



Proceedings of the 17th Annual Session of the  
Indian Bottom Association  
October 4-5-6, 1912.

THE Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ convened with the Little Zion Church, Hazard, Perry County, Kentucky, October 4-5-6 1912. After singing, and prayer by Eld. R. H. Fields, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. M. Maggard from I. Cor. 1-30, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God has made unto us wisdom," etc.

1. The delegates then assembled at the Church House. After singing, and prayer by Elder James D. Caudill, the Moderator for last year called for letters composing the association, which were read and received except the Corinth Church, which asked that a set of Articles of faith different from that of the Association be received and adopted, which matter was referred to the committee on arrangements to be called up Saturday morning. Delegates and alternates were received and seated as shown in table of statistics.

2. The Clerk being absent, on motion and second, W. R. Boggs was chosen clerk pro tem for the day.

3. The Association then completed its organization by selecting Elder Ira Combs, Moderator, and Elder W. R. Boggs, Clerk.

4. Called for newly constituted churches of the same faith and order and received letter and delegates from the Hurricane Gap Church, Gordon, Ky. Same was referred to committee on arrangements to be called up Saturday morning.

5. Called for corresponding letters from sister Associations, and received one from the Union Association together with the file of minutes by the hands of her messengers, Elders Joseph Hall, J. H. Riggs and Ben Adams, which received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us. Also received letter and Delegates New Salem Association together with the file of minutes by hands of her messengers, Elder Dave Adams and Brother J. M. Anderson which were given the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

6. Called for transient ministers and members, and received Brethren Isaac Mitchel, Ira Fields, James Whitaker, J. J. Mullins, Noah Jent, Reece Young, C. Madden W. P. Cody, Willie Francis and John Young, each of whom received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

7. The Moderator was authorised to make all temporary appointments.

8. Appointed a committee on arrangements consisting of one member from each church represented together with the moderator and Clerk; correspondents and transients invited.

9. Appointed a committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday which reported as follows: Elder David Adams, 2. Elder Joseph Hall, 3. Elder J. H. Riggs, 4. Elder W. G. Combs.

10. Appointed the clerk together with Elder Joseph Hall to write corresponding letters to our sisters, New Salem and Union Associations.

11. Adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

#### SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment and opened with a song, and prayer by Elder J. H. Riggs.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Committee on Arrangements reported; report received and committee discharged.

3. Called for transients but received none.

4. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Brethren J. J. Mullins, Sam Mullins and Reece Young, who received the contributions from the several churches as shown in the table of statistics.

5. Same committee appointed yesterday reported the following arrangement of the ministry for tomorrow: Elder W. R. Boggs, 2. D. M. Maggard, 3. Joseph Hall, 4. Willie Francis, Moderator to close.

6. Received the following report of J. P. Adams, Treasurer of Indian Bottom Association, viz:

To balance on hand from 1910,	\$9.94
By Printer's Bill	\$14.00
By postage and register fee to churches	3.32

By postage, etc., to New Salem Association	.61	
Pd. Typewriter for making manuscript	.50	
Total expenditures for 1912,	\$18.42	
To amount contributed by churches, 1911,		\$28.40
To amount contributed by Clerk, for extra length of Minutes		.32
Total amount for which Clerk is liable		28.66
Less expenditures as above		18.43
Bal. in Union Bank subject to order of future Treasurer,		\$20.23

7. Elected W. R. Boggs Treasurer, who received the contributions, \$23.05, from the hands of the Committee on Finance. He will also superintend the printing of 1,500 copies of these minutes, reserve 200 for sister associations, and distribute the remainder among the several churches in proportion to their contribution, provided, however, that each church have as many minutes as it has members.

8. Called on brethren appointed to write corresponding letters to sister associations, let ers read and received, and appointed Elders Ira Combs, D. M. Maggard, R. R. Fields J. D. Caudill, Watson Combs, Willie Francis, C. C. Riddle, and brethren J. J. Mullins, Sam Mullins, Noah Jent, D. B. Coraet, W. P. Cody, Eli Allen, Sam Boggs, Henry Maggard, N. T. Sturgill, Lewis Day and Sam Francis, to attend the Union Association when convened with the Thornton Church, Letcher County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the third Saturday and Sunday in September, 1913. Appointed Elders Willie Francis, W. G. Combs, G. B. Ison, and brethren J. J. Mullins and N. T. Sturgill to attend the New Salem Association when convened with the Caney Creek Church, Pike County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1913.

9. Called on brethren appointed last year to attend sister associations, and union meetings to report; reports made and failures excused.

10. Appointed Union Meetings and brethren to attend same as follows: 1, Little Home Church, first Saturday

and Sunday in August, 1913, and appointed Elders Willie Francis, and R. H. Fields to attend the same. 2, Clear Creek Church, third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1913, Elders Ira Combs and Noah Adams. 3, Carr Fork Church, fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1913, Elders J. D. Caudill, W. R. Boggs and Noah Adams.

11. On motion of R. H. Fields the Association now takes up and disposes of the matters which were referred to the Committee on Arrangement.

12. Took up the matter of the Corinth Church, and after it was fully discussed by the Association, and the delegates of the Corinth Church labored with asking them to conform to the ruling of this Association for the year 1911. The delegates of the Corinth Church present said that the church had not complied with the orders of this Association, but had adopted a set of articles of faith which sets forth a possibility of a fall from grace, for which causes this Association declares them unorthodox in the faith and doctrine as set forth in the Bible, therefore the Corinth Church and the ministers preaching under the patronage of same are dropped from the fellowship of this association until they set themselves in order.

13. Took up the matter of the Hurricane Gap Church which had been referred to the Committee on Arrangement, and after they had thoroughly investigated same, found them to be orthodox in faith and doctrine and they having set themselves in order by complying with the orders of the Indian Bottom Association as shown in the minutes of 1911, with reference to secret orders, therefore, the Association received the letter and delegates of said church in full fellowship.

RESOLVED, 1. That the clerk supply all omissions which may have been made by oversight.

2. That the articles of faith, constitution and rules of decorum be printed in our minutes.

3. That we hereby extend our sincere thanks to the citizens of this community for their extreme kindness in caring for us and the people during this meeting.

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4. That our next Association be held with Hurricane Gap Church, Gordon, Letcher County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1913, and that Elder James D. Caudill preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. G. Combs be his alternate.

Elder J. H. Metcalf led in the closing prayer.

Adjourned to the time and place of our next Association.

ELDER IRA COMBS, Moderator,

W. R. Boggs, Clerk.

SUNDAY—The brethren appointed to the stand preached in the order of their appointments as follows: 1, Elder W. R. Boggs. 2, Elder D. M. Maggard,

We hope the truths declared on the occasion may be as the bread cast upon the waters. With hearts overflowing with love, the parting hand was given, and our Association passed into History.

THE CLERK.

### Postoffice Addresses of Preachers and Clerks

ELDERS	ADDRESS
James Dixon,.....	Indian Bottom, Ky.
James D. Caudill,.....	Indian Bottom, Ky.
W. G. Combs,.....	Sassafras, Ky.
Charles Blair,.....	Benham, Ky.
R. H. Fields,.....	Dongola, Ky.
D. M. Maggard,.....	Partridge, Ky.
Silas Boggs,.....	Elic, Ky.
W. R. Boggs,.....	Eolia, Ky.
James McKnight,.....	Leonard, Ky.
J. H. Metcalf,.....	Nolansburg, Ky.
Ira Combs,.....	Jeff, Ky.
H. T. Maggard,.....	Hindman, Ky.
Noah Adams, (of color).....	Cody, Ky.
G. C. Riddle,.....	Josie, Ky.
G. B. Ison,.....	.....
Willie Francis,.....	.....

CHURCHES AND CLERKS	ADDRESSES
Carr's Fork—S. R. Blair,.....	Pine Top, Ky.

Poor Fork—Wm. Creech,	.....	Dongola, Ky.
Big Cowan—Patrick Day,	.....	Elic, Ky.
Clear Creek—R. B. Young,	.....	Oven Fork, Ky.
Oven Fork—W. C. Mullins,	.....	Pine Top, Ky.
Mallet Fork—J. B. Smith,	.....	Cornetsville, Ky.
Big Leatherwood—H. G. Pratt,	.....	Jeremiah, Ky.
Indian Bottom—W. B. Caudill,	.....	Leonard, Ky.
Clover Fork—H. R. Dixon,	.....	Goodhoe, Mo.
Kentucky (Mo.)—W. P. Stamper,	.....	Hazard, Ky.
Little Zion—J. E. Cornett,	.....	Hindman, Ky.
New Home—W. B. Craft,	.....	Cody, Ky.
Little Home—James Hagins,	.....	Gordon, Ky.
Hurricane Gap—Henry Frazier,	.....	

The following are the two items of the articles of faith adopted by the Corinth Church which was questioned by the association, and for which cause the church was dropped from the fellowship of the association.

6th Item, "We believe that when a sinner is enlightened and views his lost condition by sin that it is through faith and repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that he is born again, and brought into THE LIVING FAITH by the love of God being shed abroad in his heart, and then he is a fit subject to come into the visible church here on earth, AND IS REQUIRED TO KEEP ALL THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND TO HOLD OUT FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH AND THE LORD WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY, AND THEN HE IS ETERNALLY SAVED AND WILL BE EQUAL UNTO THE ANGELS, AND ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD BEING THE CHILDREN OF THE RESURRECTION."

7th Item, "We believe that if a believer in Christ after they have been made partakers of the Holy Ghost, if they apostate or fall away that it is impossible to renew them again and we believe this to be the unpardonable sin."

The foregoing articles are printed at the request of the delegates of the Corinth Church.

#### Constitution--Adapted 1907

Having by unanimous voice changed our organization from an Annual Union Meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep the orders 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 different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the As-

sociation, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the 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 baptized; 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 chairman.

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 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 in the Association, being first debated by 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, if so required by a majority of the Union.

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 all of the majority of the members present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

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 deviate from the ortho-



dox 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 same, nor to whisper in time of 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 the Association may require.
- 12 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.
- 13 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 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 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 is 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.

#### A CORRECTION

On page, 5 the paragraph headed "SUNDAY" should read:  
The brethren appointed to the stand preached in the order  
of their appointments as follows: Elder W. R. Boggs. Elder  
D. M. Maggard.—St. John—14—1 "Let not your— Elder  
Joseph Hall—John—14-15, 16, 17—"If ye love me— Willie  
Francis. Closed by Moderator.

# Statistics 1912.

<b>CHURCHES</b>	<b>DELEGATES</b>				
Carr's Fork	Sam Mullins, Samuel Francis and Eli Allen.	27	5		483 85
Poor Fork	R. H. Fields.	3			2 10
Big Cowan	D. M. Maggard, J. D. Caudill, Henry Sumpter and I. W. Fields.	29	3		3 50
Clear Creek	Jerry Combs and Wm. Richie.	10	1		2 60
Oven Fork	W. R. Biggs and Sam. Biggs.	11	2		2 70
Mallet Fork	N. T. Sturgill (alternate).		1		2 50
Big Leatherwood	Boon Cornet, Jerry Caudill and G. C. Riddle.	11			2 30
Indian Bottom	J. B. Caudill, J. D. Dixon and W. J. Caudill.	15	2		1 20
Clover Fork	J. H. McKeliff and H. H. Dixon.				1 50
Kennucky (Mo.)	W. R. Biggs (alternate).				1 40
Little Zion	J. E. Coirnet, Wm. Wells and Robert Combs.	3	1		2 00
New Home	Henry Maggard and Lewis Day.	3	3		1 55
Little Home (Co.)	George Higgins and John Higgins.	3	3		1 35
Hurricane Gap	John Fields, Henry Frazier, Sampson Fields and P. H. Whitaker.				2 05
Corinth	Eli Pratt and J. P. Caudill.				1 45
	TOTALS	115	18	212	33 05

Rec. by Ex & Bap	27	5			
Rec. by Letter	3				
Rec. by Appl'n.	29	3			
Dismissed by Let	10	1			
Excluded	11	2			
Deceased					
Total at present	2	126	4	83	85
Sat. of Meeting	3	38	3	2	10
Contribution	2	125	4	3	50