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MINUTES

OF THE

SALEM ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

Held at KNOLL-LINN, Hardin county, Kentucky,
October the 5th & 6th, 1804.

THE introductory sermon was preached by brother Walter Stallard, from the first chapter of the second epistle general of Peter, 5th, 6th and 7th verses—
“And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity.”

2. Letters from the different churches were read, and the messengers names enrolled.
3. Brother William Taylor chosen Moderator, and William May, Clerk.

Churches.	Messengers.	Restored.	Baptized.	Received by letters.	Recd by relation.	Dismissed by letters.	Excluded.	Dead.	Letters returned.	Total.
Cedar-creek,	{ Joshua Morris, Anthony Foster, Charles Wortham, Atkinson Hill.	4	6	1	5	3	1			108
Cox's-creek,	{ William Taylor, William May, Joseph Lewis, John Hobbs.	1	1	1	7	9			2	136
Hardin's-creek	Edmund Rutter, Francis Ray, Francis Payne.				4					141
Simpson's-cr.	Walter Stallard, Francis Davis, William Davis.			4	1	7	5			71
Mill-creek,	{ James Nall, John Batfel, Thomas Hubbard, Benjamin Mason.		3		2	1				84
Lick-creek,	William Kindall, Joseph Brown, Jesse Wells.		1	2	3					31
Wilson's-creek.	Greenberry Griffin, Mat hias Weller, Ed. Abel.		4		1					43
Hite's-run,	Joseph Brashear, Thomas Piety.						1	2		25
Rock-creek,	John Snyder, Jacob Rhoads, Morris Brady.			2		17	1			20
Rolling-Fork,	Samuel Miller, Henry Dewit, Thompson A. Shy.					1	3	1		74
Cedar-creek, lt-river.	{ No messenger.									
Severn's valley	Jacob Vanmeter, Wm. Allen, James Haycraft.		1			3	2			37
Knoll-Linn,	{ Alexander M'Dougal, Jacob Larue, Thomas M'Intire.					16	1			84
		114	15	3	65	26	4	2	863	

4. Received letters and messengers from Elkhorn, Tate's-creek, Russell's-creek, Green-river, Long-run, and Cumberland associations.

5. Two churches lately constituted, one on Beaver-Dam-creek, the other on Bacon-creek, petitioned for admission into this association and were received.

6. Brother Stallard appointed to write the corresponding letter to the Elkhorn association; brother Morris to Tate's-creek; brother M'Dougal to Russell's-Creek; brother Hill to Green-River; brother M'Intire to Long-Run; and brother Larue to Cumberland.

7. Brethren Taylor, May, and Lewis appointed to arrange the business of the ensuing day.

8. Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock.

9. Saturday met pursuant to adjournment.

10. The committee appointed to arrange the business of the day made their report.

11. The circular letter was read and approved.

12. Brother Stallard appointed Messenger to Elkhorn Association; brother Cash to Tate's-Creek; brother Isaac Hodgen to Green-River; brother Morris to Cumberland; brother Taylor to Long-Run; brother M'Dougal to Russell's-Creek; and brother Lewis to South District.

13. Query from Cox's-Creek. Would it not be proper for the association to advise the Churches in our Union, not to encourage strange ministers to preach among them, unless they support good characters, and come well recommended by the church, or society, to which they belong? Answer—Yes. And we recommend the caution given by John, in his second Epistle, as worthy of attention. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed, for he that biddeth him God speed, is partaker of his evil deeds.

14. Query from Hite's-Run. "The example of our Lord recorded in the 13th chapter of St. John's Gospel, and 14th Verse, seems to us worthy of imitation, and if so, why so generally neglected by our sister churches?" To be answered at the next association.

15. Brethren May and Lewis appointed to write the circular letter for the next year.

16. Quarterly meetings to be held.—The first at Hite's-Run, on the second Saturday in November next, to be attended by brethren Stallard, and Isaac Hodgen. The second at Rock-Creek, on the second Saturday in April, to be attended by brethren Morris and Isaac Hodgen. The third at Beaver-Dam-Creek, on the fourth Saturday in July, to be attended by brethren Cash and Stallard.

17. The next association to be held at Mill-Creek (Nelson county) on the first Friday in October next; brother M'Dougal to preach the introductory sermon; in case of failure, brother Morris.

18. Brethren May and Lewis to superintend the printing of the Minutes and Circular Letter, and distribute them among the Churches, in proportion to the money furnished.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Moderator.*

WILLIAM MAY, *Ch.*

(CIRCULAR LETTER.)

The Salem Association convened at Knoll-Linn, on Friday and Saturday the 5th and 6th of October, 1894.—To the several Churches composing our body, sendeth Christian Salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN,

BEING once more permitted to meet together, and having considered the account from the different churches, while we cannot but lament the complaints of luke-warmness

in the things of God, we have the pleasure to inform you, that they generally are at peace. It is not our design to trouble you with a lengthy epistle, yet we wish to offer a few things in order to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, that you may be constantly mindful of the words of the holy Prophets, and of the commandments which have been given us by the apostles of our blessed Lord and Saviour. The church of Christ in no preceding age enjoyed greater privileges, civil and religious, than the present, yet how far inferior in faithfulness, and zeal for the truth are we, to the primitive Christians? We conceive this to be a time Brethren, when error and enthusiasm much abounds, for there are not wanting those, who are ready to call (what we conceive to be disorder and confusion) the work of the spirit; whereas the Scripture informs us, that God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, and that all things should be done decently, and in order. The limits of a letter will not admit enlargement; we shall therefore conclude, by exhorting you to be diligent, and faithful in the cause you have espoused; watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong; call to mind the day of your espousals; was the Religion of Jesus, your solemn and deliberate choice? Consider then whose servants you are, and be it your concern to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Farewell.

WILLIAM MAY, *Ch.*

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Moderator.*