

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Twenty first Annual Session  
OF  
The Indian Bottom Association  
OF  
Old Regular Baptist  
Of Jesus Christ.



HELD WITH THE CEDAR GROVE CHURCH LETCHER  
COUNTY, KENTUCKY, SEPTEMBER THE 1, 2, 3, 1916.

ELD. D. M. MAGGARD, MODERATOR  
ELD. IRA COMBS, ASSISTANT, MOD.

W. R. BOGGS, CLERK,  
EOLIA, KY.

W. T. FRANCIS, ASSISTANT CLERK,  
HINDMAN, KY.

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# Indian Bottom Association

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist churches of Jesus Christ convened with the Cedar Grove church, Letcher County, Kentucky' September the 1st., 2nd, 3rd, 1916.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Eld. Joe Hall, the Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Willie Francis, from Jeremiah 6: 16: " Stand ye in the ways, see and ask for the Old Paths and walk therein and ye shall find rest to your souls"

The Delegates then assembled at the Church House and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Eld. D. M. Maggard, the Moderator called for letters from the churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association and received letters, and seated Delegates as shown in the table of statistics.

The Association then completed its organization by selecting Eld. D. M. Maggard, Moderator and Eld. Ira Comps Assistant Mod. W. R. Boggs Clerk and Willie Francis Assitant Clerk.

Called for newly constituted churches of the same faith and order and received none.

Called for corresponding letters from sister Associations and received one from the Union Association at the hands of Joe Hall and W. F. Addington also one from the New Salem at the hands of W. S. Akers and S. P. Ratliff, who received the right hand of fellowship and were seated with us.

Called for transient ministers and members and received, brethren L. W. Fields, Jesse Cornett, Daw Adams, Noah Ghent A. J. Amburgy, W. R. Crace, W. H. Sumpter, C. M. Campbell, Marion Holcomb, Isaac Mitchell, C. M. Francis, Wesley Cornett and H. J. Smith.

The Moderator was then authorized to make all temporary appointments during the session of the Association.

Appointed a committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each church, the Moderator and clerks,



correspondents and transients invited, to arrange the business for Saturday.

Appointed a committee on ministry consisting of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation of the Cedar Grove church to arrange the preaching on the stand for Saturday, who reported 1 J. H. Riggs, 2 W. F. Addington, 3 W. G. Combs, 4 Noah Adams, 5 W. S. Akers.

Appointed the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to write the corresponding letters to our sister Associations. New Salem and Union. Adjourned until Saturday Morning, 9 O'clock A. M.

Saturday morning, met pursuant to adjournment and opened with song by the congregation and prayer by Eld. Ira Combs, then proceeded to business in the following order:

- 1 Called the roll and marked the absentees.
- 2 Committee of arrangements reported, report received and the committee discharged.
- 3 Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order but received none.
- 4 On motion and second, the ministers appointed on the stand for today were excused.
- 5 Appointed a committee on finance consisting of brethren, Jasper Mullins, Felix Fields and Hiram Raleigh, who received the contributions from the several churches as shown in the table of statistics, amounting to \$36. 45 which was turned over to W. R. Boggs, Treasurer.
- 6 Same committee appointed yesterday reported the following arrangements of ministry for Sunday 1 W. R. Boggs 2 D. M. Maggard 3 Joe Hall which was changed by agreement of the ministers who preached as follows: 1 W. R. Boggs 2 Ira Combs 3 D. M. Maggard 4 Joe Hall.

7 Received the following report from Eld. W. R. Boggs Treasurer and clerk of the Association. Amount in hands of Treasurer as corrected by order of the Association .....\$78. 15  
Amount paid for printing minutes ..... \$27, 00  
Paid delegates train fare to Union Association ..... \$ 6. 80  
Postage on minutes .....\$ 5. 30  
Clerks fees for services .....\$ 5. 00



Total expenditures .....\$44. 00  
 Balance in hands of Treasurer at close of the year 1915 \$34. 05  
 Amount received from the several churches.....\$36. 45  
 Amount in hands of Treasurer for the year 1916 ..... \$70. 50

Elder W. R. Boggs was again appointed Treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes, that he be allowed \$5. 00 for his services, that he have 2000 minutes printed, reserve 200 copies for Sister Association and distribute the remainder among the several churches.

8 Called on brethren appointed to write corresponding letters to sister Associations letter read and received and appointed Eld. Ira Combs, W. T. Francis and brethrer Jim Whitaker, S. R Blair, Jasper Mullins and Sam Francis to attend the Union Association which convenes with the Union church, Pike County Ky. on the third Friday in September 1916 Letter in the hands of Ira Combs. Appointed Elds. W. G. Combs, Burnett Collins, George Higgins Willie Francis and brethren Jasper Mullins, W. G. Caudill, S. R. Blair, Sam Mullins, Noah Ghent, W. G. Cody Press Caudill and Sam Francis to attend New Salem Association to commence on the fourth Friday in Sept. 1916 with the Providence church in Knott County Kentucky.

9 Called on Brethren, appointed to attend Sister Associations and Union meetings last year some failed to attend and was excused.

10 Appointed Union meetings and Elders to attend as follows:

1 Little Zion, Hazard, Ky. First Sat. and Sun. in July 1917 D. M. Maggard W. S. Akers, Joe Hall, Willie Francis.

2 Sand Lick church the Third Sat. and Sun. in July 1917 Ira Combs D. M. Maggard, W. R. Boggs.

3 Oven Fork Third Sat. and Sun. in August, W. G. Combs, G. M. Caudill, Noah Adams, and George Higgins and brethren H. H. Dixon and David Maggard Jr.

4 Clear Creek, Knott County Ky, 3rd. Sat. and Sun. in August, Ira Combs, Joe Higgins and George Higgins.

#### 11 RESOLUTIONS.

1 Resolved that the clerk supply all omissions that may have been made by oversight.

2 That the articles of faith, rules of decorum, form of letter to the Association be printed in our minutes.

3 That the churches insert the names of deceased members.

4 That our next Association be held with the Big Cowan church, Letcher County Kentucky, to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1917 and that Elder Ira Combs preach the introductory sermon and W. G. Combs be his alternate.

5 That the Association send Brethren J. P. Adams \$10.00 and Charlie Elkins \$5.00 Order made that the clerk pay these amounts and be credited for same.

6 Motion made and seconded and ordered that Joe Hall print these minutes.

Done and signed by order of the Association,

Elder D. M. Maggard Moderator, W. R. Boggs Clerk,  
Eld. Ira Combs Assistant Moderator W. T. Francis Asst. Clerk.

#### SUNDAY.

Met at the Stand and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Eld. W. R. Boggs, the brethren preached in the following order: 1 Ira Combs text Rom. 8: 1 "There is therefore now no condemnation etc. 2 D. M. Maggard 2nd Tim. 2: 8, 9 "who hath saved us etc. 3 Joe Hall Ezekiel 34: 22 "Therefore will I save my flock etc." Then Eld. D. M. Maggard closed the services and we can truthfully say that the brethren were all richly fed with that food from on high. There was no confusion but all were in love and peace and we feel as though it was good for us to have met. And we are anxiously looking forward to our next association, but should we not have the privilege of meeting together again in this world we are ever looking forward to the time when our Savior will reign as Supreme Moderator and we shall meet in an association which shall never end.

We thank the brethren and sisters and people of this community for their great kindness and affection shown in caring for us and the people while in their midst. The Clerk.

#### DECEASED MEMBERS.

Carrs Fork Church. Kelley Francis and Robert Mullins.  
Poor Fork, C. Homes, Big Cowan. Ira Fields, Oven Fork,  
Henry Boggs, James Sturgill, Elizabeth Hampton.  
Mallet Fork, J. J. Hall, Big Leatherwood, Martha Pratt, Rebecca



Fields and Ulsey Ison, Clover Fork, Celah Witt: Zion, Martha Dixon, New Home 2 but names not given, Hurricane Gap, Fannie Talent, Sand Lick church none; Doty Creek, Anna Back, James Eack, Ison Caudill.

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CONSTITUTION.

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 baptized, received by letter, recantation, application, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

4 The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on 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, which shall petition by letter and 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 same, give 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 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 necessary.



#### 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 any one 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 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 heirs 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 is the duty of all church members to contribute for the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expense 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.

#### OBITUARY OF J. J. HALL.

Bro. Johnathan J. Hall was born March the 13 th. 1833, died June the 12 th. 1916. Age 83 years, 2 months and 29 days.

He was married to Polly Cook, sister of Elder William Cook about the year of 1850. They lived together about 66 years. Unto them were born 9 children seven of them preceeded brother Hall in death only leaving two children and his broken hearted wife to mourn his loss.

Brother Hall joined the Regular Baptist church in the year 1912 and was ordained as a deacon of the Mallett Fork church in the year 1913 and lived a faithful member until his death. It seemed to be his delight to attend his meetings and we have seen him clasp his hands and rejoicing many times in meeting. He went with his son down in Perry County, Kentucky and on trying to return home to be at his meeting the first Saturday in June he took sick and failed to be at meeting and never recovered.

But while the Mallett Fork church has lost one of her faithful members and an efficient deacon and the wife and children and relatives have lost a dear friend: we are glad to say that we have no doubt but that our loss is his eternal gain. Wherefore should we weep dear brethren and sisters, wife, children and friends; he can not return to us but by the help of God we can all meet brother Hall in heaven above where sorrow, sickness death nor parting will ever come.

Witten by N. G. Sturgill.



TABLE OF STATISTICS

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESSES.
Cars Fork	Willie Francis, Sam Mullins etc.	S. R. Blair, Pine Top, Ky,
Poor Fork	W. M. Scott	W. M. Creech, Pine Top, "
Big Cowan	D. M. Maggard, F. G. Fields etc.	H. F. Fields, Dongola, "
Clear Creek	Sam Combs and Jerry Combs	E. W. Ritchie, Elic, "
Oven Fork	W. R. Boggs, E. H. Stidham etc.	W. C. Mullins, Eolia, "
Mallet Fork	w. m. McIntosh, P. N. Caudill	N. G. Sturgill, Nealy, "
Big Leatherwood	A. M. Stamper, Joe Kassem etc.	H. G. Pratt, Cornettsville "
Indian Bottom	J. T. Whitaker, G. C. Crace etc.	J. D. Dixon, Indian Bottom, "
Clover Fork	H. H. Dixon, and T. J. Creech	H. H. Dixon, Leonard, "
Kentucky	Not represented.	W. P. Stamper, Goodloe, M O.
Little Zion	J. E. Cornett, Ira Combs etc.	J. E. Cornett, Hazard, Ky,
New Home	H. Watts, W. Pigman, J. P. Slone	N. T. Maggard, Hindman, "
Little Home (Col.)	Ben Hagans and Joe Hagans	James Hagans, Cody, "
Hurricane Gap	P. H. Whitaker, W. M. Cornett	H. C. Frazier, Gordon, "
Sand Lick	Burnett Collins, W. G. Caudill	J. H. Collins, Whitesburg "
Little Dove	W. G. Combs, J. Mullins, W. Cody	R. B. Young, Elic, "
Doty Creek	W. Hampton, H. B. Caudill etc.	James C. Back, Jeremiah, "
Cedar Grove	G. M. Caudill, H. Griffy, S. Watts	J. P. Caudill, Banks, "
Providence	Not represented	J. D. Creech, Larue, "



FOR 1916.

Restored	Received by Ex. & Bapt.	Received by Letter	By Application	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sat. of Meetings	Contributions
17	1					2	143	4	5.35
18	1					1	46	3	1.00
19	4		2		4	1	189	4	2.80
20	3			1			70	3	3.40
21	3				1	3	121	1	1.40
22	3					1	29	1	1.60
23	1			1		3	65	2	1.75
24	1			5			71	1	1.65
25					4	1	33	1	1.50
26						2	46	1	1.10
27	4					1	66	2	2.75
28	5				1	2	23	1	1.00
29	2		1		1	1	47	3	2.10
30	3	6		3	4		29	3	2.15
31	3					3	34	3	2.65
32	3	3					38	2	3.15
33	3						31	1	1.15
14	60	9	3	10	19	20	1036	36	45

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
B. E. Collins	Colson, Ky.
W. G. Combs,	Sassafras, Ky.
Charles Blair,	Bendham, Ky.
D. M. Maggard,	Partridge, Ky.
Silas Boggs,	Elic, Ky.
W. R. Boggs,	Eolia, Ky.
Ira McKnight,	Leonard, Ky.
J. H. Metcalf,	Norlandsburg, Ky.
Ira Combs,	Jeff, Ky.
N. T. Maggard,	Hindman, Ky.
Noah Adams ( of color ),	Cody, Ky.
G. C. Riddle,	Cornettsville, Ky.
L. C. Riddle,	Cornettsville, Ky.
G. B. Ison,	Josie, Ky.
W. T. Francis,	Hindman, Ky.
Enoch Blair,	McWorter, Ky.
G. M. Caudill,	Banks, Ky.
J. T. Whitaker,	Indian Bottom, Ky.



LETTER FORM

Date ..... We the Regular Baptist church  
of Jesus Christ, now in session at the ..... church  
..... County, Kentucky; 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 the first Sat. in  
September 191 ..... 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 towit; ..... 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 de-  
liberations, and may your work be such as the Lord will  
own at His second coming. We are { comment on the pros-  
perity of the church } since our last Association we have  
received by experience and baptism ..... restored  
..... dismissed by letter..... excluded .....  
died..... total number at peresent ..... contribution to  
minute fund sent \$..... Done and signed by order of the  
church. Elder..... Moderator..... church clerk.



