

# MINUTES,

OF THE SALEM ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST,

Held at Simpson's Creek Meeting-House in Nelson County, on  
the Fourth Friday and Saturday in September 1818, being the 25th &  
26th of said Month.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

1st.—The Introductory Sermon was preached by brother Joshua Morris, from part of the 2d, verse of the 10th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke “the harvest truly is great but the Labourers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his Harvest.”  
2d.—Received letters and Messengers from the following Churches, to-wit :  
(Those in *Italicks* are ordained ministers.)

CHURCHES.	MESSENGRS.	Baptized.	Dis'm'd. by letter.	Rec'd. by letter,	Excommunicated Restored,	Dead, Rec'd. by relation	TOTAL.		
Cedar creek,	Joshua Morris, Wm. Able, James Rogers,	7	1	5	1	2	84		
Coxes creek,	M Pierson, J. Taylor, A. King, G. Burkhart,	2	11	3	1	1	190		
Simpson's creek,	W. Stallard, W. Davis, A. Guthrie, D. Lewis,	9	11	5	3	5	273		
Mill creek,	{ Wm. Kendrick, Ben. Edwards, T. Hub- bard, T. Linthicum, }	5	1	1			122		
Mount Moriah,	Isaac Irwin, James Hamilton, John Brown,	2	1	1	2	1	110		
Wilson's creek,	Dant. Walker, Ben. Irwin, Wm. Chenowith,	4					44		
Rock creek,	Martin Utterback, Charles Stuteville,	4	3	3			47		
Rolling Fork,	Moses Thomas, Samuel Miller,	5		1			33		
Seyvern's Valley,	Anthony Vernon, Samuel Able,	1	6	1	1		64		
N. In,	J. M'Dugal, D. Thurman, C. Lucas, H. Coutts	65	4	5	1	1	144		
Beaver-dam erk	Philip Dale,	3				1	27		
Bacon creek,	George Conrod,	14			1	1	32		
Bethel, H. C.	W. Cash, R. Tabb, Z. Bunch, J. B. King,	28	2	7	2	1	67		
Mill creek, H.C.	Beall Dorsy, Ezekiel Jenkins, James Nall,	13	2	5			68		
Union.	Thomas Duval, Jeremiah Cash,	7	5	4	1		57		
Little Union,	John Lloyd, John Bennet, Greenberry Griffin,	6		4			128		
Alter creek,	Shadrach Brown, Samuel Holmes,	1	4	7			68		
Salem.	Joseph Lewis,	1		1	1		24		
Walnut Grove,	Jesse Whitaker,	1	3				27		
Mount-Zion.	James Haycraft, John C. Hicks,	24	12				45		
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3. Brother Walter Stallard appointed Moderator and Joseph Lewis Clerk.
4. Received letters and messengers from the following corresponding associations to-wit from Elkhorn, Reubin Long ; from Long Run, John Holland George Waller Moses Scott and Allen M'Guire ; South District Daniel Sweany ; Green River, no letter nor messenger ; Russel's Creek no letter nor messenger.
5. A petition from the Goshen association desiring a correspondence agreed & Brother Isaac Green their messenger took his seat.
6. A Request from the Beaver Baptist association to correspond by letter with them, referred to the committee of arrangements hereafter appointed.
7. The Circular letter called for read and approved.
8. Brethren Walter Stallard, Thomas Hubbard, Jo. Lewis, Moses Pierson, & Warren Cash, appointed to arrange the business of the association.
9. Brethren appointed to write letters of correspondence ; Brother Alexander M'Dugal to Elkhorn association, Brother Isaac Taylor, to Long Run ; Brother Joshua Morris, to South District ; Brother Abner King to Russel's Creek ; Brother Samuel Holmes to Green River, and Brother Martin Utterback to Goshen.
10. Brother Jo. Lewis our corresponding Secretary presented and read two letters from Doctor William Staughton corresponding secretary of the Baptist board of Foreign missions and referred to the committee of arrangements (with the 4th Annual Reports).
11. A Circular letter from S. Trott corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist mission Society received read and referred to the Committee of arrangement.
12. Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock by Prayer.
13. Saturday September 26th 1818. The association met and after prayer proceeded to business.
14. The Brethren appointed to arrange the business of the association made their report.
15. In answer to the request from the Beaver Baptist association. We have had the same under Consideration and are of opinion that the distance renders a correspondence impracticable at this time.
16. The next Association to be held at Noli Meeting House in Hardin County on the fourth Friday in September next.
17. A letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist board of Foreign Missions, read and attended to. In answer to which we say that this association has no funds under its Control. Nevertheless, we hope we are on the Lords side. We do earnestly recommend to the Churches of our Association to Contribute to missionary purposes.
18. Second letter from the same on the subject of Education Societies taken up and Read, in answer to which we state that we did not receive it till after the time of the meeting at New-York had expired. We are of opinion that Education societies will be of great advantage to the promotion of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in the world and we should be happy that it was in our power to aid in so laudable an undertaking.
19. In answer to Brother S. Trotts letter on the subject of Indian reform. We are not willing to aid them as we wish to assist the Baptist board of Foreign missions held at Philadelphia with all the means in our power as they have the same great object in view.
20. Rock Creek, walnut grove & Beaver dam Churches dismissed to join the Goshen association.
21. Corresp'dg letters called for, read & Brethren appointed to bear them. To Elkhorn Daniel Walker, & James Nail, ; Long Run Isaac Taylor, Beall Dorsey ; To South District David Thurman, and Jo Lewis ; To Green River Warren, Cash Alexr. M'Dugal, Jeremiah Cash, & Zachariah Bunch, ; To Russels Creek David Thurman, Warren Cash, & Cornelius Lucas, & to Goshen Warren Cash, and Daniel Walker.
22. Brother Isaac Taylor appointed to preach the next introductory Sermon, in case of failure, Brother Moses Pierson.
23. Brother David Thurman to write the next Circular Letter.
24. The Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes and Circular letter.

WALTER STALLARD, Modr.  
J. LEWIS, Clk.

Alexander Mc. Lugal

## THE CIRCULAR LETTER FOR 1818.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—

As your advisory council, we wish to address you as usual by letter in order to put you in Remembrance of a few things which, no doubt will be approved by you as Christian Professors.

And for that purpose, we beg leave to lay before you for your serious reflection the Apostle's exhortation to his Colossian Brethren, 3d Chapt. 5th verse. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication uncleanness, inordinate affection, concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

1. We are here to observe, that although the apostle had told this church in the 3d verse that they were dead to sin and their life hid with Christ in God; yet in this verse he exhorts them to mortify their lustful members upon the earth; intimating thereby that the work of mortification at best, is but partial and imperfect, and must be carried on daily and progressively: the old man has a strong heart and is a long time a dying, after it has received its deadly wound: Sin, in a Christian lives a dying life, and dies a slow and lingering death.—2d The apostle calls these sins members upon earth, (for we cannot take them to heaven) in allusion to what he called sin before in Chap. 2 11 namely a body of sin, so here he calls lusts members of that body, and also because they are instruments to bring sin into action; and likewise because lusts are naturally as dear to men as their Bodily members; even as right hands and right eyes. Our Lord tells us also that "out of the heart proceeds evil thoughts murders adulteries fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemes."

These are they which defile the man.—3d observes, that the heart or corrupt nature is the filthy fountain from whence proceeds all sin of every kind; for, "when lust is conceived it bringeth fourth sin, and when sin is finished it bringeth fourth death"—hence then the duty and necessity of watching the first rising motive to sin, and by no means to hold any Parley with it; for this would be, indeed, feeding our lusts and adding fuel to the fire.—Remember dear Brethren, your Mother Eve: She Parlied with the enemy till her soul was fired with lust for the forbidden fruit, and so was taken captive by the devil at his will, so it is with all her poor fallen offspring, when they begin to parley with a temptation, for all the time you parley lust grows stronger and you grow weaker, & so in all such cases you will likely share the same fate of your mother Eve, had Joseph parlied with his mistress, Potephers wife, he would, no doubt have been taken in; but, (as we all should do in similar cases) he exclaimed in the integrity of his soul, God forbid that I should do this great evil and sin against my God.

4th. The Apostle concludes the exhortation with the sin of covetousness which is idolatry—and in order to impress a lasting sense of this sin upon our mind, the apostle adds to it idolatry, which arises from the proneness of setting our affections on Riches and the things of this world to the neglect of the better part; "for the love of money is the root of all evil." Covetousness hardens the heart, shuts up the affections to any commiseration or pity to the poor or distressed: it shuts the eyes from seeing and the hand from believing the wants of others. Covetousness make men, in common, think more of the wealth and honor of their children, than of the salvation of their souls; and, in order to promote this, heavy burdens are laid upon mens shoulders, & grievous to be borne. Covetousness robs God: "ye have robbed me, saith the Lord, in tithes and offerings bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, and prove now herewith saith the Lord of host if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malach, 3d.—For an explanation of this scripture, refer you to the 9th Chapter of the first epistle to the Corin's. where Paul has taken a similar passager of the law of Moses to prove and support, by Divine authority, the undoubted right of the support of the gospel ministers by the people where they labour as a just debt due to them; for which take the apostles own words; "Who goeth awarfare anytime his own expences: who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof, or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man Or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses, thou shalt

muzzle the mouth of the Ox that treadeth out the Corn. Doth God take care of oxen? or saith he it altogether for our sake? for our sakes no doubt this is written; that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be Partaker of his hope, if we have sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things let him that is taught in the word communicate to him that teacheth in all good things—even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. 1 Cor. 9 7 to 14 verse. These words with many others to the purpose, are so explicit and forcibly that to attempt to explain them would be offering an insult to your understanding. We shall only remind you, that God's will is the same under the new as under the old dispensation, and God will not be mocked; whatsoever we sow that shall we reap: and he that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully.—Put on therefore, (as the elect of God holy and beloved) bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness long suffering forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye, and above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness colls 3.—12. 13. 14.

Here we are to observe, the apostle compares these graces of the spirit to garments, and exhorts us to put them on; and next he exhorts us to put on Charity as the upper garment, ever and above all the rest: because the upper garment is larger and broader and covers all the rest; and because without this garment we shall be found naked as it is the mother and root of all the rest; and it is said to be the bond of perfectness, which binds and unites together all the children of God, in a bond of never failing love; But this charity, or love, which unites the children of God to Christ their head, & to one another, does not consist in be warmed and be clothed; But in a gracious propensity of heart to liberal actions of beneficence; which is not to be found in a covetous heart.—If ye know these things happy are ye if do them; for if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the Sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be Glory for ever and ever, AMEN.

WALTER STALLARD, *Modr;*  
JOSEPH LEWIS, *Chk.*