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Baptists. Kentucky. Elkhorn Association, 1793.

Minutes ... at Bryan's... May 18, 1793.

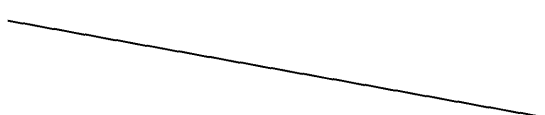
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S A T U R D A Y , M a y 1 8 , 1 7 9 3 .

At 12 o'clock, brother William Wood delivered the introductory Sermon, from 1st. xxvii. 13. *And it shall come to pass in that day, the great Trumpet be blown, and they shall come which are ready to perish.*"

Letters from twenty-one Churches were read. The Churches are in general in a languid state, but appear to be in a languid state, few additions having been made this year.

Brother JAMES GARRARD was chosen Moderator, and AUGUSTINE EARL Clerk.

Minister's names are in Small Capitals. Those in Italic are licensed.

| Ches. | Messengers. | Bap- tised. | Rec'd by letter | Dis- mif- ed by letter | Excom- muni- cated. | Dead | Numbrs. |
|----------|--|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|---------|
| Creek, | D. THOMPSON, W. JONES, D. WILKINSON, | | | 1 | | 00 | 62 |
| Elkhorn, | L. CRAIG, J. SMACKELFORD, J. KELLER, J. HAYDON, | 1 | 10 | 20 | 2 | 00 | 265 |
| Creek, | J. TAYLOR, J. SUTTON, H. HINTER, J. WHITAKER, | 1 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 00 | 265 |
| | | 2 | 14 | 30 | 4 | 00 | 592 |

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| Churches. | Messengers. | Bap- tized | Rec'd by letter | Dism. by letter. | Excom- munica- ted, | Dead | Nur. |
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| | Brought forward | 2 | 14 | 30 | 4 | 0 | 5,2 |
| Great Crossing. | { E. CRAIG, R. Johnson, W. Cave, J. Payne, | | | | | | |
| Bryan's | { A DUDLEY, W. WALLER, A. Monroe, L. Young. | 7 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| Town Fork, | { E. Payne, S. Barton, W. Stone. | 6 | 9 | 35 | 4 | 1 | 228 |
| Cooper's un, | { A. EASTIN, J. GARRARD, J. Ellis, J. Stark. | 6 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 60 |
| Boon's Cruck, | { G. & O. Winn, J. Hazlett, J. Bradley, | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 114 |
| Washington, | { W. Wood, J. Turner, J. Downing, | 0 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 66 |
| Hanging fork, | { J. MASON, J. Sleet, J. Helmes.. | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 105 |
| Marble Creek, | { J. PRICE, R. Fryer, S. Denny, | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 46 |
| Forks Elkhorn | { W. HICKMAN, J. Brown, A. Thompson, | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 97 |
| Buck-run, | { J. DUPUY, W. Green. | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 103 |
| Indian run, | { W. MARSHALL, J. Wetherford, | 8 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 70 |
| May's Lick | { Letter. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Green Creek. | { G. & J. Shortridge. | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 51 |
| Cove Spring | { M. Hansbury. J. Barbee. | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Taylor's Fork. | { J. Lee, J. Jones, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Indian Cr. SL. | { C. Webb, J. Marston, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| | | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| | | 38 | 70 | 94 | 17 | 4 | 1723 |

| Locality. | Messengers. | Bap tized | Rec'd by letter | Dis by letter. | Excom munic ted. | Dead | Numb. |
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| | Brought forward | 38 | 70 | 94 | 17 | 4 | 1723 |
| mbia West tory. | No intelligence. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| Creek, | F. ADAMS. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 's Fork, | J. Oliver, | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| y Lick, | { W. PAYNE, S. DEADMAN, | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| Lick, | { J. SUTTON, T. Starke, | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| esse, erland. | No public intelligence. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Total | | 41 | 80 | 96 | 17 | 4 | 1847 |

The Churches at Grassy Lick and Flat Lick, at their request, were received into Association, and their messengers names enrolled. It was also decided, That our brethren James Garrard, William Wood and Augustine Earle a Committee to arrange the business of this Association, and make report Monday morning.

Adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'Clock. 7

M O N D A Y, May 20th,

Met pursuant to adjournment. After a short prayer the Committee of business made report VIZ:
 Query from Bryan's, "Is Baptism valid when administered by a Pædobaptist, on profession of Faith?"—Agreed to advise the Churches to act in all cases of this nature, that have happened prior to this date, and that with care and caution, in similar cases in future.
 Query from Town fork, "What is the origin and Divine authority of excommunication, the use and extent of its power, the principles on which admission or rejection from it are justifiable?"—Defered.
 Query from the forks of Ekman; "What is the work of an Elder, when separated from a Minister or Deacon?"—Defered.
 It was more earnestly to be desired among the people of God, that union and fellowship be maintained, and that our brethren Andrew Mulvey, James Garrard, John Taylor, John Price and Augustine Earle, be appointed a committee, to attend their next Association; with full authority to confer freely on terms of union; and it is hoped, that if the brethren, they may, with them ~~appoint~~ appoint a time and place for their meeting in both unions, to convene by their Delegates, to carry said union into effect.

Brethren

Brethren A. Dudley and John Price, are requested to write the Circular letter to the Churches—William Wood to write to the Philadelphia Association—John Mason and Joseph Helms to that of Salem, and Elijah Craig to that of Katocton: all to make return to-morrow morning.

Agreed to make an attempt to open a correspondence with the Red Bank Association of Baptists and that brother James Sutton, be requested, to write a letter for that purpose, and present it to-morrow morning.

The Committee appointed by the Association at Cooper's run, and continued from our last, to revise the confession of faith, reported, that some phrases in the 3d and 5th Chapters, would be better, if put in words easier to be understood by weak minds, and in Chap. 24, instead of the words "A lawfulness is a part of Religious worship," offer the following amendment, "An offering should be taken in Religious fear," ~~and~~ If all in their opinions that wanted amendment. The Treatise of Discipline, they think, ~~wants amending~~ and enlarging. They are requested to fill up their appointments, and report to next Association.

A letter proposing the printing a Register of the Baptists in North America by John Alplund, was read.

The Committee appointed by the last Association, to visit the Cane Run Congregation of Baptists; made their report. From the hopeful appearance of reconciliation between them and the Great-crossing Church; agreed to do that business until the next association.

A private letter from our Sister Church at Tennesse (Cumberland Settlement) was read; by which they appear to be in great distress, for the want of ministerial helps; and earnestly request assistance.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

T U E S D A Y, May 21,

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The circular letter to the Churches and letters to the different Associations being presented and read, were approved.

Brethren James Garrard and Ambrose Dudley, were appointed messengers to the Associations, of Katocton and Philadelphia, and brother James Sutton to that of Salem.

The Church at Washington, request Ministerial helps to attend their meeting on third Saturday, in August next; our brethren, Elijah Craig, Augustine [unclear] and John Shackelford, will (by Divine permission) attend their request.

Supplies for the Hanging fork, Taylor's fork and the Cove Spring.

James Sutton 3d Saturday in June, beginning at the Cove Spring.

Brethren, William Hickman and George S. Smith, 3d Saturday in August, beginning at Taylor's fork.

Brother John Shackelford, 1st Saturday in September, beginning at Hanging

Agreed, that brother John Price receive the money for Printing the [unclear] and circular letter, and superintend the same; and after taking out [unclear] for each of the corresponding associations, and general committee, of the [unclear]

... Baptists of Virginia, that he send to the Churches the number of Copies of
Minutes and Letter, in proportion to the money that each of them may
put into his hands.

On motion, agreed that the Moderator appoint a Treasurer, to receive the
money sent by the Churches in aid of a fund about to be raised by this as-
sociation, who appointed brother Edward Payne.

On settling the last years accounts, there appear to be 31s. in the hands of
brother Ambrose Dudley, he is directed to pay it to the Treasurer.

The following Churches contributed to the association fund, viz. Cooper's run
5s. Great crossing 12s. Forks of Elkhorn 3s. Ordered to be paid to the Treasurer.

On motion, agreed to take up the case of the Church at Tennessee, and try
to engage some of our Ministering brethren to visit them. Brethren James Sut-
ton and John Malon agree to pay them a visit, the 1st of July, and continue
with them six weeks; and at their return, John Sutton and Fethergill Adams
will also visit them and continue with them a like term. A subscription was
proposed in the association, to defray the expence of the above brethren on their
journey; and the sum of £10-6-8 was raised by the members. Agreed that
aid money be put into the hands of the Treasurer; and that £3-6 out of
the fund be added to the above sum, and that he pay the same to said bre-
thren, by the Moderator's order.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay our Clerk, for paper and services 14s.

Brethren James Dupuy and William Green are requested to write the Cir-
cular Letter for the next association.

Agreed, our next association be at South Elkhorn, the 2d Saturday in Oc-
tober next, and that brother Augustine Eastin preach the introductory sermon,
and in case of failure brother Elijah Craig.

JAMES GARRARD, Moderator.

Attest A. EASTIN, Clerk.

N. B. Our Churches will please to take notice of the following resolve of the
Committee of the Separate and Regular Baptists met at the Stone meeting house
in Madison county on Saturday 8th of June 1793.

We the Committee have agreed, that each of our Churches in both sections
shall have the liberty of sending 2 members to meet in general Convention, in
order to form an union between the two bodies of Baptists, and that they meet
at Marble creek the last Saturday in July next, at 10 o'Clock A. M.

Thomas Ammon,
Andrew Tribble,
Moses Bledsue,
Robert Elkin and
Robert Clarke jun.

Committee for the association South of Kentucky.

Ambrose Dudley,
James Garrard,
John Taylor,
John Pice and
A. Eastin.

Committee for Elkhorn association.

[C I R C U L A R L E T T E R]

The MINISTERS and MESSENGERS, of the Elk'horn Association of BAPTISTS,
met at Bryan's, May 18th &c. 1793,

To the CHURCHES with whom we are in connection sendeth our Christian love,
wishing you Grace, Mercy and Peace.]

DEAR BRETHREN,

WE are now to address you on subjects of the greatest importance. The honor and glory of God, the peace and happiness of Zion, and the advancement of CHRIST's cause in the world. In order to effect these great things, how circumspect and conscientious ought all those to be, that profess to be followers of the LAMB. The letters from the different Churches, convey this melancholy idea, that coldness and indifference have spread a baneful influence over the minds of too many; that the Divine presence, is in a great measure withdrawn from ~~those Churches~~ does not call for mourning and lamentation? We may be sure dear Brethren, that we are in a back sliding state and have need of examination. Let us therefore put these serious and solemn questions to each of our consciences: Is the fear of God before my eyes? Do I live in obedience to the Divine law? Do I discharge ~~those~~ duties I owe to God, to his Church and to the world? Do I live a life of self-denial and mortification? Is my house a house of prayer? Is my seat never empty in the House of God? Do I honor God with my substance, [by imparting of it to the poor and the support of CHRIST's servants? Am I engaged in watching over my brethren in love; in reproofing the wicked; comforting the tempted; and withdrawing from the disorderly? These are serious and solemn matters. May God awaken you and us to a serious consideration; And if we are faulty in these things, what can we expect without a reformation? Suffer us to exhort you to the faithful discharge of those duties [above mentioned.] The way to obtain our first love, is to do our first works. And now dear Brethren, we commit you to God, and the word of his grace, praying you may be made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in Light and Glory, and remain, dear Brethren, yours in the LORD.

JAMES GARRARD, Moderator.
A. EASTIN, Clerk.]

