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CONSCUE BIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

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the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers; taking the oversight thereof not by constraint but willingly; not for filthy lucre; but of a ready mind. Jesus says; "He man love

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As our limits forbid our speaking further countries on the line of attention more especially to the Descons. Dear Problem Descons, tens ber your bigh calling! Much, very much, depends on you. The temp of as I spiritual welfare of the churches, in a considerable degree, dy reson you. Presenter the solemn charge you have received. You are as mine we tel mene you are to contend carnestly for the faith that was once delivered to the Solar. Take the admonition of received, receive him not into your house; neither Libban G. Specification he have biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evidenced." Libban G. Specific bischarge of your duty, be sure that you are prompt to attend you charely heath s, and if you should be destitute of a pistor take up the cross and go form of in exhibitation or singing and prayer according to the impress of the Spirit, as your be-irress is to crive tables. Look well to that. O, how often do we see contain ion disagrated on account of the Deacons not being prepared. And now a word to the conclus in our concluding remarks. Brethren and Sisters, Love is our thome-do we leve Jesus of not? Let us examine ourselves; we are commanded to try the spirits, therefore hit is begin in our own breast and examine ourselves by the worl of God. Josus says: "It ye love me keep my commandments." He has command the not to forsalio the commandation of ourselves together as the manner of some is. O, Brethren and Silters, low offiare our seats empty in the house of God-how often do we stay at home rather than meet around the communion table to commemorate the death and suffering of our loving Jesus; how often is it the case that if we fail of a preacher on Section, vary and rather stay at home or be found in an idle temple where Ged has said and a yourselves from idols. Jesus says why call ye me Lord, and do not the things that I amend do your duty, deacons do your duty, brethren and size as do your duty. ture and live up to the commands of the Savor. When you have no preceder prothe Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. Deac as he have to your preaction; if you see them in need tell it to the church. Brethien, do not treat your D. over which contempt, by not enabling them to discharge that duty that they owe to God and their brethren.

We are aware that we have not done any decree of justice to the subject, yet a have useeded our limits. And now, dear Bushron and Eisters, on desire us that God would be be pleased to bless this little epistic to far as in y account with his will, to to constant of his children, to the good of since is, and to the glory of our God. Then, Brethren, farewell! Live in peace, and may the Color by sund peace to with all. Amen.

DANIEL DOZILE Modern is

WILLIAM J. POUNCEY, Clerk.

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Alt of which were containly received, the Moderator giving to their delegates the

right hand of tellow-ilip.

Sth. Appointed F. Pickett, J. Thigpen, J. B. Sticson, T. J. Gardner, a committee to examine documents, and report as soon as practicable.

9th Called for reports of the district meetings; which were presented, read, and re-

cived.

10th. Apprinted district meetings, as follows:

First District.--With Ramah Church, Pilts county, to commence on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1850.

Second District .-- With Union Church, P ke county, to commence on Friday before

the first Sunday in September, 1850.

Third District.—With Elim Church, Pike county, to commence on Friday before the

fourth Sunday in August, 1850.

Fourth District.—With Union Church, Covi gion county, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in Sept. mber, 1850.

11th. Returned correspondence to sister Associations:

To Ebenezer Association, to convene with Cool Spring Church, Lowndes county, to commence on Priday before the First Sunday in October, 1850, Ebders R. Warren, R. F. Miseldine, J. Knighton, and lay brethren, J. W. Timmous, S. Russell, M. Rushton, delegates.

To Chocta chatchie Association, to convers with the Mount Zion Church, Henry county, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, (inst.) Elders I. H. HORN, R. Taler, and lay brethren, J. Thiggen, T. L. Gardner, J. Kennedy, J.

Stallings, T. Conner, messengers; Buther it illing to rite the letter.

To Claybank Association, to convene with Leon Church, Dale county, to commence on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1850, Elders R. Toler, Wm. Hussey, B. S. Bacoks, and lay members W.a. Easters, Wm. Collingsworth, H. Kimbrough, J. A. Smith, J. A. Owens, D. Cragne, and J. Thigpen, messengers.

To Wetumpka Association, to convene with Minyma, Church, Coosa county, to commence on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1850, Elders R. Warren, D. Dozier, and lay brethren J. Stallings, H. L. Jones, J. W. Timmons, M. Carter, T.

J. Gardner, and Wm. Bell, messengers.

12th. Resolved, That this Association append to these minutes, a corresponding letter to sister Associations with whom she corresponds.

13th. Called for the Circular Letter; which was presented, read by the writer, re-

coived, and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

14th. The committee on documents presented the fellowing report: "We, your committee, beg leave to report, we find nothing worthy of your concideration." Respectfully submitted and ordered to be printed.

15th. Appointed Elder D. Dozier to write our next Circular Letter, and Elder R. Toler to preach the next introductory Sermon, and Elder R. F. Missledine his alter-

nate.

16th. Called for the report of the Presbytery appointed last year to visit Fellowship

Church, Pike county, who reported her dissolved.

17th. Appointed our next Association wit'. Com. 27th Church, Butler county, commencing on Saturday before the second Substantian October, 1950.

MEMORIAL.

18th. Whereas, it has been the good pleasure of our househly farther to call from off the control of Zion his faithful area of a Honards of control of the dead has the collination should be what the beautiful to be a faithful of the collination of the collinat

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22d. Resolved, That we give a vote of there's to the members of Bulah Churen, and friends in its vicinity, for their Finduces to us during the present session.

23d. Read the minutes and adjourned to time and place stated. Prover by the both or Moderator.

DANIEL DOZIER, Moderator.

WILLIAM J. POUNCEY, Clerk.

CORRRESPONDING LETTER.

The Coneculi River Baptist Association of the Primitive Order, in session with the Bulah Church, Pike county, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sends Christian love and affection:

Dear and much esteemed Brethren in the Lord:

Through the goodness of our Heavenly Father, we are again permitted to meet in our twenty-second Annual Session, and have received a full representation from the Churches in our union; and have conducted the business of the Association with peace and harmony; and several Churches express their gratitude to Almighty God, for his blessings bestowed on them in adding to their numbers, while others complain of colduces and barrenness of soul; yet all remain in peace with themselves and with sister Churches. And we have also received a full correspondence from sister Associations, by letter and messengers, for which we feel thankful to Almighty God for sending in our midst so many of our beloved brethren, whose coming has been a source of enjoyment to us, and whose labors in the Gospel have been with zeal and much ability, and we pray God that their labors may be a lasting blessing to all the dear children of God. Dear Brethren, we desire your correspondence to be continued with us, for which purpose we send you this, our epistic of love, by the hands of our brethren as stated in our minutes, whom we hope you will receive in our behalf.

Our next Association will convene with Consolation Church, Butler county, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1850; at which time and place we hope

to meet your delegation.

Dear Brethren, we desire an interest in your prayers, and hope you will visit us as often as you can. Now may the God of all grace be with you and us, and keep us all in the unity of the Spirit, and bonds of peace, is the prayer of your little sister, for Christ sake.

DANIEL DOZIER, Moderator.

WILLIAM J. POUNCEY, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

BY JOSEPH THIGPEN.

THE COMECUH RIVER BAPTIST Association, of the Primitive Order, to the several Churches composing the same:

Dearly beloved Brethren:—According to a custom of long standing among Baptist of the Primitive order, and agreeable to previous arrangement, you will be looking for a Circular Address from us; and in trying to comply with that duty that seems to present itself to our minds, we shall call your attention to a subject as a foundation for what may follow, viz: Love.

Dear Brethren, though the subject that we have laid as a foundation for this epistle is only comprised of four letters, yet it contains more than any other subject that our

minds could possibly be directed to

Brethren, we are sware that the narrow confines of a circular are infinitely too small, were we in possession of the ability to set forth the glories contained in this subject, and it is probable that through weatness we may reafter thought, it is not possible for us to go beyond our subject, for when we speak of Love we speak of God, for God is Love.



Let Jake the first verse. We understand that have we are of non-sero by morely tench at some of the non-particle day. Whele note a peak of the office effects of that Let day the late. In the array of the verse of the notice of God in a contract of the contract of the notice of God in a contract of the contract of the notice of God in a contract of the contract of the notice of God in a contract of the contract of the notice of God in a contract of the contra Lower has a compared with the was the threater-piece of all to the View the love of God to placing of he couldre, mon, in that Parishan C placed him in, at that of giving him a righteons law for the general conrule of life; see the love and union that existed so long as he observed to find that Love is a law requisition, and the clore it is enjoined on the wife thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Matthew, 22d chapter, 37th verse: "Jesus said unto him, thou shall I me the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind." Luke, 10th chapter, : n verse: "And he answering said thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbors. thyself." Romans, 13th chapter, 10th verse: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore Love is the fulfilling of the law."

We might call your attention to many more passages, but we think that we have quoted enough, and as we have said that love is a law requisition, and as much the daty of the Adamic family to observe its regulations as it was our fore-parents' in the day that God gave them the law. Yet we do not vish to be understed that many his ag up to all the requirements of that law would be entitled to any reward, but that he as the creature of God has done nothing more than what was his duty; and the Aposto has said, If there had been a law given that could have given life, verily righteousise s would have been by the law; and as we are addressing the Adamic family, we say to you in the language of the Savior, "Ye must be born again." This was the language of the Savior to Nicodemus, that great ruler of the Jews, and notwithed a dang a greatness, he could not see how these things could be, and we are of the op. 1. 4. 1 there are many in this day that profess to be the followers of Jesus, that are in the same

situation. May God open their eyes if agreeable to his will!

We must stop as regards this requisition of the law, and try to come to speak of it in . a special point-or, in other words, try to speak of the late of God towards his Canaca, or those that God gave to his son Jesus Christ, in the Covenant of redemption. We are aware that people professing to know God, objects or denies the doctrine of the Covenant plan of redemption as existing between God, the Father Son and Holy Ghost be' ... time, but in this we see the love of God predicated upon his fore-knowledge, and w think that John had a view of that when he said: "Behold what manner of Love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." Then, Brethren, we contend that God being Love, and that he is without variableness or " shadow of a turn, and that he was God before time, and if you can tell when God beto be God, then we can tell when his love began to exist toward his children. At 1 3 that are disposed to deny such a thing as a Covenant or agreement, as we under sind them to be the same, we cite your attention to the 89th Psalm of the Psalmist Daris, and 3d verse: "I have made a Covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto Dayata y servant." We are in hopes that no person will deny that the chosen one here affect d to was Jesus; as all will admit that God close his son to be the Savior of she as. Also read the Psalm down from the 3rd to the 30th verse, and we think that yet with by the help of God, see that in that Covenant that there is brought to view was between God, the Father and his son Jesus Christ, and that David was enabled through the revelation of God to view it by faith, and glosy therein. Also Isaiah 42d chapter 1st, to 6th verse: "Behold my servant whom I uphold, mine elect, in whom my sou' delighteth, I have put my spirit upon him, he shall bring forth judgment unto the Gentiles." 5th verse: I, the Lord have called thee in rightcourness, and will hold thy hand and will keep thee and give thee for a Covenant of the people for a light of the Gentiles. We will call your attention to one more passage, as we hope it will be enough to satisfy any unprejudiced mind of the truth of the doctrine of an everlasting Covenant. Malachi 3d chapter, 1st verse: "Behold I will send my messenger and ye shall prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom ye seek shift suddenly come to his term, e. c. a messenger of the Covenant whom ye delight in. Behold he shall cover a soft the of Hosts,"

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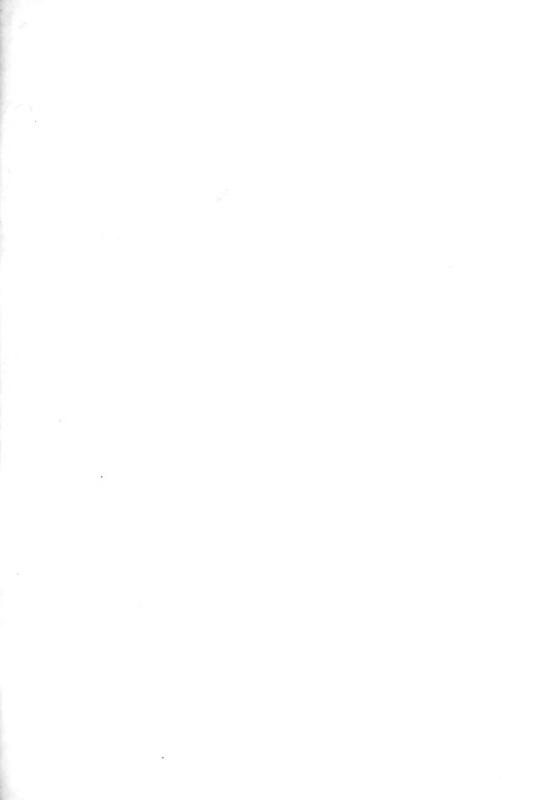
1st chapter, 3d and 4th verses; 1st Peter, 2d chapter, 4th and 9th verses. We shall let what we have said suffice, and notice the love of God in that of effectual easing. Notwithstanding the great love of God in the plan of redemption and God's purpose therein, and that his people were virtually saved, and were helds of that inher-Itauce according to the purpose of God, yet man by mature was entirely destitute of the kn evledge of it, and not in a situation to enjoy it, by reason of sin. We believe that all God's dear Midren do glory in that of his great lone, in that of effectual calling. It was that co It ing our old father Adam from smoogst the trees of the garden notwithstanding that work sewing of fig leaves to make him a covering, that the rays of the sun work is on try up. View the love of God in clothing Adam and his brile with couts of skin. See the Savior at the rave of Lazarus. We believe that Lazarus was typical of kinners that are dead, in trespasses and sins, and that it takes the same power to quicken the dead faculties of their souls, and as the call was made ly the Saviour, accompanied by the mighty power of God, Lazarus came forth, but he was bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face bound about with a mapkin. At I what was the command? Toose thyself and go? No, brethren, it was Jesus suith undo them, Loose him and let him go. We inderstand Lazarus with these grave clothes, to represent the sinner that has been quickened by the spirit of God; and he can see God as a holy and a just God, and he is bound with these grave clothes and he Uses to be to loose himself, but, poor thing, he cannot. His face is bound about with a . May and he cannot see how God can remain just and save him. But at a time which he expects that God is about to take him from time, when he has lost all confidence in the flesh --ere he is aware, the napkin is removed from his tace, he views God, reco-ciled to him in and through the merits of his son, Jesus Christ. The grave childes are taken away by reason of what Jesus has done. He then views the love of 4. I and is challed to see him for himself and not another. He then is able to see in e degree comething of that love that John www.hen he said: "Behold what manner of live the Father hath bestowed upon us that he should be called the sons of God." Hathen is made to love God, and he is also more to love the ordinances of the Gospel of d to him in God's word; and then Le loves the people of God and he cannot In 5.4 until he goes and—as old David did say—draw near all ye that fear the Lord at 1 will tell you what he hath done for my soul. Notwithstanding he may neglect his day for some time, he does not live satisfied. These are the people that Jesus and says: "If ye love me keep my commandments." St. John, 14th chapter, 11' via 2: "Therefore we say auto all such as love Jesus to follow him in all his footthe same found in his word, and he sure that you do not go only where Jesus has a moded in his holy word. We will, in the first place, try if God will help drop a bords to our preaching brothren. Love it car subject and in love we would wish in the type. In the language of the Holy Writ, preach the word, be instant in season,

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THE CONNEL .. Re and has the Association, of the Primitive faith and order, commenced her twenty-second Annual Session with the Bulnh Church, Pike county, on Saturday before the Second Sunday in Octob r, A. D. 1849.

According to previous appoint cut, the introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J HN KNIGHTON, fro. 1st Corin bians, 6th chapter and 20th verse of F rve are bought with a price, therefore, goodly toop in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

After thirty minutes r cess, the delegates from the several Charles in our nation, repaired to the Meeting House; and preaching was continued at the stand by Edders JAMES NORMAN, and GILES BRYAN.

1st. The Associati r. was organized with prayer by the Brother Moderator.

2d. Received and read letters from tw. nty five Churches, and enrolled the delegates names, and minut d the state of the Charches.

3d. Proceeded to elect a Moderator at 1 Clerk, which resulted in the re-election of Elders Daniel Dozier, Moderator, and William J. Pouncey, Clerk.

1st. The Moderator announced the Association organized and ready for business, and invited visiting brethren of sister Associations of our faith and order, to seats with

us, and read the rules of decorum.

2d. Offered opportunity fow newly constituted Churches, and Churches with letters from sister Associ tions, to attach themselves to our body; when Friendship Church, Pike county, and Antioch Church, Butler county, each, presented a petition, by letter, and delega es, and on examination, were found orthordox and orderly, and was received by the Moderator, giving the right hand of fellowship to their delegates.

3d. Appointed the following committees:

On Preaching.—Simon Russell, J. B. Stinson, J. A. Smith, B. Jones, P. Davis, J. Bryan.

On Business to come before the Association .- Elders Robert Warren, Robert Toler. Wm. J. Pouncey.

4th. The Committee on Preaching, report Elders E. NEISON, JOHN BEACKSTONE, D. Moore, and Wm. J. Pouncey, to preach on Sanday in the or 'er of their names.

On motion, adjourned till Monday morning, 91 o'clock. Prayer by Elder E. Nelson.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Our Brothren came forward in the order of their names, i. e. E. Nelson, J. Black-STON, in the forenoon, and D. Moore, and Wm. J. Pouncey, in the afternoon; and with ability and much Christian zeal, preached the Word to a very large and attentive congregation, the fruits of which we hope will be gathered not many days to come.

Monday Morning, 93 c'clock.

1st. The Association was organized with prayer by Elder John Blackston. The Moderator renewed our invitation to brethr in from sister Associations.

2d. Read the rules of Decorning

3d. The Committee on Preaching, report Elders Moschy and Fungueon, to preach in the forenoon, and J. Temais and E. Meason in the afternoon.

4th Called or the report of the Committee on Business; which was presented, read,

received, and committee discharged.

5th. The delegate from Bethsaida Church in Burbour county, arrived, presented his letter, which was received, and the delegate invited to a seat.

6th. Called the roal, and marked abscatce.

7th. Called for corresponden of the latter A ectations, which were received as fol-

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