

MINUTES

--OF THE--

Thirteenth Annual Session

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Indian Bottom Association

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Regular Baptist Churches
Of Jesus Christ

Held With the Church at

CARRS FORK, KNOTT CO., KY.,

Commencing on Friday Before First Saturday in

September, 1908.

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MINUTES

FRIDAY

The Indian Bottom Association of Regular Baptists convened with the Carrs fork church in Knott county, Ky., Oct. 2-3-4, 1908. At the stand, the congregation was called to order by singing by the congregation and prayer by Eld R H Fields, Whitesburg, Ky.

1 The introductory sermon was preached by Eld D M Maggard, Maggard, Ky. from St. John xiv-1, "Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me."

2 The delegates then repaired to the house where the Association was called to order by singing and prayer by Eld J D Caudill, Indian Bottom.

3 The Moderator for last year called for letters from different churches which were handed in, read and received and the delegates seated, from each church in the Association except the Kentucky church of Taney Co. Mo., from which was received letter by hand of alternates as shown in table of statistics herein, the delegates not being present.

4 The announcement was then made by the acting Moderator that the Association was without officers, whereupon it organized by selection of Eld R H Fields Moderator, Eld D M Maggard assistant moderator, Bro J P Adams clerk, Eld W R Boggs, Eolia, assistant clerk.

5 On motion of Eld D M Maggard the Articles of Faith were read aloud by the clerk.

6 Called for letters from other churches of same faith and order, but none responded.

7 Called for corresponding letters from sister associations and received one from Union association, together with a file of minutes, by the hand of Elds J C Swindall, J H Riggs, Breth Ben Adams, H Stanley, who were given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator and took seats with us; also received one from New Salem association, together with a file of minutes, by the hand of Elds David Adams, J S Gibson, P Caudill, J H Casebolt, who were likewise given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator and took seats with us.

8 Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order, whereupon came Eld Hiram Fields, Maces creek, and brethren J J Mullins, Noah Jent, all of whom received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

9 The moderator was then authorized to make all temporary appointments during this session of the Association.

10 Appointed a committee on arrangements consisting of one member from each church except Kentucky church, together with the moderator and clerk; transient and corresponding ministers invited.

11 Appointed a committee to arrange the ministry consisting of one delegate from each church, except Kentucky church, together with the entire delegation of Carrs fork church who reported the following ministers for preaching at the stand on Saturday: 1 Eld James Metcalf, 2 Eld Lindsay Moseley, 3 Eld Hiram Fields, 4 Eld J C Swindall.

12 On motion of Eld W R Boggs it is resolved that we correspond with Union association, and appointed Bro J P Adams to prepare the corresponding letter; also that we correspond with New Salem association and appointed Eld W R Boggs to prepare corresponding letter.

13 Adjourned until Saturday, Oct. 3, 1908, at 9 a.m.

SATURDAY

1 Met pursuant to adjournment and services were introduced by Eld Ira Combs, Jeff, Ky.

2 Called the roll.

3 Called again for transient ministers, whereupon came Eld Lindsay Moseley who received the right hand of fellowship and took a seat with us.

4 The committee on arrangements called on for report, reported, the report received and committee discharged.

5 Appointed a committee on finance consisting of brethren J J Mullins, Dixon Caudill and Eld J D Caudill who received from the several churches and reported the sum of \$16.20. See table of statistics

6, Called on treasurer to report who reported the records complete and a balance of \$4.37 on hand from last year, which, together with amount received this year, makes a total of \$20.57.

7 On motion of Eld Ira Combs, J P Adams is appointed treasurer and superintendent of the printing of the minutes, and he will have 1,000 copies printed and reserve 100 thereof for each of the two sister associations in correspondence and distribute the remaining 800 among the several churches in this association according to their respective contributions.

8 Appointed the same committee to arrange the ministry for Sunday as was appointed yesterday and said committee reported for preaching on tomorrow, Sunday, the following ministers: 1 Eld John Casebolt, 2 Eld J H Riggs, 3 Eld J C Swindall, 4 Eld D M Maggard, 5 Eld Ira Combs, and said committee was then discharged.

9 Called on brethren appointed to write corresponding letters to our sister associations. The letters were read, but an omission being noted in each, the clerk is directed to rewrite each of same, supplying said omission, and the following brethren are appointed to bear them: To the Union association, to be held with Mt Zion church, in Wise county, Va., commencing on Friday before 3rd Saturday in Sept 1909, Elds D M Maggard, J D Caudill, R H Fields, Ira Combs, W R Boggs, James Metcalfe, Charles Blair, and brethren Hiram Combs, Sam Boggs, Neah Jent, S R Blair, J J Mullins, J P Adams, Dixon Caudill, Ira D Hall; letter in the hands of Eld W R Boggs; and to New Salem association, to be held with Zion church, Floyd county, Ky. commencing on Friday before 4th Saturday in Sept 1909, Elds W R Boggs, D M Maggard, Ira Combs, Hiram Fields and brethren S R Blair, Sam Boggs, Sam Mullins, J J Mullins, Neah Adams, Enoch Everage, J P Adams; letter in hands of S R Blair.

10 On motion of Eld Ira Combs the 2nd item of our Articles of Faith is now amended by inserting the word "written" immediately after the word "true" where it occurs therein, and pluralizing the word "word" immediately thereafter.

11 Appointed Union meetings and brethren to attend same as follows: 1 Clover Fork church, Harlan county, Ky., on 1st Saturday and Sunday in Sept 1909, Elds R H Fields, D M Maggard, W R Boggs, Charles Blair; 2, Oven Fork church, Letcher county, Ky. on 2nd Saturday and Sunday in July 1909, Elds Ira Combs, R H Fields, Hiram Fields, J D Caudill; 3 Clear Creek church, Knott county, Ky. on 3rd Saturday and Sunday in Aug 1909, Elds Ira Combs, D M Maggard, W R Boggs, J D Caudill; all elders invited.

12 Called on elders appointed last year to attend Union meetings, who reported, some reporting that they failed to attend, assigned their reasons, and were excused by the Association.

13 Ordered that our Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum be continued in the minutes to be printed; also that there be printed in the minutes a blank form or model letter to the association and all churches are requested to observe same in preparing their letters; appointed J P Adams to prepare said form.

14 Resolved, That our next association be held with Poor Fork church, in Harlan county, Ky. to commence on Friday before 1st Saturday in Oct 1909 and that Eld Ira Combs preach the introductory sermon with Eld R H Fields as his alternate.

15 Adjourned to the time and place of our next session.
Done and signed by order of the association.

ELDER R H FIELDS, Moderator.

J P ADAMS, Clerrk

AT THE STAND

The brethren appointed on the stand for today preached in the order of

their appointment as follows: 1 Eld James Metcalf from St. Luke xxii-29, "And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father has appointed unto me"; 2 Eld Lindsay Moseley from Mathew xvi-18, "And upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"; 3 Eld Hiram Fields from John v-6, "Wilt thou be made whole?"; 4 Eld J C Swindall from John xviii-36, "My kingdom is not of this world," etc.

SUNDAY

By their extreme kindness in ministering to our temporal needs during the association, the neighbors had already shown unmistakable evidence of the fact that our services were appreciated by them, for which kindness we hereby tender our thanks; but another convincing proof of the good resulting from our coming together was evidenced by the immense concourse of people that assembled at an early hour at the stand where the services were introduced by Eld W R Boggs. Pursuant to the arrangement by committee on ministry the brethren appointed to preach today preached in order of appointment as follows: 1 Eld John Casebolt from Rev. xiv:6-7, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," etc.; 2 Eld J H Riggs from II Thes. 11:10, "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved"; 3 Eld J C Swindall from Rom. viii-33, "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?"

At this point there was such an overwhelming outburst and overflow of the good feeling and tenderness that had prevailed during the entire meeting, and what we felt and realized to be infinitely above and beyond a natural love, that the other two assigned to the stand mutually withheld, and the meeting was brought to conclusion under conditions that carried one's imagination swiftly back to days of old as narrated in holy writ. Words would fail even a Master of Language in an effort to describe the scene. We ask the question, "whence could come such meekness, such tenderness, such humility, and such love?" Surely not from beneath, but from Him who hath said, "For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but, if I depart, I will send Him unto you," and, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." J. P. ADAMS, Clerk.

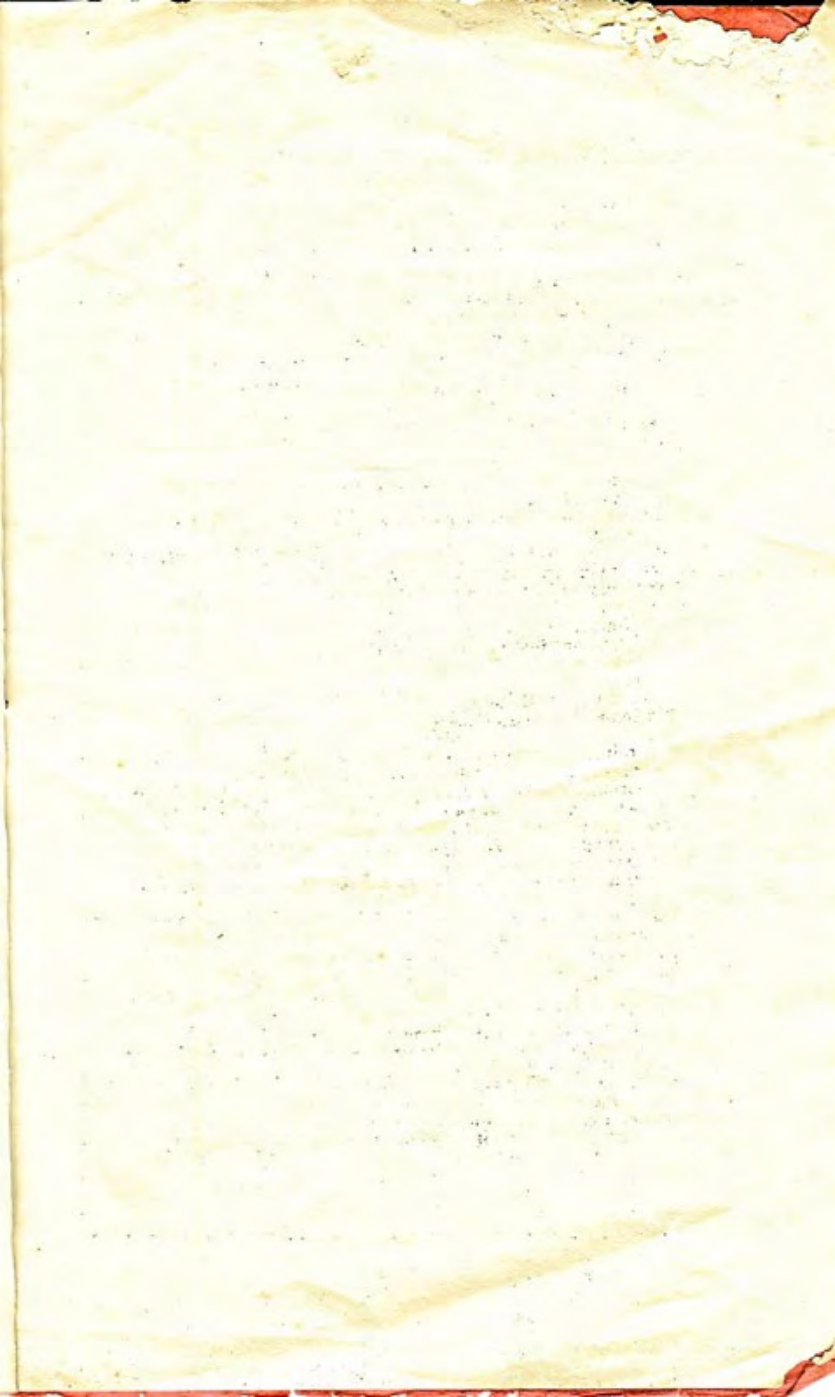
LETTER FORM

Date..... We, the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now in session at.....church.....county, Ky., send greeting, our Christian love and salutations, to the ministers and messengers that may compose the Indian Bottom Association when convened with the.....church.... county, Ky., to commence on Friday before....Saturday in....19.... and the two following days: Dear brethren, we are glad that we can correspond with you, and we have chosen these our beloved brethren to bear this, our letter, to you, to-wit:..... Dear brethren, we ask that you receive our letter and these our brethren to sit with you in your advisory council and in all your Godly deliberations, and may your work be such as the Lord will own at his second coming. We are (comment on the prosperity of the church.) Since our last Association we have received by experience and baptism...., by letter...., by recommendation...., restored...., dismissed by letter...., excluded...., died...., total number at present...., contribution to minute fund sent \$...., done and signed by order of the church, Eld....., Moderator;church clerk.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Received by			Dis. by letter	Excluded	Died	Totals	Meeting time	Contribution
		Ex & Bap	Letter	Application						
Carrs Fork	T C Watts, W R Mullins, Enoch Everage, Samuel Mullins, J M Smith, W R Cody	1				2	99	4	60	
Poor Fork	Ira D Hall	3					22	8	100	
Big Cowan	D M Maggard, R H Fields, J P Adams, Dixon Caudill	5		2		1	53	4	50	
Clear Creek	John M Creech, Jeremiah Combs, Wash Martin	5	2			1	84	3	10	
Oven Fork	W R Boggs, Isom Caudill, Sam Boggs	6		1	1	2	88	1	35	
Mallet Fork	John B Smith	8		1		2	90	2	50	
Big Leatherwood	Ira Combs, Hiram Combs, J P Caudill, Eli Pratt	8	1			2	90	2	65	
Indian Bottom	J D Caudill, Henry B Caudill, Thomas Fields	1				1	57	1	30	
Clover Fork	H H Dixon	2				1	30	2	50	
Kentucky	Alternates S R Blair, Henry Polly	2				1	40	2	50	
Printer's bill \$		36	3	2	1	7	9616		20	
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CONSTITUTION

ADOPTED 1907

Having, by unanimous voice, changed our organization from an Annual Union Meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep the order and rules of an Association, according to the following form of government:

- 1 The Association shall be called Indian Bottom Association.
- 2 The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their churches certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.
- 3, In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship; those baptised; received by letter, recantation, application; dismissed, excluded and deceased since last Association.
- 4, The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any of the churches in the Union.
- 5, The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
- 6, The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
- 7, New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and by delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
- 8, Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.
- 9, Every query presented by a church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the Association.
- 10, Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.
- 11, We think it absolutely necessary that we have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates to the Association, and the amount so received shall be deposited with the treasurer who shall be responsible to the Association and pay the same out as the Association may direct.
- 12, There shall be an Association book kept in which the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary.
- 13, The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.
- 14, Amendments to this plan of government, may be made at any time by a majority of the Union, when it may so desire.
- 15, The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting same shall be determined by the Association.
- 16, All matters coming before this Association shall be decided by will of the majority of the members present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and associations which shall be by a unanimous voice.
- 17, The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain of communion among the same, giving the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty, inquire into the cause why any church shall have failed to represent itself at any time in the Association; appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member or

members, by their consent, to transact any business it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the Union which may violate any of the rules of the Association or deviated from the orthodox principles of religion; admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association; and adjourn to any future time or place it may deem convenient.

RULES OF DECORUM

- 1, The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- 2, A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
- 3, Only one member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.
- 4, The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.
- 5, He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the preceding speaker but shall define his ideas on the proposition for debate so far as he can.
- 6, No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of same.
- 7, No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any one subject without permission of the Association.
- 8, No member of the Association shall have liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor to whisper in time of a public speech.
- 9, No member shall address another in any other name or term than that of Brother.
- 10, The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit a member from speaking, until he gives his views on the subject, unless he shall have violated the Rules of Decorum.
- 11, The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as Association may require.
- 11, The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in that event he shall give the casting vote.
- 12, Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1 We believe in the one true and living God; and notwithstanding there are three are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided, and impossible to change in principle or practice.
- 2 We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God, and were given by inspiration of God, and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction, and they are the only rule of faith and practice.
- 3 We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and that men sinned since the fall are by Nature the Children of Wrath.
- 4 We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in; therefore, a Savior is absolutely needed.
- 5 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
- 6 We believe in the perseverance of the saints; that through Grace they are born again and adopted into the family of heaven; that they become equal with Jesus Christ in glory and that he will raise them up at the last day.
- 7 We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, and that true believers are the proper subjects, and we admit of none others.

8 We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion—to baptize a person by their own consent, back-foremost in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment where all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

10 We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.

11 We believe that washing one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on record with his disciples and ought to be practiced by his followers.

12 We believe that no one has a right to administer the Gospel Ordinances but such as are legally called and qualified thereunto.

13 We believe it to be the duty of all church members to attend their church meetings, and that it is the duty of the church to deal with them for neglecting the same.

14 We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of the same, never neglecting the poor according to their several abilities.

15 We believe that any doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge the people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation, is erroneous, and all such doctrine will be rejected by us.

16 None of the above named articles shall be so construed as to hold with Particular Election and Reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, so as to injure the children of men.

17 No one of the above Articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

- Carrs Fork—Samuel Francis, Pine Top, Ky.
Poor Fork—Wm Creech, Poor Fork, Ky.
Big Cowan—C M Fields, Mandrake, Ky.
Clear Creek—Harve Owens, Richie, Ky.
Oven Fork—W C Mullins, Oven Fork, Ky.
Mallet Fork—John B Smith, Pine Top, Ky.
Big Leatherwood—H G Pratt, Cornettsville, Ky.
Indian Bottom---Wm B Caudill, Jeremian, Ky.
Clover Fork---Enoch Creech, Leonard, Ky.
Kentucky---L W Fields, Goodloe, Mo.

