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MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION,
OF THE
CONCORD ASSOCIATION,
OF
BAPTISTS,
HELD WITH THE
*Church at Owenton, Owen County, Ky., on the 26th, 27th,
and 28th days of August, 1859.*

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MINUTES.

Introductory discourse by Elder William Johnson, from the 4th chapter of Genesis and latter clause of 9th verse; "Am I my brother's keeper." After which the letters from the churches were called for, read, and their Messengers names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGER'S NAMES.	By Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Am't paid for minutes.
NEW LIBERTY, ..	Elders L. D. Alexander, B. Garnett, C. M. Riley, J. E. Kenney, H. Blanton, W. A. Bond, L. D. Cammock, G. Garnett, Jno. H. Coates, S. Swigert, G. W. Jenkins,* William Yancey, and Jno. G. Jenkins.*	31	1	2	10	9	4	512	3 00
GHEENT,	Walton Craig,* A. G. Craig,* B. A. Blanton, J. H. Rice,* D. M. O'Neal,* and J. Bursott,*	7	5	11	2	2	2	16	1 50
DRENNONS RIDGE,	A. B. Rees, S. R. Davis,* N. Lindsay, Wm. Harford, and N. N. Bryant,*				3	1	2	136	1 25
LONG RIDGE,....	Elders E. Threlkeld, P. H. Todd, and G. S. Forsee, W. S. Harrison, and G. Threlkeld,.....	2		2	1	4	.85	1	25
WHITE'S RUN,...	Elder Wm. Johnson and M. Barrett, S. McCann, Thos. Hanks and J. Bond,		3			1	3	115	1 50
CANE RUN,.....	Jno. Chilton, G. Coblin,* L. S. Chilton, E. K. Powell, S. Willet,* W. Ewing, H. Osborn, L. F. Boulware, Wm. Pollard, and Elder J. O. Anderson,	2			6	4	3	344	2 50
SHARON,.....	No letter nor messenger.....								
GREENUP'S FORK,	R. M. Lee, W. E. Kale, J. F. Wilhoit,* H. Wingate, M. Shelton and E. Shipp,.....	13	5	2	2	1	4	115	2 00
OWENTON,.....	Elder L. H. Salin, Wm. Suter, W. Dawson, F. Ransdale, S. P. Duvall, and P. D. Poindexter,.....		3		8	1	1	153	1 00
MUSCLE SHOALS.	N. Selence, W. Jackson, B. O'Banion, T. Acnee, L. Davis,* Jno. Morgan, A. B. Davis,* and Elders J. W. Waldrope and W. Cobb,.....	14	1		6	4	3	417	2 50
MT. PLEASANT,...	Willis Bush, S. Johnson,* C. O. Rowlett, Jordan Thomas, J. W. Scott, and Noel Smoot,.....	17	7	1	8	2	3	160	1 50
SALEM,.....	Jno. D. Cull, R. Thomas, H. Ogden, Y. Lusby, H. Morgan,* and J. W. Wilhoite,.....	2	4		1		2	133	1 45
PLEASANT VIEW.	Salem Wiley, Joseph Lee,* W. D. Hughes,* Wm. Smith,* and William Glass,*	1			1	3	1	160	1 00

WARSAW	A. M. Green,* Ashton Craig,* Clement Craig, and H. H. Turpin,.....	27	.3	2	.4	.61	1 00
LOCKPORT,.....	Jno. Hance, J. Rasor,* Samuel Shaw, W. W. Johnson, and C. Booth,	13	.2	2	.77	1 25	
CANEY FORK,.....	W. M. Powell, J. L. Abbott, F. Southworth,* Wm. Haydon, L. D. Bassett, J. H. Lee,* and R. B. Southworth,.....	12	.4	.2	.4	.3	208 2 00
CARROLLTON,.....	No letter nor messenger. Total last year,.....					.50	
DALLASBURG,.....	Wm. Long,* S. H. Riley, W. D. Alexander,* Archie McNeal, Josiah Baker,* and R. H. Alexander,*.....	.1		.7	.1	.3	165 2 00
MOUNT ZION,.....	James Long,* Jno. V. Smith,* W. Lawrance, Jno. Taylor,* Wm. Gregory, and Jno. Hambric,.....	.7					101 1 00
MOUNT HEBRON,.....	James Gross, Andrew Gross, and Lafayette Gross,.....	.1		.1	.52	.50	
LICK CREEK,.....	G. Brock,* J. Bales, S. M. Bledsoe,* and Wm. Kidwell,*.....	.1	.1	.9	.2	.49	

* Absent.

Elder L. D. Alexander was chosen Moderator, and Jno. H. Coates, Clerk.

The Association was called to order, and the Throne of Grace addressed by Elder B. Garnett.

Visiting ministers, who were not messengers, invited to seats.

A letter was presented by the church at Lick Creek, asking to be admitted into the Association, which was unanimously agreed to, and the hand of fellowship given her messenger.

Letters from corresponding Associations called for, read, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

North Bend—Brother A. Graves.

Franklin—Elders B. T. Quinn, T. M. Daniel, F. C. Thomas and Henry Head.

Sulphur Fork—Elders B. T. Taylor and Archie Smith.

Long Run—No letter. Messenger, Elder S. H. Ford.

Ten Mile—Elders J. B. Ballard, H. H. Ballard and J. Ambrose.

Elkhorn—Elder S. Arnett.

Long Run, Indiana—No letter nor messenger.

A condensed history of the church at New Liberty was presented in lieu of a circular letter, read, and accepted.

Brethren H. H. Turpin and J. W. Waldrope were appointed to prepare letters to corresponding Associations, and report the same to-morrow.

Ordered that our next Association be held with the church at White's Run, Carroll County, on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1860.

Elder B. F. Quinn was requested to deliver a lecture to the Association to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

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Bros. B. Garnett and Jno. H. Coates appointed a Committee of Arrangement.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met and opened with prayer by Elder T. M. Daniel, after which a lecture was delivered by Elder B. T. Quinn. Prayer was then offered by Elder S. Arnett.

The Committee of Arrangements made a report, which was adopted.

Letters to corresponding Associations called for, read, and the following brethren agreed to bear them:

Long Run—to meet with the church at Floyd's Fork, Jefferson County, September 6th, 1859—A. B. Rees.

North Bend—to meet with the church at East Bend, Boone County, September 5th, 1859—H. H. Turpin.

Sulphur Fork—to meet with the church at Eighteen Miles, Oldham County, September 13th, 1859—Elder J. O. Ander, John Chilton and L. F. Boulware.

Ten Mile—to meet with the church at Pleasant Ridge, Owen County, September 2d, 1859—Elders L. H. Salin, C. M. Riley, B. Garnett, J. W. Waldrope, E. Threlkeld and William S. Harrison.

Franklin—to meet with the church at North Benson, Franklin County, Tuesday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1860—Elder L. H. Salin, John Hance, W. W. Johnson, A. B. Rees, P. D. Poindexter and B. A. Blanton.

Elkhorn—to meet with the church at Cane Run, Fayette Co., Tuesday after the 2d Saturday in August, 1860—Elder L. H. Salin and A. Mothershead.

Elder L. H. Salin selected to preach the next introductory sermon, in case of a failure of Elder J. O. Anderson.

Elders S. H. Ford, B. T. Quinn and T. M. Daniel selected to preach to-morrow.

A condensed history of the church at Ghent to be prepared and presented at the next session of the Association.

EVENING SESSION, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Elder J. O. Anderson.

The following resolutions were presented by Elder William Johnson, which were read and adopted:

Resolved, That we request each church of this Association to take into consideration the best means of sustaining a Missionary in the bounds of this Association; and that each church appoint a delegate, which delegate shall form the Missionary Board of this Association; and that they meet with the church at New Liberty, Friday before the first Saturday in November.

Resolved, That we recommend to the ministers and deacons of the churches composing this Association to meet in New Liberty, Friday before the first Saturday in November, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of organizing a Ministers' and Deacons' Meeting.

Bros. B. Garnett and John H. Coates appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Prayer by Elder S. H. Ford, after which the Association adjourned.

L. D. ALEXANDER, MODERATOR,
New Liberty, Ky.

JOHN H. COATES, *Clerk*,
New Liberty, Ky.

Ordained Ministers and Postoffice Address.—L. D. Alexander, New Liberty; E. Threlkeld, Owenton; T. Fisher, Ghent; L. H. Salin, Monterey; B. Garnett, New Liberty; P. H. Todd, Owenton; William Johnson, Ghent; C. M. Riley, Dallasburg; J. E. Kenney, New Liberty; J. W. Waldrope, Lusby's Mill; J. O. Anderson, Port Royal; Wm. Cobb, Lusby's Mill; Thos. J. Fisher, Carrolton.

CONDENSED HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT NEW LIBERTY, KY.

The following members, as near as can be ascertained, were organized and constituted a Baptist Church, first called Twin, now New Liberty, by Bros. Jno. Price and Jno. Davis, on the 23d day of June, 1801.

Males—Samuel Brockman, Moses Baker, Sr., Joseph Jones, Moses Baker, Jr., Wm. Blanton. Joshua Baker, Jno. Arnold, Jethro New, Jesse Baker, T. W. Jones, James Allen, Martin Jones, D. C. Ayres, James Fryar.

Females—Christian Brockman, Mary Ann Baker, Polly Baker, Elizabeth Baker, Charity Stafford, Mary Baker, Elizabeth Fryar, Sarah Jones, Elizabeth Blanton, Sarah New, Polly Snead, Polly New, Nancy Arnold, Polly Jones.

Including two colored members, making a total of thirty.

May, 1802, Elder John Scott was called and accepted the pastoral care of the church, and continued in that capacity until 1833.

1801-2—Received by letter 3; excluded 3.

A motion made for the church to take into consideration the necessity for ordained elders, and if so, what their duty shall be according to the Word of God.

From the best information, there being no word in relation thereto, Moses Baker, Sr., and Joseph Jones were the first deacons of the church.

1803—Thomas Harris appointed clerk. Received by baptism, 1; by letter, 2; excluded, 1.

1804—Moses Baker, Jr., chosen clerk in place of Thos. Harris resigned.

Dismissed 4; excluded 1.

1805—Received by baptism 2; by letter 1.

1806—Jno. Scott chosen clerk in place of Moses Baker, Jr., resigned.

The subject of ordained elders was again taken up, when it was decided that there ought to be such persons appointed, and their work agreeable to

the Word of God is to be the overseers of the flock of God in their respective neighborhoods, and see that no improper conduct be carried on by the members that may come under their notice or that they may hear of; to pay particular attention to it, that the offenders may be dealt with agreeable to the gospel; and they are also to endeavor as much as in them lies to promote the mutual peace, union, and happiness of the church.

Joseph Jones, Moses Baker, Sr., and Moses Ray were appointed to act as elders in compliance with the decision of the church.

Received by baptism 1; by letter 6; dismissed 1; excluded 1.

1807—It was agreed to commune at the stated meetings in April, July, and October.

Dismissed by letter 2.

1808—Samuel Simpson licensed to preach.

Appointed a committee to form a plan for a house of worship and contract for the building of the same.

Received by baptism 15; by letter 9; excluded 1.

1809—Reuben Adams appointed clerk in place of John Scott resigned.

Elder William Morgan received by letter.

On motion by Joseph Jones those then acting as elders were released, thereby repealing the rule requiring elders, as the subject has not since been agitated.

Received by baptism 32; by letter 7; excluded 1.

1810—The church having taken into consideration the situation of Elder Morgan in moving from a distance amongst us, and wishing to remove any difficulty that may be in his way with respect to ministerial duty, declares she heartily approves of and accepts his services as a minister, and hopes he will act freely with our other ministering brethren.

Received by baptism 2; by letter 7; dismissed 2.

1811—Query by Elder Jno. Scott: "What position is proper for the body to be in, desiring public prayer agreeable to the Scriptures?" In answer to the above query, we think the proper position for the body to be in during public prayer is standing or kneeling.

Query by James Baker: "What is the proper position for the body to be in during the time of singing?" In answer to the above, we think either sitting or standing.

Received by letter 3; dismissed 1; excluded 5.

1812—Query by John McGibney: "As a people professing religion do we render that support to the preached gospel it deserves, or that it is our duty to give?" At the next meeting the above query was withdrawn.

Received by baptism 13; by letter 2; restored 1; dismissed 5; excluded 2.

1813—It was agreed to appoint six moderators to serve in rotation, instead of appointing one at each meeting.

Received by letter 14.

1814—Motion by Joshua Baker for the church to take into consideration and adopt some plan to contribute to the support of our ministering brethren, which by request at the next meeting was withdrawn.

Joseph Jones resigned as deacon and Wm. Blanton selected to fill his place.

Received by baptism 4; by letter 2; dismissed 6.

No record from December, 1814, until September, 1816.

1817—Received by baptism 135; by letter 8; restored 8; dismissed 1.

1818—It was agreed to erect a new house of worship, to be built of brick.

August—Archie Smith added to the church by baptism. Received by baptism 8; by letter 9; restored 1; dismissed 2; excluded 5.

1819—Query by Joseph Wheatly: "Is it justifiable for one brother to go to law with another?" Answered in the negative.

Received by baptism 2; by letter 6; dismissed 11; excluded 8.

1820—John D. Alexander appointed deacon in place of Moses Baker, Sr., resigned. Received by baptism 1; by letter 8; dismissed 9; excluded 4.

1821—It was decided that the moderator has the privilege to open meeting by singing and prayer, and is requested to do so if he thinks proper.

Brethren from the churches at Emmans and Long Ridge that have been dismissed from this church invited to act in all cases as if they were members with us, and to have the same privileges at all times when they may think proper to attend. This order was rescinded the next year, and those brethren put on the same footing with members from other churches in union with us.

John D. Alexander appointed clerk in place of Reuben Adams resigned.

Jno Searcy licensed to preach.

Received by baptism 3; by letter 3; dismissed 4; excluded 11.

1822—The church resolved that in future all her proceedings shall be recorded in the church book, and the minutes of former meetings shall be read over at the commencement on each meeting day for business by the clerk.

Received by baptism 1; by letter 4; dismissed 15; restored 1; excluded 3.

1823—Upon application, Elder Wm. Morgan was dismissed by letter, and immediately after he was unanimously called to preach the third Sabbath in each month.

Received by baptism 1; by letter 4; restored 1; dismissed 15; excluded 6.

1824—The rule as it respects having six standing moderators was rescinded and the church adopted her former rule.

Received by baptism 15; by letter 6; restored 1; dismissed 16; excluded 3.

1825—Upon application Elder John Scott was dismissed by letter, and at his request the church granted him a certificate as follows: That as a preacher he has been strictly moral, just, and judicious; his public ministrations of the Word and ordinances have been thankfully received and much appreciated, having been given freely without money or price; as a member tender and affectionate even to transgressors; and we unanimously request him to attend as our preacher in future.

Received by letter 2; dismissed 9; excluded 2.

1826—The charge of sending his child to a dancing school was preferred against a brother, and a committee appointed to labor with and request him to attend the next meeting, at which time he appeared and justified himself in so doing, whereupon he was expelled from the fellowship of the church.

February—Wesley Alexander licensed to preach.

Elder Cornelius Duvall unanimously requested to preach once a month.

Received by letter 1; dismissed 11; excluded 5.

1827—October—Upon application, Wesley Alexander dismissed by letter.

Received by letter 1; restored 1; dismissed 13.

1828—Received by baptism 21; by letter 3; restored 2; dismissed 9; excluded 1.

1829—Received by baptism 11; by letter 6; restored 1; dismissed 9.

1830—Received by baptism 6; by letter 7; restored 1; dismissed 31; excluded 1.

1831—Resolved to have preaching on Saturday as an introductory to the business of the church.

Archie Smith selected as deacon in place of William Blanton deceased.

B. F. Kenney and J. E. Kenney received by letter in May.

July—B. F. Kenney licensed to preach.

October—Archie Smith licensed to preach.

Received by baptism 6; by letter 13; dismissed 8; excluded 1.

1832—December—Elder B. F. Kenney ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. Presbytery, Elders William Morgan, Joseph Crouch, and C. Duvall.

Received by baptism 6; by letter 5; dismissed 14.

1833—Elder B. F. Kenney was called and accepted the pastoral care of the church.

Received by baptism 6; dismissed 2; excluded 1.

1834—Received by baptism 3; by letter 8; dismissed 2; excluded 2.

1835—May—Upon application Elder B. F. Kenney was dismissed by letter.

July—Elder Hugh Montgomery was received by letter, and was immediately called to take the oversight of the church, and continued in that relation until January, 1838.

March—L. D. Alexander united with the church by letter.

October—L. D. Alexander licensed to preach.

Received by baptism 4; by letter 12; dismissed 7; excluded 1.

1836—July—Elders L. D. Alexander and Archie Smith were ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. Presbytery, Elders C. Duvall, A. Suter, William Morgan, Jno. Scott, J. D. Black, Maren Duvall and R. Giddings.

Edmund Minor appointed deacon to fill the place of A. Smith resigned.

Query by Jno. Searcy: "Is it a matter of dealing for members of this church to attend horse races?" Answered in the affirmative.

Received by baptism 44; by letter 5; dismissed 2; excluded 4.

1837—Received by baptism 8; by letter 11; dismissed 8; excluded 2.

1838—Elder L. D. Alexander was called and accepted the pastoral care of the church, which station he continues to fill with zeal and faithfulness up to the present time.

Elders H. Montgomery and A. Smith requested to assist in all the ordinances and duties that belong to the church whenever necessary.

June—Elders Montgomery and Smith requested to preach on the second and fourth Sabbath of each month.

September—B. Garnett was added to the church by baptism.

October—T. M. Daniels was received by baptism.

Received by baptism 72; by letter 11; restored 2; dismissed 2; excluded 2.

1839—It was agreed to have three deacons in future; thereupon Pleasant Gentry and Robert Vallandingham were selected to act as such, with John D. Alexander former deacon.

March—Upon application Elder Archie Smith was dismissed by letter.

Received by baptism 12; by letter 6; dismissed 21; excluded 5.

1840—It was agreed to make choice of a moderator to serve for the year, thereupon L. D. Alexander was selected.

March—T. M. Daniel and B. Garnett licensed to preach.

April—At the request of Elder H. Montgomery he was dismissed by letter.

Received by baptism 7; by letter 8; dismissed 10.

1841—Jno. D. Alexander resigned as clerk and N. Riley chosen in his place.

R. Vallandingham resigned as deacon and J. G. Jenkins selected to fill his place.

Received by baptism 5; by letter 7; dismissed 11; excluded 1.

1842—C. M. Riley received by experience and baptism in March.

N. Riley resigned as clerk, and the selection of another was deferred until January following, when it was agreed that in future all church officers shall be chosen annually, and John H. Coates was appointed clerk *pro tem*.

Received by baptism 165; by letter 6; restored 6; dismissed 20; excluded 2.

1843—John D. Alexander selected as moderator; John G. Jenkins, Pleasant Gentry, and J. E. Kenney, deacons, and John H. Coates, clerk, who continue to act in said capacity to the present time.

Received by baptism 12; by letter 10; dismissed 24; excluded 7.

1844—It was agreed to repeal the rule requiring the deacons to be chosen annually.

June—T. M. Daniel and B. Garnett requested to preach the third Sabbath in each month. Received by letter 3; dismissed 12.

1845—May—C. M. Riley licensed to preach. Received by baptism 4; by letter 9; dismissed 8; excluded 6.

1846—June—Elder T. M. Daniel ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. Presbytery, Elders L. D. Alexander, E. Threlkeld, and P. H. Todd.

Received by baptism 34; by letter 6; dismissed 8; excluded 4.

1847—November—At the request of Elder T. M. Daniel he was dismissed by letter. C. M. Riley requested to fill his place on the third Sabbath in each month.

Received by baptism 2; by letter 13; restored 1; dismissed 8; excluded 3.

1848—Received by baptism 50; letter 4; restored 1; dismissed 6; excluded 1.

1849—Received by baptism 1; dismissed 15; excluded 6.

1850—Received by baptism 79; by letter 11; restored 6; dismissed 11; excluded 2.

1851—John D. Alexander resigned as moderator and B. Garnett selected to fill his place, who continues to act in said capacity to the present time.

F. Gentry resigned as deacon and L. K. Frazer chosen to fill his place.

L. K. Frazer resigned as deacon and B. Davies selected to fill his place.

Received by baptism 1; by letter 3; dismissed 99; excluded 3.

1852—November—Elders B. Garnett and C. M. Riley ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. Presbytery, Elders B. F. Kenney, L. D. Alexander, P. H. Todd, and E. Threlkeld.

Received by baptism 6; by letter 6; restored 1; dismissed 13; excluded 4.

1853—Received by baptism 123; by letter 34; restored 4; dismissed 48.

1854—March—James E. Kenney licensed to preach.

Received by baptism 8; by letter 10; restored 3; dismissed 18; excluded 2.

1855—Received by baptism 4; by letter 16; dismissed 24; excluded 1.

1856—August—Elder J. E. Kenney ordained to the work of the gospel ministry.

Presbytery, Elders S. H. Ford, B. O. Branham, E. Threldkeld, and L. D. Alexander.
October—B. F. Hungerford licensed to preach.

Received by baptism 33; by letter 8; dismissed 19; excluded 5.

1857—Received by baptism 32; by letter 7; restored 5; dismissed 13.

1858—Received by baptism 29; by letter 1; restored 2; dismissed 17; excluded 3.

During the last associational year received by baptism 31; by letter 1; restored 2; dismissed by letter 10; excluded 9; dead 4; present number of the church 512.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE CHURCH AT NEW LIBERTY.

1. *Resolved*, By this church, that under the most solemn convictions of New Testament authority, we declare and believe that the office of deacon in the Church of Christ embraces the high and responsible duties of receiving and taking in charge all contributions made to the church, or receivable under its authority. That they are scripturally the stewards of the church, the overseers of its poor and indigent members, and the rightful dispensers of its charities, and as such should be ordained to that holy office.

2. *Resolved*, That in the estimation of this church, card, checker, domino playing, and other games of amusement are anti-scriptural, and therefore incompatible with Christian character, and ought by the proper exercise of discipline to be sternly rebuked by the church.

Resolved, That if any member of this church should engage in retailing spirituous liquors, it shall be considered sufficient cause for dealing with such offender.

4. *Resolved*, That all letters of dismissal granted by this church shall be valid for only six months from date.

It will be seen from the above history of the church that large numbers were dismissed from time to time, which was for the purpose of constituting the following churches: Emmans, Long Ridge, White's Run, Sharon, Poplar Grove, Dallasburg.

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