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ELK-HORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

Held at MARBLE CREEK, August 7, 1794, and continued by adjournment until the 9th.



S A T U R D A Y, August 7, 1794.

1. **A**T twelve o'clock, Brother George Smith delivered the introductory Sermon from Rom. xii. 5. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."
2. Letters from 24 Churches were read.
3. Brother **AMBROSE DUDLEY**, was chosen Moderator, and **JOHN PRICE**, Clerk.
N. B. Ministers names are in Small Capitals, those in Italic are licensed Preachers.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers names.</i>
Tate's creek.	DAVID THOMPSON, <i>Ralph McGee</i> , Wm. Jones.
S. Elk-horn.	JNO. SHACKLEFORD, G. S. SMITH, Jno. Keller.
Clear creek.	JOHN TAYLOR, JAMES RUCKER, James Hiter.
Great crossings.	ELIJAH CRAIG, William Cave, Robert Johnson, Bartlet Collins.
Bryans.	AMBROSE DUDLEY, Wm. WALLER, John Mason, Leonard Young.
Townfork.	Wm. Stone, Henry Payne, Thomas Lewis.
Cooper's Run.	JAMES GERRARD, Jezel Ellis, Edmund Montjoy.
Boon's creek.	
Washington.	Robert Taylor, A. Houghton.
Hanging fork.	John Sleet.
Marble creek.	JOHN PRICE, Robert Frier.
Forks of Elkhorn.	WILLIAM HICKMAN, Thomas Hicklin.
Rock run.	JOHN DUPUY, JAMES DUPUY.
Indian run.	
Mays Lick.	J. Loston.
Cove spring.	JOHN MASON, Morias Hansberry.
Taylor's fork.	Jessie Lee, Charles Westerman.
Green creek.	

by letter	by name	by letter	by name	by letter	by name	by letter	by name
1	1	4	1	5	1	14	14
1	1	4	1	5	1	15	15
						16	16
	6	2	1	5	1	21	21
	4	2	2	1	1	5	5
3	4	3	2			11	11
						6	6
	10	1	1	2	1	10	10
3	4	5	1	1	1	4	4
		6	1			8	8
6	4	3	1	1	1	11	11
	1	2	1	1	1	6	6
1	4					6	6
1	3					4	4
	2					2	2
15	44	33	35	12	1	15	15

Churches.	Messengers names.	Brought over.	Bapt. d.	Rec'd. by letters.	Dis'm'd. by letters.	Excom.	Dead.	Total.
Indian creek.	Isaac Munson, G. Eaton.	15	44	33	15	12	164	
Columbia.	John Smith, Francis Dunleavy.	6	6	1		1	3	
Sugar creek.								
Strode's fork.	REUBEN SMITH, John Oliver.							
Grassy Lick.	WILLIAM PAYNE, Samuel Ledman.	5	15	2			7	
Cedar creek.								
Flat Lick.	JAMES SUTTON, Caleb Hall.	9	6				2	
Springfield.	John White, John Smith.	1	2		1		1	
Total.		36	78	38	16	13	190	

Brethren James Gerrard and William Paine appointed to write the Circular Letter.
 Brethren John Smith, John Taylor and John Price, are appointed to arrange the business of the association. — Adjourned to 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY - MORNING, August 9.

Met according to adjournment, and after divine service, proceeded to consider the union formed last association, and agreed to the following declaration: This association taking into consideration the unhappiness in some of the Churches, as appears from their letters, expressing their apprehensions of the association's departing from their constitutional principles, in forming an union with five churches (late of the association south of Kentucky) at our last association. In order to remove all uneasiness from the minds of our brethren; we do declare that we never had any design nor desire to depart from the constitutional principles of the Elkhorn Association; believing them to contain the essential truths of the Gospel upon which christian union and fellowship can only be supported, and in which we hope, through grace, to remain.

Agreed, To dissolve the said union, on account of several of the churches being dissatisfied therewith; and that brethren John Price and Robert Frier write to the said brethren informing them thereof.

Agreed, That Quarterly Meeting be held at South Licking the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in November, and that brethren David Thompson, Elijah Craig, William Paine and James Rucker attend; the second Saturday and Sunday in March, at Washington, and that brethren Augustine Eastin, John Price and James Sutton attend; at Grassy Lick, the Friday before the second Sunday in June, and that Brethren John Shackelford, Ambrose Dudley, John Taylor and James Gerrard attend.

Agreed, That brethren John Taylor and James Sutton write to the Salem Association, and be sent messengers there.

Agreed, that brethren John Smith and Francis Dunleavy prepare an answer to the Queries from Townfork.

Agreed, That the same brethren who were appointed to prepare a plan for an association fund, and point out its use, be continued, and make report to the next association.

Agreed, That the next association be at Cooper's run, on the second Saturday in August, and that brother Elijah Craig preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, brother John Mason.

Brother William Payne appointed to write the Circular Letter for the next association.

(C I R C U L A R L E T T E R)

The Elders and Brethren of the several Churches belonging to the Elkhorn Association of Baptists, met together at Marble Creek, August 9th to the 11th, 1794.
 To the Churches in Union with us, Sendeth Christian salutation.

Beloved in the Lord,

THROUGH the goodness of divine Providence, we are favoured with a meeting at this place, agreeable to appointment; and have reason to be thankful, and bless the Lord for that Harmony and Peace we in a good measure enjoyed, while we sat together to consult the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in general, and the happiness and harmony of the Churches in particular which are united with us: And while we feel and express our grateful acknowledgments to the Lord Redeemer, for the present favor; we are obliged to take up our lamentation, and mourn, that the work of the Lord appears to be in a decline among the Churches of our Union; and the decay of vital piety among the professed followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. The small increase this year to our Churches, is truly alarming; and a mournful evidence of our inattention to the commands of our Lord and neglect of the duties of Religion; and are sure, but melancholy indications of the displeasure of the Almighty, and the glory departed from Israel! Let the consideration of these solemn things awaken our fears, and raise our united cries to the Throne of Grace, to implore our Heavenly Father to visit us with the out-pouring of his Heavenly Grace, to warm our hearts with Heavenly Love, and holy Zeal and to call on each other, to the help of the Lord against the Mighty.

Many and potent are the enemies of God's People: the lust of the Flesh, the lust of the Eye, and the pride of Life, is not of the Father, but is of the World, 1 John ii. 16. conformity to these, or any of them; is rebellion against God, dishonourable to the Lord Redeemer, and wounding to the Conscience.

We would therefore, dearly beloved, exhort you to observe the following things.

1st. That you diligently read, and carefully examine the sacred Scriptures; from this source of divine Revelation, you obtain your knowledge of Jesus Christ, and the comfortable hope of eternal life in him, John v. 39. and xvii. 3.

2d. That you endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace, Ephes. v. 3, which will lead you into one Mind and one Judgment, and afford you sweet Fellowship, one with another; and will evidently distinguish you from the World whose true characteristic, is hateful, and hating one another. And you are expressly forbidden conformity to this World, in all, or any of its forms or fashions.

3d. That you fill your places in the House of God, and neglect not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is.

4th. That you frequently wait at the Throne of Grace, and pray one for another, for furtherance of the Gospel, and Conversion of Sinners.

5th. That you invariably keep up, and attend on the duty of Prayer, in your Families; and as far as in your power, raise your Families in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and according to your ability support the Ministry of the Gospel, in observance thereof, and many other duties, arising in the Gospel, the enjoyment of your Christian liberty, and Privileges doth much depend.

And now Brethren we commend you to God, and to the word of his Grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are Sanctified.

AMBROSE DUDLEY, Modr.
 JOHN PRICE, Clk.