

MINUTES

OF THE

TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTISTS.

This Association convened at the Mouth of Richland, Grainger County, E. Tennessee, on Friday before the first Saturday in October, A. D. 1841.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Wm. BILLUE, from Jeremiah, 8th chapter, 22d verse.

Letters were received and read from twenty-seven Churches, and accounts taken as follows :—

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Exp'ience	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Excom'ted	Enrolled.	Deceased.	Total.
Pleasant-Grove—	W. Harper, T. Kinnamon, } S. Yates, }	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	56
Alder-Branch—	T. Lindsey, R. Atchley, -	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	59
Beaver-Ridge—	R. Walker, Wm. Morriss, -	5	4	4	0	2	0	2	195
Bethel-South—	D. Layman, -	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	62
Bethel-North—	A. Demarcus, C. Adkins, -	29	2	9	0	0	0	0	66
Cedar-Grove—	Wm. Billue, J. Ray, -	13	2	2	0	0	0	0	138
Beaver-Dam—	J. Mynatt, Wm. Smith, -	1	4	5	0	3	0	0	145
Tuckaleechy—	E. Caller, - - -	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	27
M. of Richland—	A. James, B. Mitchell, M. } Vinyard, H. S. Hawkins, }	4	11	16	2	4	0	2	235
Stock-Creek—	J. Hawn, - - -	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	56
Boyd's-Creek—	J. Randals, - - -	0	3	5	0	3	0	3	109
New-Hopewell—	J. Langford, B. Burnett, -	46	0	3	0	5	0	0	150
Frenchbroad—	D. Kimbrough, J. Kimbro, -	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	29
Zion—	J. Frost, J. Lucas, B. Aulton. -	3	4	1	1	0	0	4	75
Paupaw-Hollow—	I. Wilson, L. Jones, Wm. } Mills, Wm. Hickman, }	24	1	3	0	1	0	0	110
Dumplin-Creek—	J. C. Newman, A. W. Bry- } an, and M. Cate, }	17	1	3	0	1	4	1	99
Mount of Olives—	J. Henson, - - -	23	2	2	2	0	3	1	99
Rocky-Valley—	Wm. Cate, M. Hankins, and } Wm. Adcock, }	3	3	10	1	3	0	1	130
Third Creek—	E. Johnson, J. Smith, -	12	2	18	0	1	0	3	193
Wear's Cove—	D. Cunningham, J. Adams, -	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	27
Ellijoy—	C. Tipton, V. Rogers, -	32	0	5	2	1	0	0	138
Little F. Creek—	J. S. Coram, J. Roberts, E. } Scaggs, }	16	5	4	1	6	0	2	121
White-Oak Flats—	Letter, but no delegate,	8	0	1	3	0	0	1	49
Red-Bank—	D. Frazier, J. Drummon, -	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	33
Forks of Pidgeon—	E. Roberts, H. McKinney, -	0	0	10	1	0	1	4	94
Cade's-Cove—	R. Burchfield, - - -	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	14
Pistle-Creek—	Wm. H. Hodges, R. Ragan, -	3	14	5	0	0	0	0	21
		247	66	123	13	39	10	32	2530

The delegates then proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk by ballot, which election resulted in the choice of Elder WILLIAM BILLUE Moderator, and WILLIAM CATE Clerk, for the ensuing year.

Letters of Correspondence were received and read—viz :

From Sweet-Water association, by her delegate, G. W. Carmichael.

From the Northern Association, by her delegates, Elders William Hickle and Henry Baker; and, also, a package of Minutes, which were distributed.

From Hiwassee Association, by her delegate, Elder B. Mays.

From Nolachucky Association, by her delegates, Elders Elihu Millican, Hugh W. Taylor, and James Lacy, and brethren Thomas Dyer and Drewry Roach.

The delegates from the several Associations, by invitation, took their seats.

Appointed Elders James Langford, Joshua Frost and John S. Coram, together with the Moderator and Clerk, during the recess of the Association, a Committee of Arrangements, and to prepare letters of correspondence to the Sweet-Water, Northern, Hiwassee, and Nolachucky Associations of United Baptists.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FIRST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER, A. D. 1841.

Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder James Langford. Roll called—Absentees stricken off.

The committee of Arrangements called on to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. Read letters to Corresponding Associations, and appointed delegates.
2. Receive Churches newly constituted.
3. Appoint a Committee of Finance.
4. Receive from the several Churches their bounty, &c.
5. Answer the question propounded by New Hopewell Church.
6. Call for the report of the Committee on Finance.
7. Respond to Church Bethel North, requesting to be dismissed by letter.

8. Designate the place of holding our next Association, and who shall preach the Introductory Sermon.

9. Determine the number of Minutes to be printed, and what shall be the Clerk's remuneration.

10. Ascertain the number of ordained and licensed preachers belonging to this Association.

Which was read, approved, and the Committee discharged.

1. The letter to Sweet-Water Association was read, approved, and Elders James Langford, Wm. Billue, Caswell Tipton, and Wm. Cate appointed delegates to their next Association. The letter to the Northern Association was read, approved, and Elders Joshua Frost and J. C. Roberts appointed delegates to their next Association.—The letter to Hiwassee Association was read, approved, and Elders David Frazier, James Ray, and William H. Hodges appointed delegates to their next Association.—The letter to Nolachucky Association was read, approved, and Elders J. S. Coram, Wm. Cate, and James Langford appointed delegates to their next Association.

2. A letter was received and read from Pistle Creek Church, praying to be admitted into union with this association. A copy of their Constitution, appended to their letter, being read and approved, Pistle Creek Church was admitted into union and fellowship with this association, and her delegates, Wm. H. Hodges and R. Ragan, by invitation, took their seats.

3. Appointed Wm. Morriss and John Mynatt a Committee on Finance.

4. Received from the Churches severally their bounties.

5. Appointed Elders James Kennon, J. S. Coram, Wm. Morriss, Wm. H. Hodges, and E. Johnson, a Committee to take into consideration the question propounded by New Hopewell Church: "What shall be done with those members who refuse to commune at the Lord's table?"—and respond to the same.

6. The Committee on Finance, being called on, reported twenty-three dollars and five cents, and were discharged.

7. The Church Bethel North, as requested by her letter, was dismissed from this association, to the Northern Association of United Baptists, in full fellowship with this association.

8. Determined that the next Tennessee Association of United Baptists be held at Cedar Grove, Blount county, Tennessee, to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in October, A. D. 1842. Elder Gordan Mynatt to preach the Introductory Sermon—Elder J. S. Coram his alternate.

The Committee appointed to respond to the question propounded by New Hopewell Church, submitted the following, which was read and approved :

QUES. “What shall be done with those members who refuse to commune at the Lord’s table?”

ANS. Two prominent reasons are given in the New Testament why members should commune.

1. As a test of obedience to Christ, “Do this in remembrance of me.”

2. By partaking of this Ordinance, Christians “do shew forth the Lord’s death till he come.”

It is a privilege and duty of baptised believers. But for the sake of the weak, we advise that, while all fill their seats at the table and maintain Christian order and character, each should examine himself, not another. It is not known what length of time some minds may require to finish this examination.—We, therefore, advise that Ministers and Deacons ascertain those who neglect their duty in this respect—visit them, consult with them, and pray for them. We advise, also, that Ministers preach more frequently on this subject. But if any, regardless of admonition, treat, with public contempt, the Ordinance, deal promptly with them for a breach of Covenant. (See Church Covenant.)

9. Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Association be printed, and that the Clerk superintend the printing thereof, and that he be remunerated exclusively of the expense of printing, six dollars for his services.

10. The Association proceeded to ascertain the number of ordained and licensed Ministers of the Gospel, within the bonnds of this Association ; also, the locality of each church, and the post-office by which each church or minister may be addressed.

The following is the result :—

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	MINISTERS.	Ordained	Licensed	Total.
Pleasant Grove, Alder Branch, Beaver Ridge, Bethel South,	Blount, Sevier, Knox, Sevier,	Maryville, Sevierville, Beaver Ridge, Fair Garden,	Wm. Ellis, A. Karnatcher. D. Lemmons. Wm. Ogle. G. Mynatt.		1 1 1 1	
Beaver Dam, Tuckaleechy, Mouth of Richland, Miller's Cove, Stock Creek, Boyd's Creek, New Hopewell, French Broad, Zion, Cedar Grove,	Knox, Blount, Grainger, Blount, Knox, Sevier, Knox, Jefferson, Anderson, Blount,	Church Grove, Tuckaleechy, Blain's X Roads, Tuckaleechy, Knoxville, Boyd's Creek, Gap Creek, Dandridge, Wilson's, Maryville,	 J. Rogers. J. Langford. D. Kimbro. J. Frost. Wm. Billue. Wm. Burnett. J. Ray.			1
Paupaw Hollow, Dumplin Creek,	Sevier, Jefferson,	Tuckahoe, in Jef- ferson county, Henry's X Roads, in Sevier county,	L. Jones.	1		
Mount of Olives, Rocky Valley, Third Creek,	Knox, Jefferson, Knox,	Knoxville, New Market, Knoxville,	Wm. Cate. E. Hickey. C. Lonas. J. Adams. C. Tipton. J. S. Coram.	1 1 1 1 1 1		1 1
Wear's Cove, Ellijoy, Little Flat Creek, White Oak Flats, Red Bank, Forks of Pigeon, Cade's Cove, Pistle Creek,	Sevier, Blount, Knox, Sevier, Sevier, Sevier, Blount, Blount,	Wear's Cove, Ellijoy, Woodburn, Sevierville, Sevierville, Sevierville, Cade's Cove, Maryville,	D. Frazier. E. Roberts. Wm. H. Hodges.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
				16	6	22

Advised, That the Churches send annually to the Association the number of ordained and licensed preachers, and information of the nearest or most convenient post office to each Church.

Resolved, That a brief Biographical Obituary of our lamented brother, Elder SAMUEL LOVE, be appended to the Minutes of this Association.

Resolved, That Elder James Kennon and brother Lewis Reneau prepare a brief Biographical Obituary of our lamented brother, Elder ELIJAH ROGERS, to be appended to our Minutes of next Association.

A brief Biographical Obituary of Elder SAMUEL LOVE, who is now no more, was offered by Elder James Kennon, read and approved, and directed to be appended to the Minutes, agreeably to the first foregoing resolution.

Prayer by the Moderator.

The Association, in the utmost harmony and brotherly love, adjourned until Friday before the first Saturday in October, A. D., 1842.

WILLIAM BILLUE, Moderator.

WM. CATE, Clerk.

BIOGRAPHICAL OBITUARY.

Departed this life, at his residence, in Knox county, Tenn., Elder SAMUEL LOVE, of the Baptist Church, on the 19th of August, A. D. 1840. Elder S. LOVE was born Jan. 5th, A. D. 1802—was brought up to the business of a Farmer—received an ordinary education while with his parents. In early life, he became the subject of religious impressions—made a profession of religion, and joined the Baptist Church. Evincing a strong desire for the salvation of mankind, on the day he joined the Church, about the twentieth year of his age, he delivered a warm exhortation to the assembly. Many of his relations and acquaintances remember that day.

We next find brother LOVE at school in Dandridge, Jefferson county, Tennessee, under the pious instructions of Rev. John McCampbell, of the Presbyterian Church, who treated him with brotherly kindness. Here he acquired a knowledge of the Greek and Latin Languages. During his religious studies, preaching occasionally with good acceptance among all Christian denominations. He received his Ordination in French-Broad Church, at the hands of the Presbytery, Elders R. Wood, D. Kimbro, and H. Randolph, Sept. 23d, A. D. 1826. About this time he formed an acquaintance with Elders Kennon, Witt, Barton, Rogers, and other Ministers, with whom he travelled and frequently preached; all of whom have testified to the truth of his doctrinal views, and his great devotedness to the cause of God. He was married to Elizabeth West, of Grainger county, Tennessee, Nov. 14th, A. D. 1826, and from that time to the time of his death, he continued to be eminently useful. He mingled in many glorious revivals of religion—hundreds in our Churches view him as the honored instrument of their

conversion to God. We sometimes find him traveling and preaching to the destitute, under the patronage of the Baptist Board for Home Missions in the U. S. A.—sometimes as Missionary for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and sometimes as their general agent. He stood forth in the cause of Missions, Sabbath Schools, Temperance, and Education, and was their unwearied advocate. In him we have lost a citizen, a pastor, a friend. As an Association, we feel bereaved. But we mourn not as those who are without hope. When approaching his last, brother Kennon enquired of him if he enjoyed the comforts of Religion. He extended his feeble arms and embraced brother Kennon, saying, “O, my brother, there is a boundless fullness in Christ. It is all around me, and it is all through me.” Thus, in the 38th year of his age, he finished his course, having kept the Faith. But in the midst of our bereavement, we derive consolation from the well-grounded hope that he has gone home to Heaven; that his ransomed spirit, on angel-wings, has soared aloft, and dipped its pinions in the fountain of eternal felicity, at the right hand of God.

In conclusion, to the Churches we would say, be ye followers of Christ even as he was. To the prayers, counsels, and Christian sympathies of those Churches for whom he once labored, we commend our bereaved sister, the widow of brother Love, and her four little sons who sit fatherless, and look to the pulpits, now clad in mourning, whence once came forth the voice of a father, the sublime tones of whose heavenly inspired eloquence is yet sounding in our ears. And we further request that a copy of these Minutes be read from the pulpit in each Church, and then be filed in the office of the Church Clerk. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. AMEN.