admission into this Association, granted,
 ngers, David Hall, and Josiah Haynes, took their seats.
- Salem Church, Bardstown, petition for admission into this Association, granted, Mes-
 rs, Benja. Meason, and William Kendall, took their seats.
- Received a Circular Letter from Brother Luther Rice, agent of the Baptist Board of
 ga Missions, and Brother Rice was invited to a seat with us.
- The Circular Letter, called for, read, and referred to the Brethren appointed to ar-
 the-business of the Association.
- Received a Resolution from Brother Thomas Hubbard, which was referred to the Bre-
 appointed to arrange the business of the Association.
- Brethren J. H. L. Moorman, Walter Stallard, Martin Utterback, Thomas Hubbard, Mo-
 tierson, and Jos. Lewis, are appointed to arrange the business for to-morrow.
- th-Adjourned by Prayer till 9 o'clock tomorrow.
- th-Saturday the 14th October 1815. The association met according to adjournment, and
 Prayer proceeded to business.
- th-The Brethren appointed to arrange the business of the Association made their report
 was discharged.
- th-Aggravance between Bethel Church, Hardin County and Bacon Creek, the Associa-
 think that Bacon Creek Church has made full acknowledgment to the Bethel Church.
- th-Query from Pleasant Run Church, and when a person gives in an experience, and the
 rch receives their experience, is such person then under the Care of that Church and
 led to the privileges of the Church, before being Baptized *Answer No.*
- th-The Church at Hardin's creek request the advice of the Association respecting a dis-
 tion, we advise the Church not to dissolve.
- 7th-The Association think that a division at this time not advisable.
- Brother Thomas Hubbard's resolution deferred to the next Association, and is in the
 owing words "whereas we believe it to be our duty to do all that is in our power to pro-
 e the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and altho' we know that human Education is not
 essential qualification necessary for one who preaches the Gospel of Christ, yet we know
 t it is necessary for those that preach the Gospel to have an Education, at least as much
 to understand the language of those to whom they preach, and in order to raise an Edu-
 tion fund, to be under the care and management of the Association and to be applied to
 Education of young Ministers of our society who lack learning, and the means to obtain,
 s the object of the following resolution. Resolved by the association that we advise and
 nest the churches who compose the same to send a charitable mite by their messengers to
 next Association to be applied in the Education of young Ministers of our society when
 Association or their Committee shall think proper.
- 19th-Brother Joseph Lewis, is appointed a standing Secretary of the Association, for the
 rpose of corresponding with the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions.
- 20th-The Circular letter read and approved.
- 21st-The next Association to be held at Otter creek Meeting-House in Hardin county, on
 a 2d Friday in October next. Brother Stallard to Preach the Introductory Sermon, in
 se of failure Brother Walker.
- 22d-Brother Martin Utterback appointed to write the Circular Letter, for the next year.
- 23d-The corresponding letters to the different Associations were read and Messengers ap-
 pointed to bear them To wit: To Long-Run Brethren, Absalom Hawley, Jos. Lewis, Wal-
 r Stallard, Isaac Taylor, Samuel Anderson, Daniel Walker, & Joshua Morris. To Elkhorn,
 rethren William Davis & Daniel Walker. To South District, Brother Duff Green, Joseph
 Lewis and Walter Stallard. To Russell's creek, Brethren Duff Green and Geo. Helm. To
 lver Creek. Brother Isaac Irwin, Samuel Anderson and Shadrach Brown, To Jasper Riv-
 er. Brother Alexander M'Dugal. To Green River, Brethren James H. L. Moorman,
 Alex. M'Dugal, Martin Utterback, Joseph Brashear and Jeremiah Cash.

24th—Brother Benjamin Meason, appointed to superintend the printing the Minutes, and Circular Letter.

25th—Agreed that all monies which may be intended for the use of Foreign Missions if forwarded to Brother Lewis our Secretary, shall be forwarded by him to the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, and if any Church shall forward a contribution to our next Association it shall be appropriated in like manner.

26th—The next Elkhorn Association is to be held at the Great Crossings, Scott county on the 2d. Saturday in August next. South District on the 3d. Saturday in August next, at Lower Hanging Fork, Lincoln county. Long Run, on the 1st. Saturday in September next, at Buck creek, Shelby county. Green river, on the 4th, Saturday in July next, at Mount Pleasant, Barren county. Russell's creek, at Sion Meeting-house, Adair county, on the 3d. Saturday in September next. Silver creek, at the upper Church, on Blue river, the 4th, Saturday in August next.

J. LEWIS, Clerk.

JAMES H. L. MOORMAN, Moderator.



CIRCULAR LETTER.

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Through the guardian care of the great head of the Church, we have met our brethren in an associated capacity, and have had a pleasing interview on the one hand, but on the other; have to mourn the small ingatherings since our last association; but the scriptures inform us that in the last days perilous times shall come; (we conclude sifting times) therefore as a manifestation of our love and care toward you, we address you on the important and interesting subject of discipline. We wish to enforce the inestimable advices of our great redeemer, where he says, "watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation." We may justly infer from this important injunction of our dear Redeemer, that it is our duty to watch against the evils of our own hearts, words and actions; watch strictly their origin and termination; watch against errors prevalent in the present times. Brethren we admonish you to support a strict discipline between God and your own souls. Remembring that, that God who hath called you to glory, hath also called you to virtue, we most seriously wish you to abound in every good word and work, that all who see you may take cognizance that you have been with Jesus and are taught of God. We also wish to enforce the obligations we are under to watch over one another; not for evil but for good—exhorting and admonishing one another, & so much the more as we see the day approaching, the blessed Redeemer has eminently and pathetically exhibited our duty, one to another in the 18th of Mathew, which will justly apply to a private trespass; for the word says "if thy brother trespass against thee, go tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Here brethren we admonish you to act immediately under the influence of the divine mandate—not communicate thy brothers' trespass to others, but to him alone, if he hears thee thou hast gained thy brother—this is a decisive duty—none others hurt—the brother gained—no prejudice rivited in the minds of others—and amity and peace exists, but if thy brother will not hear thee, pursue the clue of duty; take with thee one or two more, not tell the trespass to any others, nor even to the one or two brethren till you have them in the presence of the charged. Brethren, here we think it advisable to take Brethren of discernment in such cases to examine the basis on which the charge stands—see if the charge is justly grounded, if you find there is a trespass existing, then we think it duty to faithfully and tenderly to labour with the trespasser to convince him of his errors, if the brother is gained here, we think scriptural requisition is to let the matter subside, not give publicity to the things, if the trespasser is not gained, tell it unto the Church, that the Church may labor with him. Here we wish our Brethren to take it into consideration, whether, in

the third and last step of dealing with the brother, it is not obligatory on the Church to know the charge; for in the origin of the charge, you must tell thy brother his faults between him and thee alone—so likewise when you took one or two more. Now think and see if the same connexion does not extend to the Church in like manner. Now if the brother gained by the church, where the trespass is only within the knowledge of the Church, there is not such a general cause of stumbling, if the brother neglects to hear the Church it must of course terminate in his exclusion, and then the matter becomes public.

In case of public transgressions, we do not conceive we are under obligations to pursue the recited method of dealing, because it is of a public nature—all are equally hurt, and consequently it becomes the business of the whole Church at once, the Apostle Paul has delineated the method for the safety of the Church in dealing with an heretic—Paul to titus 3 & 10—A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject, we never should be prompted by our untempered zeal to neglect the requisitions of the scripture. Not reject after the first admonition nor let our tenderness after the second admonition influence us to further indulgences for the word saith, after the first & second admonition reject. If any are at a loss to know who an heretic is or what heresy is—2d Epistle to Peter 2d chapter 1st to 5th he speaks of some who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that taught them, surely the denying the Divinity or God-head of Christ or in any case to make him less than Isaiah saith, he is the mighty God the everlasting Father.” In John it is said, “all things were made by him, and without him was nothing made that was made.” He himself saith in speaking of his divinity.

I and my Father are one, it is also said, in him dwells all the fullness of the God-head bodily. The denying his humanity, will also be denying of him; for it is said the word became flesh and dwelt among us, further, it is said, he took not on him the nature of angels, but the seed of Abraham, thus we are authorised to view him very God & perfect man—he is properly Emmanuel, that is God with us, now for any to deny either his Divinity or humanity, it at once disqualifies him from being a suitable saviour for the sons of Adam, this is a picture of the highest degree of heresy, we consider any fundamental error in matters our salvation depends on, is a grade of heresy, the Lord in his unbounded mercy and goodness to us has given his church these rules of procedure, collectively, not to bishops and deacons only, but to the Church to exercise over all the members of her body.

Brethren, pray for & watch over your dear Mintsters, for it is through them error is frequently brought into the Church of Christ. Beware and follow not an Apostle further than he follows Christ. Brethren if any of your members who are of equal utility to you, as your right hand or your right eye to your natural body, offend and cannot be gained, cut them off or pluck them out & cast them from you, thus by a strict discipline agreeable to the word of God, the feeble will be made strong, and the church will appear terrible as an army with banners.

May God by his spirit and grace direct and bless the Churches we represent is our prayer for Christ's sake AMEN.

JOSEPH WILSON Senr. *Composer.*
JAS. H. L. MOORMAN, *Moderator.*
J. LEWIS, *Clerk.*

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