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MINUTES

OF THE

Elkhorn Association of Baptists,

Met at Bryan's, August 10, 1805.

BROTHER Carter Tarrent preached the introductory sermon, from Mark xiv. 13. "And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Letters from 35 churches were read.

Brother Ambrose Dudley chosen moderator, and brother John Price clerk.

N. B. In the following table, ordained ministers' names are in **SMALL CAPS**; **TALS**, and licensed preachers in *Italics*.

Churches	Messengers.	Baptized.	Rec'd. by let.	Dism'd by let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Tate's creek,	AMBROSE BOURN, Thomas Watts,		2	4	16		64
South Elkbörn,	{ JOHN SHACKLEFORD, John Keller,	1	18	6	16	2	259
Clear Creek,	{ Samuel Ayres, Peter Higbee,		2	9	10	2	206
Bryans,	{ RICHARD CAVE, Richard Young,						
Great Crossings,	{ AMBROSE DUDLEY, Bartlett Collins,		10	5	12	1	267
Town Fork,	{ Leonard Young, John Mason,						
Boon's creek,	{ JOSEPH REDING, Robert Johnson,			19	8		370
East Hickman,	{ James Suggett, James Johnson,						
Forks of Elkbörn,	{ JACOB CREATH, William Stone,		6	7	2		109
Indian creek,	{ Benjamin Stout,						
Mount Morian,	{ ABSALOM BAINBRIDGE, Thaddeus Doolin, Dennis Bradley,		4	6	1		74
McConnell's run,	{ JOHN PRICE, Walter Carr,		4	3	4	3	124
Elk Lick,	{ WM. HICKMAN, Abraham Gregory, Thomas Wooldridge,	2	12	4	10	1	237
Raven creek,	{ ISAAC MONSON, Moses Endicot,		2		5		52
Blount of Elkbörn,	{ J. Rucker, P. Withers, S. Brown,		3				32
Mountain Island,	{ John Payne, Rhodes Smith,	2	6	7	4	2	195
Sylas,	{ Jacob Mulberry, John Mulberry,						
North Elkbörn,	{ Jacob Powers, Mourning Pigg,	1	1	4	2	1	55
Glen's creek,	{ William Goare,	1		5			33
Benson,	{ JOHN REACE, Samuel Simpson,		4	5			20
Dry run,	{ ELIJAH CRAIG, David Clarkson,		8	2	1	3	131
North Fork,	{ Wm. Kenrick, John Chinn,						
Rockbridge,	{ GEORGE EVE, J. WILSON, John Thompson.	2	7	16	9	2	185
Clover Bottom,	{ Wm. Buckley, Wm. Green,		1		2		27
Brush Fork,	{ WM. HICKMAN jr. Wm. Brown,	2		2	1		50
Hillsborough,	{ Thomas Foster, James Withers,		3	5			76
David's Fork,	{ Jesse Vawter, John Ficklin,	1	4	2	1		52
Mill creek,	{ RD. THOMAS, David Thomas,		4	1			52
Mount Pleasant,	{ JAS. CHAMBERS, Wm. Lifenby, R. M. Thomas,		5	6			29
Mount Gilead,	{ T. AMMON, J. BARNETT, V. SELF,	2		4	3		81
Union,	{ CARTER TARRANT, Abraham Dale,	1	8	5	6	1	185
Republican,	{ Spencer Gill,						
Fiat Lick,	{ Benj. Robinson, James Welch, Abner Wilson, John Graves,		4	16	12	2	191
Stony Point,	{ John Conner, William Williams,		9	2	3		39
Long Lick,	{ G. S. SMITH, G. SMITH, William Hughes, Sam. Craig,		2		4		110
	{ Robert Fryar, Garrard Riley,				1		45
	{ Wm. Hall, Richard King,	5	5		1		23
	{ JOHN TODD, Hugh Sidwell,		3		1		14
	{ William Mauzee, Thomas Neale,	1	3	3			23
	{ L. CORBIN, J. Wilkerson, R. Atha,		9	1			67
	{ John Vawter, John Lucas,	2	3				19
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The church at Long Lick, lately constituted, applied for admission into the association, and was received.

The circular letter read and referred to the committee of arrangements.

Received letters and messengers from the several corresponding associations, viz. From the Salem association, by their messenger, elder Walter Stallard; from the Tate's creek association, by their messengers, elder Andrew Tible and elder

Squire Boone; from the Bracken association, by their messengers, elder Williard Payne and elder Singleton; from the North Bend association, by their messengers elder Isaac Rentfro and brother Christopher Willson; from the South District association, by their messenger, elder John Rice; from the North District association, by their messengers, elder David Barrow and elder Robert Elkin; from the Long run association, by their messengers, elder John Penny and elder Philip Webber; from Green river association, by their messenger, elder Robert Stockton; from Russell's creek association, by their messenger, elder Elijah Summers.

Brother Elijah Craig appointed to write to the Salem association; brother Joseph Reding appointed to write to the Tate's creek association; brother George Eve appointed to write to the Bracken association; brother Absalom Bainbridge appointed to write to the North Bend association; brother John Payne appointed to write to the South District association; brother Jacob Creath appointed to write to the North District association; brother Robert Johnson appointed to write to the Long run association; brother James Suggett appointed to write to the Russell's creek association.

Brothers Carter Tarrent, George Eve, Lewis Corbin and John Price, appointed to arrange the business of the association---Brothers Jeremiah Vardiman, David Barrow and Joseph Reding, chosen to preach on the Lord's day.

Adjourned till Monday 9 o'clock.

Sunday brother Joseph Reding preached from 2 Cor. v. chap. 17. *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are past away, behold all things are become new*---Brother Jeremiah Vardiman from 1 Cor. 16 chap 22. *If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema, Maranatha*---Brother David Barrow preached from 2 Cor. v. 10. *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, to a very large assembly.*

MONDAY, August 12.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer, proceeded to business. The circular letter read and thought not proper to send to the churches. Brothers Robert Johnson, George S. Smith with Absalom Bainbridge, were appointed to prepare one.

Query, from South Elkhorn, Who is the church of Jesus Christ to be governed by, agreeably to the scripture. Referred.

Query from Boone's creek, What is a member to do who is in good standing, and applies for a letter of dismission, and is denied. Withdrawn.

Request from the church at the Crossing, Clear creek and Hillsborough, to revise the Confession of Faith and Church Discipline---Agreed to appoint a committee of seven members, to consist of four ministers and three private brethren---accordingly, elder Ambrose Dudley, elder Joseph Reding, elder John Price, elder Carter Tarrent, brother Robert Johnson, brother Bartlet Collins and brother John Payne, were appointed, who are to revise the Confession of Faith and Discipline; to meet as often as they deem it necessary, to prepare such amendments as they may judge proper, and report the same to the next association, and if approved, to be recommended to the churches and our brethren in union, for their inspection.

Query, from Glenn's creek, Is it right for Baptists to join in and assemble at barbecues on the 4th of July. *Answer*---No.

Letter of correspondence to the Salem association read and approved. Brother James Suggett and brother John Reace appointed to attend the same.

Letter of correspondence to the Tate's creek association read and approved. Brother Carter Tarrent and brother William Duckley appointed to attend the same.

A letter to the Bracken association read and approved. Brother Ambrose Dudley, brother George Eve, brother Lewis Corbin, brother John Price, appointed messengers to said association.

A letter to the North Bend association read and approved; and our brother Joseph Reding appointed to attend.

A letter to the South District association read and approved; appointed brother John Shackelford and brother Jacob Creath, messengers thereto.

A letter to the North District association read and approved; brother Ambrose Bourn, brother Richard Cave and brother Jacob Creath, appointed to attend.

A letter to the Long run association read, approved, and brother Joseph Reding and brother Jacob Creath appointed our messengers thereto.

A letter to the Green river association read and approved; brother Jacob Creath, brother Wm. Hickman and brother Carter Tarrent, to attend the same.

A letter to Russell's creek read and approved; appointed brother Abfalom Bainbridge to attend the same.

This association judges it improper for ministers, churches or associations, to meddle with emancipation from slavery, or any other political subject; and as such we advise ministers and churches to have nothing to do therewith in their religious capacities.

Next association to be held at the Crossings on the second Saturday in August next. Brother Abfalom Bainbridge, to preach the introductory sermon, and in case of failure, brother Jacob Creath---brother George Eve to write the circular letter to the churches.

Ambrose Dudley, moderator.

John Price, clerk.

P. S. The names of the members being called at the close of the meeting, a number having disorderly gone off before we were regularly dismissed, it was agreed that they should be publicly reproved by name in the minutes. A motion was afterwards made, that their names should not be entered in the minutes, and no further reproof given until next association.

To the churches composing the Elkhorn Association.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord,

WHAT we have done, you will see by our minutes. When we consider the coldness and deadness of our churches, as expressed in their letters, together with the small additions, and the spreading of error, it is matter of lamentation to us, and ought to be to all who love Jesus, and long for the prosperity of Zion. But, dear brethren, ought it not to be matter of joy and rejoicing unto us, that Jehovah Jesus still reigns; that he is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. His ear is not heavy that he cannot hear, nor his arm shortened that he cannot save. His compassion is as large now, as when he sweated, as it were, drops of blood in Gethsemana, or yielded to death for poor sinners on Calvary. Then, dear brethren, though we are weak and unable to give zeal and activity to our own souls, or to our brethren, or to withstand our numerous and potent enemies, don't let us forget that Jesus is the head of divine influence and God of power; and tho' our prospects are gloomy, tho' clouds of darkness hover around us, yet our Jesus is the sun of Righteousness, his precious beams alone can disperse our gloom, and make all our clouds of darkness fly as the shades of night before the morning sun. Are there many new errors started in the world, or rather old ones new dressed, let us remember that the religion of Jesus is still the same, and that it ever has had, and eternally will continue to have, a direct tendency to abate the pride of man, and crown the redeemer with all the honors of salvation. By religion we do not mean a bare profession of the name of Jesus, nor a place, nor a name among any particular sect of professing christians; but by the religion of Jesus, we mean the implantation of those divine graces of the holy spirit which leads all the children of God to discover the entire insufficiency of all created enjoyments, and human or creature righteousness to make them happy or accepted with God, discovers unto them the suitableness and entire sufficiency of the dear redeemer, and enables them to believe and rejoice in him as their all in all. The implantation of divine grace in the soul never fails to inspire the subject in a greater or less degree, with a zeal for the honor and glory of God---Hence it is, that Christians, not drawn altogether by the hopes of obtaining Heaven, nor driven by the slavish fears of hell, but stimulated with an ever living principle of love, wish to obey all the commands of Jesus and run in his footsteps till they reach his throne, lay all their honors at his feet and join the everlasting chorus of Heaven in strains of everlasting joy, in ascribing salvation to God.

Ambrose Dudley, moderator.

J. Price, clerk.

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