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**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL  
**GOSHEN ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
**BAPTISTS:**

HELD AT HOPEFUL MEETING HOUSE, OHIO COUNTY, KY COMMENCING  
ON THE 2ND FRIDAY IN OCTOBER, 1831.

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*The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. WM. DOWNS,  
from Romans 4th Chap. 5th Verse:*

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the  
ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

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**ELIZABETHTOWN, KY.**

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# MINUTES

Of the 15th Annual Goshen Association of  
Baptists, held at Hopeful meeting House,  
Ohio County, Ky. commencing on the 2nd  
Friday, in Oct 1831.

*The introductory Sermon was preached by Brother WILLIAM  
DOWNS, from Romans 4th Chap. 5th Verse.*

## CHURCHES

AND

## MESSENGERS.

	Rule Days.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	By Relation.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
GOSHEN—J. H. L. Moorman, J. Moorman, G. Owen, Jesse Wilson J. Owen, . . . . .	2d S. 32	3				1	1	1	86
CONCORD—S. Wilson, J. Wilson, J. Burnet, S. Horton, . . . . .	4 sa.								75
PRISGAH—Pleasant Eidson, J. Newton, . . . . .	4 S.								33
NEW-HOPE—R. Mays, H. Haynes, James Thompson, . . . . .	1 S.	1				3	2		21
MOUNT PLEASANT—J. L. Kelly, H. Haynes D. J. Kelly, . . . . .	1 sa.	1	1			2		2	53
PANTHER CREEK—A. Hall, J. Bristoe, . . . . .	4 sa.	2	8			2	3	1	54
ROCK SPRING—J. Whayne, C. Jones, . . . . .	2 S.	15	3			1	7	3	113
WALNUT GROVE—John Frimier, T. Tailor, ROCK CREEK—C. H. Stutteville, Charles Wortham, James Haycraft, . . . . .	1 sa.	1				3			16
BEVER DAM—John Rogers, O. Willis, TANNER'S MEETINGHOUSE—Thos. Minton, James Jones, Frederick Tanner, . . . . .	3 sa.	1				2			53
BACON CREEK—Wm. M. Gray, . . . . .	2 sa.	4				1			45
MOUNT ZION—Thomas Willian, . . . . .	3 S.	45	1			3	3	3	137
HOPEFUL—E. W. Moore, W. Meeks, D. Atteberry, . . . . .	1 S.	1	1			1	1	2	21
LITTLE FLOCK—William Downs, . . . . .	3 sa.	—	4			1	2	4	52
BETHABARA—Flement Miller, . . . . .	1 S.	33	10	2					56
GREEN BRIER—Thomas Downs, John G. Howard, William Downs, Junr, . . . . .	2 sa.	—	1			2			16
CANE RUN—Thomas Smith Chas. Haynes, BLACKFORD—Wm. Moorman, John Snider, Martin Young, . . . . .	4 S.	21	3			1	10	1	70
CLOVER PORT—O. Newman, Tho. New- man, J. Pate, J. Miller, . . . . .	3 sa.	1						1	39
DORRET'S CREEK—Jos. Breshear, D. W. B. Taber, Enoch Taber, . . . . .	3 S.	—	1					1	24
	3 sa.	7	4	2		3	1		71

Total,

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Brother JAMES H. L. MOORMAN was chosen Moderator,  
and DAVID J. KELLY, Clerk.

Received Corresponding Letters and Messengers from the  
following Associations, viz:

1st From Gasper's River, by Brother Render; one from Little  
Pigeon, by Brethren Samuel Anderson and Ephraim Cummins;  
one from Highland by Bro. Ezias W. Earl, and one from Salem,  
by Brethren John Rush, Benj. Keith and Simeon Buchanan, who  
were respectfully invited to seats.

Two Letters were presented to the Association, each purport-  
ing to be from the Green River Association, but being signed by  
different Moderators and Clerks, they were referred to the Com-

mittee of Arrangements, to be brought before the Association to-morrow.

Circular Letter called for—read—received, and directed to be printed with the Minutes of the Association. Appointed a Committee to write Letters of Correspondence, and Bro. Thomas Downs with the Moderator and Clerk, to arrange the business of to-morrow. Appointed the next Association to be held at Freedom Meeting House, on Dortett's creek, Brackenridge county, Ky. commencing on the 2nd Friday in October, 1832.

On motion—Adjourned until Saturday 10 o'clock.

Saturday morning, met pursuant to adjournment; and after prayer proceeded to business.

The Committee of Arrangement made their report, which was received, and the business taken up accordingly.

Attended to the Letters from the Green River Association, and decided in the following manner:

WHEREAS there appears to be difficulties existing in the Green River Association, which have caused a division in said Association—Therefore

*Resolved*, That we view them as being in disorder, and that we therefore reject both letters sent to us by the different bodies, calling themselves the Green River Association, not being able to decide from any testimony before us, which of them is properly the Green River Association; and that we write a friendly Letter to each party, exhorting them, first to be reconciled to each other and then offer their gift.

Called on the Brethren who were appointed to write Letters of Correspondence—who presented Letters which were read—received; and the following Brethren appointed to bear them:—To Salem, Chas. H. Stutteville, Owen Willis and Wm. Meeks; to Gasper's River, Frederick Tanner and David J. Kelly; to Little Pigeon, Tho. Willian, Jasper Bristoe, David W. B. Taber, James H. L. Moorman, Tho. Downs and Wm. Downs; to Highland, Tho. Downs, Wm. Moormar, Wm. Downs and D. J. Kelly.

Appointed the following Brethren to bear a Letter, according to the foregoing resolution, to that part of the Green River Association said to be the majority, viz: Chas. H. Stutteville, Wm. Downs, John Rogers, Wm. M. Gray and James Haycraft;—and Brethren Jeremiah L. Kelly, John Wilson, Samuel Horton and James Owen to bear one to that part said to be the minority.

Appointed the following Union Meetings, viz: One at Goshen, to commence on the Friday before the 5th Sunday in the present month, Brethren James H. L. Moorman, Jeremiah L. Kelly, D. W. B. Taber and David J. Kelly, to attend; One at Blackford, at the same time, and Brethren Tho. Bowns, Wm. Downs and Ancil Hall attend the same. One at Little Flock, to commence on the Friday before the first Sunday in May next, Bre. J. L. Kelly, Tho. Downs, Frederick Tanner and Wm. Moorman to attend.—One at Beaver Run, to commence on the Friday before the last Sunday in August, Brethren Wm. Downs, Chas. H. Stutteville and James Haynes, to attend. One at Rock Spring, to commence on the Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, Breteren James H. L. Moorman, Wm. Downs, Tho. Downs, Wm. Moorman and D. J. Kelly, to attend. And one at Mount Pleasant, commencing on the Friday before the fifth Sunday in September next, Brethren

Chas. H. Stutteville, James H. L. Moorman, William Downs, Thomas Downs, Wm. Moorman, D. W. B. Taber and Frederick Tanner to attend. Each meeting to continue three days.

Called for contributions, and received \$17 66½—to be paid out as follows:—\$12 66½ for Minutes; \$3 00 to Brother R. Mays for superintending the printing and distribution of the Minutes; and \$2 00 to the Clerk for his services.

Appointed Brethren Samuel Anderson, Benj. Keith and Ezias Earl, to preach on Sunday. Appointed Brother James H. L. Moorman, to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association, and in case of failure, Brother Wm. Downs.

The next Gasper's River Association to be held at Antioch Meeting House, Todd county, Ky. to commence on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1832. The next Little Pigeon Association at the Pokepatch Church, Warrick county, Indiana, to commence on the Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1832. Salem Association, at Mill Creek Meeting House, Nelson county, Ky. on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1832. Highland Association, at Bethel Meeting House, Henderson county, Ky. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1832. The majority of the Green River Association hold their next session at Ivy Meeting House, Warren county, Ky. on the second Saturday in August, 1832. The next session of the minority on the same day, at Smith's Grove Meeting House.

James H. L. Moorman, *Modr.*

David J. Kelly, *Clk.*

### CIRCULAR.

DEAR BRETHR—From the decision of the last Association you have a right to expect an Address from this, commonly called a Circular. We believe that the Scriptures abound with profitable addresses to the Church of Jesus Christ. In the Scriptures we have a sure word of Prophecy. The Scriptures are sure for doctrine—sure for reproof—sure for correction, and sure to give instructions in righteousness. In the Scriptures, the man of God is thoroughly furnished unto all good works: we, therefore, think, that it is only necessary at this time to exhort you to a diligent search of the Scriptures. This we conceive will be discharging an important duty, which none who have it in their power can neglect without being accountable for the same; it is not only a duty which should not be neglected, but it is a privilege that should ever be highly esteemed by every child of God.

The Scriptures should not be read merely as a school-boy recites his lesson: but we should endeavor to read them as we would read our father's last will and testament: we should try to understand what we read, and our reading and study should be mixed with prayer. We are persuaded if Christians would read for themselves, and exercise the privilege of thinking for themselves, there would be much less danger of the leaders of the people causing them to err. We are directed to take heed what we hear: we ask, shall we be able to detect an error, if we neglect to read the Scriptures, that we may understand the doctrines they contain? David says, "through my precepts I got understanding, therefore I hate every false way." Dear brethren, there must be a vast number of false ways in the world at this time, and no doubt, some of them are introduced in a religious garb. It is our duty to examine for ourselves; and when we find a man has not, thus saith the Lord, for what he advances we may suspect it for philosophy or vain deceit, which we are commanded to be aware of: And when we find a man causing divisions and splits in the Church of Jesus Christ, we have a right to mark that man, and have no fellowship with him. We beseech you, therefore, brethren, to suffer the word of exhortation, for we have written a letter unto you in few words: Grace be with you all. Amen.