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*Rev. J. Mathews.*

# MINUTES

OF THE

## BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

1. **M**ET at the Baptist Church on Jamey's Creek, Spartanburgh county, South-Carolina, 13th August, 1796. Brother Waller being appointed the last year to deliver an introductory discourse, and in case of failure Brother Joseph Camp to be prepared, neither of whom appearing, a discourse was delivered by Brother James Mathews, from Rev. I, chap. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16th verses.

2. Letters from 47 churches were read, and the names of their delegates enrolled.

3. Brother Richard Shackelford was chosen Moderator, and Brother William Lancaster, Clerk.

4. The sabbath was employed in the exercise of public devotion, several sermons being delivered to a numerous audience, and the Lord's supper administered in the evening.

### M O N D A Y.

Two churches applied by letters and delegates for admission into our union, and on satisfaction being obtained respecting their faith and order, they were received. The Rev. James Templeton, of the Presbyterian church, being present, was invited to a seat.

5. Brother David Cooper, messenger from the Charleston Association, handed a letter and minutes of last year; and Brethren James Mathews and Guy Smith, attended as Messengers from the Georgia Association, presented a letter, and took their seats accordingly. The minutes of the Philadelphia Association of the last year, and minutes of Neuse Association, North-Carolina, were handed by Brother Fowler, and being read, gave general satisfaction.

6. Appointed Brother James Fowler to write to the Charleston Association, and to be our Messenger to them. Brother John Bulger appointed Messenger to the Hephzebah Association, and Brother John Rooker to write to them. Brethren Joshua Palmer and Richard Shackelford appointed Messengers to the Georgia Association, and Brother David Lilly to write to them.

7. Agreeable

7. Agreeable to reference at the last meeting for a division of this Association, the subject was now taken into consideration, and after maturely investigating the same, it was thought advisable to postpone it to a future period.

Supplies to the vacant Churches that made application: Rocky Creek Church, Catawba River, James Fowler, John Rooker and Davies Collins, to attend discretionally. Supplies to French Broad River, Joseph Logan and William Murphy. Supplies to Poplar Spring Church: Joshua Palmer, Benjamin Northcut, George Tilman and John Rowland.

**T U E S D A Y.**

8. The letters to the corresponding Associations, and the Circular Letter, were read and approved by the Association.

9. Agreed that Brother David Lilly preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, and in case of failure Brother John Rowland to be prepared.

10. Agreed that Brother James Fowler write the Circular Letter for the next year; the subject to be on the assurance of grace. The money was collected for printing the minutes, and Brother Fowler requested to distribute them as usual.

11. Agreed that our next Association be held at this place, beginning the second Saturday in August, 1797.

Concluded with exhortation and prayer.

**RICHARD SHACKLEFORD, Moderator.**  
**WILLIAM LANCASTER, Clerk.**

**S T A T E**

## The STATE of the CHURCHES.

The Ministers Names are in Capitals; Licensed Preachers in Italics; Churches distinguished with an asterisk (\*) we had no account from, their numbers stand as they did last year; Pastors to whose names an obelisk (†) is affixed, were absent; a dash (—) denotes a vacancy.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	D. Missed.	Excommun.	Discl.	Numbers.
Buffalo,	JOSEPH CAMP, James Bridges	3	3			1	59
Tyger River,	JOHN WILLIAMS, AUGUSTIN CLAYTON,	19	4	16		2	72
Green River,*	—, Samuel M <sup>r</sup> Brayer, John Blakewel,	7					43
Bill's Creek,*	—, John Owensby, M. Elliot,					1	35
Buck Creek,	ISAAC CANSRELT, THOMAS BURGESS, W. Garrat, J. Blakewell	4	6	17	2		128
Head of Enoree,	ABRAHAM HARGES, DAN. FLANNERY†, DAVID FO- RESTART†, Benjamin Bridges,	1	5	18	1		197
Sandy Run,	ALEXANDER DAVIDSON†, John Jones, Thomas Coventon,	11	11	8			77
Fair Forest,	ALEXANDER M <sup>r</sup> DOUGAL,			4	1	1	34
Padget's Creek,*	JOHN PUTMAN†, Spencer Bobot	1	1	3		2	65
Mountain Creek, N. C.	PERMINTER MORGAN†, William Hill, William Green,	1	4	2	2	1	112
Bigg Creek,	MOSES HOLLAND, James Wil- burn, George Vandewiert,	2	5	8	6	1	72
Horfe Creek,	—, Daniel Ford, Ambrose Hammond,	1	14				36
Cedar Spring,	—, Joroyal Barnet, William Lancaster,	1	14	2			35
Upper Duncan's Creek,	JOSHUA PALMER, JOHN RAWLIN, Reuben Kelly,	13	12	2	1		79
Pacolet,	—, John Palmer, Joshua Wilburn,		1	2			29
Lower Duncan's Creek,	MICAJAH BENNETT, Abner Casey, J. Speak,	6	2	6	2		59
Jamey's Creek,	RICHARD SHACKLEFORD, Joseph Woodruff, Tyrie Glenn,	6	2	16	1	2	172
Sandy River,	JAMES FOWLER, James Kolb,	2					74
Bush River,	JOHN COLET†, John Cannon, William Cole,			5	2	5	27
Sicona,	WILLIAM MURPHY, W. King,	4	10	2	1		27
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