

Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

PREFACE

The following pages contain the Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists, 1819-1884, as recorded in a handwritten Minute Book, which came into the possession of William Boyce Harrison, Clerk of the Association, on September 13, 1973.

Where necessary, I have attempted to make corrections for spelling and sentence structure, in order for the reader to be able to grasp a clear understanding of the text, which was written in the beautifully flowing, Old English style.

It should be noted that there were at least three different spellings for "Nolynn." I have purposely copied this word as it was written in the original Minutes in each occurrence, even when there were multiple spellings on the same page.

There were several spellings for one gentleman's name in particular, and I took the liberty of using the (hopefully) correct spelling in each instance.

When noting the locations of various churches in this text, please keep in mind that there were fewer counties in existence during this time period than there are now, and some of the churches mentioned were at sites that are now in a different county (as an example, the Little Mount Church, Hardin County, was located in what is now known as Larue County.)

I trust that the reader will come to the conclusion the information contained in this document is too important to the history of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists, to be allowed to be destroyed by the ravages of time, without an effort being made to preserve the data, as well as the Minute Book itself.

To the delegates of the 1998 session of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists, thank you for allowing me the privilege of undertaking this project. It has truly been a blessing, to be able to have some small part in the preservation of the data contained in this book.

*Charles E. Jordan, Sr.
August 20, 1999*

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Subject: Minutes (1819-1884)

This Association was constituted at **Little Mount Church**, Hardin County, in September 1819, by Michael Dillinghause and Thomas Skaggs, upon the **Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments**, where it was agreed that Associations were only advisory councils and not authoritative bodies, and it shall be called the **Nolynn Association** where it was at, and that the next Association be held at **Loes Meeting House**, Tennessee.

William Downs

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Held at **Loes Meeting House**, Robertson County, Tennessee, the first Saturday in October 1820. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Brother John M. Shadowen, after which the letters from the churches were read, and their Messengers, 34, representing 800 members, proceeded to business:

1st Robert Heaton chosen Moderator and Walter Williams, Clerk.

2nd A letter of correspondence from **South Kentucky Association** was read and received.

3rd Brethren Robert Heaton and Alexander Roscoe appointed to prepare a Circular Address to the churches of the inspection of the association.

4th Brethren Walter Williams and Robert Heaton directed to write a Letter of Correspondence to the **South Kentucky Association**, to be held the 4th Saturday in August 1821, at **McCormick Meeting House**, Lincoln County.

5th Brethren Wm. Baldry, John M. Shadowen, Wm. T. Ryburn, Alexander Roscoe, with the Moderator and Clerk, appointed to arrange the business of the Association for Monday. Then adjourned until Monday 10 o'clock.

On Saturday, the stage was occupied by Alexander Roscoe and Wm. Downs, and to good effect, the revival being almost universal amongst the people, by the outpouring of the spirit of God.

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Met, pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer, proceeded to business.

- 1st The report of the committee read, and they were discharged.
- 2nd The Brethren of the preaching department were descried to visit as often as possible the church at Macadoo Creek Tennessee.
- 3rd The circular letter written by Brother Wm. Downs read, unanimously approved, and directed to be subjoined to the minutes.
- 4th The Letter of Correspondence to the **South Kentucky Association** read, approved, and directed to be borne to her by Brethren Wm. Downs, Thomas Skaggs, John N. Shadowen and Wm. Baldry.
- 5th The next Association to be held at **Mount Olive Church**, Green County, commences the 2nd Saturday in Sept. 1821.
- 6th Brother Wm. Downs requested to superintend the printing of the Minutes and Circular Letter, and, in proportion to the money paid, distribute them amongst the churches.

On Monday, after the Association broke up, Brother Wm. Downs preached to a large and attentive congregation and to good effect. The revival being to appearances universal amongst the people.

Note - Owing to the distances, seven churches failed to represent themselves at the Association.

Signed by order of the Association.

Robert Heaton, Moderator

Walter Williams, Clerk

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Circular Address

Dear Brethren - We met at the time and place appointed from the Constitution, **Little Mount Church**, Hardin County. What we have done our Minutes will show, in addition to which, we have thought advisable to address you with a few remarks by way of a Circular.

Dear Brethren - We exhort you to strictly attend to the several duties enjoined on you, by the divine volume. It is incumbent on you in a special manner, to fill your seats in the House of God, both in your several churches and in the Association, when appointed Messengers thereto; for when you fail in either respect, you weaken the bands of confidence, and thereby, indirectly at least, show a disrespect to the society in which you are reputed a member.

Dear Brethren - Notwithstanding our friendly disposition to the different societies, we are sorry to find some are disposed to misrepresent our faith concerning our divine Saviour, either from design or the want of a proper knowledge of our views on that sublime subject. We are charged with being **Arians, Docinians, Universalists, and Armenians**, from what source false charges of this kind have originated we are unable to say. As to **Arianism**, we are at a loss to positively say what it is, or what doctrines Arias taught but if he taught the doctrine of our God, and one mediator between God and man, to wit, the Lord Jesus Christ, we agree with him in that respect, but if he taught what we are charged with, of denying the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, his atonement for sin, and equality with his father, we deny him and his faith.

As to the proper divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is a subject much talked about, but little understood. St. Paul informs us that in Him dwells all the fullness of the godhead bodily - that all things were created by him and for him. Elsewhere the same apostle says he is the Son of God: of course he as the only son (as declared by St. John) is the heir of all things, as may be seen by **St. Paul to the Hebrews**, thus he inherits by right, all the titles of dignity belonging to his father, yea, omnipresence, potency, wisdom, righteousness, eternity, etc. In this respect, he claims equality with his father, which may be seen by consulting **St. Paul to the Philippians** where it is said he thought it no robbery to be equal with God. We are also charged with holding that Jesus Christ is a created being. This charge we deny, and contend that no created being is able to save himself, much less a ruined lost world. True it is we say that the invisible divinity did prepare a body in which the supreme divinity did appear in the character of the Son of Man and that this divinity in him was properly God. This is probable by the first chapter of **John's Gospel**, and the fifth of the **Revelation**. In this last mentioned chapter Christ is there said to be the root of David, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, as respects his being the root of David refers to his supreme divinity as God, as to his being the offspring of David, the lion of the tribe of Judah, respects his humanity only as the son of man. On this sublime subject we advise you to be cautious, and meddle not too much with it, for it is a subject of faith and not of speculative knowledge.

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As respects the **Docinian Doctrine** as taught by Docinus, we believe it says the foundation of every Christian's hope. So likewise doth the **Armenian** plan oppose the experience of every enlightened Christian, if it be what **Calvinism** says it is, but we believe Jesus Christ, our divine Saviour, in person tasted death for every man and thereby made an atonement for the sin of the whole world, or in other words, made salvation possible for all the fallen family, and that all men may be saved by repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, without which none can be saved. We earnestly contend that salvation is by grace without the deeds of the law, that grace devised the plan, put it into execution, gives power to accept it, carries on the work, and will in the end crown the whole, by which the standing of the Christian is secured against principalities, powers, men or devils. These are our views of the Gospel, which we believe a correct aisle of instruction to the children of men, for if Kings, Governors, or Magistrates, empires, kingdoms, and republics, were subject to it, happy would be our world, in this glorious system of instruction are, directions to husbands, wives, parents, children, masters and servants as well as to ministers, members and churches, this being the case we as your servants exhort you to observe these things, and delight of your hearts, that thereby your good may not be evilly spoken of.

Farewell.

Done by order of the Association the 2nd Monday in October 1820.

Robert Heaton, Moderator

Walter Williams, Clerk

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Held at **Mt. Olive Meeting House**, Green County, Ky., on the second Saturday and day following in September 1821.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Brother Alexander Roscoe. Letters from 14 churches were read and their Messengers composing the association, 39 representing about 500 members.

1st Brother Thomas Skaggs chosen Moderator and Walter Williams Clerk.

2nd A Letter of Correspondence from the **South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptist** was read, and their Messengers, Richard Shackelford, David Wells, and William Price, invited to a seat.

3rd Resolved that Brethren Robb Heaton and David Elkins do prepare a Circular Address to the churches.

4th Ordered that Brethren Thomas Skaggs and Walter Williams prepare a letter of correspondence to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptist** to be held at **Union Meeting House**, in Garrard County, on the 4th Saturday in August 1822, and Brethren Thomas Skaggs, Amacy Webb, John N. Shadowen, David Elkins, Joseph Pepper, and Charles Blevins do agree to bear it.

5th Brethren Robt. Heaton, Alexander Roscoe, David Elkins, Thomas Skaggs, and Walter Williams are appointed as a committee to arrange the business of the Association, then adjourned till Monday 9 o'clock.

6th Monday met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer, proceeded to business. The report of the called for, received, and they discharged.

7th We find a petition from a constitution at **Good Spring**, Green County, praying for admission in this association. Agreed that those Brethren be received.

8th We find several churches praying for some plan to be devised whereby a union may be brought about between our association and the **United Baptists**. As an Advisory Council, we advise our brethren to continue to hold out the hand of friendship to them as brethren, as well as all other orderly baptized Christians, in inviting them to our houses, pulpits, and communion tables; and if our United brethren wish us to extend our friendship any farther, we would be glad to know how far, or in what way.

9th We find a petition from the church at **Sand Lick**, praying for a union meeting; Brethren David Elkins, Wm. Downs, Thomas Skaggs, Moses Etherton, David Wells, and

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Henry Skaggs agree to attend those brethren on the 2nd Saturday in October. Also, we find a petition from the church called **Mount Carmel**, for a union meeting: Brethren David Wells, Thomas Skaggs, Joseph Pepper, Charles Blevins, Moses Etherton, David Elkins, and Henry Skaggs agree to attend those brethren on the 3rd Saturday in June 1822.

10th The next association to be held at the **Republican Meeting House**, Middle Creek, Hardin County, Ky. on the 2nd Saturday in September 1822.

11th And lastly, Resolved that Brother Ebonorths Owsley superintend the printing of the Minutes, and distribute them amongst the churches in proportion to the money paid.

Signed by order of the Association.

Thomas Skaggs Moderator

Walter Williams Clerk

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Circular Letter

Dear Brethren - We met, at the place appointed, for our annual Meeting, and we feel happy in saying that peace and harmony seems to permeate the minds of all the brethren, and the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ had a great effect on the minds of the brethren and sinners were made to cry out, what they should do to be saved. What we have done our minutes will show.

Dear Brethren - We do not deem it necessary to trouble you with a lengthy Circular, but we exhort you to a strict attention to the blessed word of the Lord, which teaches all true believers in our Lord Jesus Christ to love one another, and we pray God that love may dwell in the hearts of all Christians throughout the world. And although we are charged with holding doctrines contrary to the sacred oracles of Divine truth, we have testified to the world that we have taken the word of God for the man of our council, and we believe it to be the only rule of both faith and practice, and we further believe that if all men would fill their place appointed for them in the word of God that the world would soon become as happy as the nature of our fallen situation would admit of. Rulers would rule with faithfulness, diligence and mercy, subjects be easily governed. Ministers would be faithful stewards of the manifold grace of God, and the knowledge of the Lord would soon spread over the universe, and cover the earth as the waters cover the face of the great deep. Therefore, we exhort you, our brethren, to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made you free, and make strait paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it be healed, but above all things, dear brethren, we exhort you to love one another, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Dear brethren, farewell. Signed by order of the Association.

Thomas Skaggs Moderator

Walter Williams Clerk

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Held at the **Republican Meeting House**, Middle Creek, Hardin County, Ky., on the 14th, 15th, and 16th days of September, 1822.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Brother Tho Shelton, Jr., Corresponding Member from the **South Ky. Association**, from **Philippians** 3rd Chapter, 1st clause, 8th verse, after which letters from the several composing the association in number, were received and had their Messengers' names enrolled as follows, to wit:

Churches	Messengers names	Number
Mt. Giliad , Hardin County.	B. Snider B. Shrewsberry J. Bratcher T. Posten	13
Little Mount , same	C. Summers G. Redman	40
Zion , Tennessee	R. Heaton B. O'Daniel H. Gatts B. Lee	114
Trammels Creek , Green	T. Skaggs H. Skaggs T. Atwell	75
Liberty , same	D. Elkins H. Warren J. Pierce J. Greyham	38
Mt. Olive , same	J. Scott R. Chadowen	52
Mt. Zion , Hart	J. Pepper	42
Mt. Vernon , Shelby	J. B. Harper T. Goodin W. Swope	34
Sand Lick , Green	C. Blevins M. Skaggs J. Boger	15
Republican , Hardin	T. J. Chilton J. Williams C. Owsley W. Williams	32
Mt. Carmel , Green	M. Hart W. DeSpain	22
Good Spring , same	W. Fields J. Bagly	21

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Macadoo Creek , Tennessee	J. Davidson		28
Macedonia , Barren	M. Etherton W. Hedinet	J. Pips	24
Barton's Run , Grayson	J. Sanders N. Kerr	W. Penibaker	<u>33</u>
		Total	585

Note - The first church is a new constitution, and was received into this association.

The Association then proceeded to organize itself for business by:

1st Choosing Thomas Skaggs Moderator and Walter Williams Clerk.

2nd The Minutes of the **Russell's' Creek Association** was presented by their Messengers, Horatio Chandler, Samuel Hardin and Johnson Grayham, who, upon inquiry, informed the Association that their delegated power was then at an end.

3rd The Messengers from **Russels Creek** were invited to seats, and to all the privileges of Corresponding Members.

4th The Corresponding letter from the **South Ky. Association** was received and read, and their Messengers, Thomas Chilton and Michael Dillingham invited to seats.

5th A Committee of Arrangement, consisting of the Moderator and Clerk, with the addition of Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, Robt. Heaton and Elijah Summers.

6th Brother Joel B. Harper appointed to write a letter of correspondence to the **South Kentucky Association**, and Brother Thomas J. Chilton to prepare a Letter of Correspondence to the **Russels Creek Association**.

7th The Association proceeded to the appointment of Ministers to preach on the Sabbath and it was determined that Brethren Robt. Heaton, Tho. J. Chilton, and Thomas Chilton perform that duty, upon which the association having no further business for the evening, adjourned by praise and prayer until Monday 9 O'clock A. M.

On the Sabbath, according to arrangements, the stand was occupied by the brethren appointed for that purpose, and we trust and believe the effort was attended with the power of God.

8th Monday, the Association met according to adjournment and after prayer proceeded to business.

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The arrangement or report of the committee was called for, read, and received, and the committee discharged.

1st They report a petition from **Zion Church**, Tennessee, praying for the next association at **Loes Meeting House**, Robertson County, Tennessee; also a petition from **Mount Vernon Church**, Shelby County, praying for the next association there, upon which report it was unanimously agreed that the next association be held at **Loes Meeting House**, Robertson County, Tennessee, in compliance with the prayer of the first petition.

2nd They report a petition for a union meeting at **Trammels Creek**, Green County, Ky., on the first Saturday and Sabbath in May next, which petition is granted, and Brethren Thomas J. Chilton, Joseph Pepper, David Elkin, and Elijah Summer agree to attend. Also a petition from **Mount Vernon Church**, for a similar meeting at their meeting house, on the 4th Saturday and Sabbath in October next, which is likewise granted, and Brethren Elijah Summer, David Elkin, and Moses Etherton agree to attend the appointment accordingly.

3rd The letter addressed to the **Russels Creek Association** was brought forward, read, and unanimously approved, and Brethren Thomas J. Chilton and Walter Williams were appointed to bear the same to that Association, which will commence on Saturday, the 21st of August, and we solicit our Corresponding brethren from the **South Kentucky Association** (to wit) Thomas Chilton and Michael Dillingham, to attend with our Messengers, and to act with them in our names, and on our behalf, as we feel reconciled to no arrangement which is not made in concert with, and a view to the interest and happiness of our Mother Association.

4th The Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association** was received, read, and approved of, and Brethren Thomas Skaggs, Joseph Pepper, Henry Skaggs, Joel B. Harper, and Thomas J. Chilton appointed to bear the same to that Association, which will be held at **Greasy Creek Meeting House**, Adair County, Ky., on the 4th Saturday in August, 1823.

5th Resolved by the Association, that their Minutes be printed, and that Brother Elsworth Owsley superintend the printing of them, and to the distribution of them in proportion to the money paid by the several churches.

6th It being the desire of the Association to furnish the several churches and the world with the most satisfactory documents in her possession or power, calculated to exhibit her true standing and disposition before them, have unanimously determined in lieu of a Circular address according to custom, to present them with a view of her address to the **Russels Creek Association**, which is hereby directed to be attached to and printed with the Minutes of the Association. Then (having finished her business) closed in peace and harmony, by prayer, until the next meeting in course.

Signed by order

Thomas Skaggs Moderator

Walter Williams Clerk

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The **Nolin Association of Separate Baptist**, sitting in Council, at the **Republican Meeting House**, Middle Creek, Hardin County, Ky., to the **Russels Creek Association of United Baptists**, where met and convened at **Providence Meeting House**, Cumberland County, on the 3rd Saturday in September, 1822.

Dear Brethren:

We conceive ourselves in duty, upon this occasion bound to address you. May God enable us to do it in the spirit of meekness, and brotherly love we have received at the hands of your Messengers, Horatio Chandler, Samuel Hardin, and Johnson Graham, the minutes of your last Association, in which we find a willingness expressed to embrace (as they say) all the Christians in the world upon the terms therein expressed, which communication we, in an associated capacity, have acted upon, or had under consideration, and from the detail of facts and circumstances which follow, you may, with case and certainty, ascertain what the deliberate voice and view of this Association is. In relation to your communication and the matter therein expressed, we do believe that we heartily lament with you the unhappy division which disrupts the church of God in a militant state, and are well convinced that there can exist no schism without a fault existing somewhere, nor can it be denied that those who (in your own language) are guilty of the fault, should, if possible, remove it, but brethren, as we wish to deal honestly with you, we are bound, in justice to ourselves and the cause of God, to say that we fear that plain familiarity and perspicuity which should be observed among Christians and friends, does not beam forth in your communication, is utterly mysterious and inconclusive in relation to the strongest point, which should be fairly presented to us and the world. It is usually declared to the world, that between us a fault exists, admitted; but should the inquisitive mind be disposed to ask, who is or has been guilty of the fault; they find that the matter is not left the subject either of discussion between us, or a doubtful question as to the unfortunate subjects upon whom the imputation must fall, for you guard against the earliest advice of any such imputation, by holding forth an idea to the world, that our Association are total strangers to the union of which you speak, or the terms upon which it stands, bottomed; that they are the result of the deliberate and consummate wisdom of the Baptists of Virginia and Kentucky. Oh our brethren, have you seriously reflected on this declaration in your Minutes, how must a **Separate Baptist** feel when he looks at them, and views this glaring oversight; you surely do know that the Baptists of Virginia had nothing to do with the terms of the union incorporated into your Minutes, nor with the difference which exists between us - they were framed by the hand of a **Separate Baptist in Ky.** and ratified and agreed to by a joint committee on the parts of the **South Kentucky** and **Elkhorn Associations**, which was the first union formed among and between the Baptists of Kentucky, at which time you did not as an Association exist, an unfortunate event taking place. A division again took place and we charge those who feel inclined to call us the guilty violators of those terms, first to meet us in an open investigation of the subject before the world that the world may be enabled to judge and determine where the arrow of persecution should light. But, brethren, we hasten to other features contained in your address, or so much of it as respects us. If any part of can be said so to do, you next express a desire or willingness to do every thing in your power, consistent with the glory of God, to banish those unhappy divisions spoken of, we trust we would on our part, require nothing inconsistent with the glory of God, or the prosperity of Zion in the consummation of an union, God forbid, and now, brethren,

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we do most sincerely hope that you are in good earnest in what you say - if so, brethren, the matter is easy and the conquest certain. Just put down your bans against us, and thank the Lord, we will have a happy union. We call God to witness that we have never raised a bar against you, our pulpits, our hearts, our communion tables, and our private houses have always been open to you, and though, through imperfections, we may have failed, we have always desired to hail you as dear children on your way to glory. But brethren, will you say that we must agree (before we can unite) in each sentiment upon the grand and glorious subject of religion; if so, which of us shall begin to dictate which body or Association shall stand and judge for the other, and from which shall the privileges of thinking be taken away. We thank God that we require no sacrifice on your part. We are willing to unite with you and all Christians upon the blessed Word of God; you may keep and preserve your rules of decorum, your formalities if you choose them, and your own government and forms of government, together with the happy privilege of expounding the good word of God for yourselves, we pray you let us do the same, and we invite you to consider that a complete agreement in every particular, relative to sentiment, would constitute, as it were, but a doubtful union at best; but if it be secured by a convening of Christian charity, we neither require in it a surrender of privileges, nor this identity of sentiment, for we do suppose that no two men on earth in every respect agree; hence charity will reconcile us to our honest differences, instead of requiring the aid of unpleasant and harsh means to force us to embrace each others sentiments. Time, dear brethren, now will not permit that we should give you in detail our objections to the plan proposed by you. One we must mention and ask you attentively to consider of it, we cannot exchange the words and wisdom of Jesus, for the words and wisdom of men. The words of men must fail, the words of God never can. And we are taught an important lesson by experience, which is that the wisdom of men never can form a durable union; we have tried it once, and where is now our union, it is where every union on earth soon must be, which is not bottomed upon love to God, and love and benevolence to man. As wisdom of men has failed, let us now try the wisdom of God. Let us now form a union upon the sacred terms penned by the blood stained hands of our Lord Jesus Christ - as we intend to be plain and honest with you, we in conclusion inform you that we have chosen and appointed our beloved brethren, Thomas J. Chilton, Walter Williams, Thomas Chilton, and Michael Dillingham, who are authorized to visit you at your meeting, and in our name, and on our behalf, to ask at your hands, as humble petitioners, an union on the terms contained in the sacred **Scriptures of the Old and New Testament**. They are clothed with full authority to negotiate the matter with you, to effect and establish an union between us, which God alone can make perpetual. In haste adieu. Receive every assurance of our Christian love for you. Our God, do by thy good spirit and this attempt to make thy children one people in Christ. May the God of all grace eternally bless you and bring us in triumph to the feet of Jesus, to adore God and the Lamb for ever more. Amen.

Signed by order of the Association Monday succeeding the 2nd Saturday in September 1822.

Thomas Skaggs Moderator

Walter Williams Clerk

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Held at **Loes Meeting House**, Robertson County, state of Tennessee, on the 2nd Saturday in September, 1823.

The Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder David Elkin, after which letters from 15 churches were received and read. The Association then proceeded to organize itself for business by:

1st Choosing Alexander Roscoe Moderator and Thomas J. Chilton Clerk.

2nd A committee of arrangements appointed, consisting of the clerk, John M. Shadowen, and Henry Skaggs.

3rd Thomas J. Chilton appointed to write a Letter of Correspondence to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**.

4th The Association, determined that the Sabbath be spent in preaching and Divine worship, adjourned until Monday 10 O'clock.

On Sunday, according to arrangement, the stand was occupied by several preachers, and we believe their efforts were attended with the power of God.

The Association met on Monday, according to adjournment, and, after praise and prayer, proceeded to business,

1st The Arrangement of the Committee called for, read, and received, and the committee discharged.

2nd We find in the report of the committee, that only 15 churches are represented out of the whole number composing the **Nolin Association**, owing to the fever and prevailing affliction, which abounds through the country, as well as the length of distance this Association is from the body of the churches composing the same.

3rd The committee reports that there is no case of a distressing nature in any of the letters from the churches, but on the contrary that peace and harmony abounds, and in the churches not represented from the best information they had received, a general peace prevailed through all the churches belonging to the Association.

4th The corresponding letter from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptist** to this Association, reports a general state of peace in that Association.

5th We find petitions from several of the churches for the next Association to

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be held at their Meeting Houses, but as the Association is of opinion that the **Republican Meeting House**, Hardin County, Middle Creek, is near the center of the churches, and determine to hold the next Association there, on the 2nd Saturday in September, 1824.

6th A union meeting appointed, at **Zion Meeting House** the 4th Saturday in June 1824 in Davidson County, Tennessee, Elder D. Elkin, R. Heaton, and W. Skaggs, to attend the same.

7th Corresponding letter called for, read, and approved, and Thomas Skaggs, Henry Skaggs, David Elkin and Thomas J. Chilton appointed to bear to **South Ky. Association**, to be held at **Gilbert's Creek**, Garrard County, Ky., the 4th Saturday in August 1824.

8th The Association having finished her business, closed the session in harmony and peace, by divine worship until the next meeting in course.

Signed by order,

Alexander Roscoe Moderator

Thomas J. Chilton Clerk

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Circular Letter Nolin Association to the churches composing the same,

Dear Brethren - Our meeting having come to a close, we feel it our duty to inform you that we have truly sat together in our present meeting in a Heavenly peace in Christ Jesus our Lord. Unanimity hath abounded among us in all our consultations, and the good news of peace from the churches causes our hearts to rejoice.

What we have done our Minutes will show, and in lieu of addressing you in the common form of a Circular, we have thought proper to connect with the Minutes a letter which came from one of the churches, which reads as follows:

The Church of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, being assembled together in the realm of Kentucky and province of Hardin, near Nolin because there is much water there, it being in the region of John, whose surname is Adair, and in the ninth month of the year 1823, with one accord sendeth greeting to the disciples who are scattered abroad in the realm of Tennessee, and as they are to assemble themselves together at the temple in the province of Robertson, on the second seventh day of the ninth month, eighteen hundred and twenty three after the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As it is not convenient for us to see the disciples face to face, we write them a short epistle and send it by two of the old disciples, Walter, whose surname is Williams, and Thomas, whose surname is Chilton, whom we hope will comfort the disciples when met together. We have no strange thing to write unto the brethren.

Our hearts were filled with exceeding joy, when we heard the joyful sound of salvation proclaimed by our beloved Brother Heaton, who visited us the last year from the realm of Tennessee. At that time much people were assembled together, and the Lord opened the hearts of the disciples called **Free Willers**, in so much that they said, "Surely 'tis right that all the disciples of Jesus should have union and Communion together."

And it came to pass, when the disciples had met at a little synagogue in the province of Hardin, that they took council together, and sat themselves down. And there came three men in grave clothing, who appeared to be of the Sect called **Calvinists**, and the **Free Willers** in Council gave them audience. Then each man spake in turn, and said, "Lo, for many years, there has been no union between thee and our Sect. Now, we are come and offer terms upon which we will be one people with you," and they handed to the scribe a little book called, **Terms of Union**, and said to the **Free Will** disciples, "If you will agree to obey and conform to all the doctrine contained in this little book, we will be one people with you."

And all the people looked one upon another, and the elders said unto the scribe, "Read the book in the hearing of all the people." And when he had thus done, the

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disciples and elders said, "This is not the book of the law, nor of the prophets; therefore we can have nothing to do with this little book."

Moreover, the elders said to those three men, "We are willing to become one people with you, if you will agree to obey and conform to the doctrine contained in a book called the **Old and New Testament**."

But the three men said, "Nay, the high priest and elders of our sect have not told us to do this thing."

And it came to pass in the evening of the same day, that the three men departed from the synagogue; and it came to pass that the elders and disciples said unto Michael and Walter, and Thomas and Thomas the younger, " See that ye fail not to go and visit the disciples called **Calvinists**, when met at a little city called Cicilsburgh, in the province of Cumberland."

And it came to pass, after they had travailed nearly three days journey, they arrived at the little city. And behold there were much people assembled there.

And when John, whose surname is Chandler, being high priest that year, had ministered to the people in word and doctrine for the space of one whole hour, each man got himself to his seat and sat himself down, and one said to another, "We will that John rule over us this time," and he sat himself down on his Judgement Seat, and said to the disciples and elders of that sect, "If any one among you hath a word to speak, let him say on, and the rest may not speak until he is done."

But fearing they would not hearken to what he had said, he with an audible voice read to them the law, not the law by Moses nor of Christ, but a law bearing the title , of **"Rules of Decorum."**

And it came to pass on the third day, that Thomas, one of the four sent from the province of Hardin, stood in the midst of the people, and having obtained leave, opened his mouth and spake to all the people present. This Thomas is said to have been (by **Calvinists**) a ring leader of the sect called **Separate Baptists**, and of old was an enemy to Creeds and Decorums, set up among the disciples as a test rule of faith and practice. He therefore exhorted the sect called **Calvinists** to unite with all the disciples of Jesus Christ, upon the Holy Scriptures as the great and perfect rule of government, and on charity as the great bond of union.

And the disciples of John looked one upon another, and said, "Shall we do this thing?"

And some said, "We will," and others, "Nay, we will not," and there was division among them and in the evening of the same day the multitude departed from the city and every man went to his own home.

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These things we thought good to make known unto you. We rejoice together with you in the bonds of the Gospel, as one said of old, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Done by order of the church,

W. Williams Clerk

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1824

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Begun and held at the **Republican Meeting House**, in the County of Hardin, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th days of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty four.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Brother John M. Shadowen, from **II Timothy**, 2nd chapter and 2nd verse, after which the letters from the several churches composing the Association were received and read, and their Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Churches	Messengers	Members
Mount Gilead	James Bramblet, R. Shrewsbury, and Wm. Taylor	20
Little Mount	Geo. Redman, Wm. Redman	30
Zion, Tennessee	Alexander Roscoe, Reubin Shadowen, Braxton Lee, Kindred Jackson, and John M. Shadowen	70
Trammels Creek	T. Skaggs, H. Skaggs, Wm. Skaggs, Abm. Woodward, and Isaac Gallaway	92
Liberty	D. Elkins, Hugh Warren, J. Grayham, and J. Pierce	35
Mt. Olive	R. Judd, N. Davies, C. Lobb, and Jos. S. Gentry	34
Mt. Zion, Hart C.	Wm. Pepper and Jos. Pepper	30
Sand Lick	J. D. Spain, Moses Skaggs, and Caleb Underwood	12
Republican Meeting House	Jacob Rust, Israel Standford, T. Morrison, T. J. Chilton, and Walter Williams	37
Mt. Carmel	Wm. D. Spain, D. Shofner, Moses Hart, and Chas. Sample	19

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Churches	Messengers	Members
Good Spring	A. Bleakman, Thos. Whitlock, and John Kearns	31
Macedonia	Moses Etherton, V. A. Skamahom	20
Barton's Run	W. Penebaker and A. Kerr	12
Mt. Zion, H. C.	Jas. Haycraft, Jno. Haycraft, and Jno. M. Harris	23
Sweet Spring, T.	Benj. O'Donald, H. D. Fetts, and N. A. Williams	74
Mt. Horele	A. Wood, T. Perrick, and B. Snider	17
Liberty, Tennessee	Anthony Hinkle	21
Charity	S. Smith, D. Higgins, J. Coffee, and Francis Winfrey	29
Mt. Ararat	Aquila Jones	12
Total No.		618

From the church at **Mt. Vernon**, neither letter nor Messenger.

Note. Four of the above churches were received into the Association at the present session of the same.

The Corresponding letter from the **South Kentucky Association** was called for, read and received, and their Messengers, Michael Dillinghaus and Wm. Summers, invited to seats.

The Association then proceeded to organize itself for business, by choosing Tho. Skaggs Moderator, and Walter Williams Clerk.

I. Elder Tho. J. Chilton was appointed to write a corresponding letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, and James Haycraft to write a Circular Address to be attached to the minutes.

II. A Committee of Arrangement appointed to consist of the Moderator and

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Clerk, with the addition of John M. Shadowen, Chapman Lobb, and W. Skaggs.

III. The Association proceeded to ballot for preachers to occupy the stand on Sabbath, and the following brethren were appointed: Thomas Skaggs and David Elkin, of this Association, and Tho. Chilton Jr., of **Long Run Association**. Preaching to commence at 11 o'clock, and then adjourned till Monday 9 o'clock.

On Sabbath, preaching was attended as we verily believe with the power of God.

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Monday Morning

Met pursuant to previous adjournment and after worship introductory, proceeded to business. The report of the Committee of Arrangement called for, read and received, and they discharged.

Their report is here substantially embraced:

1st Petitions from **Zion** and **Good Spring**, both of Tennessee, and **Mount Olive** and **Trammels Creek** of Kentucky, praying for the next Association, upon which it was resolved that the next Association meet at **Trammels Creek**, Green County, Ky., on the 2nd Saturday in September 1825.

2nd The two churches above named from Tennessee also pray to be constituted into a new Association, upon which the Association proceeded to appoint a committee consisting of Michael Dillinghaus, Tho. J. Chilton, David Elkin, Tho. Skaggs, and Henry Skaggs, who are to convene on the 2nd Saturday in November next, at **Zion**, Tennessee, to inquire into the expediency of constituting a new Association there, and they are directed to report to the next Association.

3rd Upon petitions presented by the Committee of Arrangement, the following Union Meetings are appointed, and brethren to attend them:

To wit:

At **Good Spring**, the 2nd Saturday in May next, Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, John M. Shadowen, David Elkin, and James Haycraft to attend.

At **Mt. Gilead**, 3rd Saturday in October next, Aquila Jones, Jas. Haycraft, David Elkin, and Henry Skaggs to attend.

At **Liberty**, Green County, on the 1st Saturday in October next, Wm. Skaggs, Abram Woodard, Aaron Bleakman, and Tho. Skaggs to attend.

At **Mt. Carmel**, on the 3rd Saturday in May next, Tho. Skaggs, Henry Skaggs, and Aaron Bleakman to attend.

4th The Association proceeded to consider the case of Bro. Jas. Haycraft, who made known to it, that he was charged, in the Minutes of the **Salem Association**, with having left it in a disorderly manner, and that a committee had been appointed by the Association to demand a surrender of his Credentials. - Wherefore, in order to do justice to the standing of Brother Haycraft as a man and as a preacher we state that a number of us have been acquainted with him for a number of years, and that so far as we know or believe, his moral character stands both unsuspected and unimpeached, and from all the

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circumstances, we are satisfied that the charge of disorder is predicated wholly upon the ground that he and a majority of his church have renounced **Calvinism** and its associational usurpations, and become members of the **Separate Baptist Society**. Hence, we feel bound to say that he need not give up his Credentials.

5th The Corresponding letter called for, read and received, and the following brethren appointed to bear it: to wit, Tho. J. Chilton, Tho. Skaggs, Walter Williams, Henry Skaggs, David Elkin, Aaron Bleakman, and James Haycraft.

6th The Circular was called for, read and received, and ordered to be attached to the Minutes.

7th Ordered that the minutes be printed, for which purpose a collection was made. Brother Elsworth Owsley appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the same, according to the sums of money paid by the several churches. Whereupon, the Association having finished its business, was dismissed, by singing and prayer, till the next annual meeting.

Signed upon inspection hereof by order of the Association.

Tho. Skaggs, Moderator

Walter Williams, Clerk

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To the churches comprising the Nolin Association, we address the following Circular,

Dear Brethren,

Once more in the providence of God, we have been suffered to meet together as is our custom annually to do. The manner in which we have transacted the business before us, will appear from a perusal of our Minutes.

Our hearts were rejoiced, when we heard in the letters from the various churches, that peace and harmony abounded among them. It is, to us, a source of joy to discover that our brethren are of one heart, soul and mind, to worship God in spirit and in truth.

We therefore exhort you, dear brethren, to give the more earnest heed to the things which you have heard in the word of God, and that you let your light shine before men according to what is written in it, and to the end that you may be established in the faith of the Gospel. We entreat you to search the scriptures, earnestly praying to God for instruction, as this is the only medium through which we can gain Spiritual instruction, and as thereby we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose divine character is clearly delineated in the **Bible**.

We are conscious that **Bible** truth can suffer nothing by investigation, though its enemies may strive to prevent and abuse it. Let its truths encourage and assimilate your hearts, since by obedience to them, you shall be able to silence the opposition of the froward, and to stop the mouths of gainsayers.

Relative to the divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which appears almost too sacred for mortals to search into, it is perhaps expedient that we should make a few remarks. One thing is certain, that so much of his character as it is important for us to understand, is clearly revealed in his **Word**, as saith the prophet **Isaiah**, “ Bind up the testimony,” seal the law among my disciples. See 9th chapter and 6th verse of the same prophecy, where he is recognized as the wonderful counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. See also the first chapter of **the Gospel of Christ by St. John**, commencing at the first verse, and attend to its language: “In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.” **II Colossians**, 2nd chapter and 9th verse, “For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and ye are complete in him which is the head of all principalities and powers.” **Revelations**, 5th chapter and 6th verse, from which it will appear that all the divine attributes and perfections of God concentrate in our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ. **1st Timothy**, 3rd chapter, 16th verse, “Without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...” Hence, trusting in his name, we glory in a belief that he is able to preserve and to keep us in perfect peace and safety, world without end.

From this brief view of the subject, and this avowed of our sentiments, which is

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both public and unsolicited, we do earnestly trust that all men to whom this may come, will cease to charge us with a denial of the proper divinity of Jesus, a doctrine which we have ever defended and which we hope ever to defend while we have breath to use our tongues or hearts, to serve our Lord.

May the Lord eternally bless you all, and in his name, his love and his fear,
Adieu.

Signed by order of the Association,

Thomas Skaggs, Moderator

Walter Williams, Clerk

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1825 Minutes of the Nolin Association of Separate Baptists

Began and held at **Trammels Creek Meeting House**, Green County, on the 10th, 11th and 12th days of September, 1825.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder James Haycraft, from 1st John 4 and 19th verse, after which the letters from the several churches composing the Association were received and read and their Messengers names enrolled as follows:

Churches	Messengers	No. of Members
Mt. Gilead	John Bradshaw, Buel Shrewsbury	21
Zion (Tenn.)	John M. Shadowen	70
Trammels Creek	Tho. Skaggs, A. Woodward, Jno. Greenstreet, Jno. Curry, and C. Glenker	71
Liberty , Green County	D. Elkin, H. Warren, Jno. Grayham, Jas. Pierce	32
Mt. Olive	Lewis Strader, A. Diver Cobb, J. C. Strader	30
Mt. Zion , Hart County	Joseph Pepper	30
Sand Lick	C. Underwood, M. Skaggs, J. D. Spain	11
Republican M. H.	Tho. J. Chilton, T. Morrison	48
Mt. Carmel	D. Shofner, M. Hart, J. D. Oaks	19
Good Spring	A. Bleakman, J. Bagby, J. Bleakman	31
Macedonia	M. Etherton, M. Scarnehom, W. Rodgers, J. Holt	13

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Churches	Messengers	No. of Members
Barton's Run	W. Penebaker, M. Skaggs, A. Kerr	10
Mt. Zion, H. C.	J. Haycraft, S. Haycraft	46
Sweet Spring, Tenn.	No Messengers	73
Mt. Horeb	A. West, A. Wood	17
Liberty, Tenn.	H. Demonbreum	30
Charity	Joseph Coffey	29
Mt. Ararat	A. Jones, C. Arteberry	7
Salem	J. Hendrexon	24
Bethel	H. Skaggs, W. Skaggs, J. Zoloss	20
	Total	632

Note - Two of the above churches were received into this Association at this session.

The Corresponding letters were called for, received, and read, and their Messengers, M. Dillingham, and Richard Shackelford, invited to seats.

The Association then proceeded to organize itself for business by choosing Brother John M. Chadowen Moderator, and Brother Richard Graves Clerk.

1st Elder Joseph Pepper appointed to write a corresponding letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, and Elder Tho. J. Chilton to write a Circular Letter.

2nd A Committee of Arrangements appointed, to consist of Moderator and Clerk, with the addition of Brethren T. J. Chilton and J. Haycraft.

Adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

On Sabbath, preaching was attended with the power and glory of God, as we verily believe.

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Monday Morning

Met, pursuant to adjournment, and, after worship, proceeded to business.

1st The report of the Committee on Arrangements called for, read and received, and committee discharged.

2nd Petitions from the churches praying for the next Association, upon which it was resolved that the next Association be held at **Zion M. H.**, White's Creek, Davidson County, Tennessee.

3rd Upon the petition of two churches, as presented by the committee, for a Union Meeting at **Mt. Carmel**, which was granted, and Brethren H. Skaggs, A. Woodward, and Jo. Peppers, to attend them on the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in October.

4th The Corresponding Letter called for, read and received, and Brethren Benjamin F. Chastain, Tho. Skaggs, Tho. J. Chilton, A. Bleakman, J. Peppers, D. Elkin, W. Skaggs, H. Skaggs, Jno. M. Shadowen, R. Graves, J. Coffey, and J. Grayointed to bear it.

5th The Circular called for, read and received, and ordered to be attached to the Minutes.

6th A query from **Liberty**, Tenn., inquiring whether a church has a right to appoint a Moderator Pro Tem, from herself or sister church, on failure of her moderator attending? Answered, they have.

7th A query from **Zion**, Tenn. What should be done with a member, reporting they intended moving off and was lettered, but failing to move and act wickedly? A. Deal.

8th On Sunday petitions, the times of holding Associations changed from 2nd Saturday in September, to 1st in October.

Bethel Church, Barren County, received into this body.

Ordered that the Minutes be printed, for which purpose cash was appropriated, and Brother Clerk appointed to superintend, and make distributions of them.

Signed by order of Association.

Richard Graves, Clerk

John M. Shadowen, Moderator

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Circular Letter

The Messengers of the Nolin Association, to the churches of which they are members.

Dear Brethren:

We have again been permitted through the kind providence of a good God, to meet together and to hear from the churches composing this Association: we address you in our present Circular on the subject of three important duties.

- 1st The duty we owe to God.
- 2nd The duty to ourselves.
- 3rd The duty to our neighbor.

We are under obligations to God as our Creator, whose omnipotent power in connection with his goodness, hath upheld and supported our unprofitable lives. Now that we may discharge the duty we owe to Him, it is necessary that we entertain proper and correct ideas of his eternal and immortal nature, and, in order that poor fallen men might know God, he has revealed himself to the world by the ministry of Angels, by prophets, and by his Son, Jesus Christ.

Angels, as riding on the wings of the wind, bear news to this lower world: God is love. Prophets long foretold the manner by which the world should know him. And when the fullness of time had come, God sent to this world his only Son, the Dignified Mediator, between God and men, and through him, God manifested himself to the world.

Hence, we can conceive of God aright only in the divisive character of his Son, for God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, having committed unto us the **Word of Reconciliation**. Hence, the nature and will of God is made known in his revealed **Word**, and through that medium alone we can correctly conceive of God.

There is a duty also that men owe to themselves as intelligent Beings, to be sober, temperate, lovers of truth, given to hospitality. These are duties that all men owe to themselves, but more specially to those who constitute the Church of God.

Dear Brethren, we address you as churches of the **Separate Baptist Order** with whom we stand connected, and of whom we form a part, in order to discharge the duty you owe to yourselves individually, or collectively. It is necessary that theory, and practice, conform to the holy religion, you profess making the scriptures of divine truth your standard, by which to compare your theory, and to square your actions.

The **Separate Baptist** origin is commensurate with the preaching of the Gospel by that holy man of God, John the Baptist, who called sinners to repentance, and administered Baptism to such as gave evidence of their conversion from sin.

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And when the great Son of God was about to commence his own ministry, he went to John the Baptist, and was baptized of him in Jordan River. We should be glad to see all the ministers of the gospel follow the example, for we find Jesus approved of John's Baptism, and when he submitted to Baptism himself, the Father declared he was well pleased, and from that time the solemn ordinance of Baptism was confirmed by the high authority of Heaven, and Christ and his chosen Apostles preached the doctrine of repentance.

Believing and being Baptized with an assurance that such as believed and was Baptized should be saved, but it was the lot of **Separate Baptists** then, and has been for nearly eighteen hundred years, more or less, to suffer persecutions. But it may be asked what authority we have for the name **Separate Baptist**?

We answer: that John the Baptist was separated from the **Jewish Church**, and ceremonies; therefore, the name **Separate** would apply to him.

Jesus himself was a **Separate Baptist**, baptized by John, and separate from sinners.

The Lord hath commanded us to be separate, and to be baptized.

What answer will we give him?

We answer in the affirmative; we will be **Separate Baptists**.

And now, dear Brethren, let a holy and pious conformity to all the ordinances and doctrine of the Gospel, evidence the reality of the holy religion you profess, in so doing.

You know your Heavenly Father, who art in heaven, and hath the witness of a good conscious within your own breasts, which is the highest duty man owes to himself.

But there is a third obligation which man is placed under, which is his duty to his neighbor, and in order that we may know the extent of the duty we owe to our neighbor, we bring forward the golden rule, "Do unto all men as ye would they should do unto you." With our neighbor, we should let truth, mercy, and justice, mark our conduct; we are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to the household of faith.

We are persuaded that the **Separate Baptist** churches have been at all times disposed to shew friendship to those of different societies who claim to be of the household of faith, until the expressed friendship both of the churches and Associations by some have been construed into contempt, and treated in like manner. See **Rupel's Creek Association** letter, which we suppose was intended to bear on us.

Their motto is love and open communion; however much we may have failed in accomplishing the great object of unanimity so much desired by all who love the

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Redeemer, we have a consciousness that our motives were sure.

But experience has taught us that the unity which all Christians ought to pray for, will never be effected, until all agree in one standard of faith and practice: the **Separate Baptists** toward other societies, from their great zeal for unions, had concluded that unions and disagreement could live together. But the impropriety of this, they have long since been convinced of.

It would be difficult to determine the magnitude of difference of two offenses, one in principle, the other in practice, both having the same object in view. There are different principles in some societies, and different practices in others, which **Separate Baptists** believe to be inconsistent with and contrary to the divine mind and will of God.

And we believe every command of God to be essential, whether it respects our belief or practice; as to the charges exhibited against us, in the Circular referred to, of open communion, and that every man may judge of the good word of God for himself. The former we deny, the latter we acknowledge.

We call upon that Association for their authority in so doing.

Have any of the **Separate Baptist Associations** spread such a decree upon their records? We answer: they have not.

Have any of the churches of the **Separate Baptist Order** passed such a decree? We answer they have not.

Open communions are not expressions in the holy Scripture. Therefore, we have nothing to do with them.

So far as we understand what is intended to be understood by them, is that the **Separate Baptists** will commune with all who profess to believe the Bible: the injustice of the charge will hereafter be settled between those who have made it and their God. The **Separate Baptists** have communed with persons not called **Separate Baptist**; they have communed with some called **Regular** or **United Baptists**, also with some called **Presbyterians, Methodists, and Christians**. But it has been with such of them only, as they had reason to hope were the humble followers of Jesus Christ.

We as **Separate Baptists** believe that every Christian ought to be baptized before they commune at the Lord's table.

The **Separate Baptists**, whatever may be their imperfection, admit no authority in religion, but God in his **Word**, which informs us, "That if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard or an extortioner; with such a one no not to eat." **Paul to the Corinthians I. epistle, 3, 11.**

In the 11th Chapter, same epistle, he shews who ought and who ought not to

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commune. We recommend the churches to the plain word of God.

As to the charge against us for saying that every man ought to judge of the **Good Word of God** for himself; to that charge we can only say, if in that we are wrong, the **Rupel's Creek Association** would have bestowed on us a kindness had they made known to us, who they have of their number appointed to judge of the **Good Word of God** for us, or whether they assume to do it collectively.

In government, where this great bequest of heaven has been denied to men, of judging of the **Good Word of God** for themselves, they have selected their courts of inquisition, accompanied with fire and faggot. But, in America, this is a novel doctrine, and we had never expected to hear it from the high authority of an Association who call themselves **United Baptists**.

But brethren, let not persecutions nor trials drive you from your duty to your God, yourself, or your neighbor; and while you see those who profess to be the followers of the Lamb, not only divided into different sects and parties, but inimical to each other: we exhort you dear brethren, to pray for the unity of the spirit that you may live together in bonds of peace and make union with each other stronger and stronger. Let us in the exercise of our duties, so act as to have a conscious void of offense toward God and man.

The end of your suffering is near at hand. O that you may be so happy at the close of life, to know that you have finished your course with joy, and with the apostles say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give unto all them that love his appearing." Amen.

Richard Graves, Clerk

Jno. M. Shadowen, Moderator

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Begun and held at **Zion Meeting House**, in the County of Davidson, state of Tennessee, on the 7th , 8th, and 9th days of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Brother Thomas Skaggs - from **Genesis**, the 16th Chapter and 12th verse - after which the letters from the several churches composing the Association were received and read and their Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Churches	Messengers	Members
Mount Carmel		24
Zion (Tennessee)	11	53
Bethel		21
Liberty (Tennessee)	4	38
Republican M. H.	1	52
Mount Gilead		25
Macedonia		26
Salem		24
Trammel's Creek		72
Good Spring		29
Sand Lick		11
Sweet Spring		10
Mount Olive		<u>27</u>
	Total	412

We find the following churches not represented by letter or delegate:

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Cumberland Church	at	Cumberland County
Liberty Church	at	Green County (Ky.)
Mount Vernon	at	Shelby County (Ky.)
Hardinsburgh	at	Breckenridge County (Ky.)
Mount Zion	at	Hart County (Ky.)
Macedonia	at	Hardin County (Ky.)
Barton's Run	at	Grayson County (Ky.)
Mount Ararat	at	Hart County (Ky.)
Mount Zion	at	Hardin County (Ky.)

The Association then proceeded to organize itself for business by choosing Thomas Skaggs, Moderator, and Thomas J. Chilton, Clerk.

1st Elder William Skaggs - to prepare the Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association.**

2nd Elder Thomas Skaggs and Elder Thomas J. Chilton appointed to write the Circular Address.

3rd A Committee of Arrangements appointed, consisting of Brethren Thomas Skaggs, Thomas J. Chilton, Aaron Blakeman, Henry Skaggs, Robert Judd, William Skaggs, Wm. Bouldry, John Davis, Alexander Roscoe, John Shadowen, Felix Demunber, Anthony Hines.

The Association appointed the Sabbath for the stand to be occupied by Elder Thomas Skaggs and Elder Thomas J. Chilton and Elder Henry Skaggs, then adjourned till Monday morning 9 of Clock.

Monday, met pursuant to adjournment, and after Divine Worship, proceeded to business. The report of the Arrangements read and the Committee discharged.

1st A Committee appointed to report to the Association, upon examination on the obstructions to admitting the **Marrowbone Church** into this Association - Henry Skaggs, William Skaggs, Tho. J. Chilton, Drury Shrewsbury, Robert Judd.

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Report of the Committee:

“After hearing the charges, we determine they are not sufficient to prevent the church from being admitted.”

Report of the committee made to the Association, upon which the Association acted and determined the church should not be admitted.

The Corresponding Letter called for, read and approved. Messengers appointed to bear the same: Elders Thomas Skaggs, Henry Skaggs, William Skaggs, Aaron Blakeman, Thomas J. Chilton, Robert Judd.

The next Association to be held at **Mount Ararat**, 1st Saturday in October, 1827, Green County.

Tho. Skaggs, Moderator

Tho. J. Chilton, Clerk

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Held at **Mount Carmel Meeting House**, Green County, on the 1st Saturday and days following in October, 1827.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder David Owsley.

The Association then proceeded to business. Letters from 19 churches were read, to wit:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mount Carmel , Green County	John Oaks, David Shofner, Charles Sample	45
Liberty Church , Tennessee	William Baldry	48
Mount Olive , Green County	Norton Davies, Robert Judd, Chapman Lobb, Robert Jackson, James Russell	24
Mount Gilead , Breckenridge County	James Bramlett, Rule Shrewsbury, and William Bratcher	31
Sweet Spring , Tennessee	John Cochran	20
Zion , Davidson County, Tennessee	Alexander Roscoe, John M. Shadowen, Kindred Jackson	51
Bethel , Green County	Henry Skaggs, John Hall, James Jolleth	19
Liberty , Green County	Hugh Warren, Moses Etherton, John Walker, Jas. Pierce	26
Mount Zion , Hardin County	Isaac Haycraft	27
Sand Lick , Green County	James D. Spain, Caleb Underwood, Moses Skaggs	11

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Churches	Messengers	Members
Salem , Adair County	Aaron Blakeman, Robert Page, Josiah Hendrixson, Henry Chuke	24
Good Spring , Green County	Thomas Whitlock, James Blakeman, Walker J. Blades, Alexander Gupton	34
Trammel's Creek , Green County	Thomas Skaggs, Abraham Woodard, Larken Minon, John Curry, Christopher Slinker	72
Barton's Run , Grayson County	Charles Arteberry and N. Kerr	8
Charity , Cumberland	Francis Winfrey	39
Republican Meeting House , Hardin County	Thomas J. Chilton, Israel Standiford, Walter Williams	55
Mount Zion , Hart County	Joseph Pepper	30
Bee Knob , Harrison County, Indiana	Nelson Goolsmith	21
Marrowbone , Tennessee	Thomas Heaton	<u>58</u>
	Total	643

Corresponding Letter received from the **South Kentucky Association**, and the Messengers invited to seats; the Association then organized itself for business by choosing Thomas Skaggs Moderator, and Walter Williams Clerk; then proceeded to appoint a committee to arrange the business of the Association for Monday. Also a committee of twelve members, to whom was committed the power of deciding on the difficulty between the churches in Tennessee, belonging to this Association, Henry Winfrey, John Prather, William Price, Walter Anderson, W. Summers, Jos. Pepper, Robert Page, A. Woodard, J. Hall, J. Jolleth, W. J. Blades, W. Williams.

Bro. Chilton appointed to write a Circular Letter, and Aaron Blakeman to write a Letter of Correspondence to the **South Kentucky Association**.

Brethren appointed to preach on the Sabbath: Henry Winfrey, William Price and Thomas J. Chilton.

The Association then adjourned until Monday, 10 O'clock.

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Monday

Met, pursuant to adjournment, and, after prayer, proceeded to business:

1st The report of the committee called for, and the committee discharged.

2nd A petition from the churches, praying for admission in this Association, Resolved that the above churches be received.

3rd The report of the committee to whom was referred the difficulty between the churches in Tennessee, was as follows, to wit:

The committee, after examining the report of a committee which was appointed at our last Association, on the subject of the objections made by Brother Shadowen, to the **Marrowbone Church** being received as a church into this Association; and after our having attended cautiously to other reports from a number of members who heard all the objections brought by Shadowen and his witnesses, against the **Marrowbone Church**, and finding also the spirit of opposition expressed in the letters from the churches who stand with said Shadowen. Taking the whole evidence together, which is before us, we determined that said Shadowen is the instrumental cause of all the confusions which came before the Association; the last, as well as the present Association; we therefore believe him to be a man who has caused contention, and to have acted disorderly in the **Separate Baptist Society**:

1st Because if he, Shadowen, had a difficulty with Eaton, or the church, it was his duty to have taken Gospel steps.

2nd Because at the time when the church was constituted, Shadowen and Eaton gave each then the hand of friendship. And afterwards, for no subsequent offense, brought forward against him and church.

3rd Because, after Shadowen had agreed to a committee, to set on the unhappy business, he, Shadowen, wholly rejected the report of the committee, and expressed contempt against them.

4th He then, and now, openly declares he will not hear the voice of the Association.

We, therefore, your committee, are of opinion that said Shadowen, with so many of the churches, or any part of them that justify the conduct of said Shadowen, be declared out of the fellowship of this Association. But we will be happy that so many of the churches, or any of the members belonging thereto, who wish to live in peace and fellowship with the Association, to continue members with us.

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4th The Circular Letter called for, read and approved.

5th The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** read, and the following brethren agree to bear it (to wit:) Thomas Skaggs, Aaron Blakeman, Henry Skaggs, Thomas J. Chilton and Walter Williams.

6th Agreed to alter the time of holding this Association to the 2nd Saturday in September, and that the next Association be held at the **Republican Meeting House**, in Hardin County, on the 2nd Saturday in September, 1828.

7th Resolved, that W. Williams superintend the printing of the Minutes, and divide them amongst the churches in proportion to the money paid.

By order of the Association.

Tho. Skaggs, Moderator

Walter Williams, Clerk

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Circular

Dear Brethren,

Our annual meeting having come to a close, we felt it a duty, as Messengers of the churches now sitting together, to address you on the present occasion. The above records will shew the business from the different churches, and the manner as an advisory council of our attending to it; and after sitting together under the smiles of the great Head of the Church, it is with pleasure we send you expressions of our love and fellowship, bottomed upon one Lord, one faith, and one baptism - called to this fellowship by the light of the Gospel, and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit, to witness an act of the love of God, which has been, and yet is, and eternally will be, the wonder of the highest order of Heaven born to mortals, that God should so love the world as to give up his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him shall not perish but have eternal life.

This act of the philanthropy of the Great Father of all in heaven, and of his fallen children on earth, has exceeded the loftiest grasp of Angels or men. We have no alphabet suited to, nor language expressive of a theme so grand - so sublime.

Yet poor, sinful, dying mortals are called on by unparalleled love, in prospective to the fellowship of the One Lord, "The Christ, the Son of the living God," to one faith in Him, as the way, the truth, and the life. Now if the want of faith, or a proper belief in Christ, exposes the dying sinner to everlasting punishment, how important must the belief in the Son of God be which carries with it eternal life . We feel this important point is not sufficiently realized.

In order to believe in the Son of God, we must believe the report that God has given of him. He was reported to the **Jews**, under the character of Messiah, the Saviour of Israel; he is now reported to both **Jews** and **Gentiles**, in all his divine characters - willing to save penitent sinners. There are many who profess to believe Jesus to be the Son of God, and the Scriptures which testify of him to be true, but with this confession in their mouths, they indulge in all the pleasures of sin, and know nothing of that faith which works by love and purifies the heart.

But he that hath the faith required in the Gospel, which unites him to Christ, cannot be a stranger to this doctrine, "Ye must be born again," hence a living faith in Christ is evidenced by acts of obedience done in conformity to his commands. United to one Lord is one faith connected with one Baptism.

This corresponds with the command Christ gave his Apostles, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every Creation - he that believeth and is Baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not, shall be damned."

Dear Brethren, while you keep your eye steady to one Lord and one faith, it is also necessary to one Baptism. There are many who invalidate Baptism because, say

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they, it is not essential to salvation.

But what saith Annaias to Saul?

“Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sin.”

To weaken the force of the expression, some say they meant the sin of omission. Suppose then that the neglect of baptism had been a sin, and by baptism that sin should be washed away, it would not answer what Saul was commanded to do.

He was commanded to be baptized and wash away his sins - not sin of omission. We are persuaded that all the commands of God are essential to our happiness here and hereafter.

If others take the liberty to think and speak differently, let it be between them and their God, as **Separate Baptist**, we believe it to be the duty of every person, upon their believing in Christ, to be baptized. This we are taught both from precept and example and all such whose conduct corresponds with the religion they profess, have a right to the Lord's table, and such we are authorized to invite without respect to names.

Other persons who profess Religion, having not submitted to the ordinance of baptism, if they partake of the Lord's Supper, it is between them and their God. We as a Society, make no laws to justify or to bar them from so doing.

Dear Brethren, you are surrounded by those who call themselves **United Baptists**, and some of them refuse communion with you, and by such, you often hear it vociferated from their pulpits, that we were once in union with them and that we violated the union, and broke off from them. With pity we say as to such was said of old, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

We have often denied either breaking off or violating the union, and have often called on those who charge us with being the guilty violators of the union, to meet us before the public in open investigation, that the world may judge on whom the arrow of conviction should light. We hope the tongue of persecution will blush to make such statements, until like men of honor, and **Christians**, they meet us in an open investigation on the subject of our violating the union, or breaking off from it.

We pledge ourselves to prove satisfactorily to every unprejudiced mind, that they, the **United Baptists**, so called, did dissolve the union between us without our consent or knowledge at the time of their doing it; and when this, before the world shall be proved, the violators of the union will then be known. We deplore the unhappy division among the Baptists, and regret the necessity which exists, for our acting in a defensive, plain and conclusive manner.

And now, dear brethren, we exhort you to live in the discharge of all your Christian duties; they are plainly set forth in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

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great and grand rule which the **Separate Baptists** have always acknowledged, independent of, and free from, any test rules formed by the wisdom of men. Neglect not the assemblage of yourselves together - watch and pray - endure affliction patiently, for it is the lot of mortals in this world to meet with afflictions and trials - death prevails in our families and disappoints us of promised joys.

We have to deplore the late death of our beloved brother, William Skaggs, a **Separate Baptist** preacher, who is no more with us.

Let your love be without dissimulation, walk humbly before God, love mercy and do justice.

We pray that you may all be brought in triumph to the feet of our Redeemer in peace, to dwell with him forever - Amen.

Signed by order of the Association,

Thomas Skaggs, Moderator

Walter Williams, Clerk

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Begun and held at the **Republican Meeting House**, in Hardin County, Ky. on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, the 13th, 14th, and 15th days of September, in the year 1828.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Robert Heaton, after which the delegates from the various churches assembled to organize for business.

The following are the names of the churches, and their Messengers; to wit:

Church	Messengers	Number
Mount Horeb	B. Snider, Joel Jared, George St. Claire	22
Salem	Aaron Bleakman	25
Good Spring	Jno. Bagley, Rich. Dowell, W. J. Blades, G. Fields	35
Sand Lick	David Elkin and Moses Skaggs	13
Marrowbone (Tenn.)	R. Heaton	69
Mount Zion (Hart County.)	Jos. Pepper and Wyand Penebaker	24
Bee Knob (Indiana)	Edward Davis and Jno. Clyne	21
Charity	Rich. Graves and Jas. Smith	38
Trammel's Creek	Tho. Skaggs, A. Woodard, John Scott, C. Slinker	83
Mt. Zion (Hardin County.)	Samuel Haycraft	24
Republican Meeting House	Tho. J. Chilton, Thomas Chilton, Tho. Morrison, Israel Standiford, W. Williams	55

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Church	Messengers	Number
Liberty	Hugh Warren and Jas. Pierce	26
Mt. Olive	A. Webb, R. Judd, N. Davis	25
Barton's Run	Nathaniel Kerr	6
Mt. Gilead	J. Bramlett, R. Shrewsbury, Wm. Bradshaw	25
Bethel	H. Skaggs, Jas. Jolliss, and J. Hall	16
Mt. Carmel	J. D. Oaks, J. Gaddy, D. Shoffner	53
Mount Vernon	Samuel Owens	<u>68</u>
	Total	628

Brother Tho. Skaggs was chosen Moderator, and Brother Walter Williams Clerk.

A Letter of Correspondence was received from the **South Kentucky Association**, by Brother James Elder, one of their Messengers, who was invited to a seat and the letter read.

Upon petition, "**Kerr's Creek Church**," in the state of Tennessee, was received into this Association, and Brother Felix Demumbry, their Messenger, invited to a seat.

A committee to arrange the business of the Association for Monday was appointed, consisting of the Moderator and Clerk, and Brethren Blakeman, Pepper, Woodard, Hall, and Webb.

Brethren Tho. Chilton and Jos. Pepper were appointed to prepare a Circular Address to the churches; and Brother Tho. J. Chilton to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**.

Brethren Tho. Skaggs, Tho. J. Chilton and David Elkin were chosen by the Association to preach on the Sabbath, which appointment was fulfilled, and crowned, we hope, with the power of God.

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Monday

On Monday, the Association met at 9 O'clock (A.M.) according to adjournment, and after solemn prayer, proceeded to business.

The report of the Committee of Arrangement was received, and the committee discharged.

It was resolved that our next Association be held at **Good Spring Meeting House**, in Green County, Ky., commencing on the 2nd Saturday in September, 1829.

Upon the petition of the church at **Barton's Run**, in Grayson County, Ky., the ministers of this Association agree to attend them monthly until our next annual meeting, on the 2nd Saturday and Sabbath of each month - to wit:

Brethren A. Blakeman in October, D. Elkin in November, A. Woodard in December, Amacy Webb in January, B. Snider in February, Henry Skaggs in March, W. Bradshaw in April, Jos. Pepper in May and June, and Tho. Skaggs in July and August.

A Union Meeting was appointed, to be held at **Zion Meeting House**, Davidson County, Tennessee, on the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in June next; to be attended by Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, Tho. Skaggs, David Elkin, A. Blakeman and Henry Skaggs.

Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, Tho. Skaggs, D. Elkin, A. Blakeman, J. Pepper and Henry Skaggs, agree to attend a three day Union Meeting, at **Creelsborough**, in Cumberland County, commencing on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in November next.

Brethren D. Elkin and J. Pepper agree to attend a Union Meeting at **Mt. Gilead**, in Breckenridge County, on the first Saturday and Sabbath in December next, and Tho. J. Chilton and D. Elkin to attend a like meeting at Mount Vernon, in Spencer County, on the first Saturday and Sabbath of October next.

The Circular Letter was called for, received and read, and being unanimously adopted, was ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Corresponding Letter was also received and adopted, and Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, A. Webb, W. Bradshaw, R. Judd, T. Poston, R. Graves, R. Heaton and H. Skaggs were appointed to bear it to the **South Ky. Association**.

It was unanimously agreed that the following memorandum be printed with the Minutes, to wit:

A duty which we owe to ourselves, perhaps demands that we should notice a publication which has been made and circulated by John M. Shadowen, and a few other individuals, of the state of Tennessee, with a view to reflect upon this Association.

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The publication alluded to is surely one of the most feeble displays of human intelligence which has ever made its appearance since the discovery of the use of letters. It, however, displays a spirit of blind venom and bitterness, which is entitled to our hearty sympathy.

It is all complaint, without informing the world (which is to be enlightened by 500 copies of it) what is complained of. It is sufficient for us to observe that a dispassionate and impartial committee, of this and the **South Kentucky Association**, deemed the conduct of J. Shadowen improper, and therefore the fellowship of the Society was withdrawn from him. The feeble efforts of himself and of the few, who we believe have been blinded by him, will be insufficient to misguide the world in relations to this matter.

We can only say that he has certified a very good character for himself.

Ordinary delicacy should have forbidden this. We shall be gratified, however, if time should prove him worthy of the confidence of "his adherents," all of whom represent themselves as being his "door neighbors."

The world will therefore understand that his credentials are revoked, so far as derived from this Association.

Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, in proportion to the money advanced by the several churches.

And then with thanksgiving, and harmony, the Association was adjourned.

Signed,

Walter Williams, Clerk

Tho. Skaggs, Moderator

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Circular Address To the Churches comprising the Nolin Association of Separate Baptists

Dearly beloved Brethren:

The practice of addressing you at the close of each of our annual meetings, is not only sanctioned by custom, but is venerable for its antiquity.

We must refer you to our Minutes, for a general knowledge of the business which we have transacted in your names; and to your Ministers and Messengers for information relative to such matters as are not particularly noticed in the Minutes.

We met in love and peace, and a spirit of moderation and brotherly kindness has distinguished our meeting throughout.

We heard with joy that the sister churches comprising this Association were gliding on the smooth and tranquil streams of kindred affection and peace, and that a few places the Dew of Heaven had watered the garden of Grace, since our last Meeting. Our meeting together, indeed Brethren, inspired us with mixed emotions of pleasure and pain.

To the lovers of religion, the children of God, it is always pleasant to meet together, the more particularly after a long absence, and to join in Sacred Converse about the goodness of their Heavenly Father; and to join in an attempt to advance the honor of his dear kingdom, and the happiness of saints. This comfort we have enjoyed, and for it, we humbly and sincerely thank the gracious giver of all good.

But, dear brothers, we have experienced a painful drawback upon the pleasures which we have desired. Upon looking around, we see thousands and tens of thousands, of our fellow mortals, rushing speedily on to ruin, sporting on the slippery banks of destruction, while fiery billows roll below, and with their eternal happiness or misery is suspended on the brittle and uncertain thread of human existence.

We know that the great Day of Retribution is moving on; and how near it may be, the wisdom of God alone can determine.

We discover from the various letters received, that, unfortunately, too many of our churches are in a state of supineness, and like sandy deserts seldom cooled by a heavenly breeze, or refreshed by a shower, are producing neither fruits nor flowers which bloom for Heaven. We mourn over the languid state of Zion, and pray God for the sake of the blood and the dying groans of Jesus, that soon she may again rise and shine as the sun of the morning.

We approach you as Christians, and therefore we use neither guile nor deceit. Our candor will not offend the true children of light, as none but hypocrites refuse to receive Godly instructions. If we were to cry, "Peace, peace, where there is no peace," we should

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act unworthy of our name and station. It would be hypocrisy before God, unkindness to you, and faithlessness to ourselves.

The word of eternal truth informs us that, "When Zion travaileth, she bringeth forth sons and daughters unto God." Our barrenness evidently implies a fault somewhere.

It cannot be that Sinners are all saved, for we see the portals of ruin crowded with the mistaken notaries of sin, from the rising to the setting of the sun. It cannot be that there is no balm in Gilead, that there is no physician there, for our beloved like an inexhaustible and overflowing fountain has sufficient merit to cleanse and sanctify a polluted world, and he seeks the abodes of wretchedness, until his locks are wet with the dews of the night.

He is ever waiting to be gracious, and is knocking at the doors of sinners' hearts. It cannot be that God has cast off his people, or that he will refuse to hear when sinners pray, for his love is an unchanging love, and all Heaven rejoices when prodigals return.

No, brethren, the fault is not on the part of God - it lies at our own door. We have hung our harps on the willows, as though we were in a strange land - and too seldom sing the Lord's song. We too seldom pray.

We too seldom admonish those around us of the dreadful day of God, which is drawing near. We are too much infatuated with the fleeting vanities of time, and too seldom look to our own hearts and conduct.

Brethren, Christians should so act, that by their conduct, the world might be able to distinguish them from all other men. They should bear the marks of the Lord Jesus about in their bodies; and their heavenly conversation should proclaim to the world, that they are born from on high, and that they seek a country.

They should often meet together - if they have no preacher, they should pray - for dear to the Lord are the prayers of his saints, and they should be encouraged by the recollection that where, "two or three meet in his name, Jesus is in the midst."

Such as are at rest in Zion, have much to fear - when the fields are ripe unto harvest, shall the servant be idle all the day? While the master is hourly expected, shall the servants sleep?

Awake, awake! Oh, children of God awake. Your work is great - your duty great - the happiness of a world depending much upon you, and your time of toil and labor is short.

Soon shall the thunder of Gabriel's trump be heard, and soon all nature stand trembling at the appearance of her God. Soon shall the billows of life cease to beat upon the faithful servants of our King; soon shall they be collected around their Master's table.

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Shall we be there?

Shall our lamps be trimmed and burning when the bridegroom comes?

These are important questions - May the Lord help us seriously to think of them.

We have made these suggestions to you and we have made them kindly. We have witnessed with the deepest sorrow of the heart, the general decline of religion in our country. we see wickedness abounding while many a branch, that once looked green and flourishing in the garden of grace, now looks decayed and withering.

Oh saints, oh children of Jesus, let us renew our covenant with God, and each other. Let us determine to meet oftener together and to pray more. Let us resolve to love the world less, and to be more circumspect in our conduct and conversation - let us avoid a participation in the follies of mankind, and study more intensely the word and will of Heaven.

If we thee unite, soon will our Saviour revisit our cold hearts, and soon the cry be heard of, "Hear what the Lord has done for me."

We hope when next we meet, to meet under more cheering prospects, and to have it in our power to tell to each other the wonderful triumph of the cross of Christ.

Brethren, suffer on, for a little while longer, and your sorrows shall be over. Patiently wade through your pilgrimage here below, and soon shall you be called to the enjoyment of a mansion where the wicked shall cease from troubling, and the weary shall be forever at rest.

In the bonds of Christian love and brotherly affection, farewell. Act well your parts; never forgetting that the eyes of God are over you, and that the crown to which you aspire is worth the bitterest toil and suffering.

May grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, be multiplied unto you, and may you dwell in peace, and the communion of the saints.

Farewell.

Signed by order of the Association.

Thomas Skaggs, Moderator

Walter Williams, Clerk

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1829

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Begun and held at the Good Spring Meeting House, in Green County, Kentucky, on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, the 12th, 13th, and 14th days of September, 1829.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Reverend Thomas Chilton, Jr., after which the delegates from the various churches assembled to organize for business. the following are the names of the churches and their Messengers, to wit:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mount Horeb	B. Snider	10
Good Spring	Tho. Whitlock, D. Blakeman, J. Bagby, J. Kearns, A. Gupton, and R. Dowell	35
Salem	A. Blakeman, H. Cheek, and J. Hendrixson	27
Marrow Bone (Tenn.)	Letter, no Messengers	57
Sand Lick	D. Elkin, M. Skaggs, and C. Underwood	12
Mount Zion (Hart Co.)	J. Pepper and J. Cheltz	19
Bee Knob (Indiana)	L. Davies and J. Davies	22
Charity	R. Graves and J. Smith	38
Trammel's Creek	Tho. Skaggs, A. Woodard, L. Minor, and C. Slinker	82
Mount Zion (Hardin Co.)	J. Haycraft and S. Haycraft	26
Republican Meeting House	Tho. J. Chilton, Tho. Chilton, Jr., C. Middleton, and E. Middleton	104
Liberty (Green Co.)	Moses Etherton, J. Pierce, and W. Pierce	71
Mount Olive	N. Davies, R. Judd, and O. Gentry	27
Barton's Run	N. Kerr and M. Skaggs (no letter)	6

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Church	Messengers	Members
Mount Gilead	J. Bramblett and T. Polston	27
Bethel	H. Skaggs and J. Hall	16
Mount Carmel	J. D. Oaks, R. Shoffner and D. Shoffner	56
Mount Vernon	B. Riland	80
Republican Meeting House (Tenn.)	F. Demumbro	13
<u>Providence</u>	C. Thomas and E. Embry	<u>30</u>
Total		748

Bro. Tho. Chilton, Jr. was chosen Moderator and Richard Graves, Clerk.

A Letter of Correspondence was received from the **South Kentucky Association** by Brethren William Summers, J. Prather, and L. Haney, three of their Messengers, who were invited to their seats, and the letter read.

A Committee of Arrangement was appointed, consisting of Brethren Moderator, Clerk, T. J. Chilton, Tho. Skaggs, J. Pepper, A. Blakeman, J. D. Oaks, F. Demumbro, and D. Elkin, who were also appointed to prepare a Circular Address to the churches, as well as a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**.

Brethren William Summers, F. Demumbro, Tho. Chilton, Jr. and Tho. J. Chilton, were chosen by the Association to preach on the Sabbath, which was fulfilled in part, and crowned with Glory, we hope, as we have seldom witnessed so great an outpouring of the power and Spirit of the Lord.

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Monday

The Association met on Monday, according to adjournment, at 10 o'clock, A.M., and, after solemn prayer, proceeded to business.

The report of the Committee was called for, received, and read, and the Committee discharged.

It was unanimously resolved, that the next Association be held at the **Republican Meeting House**, Hardin County, Kentucky, commencing on the 2nd Saturday in September next.

The request from the **Good Spring Church**, praying that means may be devised to effect a reconciliation with the **United Baptists**, was disposed of by the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved unanimously, that it is inconsistent with the interest and duty of the society called, "**Separate Baptists**," to seek union with any body of people, under the present floating and unsettled condition of their religious faith and doctrine.

The Circular Letter was called for, read, and unanimously received, and ordered that it be printed with the Minutes.

The Corresponding Letter was also read and unanimously received, and Brethren Tho. Chilton, Jr., Tho. J. Chilton, Joseph Pepper, David Elkin, Tho. Skaggs, Henry Skaggs, A. Blakeman, B. Snider, John D. Oaks, John Hall, and E. Embry, appointed to bear the same to the **South Kentucky Association**, to be held **McCormick's Meeting House**, Lincoln County, on the second Saturday and day following, in August, 1830.

An Union Meeting was appointed and Brethren A. Blakeman, Tho. J. Chilton, D. Elkin, Tho. Skaggs, Henry Skaggs, J. Pepper, and A. Woodard, agree to attend the same, at **Creelsboro**, on the third Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, in November next, and a similar meeting appointed to be held at **Mount Vernon**, Spencer County, on the third Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, in June next, and Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, Tho. Chilton, D. Elkin, Tho. Skaggs, H. Skaggs, and Joseph Pepper to attend the same.

The business being closed, the Association was adjourned by the Moderator to the stand, where a sermon was delivered by Elder Tho. J. Chilton, upon the subject of the origin of the faith of our Society. The service was closed by a zealous appeal to the crowd, urging the importance of Christianity, and obedience to the commands of God. Many mourning souls were heard, inquiring the way to Heaven.

The Meeting was then adjourned until our next Association in course.

Signed by order of the Association.

Tho. Chilton, Moderator

Richard Graves, Clerk

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Circular Letter

Of the Ministers and Messengers, selected to attend the **Nolin Association of Separate Baptists**, sitting as an Advisory Council, at **Good Spring Meeting House**, in the County of Green and state of Kentucky, on the 2nd Saturday in September, 1829, to the several churches composing said Association, in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana:

Dearly beloved Brethren,

According to the arrangement made at our last annual Meeting, we have assembled here, and having closed our business, as will appear by the Minutes, we now discharge the last duty of our Meeting, which is to address you in a brief Circular.

We have attended many Associations, but never before witnessed more universal harmony and peace among the brethren; nor, perhaps, a greater outpouring of the Spirit of God, as displayed in its operations upon the people.

Brethren, we need not multiply words in this address.

We profess to be **Separate Baptists**, and we pray that God may enable us to honor the name, as we believe that the primitive Christians, in their religious faith, were of our order.

That they were **Baptists**, is abundantly proven by the Scriptures of eternal truth; and that Christ, the great head of the church, was not only a **Baptist**, but "Separate" from sin and mystical Babylon, is equally obvious. We therefore rejoice in the name, as we consider it appropriate, and as making it our duty to strive to live Separate from sin in both faith and practice; and in all things to trust to the Lord.

We know, brethren, that we are persecuted and misrepresented, but was not the great Captain of our Salvation, by wicked hands, even crucified upon Mount Calvary?

Was it not said that the heralds of his cross were turning the world upside down?

It was, and, if we persevere in well doing, in the strength of Christ, and after the example of his Disciples, we shall, through Grace, ere long triumph over persecution and shew to the world that we have long been contending for Bible truth, and Apostolic religion.

The world may charge us in vain, with a denial of the essential Divinity of the Saviour, as we have always believed that the whole fullness of the Godhead dwelt bodily in him, and that he is both a kind and an able Saviour. In vain may they charge us, with denying the operations of the mighty Spirit of the Lord, as we have ever asserted, that his

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spirit alone could seal home to the heart of the sinner the divine efficacy of Gospel truth; or cheer the wayworn Saint with the bright prospect of Glory, which lies just before.

Bear all these things, dear Brethren, with Christian patience; and soon shall we witness the benefits resulting from a constant waiting upon the Lord, and from a rigid adherence to Gospel truth. If we are to be persecuted for holding forth the heavenly offers of Salvation and peace to all men who willingly embrace Christ Jesus - if we merit persecution for exalting him, "A Prince and a Saviour to give repentance and remission of sins;" then let persecution come in storms - we will meet it in the strength of Jesus, and bear with Christian meekness, its severest pelting until our deliverance come.

Brethren, tire not - march on, the eyes of the Lord are over you, and his ears are open to your cries. Pray mightily, and be assured, that God will hear and deliver.

May God, the everlasting father, bless you all, and keep you and your churches in the paths of peace and holiness until we meet in the great Association above, where our motives shall be properly understood, and where persecution shall forever cease, and the weary be at rest.

We pray you, be kind to other denominations, but adopt nothing of their doctrines which may be contrary to the Heavenly will and mind; as many are seeking to scatter us. The Lord defeat every such wicked attempt, and help us to triumph in the truth.

Brethren, farewell.

Signed by order of the Association,

Tho. Chilton, Moderator

Richard Graves, Clerk

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Begun and held at the **Republican Meeting House**, in the County of Hardin, and state of Kentucky, on the 11th day of September, in the Year of our Lord, 1830.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Reverend Aaron Blakeman, from an appropriate subject; after which the delegates from the several churches composing the Association assembled and organized for business.

Bro. Tho Chilton, Jr. declined serving as Moderator, and appointed Elder Tho. Skaggs to discharge the preliminary duties of the Meeting, until a choice of officers was made.

The following table presents the names of the Messengers and churches, and the number of the members:

Church	Messengers	Number
Marrowbone , Davidson County, Tennessee	Wm. Fruqua and Robert Heaton	60
Mount Carmel , Green County, Ky.	Wm. DeSpain, David Shoffner, John Gaddy, and Robert Shoffner	56
Charity Church , Cumberland County	Richard Clayton and Samuel Smith	27
Salem Church , Adair Co.	Aaron Blakeman, Robert Page, and Henry Page	28
Bethel Church , Barren Co.	John Hall and Henry Skaggs	14
Trammel's Creek , Green Co.	Tho. Skaggs, John Pointer, William Lobb, and A. Woodard	59
Mt. Zion , Hardin Co.	Samuel Haycraft, Jesse N. Larue, _____ Lane, _____ Haycraft	24
Providence Church , Russell Co.	Letter but no Messengers	34
Good Spring , Green Co.	Tho. Whitlock, John Radford, George Field, and Daniel Blakeman	38

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Church	Messengers	Number
Mt. Gilead, Breckenridge Co.	John Blackwell and Rule Shrewsbury	22
Mt. Horeb, Breckenridge Co.	Barksdale Snider and Jesse Cleaveland	7
Mt. Vernon, Spencer Co., Ky.	Shelby Summers, Josiah Fishback, Isaac Eckles, and Jos. Kent	90
Republican Meeting House, Hardin Co.	Tho. J. Chilton, Jas. Jeffries, Minor Chilton, and Walter Williams	100
Kerr's Creek, Tenn.	Felix Demumbro	6
Mt. Zion, Hart Co.	Jos. Pepper, John Ketts, and William Penebaker	21
Bee Knob	E. Davis and John Davis	11
Liberty, Green Co.	Hugh Warren, Jas. Pierce, Moses Etherton, Wm. Graham, James Skaggs, and Jacob Pierce	66
Mt. Olive, Green Co.	Robt. Johns, Norton Davis, and Mason Bishop	Unknown
Lebanon, Hart Co.	Michael Harlow, James Bates, Benj. Biggs, and John Rolsters	16
Sand Lick	David Elkin	Unknown
Barton's Run	Martin Skaggs	<u>6</u>
	Total	685

The Corresponding Letter from the **South Kentucky Association** was received at the hands of their Messengers, Henry Winfrey, William Pierce, Landrum Davis, John Prather, John Lane, William Winfrey, and Joseph McCormick; which being read, and the Messengers invited to a seat, the Association proceeded to choose its officers.

Brother Robert Heaton was chosen Moderator, and Brother Minor Chilton, Clerk.

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Preparatory to the business of the Association, the following arrangements were made, to wit:

1st Ordered that the Committee of Arrangements consist of the Moderator, Clerk, and Brethren Thomas Skaggs, John Hall, and Henry Skaggs.

2nd Bro. Tho. J. Chilton to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association.**

3rd Bro. John Hall to write the Circular Address to the churches, in connection with Bro. Tho. J. Chilton.

4th Brethren David Elkin, Henry Winfrey, Robert Heaton, and Thomas Skaggs were requested to preach on the Sabbath, which was done and to a large congregation.

5th The Association then adjourned, to meet on Monday, at 10 o'clock.

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Monday

Met according to adjournment, and after prayer, proceeded to business.

The arrangement of the Committee was called for, received, and read, and the committee discharged.

It presents various petitions for the next Association, for Union Meetings, and a request from the **Mount Vernon Church**, in Spencer County, Ky., in relation to an union with the **Duncard** and what is called the **Christian Society**.

These several questions or requests were attended to, in order, and resulted in the following manner, to wit:

1st It was resolved, that the next Association be held at **Salem Meeting House**, in Adair County, Ky., on the 2nd Saturday, Sabbath, and Monday, in September, 1831.

2nd The following are the Union Meetings appointed; one to be held at **Good Spring Meeting House**, Green Co., commencing on the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in October next. This meeting will be attended by Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, D. Elkin, Jos. Pepper, and Henry Skaggs;

At **Mount Carmel**, to commence on the 3rd Saturday in May, 1831, and to be attended by Brethren John Pointer, John Hall, and Aaron Blakeman.

The Corresponding and Circular letters were then called for, received and read, and the latter ordered to be printed with the Minutes. The former was ordered to be borne to the **South Kentucky Association**, by Brethren Henry Skaggs, John Hall, D. Elkin, Aaron Blakeman, D. Shoffner, Jos. Pepper, Tho. Skaggs, Tho. J. Chilton, and A. Woodard.

The stand was then occupied by Brethren Tho. Skaggs and Tho. J. Chilton; when the Association was adjourned, to meet again on the second Saturday in September next.

Thanks to the Lord, our Meeting commenced, was conducted, and closed in peace.

Signed by order of the Association,

Robert Heaton, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Circular Address Of the Nolinn Association, To the Separate Baptist Churches comprising the same.

Dear Brethren:

It may truly be said, that the custom of ages past, not only seems to sanction the practice, but indeed to require that we should address you at the close of our annual Meeting, in a Circular. We perform this task with great pleasure, when we have anything interesting to communicate - but we always address you sorrowfully, when we can only say, "Religion is at a low ebb."

Oh, Brethren! Why is this? Has the Lord ceased to be gracious; or have you, rather, ceased to pray?

The Lord has promised that where even "two" shall agree in asking him for any one thing, it shall be granted, and sure we are that all the promises of the Lord, shall and will be fulfilled.

You see the world around you, crowded with mistaken notaries - rushing briskly on to ruin. We humbly beg of you to pray for them. Oh! Do pray, ask the Lord to stop those, who, being entirely unconscious of their danger, have no desire to stop themselves.

We have nothing of importance to write you more.

We pray God, that you may be enabled to live, just as you would be willing to die. Oh, that you may be able to keep your garments unspotted from an envious and sinful world; and to meet at last your God in peace.

Our Minutes will inform you of what we have done.

May Heaven smile on you, and guide you home in safety, we most humbly pray.

Signed by order,

Robert Heaton, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Met at **Salem Meeting House**, in Adair County, Ky., on Saturday, the 10th September, in the year 1831.

An Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder David Elkin, from the 1st and 2nd verses of the 12th chapter of Paul's **Letter to the Romans**; after which the members composing the Association organized for business.

The following list presents the names and numbers of the churches, and the Messengers represented by them:

Church	Messengers	Members
Republican Church	Tho. J. Chilton, James Jeffries, John Duncan, and John Gibson	100
Good Spring	Daniel Blakeman, Minor Chilton, John Bagby, A. Gupton, and John Radford	42
Charity	M. Gryder and Samuel Smith, Sr.	36
Sand Lick	Chas. Blevin, W. D. Spain, and Moses Skaggs	16
Mt. Zion, Hardin Co.	Jesse N. Larue	24
Mt. Carmel	D. Shoffner, Wm. Radcliff, Wm. Skaggs, J. D. Oaks, and J. Shoffner	50
Liberty Church	Wm. Atherton, Wm. Hoover, Wm. Skaggs, Jr., and Wm. Price	67
Mt. Zion, Green Co.	Jos. Pepper and Jno. Ketz	22
Bethel	Henry Skaggs, J. Hall, and Wm. Atwell	17
Providence, Russell Co.	Richard Perkins	30
Lebanon	Benj. Biggs, Felix Demumbro, John Thompson, and J. Rolston	27

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Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Olive	D. Elkin, R. Judd, M. Bishop, N. Davis, J. Russell, and J. O. Gentry	26
Trammel's Creek	Tho. Skaggs, J. Pointer, A. Woodard, and J. Miller	60
Salem	Aaron Blakeman, R. Paige, H. Cheek, and J. Henderson	27
Mt. Vernon	Letter, no Messengers	90
Mt. Horeb	Not represented	Unknown
Total		634

Letters from the several churches being received and read, the Association proceeded to the choice of Moderator and Clerk, for their present Meeting, whereupon Brother Henry Skaggs was chosen Moderator, and Minor Chilton, Clerk.

A Letter of Correspondence was received and read, from the **South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, and their Messengers invited to seats, to wit: John Prather, Jesse Portman, Wm. Price, Wm. Atkinson, Wm. Gouge, Nathaniel Judd, Henry Winfrey, and A. Quinn.

Ordered that the Committee of Arrangement consist of the Moderator and Clerk, and Brethren Pepper, Blevin, and Hall.

Elder Tho. J. Chilton was appointed to write a Circular Letter to the churches, and Brethren Oaks and Woodard, a Letter of Correspondence to the **South Kentucky Association**.

The Association then adjourned, to meet again on Monday, the 12th Sept., at 9 o'clock A.M.

On the intervening Sabbath, the stand was occupied by Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, Henry Winfrey, David Elkin, and Absolem Quinn, who severally addressed a large concourse of people, and, as we trust, to good effect.

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The Association met pursuant to adjournment and, after the usual solemnity of prayer, proceeded to business.

The order of business, as arranged, was received, and being approved of, the Committee was discharged.

It was ordered that the next Association be held at **Bethel Meeting House**, in Barren County, Ky., commencing on the first Saturday in October, 1832.

Having considered the petitions of the churches at **Trammel's Creek** and **Lebanon**, relative to the **Separate Baptist Society** in Illinois, it was resolved, that Elder Thomas Skaggs be authorized to address to them, on behalf of this Association, a letter of friendship.

The Circular Address was received, read, and being approved of, was ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** was also received, and the following Brethren appointed to bear it, to wit: Jos. Pepper, John Hall, David Elkin, David Shofner, Abraham Woodard, and Robert Judd. That Association will be held at the **South Fork Meeting House**, Casey Co., Ky., on the 2nd Saturday and days following, in August, 1832.

The following Union Meetings were appointed, to wit: at **Lebanon Meeting House**, Hart County, on the 3rd Saturday and Sabbath in May next, to be attended by Brethren Pepper, Blevin, and Woodard; at **Mt. Vernon**, in Spencer Co., on the 1st Saturday and Sabbath in May, to be attended by Brethren T. J. Chilton, Pepper, and Elkin; at **Mt. Olive**, Green Co., on the 4th Saturday and Sabbath in May, to be attended by Brethren T. J. Chilton, T. Skaggs, H. Skaggs, Pepper, Elkin, and Woodard; at **Mt. Zion**, Hart Co., on the 4th Saturday and Sabbath in November of the present year, to be attended by Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, Thomas Skaggs, Henry Skaggs, and Jos. Pepper.

The business of the Association being closed, it was adjourned until our next Annual Meeting, and the separation of the brethren one with another, was marked with such peculiar tenderness and affection, that we were forcibly reminded of the beautiful expression of the poet,

“And if our fellowship below,
Affords such joy and love,
We want its full extent to know
When we shall meet above.”

Signed by order,

Henry Skaggs, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Circular

To the churches composing the **Nollynn Association of Separate Baptists**.

Dear Brethren,

Our Annual Meeting having nearly come to a close, we, as in duty bound, address to you a short Circular. The above Minutes will show to you the business which came before the Association, and in what manner disposed of.

We can with pleasure inform you of the state and general peace of the churches. We received no expressions of distress or difficulty from any one of the churches; yet, we have to lament the drawback on our pleasure, for the small additions made to the churches since our last Association.

Let us seriously ask ourselves the question, "Why is this the case with us? Has the God Lord changed? Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?"

Oh, our brethren!

The fault is with us; there is in Jesus, mercy in store calculated to comfort all our wants.

We know that there are many difficulties at this day which obtrude themselves on the minds of Christians, and thereby divide too much of their attention and affection, in the discharge of their duties, with the speculative these lie, under the nominal character of the revealed principles of the Gospel.

But, amidst the cry of, "Lo here," or, "Lo there," you have a certain and sure guide in the precious Word of God. The doctrines of the Gospel, as held out by the **Separate Baptists**, are too well known to require illustration.

We, therefore, recommend our brethren to a strict adherence to the revealed will of God, in their theory and practice. The eyes of the world are on you. The great principles for which you have long contended, in part, are triumphantly prevailing - that is: a free and general offer of salvation to lost sinners.

We pray, dear brethren, that you may never lose sight of urging the necessity of repentance for sin, and faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, in order to the receiving of that salvation and redemption which he purchased with his own blood. Recommend it, husbands, to your wives; to your children; masters to their servants; and, while you recommend it in theory, by your examples by practice, show that you are in possession of the blessings which you recommend to others.

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Oh, our brethren, do not neglect private and public prayer. It is a means through which the good Lord often has blessed his children.

We recommend you to God, and to the blessings of his favor.

Amen.

Signed by order,

Henry Skaggs, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Held at **Bethel Meeting House**, Barren Co., Ky., on
the first Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, in October, 1832.

On Saturday, before attending to the business coming from the churches, Elder Joseph Pepper delivered an appropriate discourse, introductory to the business of our annual Meeting. The Messengers from the different churches then organized for business, and the letters borne by them were called for, received and read, and their Messengers' names enrolled as follows, to wit:

Church	Messengers	Members
Republican Church, Hardin County	Elijah Jeffries, Elijah Middleton, Tho. J. Chilton, Jr.	104
Good Spring, Green County	Tho. Whitlock, Minor Chilton, Dan. Blakeman, Stephen Gupton	39
Union Church, Adair County	John Hamilton and Micajah Moseby	14
Sand Lick, Green County	Charles Blevins, W.D.Spain, G.S.D.Spain, Jas. Perris	12
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	Isaac Haycraft	29
Mt. Carmel, Green County	Johnson Gaddy, Caleb Underwood, David Shofner	57
Liberty Church, Green County	Moses Atherton, Moses Hoover, Jas. Pierce, Wm. Pierce	62
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Joseph Pepper, John Childs, John Holt	28
Bethel, Barren County	John Hall, Henry Skaggs, Samuel Falkner, Abraham Woodard	23
Bee Knob, Harrison Co., Indiana	Edward Davis, John Davis	17

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Church	Messengers	Members
Lebanon, Hart County	W. Skaggs, Matthew McDonald, Jos. Frowbredg, Lewis Harlow	28
Mt. Olive, Green County	David Elkin, Norton Davis, Robert Judd, Mason Bishop, Jos. Gentry	25
Trammel's Creek, Green County	John Pointer, Julius Woodard, Wm. Curry, Jos. Miller	52
Salem, Adair County	John Morning, Henry Cheek	27
Barton's Run, Grayson County	Nathaniel Carr	5
Seven churches not represented, including 249 members.		<u>249</u>
Total		771

The letters from the several churches being read, the Association proceeded to choose Elder Joseph Pepper, Moderator, and Minor Chilton, Clerk.

A Letter of Correspondence was presented from the **Separate South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, by their Messengers, Elder John Lane, James Pigg, James Blair, and Elder J. Portman.

A Committee of Arrangement was then appointed, to wit:
Joseph Pepper, Minor Chilton, David Elkin, Elijah Jeffries, and John Davis.

Elder Thomas J. Chilton appointed to write a Circular Letter to the several churches, composing this Association, and Elder John Hall, to write a Letter of Correspondence to the **South Kentucky Association**, then adjourned till Monday, 9 o'clock.

On the Sabbath, the stage was occupied by Brethren Portman and Chilton, and, we believe, to the glory of God, and the benefit of souls.

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Monday

Met pursuant to adjournment, and, after praise and prayer, proceeded to business. First, the Committee made their report, which was read, approved of, and the Committee discharged.

The Association concluded to hold her next annual meeting at **Mount Carmel**, Green County, commencing first Saturday in October 1833; agreed that a Union Meeting be attended at **Mount Olive Church**, fourth Saturday in May 1833, by Elders Joseph Pepper, Elijah Jeffries, and Henry Skaggs. Also, to be attended at **Trammel's Creek**, on the first Saturday in May, 1833, by Elders Henry Skaggs, Abraham Woodard, and Charles Blevins.

Whereas, this Association had contemplated affecting an union with the **Separate Baptist Churches** in the Illinois and Indiana states, but having received no communication from them this year, the Association defers that business until further correspondence.

The following brethren have agreed to attend the **Salem Church** the present year: John Hall, 1st Saturday in February and April; Felix Demumbro, 1st Saturday in March and September; Jesse Portman, 1st Saturday in June; Abraham Woodard, in July 1st Saturday; agreed that a Union Meeting be attended at **Mt. Zion**, Hart Co., fourth Saturday in June next, by Felix Demumbro, Henry Skaggs, Elijah Jeffries, David Elkin, and Tho. J. Chilton.

Agreed also that a Union Meeting be attended at **William Mosebys'**, on the 2nd Saturday in September next, by Joseph Pepper, David Elkin, and John Lane. Agreed that a Union Meeting be attended at **Lebanon**, Hart Co., on the 3rd Saturday in June, by Abraham Woodard, Joseph Pepper, and Charles Blevins.

The Corresponding Letter called for, read and approved, and brethren appointed to bear it: John Hall, David Elkin, Henry Skaggs, Felix Demumbro, Elijah Jeffries, Joseph Pepper, Henry Cheek, and Tho. J. Chilton. The **South Kentucky Association** will be held on the 2nd Saturday in August 1833, at **Drake's Creek**, Lincoln Co.

The Circular was called for, read and approved, and directed to be attached to the Minutes.

Bro. Tho. J. Chilton appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and to distribute them among the churches, in proportion to the money paid by them.

Signed by order.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Circular

Dear Brethren,

Our annual Meeting having come to a close, as in duty bound, we write you a short letter on the subject of the primitive Gospel, and the confidence it inspires in all that believe in Jesus; and the assurance it gives of Heaven and immortal glory.

The doctrine of the Gospel as believed and contended for, by the **Separate Baptists**, are too well known to require a labored explanation. They have uniformly believed that the Lord, Jesus Christ, was made a propitiation for the sins of the world; and that the benefits of salvation and redemption, to which the Gospel calls mankind, are made accessible to every man.

The **Separate Baptists**, as a Society, so called, to distinguish them from the **Baptist** churches who, in Philadelphia, adopted the **London Confession of Faith**, which stood opposed to a free and liberal scheme of the Gospel, since called the **Regular Baptist Confession of Faith**, do believe the doctrine contained in that Confession, to be inconsistent with, and contrary to, the glorious and benevolent purposes of the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ. A Gospel given, and in the plenitude of that wisdom which directed it to man, graciously situated to his weakness and his wants.

This view of the Gospel has had powerful opposition in Europe and America, but you have reason to rejoice, that the doctrines which you have so long contended for, of Salvation being offered free to all, are now almost everywhere triumphant in America, the most formidable opposition you now have, is not respecting the general offer of the Gospel to all, but how the forgiveness which it promises of sin, and the joy it inspires of Heaven and immortal glory are obtained.

Mr. Campbell asserts, in "**The Harbinger**," No. 2, Vol. 2, p. 50, that, if the ancient Christians had been asked, what assurance they had that they were adopted into the family of God, or had their sins remitted, they would have replied, "We were immersed by the authority of the Lord Jesus, and in His name, for this very purpose."

This reply, we know, is in accordance with Mr. Campbell's doctrine, but he cannot name the ancient saints or Christians, that ever made such a reply. As the question is an important one, we refer you to the answer given by the saints or Christians themselves.

Paul, an ancient Christian, saith, **Heb.**, 11 c., IV v., "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous."

Here you have the assurance of acceptance by faith in God, testified by divine authority, of the first righteous man after sin entered into the world, verse V.

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Enoch, before his translation, had this testimony, that he pleased God.

What gave him assurance of his acceptance with God?

The Spirit of God within him, which answered to his spirit, that he was a child of God.

Ask Abraham, what assurance he had of his adoption into the family of God?

Paul gives the answer, "He believed God, and it was important to him for righteousness."

But, we ask, did this belief give him assurance in God? The answer is verse XIX, "accounting that God was able to raise him (Isaac), up even from the dead."

If we ask Job whether he had assurance of acceptance with God, **Job 19, XXV**, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Ask David for his assurance of adoption into the family of God, and of his sins remitted. He gives the answer, **Psalm 40, ii**, "The Lord brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings, and he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God."

Should Shadrach, Meshack, and Abendigo, be asked, have you an assurance that yonder fiery flame will not consume you? By faith strong in God, they give the answer, **Daniel 3, XVII**, "Our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us, and He will deliver us."

Should Daniel be asked for his assurance of adoption into the family of God, and deliverance from the devouring lions, he answers, **Dan. 6, XXII**, "My God hath shut the lions' mouths, that they cannot hurt me," verse XXIII, "Because he believed in his God."

We are informed in the Gospel, **John 3, XVI**, "That God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

If Paul be asked for his assurance of acceptance with God, he answers, **Acts, 9**, and says 1st, "a light shone round me;" 2nd, "The Lord conversed with me;" 3rd, "I became penitent;" 4th, "The Lord directed me to go to Damascus; there Annaias met with me, laid his hands on me. I received sight, was filled with the Holy Ghost, and was Baptized."

And in his **Letter to the Romans, 5 C.**, he says, "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord, Jesus Christ."

Now, whether Mr. C. views Paul as belonging to the **Calvinian, Armenian, or Campbellian, Sects**, we know not. But, as Paul tells a long experience of grace, and the dealings of God in him: and of faith in God, he may not escape Mr. Campbell's charge

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against the hope he had of eternal life, “because he once felt thus and so, and afterwards, felt so and thus.” See **Harbinger**, as above, p. 50.

The above explanations savor too much of persecution for us to use, were they not Mr. Campbell’s own expressions.

If we inquire of the Apostle Peter, for the believing Gentiles’ assurance of adoption into the family of God, he has given the answer, **Acts**, 11 c., IV v, “Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning,” and said that on them, “The Holy Ghost fell as on us at the beginning,” 10 c., XI v.”

“Can any man forbid water, that those should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?” This was the way Peter received the first Gentile Converts into assurance of acceptance with God, **Rom.** 8, XV.

Paul declares that, “Ye have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father!” Paul declares to the **Thessalonians**, 2 letter, 2 c., “God hath from the beginning, chosen you to Salvation, through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.”

The many thousands of evidences that God, in love, has given to poor mortals, that in them their faith might be confirmed in strong assurance of acceptance with Him, time would fail us to tell you of.

Before we close, we shall bestow a few remarks on the nature and character of faith. It is, “The substance or confidence of things hoped for.” No man ever had unfeigned faith in Christ, which did not bring with it justification and peace to the soul, **Luke**, 7, 1, “Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace,” for as the hand is to the body, so is faith to the mind; the power which receives divine favor from God.

A being may believe there is a God, and yet have no faith that God is his Saviour. The Devils believe and tremble, yet they are Devils - but Paul says of the ancient Saints, “By grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.”

Therefore, brethren, “Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” We commit you to God, and to the glory of his power, who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

To the only wise God and our Saviour, be glory, and Majesty, Dominion, and Power, both now, and ever!

Amen.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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1833

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Held at Mount Carmel Meeting House, **Green
County**, first Saturday, Sunday, and Monday
in October, 1833.

The Meeting was opened with an appropriate address by Elder Thomas Skaggs.

The letters from the several churches were then called for, read, and their Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Republican Church, Hardin County	Tho. J. Chilton, John Carroll, Walter Williams, Elijah Jeffries, and Elijah Middleton	104
Good Spring, Green County	Minor Chilton, John Bagby, Johnson Radford, David Blakeman, Dabney Blades, and Alexander McMahan	82
Union, Adair County	Peter McKinney, Jesse McKinney, James King, and Raney McKinney	26
Sand Lick, Green County	Jas. S. DeSpain, Moses Skaggs, Charles Blevins, and Wm. DeSpain	39
Mount Zion, Hardin County	Morgan J. Larue, Jesse V. Larue,	28
Mt. Carmel, Green County	John D. Oaks, David Shofner, and Jacob Shofner	113
Liberty, Green County	Moses Atherton, Moses Hoover, Elijah Atherton, and Jack Price	61
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Joseph Pepper	30
Bethel, Barren County	Henry Skaggs, John Hall, Abraham Woodard, and Samuel Faulkner	27

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Church	Messengers	Members
Lebanon, Hart County	Thomas Skaggs, Benjamin Biggs, John J. Thompson, Matthew McDonald, Wm. Skaggs, John Rolston, and Peter Ford	36
Mt. Olive, Green County	David Elkin, Robert Judd, Norton Davis, Jos. O. Gentry, Mason Bishop, Jason Bell, and Chapman Lobb	34
Trammel's Creek, Green County	Wm. Curry, John Pinter, Joseph Miller, Shadrach Asbury, and Samuel M. Asbury	50
Barton's Run, Grayson County	Nathaniel Kerr	5
Dick's Creek, Green County	Daniel Benningfield and James Milbey	11
Marrowbone, Tennessee	Robert Heaton and Wilson L. Gower	90
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	Charles F. McKinney and Elisha B. Ford	<u>18</u>
Total		744

The churches at **Mt. Horeb**, Breckenridge Co., **Mount Vernon**, Spencer Co., **Karo Creek**, Tennessee, **Providence**, Russell Co., **Charity Church**, Cumberland Co., **Mt. Gilead**, Breckenridge Co., **Salem**, Adair County, and **Bee Knob**, Harrison Co., Indiana, were not represented.

The members composing the Association being seated in order, Elder Joseph Pepper was chosen Moderator, and Brother Minor Chilton, Clerk.

The Corresponding Letter from the **South Kentucky Association** was received and read, and their Messengers invited to seats, to wit: Nathan Judd and Jacob Spoonhammer.

Brethren were appointed to write to the churches, and a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, which meets at the **Hurricane Meeting House**, on Green River, in Casey Co., on the 2nd Saturday in August, 1834.

The Association then adjourned, to meet on Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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On the Sabbath, a very large collection of people were addressed, by Brethren appointed for that purpose, and it rejoices us to be able to say in truth to our brethren, that the Lord appeared to be there in demonstration of his power, and Spirit and glory. It was a happy time to many precious souls.

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Monday Morning

The Association met, agreeably to adjournment, and, after prayer and praise, proceeded to business.

The Circular Letter was received and read, and, being approved, was ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The letter to the South Kentucky Association was also received, and Brethren Thomas J. Chilton, Thomas Skaggs, Elijah Jeffries, John Hall, Felix Demumbro, David Elkin, and David Shofner, were appointed to bear it.

It was resolved that the next Association be held at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, on Lynn Camp, Hart Co., Ky., commencing on the Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1834.

There being no further business to do, the residue of the day was spent in preaching, praying, singing, and praising God. We have seldom witnessed a more joyful time. A flood of light seemed to break forth on the children of the Kingdom, and the crowd around.

About the close of our Meeting, all seemed anxious to press forward and seize the divine inheritance; from first to last, we had a happy and peaceable time. The Lord abundantly blessed us, and for his mercies, be his charming name forever adored.

Amen.

Signed by order.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Dear Brethren,

The custom of writing to the churches has, for its justification, Apostolic authority.

The Minutes will shew you the state of the churches composing the Association. We rejoice to hear that in a number of them, there have been considerable additions by experience and Baptism, and that the good work is yet going on.

There have been, since our last, also, three preachers set apart for the Ministry, and several others approved by the churches, to exercise public gifts. We rejoice to hear, and see, the triumphs of grace, in bringing sinners to bow to the divine commands of Christ Jesus, our Saviour.

Nothing can inspire your hearts with equal joy, as to see the Saviour's divine government approaching a triumphant reign, a happy scene long looked for, in order to its progress, much depends on you: first, a strict adherence to Gospel theory; and second, to reduce it to practice.

There are many crying, "Lo, here!" , and, "Lo, there!"

But, brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. You have a sure guide, the infallible Word of God, and when you defer to the first establishment of the Gentile church of God, you see plainly what qualifications are requisite for poor, dying, sinful mortals to possess, in order to prepare them for the churches militant and triumphant:

First - Conviction of sin;

Second - Repentance and reformation from sin;

Third - Embracing, by faith, the benefits flowing from the promise of the Saviour with gladness;

Fourth - Acting in obedience to the divine commands and submitting to Baptism;

Fifth - To be added to the Disciples of Christ;

Sixth - To continue steadfast in the Apostles' doctrine, and in fellowship;

Seventh - To partake of the ordinance of breaking bread.

These constitute the precepts and examples of the Apostles, and Disciples, of Jesus, our Saviour. If you are aspiring to know, and to do, the will of God, and to find the church in its most perfect state, here on earth, it is reasonable to conclude you will find it when it was immediately constituted by divine authority (see **Acts**, 2nd Chapter).

As the above authority was from God's holy and divine Spirit, unless it has been, by divine authority, altered, since it still claims our submission and conformity to its

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original doctrine and practice. If truth should be sought for amongst the (almost) innumerable Societies, it would be hard to find anything right, or anything wrong. But we have abundant reason to adore our God, that we have an infallible rule to compare our doctrines with, which party contention can never alter.

We cannot too strongly urge you, dear brethren, to an attentive, and prayerful, examination of the Scriptures. You have expressed to the world that you make them the rule, and the only rule, of your faith and practice.

The eyes of the omniscient God are over you.

The eyes of the different Societies are on you.

The eyes of the world are on you.

Oh, that your practice may so correspond with your theory, as to meet with the approval of God's Holy Spirit: the answer of a good conscience, and to carry conviction with it to gainsayers.

With joy, we inform you that our present Meeting has been marked with a unanimity, and fellowship, seldom enjoyed at Associations. There was not an expression of difficulty from any of the letters from the churches represented.

Your Messengers will return home with glad tidings to you, having seen the glory of the Lord revealed, in convicting sinners, comforting mourners, and confirming his saints in the faith of the Gospel.

We pray that you may steadily persevere in the pathway of Holiness, that, in the end of your pilgrimage, you may, with joy, feel, and say, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." And, finally, enjoy an immortal crown, which awaits all the true followers of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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The annual Meeting of this Association, for the year 1834 , was commenced on Friday, the 3rd day of October, continuing on the two succeeding days, and was held at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, in Hart County, Kentucky.

The Meeting was opened by an appropriate address from Elder David Elkin, his subject being the 8th verse of the 3rd Chapter of Paul's letter to the **Ephesians**.

Letters were then received and read, from the churches following, and their Messengers' names enrolled, viz:

Church	Messengers	Members
Republican Church , Hardin County, Kentucky	Walter Williams, Tho. J. Chilton, Tho. Chilton, Jr., Elijah Jeffries, Elijah Middleton, and John Carroll.	105
Good Spring , Green County	Alexander Gupton, Stephen Gupton, John B. Bagby, Daniel Blakeman, Alexander McMahan, and Minor Chilton	103
Union , Adair County	Micajah Moseby	20
Sand Lick , Green County	Signer Owens, William Cokely, Wm. DeSpain, and Charles Blevins	45
Mount Zion , Hardin County	Morgan J. Larue	28
Mount Carmel , Green County	Hiram Oaks, Jacob Shofner, and John Davis	118
Liberty Church , Green County	Moses Etherton, Hugh Warren, Moses Hoover, Elijah Etherton, and Wm. L. Pierce	59
Mt. Zion , Hart Co.	Joseph Pepper, Samuel Pepper, John Cheltz, and Jackson Cheltz	32
Bethel , Barren Co.,	John Hall, Henry Skaggs, Jr., Henry Skaggs, Sr., and Alexander Frogget	31

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Church	Messengers	Members
Lebanon, Hart Co.	Tho. Skaggs, John J. Thompson, and John Ralston	41
Mt. Olive, Green Co.	David Elkin, Joseph O. Gentry, Jacob G. Davis, Norton Davis, and Wm. C. Kidd	74
Trammel's Creek, Green Co.	William Curry, Julius Woodard, Ruebin Clark, Joseph Milton, Daniel Kepler, and Robert Judd	55
Dick's Creek, Green Co.	Abraham Bales, James Milby, and Daniel Benningfield	18
Pleasant Ridge, Green Co.	John Bales, John McKinney, Elisha B. Ford, and Richard Shader	33
Macedonia, Barren Co.	Elias Smith and Noltey Gore	<u>13</u>
Total		775

The churches at **Barton's Run**, Grayson Co., **Marrow Bone**, Tenn., **Mt. Horeb**, Breckenridge Co., **Mt. Vernon**, Spencer Co., **Karr's Creek**, Tennessee, **Providence**, Russell Co., **Charity**, Cumberland Co., **Mt. Gilead**, Breckenridge Co., **Salem**, Adair Co., and **Bee Knob**, Harrison Co., Indiana, were not represented.

Note - The church at **Macedonia**, at this Meeting, prayed for admission, and was received into this Association.

The Messengers who were appointed, at our last Annual Meeting, to attend the **South Kentucky Association**, reported that a letter had been addressed by that association to this, and members appointed to bear it - but from some cause unknown to us, it was not received.

A letter addressed to this Association, by Brethren J. C. Woodson and John Turner, under the authority of the **Russell's Creek Association of United Baptists**, was received and read, and those Brethren invited to seats. Said letter covered also the copy of an order, made by the **Russell's Creek Association**, appointing a committee of nine members, to meet a committee of like number from this Association, on the Thursday before the 4th Saturday in November, at **South Fork Meeting House**, Hardin Co., Ky., to consult on the expediency and practicability of forming a union between the two Associations.

The members being seated in order, and a register made of their names, the

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Association proceeded to choose, by ballot, a Moderator to preside over their present Meeting, whereupon Bro. Tho. Chilton, Jr., was chosen for that purpose.

Bro. Minor Chilton was appointed Clerk, and a Committee of Arrangement was also appointed, consisting of the Moderator and Clerk, and Brethren T. J. Chilton, T. Skaggs, H. Skaggs, J. Hall, and W. Williams.

Brethren Tho. J. Chilton and Tho. Skaggs were appointed to write a Circular Letter to the churches, and Bro. John Hall, to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**.

The following Brethren were appointed to preach on the Sabbath, viz: Tho. Skaggs, Tho. J. Chilton, David Elkin, and Alexander Gupton.

The Association then, with prayer, adjourned, to meet on tomorrow (Saturday) morning, at 9 o'clock, A.M.

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The Association convened at the appointed hour, and, after an impressive address and fervent prayer, proceeded to business.

The report of the Committee of Arrangement was called for, and being received and read, the Committee was discharged.

That Committee reported two petitions, from the churches, for Union Meetings, which were accordingly appointed, to wit:

One at **Mt. Carmel**, Green Co., to commence on the 3rd Saturday in August 1835, and continue for two days; and Brethren A. Gupton, H. Skaggs, and A. Woodard to attend it.

The other at **Macedonia**, Hart Co., for the 2nd Saturday and Sabbath in June, 1835; and Brethren Thomas J. Chilton, Tho. Skaggs, and Elijah Jeffries agree to attend it.

There being several applications reported for the next Association, it was finally agreed that its next meeting be held at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, Hardin Co., Ky., near Nolynn, on the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September, 1835, and the two following days.

The Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association** was then called for, received and read, and being approved, the following brethren were appointed to bear it, viz: John Hall, Tho. Skaggs, Tho. J. Chilton, E. Jeffries, D. Elkin, Joseph O. Gentry, Wm. DeSpain, Morgan J. Larue, and Sidney Owens. That Association meets in Casey County, in August, 1835.

The Circular Address to the churches was next called for, received and read, and a vote being taken on adopting the same, it was decided in the affirmative, by the unanimous vote of the Association, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The proposition of the **Russels Creek Association** then coming up for consideration, and debate being had thereon, it was unanimously determined, that this Association appoint a committee of nine members on their part to meet the committee appointed by that association - at the time and place named in the copy of their order before stated - which committee was thereupon appointed, consisting of the following members, viz: Walter Williams, Henry Skaggs, Tho. J. Chilton, Alexander Gupton, Thomas Skaggs, David Elkin, Tho. Chilton, Jr., Daniel Blakeman, and Joseph Pepper - who are authorized by, and on behalf of the **Nolynn Association**, to confer with the other Committee, and establish a union between the two Associations, provided the same can be done on the principles laid down in a letter addressed by this, to that Association, in the year 1832, relating to the same subject - and on a similar proposition for union. Those principles are set forth in the following extract from that letter, which is inserted here by

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order of this Association, to wit:

“If it be said that we must agree in every particular before we can unite, we would ask, which must begin to dictate to the other? Which body or Association shall think and judge for the other - and from which shall the privilege of thinking and judging, be taken away? - We thank God, that we require no sacrifice on your parts. We are willing to unite with you and all Christians, on the Blessed Word of God. You may retain your formalities of faith and your rules of decorum, if you choose to do so - And your own mode of governing your Association and churches - together with the happy privilege of expounding the good Word of God for yourselves. we claim the same privilege for ourselves; and we ask no more.”

It was then resolved, that the Moderator address a letter to the brethren comprising the committee on the part of the **Russels Creek Association**, informing them of the acceptance of the proposition for a meeting by Committee at the time and place proposed - and of the appointment of a committee on our part, which duty he forthwith discharged, and the letter was forwarded by Bro. John Turner, one of their Messengers.

The business being now closed, a collection was taken up, for the printing of the Minutes and Circular, and the sum of \$23.00 was contributed for that purpose.

The Moderator and Bro. W. Williams, agree to superintend the printing, and Bro. Williams the distribution of the Minutes, according to the several sums advanced.

The Association then adjourned until its next annual Meeting, under an evident display and outpouring of the Spirit and Power of God. On the Sabbath, a large congregation of listening and attentive people were addressed by the Brethren appointed for that purpose, and from the deep and solemn impressions which appeared among them, we trust that it will mark the commencement of happy days in that quarter of the country.

Signed by Order.

Tho. Chilton, Jr., Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Circular Letter

Dear Brethren:

As your Messengers, we have concluded another annual Meeting: and having received intelligence from the great body of the churches composing this Association, we proceed briefly to report to you the fact, that they are all at peace - and the Lord has been pleased since our last Meeting, to bless many of them with a considerable increase. We received this intelligence with joy and thankfulness - and we entertain no doubt, that your hearts will be inspired with similar feelings of gratitude and praise to God, that his guardian care is still over us, and our Society.

We have had a pleasant Meeting, for which we also feel ourselves under peculiar obligation, to our blessed Lord and Redeemer - our coming together was in peace - our business progressed in peace, and in brotherly love, and the triumphs of faith. We have seen it close, while the brethren have taken leave of each other, as we believe with renewed zeal, and mutual determination, to press on, until they meet in the great Association on high.

Since we have been together, we have heard the joyful sound of the great Salvation proclaimed to dying Sinners, our hearts have felt its influence, and attested its divine benefits, and knowing as we do that the ways of the Lord are both good and pleasant, we once more take occasion to recommend to the churches, and to their individual members one and all, a strict and continual observance of their Christian duties - and a prayerful examination of and reliance on the charming word of God, as the unerring rule of both faith and practice.

Of our Society, dear brethren, it may truly be said that we have but little to do in defending our faith or doctrines - but principally, if not all we have to do, is constantly to practice the faith and doctrines we have so long defended. We have seen the doctrines of **Calvinism**, and **Predestination**, rise to awful heights, at different times, and in different places, as though they would overwhelm the little flock, whose constant cry was, "a Full and free Salvation in Jesus Christ for every lost and dying Sinner."

But we have not only seen those doctrines rise - we have also seen them decline. And we now feel ourselves authorized to say that the heavenly truths of a free and unbounded grace in God, to save all who will seek him, are almost universally acknowledged, wherever the name of Jesus Christ is preached. We rejoice in your liberty, and in the general triumph of your long cherished faith - yet we are not so sanguine as to believe that you are even yet exempt from danger - or that your Christian hope and confidence may not be assailed.

We remember that on the blessed and every memorable day of Pentecost, the Disciples of our Lord "break their bread with joy," while believing multitudes were added to their number - yet how soon do we see them scattered, as sheep without a shepherd - while most of the Apostles were brought to close their lives in cruel

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martyrdom, for bearing witness that Jesus was the Son of God - and the willing Saviour of helpless Sinners. This intolerable state of bloody persecution continued for about two hundred years after the days of the Apostles - and how much innocent blood was shed during that time in the Cause of the Wicked One, we know not, but from the best accounts we have, we may presume that thousands, and tens of thousands, of the humble Saints of Christ, sealed their profession with their dying breath, and suffered the earth to flow with their blood, sooner than surrender their Lord, or deny His dear name.

About the close of the before mentioned period, Constantine, a pagan emperor, confessed the Christian religion. Then Christ's people were cheered with the hope that Christian liberty, and Gospel privileges, were established on permanent foundations.

But again alas! How soon the heavenly prospect vanished?

Near the commencement of the 7th Century, Bonaface, a great and learned man, first conceived the plan of starting a new system of religion - assuming to himself the attribute of infallibility - and drawing after him, as pomp and power ever have done a multitude of followers, he established what he impiously called the "infallible church," and by his adroitness and ingenuity, contrived to identify his ecclesiastical power with the civil government, and thereby obtained authority to put all to death, without regard to age or sex, who refused to bow to his Scepter - or disputed his high sounding title.

The same period, if we mistake not, marked the rise of Mohammed, and his strange system of theology - He selected a part of the **Old Testament**, and also a part of the **New**, which being added to such interpolations as suited his fancy, formed his creed, so that in a few years, by force or fraud, it was extended over a fourth part of the then inhabited Globe, and the land of Palestine, which bore testimony to the life - death - and resurrection of the Saviour: and which was moreover honored with the holy temple of the Lord - was ultimately surrendered up in tribute to an impostor.

These things we only mention to shew how much mischief a single designing man may do, and how such an one may lead even countless thousands into error. Indeed, scarce a year passes, which does not mark the rise of some new sect even in this enlightened age of the world; and at the head of each, as in days past, we behold some designing leader.

It has not been long since, within our own denomination, that of **Baptists**, a new theory has been started, having for its author a man of acknowledged learning and talents, but whose religion and sincerity, we leave to God. This man is Mr. Alexander Campbell, whose doctrines have been hitherto unknown to the **Baptist Church**: by which general term, we mean to embrace the great body of that Society.

The leading features of his system, and the order in which he places them, are the following:

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1st	Faith
2nd	Reform
3rd	Baptism
4th	Remission of Sin
5th	The gift of the Holy Ghost
6th	Eternal life

Mr. Campbell has ingeniously selected for the defense and support of his arrangement of the foregoing divisions of Christian experience, perhaps the only passage to be found in the Bible, which would seem to favor such arrangement, and in order that even these should favor it, they must be viewed separate and apart from the connection in which they stand. The first, and indeed the one on which he seems to build most confidently, is found in the 2nd chapter of **Acts**, and reads as follows: "Repent and be Baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of Sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

From this passage he seems to infer that the operation of the Spirit of God, or in other words the gift of the Holy Ghost, is felt and experienced after Baptism, and not before, and hence as it appears to us, he calls on Mankind to "Believe and Reform and be Baptized," independently of the qualifying influence of that Spirit. We are charitably induced to believe that he falls into this error, for want of attention to the fact that the Holy Ghost, or Spirit of God, performs a twofold office. One, on the converted soul, as a comforter - the other, on the rebellious and sinful soul, as a reprover.

These two offices, Christ himself said, the spirit should perform. In this important respect, we view the doctrines preached by the disciples of Mr. Campbell, called **Reformers**, as being directly at war with the doctrines of the Saviour and his Apostles. And now, as the day of Pentecost, is so often and so confidently referred to, as furnishing evidence for the support of this new theory - we propose to review in a brief manner, the history of that glorious day, was even the twilight of that day, unconscious that it was a day set apart for the reign of the Lord and a special display of his power? Did even the earliest hour of its sacred morning pass, without witnessing some evidence that the Spirit of the Lord was there?

No, for the first verse, of the second chapter of **Acts**, bears testimony that, "When the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." There does not appear to have been any previous arrangement, between the Apostles and the multitude, touching this matter, and we may therefore conclude that it was indeed an appointment made by the Holy Ghost, under whose sacred operations, and divine influence, not alone the Apostles first, but also such a host of witnesses afterward, of every kindred, tongue, and people, were thus with one accord, drawn together, at one place.

But, at a glance, we may see how the wonderful scene was opened. The disciples of Christ "were filled with the Holy Ghost," while the surrounding crowd of unbelievers, both Jews and Proselytes, being reproved by its divine operation, cried out, "We do hear

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them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.”

This confession, of the wonderful works of the mighty power of Jehovah, was, as all must confess, extorted by the powerful influence of the Spirit, which, with awful grandeur and exceeding transcendental glory, had filled all the house, or Temple. While the crowd stood thus amazed, contemplating the greatness of the Christians’ God, Peter lifted up his voice and informed them that God had said, by the prophet Joel, that, ”It should come to pass in the last days, that he would pour out his spirit upon all flesh.”

Would Mr. Campbell’s “system” change this expression, and have it read, that he would pour out his Spirit only on those who would submit to be Baptized?

But, in the continuation of Peter’s Sermon on that day, is to be found also the following passage: “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved!!” From the rage for new theories and new religious sects, it is not improbable, and yet, Brethren, would you not be exceedingly astonished soon to hear some designing man promulgating and preaching the doctrine, that nothing further, and nothing more was necessary, to qualify a soul for Heaven and Eternal Life, than merely, “to call on the name of the Lord?”

This, may we repeat it, be attempted - and a detached passage of the Book of God may be quoted to prove the verity of such a crock!!!

But, to proceed with the narrative, Peter informed the multitude, that God had raised Jesus from the dead - that he was exalted by the right hand of the Father - and having received of him the promise of the Holy Spirit, “Hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Therefore that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, is both Lord and Christ.”

This declaration of the Apostle, sunk still more deeply into their hearts, while, by the energies of the Holy Ghost, its truth was sealed home upon their guilty consciences. What said they then?

Their next exclamation was, “Men and Brethren, what shall we do?”

Peter then introduces Mr. Campbell’s favorite passage, “Repent and be Baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of Sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” We are informed that, “with these and many other words did he testify and exhort them,” but what those other words were, we know not.

We know with what effect they produced, in connection with what the Apostle had said to them of Jesus, the Saviour of Sinners. We know that they not only believed the Word and Promise of Salvation, as proclaimed on that memorable day - but that they likewise gladly and with joy received it - and then it was that they were Baptized. For such is the language of the text - “Then they that gladly received his word, were Baptized.”

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Of their number we do not know, but we have shown that such and such only were Baptized, as had seen, and heard and felt the power of the Holy Ghost, and who being converted in their consciences, had acknowledged that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and had gladly believed and received the promise of Salvation through him.

If, after a careful examination of all these dealings of God, with the multitude on that day, and the evidences which they furnished, that the Spirit of his grace both occasioned their feelings, and dictated their confessions - we say, if after such examination, any are found to doubt that the divine operations of the Holy Ghost went before even Peter, command that they should be Baptized, then in the midst of deep astonishment that such doubt should exist, we shall commit the correction of the error as we conceive it to be, to God, and the Spirit of his truth - we record the facts - and each one must adopt his own conclusion - and from the passing notice we have bestowed on the subject; and suffering the recipients of the ordinance of Baptism to be witnesses in their own cases, it is clear, that from an exhibition of the power and wonderful works of God, which they beheld on that day, they were amazed and confounded - that under conviction of heart, they cry out, "What shall we do?"

They announced to the Apostles, that the same Jesus whom they had been preaching as the Saviour of Sinners, they joyfully and gladly received, and this we should esteem enough to finish any Christian experience.

But it may be, that had Mr. Campbell been there instead of Peter, he would have told them that, "Their jeers and joys" were alike the effects of bewildered imaginations - !!! And in proof, he could have referred them to the case of the student at a certain seminary, who fancied that on a particular day he was to die - which eventuated as mere delusion.

With this reference, Mr. Campbell is presumed to be familiar, as he presented the subject, perhaps, himself, to Mr. Fishback and others, at Lexington, Kentucky, during one of his visits to this state (see the second vol. of his harbinger, page 51).

And now leaving the reader to compare the Creed of this new Sect, with that of the Apostle Peter, so far as it is pretended that that great Apostle was its author on the Day of Pentecost, we proceed to invite your attention to other passages of Scripture from which you will perceive that the gift of the Holy Ghost - in other words, the mysterious and secret operations of the Spirit of God, in ancient times did, as they ever should, precede the ordinance of Baptism, when administered according to the Spirit of the Gospel.

We will commence with the first Apostolic Sermon which was ever preached to the Gentiles. And this same Peter appears to have been the preacher there. In this instance, the congregation was comprised of Cornelius, and his household, and his kindred, who had assembled to hear what communication the Lord would be pleased to make to them through the Apostle.

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A very important part of the Sermon on that occasion, was in substance: that God was no respecter of persons - but that in every land and nation he that feared God and worked righteousness would be accepted of him. Peter, moreover, informed them that it was a part of his mission, to preach to the people, that Jesus was to be the Judge of quick and dead - and that to him gave all the Prophets witness - that through his name, "Whosoever believed in him, should receive remission of sins."

Would Mr. Campbell's system have this passage also changed, so as to read, that whosoever was Baptized, should receive remission of Sins? But, while Peter spake the foregoing words, "The Holy Spirit fell on all them, which heard the Word," would Mr. Campbell say, "The Holy Spirit falls only on such as are Baptized?"

Peter then exclaimed, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be Baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" He had heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God, and he commanded them to be Baptized in the name of the Lord.

Mr. Campbell says, that Baptism was proclaimed by the Apostles for the remission of Sins - on, and from the Day of Pentecost, to the end of the Sacred Volume. It is astonishing that he should venture such an assertion, as we believe that the term, "remission of sins," as connected with Baptism and as following it, is mentioned only once in the whole **New Testament**, from its beginning to its close. And that text has already been twice quoted in this address.

We would here allude to the Baptism of the Eunuch by Philip, as affording evidence that remission of Sins, was not even perhaps as much as thought of in that case. The Eunuch was already a worshipper of God, and was, at the time, on his return from Jerusalem, whence he had been to worship. When meeting with Philip, and after certain explanations, he demanded Baptism of him, Philip required of him, by way of experience, a profession of his faith in the Saviour - on which subject, he of Ethiopia said - that he believed with all his heart - whereupon Philip baptized him - and he went on his way rejoicing. We repeat that there is not one word concerning remission of Sin, in all this, Mr. Campbell to the contrary notwithstanding.

But again, while at Philippi, Paul and Silas went down to a river's side, where prayer was want to be made, and a woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, heard them, and the Lord opened Lydia's heart, that she attended to the things spoken by Paul, and she was Baptized. But might not Mr. Campbell deny that it was the Lord, that opened Lydia's heart, before she was Baptized, and might he not insist that her impressions were to mere creatures of fancy, or a highly wrought imagination?

We have, however, a Bible receipt, that it was the work of the Spirit (see **Harbinger** - 2nd Vol. page 50.) We would next present the Jailer, a poor penitent, who on a certain solemn occasion came trembling, and fell down before the Apostles, saying, "What shall I do to be saved?" To this earnest inquiry, they replied, "Believe on the Lord, Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house. And they spake unto him the Word

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of the Lord, and to all that were in his house; and when the Jailer had washed their stripes, he was Baptized, and all his straightway, believing and rejoicing with all his house." Not a word here, about their sins being remitted in baptism.

We now call your attention, brethren, to the case of Saul, afterwards one of the most conspicuous of the Apostles. He was on a journey to Damascus, for the purpose of persecuting the Saints. While on his way a light shone around him, which greatly exceeded the light of the sun at midday. Saul's trembling limbs refused to support him, and he fell to the ground, exclaiming, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Would Mr. Campbell call this fancy, or would he deny that it was the Spirit of the Lord that was working?

They that were with Saul, led him to Damascus, where Annaias was specially commanded of the Lord to visit him. He did so, and said to him, putting his hands on him, "Brother Saul (mark he is not yet Baptized, though Annaias recognizes him as a brother), the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared to thee in the way as thou comest, hath sent me that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost! And immediately there fell from his eyes, as it had been scales, and he received sight forthwith, and arose and was Baptized." **Acts**, 9th Chap. 17th verse. There is no remission of sins mentioned on this occasion, except in reference to Baptism, as a believer's duty, and in regard to that a different mode of expression is adopted.

But Peter illustrates the subject of Baptism by an apt reference which we are inclined to think, will be very far from suiting the notions of this new sect of "**Reformers**." He speaks of Noah, and his escape from the dangers of the flood by means of the Ark, which he had erected and entered into, at the command of God. He says, "Whereunto the like figure Baptism, doth even now save us, not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God."

Noah was, even then, a righteous man, and indeed "a preacher of righteousness." He went into the Ark at God's command, and so let all the righteousness go into the water, at God's command - not to put away the pollution, or "the filth of the flesh" - but to answer (not to make) a good conscience before God.

Mr. Campbell anticipates that, ere long, Baptism will be taught as a duty to be performed, as we pay our taxes for the support of Government. He might with equal propensity, expect the same thing of every other duty which we owe to God, and which he enjoins on us to perform.

And we would unite with him, or with any other man, in wishing the arrival of the happy day when the whole world shall "believe and be Baptized;" but when the ordinance is administered, we wish no deluded soul to calculate that Baptism, alone, will wash away his Sins, or the deep rooted hostility of sinful Man, to a holy God, further than the single sin of disobedience to that command, as it is one of God's holy commands on believing and converted souls.

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The argument of the **Reformers** might, perhaps, be used with some slight plausibility, in reference to the Baptism of John - which was "unto repentance." But Christ, himself, is the great author of Christian Baptism - and that it might, throughout all time, have his divine sanction, he submitted to it himself.

What was the purpose of his Baptism? Was it for the remission of sins? Some would be so hardened in wickedness and blasphemy as to assert this.

What then? He declares the purpose in language plain and intelligible. It was - that he might "fulfill all righteousness" - and, therefore, when a believer submits to the ordinance of Baptism, he fulfills his Saviour's righteous command, and, indeed, he does another important duty at the same time, and in the same act. He testifies to the world, more than in any other act, his faith in the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead - he proclaims that he is, himself, dead to sin - and will no more walk therein - and, finally, that he is made alive to God through the resurrection of Christ.

In the full assurance of the correctness of these views, thousands - nay, millions, of believing souls have lived and died, and gone home to Heaven, by faith in the Redeemer. And when their tearful eyes have been swimming in death, and eternity has been opening on their view, their enraptured hearts and joyful tongues have welcomed the great day - and hailed with ecstasy their approaching meeting, with him who loved them - and died to redeem them - and wash them, in his own blood.

We now, dear brethren, close this address, which, though of considerable length, has, nevertheless, been hastily prepared. We have deemed it due to you, and to the society at large. We have expressed the views which it contains, as ours individually. They may, or may not, be yours. We have no right, nor do we claim even the slightest authority, to fasten them on any of our brethren.

Our principal design has been to awaken your minds to a prayerful examination of the Scriptures; that, thereby, you may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth of God - as it is in Christ Jesus. You are now scattered about in different climes, as so many little flocks. But cleave to the promises of God - steadfastly and without wavering, and in a little time more, we shall all be congregated together at the feet of Jesus, where free grace and dying love, shall be the burden of every song.

And God, even the everlasting God, shall be all, and in all, forever and ever.

Amen.

Signed by order of the Association.

Thos. Chilton, Jr., Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Held at **Pleasant Valley Meeting House**, Hardin County, Kentucky, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th days of September, 1835.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Brother Thomas Chilton, Jr., from the 1st verse of the 133rd **Psalm**, "Behold, how good, and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Letters were received from the following churches, and the names of their Messengers enrolled, viz:

	Church	Messengers	Members
1st	Republican Church , Hardin Co.	Tho. J. Chilton, Walter Williams, Elijah Middleton, Thomas Morrison, John C. Williams, and Tho. Chilton	100
2nd	Good Springs , Green Co.	Alexander Gupton, Stephen Gupton, James Bleakman, and Minor Chilton	104
3rd	Union , Adair Co.	(Letter, but no Messenger)	18
4th	Sand Lick , Green Co.	William DeSpain and James Thompson	42
5th	Mt. Zion , Hardin Co.	Aaron Hart, S. Kerfoot, Morgan J. Larue, John Haycraft, and Jesse V. Larue	30
6th	Mt. Carmel , Green Co.	Johnson Gaddy, John Davis, and Jacob Shoffner	123
7th	Liberty , Green Co.	David Etherton, Moses Hoover, and Stephen Skaggs	57
8th	Mt. Zion , Hart Co.	Joseph Pepper	32
9th	Mt. Olive , Green Co.	David Elkin, Daniel Kepler, Robert Judd, Jacob G. Davis, and Rueben Lobb	66

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Church	Messengers	Members
10th Trammel's Creek, Green Co.	Ashby Wilcox, Alexander Lisle, Joseph Miller, and Reubin Clark	59
11th Dick's Creek, Green Co.	Abraham Bales and Daniel Benningfield	34
12th Pleasant Ridge, Green Co.	Elisha B. Ford	32
13th Macedonia, Barren Co.	Jos. Trowbridge	12
14th Bethel, Barren Co.	John Hall and Henry Skaggs	32
15th Lebanon, Hart Co.	Tho. Skaggs, William Skaggs, and Lewis Harlow	42
16th Mt. Horeb, Breckenridge Co.	Barksdale Snider	
17th Mt. Gilead, Breckenridge Co.	Jas. Bramblett, Ruel Shrewsbury, and Temple Poston	<u>15</u>
	Total	798

From the churches at **Barton's Run**, Grayson Co.; **Marrowbone**, Tennessee; **Mt. Vernon**, Spencer Co.; **Kerr's Creek**, Tennessee; **Providence**, Russell Co.; **Charity**, Cumberland Co.; **Salem**, Adair Co.; and **Bee Knob**, Indiana, no letters were read.

The Corresponding Letter from the **South Kentucky Association** was received and read, and their Messenger in attendance, viz: Bro. Elijah Jeffries, invited to a seat.

The Association then proceeded to choose, by ballot, a Moderator and Clerk, whereupon Brother Tho. Chilton, Jr., was chosen Moderator, and Brother Minor Chilton, Clerk.

The following members were appointed a committee to arrange the business of the Association, viz: the Moderator and Clerk, and Brethren Walter Williams, Joseph Pepper, David Elkin, Thomas J. Chilton, and John Hall.

The Moderator was appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, and Elder Tho. J. Chilton to write a Circular Address to the churches, whereupon the Association adjourned until Saturday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

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Met according to adjournment, and after singing and prayer, proceeded to business.

The report of the Committee was called for, and being received and read, the committee was discharged.

The Association proceeded to take up and consider the business presented, and had the following actions thereon:

1st A Union Meeting was appointed at **Mt. Carmel**, Green Co., 3rd Saturday and Sabbath in August next, and Brethren David Elkin, Henry Skaggs, and Abraham Bales agreed to attend it.

2nd Also at **Mt. Zion**, Hart Co., 4th Saturday and Sabbath in July next, and Brethren Tho. J. Chilton, Abraham Bales, Alexander Gupton agree to attend it.

3rd At **Bethel**, Barren Co., 4th Saturday and Sabbath in May next, and Brethren Joseph Pepper, A. Bales, and John Bales agree to attend it.

4th At **Union Church**, Adair Co., 3rd Saturday and Sabbath in May next, and Brethren Thomas Skaggs, David Elkin, and William Skaggs to attend it.

On the prayer of the **South Kentucky Association**, and of the **Mt. Gilead Church**, for Ministerial aid the Association recommended to their Ministers, the importance of visiting those brethren as often as conveniently practical.

It was resolved that the next Meeting of this Association be held at **Lebanon Church**, Hart Co., Ky., commencing on the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September, 1836.

The Corresponding Letter was called for, received, read, and being approved, Brethren John Hall, David Elkin, Tho. Skaggs, and Alexander Gupton, were appointed to bear it to the **South Kentucky Association**, which will be held at **Tabernacle Meeting House**, Adair Co., Ky., commencing on the 2nd Saturday in August next.

The Circular Letter being called for, was read, and unanimously approved, ordered that it be printed with the Minutes.

The following query was sent to this Association by the **Lebanon Church**, viz: "Is it agreeable to the Gospel, that a **Separate Baptist** should take the Lord's Supper, with any person who has not been Baptized by immersion?"

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To which the Association adopted the following answer by a vote of 31 to 5, viz:

“In answer to the query from the **Lebanon Church**, in regard to Communion, this Association says, that they have no authority to interfere with the liberty of the churches on the subject. The **Separate Baptist Society** have never proclaimed or held an open Communion. They have believed and still believe that whether a church or a member should commune or not commune, is a question to be decided between God and the soul of each believer. God has made the conscience of each of his children free to interpret the Heavenly Will for himself, and for himself to judge of his own Christian duty, and the manner of its performance. To attempt to blind their consciences, we not only believe would transcend our power, but would be to fight against God. We therefore refer the decision of the question to the several churches, and their members, to whom it properly belongs.”

At the request of the Messengers from the **Lebanon Church**, the Association did not act on that part of their letter, which related to the dealing of **Good Spring Church** with their Minister, Thomas Skaggs. But, by a vote of the Association, they were permitted to withdraw it.

A contribution was then made for the printing of the Minutes, and Brother Temple Poston appointed to superintend the same, and their distribution among the several churches.

Brethren Elijah Jeffries, Alexander Gupton, and Thomas Chilton, Jr., were appointed to preach on the Sabbath, which duty was performed by them, before a great multitude of attentive and deeply impressed hearers. The power of God was signally displayed upon the congregation, and the Meeting closed amid the triumphs of faith, and with the brightest demonstrations of brotherly affection.

The Association was thereupon adjourned, until its next annual meeting.

Tho. Chilton, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Circular Letter

The Minutes and Messengers of the churches composing the **Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists**, having closed their business for which they assembled, deem it a Christian duty to submit to the brethren in whose names they have met, a few parting remarks. It is a duty rendered the more pleasant, by the consideration that those, whom we address, are not torn asunder by discord; nor excited to worldly jealousies by theological speculations and oppositions of science, falsely so called, but that they are of one mind as regards the great and fundamental truths of the Gospel System; and are ever ready - even willing, to receive the friendly suggestions of their brethren, on the subject of Christian duty. It is in the spirit of brotherly kindness that we make this Address, and in the same spirit, we are assured by all past experience, it will be received.

Dear Brethren:

We do not design to take up any disputed topic for discussion in this Address. Much of the precious time of Christians, which should be devoted to the improvement of the heart, and the cultivation of the graces of the Spirit, is wasted in fruitless controversies, about matters which vex the head without improving the heart. It is the privilege of others, if they prefer it, to wage wars and to prosecute them, to originate new systems, and to preserve them, to wander into the wildest deserts of confusion, and grope in the midst of Egyptian darkness, trampling the Councils of God, and the institutions of his graces, under their feet - quenching the Spirit - or having begun in the Spirit, to turn aside and offer insult to all divine teachings, declaring them to be nothing more than the fruits of disordered minds and bewildered imaginations, or the dreams of deluded zealots.

To us, it is painful to behold these things, yet we say it is not ours to curtail the privilege of others, the consequence which must follow the abuse of those privileges will not fall on us, unless indeed we should participate in those abuses.

We will therefore endeavor to keep our garments unspotted, and our hands unstained by those pollutions, and as we have received Christ Jesus, so to walk in him. The Spirit of God has repeatedly recorded for our instruction and for our solemn warning, as the professed followers of Christ, that there had not only been false prophets in times past, but would arise in times to come, "false teachers," who should privily bring in the most soul destroying heresies - even denying the Lord that bought them, and bringing on themselves, swift destruction. That many would follow their pernicious ways, that "spots they are, and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you." That having forsaken the right way, they are gone astray, following the example of Balaam, the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness. "These are wells without water - clouds, that are carried with a tempest - to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever!!"

We are fully satisfied, that, "it had been better for them, not to have known the

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way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them!!”

And, when we hear men who have devoted years of their lives to preaching and teaching the truths of experimental religion - the divine operations of the Spirit of God, reproving, convicting, and converting Sinners - turn about and pronounce experimental religion a mere delusion of the brain, and the operations of the Spirit, on the Sinner’s heart, as a mere fiction of the imagination. We are compelled to ask whether they do, or do not, belong to that unhappy number who have “forsaken the right way,” and whether it has not happened unto them, according to the true proverb, “The dog has turned to his own vomit again, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

But, we repeat, that it is not our intention to go into doctrinal discussions in this letter.

Our object is a better one. It is to point you to the certain means of escaping the snares of false teachers, who may be crying, “Lo! Here!,” and, “Lo, there!”

And those means are found, in constant watchfulness and prayer to God. God is the great author of truth, and the whole system of truth, is his own. His eyes are over the Righteous, and his ears are open to their cries. He has solemnly promised that he will hear their prayers, and deliver them out of all their temptations, their difficulties, and their sorrow.

This righteous God, not only knows well every Soul that trusts him, but he also knows well, how to defend the Heavenly System of his own truth, and how to protect his humble followers against, “the deceivings,” of wicked men and devils.

Then, brethren, your only course of solid happiness, your only pathway of perfect security, is found in constant supplication and prayer to that mighty God of Truth, against whom the powers of Earth, and Hell, and the Prince of Darkness, will ever fight; but can neither prevail. In the constant discharge of your Christian duties, you will find solid comfort, and you will find it no where else.

Oh, brethren, do you pray? Or, are you seeking to content yourselves with an empty profession of religion, while you live in neglect of all its duties?

The world may be deceived, but God cannot. His eyes are over you, and he marks the difference between the praying Saint, and the cold, empty professor. He will own and enlighten, and bless the one - while he will view the other as a poor, fruitless cumberer of the ground.

Brethren, it is prayer that makes the Christian armor bright, and that opens up to his longing eyes, the joys of Heaven. When prayer is once restrained, he no longer fights as a Christian Soldier, but the mystical “Amalek” that moment prevails.

The happiness of your own souls, and the souls of your children, depend on your

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diligence in duty. Neglect not to collect your families around the domestic altar, and in humble prayer, lay their souls at Jesus' feet.

He will meet you with an answer of peace, and will bless both you and them. Pray God incessantly, for an outpouring of his Spirit; for a universal revival of true religion; for the defense of his Gospel truth; for the protection of his believing children; for the downfall of Satan's Kingdom. and you will not only enjoy solid peace and permanent security yourselves, but you may soon calculate on seeing happy times and joyful seasons, Zion arrayed in her beautiful garments, and her temple gates crowded with penitents and returning prodigals.

May the spirit of his grace direct and protect you, until we shall meet on those shores of perfect and eternal deliverance, where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary be at rest.

Esteem us your brethren in the Lord, and remember us in your prayers.

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen.

Signed by order of the Association,

Tho. Chilton, Moderator

Minor Chilton, Clerk

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Held at **Lebanon Meeting House**, Hart County, Kentucky, commencing the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September 1836.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Brother John Hall, from an appropriate subject.

Letters were received from the following churches, and the names of their Messengers enrolled, viz:

Church	Messengers	Members
Republican Church, Hardin Co.	James Jeffries, Tho. J. Chilton, Walter Williams, Isham Jeffries, Elijah Middleton, and John C. Williams	90
Good Spring, Green Co.	Tho. Whitlock, Alexander Gupton, Danl. Bleakman, John Bagby, Alex McUahan, J. Bagby, John Curry, and John Bleakman	85
Union, Adair County	Letter, but no Messengers	16
Sand Lick, Green County	William Coakley and Lewis DeSpain	43
Pleasant Valley, Hardin County	Morgan J. Larue, Saml Kerfoot, and Jesse V. Larue	
Mt. Carmel, Green County	John D. Oaks, Jacob Shofner, William Skaggs, Robert Shofner, Solomon Skaggs, and Johnson Gaddy	130
Liberty, Green County	Moses Hoover, James Pearce, and William Pearce	56
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Joseph Pepper	30
Mt. Olive, Green County	David Elkin, Danl. Kesler, Jason Bell, Benjamin Shadowen, and James Russell	47

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Church	Messengers	Members
Trammel's Creek, Green County	Alexander Lisle, John Greenstreet, Ruebin Clark, and Joseph Miller	58
Dick's Creek, Green County	Abraham Bale, Daniel Benningfield, Jas. Milby, Elum Perkins, Wm. Ward, and Nathl. Ward	23
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	John Bale, C. F. McKinney, and Rich Strader	29
Macedonia, Barren County	J. Trowbridge and Notley Gore	12
Bethel, Barren County	John Hall, Henry Skaggs, Sr., Abraham Woodard, Henry Skaggs, Jr., and Nathaniel Craddock	35
Lebanon, Hart County	Tho. Skaggs, Wm. Skaggs, Stephen Biggs, Michael Harlow, L. Harlow, E. Pittman, and J. M. Shadowen	50
Dover, Green County	Tho. Cogdale, Elijah Gumm, and Abraham Gumm	<u>11</u>
	Total	715

This last church is a new constitution.

Several of the churches not represented by letter nor Messenger this year.

The Corresponding Letter from the **South Kentucky Association** was called for. Bro. John Robertson, one of their Corresponding Members, appeared, from whom we learned, Bro. Portman had their letter, and had not arrived. Bro. Robertson was invited to a seat with us.

The Association then proceeded to choose Brother Joseph Pepper, Moderator, and John C. Williams, Clerk.

The following members were appointed a committee to arrange the business of the Association, viz: the Moderator and Clerk, and Brethren Henry Skaggs, Alexander Gupton, Abraham Bate, and Moses Hoover.

Brethren John D. oaks and Alexander Gupton, appointed to write a Corresponding

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Letter to the **South Kentucky Association.**

The following brethren were appointed a committee to convene with Elder Thomas Skaggs, in relation to difficulties in several of the churches, and report to the Association on tomorrow, viz: William Coakley, John Hall, Abraham Woodard, James Jeffries, John D. Oaks, Morgan J. Larue, and Walter Williams, whereupon the Association adjourned until Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

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Saturday

Met according to adjournment, and, after singing and prayer, proceeded to business.

The report of the Committee of Arrangement was called for, and being received and read, the committee was discharged.

The Association proceeded to take up and consider the business presented:

1st A Union Meeting was appointed at **Sand Lick**, 2nd Saturday and Sabbath in June next, and Brethren Joseph Pepper, David Elkin, and John Bale agree to attend it.

2nd Also at **Mt. Carmel**, 3rd Saturday and Sabbath in May, and Brethren A. Woodard, Alexander Gupton, and J. Hall agree to attend it.

3rd At **Liberty**, 1st Saturday and Sabbath in May, and Brethren J. Bale and David Elkin agree to attend it.

4th At **Union Church**, Adair County, 3rd Saturday and Sabbath in October, and Brethren A. Gupton, A. Bale, and J. Bale agree to attend it.

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Association be held at **Sand Lick**, Green County, Kentucky, commencing the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September, 1837.

The Corresponding Letter was called for, received, read, and being approved, Brethren John Hall, Alexander Gupton, Daniel Kesler, and William Coakley were appointed to bear it to the South Kentucky Association, which will be held at **Greasy Creek**, Russell County, Kentucky, commencing on the 2nd Saturday in August next.

The letter from **Lebanon Church** not being presented when the others were, was presented on the second day and read, and committed to the Committee of Arrangement, who reported to the Association, that several complaints were presented in the letter:

First That the Association last year, had not given a satisfactory answer on the subject of Communion; the answer was then called for and read, and this Association refers them to the same answer.

2nd That Elder Thomas Skaggs, with a part or all of the **Lebanon Church**, called a Council of as many of the **Separate Baptists** and **United Baptists** as they could get to meet, to form a Union on a part of John Taylor's history; this Association believing that a small party of **Separate Baptists**, acting as above stated, has hitherto not been known, either by **Regular** or **Separate Baptists**, therefore, by an overwhelming majority,

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disapprove the whole proceedings of the party.

The report of the committee appointed to converse with Elder Thomas Skaggs, called for, which read as follows: "We, your committee, having conversed with Elder Thomas Skaggs, about the unhappy divisions that have lately taken place, do believe that he has been the principle cause of all the difficulty that is now existing in our Association."

A contribution was then made for the printing of the Minutes, and the Clerk appointed to superintend the same, and their distribution among the several churches.

Whereas Elder Thomas Skaggs, on Saturday evening, made known to the Association, that either the Meeting House, or stand, would be occupied by his party, we therefore, in order to have no more confusion, do adjourn, until our next annual meeting.

Signed by order of the Association.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

John C. Williams, Clerk

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The Annual Meeting of this Association, for the year 1837, was commenced the 8th day of September, continuing the two succeeding days, and was held at **Sand Lick Meeting House**, Green County, Kentucky.

The Meeting was opened by an appropriate address from Brother A. Bale, his subject being the 1st verse of the 3rd chapter of **John**.

Letters were then received and read, from the churches following, and their Messengers' names enrolled, viz:

Church	Messengers	Members
Republican Church , Hardin County, Ky.	Tho. J. Chilton, Walter Williams, William Martin, John Carroll, and John T. Hodges	80
Good Spring , Green County	A. Gupton, S. Gupton, James Phillips, and John Bagby	95
Union , Adair County	No letter, nor Messenger	16
Sand Lick , Green County	William Coakley, William DeSpain, Moses Skaggs, Rodin Wood, and James Thompson	31
Pleasant Valley , Hardin County	Dissolved	
Mt. Carmel , Green County	John D. Oaks, Jacob Shoffner, and John Davis	110
Liberty , Green County	Moses Etherton, James Pierce, Moses Hoover, Hugh Warren, and William Pierce	55
Mt. Zion , Hart County	Joseph Pepper, George Dixon, and Nathaniel Ward	53
Bethel , Barren County	J. Hall, A. Woodard, Henry Skaggs, and D. Shofner	35

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Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Olive, Green County	David Elkin, Daniel Kesler, Benjamin Shadowen, Tho. Hines, and William Might	31
Trammel's Creek, Green County	John Edwards, Reubin Clark, Alexander Lisle, Abraham Lisle, and Joseph Miller	57
Dick's Creek, Green County	B. Henderson, E. Perkins, and J. Milby	13
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	John Bale, John McKinney, John McKinney, Jr., Richard Strader, David Strader, and William A. Wells	<u>28</u>
	Total	604
Macedonia, Barren County	No Messengers nor letter	
Dover, Green County	No Messengers nor letter	

The Corresponding Letter from the **South Kentucky Association** called for, received, and read, and their Messengers in attendance, viz: Brethren F. Woolford and Clayton Portman, invited to seats.

The Association then proceeded to choose Brother Joseph Pepper, Moderator, and John T. Hodges, Clerk.

The following brethren were appointed to arrange the business of the association, viz: the Moderator and Clerk, Walter Williams, Alexander Gupton, John D. Oaks, and Abraham Woodard.

Brethren John T. Hodges and John Hall were appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, and Brother Alexander Gupton, to write a Circular Letter to the churches.

The Association then, with prayer, adjourned, to meet on tomorrow (Saturday) morning, 10 o'clock A. M.

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The Association convened at the appropriate hour and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

The report of the Committee of Arrangement called for, and being received and read, the committee was discharged.

That committee reported the following petitions for Union Meetings, which were accordingly appointed, to wit:

One at **Sand Lick**, Green County, to commence on the 1st Saturday in June, 1838, and Brethren Joseph Pepper, Stephen Gupton, and John Hall to attend it;

One at **Mt. Olive**, Green County, to commence on the Thursday before the 4th Saturday in November, 1838, and Brethren A. Bale, J. Bale, Jos. Pepper, and J. Hall to attend it;

One at **Pleasant Ridge**, Green County, to commence on the Friday before the 3rd Saturday in June, 1838, and Brethren A. Gupton, A. Woodard, and S. Gupton to attend it.

Agreed that the next meeting of the Association be held at **Republican Meeting House**, Hardin County, Kentucky, on the 2nd Saturday in September, 1838, and the two following days.

The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** was called for, received, and read, and being approved, Brethren J. Pepper, A. Gupton, D. Elkin, S. Gupton, and Walter Williams were appointed to bear it. That Association meets in Garrard County, Kentucky, commencing 2nd Saturday in August, at **Gilbert's Creek Meeting House**.

The Circular Letter to the churches was next called for, received and read, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Association then took into consideration the situation of the churches and preachers of this Society; and several churches destitute of preachers. Therefore, this Association recommended to the churches, generally, to contribute liberally toward the preachers, to enable them to travel and preach more.

It being Motioned and Seconded, that the fellowship of Elder Thomas Skaggs, and his followers, be tried. The vote was taken, and unanimously decided that they were no more of us.

The business being now closed, a collection was taken up for the printing of the Minutes and Circular Letters, and Brother John C. Williams appointed to superintend the

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same, and their distribution according to the several sums advanced.

The Association then adjourned till its next Annual Meeting.

On the Sabbath, a large congregation of listening and attentive people were addressed, and from the deep and solemn impression which appeared among them, we trust that it will mark the commencement of happy days, in that quarter of the country.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

John T. Hodges, Clerk

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Circular Letter (1837)

Dearly beloved Brethren,

Our Annual Meeting having come to a close, we take great pleasure in addressing you by letter. Since we have been together, we have heard from the great body of the churches comprising the **Nolyinn Association**, and we are happy to let you know that no business of a disturbing nature has been presented for our consideration, but on the contrary, all the churches say, by their letter, they are at peace among themselves, and we pray God that the unity of the Spirit and the bond of Peace may be kept by all the followers of our Lord and Saviour. We met in peace and brotherly affection, and we can say of a truth that we have set together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Dear brethren, take courage; if the Lord is on our side, who can stand before us. We are surrounded with enemies on every side, but Jesus is at the Helm of his own Government, and he will lead his flock like a shepherd, and though our path is through great tribulation. yet, he will bring us off more than conquerors.

We profess to be **Separate Baptists**, and o that God would make us to walk worthy the vocation wherewith we are called, holding forth the good word of life to a lost and ruined world. And first, we should recommend it by telling the Saints of God and poor Sinners who are daily falling around us, what great things the Lord has done for our souls, and secondly, by obeying all the Commands; and in doing this we should keep our eye single to the Glory of God and the advancement of his Kingdom in the world. Were these principles strictly attended to, we believe the time would speedily roll on when all the dear people of God would see eye to eye, and all speak the same things.

And now, dear brethren, in conclusion, pray that you may stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, that you may fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life, that God may bless you with his Spiritual presence while you live in the world, that you may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, until our enraptured souls shall feast on the great ocean of God's eternal love. Farewell.

Signed by order of the Association,

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

John T. Hodges, Clerk

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The Annual Meeting of this Association, for the year 1838, was commenced on Saturday, the 8th day of September, and continued the two succeeding days. It was held at the **Republican Meeting House**, Hardin County, Kentucky.

The Meeting was opened by an appropriate address from Brother Alexander Gupton.

Letters were then received and read from the following churches, and their Messengers' names enrolled, viz:

Church	Messengers	Number
Republican, Hardin Co., Ky.	Walter Williams, T. Morrison, James Jeffries, John T. Hodges, and John C. Williams	110
Good Spring, Green County	Alexander Gupton and D. Bleakman	96
Sand Lick, Green County	Wm. DeSpain and James Thompson	44
Mt. Carmel, Green County	John D. Oaks, J. Shofner, J. Davis, T. Underwood, and J. Gaddy	133
Liberty, Green County	Moses Hoover, George League, and H. Warren	107
Mt. Zion, Hart County	J. Benningfield, A. Bale, J. Pepper, Edmond Branch, and Samuel Pepper	92
Bethel, Barren County	John Hall, George Stilts, A. Boston, and E. Piper	74
Mt. Olive, Green County	David Elkin, Sr., Daniel Kepler, and Isaac H. Elkin	58
Trammel's Creek, Green County	Alexander Lisle and Joseph Miller	91

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Church	Messengers	Number
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	John Bale	35
Macedonia, Barren County	Jos. Trowbridge,	15
Lebanon, Hart County	Aaron Sandridge and William Butter	100
Good Hope, Barren County	Abraham Woodard, Pleasant Gallaway, and James H. Mize	<u>31</u>
Total		986

This last church is a new constitution, and the churches at **Union**, Adair County, **Dick's Creek**, Green County, and **Dover**, Green County, have been dissolved.

The Association then proceeded to choose Elder Joseph Pepper, Moderator, and J. C. Williams, Clerk.

The Corresponding Letter from the **South Kentucky Association** was called for, received and read, and their Messengers in attendance, viz: Elijah Jeffries, J. G. Pond, and John Robertson invited to seats.

The following brethren were appointed a committee to arrange the business of the Association, viz: the Moderator and Clerk, and Brethren Alexander Gupton, John D. Oaks, and John T. Hodges.

Brother A. Gupton appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, and Brother W. Williams, to write a Circular Letter to the churches.

The Association appointed three brethren to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned, till Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

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The Association convened at the appointed hour, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

The report of the Committee was called for, and being received and read, the committee was discharged. That Committee reported the following petitions for Union Meeting, which were accordingly appointed, viz:

One at **Bethel**, Barren County, commencing on the 3rd Saturday in May next, and Brethren J. Pepper, A. Gupton, and D. Elkin to attend it;

One at **Trammel's Creek**, Green County, to commence on the 1st Saturday in November next, and Brethren A. Woodard and a. Bale to attend it;

One at **Good Hope**, commencing 2nd Saturday in June next, and Brethren A. Gupton, D. Elkin, and J. Bale to attend it;

One from **Mt. Carmel**, for a protracted Meeting, commencing the Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August next, and Brethren J. Pepper, J. Bale, and A. Woodard to attend it.

There being several applications reported for the next Association, it was agreed that its next Meeting be held at **Liberty**, Green County, Ky., on the second Saturday in September, 1839, and the two following days.

The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** was called for, received and read, and being approved, Brethren A. Gupton, J. Pepper, W. Williams, D. Elkin, D. Bleakman, and W. DeSpain were appointed to bear it. That Association meets in Casey County, Ky., commencing second Saturday in August next, at **Concord Meeting House**.

The Circular Letter to the churches was next called for, received and read, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The proposition from the church at **Republican Meeting House**, for starting out traveling preachers throughout this Association, then came up for consideration, whereupon it was advised by this body, that each church composing this Association, would raise by subscriptions or otherwise, what they could, and that they would each send one member to Trammel's Creek, Green County, on the 1st Saturday in Nov. next, to ascertain what amount could be raised for the benefit of said preachers.

The Association then went into the choice of preaching, when it was ascertained that they wished Brethren A. Bale and A. Gupton to travel, if the amount should justify both - if not, then Brother Bale, alone.

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A collection was then taken up for the printing of the Minutes, and the Clerk appointed to superintend the same, and their distribution, in proportion to the several sums paid by the churches.

The Association then adjourned till its next Annual Meeting.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

John C. Williams, Clerk

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Circular Letter

Dearly beloved Brethren,

The practice of addressing you at the close of each of our Annual Meetings is not only sanctioned by custom, but is venerable for its antiquity. We must refer you to our Minutes for a general knowledge of the business which we have transacted in your names, and to your Ministers and Messengers for information relative to such matters as are not particularly noticed in the Minutes.

We met in love and peace, and a spirit of moderation and brotherly kindness has distinguished our Meeting throughout. We heard with joy that the sister churches, composing this Association, were gliding on the smooth and tranquil stream of kindred affection and peace, and that in many places, the dews of Heaven had watered the garden of grace since our last Meeting.

Our meeting together, indeed, brethren, was pleasant. To the lovers of religion, the Children of God, it is always pleasant to meet together, the more particularly after a long absence, and to join in secret converse about the goodness of their Heavenly Father, and to join in an attempt to advance the honor of his dear Kingdom and the happiness of Saints. This comfort we have enjoyed, and for it, we humbly and sincerely thank the gracious giver of all good.

But, dear Brethren, we have experienced a painful drawback upon the pleasure which we have described. Upon looking around, we see thousands of our fellow mortals, rushing speedily on to ruin, sporting on the slippery banks of destruction, while fiery billows roll below, and whilst their eternal happiness or misery is suspended on the brittle thread of human existence. We know that the great Day of Retribution is moving on, and how near it may be, the wisdom of God alone can determine.

Brethren, are we not too much infatuated with the vanities and fleeting of time, and too seldom look to our own hearts and conduct?

Christians should so act, that, by their conduct, the World might be able to distinguish them from all other Men. They should bear the marks of the Lord Jesus on their bodies, and their heavenly conversation should proclaim to the world that they are born from on high.

They should often meet together. If they have no preacher, they should pray, for dear to the Lord are the prayers of his Saints, and they should be encouraged by the recollection that, where two or three meet together in his name, that Jesus is in the midst.

Your time of toil and labor is short. Soon shall the thunder of Gabriel's trump be heard, and soon shall Nature stand trembling at the appearance of her God.

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Soon shall the billows of life cease to beat upon the faithful servants of our King. Soon shall they be collected around their Master's table.

Shall we be there? Shall our lamps be trimmed and burning when the bridegroom comes?

These are important questions. May the Lord help us seriously to think of them.

Oh, children of Jesus, let us renew our covenant with God and each other. Let us determine to meet oftener together, and to pray more. Let us resolve to love the World less, and to be more circumspect in our conduct - and conversation. Let us avoid a participation in the follies of Mankind, and study more intensely the Word and will of Heaven.

Brethren, suffer on for a little while longer, and your sorrow shall be over. Patiently wade through your pilgrimage here below, and soon shall you be called to the enjoyment of a mansion, where the wicked shall cease from troubling, and the weary shall be forever at rest.

In the bonds of Christian love and brotherly affection, farewell. Act well your parts, never forgetting that the eyes of God are over you, and the Crown to which you aspire is worthy the bitterest toil and suffering.

May grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, be multiplied unto you, and may you dwell in peace and the communion of the Saints.

Farewell.

Signed by order of the Association.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

John C. Williams, Clerk

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The Annual Meeting of this Association, for the year 1839, was commenced on Saturday, the 14th day of September, and continued the two succeeding days. It was held at **Liberty Meeting House**, Green County, Kentucky.

The Meeting was opened by an appropriate address, from Elder Stephen Gupton.

Letters were then received and read from the following churches, and their Messengers' names enrolled, viz:

Church	Messengers	Members
Republican, Hardin County, Ky.	Alexander Gupton, James Jeffries, John T. Hodges, Saml. Kerfoot, William Cesna, and John C. Williams	160
Good Spring, Green County, Ky.	Stephen Gupton, Daniel Bleakman, John Curry, and James Bleakman	94
Sand Lick, Green County, Ky.	Moses Skaggs and George League	44
Mt. Carmel, Green County	John D. Oaks, Jacob Shoffner, Thomas Underwood, and Jesse Pervis	142
Liberty, Green County	Moses Hoover, Hiram Johnson, and William Peace	92
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Joseph Pepper, Daniel Benningfield, Edward Thompson, George Dixon, and S. Skaggs	102
Bethel, Barren County	John Hall	83
Mt. Olive, Green County	David Elkin, Daniel Kesler, Isaac H. Elkin, Solomon Kesler, and Wm. M. Kidd	64
Trammel's Creek, Green County	Reubin Clark, Green Forbush, and William Woodard	95

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Church	Messengers	Members
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	William Wells	31
Lebanon, Hart County	William Butter, Tho. Cunningham, and William Ratliffe	91
Good Hope, Barren County	Abraham Woodard, John Slinker, Silas Woodard, and Wesley Galloway	<u>39</u>
	Total	1037

The church at **Macedonia**, Barren County, has been dissolved.

The Association then proceeded to choose Elder Joseph Pepper, Moderator, and John C. Williams, Clerk.

The Corresponding Letter from the **South Kentucky Association** was called for, received and read, and their Messengers in attendance, viz: William Price, Robert George, Fielding G. Coffee, Joseph Richeson, James Pigg, and Willis Coffee, invited to seats.

The following brethren were appointed a committee to arrange the business of the Association, viz: the Clerk, Daniel Bleakman, John T. Hodges, William Ratliffe, and James Jeffries.

Brother Walter Williams appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, and Elder Alexander Gupton to write a Circular Letter to the churches.

The Association appointed three brethren to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 16th

The Association convened at the appropriate hour, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

The report of the Committee was called for, and being received and read, the Committee was discharged. That committee reported several applications for Union and Protracted Meetings. The Association then agreed to appoint a Protracted Meeting in each church, except the one where the next Association should be held, when they were appointed as follows:

At **Republican**, to commence the Friday before the 1st Saturday in October, and Elders John D. Oaks and Stephen Gupton, agree to attend it;

At **Sand Lick**, commencing Friday before the 2nd Saturday in August, and Elders David Elkin, Joseph Pepper, and Stephen Gupton to attend it;

At **Mt. Carmel**, Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August, and Elders D. Elkin, J. Pepper, and A. Woodard to attend it.

At **Liberty**, Friday before the 1st Saturday in July, and Elders A. Gupton, S. Gupton, and D. Elkin to attend it;

At **Mt. Zion**, Friday before the 4th Saturday in July, and Elders A. Gupton, S. Gupton, and D. Elkin to attend it;

At **Bethel**, Friday before the 3rd Saturday in May, and Elders Joseph Pepper, A. Woodard, and A. Gupton to attend it;

At **Mt. Olive**, Friday before the 4th Saturday in June, and Elders J. Pepper, S. Gupton, and A. Woodard to attend it;

Trammel's Creek, Friday before the 1st Saturday in September, and Elders A. Gupton, S. Gupton, and J. Pepper to attend it;

Pleasant Ridge, Friday before the 3rd Saturday in October, and Elders S. Gupton and J. Pepper to attend;

Lebanon, Friday before the 1st Saturday in June, and Elders S. Gupton, A. Woodard, and D. Elkin to attend;

Good Hope, Friday before the 2nd Saturday in October, and J. Pepper, J. D. Oaks, and A. Gupton to attend.

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Agreed that the next Association be held at **Good Spring**, Green County, Kentucky, to commence 2nd Saturday in September, 1840.

The Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association** was called for, received and read, and being approved, Brethren A. Gupton, James Bleakman, Isaac H. Elkin, Daniel Blakeman, Daniel Kesler, S. Pepper, W. Ratliffe, T. Cunningham, S. Kerfoot, E. Thompson, and W. Wells were appointed to bear it. That Association meets at **Union Church**, Adair County, Ky., on the 2nd Saturday in August, 1840.

The Circular Letter to the churches was next called for, received and read, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

A collection was then taken up for the printing of the Minutes, ten dollars and 50 cents being the amount, and the Clerk appointed to superintend the same and their distribution, in proportion to the several sums paid by the churches.

Resolved that hereafter the Circular attached to the Minutes need not be recorded in the Association Book.

The Association then adjourned till its next Annual Meeting.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

John C. Williams, Clerk

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This Association met on the 12th day of September, 1840, at **Good Spring Meeting House**, Green County, Kentucky, and continued the two succeeding days.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder A. Woodard.

Letters were then received and read from the following churches, and their Messengers names' enrolled, viz:

Church	Messengers	Number
Republican, Hardin County	A. Gupton, W. Williams, and J. C. Williams	100
Good Spring, Green Co.	T. Radford, J. E. Curry, Stephen Gupton, and John Bleakman	86
Sand Lick, Green Co.	G. League and G. Coakley	53
Mt. Carmel, Green Co.	J. D. Oaks, J. Shoffner, T. Underwood, J. Pervis	158
Liberty, Green Co.	M. Hoover, H. Johnson, E. Warren, A. Warren, and H. Warren	106
Mt. Zion, Hart County	J. Pepper, J. Hodgens, S. P. Skaggs, J. Bryant, and S. Pepper	120
Bethel, Barren Co.	D. Shofner, I. Pierce, P. Pierce, and J. Pierce	120
Mt. Olive, Green Co.	D. Elkins, J. D. Davis, and B. Shadowen	60
Trammel's Creek, Green Co.	R. Clark, A. Lisle, and J. Miller	77

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Church	Messengers	Number
Pleasant Ridge, Green Co.	L. Wells and D. Strader	27
Lebanon, Hart Co.	Letter but no Messenger	70
Good Hope, Barren Co.	A. Woodard, J. Slinker, L. G. Slinker, W. Gallaway, and P. McKinney	57
Little Mount, Hardin Co.	J. T. Hodges, M. Dye, W. Cossna, and W. Redman	41
Pleasant Valley, Hardin Co.	A. Morrison	<u>27</u>
Total		1102

The two last churches are new constitutions.

The Association then proceeded to choose Elder Joseph Pepper, Moderator, and J. C. Williams, Clerk.

The Corresponding Letter from the **South Kentucky Association** was called for, received and read, and their Messengers in attendance, viz: Jesse C. Portman, E. Jeffries, N. J. Coffey, W. Coffey, F. Carter, and F. G. Coffey, invited to seats.

A committee was then appointed to arrange the business of the Association, to consist of the Minutes of the Association.

Brother Walter Williams appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association**, and A. Gupton and the Clerk to write a Circular Letter to the churches.

The Association then made choice of Elders J. C. Portman, A. Gupton, and E. Jeffries, to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 14th

The Association convened at the appointed hour, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

The committee reported the following petitions for protracted Meetings, which were granted, viz:

At **Liberty**, commencing the Friday before the 1st Saturday in October, and Brethren G. League, J. Pepper, and M. Hoover to attend.

One at **Bethel**, Friday before the 1st Saturday in November, and A. Gupton, M. Hoover, A. Woodard, D. Elkin, and J. Pepper to attend.

One at **Good Hope**, Friday before the 2nd Saturday in November, and M. Hoover, S. Gupton, and J. Pepper to attend.

One at **Pleasant Valley**, Friday before the 3rd Saturday in November, and D. Elkin, J. Pepper, and G. League to attend.

One at **Good Spring**, Friday before the 3rd Saturday in July, and J. C. Portman, A. Woodard, and A. Gupton to attend.

One at **Mt. Zion**, Friday before the 4th Saturday in July, A. Woodard, A. Gupton, and D. Elkin to attend.

One at **Mt. Carmel**, Friday before the 2nd Saturday in August (Friday to be observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer), and A. Woodard, D. Elkin, and A. Gupton to attend.

And a request from two churches for the next Association, viz: **Good Hope** and **Bethel**.

Resolved that the next Association be held at **Good Hope**, Barren County, Ky., to commence 2nd Saturday in September 1841.

And also a request from **Mt. Zion Church**, that the Association would give their views in relation to Ministers to churches, and churches to Ministers.

Resolved that we refer the church to our present Circular Address, and request the Ministers of this Association to lay this matter fully before the several churches; and that each church, in their letter to the next Association, say whether they have or will go into action in supporting the Ministry.

The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** was read and approved, and Brethren Joseph Pepper, David Elkin, Alex. Gupton, Stephen Gupton,

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Moses Hoover, W. Williams, J. Hobbs, R. Clark, J. T. Hodges, A. Lisle, D. Strader, J. C. Williams, and S. P. Skaggs, appointed to bear it. That Association meets at **South Fork Meeting House**, Casey County, Ky., 2nd Saturday in August 1841.

The Circular Letter to the churches was read and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

A collection was then taken up for the printing of the Minutes, \$12.00 being the amount, and the Clerk appointed to superintend the same, and their distribution in proportion to the sums paid by the churches.

The Association then adjourned until its next Annual Meeting, under an evident display and outpouring of the Spirit and power of God.

Signed by order of the Association.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

J. C. Williams, Clerk

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Circular Letter

Dear Brethren:

We met in Association agreeable to appointment, and can truly say we were comforted, from the news which was reported in the different letters from the different churches. Considerable additions have been made to some of the churches by Baptism, and two new constitutions have joined our body, as you will find in our Minutes.

Dear brethren, we deem it a duty at this time to address you upon the subject of the Ministry, and the duty of churches to sustain them. In every age, there has been a class of men specially devoted to the interest of Religion. The expressions applied to the sacrifices made by Abel show that he had stated times for attending upon divine things. Enoch maintained the most intimate communion with God, and Noah was a preacher. In the Mosaic dispensation we have a whole tribe consecrated to the Service of Religion; and so entire was this consecration, that no portion was assigned them in the general division of the territory, but they were supported by contributions of the sister tribes.

It is true, that many of the **Levites** were employed in the care of the tabernacle, preparation and offering the sacrifices, and the like, but a distinct class of them attended to the instructions of the people. That is, on the Sabbaths, and in the various assemblies and convocations of the people, they read out of the Law, "and gave the meaning," or expounded on it.

David, amidst all the splendor of his reign, preached righteousness in the great congregation, and Solomon frequently calls himself, "the preacher." Without naming the prophets, whose office was similar, we find the same economy sustained in the Gospel dispensation.

Upon our first introduction to the public character of John the Baptist, we find him preaching in the Wilderness of Judea, and our Saviour frequently taught the multitudes that resorted to him. The Apostles, after enjoying for a season the benefits of his example and instructions, were commissioned to labor throughout the Jewish cities; and as he was about to ascend to Heaven, no more to return until he should come to Judge the world, he gave this commission to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

This command has always understood as designing the perpetuation of the Ministry. A class of men able to show so high an antiquity, together with the authority of Jehovah in their favor, are surely deserving the veneration of Mankind. Yet, they have always been despised and persecuted, and even now, many regard them as a burden upon the world. The faithful must expect persecution, and generally those most faithful, are most bitterly persecuted.

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Christian Ministers are set to watch for souls, and who can estimate the worth of the soul? If the soul is lost, all is gone forever. Dispense with the Ministry and you put out the light of the Bible - you demolish the Sanctuary - you break down the barriers to all moral and virtuous principles; you open the flood gates to error, and vice, and crime.

Our object is not to eulogize too high the Christian Ministry, but to show the importance of having their services justly appreciated. In many parts of our country, the ways of Zion mourn. Death is calling one watchman after another from the walls. Shall the Cause of Christ languish through our supineness and love of the World?

The fields are white, and faithful, efficient laborers few. Let us therefore pray the Lord of the harvest, to send forth laborers into the harvest, and remember, in reference to those already engaged in the work, that he hath ordained that they who preach the Gospel, should live by the Gospel. We have the precedent of all ages in favor of sustaining the Ministry, and the present age needs it as much as any former age. We fear that preachers, through a false delicacy, have shunned to declare all the council of God, in regard to supporting the Ministry, and we are fully persuaded that Christians need only to do be fully instructed in this duty in order to do it.

It is very clear, from many passages in the New Testament, that it is the duty of those who employ a Minister to pay him wages - not to give him alms. He is not a beggar. His wife and children have the same right to the avails of his labors as any other member of the church has to theirs. God calls Ministers into his service for the benefit of their fellow men, and requires those who are blessed with their labors to sustain them. Let us examine this subject carefully, as it stands in the Scripture, and then act efficiently.

May the Lord bless and keep you in his fear and favor. Farewell.

Signed by order of the Association,

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

John C. Williams, Clerk

The last Association said the Circular need not be recorded, but, as this is referred to in the Minutes, I thought it best to record it.

Clerk

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This Association met on the 11th day of September, 1841, at **Good Hope Meeting House**, Barren Co., Kentucky, and continued the two succeeding days.

Letters were read from the different churches composing this Association, and Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Number
Republican, Hardin County	A. Gupton, W. Williams, W. Martin, J. C. Williams, and J. Carroll	106
Good Spring, Green County	John Blakeman, James Blakeman, D. Blakeman, A. McMahan, and S. Gupton	96
Sand Lick, Green Co.	G. League	44
Mt. Carmel, Green County	J. Shoffner, T. Underwood, J. Gaddy, and J. D. Oaks	150
Liberty, Green County	No Letter; M. H. Hoover and G. W. Dobson	122
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Joseph Pepper	145
Bethel, Barren County	R. Boston, A. Slinker, J. Ennis, and W. Pearce	113
Mt. Olive, Green County	D. Elkin, B. Shadowen, and T. Hind	53
Trammel's Creek, Green County	J. Edwards, S. Asbury, W. Curry, and J. Miller	95
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	R. Strader	26
Lebanon, Hart County	N. Gore, T. Cunningham, and J. Cunningham	90

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Church	Messengers	Number
Good Hope, Barren County	A. Woodard, J. S. Slaughter, L. G. Slinker, S. Woodard, and J. Edwards	64
Little Mount, Hardin County	W. Cesna, J. Chelts, and J. Friend	43
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	S. Kerfoot	35
Pilate Knob, Barren County	J. Philpot, J. Scott, and W. Ratliffe	<u>31</u>
Total		1223

This last church is a new constitution.

1st Joseph Pepper chosen Moderator and Walter Williams, Clerk.

2nd Corresponding Letter from **South Kentucky Association** called for, read, and their Messengers invited to seats with us, to wit: J. C. Portman, N. J. Coffey, and F. G. Coffey.

3rd Committee of Arrangements, Moderator and Clerk, A. Gupton, J. D. Oaks, and S. Gupton.

4th W. Williams appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, and J. Pepper and A. Gupton to write a Circular Letter to the churches.

5th Three brethren appointed to preach on tomorrow, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, 13th September

- The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.
- 1st The report of the Committee of Arrangements, read and adopted.
- 2nd Corresponding Letter called for, read, and adopted, and the following brethren agree to bear it, to wit: D. Elkin, W. Ratliffe, A. Gupton, G. League, J. C. Williams, W. H. Carter, R. Clark, A. Slinker, S. Kerfoot, and J. Slinker. That Association meets at **Drake's Creek Meeting House**, Lincoln County, Ky., 2nd Saturday in August, 1842.
- 3rd Circular Letter called for, read, and adopted.
- 4th Protracted Meetings appointed at **Mt. Zion**, Hardin County, commencing Friday before the 3rd Saturday in October, A. Gupton, J. D. Oaks, and J. Pepper to attend; at **Pleasant Ridge**, Friday before the 2nd Saturday in July, G. League, W. Ratliffe, D. Elkin, and A. Woodard to attend; at **Mt. Zion**, Hart County, Friday before the 4th Saturday in July, J. D. Oaks, D. Elkin, A. Gupton, and N. Gore to attend; at **Republican Meeting House**, Friday before the 4th Saturday in May, J. C. Portman, S. Gupton, D. Elkin, J. D. Oaks, and J. Pepper to attend; at **Little Mount**, Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, D. Elkin, A. Woodard, S. Gupton, G. League, and W. Williams to attend.
- 5th The next Association to be held at **Mt. Carmel Meeting House**, Green County, Ky., commencing 4th Saturday in September, 1842.
- 6th Brother S. Gupton appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon.
- 7th Brethren A. Gupton and C. Williams appointed to write the next Circular Letter.
- 8th A request from M. H. Hoover and G. W. Dobson, of **Liberty Church**, that the Association would give their advice in regard to some difficulties in that church. Resolved that the following brethren - J. Pepper, W. Williams, D. Blakeman, A. Gupton, A. Woodard, and D. Elkin, be appointed a committee to meet the said church, on the 1st Saturday in October, for the purpose of aiding in settling their difficulties; and we advise the church to try and bring their unhappy differences to a close at that time.
- 9th Agreed that the time of holding this Association be changed from the 2nd to the 4th Saturday in September.
- 10th Resolved that this Association deeply lament the death of our beloved brother, Elder Thomas J. Chilton, who has ever been the advocate of **Separate Baptist** principles, as set forth in the Gospel, and that we sympathize with those of his acquaintances and relations, on their, and our, irreparable loss.

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11th J. C. Williams appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

Having gone through the business of the Association, with harmony and concord - for which we desire to thank the Lord - closed by prayer.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

Walter Williams, Clerk

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This Association met on the 24th day of September, 1842, at **Mt. Carmel Meeting House**, Green County, Ky., and continued the two succeeding days.

The Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder D. Elkin.

Letters were then read from the different churches composing this Association, and Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Number
Republican, Hardin County	A. Gupton, W. Williams, and J. Jeffries	120
Good Spring, Green County	D. Blakeman, R. Wilson, A. McMahan, W. Woodard, W. Blakeman, and J. W. Sherrel	95
Sand Lick, Green County	G. Coakley, J. Lisle, and Rodin Wood	39
Mt. Carmel, Green County	J. D. Oaks, J. Shoffner, D. Hill, and H. Johnson	106
Liberty, Green County	M. Etherton, M. H. Hoover, E. Etherton, A. Johnson, and W. Pearce	131
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Jos. Pepper, W. Skaggs, Jas. Pepper, E. Thompson, D. Benningfield, and S. Skaggs	135
Bethel, Barren County	R. Boston	98
Mt. Olive, Green County	D. Elkin, S. Kesler, T. Hynes, and B. Shadowen	53
Trammel's Creek, Green County	S. Asbury, J. Greenstreet, J. D. Curry, and J. Miller	96

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Church	Messengers	Number
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	R. Strader and L. S. Wells	21
Lebanon, Hart County	T. Dunnigan, T. Cunningham, and A. Cunningham	60
Good Hope, Barren County	A. Woodard, J. Gallaway, and J. Slaughter	72
Little Mount, Hardin County	W. Cessna and J. Friend	50
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	W. Jeffries and J. Haycraft	50
Pilate Knob, Barren County	G. Forbes, E. Piper, W. H. Nunn, J. Scott, J. Servel, and J. Philpot	30
New Salem, Green County	T. Underwood, W. F. Skaggs, and N. S. Jones	<u>30</u>
	Total	1186

The church at **New Salem** is a new constitution.

1st Joseph Pepper chosen Moderator and Walter Williams, Clerk.

2nd The Corresponding Letter from the **South Kentucky Association** read, and their Messenger, J. C. Portman, invited to a seat with us.

3rd Committee of Arrangements - Moderator and Clerk, and J. D. Oaks, A. Gupton, A. Woodard, J. Jeffries, and J. Slaughter.

4th J. D. Oaks appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association**, and A. Gupton to write a Circular Letter for the next Association.

5th J. C. Portman and A. Gupton appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 26th

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

1st The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.

2nd The Corresponding Letter called for, read, and adopted, and the following brethren appointed to bear it: to wit: A. Gupton, J. Pepper, A. Woodard, and W. Williams. That Association meets at **Green River Meeting House**, Casey County, Kentucky, 2nd Saturday in August next.

3rd A Protracted Meeting appointed at **Pleasant Ridge**, Green Co., commencing 3rd Saturday in October next. D. Elkin and M. H. Hoover to attend.

4th The next Association to be held at **Lebanon Meeting House**, Hart County, 4th Saturday in September, 1843.

5th The **Mt. Carmel Church** requests to some plan to be devised, whereby the churches could have more preaching. In answer, the Association advises the Preachers to devote as much of their time as possible to the Ministry; and advises the churches to sustain them, and that each church appoint some member or members to attend to the same.

6th A request from the **South District Association of United Baptists**, that this Association would appoint eleven members, to meet a like number appointed by them, at the **Crab Orchard**, on the Friday before the 1st Saturday in November next, for the purpose of agreeing upon terms of union between the two denominations.

The Association then proceeded to appoint eleven members to meet, at the time and place mentioned, and in case of any one of them failing to attend, he shall appoint another to attend in his place.

7th J. C. Williams appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes and their distribution, and having gone through the business of the Association with harmony and concord, for which we desire to thank the Lord, closed by prayer.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

Walter Williams, Clerk

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Minutes of the Twenty Fifth Annual Meeting of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

This Association met on the 23rd day of September, 1843, and continued the two succeeding days, at **Lebanon Meeting House**, Hart County, Ky.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. G. League.

Letters were then read from the different churches comprising this Association, and Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Number
Big Spring, Larue County	Alex Gupton, E. Middleton, and J. C. Williams	105
Good Spring, Green County	W. Woodard, D. Blakeman, M. Blakeman, and H. Strader	96
Sand Lick, Green County	G. Coakley and J. Loyal	38
Mt. Carmel, Green County	H. Johnson, D. Hill, J. Shoffner, and J. Gaddy	106
Liberty, Green County	H. Johnson	147
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Jos. Pepper, S. P. Skaggs, D. Benningfield, and Jas. Pepper	130
Bethel, Barren County	W. Pierce, D. Shoffner, J. Baston, and R. Boston	80
Mt. Olive, Green County	D. Elkins, B. Shadowen, Wm. Kidd, and W. Wright	57
Trammel's Creek, Green County	R. Clark, J. D. Curry, and J. Miller	92
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	R. Strader, D. Strader, L. Wells, and W. A. Wells	20

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Church	Messengers	Number
Lebanon, Hart County	A. Gore, N. R. Lane, J. Gore, T. Dunagan, and W. Butter	60
Good Hope, Barren County	A. Woodard, J. S. Slaughter, J. Gallaway, and J. Slinker	68
Little Mount, Larue County	W. Cessna, J. T. Hodges, and S. Elliot	55
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	W. Poke and S. Kerfoot	53
Pilate Knob, Barren County	W. H. Nunn and J. Falkner	37
New Salem, Green County	G. League, T. Underwood, and N. L. Jones	25
Hopewell, Barren County	A. D. Ford and M. Nunnely	<u>23</u>
	Total	1192

1st Joseph Pepper chosen Moderator, and J. C. Williams, Clerk.

2nd The church at **Hopewell** - a new constitution - admitted to the Association.

3rd Committee of Arrangements: Moderator, Clerk, A. Gupton, D. Elkin, M. Kidd, A. Woodard, and D. Blakeman.

4th Brother J. T. Hodges appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association**, and A. Gupton and the Clerk, to write Corresponding Letters to the **South District** and **Tate's Creek Associations**.

5th Brethren Gupton, Brown, and Akin, appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 9:00 O'clock.

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Monday, September 25th, 1843

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

- 1st The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.
- 2nd Circular Letter read and adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 3rd Corresponding Letter from the **South Ky. Association** called for. No letter nor Messenger, information being given by our Messengers who attended that Association, that they had addressed their letter, and appointed Messengers but, from some cause unknown to us, it was not received.
- 4th Brother W. M. Brown, a delegate from **Russell's Creek Association**, being invited to a seat with us, informed this Association that he was appointed to inquire into the terms of the late Union, and to endeavor to have such obstacles removed, as might hinder a union of this and the **Russell's Creek Association**. This Association, in answer, refer him and all others to that part of our Circular Address which relates to the subject of Union, and, after investigation, he is satisfied there is no difference in sentiment.
- 5th Corresponding Letters to other Associations called for, read and adopted, and delegates appointed to bear them, to wit:
To **South Kentucky**, A. Gupton, J. Slinker, J. S. Slaughter, B. Kesler, D. Blakeman, D. Elkin, and J. Galloway.
To **South District**, A. Gupton, M. Blakeman, S. Kerfoot, and W. Woodard.
To **Tate's Creek**, A. Gupton, J. C. Williams, and D. Blakeman.
- 6th The next association to be held at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, Hart Co., Ky., 4th Saturday in September, 1844.
- 7th A Protracted Meeting appointed at **Good Hope**, Barren County, commencing 3rd Saturday in October next, Brethren A. Gupton, G. League, and W. M. Kidd to attend.
- 8th A Protracted Meeting at **New Salem**, Green County, commencing Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, D. Elkin, W. M. Kidd, and Joseph Pepper to attend.
- 9th A Protracted Meeting at **Bethel**, Barren County, commencing 4th Saturday in July, D. Elkin, W. M. Kidd, A. Gupton, and G. League to attend.
- 10th A Union Meeting at **Big Spring**, commencing 1st Saturday in October, D. Elkin and R. Clark to attend.
- 11th A Protracted Meeting at **Sand Lick**, 2nd Saturday in July, A. Woodard and W. M. Kidd to attend.

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12th A Protracted Meeting at **Hopewell**, A. Woodard, W. M. Kidd, and W. Williams to attend.

13th Brother W. M. Kidd to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and in case of his failure, Brother A. Gupton.

14th Brother A. Gupton to write the next Circular Letter.

15th Whereas a resolution was passed in connection with the late terms of union, that they would endeavor to come to the same Denominational name -
Therefore resolved that this Association recommend to the churches to say in their letters to the next Association, whether they are willing to strike out the name, "**Separate,**" and be known by the name, "**Baptist.**"

16th J. C. Williams appointed to attend to the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

Having gone through the business of the Association with great harmony and brotherly love, adjourned by prayer.

Joseph Pepper, Moderator

J. C. Williams, Clerk

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That part of the Circular Letter which gives a history of the Union is here Inserted.

Dear Brethren,

As there has been an effort made, during the last year, for a Union with our **United Baptist** brethren, and as our labor has not been in vain in the Lord, we feel to encourage a hope that it will not be long before all **Baptists** that hold the same sentiment, will be one people, and, in order to accomplish so desirable an object, it becomes necessary that we should make known our terms of Union, and what we consider the essential doctrine of the Bible, which is as follows:

We agree to unite upon the **Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments**, taking them as the only rule of faith and practice, each to keep up their Associational and Church governments, as to them may seem best, and that a free correspondence and communion be kept up by the churches thus united.

And that our views may be understood, as to the doctrine taught in the Scriptures, we believe the following:

1st Of God, that there is but one uncreated, self existing, infinite, and eternal God, the Creator, preserver, and Governor of all things, and that in the Divine Essence there are Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd That Man was created in righteousness and true holiness, without any moral imperfections or any propensity to Sin, but free to stand or fall; that he fell from this state, became corrupt in his nature, and transmitted his moral defilement to all his posterity.

3rd That, as Sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away Sin, Christ gave himself a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world of Mankind, and thus made salvation possible for all the Human Family.

4th That, from the time the promise of the Saviour was made to fallen Man, God, in his mercy, sent his Holy Spirit to enlighten, strive with, and convince Man of Sin, Righteousness, and Judgement; and that he sent angels and prophets to teach them the Glad Tidings that a Saviour did come, and establish the Gospel Kingdom, and ordained the Gospel Ministry.

5th That it is the duty of all who hear the Gospel to repent of their sins and believe it, and when they do believe with all their heart, they are justified and become new creatures by the operation of the Spirit of God.

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6th That the power to believe is the free gift of God, without which none can believe, but that the act of faith, or actually believing, is an act of the creature under that influence.

7th That the visible Church of God is a congregation of Baptized believers, associated together in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, to be governed by the law of Christ; and its proper officers are Elders, or Bishops, and Deacons.

8th That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, by a legally ordained Minister, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and should be submitted to, as soon as the person has evidence that his sins are pardoned; and that the Saviour's death should be commemorated to the end of Time, by the emblems of bread and wine.

9th That there will be a resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and a general Judgement, when all Mankind will receive according to their works.

10th That the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be eternal.

The above terms were offered on the part of the **Separate Baptists**, on the 4th day of November, 1842, when the representatives of the **South Kentucky and Nolynn Associations of Separate Baptists**, and the **Tate's Creek and South District Associations of United Baptists** met at the **Crab Orchard** in Convention, for the purpose of negotiating term of union.

The delegates from the **United Baptist Associations**, believing the above terms, were not at war with the terms of General Union, and both parties believing there was no essential difference, it was resolved, that we hail each other as brethren in the same good cause of God, united in the bonds of Christian love, and that a friendly correspondence be preserved and cherished throughout the Denominations, and that we further endeavor to be known by the same Denominational name.

The proceedings being referred to the churches of the four Associations, the union was confirmed at **Mt. Salem Meeting House**, Lincoln County, Ky., on the Friday before the 3rd Saturday in March, 1843.

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This Association met on the 28th day of September, 1844, and continued the two succeeding days, at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, Hart County, Ky.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. M. Kidd.

Letters were then read from the different churches composing this Association, and Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Number
Big Spring, Larue County	A. Gupton, W. Williams, B. Jenkins, and J. C. Williams	96
Good Spring, Green County	S. Gupton, D. Blakeman, T. C. Strader, and M. Blakeman	96
Sand Lick, Green County	B. F. Coakley,	30
Mt. Carmel, Green County	J. D. Oaks, H. Johnson, and D. Hill	100
Liberty, Green County	M. H. Huber, John Pierce, Jacob Pierce, W. D. Jones, and M. Etherton	107
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Jos. Pepper, D. Benningfield, E. Thompson, and W. Buss	116
Bethel, Barren County	R. Boston, D. Shoffner, and Williams	82
Mt. Olive, Green County	D. Elkins, B. Kesler, K. Shadowen, and B. Shadowen	59
Trammel's Creek, Green County	J. Miller, J. D. Curry, R. Clark, and S. Asberry	90
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	R. Strader	18

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Church	Messengers	Number
Lebanon, Hart County	J. Gore	59
Good Hope, Barren County	J. Slinker, J. Galloway, and J. S. Slaughter	61
Little Mount, Larue County	W. Cessna, S. Eldit, J. T. Bryant, and J. Chelts	58
Mt. Zion, Hardin County,	J. Morrison and G. Kerfoot	51
Pilate Knob, Barren County	P. J. Philpot, E. Piper, and D. Strader	33
New Salem, Green County	N. Jones	25
Hopewell, Barren County	J. Edwards and T. Huffman	31
Union, A new Constitution	E. Etherton, H. Johnson, and E. Johnson	<u>40</u>
	Total	1152

1st Brother Stephen Gupton chosen Moderator, and J. C. Williams, Clerk.

2nd Corresponding Letters called for, read, and their Messengers invited to seats;
South Ky. - N. J. Coffee, Y. S. Carter, J. Richardson, and J. Price.

3rd Circular Letter called for, read, and ordered to be attached to the Minutes.

4th Committee of Arrangements: Moderator, Clerk, A. Gupton, J. D. Oaks, and J. Slinker.

5th Bro. J. Slinker appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to **South Ky. Association.**

6th Two brethren appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 30th, 1844

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

- 1st The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.
- 2nd Whereas, the last Association requested the churches to say at this Association whether they were willing to strike out the name "**Separate**," and be known by the name, "**Baptist**," a majority of the churches say they are not.
- 3rd The next Association to be held at the **Mt. Zion Church**, at **Pleasant Valley Meeting House**, Hardin County, commencing the 4th Saturday in July, 1845.
- 4th A Union Meeting appointed at **Good Hope**, commencing 2nd Saturday in November. Brethren J. D. Oaks and S. Gupton to attend it.
- 5th Resolved that the time of holding the Association be changed from the 4th Saturday in September, to the 4th Saturday in July, 1845.
- 6th Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association** read and approved.
- 7th Brother Stephen Gupton appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon.
- 8th Brother A. Gupton to write the next Circular Letter.
- 9th The Clerk to attend to the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution. Having gone through the business of the Association with great harmony and brotherly love, adjourned by prayer.

J. C. Williams, Moderator

Stephen Gupton, Clerk

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1845 Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

This Association met on the 26th of July, 1845, and continued the two succeeding days, with the **Mt. Zion Church**, Hardin County, Ky.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Rev. D. Elkin.

Letters were then read from the following churches, and Messengers' names enrolled, viz:

Church	Messengers	Number
Big Spring, Larue County	A. Gupton, W. Williams, Jas. Peppers, J. T. Dixon, and J. C. Williams	90
Good Spring, Green County	No letter nor Messengers	
Sand Lick, Green County	No Messengers	22
Mt. Carmel, Green County	J. D. Oaks and T. Underwood	100
Liberty, Green County	M. H. Huber, J. Pierce, E. Warren, and A. Warren	101
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Jos. Pepper, S. Skaggs, and Thomas Pepper	111
Bethel, Barren County	Wm. Pierce	80
Mt. Olive, Green County	D. Elkin and Wm. Kidd	56
Trammel's Creek, Green County	J. Miller and J. Pointer	98
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	No Messengers nor Letter	

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Church	Messengers	Number
Lebanon, Hart County	No Messengers nor Letter	
Good Hope, Barren County	J. Shum and J. Galloway	94
Little Mount, Larue County	J. T. Bryant and J. Chelts	51
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	J. Morrison, J. Pepper, S. Kerfoot, W. Pepper, and G. Kerfoot	49
Pilate Knob, Barren County	J. P. Philpot and J. Falkner	34
New Salem, Green County	George League	31
Hopewell, Barren County	Isaac Edwards (No Letter)	
Union, Green County	Hiram Johnson	39
	Total	956

- 1st Brother Joseph Pepper chosen Moderator and J. C. Williams, Clerk.
- 2nd A communication received from the **Nolynn Free Will Baptist** Quarterly Meeting, which was referred to the committee.
- 3rd Circular Letter called for, read, and ordered to be attached to the Minutes.
- 4th Committee of Arrangements: Moderator and Clerk, A. Gupton, W. Williams, W. M. Kidd, J. D. Oaks, and G. League.
- 5th Brother Isham Galloway appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association.**
- 6th Brother A. Gupton to write the next Circular Letter.
- 7th Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 10:00 o'clock.

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Monday, 29th of July, 1845

The Association met, and, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

1st The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.

2nd The next Association to be held at **Liberty Meeting House**, Green Co., commencing the 4th Saturday in July, 1846.

3rd The petition from two churches, to have the time changed for holding the Association, which was rejected.

4th A request from **Mt. Zion**, Hart Co., that some means be devised, whereby the churches may have more preaching.

In answer to this request, we say that there is not the same amount of good done in the bounds of this Association that would be, provided there was more preaching and efficiency of action among the Ministry. Therefore, resolved that we advise that all Ministers and Deacons Meetings be held every three months in the bounds of this Association, to take into consideration the destitute churches and neighborhoods, and endeavor to supply them with preaching, and, we further advise, that as many of the members belonging to the different churches as feel desirous that there should be more preaching among us, attend the Meeting, or send their contributions, and that all so doing be members of the meeting, to aid in any business that may come before them; that the first Meeting be held at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, Hart Co., on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, when the place of holding the next Meeting will be agreed upon.

5th In the Communication from the **Free Will Baptist** brethren, it is requested that we would make some suggestions which would be best calculated to bring about between the two denominations a closer intimacy as brethren, and a general cooperation have the rebuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

In answer to the request, we advise that the brethren of both denominations cherish a more friendly intimacy with each other.

6th Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** called for, read and approved, and brethren John D. Oaks and David Elkins appointed to bear it.

7th The Clerk attend to the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

8th Having gone through the business of the Association with great harmony and brotherly love, adjourned by prayer.

Jos. Pepper, Moderator

J. C. Williams, Clerk

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The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Oaks.

Letters were then read from the following churches, and messengers' names enrolled, viz:

Church	Messengers	Number
Big Spring, Larue County	A. Gupton, R. G. Hickman, J. Jeffries, W. Williams, B. Jenkins, and J. C. Williams	82
Good Spring, Green County	S. Gupton, J. W. Sherill, and W. Woodard	96
Sand Lick, Green County	R. Skaggs	31
Mt. Carmel, Green County	J. D. Oaks, t. Underwood, R. Shoffner, E. Gaddy, J. Gaddy, and D. Oaks	95
Liberty, Green County	M. U. Huber, W. S. Peace, J. Pierce, J. Saltsman	100
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Jos. Pepper, S. P. Skaggs, D. Benningfield, W. M. Skagg, J. Milby	96
Bethel, Barren County	W. Pierce, D. Shoffner, and R. Boston	98
Mt. Olive, Green County	D. Elkin, W. M. Kidd, P. J. Shadowen	49
Trammel's Creek, Green County	J. D. Curry, G. W. Curry, R. Clark	96
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	No letter, nor Messenger	
Lebanon, Hart County	Letter, No Messenger	

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Church	Messengers	Number
Good Hope, Barren County	H. Carter and W. Galloway	60
Little Mount, Larue County	J. S. Bryant, S. Elliot, W. Cessna, and J. Chelts	60
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	J. Jeffries, J. Greenwult, and F. Scott	41
Pilate Knob, Barren County	P. J. Philpott, and W. H. Cross	34
New Salem, Green County	G. League, W. F. Skaggs, and H. Reeves	30
Hopewell, Barren County	No Letter No Messenger	
Union, Green County	E. Etherton, H. Johnson, M. Pierce	33
Mt. Pleasant, Hart County	R. Larremont	<u>17</u>
	Total	990

This last church is a new constitution.

1st Brother A. Gupton chosen Moderator, and J. C. Williams, Clerk.

2nd Corresponding Letter from the **South Ky. Association** called for, read, and their Messengers invited to seats, viz: E. Jeffries, W. Carry, B. Lawhorn, and D. Flanigan.

3rd The Clerk appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association.**

4th Committee of Arrangements: Moderator, Clerk, J. Pepper, S. Gupton, and W. Williams.

5th The Committee requested to write out for inspection, on Monday, suitable reply to the request from **Big Spring**, wishing the Association to take into consideration the **Russell Creek Association of United Baptists.**

6th Three Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, 27th, 1846

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

- 1st The report from the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.
- 2nd Petitions from three churches to have the time of holding the Association changed and rejected.
- 3rd A Union Meeting appointed at **Mount Zion**, Hardin Co., commencing Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August, Brethren D. Elkin and S. Elliot to attend.
- 4th A Protracted Meeting at **Mt. Pleasant**, 3rd Saturday in October next, S. Gupton, G. League, and M. Kidd to attend.
- 5th The next Association to be held at **Good Spring Meeting House**, Green Co., Ky., commencing the 4th Saturday in July, 1847.
- 6th Corresponding Letter read and received.
- 7th Bro. A. Gupton to write the next Circular Letter.
- 8th The Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 9th The Committee, in compliance with the request made on Saturday, presented the following, which was read and approved of by the Association:

In answer to the request of the church at **Big Spring**, wishing the Association to take into consideration the attitude in which we are placed before the community by the **Russell Creek Association of United Baptists**, we proceed to give the facts as they occurred: that, at our Association, held at **Lebanon Meeting House**, Hart County, on the 23rd of September, 1843, Elder Wm. M. Brown, of the **Russell Creek Association**, attended, and informed the Association that he was one of the Committee, and the only one in attendance appointed by the **Russell Creek Association** to inquire into the terms of the late union, and to endeavor to have such obstacles removed as might hinder a union between the **Russell Creek** and **Nolynn Associations**. He was invited to a seat with us, and was asked if he felt authorized to act in behalf of the **Russell Creek Association**. He replied that he would take the responsibility upon himself. The terms of union were then read over as agreed upon at the **Crab Orchard**. He then expressed that there was no difference in sentiments, and that he saw no obstruction to the union, and that the name was the only difference. He had no mention of the **Russell Creek Association**, but after they were published, we saw, and behold, the Committee was

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appointed to assist us in the necessary preparation to go into correspondence.

Now, that they may be fully understood, we insert the whole of proceedings on this subject, in the **Russell Creek's** Minutes of 1843. They say: A letter was presented from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**, proposing to open a correspondence with us, but we deem it expedient at present to go into a full correspondence with said Association, because that Association, from what appears to us, has not fully agreed upon the terms of General Union as adopted by the **Baptists**, nor have they agreed to be known and called by the denominational name of **United Baptists**, but beg our brethren of said Association to believe that we have no objection to a union with them upon proper principles, but, on the contrary, we assure them that it is our ardent desire to do so, and for the purpose of facilitating an union with them, appoint our beloved brethren, Elder John Harding, W. H. Thomas, D. S. Colgan, W. N. Brown, John Miller, John Duncan, and brethren Gideon Tennison, John B. Yates, James Warner, Jas. Durrett, P. T. Conover, W. D. Laird, Enoch G. Laird, A. Garrett, W. D. Parrish, and Rice Murray to visit them at their next session, and aid them at **Tabernacle Meeting House**, in Adair Co., on the 2nd Saturday in August, 1844, in the necessary preparation to go into correspondence next year.

We, having received a letter from some of their churches, say the same to our brethren of the **Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists**, and appoint our Brethren Aaron Harding, W. M. Brown, W. G. Anderson, H. T. Smith, W. H. Thomas, John Harding, John Yates, and David Miller to visit them at **Lebanon Meeting House**, Hart Co., on the 4th Saturday in September, 1843, to assist them in their Minutes of 1844, on Saturday, on motion Brethren Brown and Laird were appointed a Committee to report on Monday, upon the case of the **Nolynn and South Ky. Associations of Separate Baptists**.

On Monday, the Committee appointed to report on the **Nolynn and South Ky. Associations** reported the following preamble and resolution, to wit: "Whereas the **South Ky. Association**, and a portion of the churches of the **Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists**, petitioned this Association last year for a correspondence, and, whereas this Association appointed a committee to visit each of said Associations and assist them in placing themselves in a proper condition for correspondence, and, whereas a portion of said committee have reported that said Associations were unable to agree among themselves on the subject, it is therefore resolved that it is inexpedient to open a correspondence with said Association at this time and under existing circumstances, but, so soon as they are disposed, and will come into the union upon the terms of the **General Union**, we are prepared to receive them cordially, as we ever have been.

Thus, the **Russell Creek Association** has rejected the correspondence of the **Nolynn Association**, and that, too, without even being called upon by us, for we here state that we, as an Association, have not called upon them for correspondence or union. If only two of the churches of this Association have called upon them for correspondence, they had a right to reject them, but we object to their rejecting this Association before they make an application.

It is true, the **South Ky. Association** requested a correspondence, and, when the committee from **Russell Creek** visited them, there was a disagreement in that

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Association, and, by blending the report of the two committees together, instead of each reporting as they should have done, they try to make it appear that a disagreement is also among us on that subject, which, we assert, cannot be shown to exist at that time, and had each of their committees reported separately, we are confident that our application, which has not yet been made, would not have been rejected, and we reported as disagreeing among ourselves, and their condescension in setting us right, might have been more successful.

There is a duty that Man owes to his neighbor, as well as himself, and, in order that we may know the extent of the duty that we owe to our neighbor, we bring forward the Golden Rule, "Do unto all men as ye would they should do unto you." With our neighbor, we should let truth, mercy, and justice mark our conduct. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to the Household of Faith.

Has this rule been applied to us? In this case, we think not.

We are persuaded that the **Separate Baptist** churches have been, at all times, disposed to show friendship to those of different Societies, who claim to be of the Household of Faith, until the expressed friendship by some have been construed into contempt, and treated in like manner.

We do not wish to be understood as looking upon the **United Baptists** as not being a useful and respectable branch of the **Christian Church**, but we wish to cherish brotherly love and Christian fellowship with them, but never at the expense of either principle or character.

Now, dear brethren, we pray you continue to be kind to other denominations, but adopt nothing of their doctrine which may be contrary to the truths of the Bible, as some are seeking to scatter us. May the Lord defeat every such wicked attempt, and help us to triumph in the truth.

We know, dear brethren, that we have long been persecuted and misrepresented, but was not the great Captain of our Salvation, by wicked hands, even crucified upon Mount Calvary? Was it not said that the Heralds of the Cross were turning the world upside down?

It was, and, if we persevere in well doing in the strength of Christ, and after the example of His disciples, we shall, through grace, ere long triumph over persecution, and show to the world that we have long been contending for the Bible truth, and the Apostolic religion.

Having gone through the business, the Association adjourned.

A. Gupton, Moderator

J. C. Williams, Clerk

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The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. Stephen P. Skaggs.

Letters were then read from the following churches, and Messengers enrolled, viz:

Church	Messengers	Members
Big Spring, Larue County	A. Gupton, E. Middleton, and J. Peppers	87
Good Spring, Green County	S. Gupton, M. Blakeman, R. Wilson, and D. Blades	60
Sand Lick, Green County	G. Coakley and J. Loyal	30
Mount Carmel, Green County	J. D. Oaks, D. Hill, and T. Underwood	100
Liberty, Green County	M. H. Huber, J. Pierce, W. Jones, and E. Warren	100
Mt. Zion, Hart County	W. Skaggs, J. Milby, and W. Ward	83
Bethel, Barren County	No letter or Messenger	
Mt. Olive, Green County	W. M. Kidd, S. Kesler, T. Hinds, and J. D. Shadowen	47
Trammel's Creek, Green County	J. D. Curry, B. Clark, W. Curry, and J. Miller	92
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	No letter or Messenger	
Lebanon, Hart County	No letter or Messenger	
Good Hope, Barren County	A. Woodward and A. Galloway	52

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Church	Messengers	Number
Little Mount, Larue County	S. T. Skaggs and J. Chelts	62
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	S. Kerboot and W. Jeffries	41
Pilate Knob, Barren County	W. H. Nunn, D. Strader, and E. Piper	35
New Salem, Green County	No letter or Messenger	
Hopewell, Barren County	T. Huffman and J. Edwards	35
Union, Green County	No letter or Messenger	
Mt. Pleasant, Hart County	G. W. Cook	<u>23</u>
	Total	847

1st Bro. A. Woodward chosen Moderator, and A. Gupton, Clerk.

2nd Corresponding Letters called for. Letters from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists** read, received, and their Messengers invited to seats, viz: E. Jeffries, J. Smith, J. B. Hill, and G. Ritherson.

Letter from **South Ky. Association of Baptists** read, received, and their Messengers invited to seats, viz: N. J. Coffey and W. Coffey.

3rd Brother A. Gupton appointed to write Corresponding Letters to the above named Associations.

4th Committee of Arrangements: Moderator, Clerk, M. Blakeman, S. Gupton, and S. P. Skaggs.

5th Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

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Monday Morning, July 26, 1847

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

- 1st The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.
- 2nd A Protracted Meeting at **Mt. Zion**, Hardin County, commencing 3rd Saturday in August; Brethren D. Elkin and S. P. Skaggs agree to attend.
- 3rd The Association advised that each church would hold a Protracted Meeting in this year.
- 4th The time of holding the Association changed to the 4th Saturday in September, 1848.
- 5th The next Association is to be held at **Mt. Olive Meeting House**, Green County, commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1848.
- 6th Resolved, that it is the duty of each church to comply with the advise of the Association, or give their reasons why they do not.
- 7th Corresponding Letters read and received, and the following brethren appointed to bear them, viz: to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**, John J. Chandion, A. Woodward, and W. H. Carter ;
To the **South Ky. Association of Baptists**, S. Gupton, D. Elkin, and R. Wilson.
- 8th Brother A. Gupton to write the next Circular Letter; also to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 9th Having gone through the business of the Association, adjourned with prayer.

A. Woodward, Moderator

A. Gupton, Clerk

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The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. M. H. Huber.

Letters were read from the following churches, and Messengers' names enrolled as follows, viz:

Church	Messengers	Members
Big Spring, Larue County	A. Gupton and B. Jenkins	82
Good Spring, Green County	S. Gupton, W. Woodward, R. Wilson, and A. McMahan	66
Sand Lick, Green County	No Letter	
Mt. Carmel, Taylor County	J. D. Oaks, T. Underwood, R. Shofner, and, E. Gaddy	100
Liberty, Green County	M. H. Huber, W. Warren, E. Warren, and J. Pierce	106
Mt. Zion, Hart County	E. Thompson, W. Henry, W. Skaggs, and M. Skaggs	26
Bethel, Barren County	W. Pierce, H. Oaks, J. Nunn, and R. Boston	62
Mt. Olive, Green County	D. Elkin, W. M. Kidd, J. Chandoin, and B. Chandoin	42
Trammel's Creek, Green County	J. D. Curry, J. Lemons, G. W. Curry, and J. Miller	111
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	No letter nor Messengers	
Lebanon, Hart County	W. Thompson and W. Matthews	30

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Church	Messengers	Members
Good Hope, Barren County	W. Woodward, W. M. Thompson, and W. H. Carter	51
Little Mount, Larue County	S. T. Skaggs, W. Cessna, and J. Chelts	74
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	No letter nor Messengers	
Pilate's Knob, Barren County	D. Strader, W. H. Nunn, J. Lundon, and E. Piper	30
Hopewell, Barren County	No letter nor Messengers	
Union, Green County	E. Etherton and H. Johnson	34
Mt. Pleasant, Hart County	R. Luvenmore, N. Gore, and F. McKinny	20
Macedonia, Larue County	(New constitution) J. T. Bryant, and D. Benningfield	<u>8</u>
	Total	842

1st Bro. A. Woodard chosen Moderator, and A. Gupton, Clerk.

2nd Corresponding Letter called for. Letter from **South Ky. Association of Baptists** read, and their Messenger's name, N. J. Coffey, invited to a seat.

3rd Brethren A. and S. Gupton appointed to write Corresponding Letters.

4th Committee of Arrangements: Moderator, Clerk, S. T. Skaggs, Gupton, and M. H. Huber.

5th Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 25, 1848

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

- 1st The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.
- 2nd A Protracted Meeting appointed at **Pilate's Knob**, Friday before the 3rd Saturday in November next; Brethren W. Kidd, A. Woodward, and John Chandoin to attend.
- 3rd A request from **Liberty Church**, wishing to know wherein they have failed to attend to the advise of the Association in 1848? In answer, the Association said, the church has not complied with the advise of the Association set forth in the Minutes of 1842 and 1843, in relation to the support of her Minister agreeably to the Gospel.
- 4th The next Association to be held at **Big Spring Meeting House**, Larue County, commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1849.
- 5th Corresponding Letters read and received, and the following brethren appointed to bear them: to **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**, D. Elkin and Joseph Miller; to **South Ky. Association of Baptists**, A. Gupton, S. Gupton, M. Blakeman, S. T. Skaggs, and W. M. Kidd, to be held at **Casey's Creek**, commencing the 2nd Saturday in August next.
- 6th Circular Letter read, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 7th Bro. Wm. Kidd to write the next Circular Letter.
- 8th Bro. S. Gupton to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Bro. A. Woodward, his alternate.
- 9th In view of the destitute condition of the church, "Resolved that there be a Traveling Minister appointed, to preach in the bounds of the Association the present year."
- 10th Brother S. Gupton, being the choice, received the appointment.
- 11th Resolved, that Brethren M. Blakeman, W. Woodward, B. Chandoin, W. M. Thompson, and W. Thompson be appointed a Centered Committee, whose duty it will be to confer together on the best means of raising funds to sustain Bro. A. Gupton, the Traveling Minister.
- 12th Brethren A. Gupton, R. Jenkins, M. H. Huber, M. Blakeman, and J. T. Bryant appointed a committee, to meet at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, Hart County, on the 4th Saturday in October next, and examine into a difficulty that is said to exist in said church.

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13th The Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

Having gone through the business of the Association, adjourned.

A. Woodward, Moderator

A. Gupton, Clerk

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The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Rev. S. Gupton.

Letters were read from the following churches, and Messengers' names enrolled,
viz:

Church	Messengers	Members
Big Spring, Larue County	A. Gupton, W. Williams, J. Jeffries, J. F. Cessna, and J. C. Williams	82
Good Spring, Green County	S. Gupton	66
Sand Lick, Green County	No letter	
Mt. Carmel, Taylor County	T. Underwood, D. Hill, H. Johnson, E. Ratliff, and G. Gaddy	108
Liberty, Green County	M. H. Huber, W. Warren, and E. Warren	79
Mt. Zion, Hart County	G. Dixon, W. Skaggs, M. Skaggs, and T. Milby	53
Bethel, Barren County	No letter	
Mt. Olive, Green County	W. M. Kidd, J. P. Chandoin, and T. Hinds	38
Trammel's Creek, Green County	J. D. Curry, P. Pierce, and W. Curry	115
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	No letter	
Lebanon, Hart County,	No letter	

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Church	Messengers	Members
Good Hope, Barren County	Letter, no Messengers	46
Little Mount, Larue County	S. T. Skaggs, M. Dye, J. T. Hodges, W. Elliot, and J. Chelts	56
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	S. Kerfoot and W. Jeffries	29
Pilate's Knob, Barren County	D. Falkner and E. Shaw	55
New Salem, Green County	No letter	
Hopewell, Barren County	No letter	
Union, Green County	H. Johnson	32
Mt. Pleasant, Hart County	Letter, no Messenger	20
Macedonia, Larue County	S. Etherton and H. Etherton	<u>17</u>
	Total	896

1st Bro. S. Gupton chosen Moderator, and J. C. Williams, Clerk.

2nd Corresponding Letters called for: one from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists** read, their names name, Joseph Richardson, invited to a seat with us.

3rd Bro. A. Gupton appointed to write Corresponding Letters.

4th Committee of Arrangements: Moderator and Clerk, A. Gupton, J. P. Chandoin, and M. H. Huber.

5th Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then, with prayer, adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 24

- The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.
- 1st The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.
- 2nd The next Association to be held at **Mt. Carmel Meeting House**, Taylor County, commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1850.
- 3rd Corresponding Letters to other Associations called for, read and received, and the following brothers appointed to them, viz:
to **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**, to be held at **South Fork Meeting House**, Casey County, on the 3rd Saturday in August, 1850, J. P. Chandoin, F. Strader, W. Strader, and G. W. Curry;
to **South Ky. Association of Baptists**, A. Gupton.
- 4th Circular Letter read, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 5th Bro. S. Gupton to write the next Circular Letter.
- 6th Bro. W. M. Kidd to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Brother A. Gupton his alternate.
- 7th A report received from a part of the committee appointed at the last Association, to raise funds to sustain the Traveling Minister, showing almost an entire failure, after which several members of the Association gave their views, showing that so many attempts had been made by this Society to sustain their Ministers, and as often had partially, or entirely, failed, that some permanent system must be established, or the declensions would continue to exist in the Association, when a motion was made and seconded that each church in the Association be requested to send two members to a Conference Meeting, to be held at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, Hart County, on the 1st Saturday in November next, which was agreed to unanimously.
- 8th The Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 9th Having gone through the business of the Association, adjourned.

S. Gupton, Moderator

J. C. Williams, Clerk

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The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. M. H. Huber.

Letters were read from the following churches, and Messengers' names enrolled,
viz:

Church	Messengers	Members
Big Spring, Larue County	A. Gupton, B. Jenkins, J. T. Dixon, and J. C. Williams	77
Good Spring, Green County	No letter or Messenger	
Sand Lick, Green County	R. Skaggs	30
Mt. Carmel, Taylor County	J. D. Oaks, D. Hill, H. Johnson, and R. H. Shoffner	100
Liberty, Green County	H. Warren, J. Pierce, W. Warren, and D. Warren	71
Mt. Zion, Hart County	J. Pepper, W. Skaggs, W. Henry, and E. Thompson	51
Bethel, Barren County	D. Shoffner and H. Shoffner	37
Mt. Olive, Green County	B. Chandoin	12
Trammel's Creek, Green County	J. E. Curry	75
Pleasant Ridge, Green County	No letter or Messenger	
Lebanon, Hart County	T. Young and T. Dunagan	48

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Church	Messengers	Members
Good Hope, Barren County	No letter or Messenger	
Little Mount, Larue County	S. F. Skaggs, W. Cessna, and J. Chelts	46
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	S. Kerfoot	29
Pilate's Knob, Barren County	J. Scott	12
New Salem, Green County	A. Warren and W. T. Skaggs	14
Hopewell, Barren County	No letter or Messenger	
Union, Green County	H. Johnson and E. Etherton	34
Mt. Pleasant, Hart County	N. Gore	12
Macedonia, Larue County	Letter, no Messenger	<u>13</u>
	Total	661

1st Bro. J. Pepper chosen Moderator, and J. D. Oaks, Clerk.

2nd Moderator, Clerk, A. Gupton, S. F. Skaggs, S. Kerfoot, and J. C. Williams appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

3rd Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then adjourned, till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 30

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

1st The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.

2nd The next Association to be held at **Mt. Zion**, Hart County, commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1851.

3rd The following churches, viz: **Good Spring, Pleasant Ridge, Good Hope**, and **Hopewell**, having failed to represent themselves in the Association, it is ordered by the Association that Brethren N. Gore and J. E. Curry hand to each of these churches a Minute of this Association, and, in case they fail to represent themselves next year, they will be dropped off from this body.

4th The Circular Letter called for, and, on ascertaining it had not been forwarded, it is agreed that, in place of the Circular, the proceedings of the Conference Meeting, as adopted by this Association, be inserted in the Minutes.

5th Bro. Stephen F. Skaggs to preach the next Introductory Sermon.

6th Bro. John C. Williams to write the next Circular Letter, and to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

Having gone through the business of the association, adjourned.

Jos. Pepper, Moderator

John D. Oaks, Clerk

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Held at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, Hart County, commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1851.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by S. F. Skaggs.

Letters were read from the different churches, and Messengers' names enrolled, as viz:

Church	Messengers	Members
Big Spring, Larue County	E. Middleton, J. F. Cessna, and J. C. Williams	74
Good Spring, Green County	(No letter) S. Gupton	
Sand Lick, Green County	J. Lyle and G. Coney	39
Mt. Carmel, Taylor County	J. D. Oaks, J. Shoffner, and J. Underwood	125
Liberty, Green County	H. Johnson and W. S. Peace	85
Mt. Zion, Hart County	M. H. Huber, W. T. Skaggs, E. Thompson, and J. Jonathan	59
Bethel, Barren County	No letter or Messenger	
Mt. Olive, Green County	T. Hynes and B. Chandoin	14
Trammel's Creek, Green County	F. Strader and W. Strader	24
Lebanon, Hart County	T. Cunningham and W. Butter	40

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Church	Messengers	Members
Good Hope, Barren County	G. W. Carter	10
Little Mount, Larue County	S. F. Skaggs and W. Cessna	42
Mt. Zion, Hardin County	S. Kerfoot (no letter)	
Union, Green County	M. Pearce	<u>33</u>
	Total	545

1st Bro. S. Gupton chosen Moderator, and J. D. Oaks, Clerk.

2nd Moderator and Clerk, S. F. Skaggs, M. H. Huber, and J. Essen appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

3rd Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday Morning

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

The several churches mentioned in the Minutes of the last year, to have been notified, having partly represented themselves, it is agreed that the Minute be postponed till the next Association.

The next Association to be held at **Liberty Meeting House**, Green County, 4th Saturday in September next. Brother Elijah Etherton to preach the next Introductory Sermon; Brother M. H. Huber, his alternate.

Bro. S. Gupton to write the next Circular Letter.

By agreement, the Minutes are not to be printed this year.

Having gone through the business of the Association, adjourned.

S. Gupton, Moderator

J. D. Oaks, Clerk

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Held at **Liberty**, Green County, Kentucky.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by E. Etherton.

Letters from the different churches were called for, read, and Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Sand Lick, Green County	J. Oakley and J. Loyal	39
Mt. Carmel, Taylor County	No letter	
Liberty, Green County	Wm. Reece, Wm. Peace, H. Johnson, and H. Warren	84
Mt. Zion, Hart County	M. H. Huber, J. Pepper, Wm. Henry, D. Benningfield, and E. Thompson	56
Mt. Olive, Green County	L. Hines and B. Chandoin	12
Lebanon, Hart County	N. Gore, R. Luremore, and M. Edgar	45
Little Mount, Larue County	S. F. Skaggs, W. M. Cessna, and J. Chelt	39
Union, Green County	E. Etherton, M. Pierce, and E. Johnson	<u>30</u>
	Total	305

1st Bro. J. Pepper chosen Moderator, and N. Gore, Clerk.

2nd Corresponding Letters called for: one from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists** read, and their Messengers, Bros. Blair and Lawhorn, were invited to seats with us.

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- 3rd Bro. S. F. Skaggs appointed to write a Circular Letter, for inspection on Monday.
- 4th Moderator, Clerk, M. H. Huber, J. R. Skaggs, and E. Etherton appointed a Committee of arrangements.
- 5th Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, and adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September, 1852

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

- 1st Report of the Committee of Arrangements called for, read, and adopted.
- 2nd The Association requests each church to have the Constitution of the Association recorded in their Church Books.
- 3rd The next Association to be held at the **Lebanon Church**, in Hart County, commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1853.
- 4th Circular Letter called for, read, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 5th Bro. S. F. Skaggs to preach the next Introductory Sermon.
- 6th Bro. Notley Gore to write the next Circular Letter.
- 7th Brethren Notley Gore and E. Thompson to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

Having gone through the business of the Association, adjourned.

J. Pepper, Moderator

N. Gore, Clerk

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1853 Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists of 1853

This Association met on the 24th day of September, 1853, at **Lebanon Church**, Hart County, Ky.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by the Rev. M. H. Huber.

Letters were then called for, and read, from the different churches comprising this Association, and Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Liberty , Green County	F. Warren, D. Warren, H. Johnson, and W. S. Pierce	84
Mt. Zion , Hart County	M. H. Huber, W. Skaggs, W. Henry, W. Bales, and W. T. Skaggs	75
Lebanon , Hart County	Solomon Kesler, N. Gore, D. Strader, J. Robertson	46
Union , Green County	E. Etherton, E. Johnson, and M. Pierce	32
Mt. Olive , Green County	Messenger, but no letter	—
	Total	237

1st Bro. M. H. Huber chosen Moderator, and N. Gore, Clerk.

2nd Corresponding Letter called for from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**. None came.

3rd Moderator, Clerk, E. Etherton, W. S. Peace, and Wm. Skaggs appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

4th Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, and then adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday Morning

The Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

- 1st Report of the Committee of Arrangements called for, read, and adopted.
- 2nd The next Association is to be held at **Mt. Zion**, Hart County, Ky.
- 3rd Bro. N. Gore is appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association.**
- 4th Bros. M. H. Huber, N. Gore, and Solomon Kesler to bear same to the **South Ky. Association.**
- 5th The Association appointed W. T. Skaggs to get the Association Book, and forward the same to our next Association.
- 6th Bro. E. Etherton to preach the next Introductory Sermon.
- 7th Bro. W. T. Skaggs to write a Circular Letter, for inspection at our next Association.
- 8th The Association agreed to defer the printing of the Minutes this year.
- 9th The Association adjourned.

M. H. Huber, Moderator

N. Gore, Clerk

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1854

Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists of 1854

This Association met on the 25th day of September, 1854, at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, Hart County, Ky., and continued the two succeeding days.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Moses H. Huber.

Letters were called for from the different churches composing the Association, and Messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion, Hart County	Moses H. Huber, E. Thompson, S. T. Skaggs, M. Skaggs, and W. Henry	74
Liberty, Green County	H. Warren, H. Johnson, W. S. Peace, and D. Warren	92
Lebanon, Hart County	N. Gore, H. Edgar, D. Strader, B. F. Myers, A. Froget, and W. Butler	54
Mt. Olive, Green County	G. W. Bishop	9
Union, Green County	E. Etherton, E. Johnson, and F. Etherton	<u>35</u>
	Total	264

1st Moses H. Huber chosen Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk. Corresponding Letters were called for, but none received.

2nd Committee of Arrangements appointed, with the Moderator and Clerk, George W. Bishop, H. Johnson, N. Gore, and Liege Johnson.

3rd Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath, then, with prayer, adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 25th, 1854¹

- 1st The Association met and, after prayer, proceeded to business.
- 2nd The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.
- 3rd The next Association is to be held at **Union Meeting House**, Green County, commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1855.
- 4th Willis T. Skaggs was appointed to write a Corresponding Letter, and the following brethren appointed to bear it: J. P. Shadowen, D. Strader, H. Warren, B. F. Myers, and N. Gore.
- 5th W. T. Skaggs to write the next Circular Letter.
- 6th Bro. George W. Bishop was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and John P. Shadowen his alternate.
- 7th The Circular Letter called for, read, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 8th W. T. Skaggs was appointed to attend to the printing and distribution of the Minutes, with E. Thompson to assist him.
- 9th W. T. Skaggs was appointed, by the Association, to fill out the Association Book, where our former Clerk neglected to do it.
- 10th Having gone through the business with great harmony and brotherly love, the Association adjourned, with prayer.

Moses H. Huber, Moderator

Willis T. Skaggs, Clerk

¹ Note - Minute Book dated both Saturday and Monday, the "25th."

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This Association met on the 22nd of September, 1855, at **Union Meeting House**, Green County, Ky., and continued two succeeding days.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. George W. Bishop.

Letters were then called for from the different churches comprising the Association, and Messengers' names were enrolled, as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion, Hart County	M. H. Huber, M. Skaggs, W. F. Skaggs, W. T. Skaggs, R. Davis, and J. G. Pierce	74
Liberty, Green County	H. Johnson, W. P. Warren, W. Pierce, and D. Warren	92
Lebanon, Hart County	S. Kesler, W. Butler, and B. F. Myers	73
Mt. Olive, Green County	C. M. Whitehead, G. W. Bishop, and J. P. Shandowen	11
Union, Green County	E. Etherton, E. Johnson, M. Pierce, and W. F. Etherton	37
Zion, Taylor County	S. Skaggs, E. Ratliff, and J. Ratliff	66
New Salem, Taylor County	Wm. T. Skaggs and M. Skaggs	<u>12</u>
	Total	365

1st M. H. Huber was chosen Moderator and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.

2nd Corresponding Letters were called for; one from the **South Ky. Association** read, and their Messengers invited to seats with us: Wm. W. Bernard and J. Richardson.

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3rd A Committee of Arrangements, with Moderator and Clerk, W. F. Skaggs, G. W. Bishop, and J. P. Shandowen appointed.

4th W. T. Skaggs to write the next Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association.**

5th Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath: Wm. W. Bernard, E. Etherton, and S. Kesler.

6th The Association then adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 24

- 1st The Association met and, after prayer, proceeded to business.
- 2nd The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.
- 3rd The next Association to be held at **Lebanon Meeting House**, Hart County, commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1856.
- 4th Corresponding Letter read and received, and the following brethren appointed to bear it to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**, to be held at **Union Meeting House**, Adair County, Ky., in 1856: M. H. Huber, H. Warren, R. Davis, C. M. Whitehead, S. Skaggs, and J. P. Shadowen.
- 5th Circular Letter read and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 6th Bro. E. Etherton to write the next Circular Letter.
- 7th Bro. M. H. Huber is to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Bro. E. Etherton his alternate.
- 8th The Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 9th Having gone through the business of the Association, then adjourned.

Moses H. Huber, Moderator

Willis T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1856

Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

This Association met on the 27th - 28th - 29th days of September, 1856, at **Lebanon Church**, Hart County, Ky.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. M. H. Huber, from the last chapter of Matthew, 19th and 20th verses.

Letters were then called for from the different churches comprising this Association, and Messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion, Hart County	M. H. Huber and W. B. Skaggs	72
Liberty, Green County	H. Warren, W. Warren, H. Johnson, and W. A. Smith	88
Lebanon, Hart County	S. Kesler, N. Gore, D. Strader, T. Young, and N. B. Lain	76
Mt. Olive, Green County	B. Shadowen, C. Bishop, G. W. Bishop, and J. P. Shadowen	20
Union, Green County	E. Etherton, M. Pierce, and W. F. Etherton	39
Zion, Taylor County	S. Skaggs, T. Price, and W. S. Skaggs	48
New Salem, Taylor County	W. T. Skaggs and W. H. Skaggs	—
	Total	343

1 Bro. M. H. Huber was chosen Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.

2 Corresponding Letter called for; one from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists** read, and their delegates invited to seats with us: Wm. W. Bernard.

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- 3 A Committee of Arrangements, with the Moderator and Clerk, H. Johnson, S. Kesler, S. Skaggs, E. Etherton, J. P. Shadowen, and W. T. Skaggs.
- 4 W. T. Skaggs appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association.**
- 5 Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath: Wm. W. Bernard and E. Etherton.
- 6 The Association adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday, Sept. 29th, 1856

- 1st The Association met and, after prayer, proceeded to business.
- 2nd The report of the Committee of Arrangements was read and adopted.
- 3rd The next Association is to be held at **Zion Meeting House**, Taylor County, Ky., commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1857.
- 4th Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists** called for, read, and the following Brethren appointed to bear it: (it is to be held at **Freedom Meeting House**, in Pulaski County, commencing the 3rd Saturday in August, 1857) M. H. Huber, H. Warren, G. W. Bishop, S. Kesler, E. Etherton, S. Skaggs, B. F. Myers, and N. B. Lain.
- 5th The Circular Letter called for, read, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 6th N. Gore appointed to write the next Circular Letter.
- 7th Brother E. Etherton to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Brother S. Kesler his alternate.
- 8th We, the Association, advise the churches to urge the Deacons to attend to the duties of their office, more promptly than they have done, in the churches, to the support of the Gospel, and all duties that come under their notice.
- 9th W. T. Skaggs to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 10th The Association having gone through the business of the Association with love and harmony,
- 11th The Association adjourned, with prayer.

M. H. Huber, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1857

Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

This Association met on the 26th day of September, 1857, at **Zion Meeting House**, Taylor County, Ky., and continued the two succeeding days.

1st The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. M. H. Huber, from the 20th chapter of Acts, and from the 4th to the 47th verses.

2nd Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association, and Messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion, Hart County	M. H. Huber and W. T. Skaggs	64
Liberty, Green County	H. Johnson, W. A. Smith, W. L. Pierce, and A. Elkin	70
Lebanon, Hart County	H. Edgar and R. Larrimore	72
Mt. Olive, Green County	G. W. Bishop	20
Union, Green County	E. Etherton, L. Rucker, and E. Johnson	38
Zion, Taylor County	S. Skaggs, E. Gaddy, T. Price, and W. S. Skaggs	50
New Salem, Taylor County	Messenger, no letter	—
	Total	314

1 Chose M. H. Huber, Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.

2 Corresponding Letters called for, and one from **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists** read and received, and their delegates invited to seats with us.

3 Committee of Arrangements: Moderator, Clerk, G. W. Bishop, W. A. Smith, H.

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Edgar, E. Etherton, and S. Skaggs.

4 E. Gaddy appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association.**

5 Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath: Bros. Wm. W. Bernard and Geo. W. Bishop.

6 The Association adjourned till Monday morning.

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Monday Morning, 10 o'clock

- 1 The Association met and, after prayer, proceeded to business.
- 2 The report of the Committee of Arrangements called for, read, and adopted.
- 3 The next Association is to be held at **Liberty Meeting House**, Green County, Ky., commencing the 4th Saturday in September, 1858.
- 4 The Circular Letter called for, read and received, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 5 Bro. Geo. W. Bishop is to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and H. Johnson his alternate.
- 6 Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists** called for, read and received, and the following Brethren appointed to bear it (it is to be held at **Pleasant Ridge Meeting House**, Russell County, Ky., to commence the 3rd Saturday in August, 1858) : M. H. Huber, E. Etherton, G. W. Bishop, H. Warren, and W. A. Smith.
- 7 W. A. Smith appointed to write the next Circular Letter, for inspection.
- 8 We, the Association, recommend to the churches, to use their influence to put down dram drinking, as a beverage, by their members.
- 9 We, the Association, recommend to the churches, to keep up a Sabbath School, and also Prayer Meetings and Preaching every Sabbath, if in their power.
- 10 We, the Association, recommend to the churches, to be more liberal in supporting the Ministry of the Gospel.
- 11 We advise each church to hold a Protracted Meeting, between this Association, and the next Association, and report their success to our next Association.
- 12 W. T. Skaggs, to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 13 This Association, having gone through their business with harmony and Brotherly love, so farewell.

M. H. Huber, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1858

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This Association met on the 25th and 27th days of September, 1858, at **Liberty Meeting House**, Green County, Ky., and continued the two succeeding days.

1 The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. G. W. Bishop, from the 11th chapter of Acts, and 24th verse.

2 Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association, and Messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion, Hart County	W. T. S : J. Henry	50
Liberty, Green County	H. Warren, W. Pierce, H. Johnson, and W. Warren	68
Lebanon, Hart County	W. Thompson, R. Larrimore, B. F. Myers, V. B. Lain, N. Gore, and J. Gentry	71
Mt. Olive, Green County	G. W. Bishop and J. P. Shadowen	25
Union, Green County	W. F. Etherton, E. Etherton, J. A. Etherton, and L. Rucker	38
Zion, Taylor County	S. Skaggs, T. Price, and W. Skaggs	<u>44</u>
	Total	296

1 E. Etherton chosen Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.

2 Corresponding Letter called for, and one received from the **South Ky. Association**, and their delegates invited to seats with us: Wm. W. Bernard and J. Richardson.

3 Committee of Arrangements: Moderator, Clerk, N. Gore, Wm. Thompson, G. W.

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Bishop, E. Warren, and H. Johnson.

- 4 N. Gore to write the next Corresponding Letter.
- 5 Ministers appointed to preach on Sabbath.
- 6 The Association adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

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Monday

- 1 This Association met and, after prayer, proceeded to business.
- 2 The report of the Committee of Arrangements called for, read and received, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 3 The next Association is to be held at **Lebanon Church**, Hart County, Ky., to commence the 4th Saturday in September, 1859.
- 4 The Circular Letter called for, read and received, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.
- 5 Bro. E. Etherton is to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and H. Johnson, his alternate.
- 6 Corresponding Letter called for, read and received, and the following Brethren appointed to bear it : N. Gore, J. P. Shadowen, B. F. Myers, E. Etherton, H. Warren, and W. T. Skaggs. It is to commence the 3rd Saturday in August, 1859, at **Green River Church**, in Adair County.
- 7 N. Gore was appointed to write the next Circular Letter for inspection.
- 8 We, your Committee, recommend one faith, one Lord, one Baptism, and that those who believe that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned their sins, and have followed the Lord in His ordinance, as the Gospel requires, should examine themselves, that they may partake of the Lord's Supper.
- 9 At **Mt. Zion Church**, a Protracted Meeting is to commence the 4th Saturday in August, 1859; at **Liberty**, the 3rd Saturday in July, 1859; at **Lebanon**, the Monday after the 4th Sabbath in November, 1858; at **Mt. Olive**, the first Saturday in September, 1859; and at **Union**, the second Saturday in September, 1859.
- 10 W. T. Skaggs is to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 11 This Association, having gone through their business with harmony and brotherly love.

So Farewell,

E. Etherton, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1865² Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

This Association met on the 26th and 27th days of August 1865, at **Lebanon Meeting House**, Hart County, Ky.

1st The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. Solemn Skaggs, from the 18th chapter of **Revelations**, 4th verse.

2nd Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association, and Messengers' names, as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	No Letter nor Messengers	40
Liberty	H. Warren, and Elzy Warren	75
Lebanon	S. Kesler, G. Mousin, and N. Gore	40
Union	E. Johnson, Jas. D. Etherton, and Milton Pierce	40
Zion	S. Skaggs, Wm. T. Skaggs, S. S. Skaggs, Wm. Skaggs, and M. R. Skaggs	<u>51</u>
	Total	246

So. Skaggs was chosen Moderator, and Wm. T. Skaggs, Clerk

² There was no text in this Journal covering the years 1859 through 1864. (C. E. J.)

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1866

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- 1 The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. H. Warren.
- 2 Letters were then called for from different churches composing this Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	M. M. Skaggs, W. T. Skaggs, R. R. Davis, and Wm. Bailes	40
Liberty	H. Warren, Wm. Pierce, W. Etherton, and A. Warren	65
Lebanon	N. Gore and J. Mouser	25
Union	E. Johnson, J. Etherton, J. Pierce, and E. Etherton	60
Zion	S. Skaggs, Wm. T. Skaggs, W. S. Skaggs, and R. Gaddy	50
Sand Lick	S. Thompson and R. Skaggs	<u>30</u>
	Total	270

- 3 S. Skaggs chosen Moderator, and N. Gore, Clerk.
- 4 Wm. T. Skaggs appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association.**
- 5 Committee of Arrangements appointed: W. T. Skaggs, N. Gore, R. Skaggs, J. A. Etherton, S. Skaggs, and H. Warren.
- 6 The Brethren appointed to preach on Sabbath: S. Skaggs and H. Warren.
- 7 The Association adjourned till Monday, 10 o'clock.

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Monday

- 1 This Association met according to adjournment, and, after prayer, attended to business.
- 2 The report of the Committee called for, read and received, and the committee discharged.
- 3 Corresponding letter called for, read and received, and Brethren M. r. Skaggs, Wm. S. Skaggs, W. T. Skaggs, R. R. Davis, and J. A. Etherton appointed to bear it to the **South Ky. Association.**
- 4 The next Association is to be held at **Mt. Zion**, Hart County, Ky., on the 4th Saturday, and days following, in September, 1867.
- 5 This Association appointed Wm. T. Skaggs to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

S. Skaggs, Moderator

N. Gore, Clerk

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1867

Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

This Association met on the 28th day of September, 1867, at **Zion Meeting House**, Hart County, Ky., and continued the two succeeding days.

1 The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. M. R. Skaggs, from the 16th chapter of **St. Mark**, and from the 15th and 16th verses.

2 Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association, and Messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion, Hart County	W. T. Skaggs, M. M. Skaggs, B. R. Davis, and Wm. Carroll	35
Liberty, Green County	W. S. Pierce, P. Saltsman, L. Warren, and S. Saltsman	40
Lebanon, Hart County	S. Kesler and N. Gore	22
Union, Green County	E. Etherton, J. A. Etherton, H. Johnson, J. Pierce, and S. S. Skaggs	35
Zion, Taylor County	M. R. Skaggs, W. S. Skaggs, and M. Morris	55
Sand Lick, Taylor County	J. R. Underwood, S. Nelson, and J. B. Underwood	<u>21</u>
	Total	208

1 Chose Bro. E. Etherton, Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.

2 Corresponding Letter from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**, invited their delegate to a seat with us.

3 W. T. Skaggs appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association**.

4 Committee of Arrangements appointed: Moderator, Clerk, S. Kesler, W. L.

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Pierce, M. R. Skaggs, and J. R. Underwood.

5 Motion and second that **Mount Zion Church** appoint Brethren to preach on Sabbath: Bro. J. A. Etherton, B. Lawhorn, S. Kesler, and E. Etherton are tomorrow preaching, at 10 o'clock.

6 The Association adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

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Monday

- 1 This Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.
- 2 Corresponding Letter called for, read, and received.
- 3 Bro. S. Kesler appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and E. Etherton, his alternate.
- 4 The next Association is to be held with the **Sand Lick Church**, Green County, on the 4th Saturday in September, 1868.
- 5 Bro. W. T. Skaggs appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 6 This Association adjourned till the next Association.

E. Etherton, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1868

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This Association met on the 26th day of September, 1868, at **Sand Lick Church**, Green County, Ky., and continued the two succeeding days.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. E. Etherton, from the 7th chapter of **Genesis**, and the 1st verse.

Letters were then called for from the different churches composing the Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	W. T. Skaggs, M. M. Skaggs, and E. Pepper	40
Liberty	W. S. Pierce and S. S. Skaggs	45
Lebanon	No Letter or Messengers	
Zion	M. R. Skaggs and W. S. Skaggs	65
Union	M. Pierce, E. Etherton, J. A. Etherton, and S. Skaggs	55
Sand Lick	S. Thompson, J. Underwood, J. Roberts, and J. B. Underwood	<u>41</u>
	Total	246

- 1 Chose Bro. E. Etherton, Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.
- 2 Corresponding Letter called for from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**. One, by the hands of Bro. B. Lawhorn, read and received, and the Brother invited to a seat with us.
- 3 W. T. Skaggs appointed to write a Corresponding Letter for Monday.
- 4 A Committee of Arrangements, with Moderator and Clerk, M. R. Skaggs, Wm. L. Pierce, and J. R. Underwood.
- 5 Motion and Second that the Delegates of **Sand Lick Church** appoint Brethren to

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preach on Sabbath: B. Lawhorn, J. A. Etherton, E. Etherton, and S. S. Skaggs.

Closed till Monday, at 9 o'clock.

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Monday

This Association met, and, after prayer, proceeded to business.

- 1 The Report of the Committee called for, read and received, and the committee discharged.
- 2 The Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association** called for, read and received, and Brethren appointed to bear it. It is to commence the 3rd Saturday in August, 1869, at **Full Branch Meeting House**, Pulaski County, Ky. J. A. Etherton, S. S. Skaggs, M. R. Skaggs, J. R. Underwood, and W. T. Skaggs.
- 3 Bro. E. Etherton is to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and M. R. Skaggs, his alternate.
- 4 The next Association to be held at **Liberty Meeting House**, Green County, Ky., on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1869.
- 5 Bro. W. T. Skaggs appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 6 This Association adjourned till our next session.

E. Etherton, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1869

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The **Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists** met on September 24 and 25, 1869, at **Liberty Meeting House**, Green County, Ky.

1 The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. E. Etherton, from the 1st chapter of **Romans**, and the 16th verse.

2 Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	W. T. Skaggs, M. M. Skaggs, and Wm. Pepper	44
Liberty	W. L. Pierce, L. Warren, and S. Saltsman	49
Lebanon	N. Gore	20
Zion	M. R. Skaggs and Wm. S. Skaggs	63
Union	E. Etherton, J. A. Etherton, S. Skaggs, C. Saltsman, and J. R. Pervis	
Sand Lick	D. Thompson, J. Roberts, J. P. Underwood, J. Bierd, and J. R. Underwood	55
Fancy Ridge (New Constitution)	C. Gentry, H. J. Wright, and C. Bishop	<u>22</u>
	Total	309

1 The Association chose Bro. E. Etherton, Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.

2 Corresponding Letter called for from **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**, by the hands of Bro. B. Lawhorn and A. Sharp. They were invited to seats with us.

3 The Association appointed Bro. N. Gore to write a Corresponding Letter for tomorrow.

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4 The Committee of Arrangements was appointed: W. T. Skaggs, M. R. Skaggs, J. A. Etherton, N. Gore, and C. Bishop.

5 The Delegates from **Liberty Church** appointed Brethren to preach on Saturday and Sabbath: B. Lawhorn and M. R. Skaggs, on Saturday; B. Lawhorn, J. A. Etherton, and Wakefield, on the Sabbath.

6 The Association adjourned till tomorrow - 10 o'clock.

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The Association met according to adjournment.

- 1 The report of the Committee called for, read and received, and the committee discharged.
- 2 The Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists** called for, read and received, and the Brethren appointed to bear it. It is to commence at **Freedom Meeting House**, Pulasky County, Ky., on the 3rd Saturday in August, 1870. To bear it are: J. A. Etherton, S. Skaggs, S. S. Skaggs, M. R. Skaggs, and W. T. Skaggs.
- 3 Bro. J. A. Etherton is appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and M. R. Skaggs, his alternate.
- 4 The next Association will be held at **Union Meeting House**, Green County, Ky., on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1870.
- 5 Bro. W. T. Skaggs is appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 6 The Association adjourned till Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1870.

E. Etherton, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1870

Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists September 25 & 26, 1870

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. J. A. Etherton, from the 3rd Chapter of **Isaiah**, 10th and 11th verses.

Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	W. T. Skaggs and M. M. Skaggs	53
Liberty	W. L. Pierce, L. Warren, P. Saltsman, and S. Saltsman	54
Zion	M. R. Skaggs, W. S. Skaggs, and M. T. Skaggs	70
Union	E. Etherton, J. A. Etherton, M. Pierce, and J. B. Purvis	57
Sand Lick	S. Underwood, J. Roberts, and R. Skaggs	57
Fancy Ridge	C. C. Gentry, W. J. Wright, and M. Gentry	<u>20</u>
	Total	311

1 The Association chose Bro. M. R. Skaggs, Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.

2 Corresponding Letter called for from the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**, read and received by the hands of John A. Lay and G. Gchurser; they were invited to seats with us.

3 Bro. W. T. Skaggs appointed to write a Corresponding Letter for tomorrow.

4 These Brethren were appointed a Committee of Arrangements: J. A. Etherton, W. L. Pierce, James Roberts, C. Gentry, W. S. Skaggs, and W. T. Skaggs.

5 Motion made and Second that the delegates from **Union Church** choose brethren to preach on Saturday, and Sabbath. The following Brethren were selected: S. Underwood, on Saturday, and M. R. Skaggs and E. Etherton, on Sabbath.

6 The Association adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

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The Association met according to adjournment.

1 The report of the Committee of Arrangements called for, read and received, and the committee discharged.

2 The Corresponding Letter to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists** called for, read and received, and the Brethren were appointed to bear the letter to that Association: (it is to commence at **Grave Hill Meeting House**, Casey County, Ky., on the 3rd Saturday in August, 1871) M. R. Skaggs, J. A. Etherton, J. Roberts, and W. T. Skaggs.

3 Rev. S. Kesler is to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and M. R. Skaggs, his alternate.

4 The next Association will be held at **Fancy Ridge Meeting House**, Green County, Ky., on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1871.

5 Bro. W. T. Skaggs is appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

6 The Association adjourned until the Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1871.

W. R. Skaggs, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1871 Minutes of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. S. Underwood, from the 25th chapter of **Matthew**, 14th verse.

Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association.

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	W. T. Skaggs, M. M. Skaggs, G. L. Pepper, J. Sanders, and J. T. Brewer	61
Liberty	L. Warren	55
Union	J. A. Etherton, J. T. Warren, and M. Pierce	80
Zion	Wm. T. Skaggs, W. S. Skaggs, G. B. Skaggs, and Jesse Gaddy	76
Sand Lick	S. Underwood, J. Roberts, and B. Underwood	56
Mt. Carmel	H. J. Wright, T. Gentry, C. W. Bishop, and M. Gentry	21
Lebanon	N. Gore and S. Kesler	<u>20</u>
	Total	369

- 1 The Association chose J. A. Etherton, Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.
- 2 Corresponding Letter called for; none present.
- 3 Bro. Wm. T. Skaggs appointed to write a Corresponding Letter, for inspection tomorrow.
- 4 The Committee of Arrangements: W. T. Skaggs, J. Roberts, J. T. Warren, Wm. T. Skaggs, H. J. Wright, N. Gore, and J. A. Etherton.
- 5 The Association adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

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Saturday

- 1 The Association met, according to adjournment, and, after praise and prayer, proceeded to business.
- 2 The report of the Committee called for, read and received, and the committee discharged.
- 3 The Corresponding Letter called for, read and received, and the Brethren appointed to bear it to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**, which met at **Beaver Creek Church**, on the 3rd Saturday in August, 1872: J. A. Etherton, H. J. Wright, Wm. S. Skaggs, M. Pierce, G. W. Skaggs, M. M. Skaggs, and W. T. Skaggs.
- 4 Bro. J. A. Etherton is to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Bro. S. Underwood, his alternate.
- 5 The next Association will be held at **Zion Church**, Taylor County, Ky., on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1872.
- 6 Bro. W. T. Skaggs was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

J. A. Etherton, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1872

Minutes of the Fifty Third Session of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

The Association met on Friday, the 27th, before the 4th Saturday (the 28th) in September, 1872.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. J. A. Etherton, from **II Timothy**, 4th chapter, 8th verse.

Letters were called for from the different churches composing this Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	M. H. Huber, W. T. Skaggs, E. Bell, M. M. Skaggs, and J. Sanders	50
Liberty	W. L. Pierce, P. Saltsman, and S. S. Saltsman	54
Zion	W. S. Skaggs, B. J. Gaddy, Wm. T. Skaggs, and R. J. Skaggs	75
Union	E. Etherton, J. A. Etherton, M. Pierce, and J. Thompson	110
Sand Lick	J. Roberts, R. Skaggs, J. Thompson, J. R. Underwood, and R. C. Skaggs	50
Mt. Carmel	H. Wright and J. Gentry	39
Mt. Salem	G. L. Pepper, S. L. Davis, W. Ford, and C. C. Davis	<u>17</u>
	Total	395

1 The Association chose Bro. J. A. Etherton, Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.

2 Corresponding Letters called for. None present.

3 Bro. G. L. Pepper to prepare the Corresponding Letter for tomorrow.

4 A Committee of Arrangements appointed: Moderator and Clerk; H. J. Right; M. H. Right.

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5 **Zion Church** delegates appoint brethren to preach on Saturday and Sabbath: S. Underwood and M. M. Skaggs, on Saturday, and M. H. Huber and J. A. Etherton, on Sabbath.

6 This Association adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

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Saturday, September 28, 1872

- 1 This Association met according to adjournment, and, after praise and prayer, proceeded to business.
- 2 Report of the Committee called for, read and received, and the Committee discharged.
- 3 The Corresponding Letter called for, read and received, and the brethren appointed to bear it to the **South Ky. Association of Separate Baptists**: (it is to commence on the 3rd Saturday in August, 1873) M. H. Huber; J. A. Etherton; W. T. Skaggs; and J. Sanders.
- 4 Bro. M. H. Huber is to preach the next Introductory Sermon; J. A. Etherton, his alternate.
- 5 The next Association will be held at **Mt. Salem**, Hart County, Ky., on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1873.
- 6 Bro. W. T. Skaggs was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

This done by order of the Association.

J. A. Etherton, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1873

Minutes of the 54th Session Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

Met Friday, September 26, 1873.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. M. H. Huber, from **Hebrews**, 13th chapter, and 7 verses.

Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	M. H. Huber, W. T. Skaggs, E. Bill, J. W. Noe, and J. T. Brewer	67
Liberty	W. L. Pierce, S. S. Saltsman, and L. Warren	56
Zion	W. S. Skaggs, Wm. T. Skaggs, W. Gaddy, B. F. Skaggs, and N. Gaddy	70
Union	E. Etherton, J. A. Etherton, and M. Pierce	180
Sand Lick	G. Underwood	16
Mt. Carmel	C. C. Gentry, T. Gentry, H. J. Wright, and C. W. Bishop	44
Mt. Salem	J. Davis, Wm. Pepper, W. Ford, G. L. Pepper, W. W. Davis, C. C. Davis, and S. D. Davis	<u>22</u>
	Total	455

- 1 The Association chose Bro. J. A. Etherton, Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.
- 2 Corresponding Letter called for. None present.
- 3 Bro. G. L. Pepper to prepare a Corresponding Letter for tomorrow.
- 4 The Committee of Arrangements appointed : Moderator and Clerk; J. Davis; H. J. Wright; W. S. Skaggs; S. Underwood; M. Pierce; and Wm. Pierce.

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5 The delegates from **Mt. Salem** appoint Brethren to preach on Saturday: S. Underwood and W. S. Skaggs, on Saturday; W. W. Bernard, S. Underwood, and J. A. Etherton, on Sabbath.

6 This Association adjourned till ten o'clock.

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Saturday, September 27, 1873

This Association met according to adjournment. After praise and prayer by Bro. Wm. T. Skaggs, proceeded to business.

1 The report of the Committee of Arrangements called for, read and received, and the Committee discharged.

2 The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists** called for, read and received, and the Brethren were appointed to bear it to the Association (it is to commence the 3rd Saturday in August, 1874): B. F. Skaggs; W. T. Skaggs; B. B. Davis; and J. T. Brewer.

3 Bro. J. A. Etherton is to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and S. Underwood, his alternate.

4 The next Association will be held at **Mt. Zion Meeting House**, Hart County, Ky., on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1874.

5 Bro. W. T. Skaggs was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

Done by order of the Association.

J. Etherton, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1874

Minutes of the 55th Session of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. J. A. Etherton, from **Hebrews**, 11th chapter, and 4th verse. Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	W. T. Skaggs, J. Sanders, B. B. Davis, J. W. Noe, and M. Davis	62
Liberty	L. Warren and S. Saltsman	48
Zion	B. F. Skaggs, G. B. Skaggs, and W. S. Skaggs	75
Union	M. Pierce, C. Saltsman, A. V. Underwood, E. Etherton, and J. A. Etherton	102
Sand Lick	S. Underwood, S. Nelson, and S. Thompson	26
Mt. Carmel	T. Berry, T. Gentry, J. H. Wright, C. C. Gentry, and J. M. Gentry	52
Mt. Salem	G. L. Pepper, T. J. Pepper, W. Ford, and M. T. Bell	38
Lebanon	J. Kesler, J. O. Gentry, and J. W. Brown	<u>12</u>
	Total	415

The Association then proceeded to the Business of the day.

- 1 The Association chose Bro. J. A. Etherton, Moderator, and W. T. Skaggs, Clerk.
- 2 The Association opened by prayer, by Bro. B. F. Skaggs.
- 3 The Corresponding Letter called for from the **South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**. None present.
- 4 Bro. G. L. Pepper to prepare a Corresponding Letter for tomorrow.
- 5 A Committee of Arrangements: J. A. Etherton; W. T. Skaggs; B. F. Skaggs; L. Warren; S. Underwood; G. L. Pepper; J. O. Kesler; and T. Gentry.

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6 The delegates from **Mt. Zion Church** appoint Brethren to preach Saturday and Sabbath: Wm. T. Skaggs and Wm. S. Skaggs, on Saturday; and B. F. Skaggs, S. Underwood, and J. A. Etherton, on Sabbath.

7 The Association adjourned till tomorrow, 10 o'clock.

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Saturday

The Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Bro. S. Underwood, proceeded to Business.

1 The report of the Committee called for, read and received, and the committee discharged.

2 The Corresponding Letter to **South Ky. Association** called for, read and received, and Brethren C. C. Gentry, J. W. Brown, J. W. Noe, J. A. Etherton, B. B. Davis, S. Underwood, B. F. Skaggs, W. T. Skaggs, Wm. Ford, G. L. Pepper, and S. S. Saltsman were appointed to bear the letter to the Association. It is to be held with the **Brush Creek Church**, Casey County, Ky., on the third Saturday in August, 1875.

3 Bro. B. F. Skaggs is to preach the next Introductory Sermon; S. Underwood, his alternate.

4 The next Association to be held with the **Sand Lick Church**, Green County, Ky., on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1875.

5 That the followers of Christ deny the right to be governed by any **Discipline** or **Rules of Decorum, Creeds, or Confessions of Faith** set up by men, aside from the **Scriptures of the Old and New Testament**; that the **Bible** is the **Word of God** and the only rule of Saving Faith and Practice; that Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel that should be observed until the coming of our Lord and Master; that no man has the right to exclude one of God's children from His table.

6 Bro. B. F. Skaggs was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

7 The Association, having gone through her Business, adjourned with prayer by Bro. J. O. Kesler.

J. A. Etherton, Moderator

W. T. Skaggs, Clerk

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1876³

Minutes of the 57th Session of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

Held with **Lebanon Church**, Hart County, Kentucky, Friday and Saturday, September 22 and 23, 1876.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by S. Underwood, from the 1st chapter of Paul's Letter to the **Romans**, 16th verse.

Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	W. F. Skaggs, J. W. Noe, and W. H. Davis	58
Zion	B. F. Skaggs, J. M. Gaddy, G. W. Price, and E. Price	68
Union	J. A. Etherton and M. Pierce	122
Sand Lick	S. Thompson and S. Underwood	27
Mt. Carmel	H. G. Wright, C. Bishop, C. C. Gentry, T. Gentry, and J. H. Wright	59
Mt. Salem	G. L. Pepper, W. M. Ford, and G. T. Lee	42
Lebanon	J. Kesler, T. Boston, W. Simpson, and W. Lile	18
Liberty	S. S. Saltsman	25
Friendship	J. Hay and H. Boston	<u>7</u>
	Total	426

1 The Association chose Bro. J. A. Etherton, Moderator, and W. F. Skaggs, Clerk.

2 The Association opened by prayer, by Bro. B. F. Skaggs.

³ There was no information concerning the Minutes for 1875. (C. E. J.)

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- 3 The Corresponding Letter called for from the **South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, handed in, read and received, and their delegates invited to seats with us: C. S. Martin, L. Dunbar, and T. J. Blair.
- 4 Bro. G. L. Pepper to prepare a Corresponding Letter for tomorrow.
- 5 Committee of Arrangements: W. F. Skaggs, B. F. Skaggs, M. Pierce, G. L. Pepper, S. S. Saltsman, J. Hay, and J. O. Kesler.
- 6 The Delegates from **Lebanon Church** appoint Brethren to preach on Sabbath and Saturday: L. Dunbar and J. A. Etherton on Sunday, and B. F. Skaggs and G. C. Martin on Saturday.
- 7 The Association adjourned, with prayer, to meet tomorrow, at 10 o'clock.

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Saturday, September 23, 1876

The Association met, according to adjournment, after prayer by L. Dunbar, and proceeded to Business.

- 1 Report of the Committee called for, read and received, and the committee discharged.
- 2 The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** called for, read and received, and Brethren appointed to bear it: D. W. Kesler, J. H. Boston, C. C. Gentry, J. Boston, H. J. Wright, and W. F. Skaggs. It is to commence the 3rd Saturday in August, 1877, at **Mt. Olive Church**, Russell County, Kentucky.
- 3 Bro. J. A. Etherton is to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Bro. B. F. Skaggs, his alternate.
- 4 The next Association to be held at **Mt. Carmel Church**, in Green County, Ky., on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1877.
- 5 That the followers of Christ deny the right to be governed by any **Discipline** or **Rules of Decorum, Creeds, or Confession of Faith**, set up by men, aside from the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament; that the **Bible** is the **Word of God**, and the only Rule of saving faith and practice. Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints' feet, are ordinances of the Gospel that should be observed until the Coming of our Lord and Master; that no man has the right to exclude one of God's children from His table.
- 6 Bro. W. F. Skaggs is to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 7 The Association having gone through with her Business, adjourned, with prayer.

W. F. Skaggs, Clerk

J. A. Etherton, Moderator

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1877

Minutes of the 58th Session of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

Held with **Mt. Carmel Church**, Green County, Kentucky, Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, 1877.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by J. A. Etherton, from the 21st chapter of **St. John**, 22nd verse.

Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	W. F. Skaggs	41
Zion	B. F. Skaggs and W. S. Skaggs	69
Union	J. A. Etherton, M. Pierce, J. Dezarn, and J. H. Morris	146
Sand Lick	S. Underwood and S. Thompson	25
Mt. Carmel	H. J. Wright, C. W. Bishop, J. H. Wright, and P. S. Davenport	56
Mt. Salem	S. Davis, S. Skaggs, M. T. Bell, T. J. Pepper, and G. L. Pepper	<u>41</u>
	Total	378

- 1 The Association chose Bro. J. a. Etherton, Moderator, and G. L. Pepper, Clerk.
- 2 The Association opened by prayer, by Bro. Mc Nally.
- 3 The Corresponding Letter called for from the **South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, read and received, and their delegate invited to a seat with us: Bro. Mc Nally.
- 4 A Corresponding Letter called for from the **East Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, read and received, and their delegates invited to a seat with us.
- 5 Bro. W. T. Skaggs is to prepare a Corresponding Letter for tomorrow, to the **East**

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Kentucky Association.

6 Bro. G. L. Pepper is to prepare a Corresponding Letter for tomorrow, to the **South Kentucky Association**.

7 Committee of Arrangements: Bro. J. A. Etherton; W. T. Skaggs; M. Pierce; S. Underwood; H. J. Wright; G. L. Pepper; W. Simpson; J. Hay; and B. F. Skaggs.

8 The Delegates from **Mt. Carmel Church** appoint Brethren to preach on Friday night, S. Underwood and W. Skaggs; Saturday, B. F. Skaggs and S. Underwood; Saturday night, Mc Nally; and J. A. Etherton, on Sabbath.

9 The Association adjourned with prayer, by S. Underwood, to meet tomorrow, at 10 o'clock.

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Saturday, September 26, 1877

The Association met, according to adjournment, with prayer by H. J. Wright, and proceeded to Business.

- 1 The report of the Committee called for, read and received, and the Committee discharged.
- 2 The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** called for, read and received, and Brethren appointed to bear it: J. Hay; J. A. Etherton; W. S. Skaggs; and M. Pierce. It is to commence the 3rd Saturday in August, 1878, at **Pleasant Valley Church**, Casey County, Kentucky.
- 3 The Corresponding Letter to the **East Kentucky Association** called for, read and received, and Brethren appointed to bear it: W. T. Skaggs and H. J. Wright. It is to commence the 3rd Saturday in September, 1878, at **Beaver Creek Church**, Wayne County, Kentucky.
- 4 B. F. Skaggs to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and J. A. Etherton, his alternate.
- 5 The next Association to be held at **Union Church**, Green County, Kentucky, to commence on the 4th Saturday in September, 1878.
- 6 That the followers of Christ deny the right to be governed by any **Discipline** or **Rule of Decorum, Creeds**, or **Confession of Faith**, set by men, aside from the Scriptures of the **Old and New Testament**, and we affirm that the **Bible** is the **Word of God**, and the only rule of saving faith and practice. Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints' feet, are ordinances of the Gospel that should be observed until the Coming of our Lord and Master; that no man has the right to exclude one of God's children from His table.
- 7 Bro. G. L. Pepper appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.
- 8 The Association, having gone through her Business, adjourned, with prayer by J. A. Etherton.

G. L. Pepper, Clerk

J. A. Etherton, Moderator

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1878

Minutes of the 59th Session of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

Held with **Union Church**, Green County, Kentucky, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, September 28, September 29, and September 30, 1878.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by B. F. Skaggs, from the 7th chapter, 20th and 21st verses, of **John**.

Letters were then called for from the different churches composing this Association:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	W. T. Skaggs, B. B. Davis, and D. Kesler	40
Zion	B. F. Skaggs, G. W. Price, J. M. Gaddy, S. Skaggs, W. S. Skaggs, J. A. Skaggs, and W. C. Skaggs	64
Union	J. A. Etherton, J. P. Etherton, M. Pierce, W. B. Warren, R. W. Skaggs, and J. Dezern	134
Sand Lick	S. Underwood, S. Thompson, and Y. Underwood	27
Mt. Carmel	H. J. Wright and C. W. Bishop	57
Mt. Salem	G. L. Pepper, T. Pepper, S. M. Skaggs, and J. E. Etherton	69
Liberty	L. Warren	<u>20</u>
	Total	411

- 1 The Association chose J. A. Etherton, Moderator, and G. L. Pepper, Clerk.
- 2 The Association opened by prayer, by Bro. Eli Mc Nally.
- 3 The Corresponding Letter called for from the **South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, read and received, and their delegates invited to a seat with us: Bro. Eli Mc Nally and J. B. Brown.

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- 4 Bro. G. L. Pepper to prepare a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, for Monday.
- 5 Committee of Arrangements: W. F. Skaggs; M. Pierce; W. S. Skaggs; S. Underwood; C. J. Wright; G. L. Pepper; and J. A. Etherton.
- 6 The Delegates of **Union Church** appoint Brethren to preach: Saturday night, C. W. Bishop; on Sunday, at 10 o'clock, B. F. Skaggs; Eli Mc Nally, on Sunday night; and S. Underwood, on Monday.
- 7 The Association adjourned, with prayer by C. J. Wright, to meet Monday, at 10 o'clock.

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Monday, September 30, 1878

The Association met, according to adjournment, with prayer by W. S. Skaggs.

The report of the Committee called for, read and received, and the Committee discharged.

The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** called for, read and received, and Brethren appointed to bear it: R. F. Skaggs; H. J. Wright; W. T. Skaggs; L. C. Warren; M. Gaddy; J. M. Skaggs; D. E. Kesler; B. B. Davis; W. R. Skaggs; and R. W. Skaggs. It is to commence on the 3rd Saturday in August, 1879, at **Mt. Zion Church**, Pulaski County, Kentucky.

The Corresponding Letter to the **East Kentucky Association** was called for, read and received, and delegates appointed to bear it: B. F. Skaggs; W. T. Skaggs; R. Morris; H. J. Wright; and W. Warren.

J. A. Etherton to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and B. F. Skaggs, his alternate.

The next Association to be held at **Zion Church**, Taylor County, Kentucky, to commence on the 4th Saturday in September, 1879.

Bro. G. L. Pepper to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

The Association, having gone through their Business, adjourned, with prayer.

G. L. Pepper, Clerk

J. A. Etherton, Moderator

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1879

Minutes of the 60th Session of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

Held with **Zion Church**, Taylor County, Kentucky, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, September 27, 28, and 29, 1879.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. A. Etherton, from the 28th chapter of **Matthew**, 19th and 20th verses, an able and effective Missionary Sermon.

The Moderator and Clerk being present, letters from the churches were then read, and Messengers' names enrolled:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	No Letter	40
Zion	J. M. Gaddy and S. Skaggs	56
Union	J. A. Etherton, M. Pierce, J. T. Warren, and V. Underwood	119
Sand Lick	S. Underwood and S. Thompson	26
Mt. Carmel	C. W. Bishop, M. F. Bloyd, T. Gentry, and H. J. Wright	71
Mt. Salem	J. B. Bloyd, W. T. Bell, G. L. Pepper, and W. Davis	<u>61</u>
	Total	373

1 The Association then became fully organized, by electing J. A. Etherton, Moderator, and G. L. Pepper, Clerk.

2 Prayer by Bro. B. F. Skaggs.

3 Invitation given for new constitution churches. None present.

4 Corresponding Letters called for from the different Associations with whom we correspond. One from the **East Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, by the hand of A. J. Green, and he was invited to a seat.

5 The Delegates from **Zion Church** were appointed a committee to arrange

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preaching.

6 The report of the committee called for, read and received, and the committee discharged.

7 A Committee of Arrangements was appointed, to arrange Business for Monday, consisting of: Moderator and Clerk; G. W. Price; H. J. Wright; and S. Underwood.

8 B. F. Skaggs was appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **East Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, to be held with the **Grave Hill Church**, Casey County, Kentucky, on the Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1880.

9 C. W. Bishop was appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, to be held with the **South Fork Church**, Casey County, Kentucky, on the 3rd Saturday in August, 1880.

10 Committee on Divine Service reports the following times and places to be occupied by the following: M. Bloyd and S. Underwood, Saturday night; Mc Nally and A. J. Green, Sunday, at the stand at 11 o'clock; and J. A. Etherton and C. W. Bishop, at the stand Monday.

11 The Association then adjourned until 10 o'clock, Monday morning.⁴

⁴ There was no information given from this time, until the 64th Session, in 1883. (C. E. J.)

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Minutes of the 64th Annual Session of the Nolyn Association

Met with **Union Church**, Green County, Kentucky, September 21, 22, and 23, 1883, at 10 o'clock.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Reverend J. A. Etherton, from **Matthew**, 28th chapter, and 19th and 20th verses.

Letters were then read by J. Cremor and J. W. Noe, from the churches composing this Association, and delegates' names enrolled:

Church	Messengers	Members
Mt. Zion	W. M. Price, J. W. Noe, and R. Peace	39
Zion	W. S. Skaggs and J. A. Skaggs	60
Union	J. A. Etherton, M. Pierce, S. Saltsman, and J. T. Etherton	181
Mt. Carmel	J. Cremor and J. Gentry	86
Mt. Salem	M. T. Bell, T. J. Pepper, W. Ford, and Wilson Davis	81
Sand Lick	S. Underwood and S. Nelson	<u>22</u>
	Total	469

The Association then became fully organized, by electing Reverend J. A. Etherton, Moderator, and J. W. Noe, Clerk. Prayer by Reverend S. Underwood.

The Corresponding Letters called for, from the different Associations which were corresponding. Received one from the **East Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**, by Brother M. C. Wright. It was read, and Brother Wright invited to a seat with us.

The Messengers of **Union Church** were appointed a Committee on Divine Service, and reports Reverend S. Underwood, Friday night, at the church, Saturday, M. C. Wright, Saturday night, W. S. Skaggs, and Sabbath, J. A. Etherton.

The Committee of Arrangements: J. A. Etherton, J. W. Noe, W. S. Skaggs, T.

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Underwood, Wilson Davis, and T. Gentry.

Brother C. Saltsman was appointed to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**; T. W. Noe, the same to the **East Kentucky Association**.

Motion and Second, that the Association adjourn, to meet tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. W. S. Skaggs.

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Saturday, September 22, 1883

The Association met, according to adjournment, after prayer, by Rev. J. A. Etherton.

- 1 The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and received, and the committee discharged.
- 2 The Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** was read and received, and brethren appointed to bear it, to wit: G. L. Pepper and W. S. Skaggs.
- 3 The Corresponding Letter to the **East Kentucky Association** read and received, and brethren appointed to bear it, to wit: J. A. Etherton and S. Underwood.
- 4 The next Association to be held at **Sand Lick Church**, in Green County, Kentucky, on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1884.
- 5 Rev. G. L. Pepper to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and S. Underwood, his alternate.
- 6 Resolved, that the Association appoint a Standing Committee of Home Mission Board of **Nolynn Association**, the committee to consist of two members of each church composing this Association, whose duty it shall be to collect money for Missionary purposes, and meet quarterly and appoint Missionaries, and pay them for their labor.
- 7 The Resolution was adopted, and the following brethren are appointed members of the Standing Committee: **Mt. Zion**, J. W. Noe and R. Peace; **Zion**, J. A. Skaggs and J. Hadac; **Union**, C. Saltsman and A. V. Underwood; **Sand Lick**, S. Nelson and R. Underwood; **Mt. Carmel**, J. Cremor and J. Gentry; and **Mt. Salem**, M. T. Bell and T. J. Pepper.
- 8 The Board organized, and appointed Rev. S. Underwood, Missionary for the first Quarter, and agreed to pay him one dollar a day, and instructed him to collect all the means he can, and report it to the Board at the first meeting.

Times and places of meeting of the Board:

- Meeting at **Union**, third Saturday in February, 1884;
- 2 Meeting at **Zion**, first Saturday in March, 1884;
- 3 Meeting at **Mt. Salem**, second Saturday in June, 1884;
- 4 Meeting at **Sand Lick**, morning of the Association.

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9 Rev. S. Underwood appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution.

10 The Association adjourned, to meet with **Sand Lick**, Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1884.

Prayer by Wilson Davis.

J. W. Noe, Clerk

J. A. Etherton, Moderator

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Circular Letter

The duty of church members to attend their meetings.

The Ministers and Messengers of the **Nolynn Association** to the church which we represent.

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Minutes of the 65th Annual Session of the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

Held with **Sand Lick Church**, Green County, Kentucky, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 1884.

Officers: Rev. J. A. Etherton, Moderator; and J. W. Noe, Clerk.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. G. L. Pepper, from **Isaiah**, the first chapter, and 18th verse.

The Moderator and Clerk being present, the letters from the different churches were then read, and the names of Messengers enrolled:

Church	Messengers	Statistics
Mt. Zion	J. W. Noe and W. S. Skaggs	Received by experience and Baptism - 0; by Letter - 1; Died - 1; Total - 39
Zion	J. A. Skaggs	Received by experience and Baptism - 1; Excluded - 2; Total - 53
Union	J. A. Etherton, E. Johnson, M. Pierce, J. H. Despain, R. W. Skaggs, and M. T. Pierce	Received by Repentance and Baptism - 3; by Letter - 1; Dismiss by Letter - 2; Total - 179
Mt. Carmel	H. J. Wright and B. F. Wilcoxon	Received by Experience and Baptism - 4; Total - 83
Mt. Salem	G. L. Pepper, M. T. Bell, and W. Pepper	Received by Letter - 1; Dismissed by Letter - 1; Total - 61
Sand Lick	S. Underwood, J. B. Underwood, and T. Nelson	Received by Recommendation - 2; by Letter - 2; Excluded - 1; Total - <u>27</u>
	Total	442

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The Association became fully organized by electing Rev. J. A. Etherton, Moderator, and J. W. Noe, Clerk.

Prayer by Rev. S. Underwood.

Invitation given for member shifts. None received.

Correspondence from the **South Kentucky Association of Separate Baptists**. None presented.

The Corresponding Letter from the East Kentucky Association of Separate **Baptists**. None presented.

Appointed one Messenger from each church, to arrange preaching for the Association.

Appointed G. L. Pepper to write a Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association**, to be read on tomorrow, for inspection.

Appointed J. W. Noe to prepare for the **East Kentucky Association** for the same.

Appointed a Committee of Arrangements, to arrange Business for tomorrow: J. A. Skaggs; H. J. Wright; G. L. Pepper; S. Underwood; Moderator; and Clerk.

The Committee on Divine Service reports the following brethren to preach: B. H. Wilcoxon and J. A. Etherton, on Friday night; G. L. Pepper and J. M. Gaddy, on Saturday; B. F. Skaggs and S. Underwood, on Saturday night; and S. Underwood on Sabbath.

Adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. B. F. Wilcoxon.

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Saturday, August 23, 1884

The Association met, according to adjournment.

Prayer by Moderator.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements called for, read and received, and the committee discharged.

The Clerk called the Roll, and marked absentees.

Corresponding Letter to the **South Kentucky Association** called for, read and received, and Rev. J. A. Etherton, S. Underwood, J. B. Underwood, and M. T. Pierce were appointed to bear the letter to said Association.

Corresponding Letter to the **East Kentucky Association** called for, read and received, and brethren appointed to bear the same (B. F. Wilcoxon, T. Gentry, M. T. Bell, and G. L. Pepper) to said Association.

The Association changed the time of meeting to Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, in 1885.

The following brethren are appointed members of the Standing Committee of the Home Mission Board of **Nolynn Association**: **Mt. Zion**, J. W. Noe and W. S. Skaggs; **Zion**, J. F. Skaggs and J. W. Philpott; **Mt. Salem**, J. W. Kesler and M. T. Bell; **Mt. Carmel**, J. M. Kesler and H. J. Wright; **Sand Lick**, S. Nelson and J. B. Underwood; and Union, M. Pierce and J. H. DeSpain.

The Home Mission Board organized, and appointed Rev. J. A. Etherton, Missionary, for the next year. We want to instruct him to take up collections for his support, and report to the Board amount collected by him, and the number of days spent by him in the field. The members of the Board bind themselves to pay the Missionary one dollar a piece, the morning of the Association in 1885.

The Association appoints Rev. J. A. Etherton, to visit each church composing the Association, and preach our Faith and Order at the following times and places:

Mt. Carmel, the first Saturday or Sunday in November, 1884;

Union, the third Saturday or Sunday in October, 1884;

Mt. Zion, the 4th Saturday or Sunday in December, 1884;

Zion, the first Saturday or Sunday in April, 1885;

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Mt. Salem, the second Saturday or Sunday in May, 1885;

Sand Lick, the fourth Saturday or Sunday in May, 1885.

The next Association is to be held with **Zion Church**, Taylor County, Kentucky, commencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1885.

Appointed J. A. Etherton to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and S. Underwood, his alternate.

Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and their distribution, and to distribute to each church in person, to the money paid.

The Association adjourned, with prayer by Moderator.

J. A. Etherton, Moderator

J. W. Noe, Clerk

Money for Minutes:

Mt. Zion	\$0.65
Zion	
Union	\$2.05
Mt. Carmel	\$0.60
Mt. Salem	\$1.00
Sand Lick	<u>\$0.50</u>
Total	\$4.80

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Circular Letter to the Churches Composing the Nolynn Association of Separate Baptists

Dear Brethren,

The Church was organized in the World for the benefit of Believers, that they could unite in one band of brotherhood, to show forth the praising of God.

To do this, it was necessary for them to understand each other, by covenanting together in love and in union, that they would live as becomes the Children of God, and that it was necessary to meet often together as a band of brethren, to tell the love of God in their souls, pray for each other, and to strengthen each other in the faith of our Blessed Saviour.

For this purpose, the Apostles, who were led by the Spirit of the Living God, wrote to the churches, in order to establish the brethren in the true faith.

The churches, having been perpetuated from the days of the Apostles until this day, though many of her members have had to wade through afflictions and trials, many of them have had to suffer martyrdom for the Cause, which it happened in order that the churches should be perpetuated in all Ages, it was necessary that the Gospel should be preached.

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John W. Noe
Hart County, Kentucky

This book was filled in the year 1885.

J. W. Noe