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The Seventy-fourth Annual Session of the North Bend Association was held with the Church at Burlington, Boone County, Ky., commencing on Wednesday, September 6th, 1876. At 10:30 o'clock the introductory sermon was preached by Elder James A. Kirtley, from Romans, 1, 16.

After which letters from the churches composing the Association were read, and the names of Messengers enrolled as follows:

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The Association adjourned until 2 o'clock P.M.
At that time a vote was taken for officers, which resulted in
the election of Elder J. A. Kirtley for Moderator, and S. P.
Bra-    dy, Clerk.
The Moderator took the Chair promptly, and requested
Elder C. G. Bagby to lead in prayer.
A motion was made and carried that the delegates repair to
the Methodist Church to attend to business (it having been ten-
ered for that purpose), and that some Brother be appointed to
preach at the Baptist Church to the congregation that might
remain.
An Order of Business was presented and adopted.
R. E. Kirtley, W. H. Felix, F. Smith and J. H. Smith were
appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.
This Committee reported that Elder C. G. Bagby would
preach this evening at the Baptist Church at 2:30, and Elder C.
Keyes at 7:30.
Letters from corresponding Associations were called for as
follows:

Elkhorn—Neither letter nor Messengers.
Concord—Letter; no Messengers.
Ten-Mile—No letter; W. N. Early, Messenger.
Union—Letter.
Campbell County—Letter by Elders C. G. Bagby, F. Ger-
man, H. Gellert and C. Manan.
Laughery—Elder M. Chineworth, Messenger.
Crittenden—
Bracken—Elder C. Keyes, Messenger.
Corresponding Messengers were then invited to seats.
On motion, all visiting brethren (not Messengers) were in-
vited to seats. The following names were reported: Elders A.
B. Miller, C. G. Skillman, A. C. Caperton.
The history of Sand Run Church was called for and read by
the writer, R. E. Kirtley, when, on motion, it was adopted and
ordered to be printed in connection with the minutes.
The following committees were appointed:
On Correspondence—C. T. Rice, L. P. Arnold, Robert
Bradford.
On Sunday-schools—W. H. Felix, J. T. Johnson, J. S.
Huey, Thomas Grant.
On motion, S. P. Brady was appointed to write the history
of East Bend Church and present it at the next annual meeting.
J. A. Kirtley, alternate.
Elder J. M. Bent was appointed to preach the next Intro-
The Association voted to hold the next annual meeting with
Bank Lick Church
A motion was made and carried that A. B. Miller have the
privilege, and be invited, to address the congregation to-morrow
at 11 o'clock in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary.
Adjourned to meet at the Baptist Church to-morrow morn-
ing at 9 o'clock.
Prayer by Brother Keyes.

Thursday Morning, September 7th—9 O'Clock.
Prayer by Brother Bent.
The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.
Elders C. G. Skillman, W. H. Felix and J. M. Bent were
appointed to preach to-morrow.
The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that J. M.
Bent and C. Chineworth would preach at 2 o'clock P.M.
The Corresponding Letter was called for, read and adopted,
and messengers appointed to bear it to Corresponding Associa-
tions as follows:

Elkhorn—To be at South Elkhorn, Tuesday after the second
Concord—At Lick Creek, Gallatin County, Tuesday before
the first Saturday in August, 1877: B. M. Allen, J. C. Riley, R.
E. Kirtley, C. T. Rice.
Ten-Mile—At Ten-Mile Church: D. Clements, S. T. John-
Union—At Palestine, Pendleton County, Wednesday after
the fourth Saturday in August, 1877: R. E. Kirtley, J. M. Bent.
Campbell County—At Licking Valley, Wednesday after the
third Saturday in August, 1877: J. M. Bent, G. W. Stephens, J.
T. Grant, W. Bishop, Spencer Meeks.
Laughery—At Sparta, Ind., last Saturday in August, 1877:
Crittenden—At Pleasant View, Wednesday after the second
Saturday in August, 1877: J. A. Kirtley, J. S. Huey.
Bracken—At Lewisburg, Thursday before the first Saturday
in August, 1877: R. E. Kirtley, Spencer Meeks.
The Committee on Sunday-schools offered their report. The
report was read, and, pending its adoption (the hour of 11 having
arrived, allotted to Brother A. B. Miller), on motion, adjourned
to meet at the Methodist Church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday Morning, September 8th—9 O'Clock.
Prayer by Brother Felix.
The Sunday-school Report was taken up, discussed and
adopted.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

"Your Committee on Sunday-schools would recommend a
vigorous prosecution of the Sunday-school work as a means of
salvation to the young, and a means of church development. We
urge our pastors to give more attention to this important work;
to preach sermons to parents, and see that they have a well or-
ganized Sunday-school in each church. We would recommend a
hearty co-operation with the General Superintendent of our State work, and urge our churches to make regular contributions to our State Board.

"Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee of three or more, which shall be known as the Executive Committee of the Sabbath-school Work of North Bend Association, and that the duties of this Committee shall be as follows:

"First, To take a general supervision of the work in the bounds of this Association, hold Conventions and Institutes at such times and places as may be deemed necessary to the success of the work.

"Second, To correspond with the General Superintendent of our State Sabbath-school work, inform him of the condition and necessities of the work, and urge the churches to make regular contributions to our State Board, and send the same to Prof. J. J. Rucker, at Georgetown, Ky.

"W. H. FELIX, CHAIRMAN."

A motion was made and carried, that the Sabbath-school Superintendents in the bounds of this Association be, and are hereby, appointed a committee to carry out the recommendations of the Sabbath-school report, and that Brother John S. Huey be Chairman of said committee.

The Committee on Obituaries offered their report, which was adopted, and S. P. Brady, J. C. Riley, J. H. Roberts and Spencer Faulkner were appointed a Committee on Obituaries, to report at our next annual meeting.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we approve of the effort to establish a mission among the Germans within our bounds, especially in Covington, Ky., and promise our cordial support, both with our prayers and money, to carry out the work. To further the interest of this work, the Pastors of this Association are hereby appointed an Executive Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the duty of devising ways and means for the success of this work in the name of this Association."

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Methodist Church of this town for the use of their house during the session of the Association.

On motion, ordered that the Moderator and Clerk have 700 copies of the Minutes and History printed, and distribute the same among the churches.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Bank Lick Church on Wednesday after the first Saturday in September, 1877, at 10:30.

S. P. BRADY, Clerk.

J. A. KIRTLIE, MODERATOR.

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REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

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HISTORY OF SAND RUN CHURCH.

Sand Run Church was constituted on the 20th of March, 1819, with seventy-eight members, fifty-five white and twenty-three colored.

Among the prominent members in the organization were Chichester Matthews and William Montague, ordained ministers; Lewis Webb, the former Clerk of Bullittsburg; Cave Johnson, Jeremiah Kirtley, Cave Montague, William N. McCoy, Beverly R. Ward, Benjamin Mitchell, Andrew Brockman, William Gaines, Benjamin Dulaney, Elijah W. Dulaney and others. Among those received by letter during the years 1819 and 1820 were Benjamin Watts, James Gilmore, a licensed preacher, Daniel Beal, Thomas Whitaker, Joseph Graves, William Whitaker, John Whitaker, Mark Whitaker, Landen Robinson, a licensed preacher, and Jas. Dollens. It was a strong church at its constitution, and its strength was much increased by men of influence added by letter.

The church, soon after her organization, chose Chichester Matthews, William Montague and James Gilmore to act alternately as Moderators. Thomas Whitaker was afterward added to this number as a presiding officer. Lewis Webb was chosen Clerk. William N. McCoy and Cave Montague were chosen and ordained Deacons. William N. McCoy and Andrew Brockman were appointed Singing Clerks.

At the June meeting following the constitution, the church appointed William Montague, Cave Johnson, William N. McCoy, Elijah W. Dulaney and Beverly R. Ward as Trustees, with instructions to purchase a suitable lot of land on which to erect a meeting-house, and proceed in the work of building.

In September she sought admittance into the North Bend Association.

At the November meeting a committee was appointed to ascertain the probable cost of their new house. The committee reported, at the December meeting, the probable cost to be $2,100. One thousand dollars had been provided for by subscription; $1,000 was unprovided for. On motion of Brother Matthews, Cave Montague, B. R. Ward, Benjamin Watts and Lewis Webb were appointed a committee to apportion the $1,100 on the free male members of the church, which was done by dividing these members into classes, according to their ability to pay. The first class was to pay $76 each; the second class, $56 each; the third class, $35 each; the fourth class, $18 each; the fifth class, $11 each. Beverly R. Ward was appointed to collect from the brethren that paid in money, and William N. McCoy was appointed to collect from brethren that paid in tobacco.

On Sunday, the 20th of February, 1820, one month less than a year from constitution, they worshiped in their new house, though unfinished and without stoves. Previous to this they worshiped in private houses.
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SECOND PERIOD.—In August, 1828, Benjamin Watts resigned as Church Clerk, and Lewis Webb was reappointed to that office.

Beverly Ward, an active and useful member, obtained letters for himself and wife, to move to other parts.

The first half of the year 1824 was a period of special blessings to Sand Run Church. Seventeen were added to her membership by experience and baptism. Among that number were Owen Kirtley, John Montague, John Kirtley, Virginia Webb and Sally McCoy. On Sunday, the 25th of April, Landin Robinson was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, Matthews, Wilson and Dicken forming the Presbytery.

In November following, a motion was introduced by Thomas Whitaker, and adopted by the church, to hold meetings on the Sabbaths following the second Saturdays in each month. It would appear from this record that monthly meetings only had been of regular appointment.

On the death of Absalom Graves, James Dicken and Landin Robinson, which occurred in 1826, the North Bend Association realized so deeply the general bereavement that she requested the churches to observe a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer for the divine blessing, which was done by Sand Run Church on the first Thursday in October following. In this same month Caty McDaniel was received for baptism, who proved to be a most excellent member, for her piety shone in all her walks of life. On the 29th of this month William Whitaker was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, Robert Kirtley, Lewis Conner and William Montague forming the Presbytery.

Gloucester Matthews died September 7th, 1828—the first death recorded in the minutes of the church proceedings to this date. A memoir of his life was prepared by Lewis Webb and Benjamin Watts, and recorded in the church book. His biography was written by James A. Kirtley, and published in connection with the biographies of Absalom Graves, James Dicken and Robert Kirtley. In 1829 the church sustained further loss by granting letters of a church of James Gilmore, a licensed preacher, and Daniel Beal, a man of exemplary piety. But soon after this she received by letter James Terrill and Denus Moss, an ordained minister. Moss remained only a few months and removed.

From March, 1828, to January, 1830, the church had received by letter 5; restored, 3; received by baptism, 10; dismissed by letter, 24; excluded, 12; deaths, unrecorded; total number, probably between 80 and 85.

THIRD PERIOD.—Commencing the third period with 1830, the church continues to decline. Benjamin Dulany and others receive letters of a church. William N. McCoy is released from the active duties of a Deacon.

NORTH BEND ASSOCIATION.

William Montague, who had been an ordained minister since June, 1817, laboring acceptably at Ballitstburg, and Sand Run from its organization, now became interested in the peculiar views of Alexander Campbell. The church heard him once and again in regard to his new peculiarities, and after many questions and answers, supposed he had not declined from the faith of the Baptist, and expressed herself satisfied. He afterward obtained a letter of dismissal from the church, and the records state he joined the Campbellites. The church considered his course disorderly, and withdrew fellowship from him.

In March, 1832, Judith Whitaker, second wife of William Whitaker, was received into the fellowship of the church by letter of recommendation from Mayslick Church. In June, received Benjamin Waller from Frankfort Church.

In 1835 the church concluded to change her plan of raising money to defray church expenses. Herefore the Clerk and Deacons, by order of the church, had assessed the free male members a sum equal to the expenses, which had ranged from seven to twelve dollars per year. The new plan was to raise the necessary amount by free donation. This plan lasted three years, when the church returned to her former plan.

In April, 1836, the church resolved to report and record the death of her members as they occurred, and we find Joseph Graves died April 22d, 1836. In August, James Terrill, one of her useful and promising members, obtained a letter of dismissal to move West. In October, Jeremiah Kirtley, a man of wisdom and discretion, who had been a member of the church from its organization, obtained a letter of dismissal to move to Lexington, Kentucky. James and William Dollins also obtained letters of dismissal. So that the end of 1836 found the church much debilitated by the loss of her strong members.

In 1838 there were some additions by baptism, among whom were Mary Ann Webb, Eliza Hoshall and Angeline Dimick. William N. McCoy, one of the original members, a Deacon, and prominent among the useful members, died September 19th, 1838.

During the ten years from January, 1830, to January, 1840, the church received by letter 10; restored, 3; received by baptism, 14; dismissed by letter, 22; excluded, 2; number of deaths not known; total number, probably between 70 and 75.

FOURTH PERIOD.—In the fall of 1839 quite a revival spirit was awakened in the church at Ballitstburg, and a general religious excitement felt in the community. During the winter and following spring Sand Run was much revived, and held meetings much oftener than usual. She was much refreshed and invigorated by the cultivation of piety, and receiving into her membership 18 by baptism. Among this number were Elizabeth Watts, Sally Goodridge, W. Henry Montague, Sally Montague, John W. Rogers, Walter Goodridge, and others. But the current of her
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prosperity was soon changed by the combination of events which culminated at the Association held with her August, 1840. The forces under the leadership of Thomas P. Dudley were brought into action, and the constitution of a new church was determined on. Letters of dismission were granted to some members at the August meeting following the Association, and, at the September meeting, a petition was presented by others for the privilege of leaving Sand Run Church to go into the constitution of a new church. Sand Run deemed the movement unwise and impolitic, nevertheless granted the petition. Eight of her members were thus removed to assist in constituting Mount Pleasant Church.

In February, 1842, the deaths of Sisters Whitaker, Webb and Eldridge were reported to the church. In August of this year the North Bend Association held its session with the Bullittsburg Church, at which time and place a revival of religion commenced, which sent its happy influences to all the surrounding churches. Sand Run shared in the spirit and fruits of this meeting. Nathaniel Green, Mary Ann Whitaker, Thomas Whitaker and Matilda Kirtley were among the number added to Sand Run by baptism. John Kirtley, who had been excluded from the church for a number of years, was restored to her fellowship.

In February, 1848, William Gaines was ordained to the office of Deacon. The church having been constituted on the Philadelphia Confession of Faith, with certain exceptions, and the membership being so little acquainted with this document, as thus modified, the church desired articles of faith more tangible and available for her members. Accordingly, in May, 1844, a committee, consisting of William Whitaker, Cave Montague, Lewis Webb and William Gaines, was appointed to prepare articles of faith and present them to the church for her consideration. In June they were presented, read and considered. In July they were re-read and adopted.

Cave Montague died August 10th, 1845. He was baptized into the fellowship of Bullittsburg Church in 1811; entered into the organization of Sand Run Church in 1819; became one of her first deacons, and served the church in that capacity a quarter of a century, in an exemplary, orderly and useful life.

James Huey and wife were received by letter into the fellowship of the church March, 1848. In August following he was ordained to the office of Deacon. In September he brought before the church for her consideration the propriety of remunerating their pastor, William Whitaker, for his labors in the ministry. In October, he was appointed to collect funds for that purpose, and report to the church at the end of each fiscal year. The first year he collected and paid to the pastor $31; the second, $25.

From January, 1840, to January, 1850, received by letter 10; restored, 1; received by baptism, 32; dismissed by letter, 23

excluded, 8; died, 16; total number, probably between 70 and 75.

FIFTH PERIOD.—Cave Johnson died January 19th, 1850. He was born November 15th, 1769, in Orange County, Virginia. He came to Kentucky in April, 1779, and spent his first summer at Bryant Station. He was married in 1784, and settled near where Versailles, of Woodford County, now stands; moved to North Bend, in (now) Boone County, in 1790; was a member of Bullittsburg Church in 1799, and entered into the organization of Sand Run Church in 1819. He was a man of strong, vigorous intellect, with enlightened views of Christian character and enlarged views of Christian benevolence. He accepted Christianity as a religion suited to man as a race. He accepted its spirit of universal benevolence, and was a missionary in word and deed. He accepted in religion the practical idea that men ought to be qualified in head and heart for their life work, and hence was in the lead of his time for educating the ministry. He contributed $800 for the endowment of Georgetown College, under the Presidency of Dr. Giddings. He labored and contributed for the endowment of a theological seminary at Covington, Kentucky. He considered it a privilege and pleasure to give for the enlargement and glory of the Kingdom of Christ.

In 1850, the church inclosed her meeting-house yard and set out shade trees.

William Gaines was released from acting as a Deacon in 1851. A most gracious revival was enjoyed by the churches in this vicinity in 1853. Sand Run shared in the common blessing. Her October meeting was protracted three weeks. Elder Robert Kirtley and James A. Kirtley labored in conjunction with the pastor during this meeting. Twenty-six were received by experience and baptism. E. H. Scottorn and S. Robinson Bradford were among this number. James Huey resigned his position as Collector and Treasurer of funds designated for the pastor, and William Gaines was appointed in his place. The contributions ranged from $16 to $32 per annum.

In April, 1854, Lewis Webb was ordained to the office of Deacon. In September following, James Huey was dismissed by letter to move West.

In 1855 the house was repaired with a new roof.

In 1857 tombstones were erected by the church at the graves of Chichester Matthews and wife, as a token of special regard. Closing the decade with 1859, we have received by letter, 5; by baptism, 34; dismissed by letter, 12; excluded, 8; died, 11 total number.

SIXTH PERIOD.—In March, 1860, Owen Kirtley was ordained to the office of Deacon.

Nathaniel Green died August 19th, 1862.

In March, 1864, F. German and wife were received into the
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membership of the church without letters of recommendation from the church in Missouri, to which they belonged, it having been dispersed by the war.

The minutes from March, 1864, to March, 1866, are not recorded in the church book, and are probably lost. Benjamin Terrill, a minister from Missouri, was a member a short time in 1866.

William Gaines died November 24th, 1866. He was a member of the church from its organization; became a Deacon in 1848. He was a useful business man in the church, and well esteemed by the brethren.

Robert E. Kirtley and wife were received into the membership of the church in August, 1867, on letters of recommendation from Union Church in Saline County, Missouri. In November C. C. Graves and wife were received by letter from Bullittsburg.

In June, 1868, Thomas Whitaker was chosen Assistant Clerk by the request of the acting Clerk, Lewis Webb, whose age and health prevented his regular attendance. He acted only a short time, and E. H. Scathorn was appointed. Mary Kirtley, wife of R. E. Kirtley, died June 17th, 1868. In October, Matilda Wainscoat, Jane McAfee and Jeremiah Easton were received for baptism.

In January, 1869, Owen Kirtley and A. Robinson Bradford were appointed Trustees of the church.

Closing the sixth period with 1869, we have received by letter, 9; restored, 1; received by baptism, 6; dismissed by letter, 7; excluded, 2; died, 9; total number, —.

SEVENTH PERIOD.—Elizabeth Whitaker, wife of Elder William Whitaker, passed from us to her reward above April 11th, 1870. The church this year purchased a plot of ground, and, after fencing it, laid it off in lots for a cemetery. Lewis Webb, the last surviving member of the constitution, was called from earth to his reward above August 10th, 1870. He was Clerk of the church 48 years. He was a Deacon 16 years, and a Clerk of the North Bend Association 30 years.

In the fall of 1870 the church built a new fence around the meeting-house lot, at a cost of $111.60.

In July, 1871, Charles C. Graves was ordained to the office of Deacon. In August following John W. Whitaker was appointed Singing Clerk.

Again the church was called to mourn the loss of one of her aged members. The pastor, William Whitaker, passed to his reward above August 12th, 1872. He was born in Scott County, Kentucky, March 25th, 1793. He was baptized into the fellowship of Bullittsburg Church January, 1811. He joined the Sand Run Church by letter July, 1820. He was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry in October, 1820. He labored in and for Sand Run Church during his ministerial life, being her pastor 40 years. His early ministry was not entirely confined to Sand Run Church, but he visited and labored in other churches.

In October following the death of William Whitaker, Robert E. Kirtley was unanimously called to be pastor of the church, and has labored in that capacity until the present, part of the time once a month and part of the time twice a month.

In February, 1875, Charles C. Graves and wife obtained letters of dismissal to remove into the interior of the State.

In May following the church adopted a form of letter by which to dismiss her members who desire letters, the purpose being to specify existing facts, change the relations of the parties, and place responsibilities in the future where they legitimately belong:

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That our beloved Brother (or Sister) A. B. is a member in good standing and full fellowship in the regular Baptist Church of Sand Run, Boone County, Kentucky, and, by his (or her) request, is dismissed from us; and we hereby recommend him (or her) to the brotherly love and Christian fellowship of any other church of like faith and order. Done by order of the church, &c.

From January, 1870, to the present, received by letter, 4; received by baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 4; excluded, 1; died, 4; total, 28.

R. E. KIRTLEY.