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MINUTES

OF THE

ELK-HORN ASSOCIATION

OF

BAPTISTS

*HELD AT COOPER'S RUN, BOURBON COUNTY, STATE OF KENTUCKY,
AUGUST 14th, 15th, 16th, 1802.*

SATURDAY, August 14th, 1802.

AT 12 o'clock, brother Joseph Redding, preached the introductory sermon from 1st John 4th 19. "We love him, because he first loved us." Brother Augustine Eastin was chosen Moderator, and brother John Price, Clerk, brother Richard Young, assistant clerk. Letters from 36 churches were read. Ministers names in capitals, licensed preachers in italics.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by let.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Tate's Creek.	JOHN MOORE, Thomas Watts.	32	5	2	3	1	91
S. Elkborn.	JOHN SHACKELFORD, John Keller, Samuel Ayers.	15	3	147	15	3	204
Clear Creek.	RICH. CAVE, JAS. RUCKER, Dudley Mitchum, Richd. Young.	10	3	188	5	1	378
Bryan's	AMBROSE DUDLEY, John Mason, Leonard Young, Bartlett Collins.	44	12	308	6	2	292
Great Crossings.	JOS. REDDING, Robt. Johnson, Jas. Johnson, JAMES SUGGET.	27	11	20	15		421
Town Fork	JOHN GANO, ABSALOM BAINBRIDGE Henry Payne, Thos. Cox.	6	5	3	3	4	120
Cooper's Run.	AUGUSTIN EASTIN, Edmond Mont- joy, Wm. Corbin.	17	3	4	4	1	98
Boon's Creek	Thadeus Dolin, Dennis Bradley Jos. Baty.	5	1	9	5		73
East Hickman.	AMBROSE BOURN, David Baker, Mark Whitacre, J. PRICE.			1	40	3	146
Forks Elkborn.	WILLIAM HICKMAN, Jas. Hayden. Hayden Edwards.	20	7	11	6		305
Indian Creek	ISAAC MUNSON, Gresham Forest Thos. Veach.	33	8	7	1	1	95
Grassy Lick.	LEWIS CORBIN, Wm, Jeans, Reubin M'Donald, Henry Sanford.	25	8	32	2		193
Flat Lick.	Thomas Stark, Aquilla Parker.	20	5	20	1	1	80
Mount Sterling.	DAVID BARROW, Jilson Payne, Enoch Smith.	2	3	8	1		62
Mount Liberty.	Wm. Patterfson, Levi Waters, Peter Withers.	3	2	14	1		46
Mouth of Licking.	Matthew Grig, James Johnson.	1	7	8			55
Forks of Licking.	ALEXANDER MONROE, James The- obald.	13	12	6			84

CHURCHES. MESSENGERS.

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Bullis-burg.	WM. CAVE, Jeremiah Kirtley.	20	6	1	1	2	197
St. Connel's Run.	{ ELIJAH CRAIG, John Payne, John Hawkins, Thos. Herndon.	21	9	2	0	1	216
Green Creek.	{ Jas. Wilkinson, Robt. Athy, Nicholas Talbot.	40	11	1	0		120
Gosben.	James Thompson and Levi Ashbrook.	4	3				84
Raven Creek.	Andrew Hampton, Christopher Chinn.	5	2	5			72
Flower Creek.	Birdlet Graves and John Rush.	1	1		3		31
Elk Lick.	Abraham Field, John Mulberry.	5			2		40
Lennon's Creek.	{ Joel Jackson.	4	2		2	2	23
Dry Creek.	Moses Vicker, Leonard Chrisler.	5	2				41
Mouth of Elk-born.	{ William Holloman, John Bartlett.	6	1	6	1	1	45
Eagle Creek.	JOHN REESE, Samuel Cobb.		1	1			20
Silas.	{ Charles Smith, Wm. Kendreck, Thos. Craig, Benj. Kendrick.	16	4	7		3	148
North Elk-born.	{ GEORGE EVE, Joseph Willson, James Martin.	21	6	1	9	3	220
Green's Creek.	Joseph Bondurant, Wm. Garnett,	9		5	2		48
Twins.	JOHN SCOTT and Samuel Brockman.	3	5		3		38
South Benson.	{ William Hickman,	11	3			1	30
Dry Run.	{ Thomas Foster, James Withers, Wm. Rhodes, Nich's. Long.	4	19	2		1	80
Post William.	William Parker, Daniel Applegate.	1	3	4	7		83
North Fork.	Jesse Vawter, James Underwood.	15	12		1		55
Twelve Mile.	BETHUEL RIGGS, Samuel Belveal,	15	1	2		1	23
Rockbridge.	{ Richard Thomas, Henry Wilson, Jacob Neale.		5				41
Clover Bottom.	{ Alexander Buckhannan, William Lisenby.						23
Brush Fork.	{ THOMAS AMMON, John Barnett, Jesse Baskett,						92
Bank Lick.	THOMAS GRIPPING, George Hume.	7	10			1	22
Hillsborough.	{ CARTER TARRANW, Abraham Dale, Geo. M'Daniel.		29	3	3		179
David's Fork.	{ Benjamin Robertson, Jos. Robertson, Richd. Mitchell, Jas. Welch.	5	12	4	19		297
Hill Creek.	John Conner, Wm. Venard.	3	4	3	6		38
Mount Pleasant.	{ Wm. Hughes, Alfred Williams, Saml. Craig.						120
Mount Gilead.	{ Robt. Frier, Gerrard Riley.						39
Union.	Richard King, William Hall.						13
Ridge of Dunnon's Creek.	{ Isaac Melon, Allen M'Guire.						54

The twelve last churches, upon their request, were received into the association. Letters from the following corresponding associations, with their Messengers were received. From Salem, by their messenger, brother Wm. Keller—from Tate's Creek, by brother Andrew Trible—from Green River, brother Robert Stockton—from Bracken, brother Philip Drake. Appointed the following brethren to write to the different associations. Redding to Tate's Creek; Tarrant to Green River; Baimbridge to Bracken; Barrow to Salem. Adjourned 'till Monday, 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment,

The following brethren are appointed messengers to the associations:—To the Green River, Tarrant and Price; to the Tate's Creek, Redding and Corbin; to the Bracken, Barrow and Baimbridge; to the Salem, Sugget and Reese. The letters to the different associations were read and approved. The circular letter read and approved.

A request from the Crossing Church, not to admit M'Connell's Run Church a seat in the association, rejected. Also, a memorial from the minority of M'Connell's run, rejected. Agreed to appoint a committee of eleven brethren to attend at M'Connells run, the Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, namely, Barrow, Eve, Enoch and Wm. Smith, Jilson Payne, and Thomas Stark, Wm. Cave, Alexander Munroe, Richard Young, Lewis Corbin, John Scott. Seven of them may act, in giving all the friendly aid they can.

QUERY from South Elk-horn—What constitutes Baptism valid? **ANSWER**—The administrator ought to have been baptized himself, by immersion; legally called to preach the Gospel, and ordained as the Scripture directs; and that the candidate for baptism, make a profession of his faith in Jesus Christ; and that he be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, by dipping the whole body in water. The committee appointed to form a plan for the use of the churches in our union, to direct them in the reception of excluded persons, who have moved to this state; do advise, that the church which the person wishes to join, write to the church from which said person was excluded, and get a statement of the offence committed and the acknowledgment, of which they are to judge; but in case the church is dissolved, they are to act at discretion.

Whereas the church at Town Fork is not satisfied respecting our union with the Baptists who were denominated Separates, we recommend it to our brethren James Garrard, sen. Ambrose Dudley, Rebt. Johnston, and David Barrow to visit said church and give them all the friendly aid they can.

The following brethren are appointed to attend the United Associations:—Barrow and Jilson Payne, North of Kentucky; Richard Cave, South of Kentucky.

Next association to be held at Town Fork, on the second Saturday in August. Brother Eve is appointed to preach the introductory sermon; but in case of failure, brother Lewis Corbin. Brother Price is appointed to write the circular letter for next year. Agreed to continue the same committee respecting the Indian Missionary.

A STATEMENT OF THE BAPTISTS IN KENTUCKY.

In the Elk-horn association,	-	-	-	5310
Green River, about	-	-	-	800
Salem,	-	-	-	2028
Bracken,	-	-	-	753
Tate's Creek,	-	-	-	1802
South Kentucky,	-	-	-	2383

Total, 13,076

AUGUSTIN EASTIN, Moderator.

JOHN PRICE, Clerk.

TO THE CHURCHES WITH WHOM WE ARE IN UNION.

DEAR BRETHREN,

THROUGH the tender mercy of the Lord, we are favored with the privilege of meeting together; and in token of our love to you, shall offer a few hints on the important duty of *SELF DENIAL*, in order to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. Were we to consider it in its usefulness and advantages, it would be too copious for the narrow limits of a letter. We shall recommend it to your serious consideration, and only offer a few hints upon the important subject.

1st. When we consider mankind in fallen nature, they are prone to indulge the carnal and corrupt dispositions of their depraved minds and wills in all their sinful inclinations, contrary to the law of God, and the Gospel of the dear Redeemer; while under the power and influence of the Devil, they are filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, covetousness, maliciousness, envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, back-biters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful. These are some of the things that poor fallen men are engaged in, all for the gratifying of abominable self, in opposition to the Gospel of the Redeemer's kingdom, which he says is not of this world, therefore all those who profess the name of Christ are called upon to deny themselves (as those whom he hath chosen out of the world) to depart from all iniquity, which is one of the characteristics of our being a disciple of Christ, by these we manifest our love to God and our Brethren, for the beloved disciple tells us, by this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments; so that it is plain when we do not deny ourselves we are lacking one of the evidences of our love to our brethren.

2d. By denying yourselves of all species of wickedness, you will then appear indeed as a city set on a hill, and as a light to the world, and be as an army with banners, and as the salt of the earth, and so put a stop to, and mortify the spirit of infidelity, while you practise in your lives what you profess with your lips.

3d. When you neglect this important duty, you that moment depart from the Sacred Rule, and are exposed to the assaults of Satan, and the corruption of your own nature; and from this quarter it is, that strife and contention is so often seen, and the baneful effects so sensibly felt in the house of the Lord; while the tender feelings of your brethren are wounded, watchfulness and prayer are neglected. Therefore, beloved, we beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, daily to deny yourselves and abstain from fleshly lust, which war against the soul, and follow the footsteps of your Divine Master both in heart and in life, so that the name of God may not be blasphemed through your means by the ungodly, as it has been by reason of many false professors, whose practice has given strength to that infidel spirit and hardened the ungodly against the truth. May the Lord Jesus incline, both you and us diligently to observe this as well as every other duty, then pride will be mortified, contention and strife will cease, and envy hide its abominable head, while peace, love, and unity will abound, and the name of our Lord Jesus be glorified. Then indeed will you abide in His love, according to His gracious promise, when you do all things whatsoever He hath commanded, and look forward to that Blessed Immortality, Eternal Life, with a full assurance of hope, where the wicked will cease from troubling and the weary Pilgrim shall be eternally at rest. Amen.