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MINUTES

OF THE ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF

BAPTISTS,

Met at Town Fork meeting-house, on Saturday the 13th day of August, 1808.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1803.

At 12 o'clock, brother **GEORGE EVE**, delivered the introductory sermon, from Rev. 11. 1. Letters from the churches were read. Ambrose Dudley chosen moderator, and John Price, Clerk. N. B. Ordained ministers' names in **SMALL CAPITALS**, licensed preachers in *Italic's*.

STATE of the CHURCHES.

CHURCHES. |

MESSENGERS.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	BAPTIZED.	REV. BY LET.	DIS. BY LET.	EXCLUDED.	DEAD.	TOTAL.
<i>Tate's creek.</i>	Thomas Watts, Jesse Johnson.			5	7	2	76
<i>South Elkhorn.</i>	JOHN SHACKLEFORD, John Keller, John Parker, Saml. Ayers.	3	3	6	6	3	283.
<i>Clear creek.</i>	RICHD. CAVE, JAS. RUCKER, Dudley Mitchum, Richd. Young.			27	5	3	343
<i>Bryans.</i>	AMBROSE DUDLEY, Bartlet Collins, Leonard Young, John M. son.	10	13	7			4293
<i>Great C-offing.</i>	JOS. REDDING, R. bt. Johnson, <i>Jas. Suggel</i> , James Johnson.	2	4	4	13	5	495
<i>Town Fork.</i>	JOHN GANO, Edward Payne, Henry Payne, William Stone.	8	2	12	3		110
<i>Boon's creek.</i>	ABSALOM BAINBRIDGE, Charles Grimes, Dennis Bradley,			2	4		72
<i>East Hickman.</i>	J. PRICE, AMBROSE BOURN, Walter Carr.			2	5	4	141
<i>Forks of Elkhorn.</i>	WILLIAM HICHMAN, James Hayden.	3	6	32	6	2	276
<i>Indian creek.</i>	ISAAC MUNSON, Gieshom Forest.			5	4	12	66
<i>Grassy lick.</i>	LEWIS CORBIN, Saml. Dadman, Reuben M'Daniel, Wm. Jeas.	1	4	11	5		183
<i>Mount-Stirling.</i>	DAVID BARROW, Jacob Coons, Wm. Smith, Enock Smith.	1	1	2		1	61
<i>Mount-Moriah.</i>	Levi Waters, Peter Weathers,			3	3		39
<i>M'Connell's run.</i>	Rhodes Smith, John Payne, John Cook, Jacob Martin,	2	5	9	3	2	211
<i>Coffen.</i>	WM. MORRIS, Charles Tracy.	1	4	3	4	1	78
<i>Elk Lick.</i>	Jacob Mulberry, Abraham Eields.	1	1	5	2		37
<i>Raven creek.</i>	Chichester Chinn, Wm. Campell.	5		9	3		60
<i>Drennen's creek.</i>	Morgan Bryan, Richard Rue.	1		2	2		23
<i>Mouth of Elkhorn.</i>	Benjamin Lambert Wm. Hollyman.		3	2	4	2	41
<i>Mountain Island.</i>	JOHN REES, John Guil.			2	1		21
<i>Silas.</i>	ELIJAH CRAIG, Wm E. Botwell, W Kendrick, B. Clarkson.		8	8	2	2	41
<i>North Elkhorn.</i>	GEORGE EVE, <i>Jos. Wilson, Wm. Buckley, John Thompson,</i>	2	5	6	10	2	204
<i>Elen's creek.</i>	Jos. Bondurant, James Garnett.			2	1	1	47
<i>Twins.</i>	JOHN SCOTT, Thos. Harris.	1	2		1		40
<i>South Benson.</i>	WM. HICKMAN.	9	3		1	2	50
<i>Dry run.</i>	Thos. Folter James Wethers, Younger Pitts.		2	3			77
<i>Port William.</i>	George Craig, John Bernard.		1	1	1	2	81
<i>North Fork.</i>	Jesse Vauter, John Ficklio.		6	3	1	1	58
<i>Rockbridge.</i>	RICHD THOMAS, Jacob Neal, Henry Wilson.	1	11	1			50
<i>Clover Bottom.</i>	Alex. Buckhann, Wm. Lizenby, R. M. Thomas.	5	3	2			29
<i>Bush Fork.</i>	VINCENT SELF, Thomas Ammon, John Barnett.	2	4	2	6	2	87
<i>Hilsborough.</i>	CARTER TARRANT, Spencer Gilt, Abraham Dale.		18	8	4	2	194
<i>David's Fork.</i>	Benj. Robertson, Joseph Robertson, Jas. Welsh, R. Mitchell.	1	1	17	7	2	276
<i>Mill creek.</i>	John Conner, Wm. Venard.		4	5			23
<i>Mount Pleasant.</i>	GEORGE SMITH, Alfred Williams, W. Mughea, Saml. Craig.		10	11	3		110
<i>Mount Gilead.</i>	R. bt. Fryer, Garrard Riley.	7	1	3			44
<i>Union.</i>	William Hall, Richard King.				2		10
<i>R of Drennens creek</i>	ISAAC MALLIN, John Baker.		5	21	1	1	38
<i>Republican.</i>	JOHN TODD.						8
<i>Frost Rock church.</i>							16

Total.

64 194 254 138 47 442

Appointed the following Brethren to arrange the business of the association: Barrow, Collins, Tarrant and Price; Brethren Gregg, Crellin and Taylor to preach to-morrow. Adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Letters from the corresponding associations, were received---From Salem, by their messenger John Taylor---From Tate's Creek, Peter Wood, Joel Noel---From Green River, Elijah Summers---From Fracken, William Payne and Lewis Craig---From North district, Moses Biedsoe and Daniel Williams---From South District, Jesse Fears---From North Bend, Thos. Griffin and Wm. Cave.

Appointed the following brethren, messengers to the associations---To the Salem, Hickman and Bourn, and to write the letter---To the North District, Barrow and Morris, and to write the letter---South District, Dudley Redding and Price---Green River, Tarrant and Price.

Coopers run Church dropt from the Union, for denying the doctrine of the trinity, and holding that Jesus Christ is not truly God.

Agreed that, that part of Flat Lick church, that holds to their constitution and to the divinity of Christ, be considered the church.

Appointed our brethren, Barrow, Morris, Eve, Redding and Dudley, to visit the brethren at Green Creek.

At the request of the town Fork church, the association unanimously voted, that the union with the baptists; south of Kentucky does not in the least remove them from their constitutional principles. There were brethren appointed to attend the other corresponding associations, but the minute being lost, the clerk cannot recollect their names. The corresponding letters read and approved. The circular letter read, amended and approved.

Brother Bainbridge, appointed to write the circular letter for next year. Brother Corbin to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure, brother Tarrant. The association to be held at North Elkhorn, the 2d. Saturday in August, 1804.

AMBROSE DUDLEY, *Moderator.*

J. PRICE, *Clerk.*

At an occasional association held at the Great Crossing, the 3d. Saturday in April, 1803---Letters from 33 churches were read, also a letter and messengers from 8 churches on Green River, brethren Robert Stockton and John Murphy---Also a letter from a church at Pitman. *Tates Creek*, Thomas Watts---*South Elkhorn*, John Shackelford, John Keller, John Parker, Samuel Ayres---*Bryan's*, Ambrose Dudley, Leonard Young, Asa Thompson, John Mason---*Great Crossings*, Jos. Redding, Robt. Johnson, Jos. Sugget, James Johnson---*Town Fork*, Edward Payne, Wm. Stone, Henry Payne, Lewis Turner---*Coopers Run*, Edmon Montjoy---*Boons Creek*, Absolom Bainbridge, James Beaty---*East Hickman*, John Price, Ambrose Bourn---*Indian Creek*, Isaac Munson, George Eaton, Gresham Forest---*Grassy Lick*, Lewis Corbin, Samuel Dedman, H. Sanford---*Mount Sterling*, David Barrow, Wm. Smith---*Mount Moriah*, Peter Withers---*McConnel's Run*, Jacob Martin, John Cook, Rhodes Smith, John Payne---*Elk Lick*, T. Gillam, J. Fields---*Goshen*, Wm. Morris, Charles Tracy---*R. of Drennen's Creek*, Isaac Mallin, A. Maguire---*Mountain Island*, J. Gill---*N. E. Elkhorn*, George Eve, R. Davis, Wm. Buckley, John Thompson---*Silas*, W. E. Boswell, Wm. Kendreck, D. Clarkson---*Glen's Creek*, J. Bondurant, Wm. Green---*Twins*, John Scott, Saml. Brockman---*Dry Run*, Thos. Foster, John Withers, Wm. Rhoads---*N. Fork*, J. Voters, John Ficklin---*Raven Creek*, Chichester Chinn, W. Stovers---*Hillsborough*, Cartar Tarrant, Abram. Dale, Spencer Gill---*David's*

Fork, Benj. Robertson, Jos. Robertson, Jas. Welch, Robert Mitchel --
Rock Bridge, Richard Thomas, Jacob Neal -- *Mill Creek*, John Conner,
 Wm. Williams -- *Mount-Pleasant*, George Smith, Wm. Hughes, -- *Mount*
Gilead, Robert Frier, Garrard Riley -- *Brush Fork*, John Barnet, Vincent
 Self -- *Clear Creek*, James Rucher, Richard Cave -- *Mouth of Elkborn*,
 Benj. Lambert, J. Bartlett.

DAVID BARROW, *Moderator.*

J. PRICE, *Clerk.*

Agreed that a committee of five brethren be appointed to visit Cooper's run Church, and endeavour to convince them of their heresy, and make report to the association in August; and that Flatt Lick, Indian Creek, and Union, be considered in the same situation. The following brethren were appointed, David Barrow, John Price, Ambrose Dudley, Joseph Redding, Cartar Tarrant, or any three of them, and that they visit Cooper's run, the Saturday before the second Sunday in June, and Flatt Lick the Friday before, and Indian Creek the Monday after, and Union the Tuesday following; and that the clerk inform the said churches in writing of said appointment. The article in the confession of faith respecting the Trinity was then read, and an enquiry made in the following words—does this body believe the doctrine of the trinity as contained in the confession of Faith? Answered unanimously they do.

DAVID BARROW, *Moderator.*

J. PRICE, *Clerk.*

 To the CHURCHES with whom we are in UNION,

DEAR BRETHREN,

THROUGH the tender mercies of our God we have been permitted to meet in association, what we have done, our minutes will shew. And as a token of our care of, and love for you, we address you on the important subject of the DIVINITY, SONSHIP, and HUMANITY of the Lord Jesus Christ. We call it an important subject, because the salvation of our souls, depends upon our knowledge of, and faith in the Son of God. And as the enemy of our souls is endeavouring to corrupt these truths, which are the foundation of Christianity, and draw us back to a state of infidelity. We think it our duty to state them in as plain a manner as the bounds of a letter will admit. That Jesus Christ is truly, and properly God is positively asserted. John 1. 1. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, all things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." From which we must conclude that Christ is God, and a distinct person from that God, with whom he was. Romans 9. 5. Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever, Amen. If Christ were not God, how could he create the world, and still support it by the word of his power; by him all things consist. Col. 1. 17. How could he redeem us by his blood, and as our surety, satisfy the demands of law and justice; make an atonement for us, justify us by his righteousness, pardon our sins, and save our guilty souls, all of which he does do. And could he do it, if he were not truly God; Would it not be idolatry, to put our trust in him, to call upon his name, to worship him, and honour him, even as we honour the Father, surely it would, and all of which we are taught to do. How could he sit as our mediator, intercessor and judge. How could he be with his churches and ministers all over the earth, and in every saint the hope of glory. If he were not the king of glory, the mighty God, the God of the whole earth. That Christ is the son, the beloved son, the only begotten son of God, is also asserted in the scripture. 1 John 4. 15. Whoso shall confess that Jesus is the son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. This confession must mean that Jesus is the son of God; merely by name, or else that Jesus is the son of God by essence or nature. To confess or believe that Jesus is the son of God by name, can be of no service to our souls. Adm and all his posterity are called the sons of God, as he created and preserves them, and in some such sense those who wish to seduce you, confess Jesus to be the son of God. That Jesus is the son of God by nature or essence, is that which is essential to his Sonship, every son that is begotten of a father, is of the same nature and equal with his father, as to his nature. To confess or believe with the heart that Jesus is the son of God by essence is the work of the Holy Ghost in the soul; no man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost, for those who are unconverted to deny this truth is nothing strange, God doth not dwell in them, nor they in God: Jesus being God's own son by nature, lays the foundation of our being his sons by Adoption, and of our union to Christ. John 17. 21. That they all may be one, as thou Father art in me, and I in

thou. Christ the vine and we the branches; who being the brightness of his Father's glory, and the express image of his person upholding all things by the word of his power. He is able to fare to the utmost, let all the angels of God worship him, and all the saints in heaven and on earth ascribe equal honour and undivided praise to Father, Son and Holy Ghost; three persons but one God, through all ages, Amen.

That Jesus Christ is truly and properly man by nature, is also asserted in the scriptures. 1 Tim. 2. 5. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus—The seed of the woman was to bruise the serpent's head—whom are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, Acts 2. 30. Speaking of David, therefore being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins according to the flesh, God would raise up Christ to sit on his throne. Rom. 1. 3. Concerning his son Jesus Christ, our Lord who was made of the seed of David according to the flesh. Heb. 2. 14. to the end. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself, likewise took part of the same, wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, and that he had a soul is evident from his own expressions. Mat. 26. 38. Mark 14. 34. And he said now is my soul exceeding sorrowful. What a wonderful and glorious Saviour hath the believer; one who is truly God and truly man—As man he obeyed the law that we had violated; set us an example of piety, humility and patience, suffered and died for us; And as God, an infinite value is stamped on all he hath accomplished. When we confess or believe in Christ, the son of God as the second person in the adorable Trinity of the same nature, with the Father; taking into union with his divine person, our nature. What a sure foundation for a lost helpless condemned sinner, to hope upon; our Saviour is God, his arm is an arm of omnipotence, he is able to destroy sin, death, and the grave; all the works of the devil, and present us before his Father without blemish. As man he is touched with a feeling of our infirmities, he is our friend, relation and brother. Human nature united to deity in the person of Jesus Christ, is the joy of believers and the ecstasy of saints in glory. As God, Man and Mediator, he had life, power and glory given him, and in his office he is inferior to the Father and dependent upon him, he prays to his Father, and is heard. As God, Man, and Mediator, he has a kingdom given him which shall end, and be given up to the Father.

But as God he exists of himself, and is equal to the Father, of the same nature or essence, and one with him—He is the life and the light of the world—As God he receives our worship, we call upon his name, put our trust in him, he pardons our sins, subdues our corruptions, and we are saved by him, with an everlasting salvation. As God he knows the secrets of all hearts, will raise the dead and judge the world—As God he possesses a kingdom which shall never end—Thy throne O God is for ever and ever.

Now dear Brethren, we exhort you in the words of the apostle; that ye be not children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive: you are told that they who are unlearned and unstable wrest the scripture to their own destruction; God hath commanded you to meddle not with them that are given to change. Prov. 24. 24. For the blind to lead the blind, is the worst of all evils.—May the Lord deliver you from all evil in principle and practice, and conduct you safely through the storm of life, to the celestial worlds, where the wicked will cease from troubling, and the weary will be at rest, is the prayer of your brethren in our dear Lord Jesus Christ, blessed be his name for ever and ever. Amen and Amen.

AMBROSE DUDLEY, *Moderator.*

J. PRICE, *Clerk.*

