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Minutes

OF THE SALEM ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,
 Held at Cox's Creek Meeting House, in Nelson County, on the 5th and
 6th October, 1810.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by brother Joshua Morris from the 20th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, and part of the 26th Verse—"But whoever will be great among you let him be your Minister."
2. Letters from the different Churches were read and the Messengers names enrolled.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Restored		Rec'd by Relation.		Dismissed by Letter.		Excommunicated.		Letters returned.		Total.
		Baptized.	By Letter.	By Letter.	By Letter.	By Letter.	By Letter.	By Letter.				
Cedar Creek,	J. Morris, A. Foster, J. Hackley A. Hill,	9	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Cox's Creek,	Mones Peason, J. Hobbs, J. Lewis,	3	12	1	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	41
Harlan's Creek,	Edmond Rutter,	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	26
Stratton's Creek,	W. Stallard, F. Davis, W. Davis, A. Hawley	1	13	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	139
Mill creek,	James Nall, sen. T. Batsell, jr. Wm. Ken- drick, T. Hubbard,	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	70
Lick creek,	Thomas Wells, William Stark,	1	49	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	75
Bilton's creek,	Daul. Walker, Mat. Weller, Jas. Caldwell, S. T. Abell,	0	26	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Bathel,	Adam Shoemaker,	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Rock creek,	A. Dale, Wm. Cleaver, John Doran,	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Rolling Fork,	Sam. M'Adams, J. Edmon, Sam. Miller,	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	51
Cedar creek, Salt riv.	William Overall, R. Bukey,	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Sacern's Valley,	Sam. Phillips, J. Rogers,	2	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	33
Nolin,	A. M'Dugal, J. Hodgins, H. Coutts C. Carman	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	54
Beaver Dam creek,	None,	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
Bacon creek.	William Meeks, G. Conrad,	0	8	1	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	40
Bathel, H. C.	Warren Cash, M. Uterback,	0	21	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	45
Mill creek, H. C.	Shadrack Brown, T. M'Carty, J. Hawkins,	0	28	4	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	87
Short creek,	George Mathews,	0	2	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	31
Union.	Enos Keith, Thomas Piety,	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Cashen,	Wm. Montague, John Moreman,	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
		21	327	11	63	45	31	18	193			

3. Brother Waltar Stallard, chosen Moderator and Joseph Lewis Clerk.
4. Received Letters and Messengers, from the following correspond-

ing Associations, to wit. Elkhorn, by brother Edmund Waller: Long Run, brethren George Waller, John Taylor, Joshua Rucker: South District, brethren Gabriel Slaughter, Jos. Whitehead, Samuel Denny, Evan Rogers: Green River, brother Jacob Locke: Russel's Creek, brother James Skeggs: Tate's Creek, brother Jos. Phelps.

5. The Wabash District Association of Baptists, petitioned for a correspondence; agreed to; and brother Charles Polke, who bore the letter invited to a seat with us.

6. The Circular Letter called for, read and referred to the brethren who are to arrange the business of the ensuing day.

7. Brethren Walter Stallard, Alexander M'Dugal and Atkinson Hill, appointed to arrange the business of the ensuing day.

8. Brother Thomas Hubbard, appointed to write our corresponding letter to Elkhorn: brother John Hobbs, to Long Run: brother Edmund Rutter, to South District: brother Joshua Morris, to Green River: brother Francis Davis, to Russel's Creek: brother Martin Utterback, to Tate's Creek: and brother John Doran, to Wabash Association.

9. Brother Atkinson Hill, appointed to write the Circular Letter for the next year.

10. Adjourned till to-morrow 10 o'clock

11. Saturday met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer proceeded to business.

12. Brethren Walter Stallard and William Davis, appointed our Messengers to Elkhorn Association: brethren Thomas Hubbard, Joseph Lewis, John Hobbs and Warren Cash, to Long Run: brethren Warren Cash, Wm. Meeks & Martin Utterback, to Green River: brethren Joseph Lewis and Joshua Hobbs, to Tate's Creek: brethren Alexander M'Dugal, Atkinson Hill and Samuel M'Adams, to Russel's Creek: brethren Joseph Lewis, Walter Stallard, Edmund Rutter, Thomas Hubbard, James Nall and Moses Pierson, to South District.

13. Query deferred from last Association from Lick Creek Church, in the following words, "Is it agreeable to scripture, to take a member under dealings before the Church, for any evil report before they go to them & talk to them; - if it is, we desire to know where to find it." Voted out.

14. The Circular Letter read and approved.

15. A request from Nolin Church, to take under consideration a sect of people who call themselves Baptists and are acting very disorderly. Answer—We advise the Churches when they dismiss their members, to give an expression of their faith and order, and require the same from those producing their letters and wishing to join our bodies.

16. The next Association to be held at Lick Creek Meeting-House,

in Nelson county, on the 1st Friday in October next.—Brother Martin Ueberback to preach the Introductory Sermon, in case of failure brother Alex. M'Degal.

17. Brother Joseph Lea is appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes and Circular Letter.

18. The next Elkhorn Association will be held at the great Crossings in Scott county, on the second Saturday in August next: Long Run, at Salt River Meeting-House, in Franklin county, the 1st Friday in September next: South District, at Harlin's meeting-house, Salt River, in Mercer county, on the 3d Saturday in August next: Tate's Creek, at Mount Pleasant Putaski county, the 4th Saturday in August next: Russel's Creek, at Brush Creek, Green county, on the 3d Saturday in September next:—and Green River, at Green River Meeting-House in Barren county, on the 4th Saturday in July next.

WALTER STALLARD, *Moderator.*

JOSEPH LEWIS, *Clerk.*

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(CIRCULAR LETTER.)

*To the Churches of whom we are Members, Grace, Mercy and Peace
be Multiplied.*

BELOVED BRETHREN,

IT is with a degree of satisfaction, we now address you in our associate capacity, having had our souls comforted by the pleasing accounts given in.—Several of your letters of the work of God amongst you, and that the Churches are at peace amongst themselves. We greatly wish your peace and happiness, and that God may continue his power among us; and spread his work far and wide, until the whole Earth is filled with the knowledge of God, unto this end we now address you, on the nature and necessity of practical godliness.

Godliness we conceive to be that vital principle formed within us by the Spirit of God, enstamping the divine Image on the soul; this divine principle implanted within us, is a leaven to diffuse its nature through the soul, until the whole is leavened; and it is manifested by our outward conduct and conversation, as becometh the Gospel of Christ; and is what we mean by practical godliness. It is not enough that we cease to do evil, we must learn to do well, in all the relations that we bear in the Church of God and in the world, we ought to manifest, that religion influences our conduct, that we feel the force of its divine precepts. Practical godliness may be summed up in these words

short sentences : piety towards God, and duty towards men ; piety towards God, is to love, fear and obey him. The obligation of which ariseth from the relation which we bear to him. We manifest our submission to his authority, and that his word direct our actions, what they shall be when we live in the habitual practice of the same. Omitting no known duty, and that all those duties be performed with an ardour of soul, that shews we feel and delight in them, as the way to draw nigh to that God we love.

Our duty to men is much more than a bare ceasing to do them harm, it is to do them good, do good unto all men—especially unto the household of faith, in the Church of God, we must fill our places for business and worship in the world, we must conduct ourselves prudently, and wisely—Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves. We are bound by the scriptures to respect all men as our fellow-creatures, and from our dependence on each other always to be ready to do them good—Mankind are the subjects for whom Jesus Christ shed his blood and is ascended into heaven, a Prince and Saviour to give repentance and remission of sins to all that believe in his name ; if therefore the kindness and love of God have appeared toward us, one of the great ends of that love is, that we should manifest it to our fellow-men : this love will lead us to all the duties of justice, forbearance, forgiveness and benevolence, and hereby every virtue will be promoted & vice suppressed ; this only will make manifest that christianity is tending toward that happy state where sorrow and sighing will be no more. Now may Grace and Peace rest with you, and mercy from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.—*Amen.*

WALTER STALLARD, *Moderator.*

J. LEWIS, *Clerk.*