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190 YEARS OLD ...

SEVERNS VALLEY ---- June 18, 1781
CEDAR CREEK ----- July 4, 1781

We salute the historic SEVERNS VALLEY (Hardin County - Elizabethtown) and CEDAR CREEK (Nelson County - near Bardstown) BAPTIST CHURCHES upon reaching their 190th birthday of usefulness to the cause of Jesus Christ.

Severns Valley was organized on June 18, 1781, by Elders Joseph Barnett and John Whitaker. On the same day the church was organized, John Gerrard was ordained as its first pastor by Barnett and Whitaker. About eleven months later (in 1782) he took his rifle and went hunting in the neighboring forest. At nightfall, his wife and daughter watched for his return in vain. He never returned. It is supposed that he was killed by the Indians.

Cedar Creek, called "The Patriotic Church," because it was organized on July 4, 1781, the fifth anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence, was founded by Elders Joseph Barnett and John Gerrard. Barnett served as the first pastor, and was succeeded by the venerable Joshua Morris.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS' FIRST CHURCHES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF BAPTISTS</u>	<u>DATE ORGANIZED</u>	<u>COUNTY THEN</u>	<u>COUNTY NOW</u>
Forks Of Elkhorn	Regular	June 14, 1788	Woodford	Franklin
Buck Run	Regular	Oct. 1, 1788	Fayette	Woodford
Shawnee Run	Separate	Nov. 21, 1788	Mercer	Mercer
Hustons Creek	Separate	1788	Bourbon	Bourbon
Rolling Fork	Regular	1788	Nelson	Nelson
Mays Lick	Regular	Nov. 28, 1789	Mason	Mason
Hardins Creek	Regular	1789	Nelson	Nelson
Jessamine Creek	Separate	1789	Fayette	Jessamine
Columbia	Regular	Jan. 20, 1790	Ohio Terr.	Ohio S.
Mount Pleasant	Separate	July 24, 1790	Woodford	Franklin
Indian Run	Regular	1790	Fayette	Clark
Unity	Separate	1790	Fayette	Clark
Hickmans Creek	Separate	1790	Fayette	Fayette
Head Of Beech Fork	Separate	1790	Mercer	Mercer
Hardin's Creek	Separate	1790	Nelson	Washington
W. Fork Cox's Creek	Separate	1790	Nelson	Nelson
White Oak Run	Regular	1790	Nelson	Nelson
Bloomfield	Regular	March 12, 1791	Nelson	Nelson
Green Creek	Regular	April 23, 1791	Bourbon	Bourbon
Cumberland *	Regular	July 25, 1791	Tennessee	Tenn.
Cove Spring	Regular	1791	Mercer	Mercer
Strodes Fork (Stony Pt)	Regular	1791	Fayette	Clark
Taylor's Fork	Regular	1791	Madison	Madison
Crab Orchard (Cedar Cr)	Regular	1791	Lincoln	Lincoln
Campbellsville	Separate	1791	Nelson	Taylor
Brush Creek	Separate	1791	Nelson	Green
Lick Creek	Regular	1791	Nelson	Nelson
Cedar Creek **	Regular	June 16, 1792	Jefferson	Jeff.
Sugar Creek	Regular	1792	Mercer	Garrard
Indian Creek	Regular	1792	Bourbon	Harrison
Lulbegrud	Separate	March __, 1793	Clark	Clark
Bracken	Regular	June __, 1793	Mason	Mason
Grassy Lick	Regular	1793	Clark	Montgomery
Mill Creek	Regular	1793	Jefferson	Jeff.
Flat Lick	Regular	1793	Bourbon	Bourbon
Springfield	Regular	1793	Washington	Wash.
Mill Creek	Regular	Dec. __, 1793	Nelson	Nelson
Fox Run (Eminence)	Regular	Jan. 26, 1794	Shelby	Henry
Elk Creek	Regular	April 27, 1794	Jefferson	Spencer
Bullittsburg	Regular	June __, 1794	Scott	Boone
Mouth Of Licking	Regular	Oct. __, 1794	Harrison	Campbell
Spencer Creek	Separate	1794	Clark	Montgomery
Forks Of Licking ***	Regular	June 24, 1795	Harrison	Pendleton
Stamping Ground	Regular	Sept. 27, 1795	Scott	Scott
Cartwright's Creek	Separate	1795	Washington	Wash.
Blue Ash (Bethel)	Separate	1795	Montgomery	Mon.
Otter Creek	United	1795	Madison	Madison

* Officially Sulphur Fork of Red River. Now Red River, Adams, Tenn

** First Known As Chenowith's Run. Now Jefferson County's Oldest Ch

*** Now Falmouth.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF BAPTISTS</u>	<u>DATE ORGANIZED</u>	<u>COUNTY THEN</u>	<u>COUNTY NOW</u>
Stone Lick	Regular	March 1, 1796	Mason	Mason
Old Union	Regular	1796	Logan	Warren
Beech Creek	Regular	1796	Shelby	Shelby
Good Hope	United	1796	Green	Taylor
Deep Creed	Separate	1796	Mercer	Mercer
Mt. Nebo (Dreaming Cr)	United	1796	Madison	Madison
Goshen	Regular	Jan. 14, 1797	Clark	Clark
Ravens Creek	Regular	1797	?	?
Bethel (Tick Creek)	Regular	1797	Shelby	Shelby
Harrod's Creek	Regular	1797	Jefferson	Oldham
Long Run	Regular	1797	Jefferson	Jeff.
Viney Fork	United	1797	Madison	Madison
Hazel Creek	Regular	Dec. 3, 1797	Logan	Muhlenberg
Salt River	Regular	Feb. 3, 1798	Shelby	Anderson
Beaver Dam	Regular	March 5, 1798	Hardin	Ohio
Mt. Salem	United	Sept. 15, 1798	Lincoln	Lincoln
Mt. Tabor	Regular	Nov. 5, 1798	Warren	Barren
Fourteen Mile Ridge	Regular	Nov. 22, 1798	Indiana	Clark-Ind.
Lee's Creek	Regular	1798	Jeff. or	Shelby
Mill Creek	Regular	1798	Mason	Mason
Dripping Spring	Regular	1798	Warren	Monroe
Flower Creek	Regular	1798	Barren	Metcalfe
Sinking Creek	Regular	1798	Pendleton	Pen.
Sulphur Spring	Regular	1798	Warren	Barren
Muddy River	Regular	1798	Warren	Allen
Mt. Sterling	Regular	1798	Logan	Logan
			Nomtgomer	Mont.
Flat Lick	United	Jan. , 1799	Lincoln	Pulaski
Sinking Creek *	United	June 8, 1799	Pulaski	Pulaski
Eddy Grove	Regular	July , 1799	Livingston	Caldwel
Drennon's Creek **	Regular	April 6, 1799	Shelby	Henry
Four Mile	Regular	1799	Campbell	Campbell
Elk Lick	Regular	1799	Scott	Scott
Mud Camp ***	Regular	1799	Barren	Metcalfe
Six Mile ****	Regular	1799	Shelby	Shelby
Plum Creek *****	Regular	1799	Shelby	Shelby
Port William *****	Regular	April 5, 1800	Gallatin	Gallatin
Dry Creek	Regular	July 19, 1800	Campbell	Kenton
Boggs Fork	Separate	July 28, 1800	Fayette	Fayette
Corn Creek	Regular	Fall of 1800	Henry	Trimble
Eighteen Mile	Regular	Sept. 12, 1800	Jefferson	Oldham
Cané and Back Run +	Regular	1800	Jefferson	Bullett
Concord	Regular	1800	Barren	Barren

- * Somerset
- ** New Castle
- *** Blue Spring
- **** Christiansburg
- ***** Buck Creek
- ***** Mc Cool's Bottom Ghent
- + Kings

The names of the above churches, and those given in the previous paper from 1781 to 1787, have been gleaned from the minutes of the Elkhorn (1785); Salem (1785); South Dentucky #1 (1787); Tate's Creek (1793); Mero Dist. (1796) Bracken (1799); and Green River (1800) Ass. ; as well as Asplund's Register & Spencer's History of Kentucky Baptists.

MORE FORMER STATE SECRETARIES

Portraits of two former Corresponding Secretaries of the General Association of Baptist in Kentucky were presented to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, for placing in the Baptist Building, on May 3, 1971.

Their monographs are as follows:

JONATHAN GAINES BOW 1848 - 1932

He was ordained to the ministry on August 26, 1871, and graduated from Georgetown College with a B.A. degree in June, 1874. Bethel College, Russellville, conferred a D.D. degree on him in 1892.

His pastorates were as follows: Great Crossings, 1871-1873; Midway, 1873-?; Harrodsburg, 1876-1877; Millersburg, 1878-1880; Newport, 1882-1883; Middleburg, 1888; Russellville, 1889-1890; Louisville, 22nd & Walnut, 1891-1892; Eufala, Alabama, 1893-1895; Pembroke, Ky., 1896-1900.

He was Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Board, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, 1900-1907. Other positions which he held in Louisville were: Manager of the Baptist Book Concern; pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, and Associate Editor of the WESTERN RECORDER.

Books which he published were: WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE AND WHY THEY BELIEVE IT, 1904, 64p.; THE WHOLE TRUTH ON BAPTISM; JESSE ALLEN, OR THE POWER OF TRUTH, 1916; PURE GOLD; THE STORY OF A BEAUTIFUL LIFE, 1924; ELLA RIVES, 1924.

Family relationships: Children--Dr. H. G. Bow, S. H. Bow; and sister Mrs. Laura S. (Bow) Williams. Living descendants--two granddaughters, Mrs. S.M. (Virginia Bow) Nuckols, 514 Morningside Drive, Louisville, 40206; Mrs. Charles Howard (Margaret Bow) Way, 1266 Menna St., Jacksonville, Florida 32205; and her three daughters: Miss Mildred Way, Box 584, Wheaton, Illinois 60187; Mrs. George D. (Virginia Way) Wilson 4218 Summerfield Road, Winter Park, Florida 32789; and Mrs. Harry (Winifred Way) Hoffner, 61 Church St., Madison, Conn. 06443. --Leo T. Crismon

OSCAR EUGENE BRYAN 1873 - 1934

He was a "native Mississippian, reared and educated in Texas." His higher education was received at Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth.

His first position in Kentucky was that of State Evangelist. Then he became assistant to W.D. Powell until Dr. Powell resigned in 1916. O.E. Bryan was State Secretary in Kentucky for five years, from 1917 to July, 1921. In relation to his work in Kentucky, he had the responsibility for the 75 Million Campaign (Nov. 1917 on) and he was for a time the Business Manager of the WESTERN RECORDER (1919). O.E. Bryan was Head of the Department of Evangelism and Enlistment for the Home Mission Board for two years. Then he moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he became Budget Director for the 75 Million Campaign. From that work, he moved to the position of Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. (Cont. on next page)

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Walter M. Gilmore says of him, "Southern Baptists never had a more faithful denominational servant than O.E. Brayan." (BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, Feb. 8, 1934, p.4) At his death he was survived by three daughters and by two sons: O.E. Bryan, Jr., a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary who was living at 7208 Gladden, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87110 until his death in 1970, leaving his widow and son, O.E. Bryan, III, Cincinnati, Ohio; W. Ray Bryan, M.D., 5400 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Md., 20014; Mrs. John R. Olson 1613 Harding Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37201; Mrs. Burton Dowell, 2927 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Harold Hollis, 2206 E. 5th St., Superior Wisconsin.

Publications were: THE ETHICS OF EVANGELISM, 7 p., 1920; FOLLOWING EVANGELISM WITH ENLISTMENT, 14 p.; 1931; QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING STATE MISSIONS, 7 p.; WISE SAYINGS...TO PREACHERS, 16 p.; WORLD CONQUEST IN THE GREAT COMMISSION, 104 p.; 1932.
---Leo T. Crismon

Note: The above Monographs are to be found in Volume III and Volume I (pp. 203-204) of The Encyclopedia Of Southern Baptists. Volume III is being printed this year.

KENTUCKY BAPTISTS' FIRST ASSOCIATION

The following Official Minutes of the Elkhorn Baptist Association, the first organized on the soil of Kentucky, are copied word for word, misspelling and all:

MINUTES OF THE ELKHORN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1785

A Baptist conference held at South Elkhorn Saturday 25th of June 1785--members present who represented the diferent churches are as folling

CHURCHES	DELIGATES
<u>South Elkhorn</u>	Lewis Craig William Hickman & Benj Craig
<u>Clear Creek</u>	John Taylor John Dupey James Rucker & Rich ^d Card
<u>Big Crossing</u>	John Tanner & William Jones
<u>Gilberts Creek</u>	George S Smith & John Price

Brother Lewis Craig chose moderator and brother Richard Young Clerk

Brethern Elijah Craig Augustine Eastin James Garrard and Henry Rock who were present were requested to take their seats in the conference

Agreed to be ruled in any matter that should come before them by a majority

Query--Whether the Philadelphia confession of faith adopted by the Baptists shall be strictly adhered to as the rule of our communion or whether a suspension thereof for the sake of Society be best? Answer--It is agreed that the said recited confession of faith be strictly adhered to.

Signed LEWIS CRAIG Moderator
RICH^d YOUNG Clerk.

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Baptist Association held at Clear Creek Friday the 30th
September 1785 at 3 o'clock.

Sermon by brother William Hickman from Exodus 23^d. 30th 8.
Brother Wood chose Moderator Richard Young Clerk
Letters were read from six churches

CHURCHES

Gilberts Creek

Tates Creek

South Elkhorn

Clear Creek

Big Crossing

Limestone.

DELIGATES NAMES

George S. Smith & John Price

John Tanner William Jones & Will^m Williams

Lewis Craig William Hickman & Benj Craig

John Taylor James Rucker & John Dupuy

William Cave Bartlett Collins & Rob^t Johnson

William Wood & Edward Dobbins

CONSTITUTION

Being assembled together, and taking into our serious consideration, what might be most advantageous for the glory of God, the advancement fo the kingdom of the dear Redeemer, and the mutaul comfourt and happiness of the churches of Christ, having unanimously agreed to unite in the strongest bonds of Christian love and fellowship, and in order to support and keep that union do hereby adopt the Baptist confession of faith first put forth in the name of the seven congregations met together in London in the year 1643 containing a system of the Evangelical doctrines agreeable to the Gospel of Christ, which we do heartily believe in and receive, but something in the third & fifth chapters in said book we accept if construed in that light that makes God the cause and author of sin, but we do acknowledge and believe God to be an Almighty Sovereign wisely to govern and direct all things so as to promote his own glory. Also in Chapter 31st. concerning laying on of hands on persons baptised as essential in their reception into the Church it is agreed on by us that the using or not using of that practice shall not effect our fellowship to each other; and as there are a number of Christian professions in this country under the Baptist name in order to distinguish ourselves from them we are of opinion that no appellation is more suitable to our profession than that of 'Regular Baptist' which name we profess.

The association adjourned till 2 o'clock tomorrow Saturday 1st October 1785. The Association met according to adjournment and proceeded to business

William Cane chose Moderator

Resolved that all matters of controversy be determined by a majority of this association

A request from Gilbert Creek Church to the association for helps to enquire into the standing of said church, whether they shall be dissolved or stand as a church; The request taken up & agreed that our brethern Lewis Craig, James Rucker, William Hickman & William Cane or any three of them are appointed to visit said church at Gilberts Creek and make report to the next association.

Query from Tates Creek Church--What may be thought best to be done with members that hold conditional salvation? Answer-- We would give it as our opinion to the churches to use all tenderness to reclaim such persons from the error, but if they persist to deal with them as all other incorrigible offenders

A proposition to the association for their opinion on the following matter: Whether it is lawful for a Christian to bear

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office civil or military? Answer It is our opinion that it is lawful for any Christian to bear office either civil or military, except ministers of the Gospel--

Agreed that Quarterly meetings be appointed as follows--At the Big Crossing the February before the first Sabbath in April next and that bro. James Rucker & bro. William Hickman attend the same.

At Tates Creek the Saturday before the first Sabbath in April next and that bro John Taylor and bro Richard Cane attend the same.

At Limestone the Saturday before the third Sabbath in July next and that bro Lewis Craig and bro John Tanner attend the same.

Association to be held at South Elkhorn the Saturday before the first Sabbath in August next and that bro William Wood be appointed to preach the introductory sermon or in his absence bro John Tanner.

Agreed that bro William Wood write the circular letter for the next association

Agreed that no Query be received into the association in future, but what is first debated in the church and inserted in the church letter.

Association adjourned till the first Saturday in August

Signed

WILLIAM CANE Mod.

RICH^d YOUNG Clerk

AN ANCIENT BAPTIST CHURCH CONSTITUTION

Constitution of a church formed on Beaver Creek, Kentucky; 1798 (Now Mt. Tabor Church, Barren County, Kentucky).

A Covenant of a Baptist Church on Beaver Creek entered into the 5th of November 1798 (with seven members)

And Constituted by Elders, William Hickman, Carter Tarrant, and Alexander Davidson.

Agreed to be constiuted on the essential doctrines of the Gospel viz.

1st, We believe in one only true and living God and that their are three persons in the God-head. the Father Son and Holy Spirit.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the old and new Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd We believe that we are saved by grace thro faith and that not of ourselves it is the gift of God.

4th We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5th We believe in mans impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.

6th We believe that sinners are justiyd in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7th We believe that the saints shall persevere and never finally fall away.

8th We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers and them only are the fit subjects of these ordinances, and we believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

9th We believe in the resurrection of the Lord and universal Judgement.

10th We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the Joys of the righteous will be eternal.

(Taken from MSS. Volume of Mt. Tabor Church, 1798-1870)