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OF THE

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

HELD AT BRYAN'S, FAYETTE COUNTY, STATE OF KENTUCKY, AUGUST 9th, 10th AND 11th, 1800.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th, AT 12 O'CLOCK,

BROTHER AUGUSTINE EASTIN, agreeable to appointment, preached an introductory sermon from Psalms 73. 24—*Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory.*

After sermon business was opened with prayer, when brother Ambrose Dudley, was chosen moderator; and brother John Price, clerk.

Letters from twenty-six churches were read.

Note. Ministers names are in Small Capitals. Those in Italics are Licensed Preachers.

CHURCHES.	Messengers.	Baptized.	K. C. u. by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
Tate's Creek,	JOHN MOORE, Thomas Watts						29
South-Elkhorn,	JOHN SHACKLEFORD, GEORGE SMITH, J. Keller						127
Clear Creek,	RICHARD CAVE, JOHN TANNER. Richard Young, Abraham Dale	7	12	3	1	2	230
Bryan's,	AMBROSE DUDLEY, Bart. Collins. L. Young, J. Mason	1	5	12		2	170
Great Crossing,	JOSEPH REDDING, GEO. EVE. D. Neal J. Wilton	5	11	8		2	107
Town Fork,	JOHN GAND, ABSALOM BAINBRIDGE, Wm. Stone, Nathaniel Ashby.		2	1			46
Cooper's Run,	AUGUSTINE EASTIN, E. Mountjoy, Wm. Corbin		1	5		1	93
Boon's Creek,	Thad. Doelin, Leonard Bradley			2			39
Marble Creek,	DAVID THOMAS, JOHN PRICE. Robert Frier	2	2	6			59
Forks of Elkhorn,	WM. HICKMAN, Jas. Hayden, J. Scott	6	10	12	2		109
Indian Creek,	<i>Isaac Munson</i> , Moses Endicot	2	2			1	42
Grassy Lick,	LEWIS CORBAN, Wm. Jeans. Saml. Dedman	2	2	6	1		80
Flat Lick,	<i>Vincent Self</i> , Caleb Hall.	2	2	2			40
Mount-Sterling,	DAVID BARROW, Jilson Payne	4	8			1	55
Indian Run,	James Dean, Wm. Patterson			4			15
Mouth of Licking,	John Griffith, Fleming Baker	12	12	24	2	1	38

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Forks of Licking,	ALEXANDER MONROE,	1	1	1			24
Bullittsburgh,	JOHN TAYLOR, W'm. Carr, Jeremiah Kertley	22	9	12	1		82
M'Connell's Run,	ELIJAH CRAIG, J. Payne, Rhodes Smith	4	3	3			90
Green Creek,	Robert Athey, Ely R. Thomas	2	2				27
Goshen,	WILLIAM PAYNE, John Baker	3	2				32
Raven Creek,	Wm. Williams, Wm. Nennard	1			2		21
Flower Creek,	I. Ellis, John Ashbrock	1					25
Harriken Creek,	John M'Wharter, Joseph Baker	1					14
Elk Lick,	Jacob Mulberry, Abraham Field						9
Drennin's Creek,	Morgan Bryan						18
Dry Run,	John Leathar, Leonard Christer						21
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The church at Dry Run, being lately constituted, made application for admittance in to this union, and was received.

Letters from several Corresponding Associations were read from the Kotockton, Salem and the United.

Brother Redding and the clerk, appointed to arrange the business of the associaton. Brother Eastin, to write to the Salem Association. Brother Payne, to the Kotockton Association. Brother Barron, to the United Association. Brother Baimbridge, to the Bracken Association. Adjourned till 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11th, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The circular letter read, revised and approved.

The letters to the Corresponding Associations, read and approved.

Messengers appointed to attend them: Brethren Taylor and Hickman, the Salem. Baimbridge, Smith and Dudley, the United. Baimbridge, Payne, Redding and Eve, the Bracken.

Brethren Eastin, Dudley and Price, appointed a Committee of Correspondence, to write to the Philadelphia Association.

Harriken Church dismissed, to join the United Association.

The Church at Buck Run, dissolved by mutual consent.

Next association to be held at South-Elkhorn, the second Saturday in August next. Brother Dudley to preach the introductory sermon; and in case of failure, brother Eve.

Brother Eastin, to write the Circular Letter for 1801.

C I R C U L A R L E T T E R.

The messengers of the several Baptist Churches, pertaining to the Elkhorn association of Baptists convened at Bryan's August 9th, 1800,

TO THE SEVERAL CHURCHES,

TO WHOM THEY RELATE, SEND CHRISTIAN SALUTATION.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

ACCORDING to order, we now write to you on the interesting subject of *Charity*.

Charity, we consider, to be one of the fruits of the spirit—a supreme love of GOD, and of the Brethren, and of good will to men wrought in the soul by the spirit of God in regeneration.

This Evangelical love, is the cause of all acceptable obedience to God, and the effects of it, which is universal obedience, unites the souls of all Gods's dear children together, as the children of the same Grand Parent, and is of more force than all human laws to direct their conduct.

This Evangelical and brotherly love, covers a multitude of sins or imperfections in our brethren, and teacheth us to bear with them, as we would they should bear with us.

This divine love leads to patience or long suffering with our brethren, from a consideration of the forbearance of God with us.—Love prevents envy at the the prosperity of others—that poisonous disposition of fallen nature which produces so much mischief in the world, and destroys its happiness—It prevents pride and boasting, from whence cometh contention and every evil work. Humility is its distinguishing property. The language of all its possessors is—Who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou, that thou didst not receive?

Love, bears injuries with firmness; not thinking evil or meditating revenge, thereby preventing much mischief and confusion in the church.

In a world like ours, burdens must be borne, and sacrifices made of our favourite schemes, if we wish to be serviceable to the church, and enjoy the blessings of society. Yea, it is the bond of perfectness: it maketh useful and peaceable members of society. Brotherly love, is deaf to circulating delamation, being unwilling to believe an ill-report of a brother, much less to propagate it to his disadvantage. We recommend to your consideration God's infinite love in Christ Jesus to his people. The more we know of God and understand this divine mystery, the more we shall be constrained to say, we love him, because he first loved us. We exhort you to consider the near relation that subsists between God as a Father, and christians as his children; and how natural it is for a father to espouse the cause of an injured child, and how unbecoming it is for brethren of the same father, to discover the want of affection to each other.

Cherish every tender feeling, as sympathy, mercy, long suffering, gentleness, meekness, &c. as being related to Evangelical or brotherly love. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking, be put away from among you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another—ten-

der-hearted, forgiving one another even as God, for Christ hath forgiven you—Remember that the wisdom that cometh from above is easy to be entreated. When hard thoughts of your brother intrude themselves on you, take the first opportunity to unbosom yourself to him in the spirit of meekness, for it is exceedingly dangerous to keep Satan's secrets. Never watch over your brother for evil, but watch over him for good in the fear of God.

And whatsoever things are pure ; whatsoever things are just ; whatsoever things are lovely ; whatsoever things are of good report ; if there be any virtue ; if there be any praise, think on these things. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

AMBROSE DUDLEY, *Moderator.*

J. PRICE, *Clerk.*