

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



HELD WITH THE CARRS FORK CHURCH, KNOTT
COUNTY, KENTUCKY, SEPTEMBER THE 5, 6, 7, 1919
ELD. D. M. MAGGARD, MODERATOR,
PARTRIDGE, KENTUCKY.

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

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

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1 Friday Morning, September the 5th. 1919, the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ convened with the Carr's Fork church, Knott County, Ky. and after singing by the congregation, and prayer by Elder Chas. Blair, the introductory sermon was Preached by Elder D. M. Maggard from Heb 13: 2, "Let brotherly love continue etc."

2 The Delegates then assembled at the house prepared for them, and after singing and prayer by Elder W. S. Akers, the Moderator called for letters from the several churches, that compose the Indian Bottom Association, read the letters and seated the delegates as shown in table of statistics.

3 The Association completed it's organization by selecting Elders D. M. Maggard, Moderator, Ira Combs assistant moderator, and W. R. Boggs as clerk, and W. T. Francis as assistant clerk.

4 Called for newly constituted churches of the same faith and order, and received one, "The Conway Church."

5 Called for corresponding letters from sister associations and received one from the Union Association at the hands of Elders Joe Hall, and W. F. Addington, also one from the New Salem Association at the hands of Elders W. S. Akers and E. V. Hopkins, which delegates received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

6 Called for transient ministers and members and received Elders L. C. Riddle, Boone Cornett, Sherman Gibson, and

Joe Hagan, and brethren J. J. Mullins, H. Smith, P. Cody, Tom Stout, J. D. Caudill, Bill Brown, David Madden and A. F. Logan.

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

8 Appointed a committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each church, the moderators and clerks, the corresponding delegates from sister Associations, and Transients invited to attend, and arrange the business of the Association for to morrow.

9 Appointed a committee on ministry, consisting of one delegate from each church together with the entire delegation of Carr's Fork church, to arrange the preaching on the stand for Saturday, who reported as follows:

First G. B. Ison, second E. V. Hopkins, third George Hagan, fourth W. S. Akers, fifth Chas. Blair.

10 On motion and second, this Association agrees to keep up correspondence with our sisters, the Union and New Salem Associations.

11 Appointed the clerk and assistant clerk to write the corresponding letters to our sister Associations, the Union and New Salem.

12 Adjourned until Saturday morning 9 O'Clock A. M.

Saturday.

Saturday Morning—September the 6th. 1919, met pursuant to adjournment, and opened with a song by the congregation and prayer by Elder Ira Combs, then proceeded in the following order:

1 Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2 Committee on arrangements reported, the report received and the committee discharged.

3 Called for transient ministers and members, and received Noah Ghent.

4 On motion and second, the ministers appointed on the stand for the day, were excused.

5 Appointed a committee on finance, consisting of J. J. Mullins, W. G. Caudill and John Jenkins, who received the contributions from the several churches, as shown in the table of statistics, amounting to \$65.55, which was turned over to W. R. Boggs the Treasurer.

6 The same committee appointed yesterday reported the arrangements of the ministry for Sunday: 1 Chas. Blair, 2 D. M. Maggard, 3 W. S. Akers, 4 Joe Hall, 5 Ira Combs.

7 Received the following report from W. R. Boggs, Clerk and Treasurer:

Amount in hands of Treasurer for the year 1918.....	\$75.23
Amount paid for printing minutes.....	\$33.00
Postage for mailing minutes.....	\$3 00
Clerks fee.....	\$5.00
Total.....	\$41.00
Balance for the year 1918	\$34.23
Amount received from the several churches for 1919.....	\$65.55
Total amount in hands of Treasurer for the year 1919.....	\$99.78

8 Called on brethren appointed to write corresponding letters to sister associations, letters read and received, and appointed Elders W. T. Francis, W. G. Combs, J. T. Whitaker and W. R. Boggs, and brother E. H. Stidham to attend the Union Association, when convened with the Bull Creek church, Buchanan Co., Va., to commence on Friday before the third Sat in Sept. 1919. Letter in the hands of Elder J. T. Whitaker.

Appointed Elds. W. G. Combs, Ira Combs, W. T. Francis, and brethren S. R. Blair, Henry Maggard, N. G. Sturgill, Robert Sexton, John P. Slone and Sam Mullins, to attend New Salem Association, when convened with the Stone Coal church, Floyd Co. Ky. beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1919. Letter in the hands of Elder W. G. Combs.

9 Called on brethren appointed to attend sister associations and

Union meetings last year to report, some failed to attend and were excused.

10 Appointed Union Meetings as follows:

Mallet Fork church, the 2nd Sat. and Sun. in July 1920, to attend Elds. Noah Adams, George and Ben Higgins.

Little Zion, Hazard Perry Co. Ky., 1st. Sat. and Sun. in August 1920, Elders to attend D. M. Maggard, W. R. Boggs, W. S. Akers J. T. Whitaker and Joe Hall.

Doty Creek—2nd Sat. and Sun. in June 1920, Elders to attend W. T. Francis, J. T. Whitaker and G. C. Riddle.

Indian Bottom—1st. Sat. and Sun. in July 1920, Elders to attend W. G. Combs, W. T. Francis and W. R. Boggs.

Resolutions.

1 Resolved; that the clerk supply all omissions, which may have been made by over-sight.

2 Resolved; that the articles of faith, rules of decorum and form of church letter be printed in our minutes.

3 Resolved; that we heartily endorse the "Sword and Shield," published by Elder Joe Hall, at Dry Creek, Knott County, Ky. and ask, that all the members of this association, subscribe for and donate for the support of the same, as it is a Regular Baptist magazine, published for the upbuilding of all Old Regular Baptist churches, and the cause of truth and righteousness every where.

4 Resolved; that we say, as advisory council, that the churches have a right to invite their members to their seats to inquire of them concerning rumors of misconduct, and if same fail to comply, that the churches have the right to deal with them for same, but before they can prefer charges against them, they must have gospel evidence.

5 Resolved; we say, that the churches have a right to deal with any member, who fails to pay his just debts, when in financial condition so he can reasonably do so.

6 Resolved; 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 Association.

7 That our next association be held with the Oven Fork church Letcher County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the first Sat. in September 1920. and that Elder Ira Combs preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. G. Combs be his alternate. Elder Ira Combs led in the closing prayer, and then adjourned to the time and place of our next association.

Elder D. M. Maggard, Moderator
Ira Combs, Assistant Moderator

Eld. W. R. Boggs, Clerk
W. T. Francis, Assistant Clerk.

Sunday.

Sunday Morning Sept the 7th. 1920, the brethren appointed on the stand met a large and well ordered congregation and preached as per order of arrangement: 1 Elder Charles Blair, text Isaiah 62: 2, 2 Eld. D. M. Maggard St. Matt. 11: 28, 3 Eld. W. S. Akers, Rom. 5: 3, 4, 5, 4 Eld. Joe Hall, Matt. 16: 17, 18, 19, 5 Eld. Ira Combs, 1st, John 3: 1.

The brethren were all wonderfully blessed with the Spirit to preach the gospel, which took great effect upon the large congregation, and we can truthfully say, That it was one among the best of our associations. The brethren were all in peace and fellowship, and the business was all transacted harmoniously.

Elders W. R. Boggs Clerk,
W. T. Francis Asst. Clerk.

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 nowise 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 the 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 the 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 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 the New Testament scriptures are the true written words of God, and were given by inspiration of God, and there is 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 absolved 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 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 any thing 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.

OBITUARIES

Enoch Whittaker.

It is with a sadness of heart, that I attempt to write a short sketch of the life of my father, Enoch Whittaker, who departed this life January 14, 1919. He was born Dec. 31, 1844, in Letcher County, Ky., where he resided until about 1871, when he moved to Perry County, Ky., where he lived until God saw fit to call him away. He joined the Franks Creek church of Old Regular Baptist on Sunday Oct. the 8, 1910, and was baptized the same day. When the Hurricane Gap church was organized on Dec. the 3, 1910, he was one of the first in the organization of that church. He was a faithful member, and attended closely to his duty, always standing for the true faith and doctrine of Jesus Christ, as the only way from earth to heaven.

He leaves a wife and five children, two boys and three girls, to mourn their loss, one boy and girl, having preceeded him in death. We believe that he is to day in paradise shouting praise to God in the holy and supreme courts of heaven. He told me, that he would like to stay with us, if it was God's will, but since it was not, that he did not want to stay any longer, as he saw his way and there was nothing against him, that he was willing to meet God, and that he wanted to go and leave this troublesome world. We miss him in our homes, and in our churches too, but our loss is his eternal gain. His favorite song was:

Children of the heavenly king,
As ye journey sweetly sing:
Sing your Savior's worthy praise,
Glorious in his works and ways.

By P. H. Whittaker.

Dan Terry.

It becomes our duty to write a short obituary of our beloved brother, Dan Terry, who joined the New Home church a short time before his death, but was not baptized on account of his being so low. He seemed to regret so much, he had put this off so long, and wanted to be baptized, to the very last. He died in the Hospital, and wanted some one to baptize him. Some one said, Let us sprinkle you, and he said, No. You will never sprinkle me. I am an Old Regular Baptist. The writer was present, when he joined our church. He slapped his hands and praised the Lord, and said, God had pardoned his sins over 15 years ago. As we believe he has joined the great throng of heaven, we earnestly pray that God will bless and comfort his companion and children in this life, and prepare them to meet their beloved one in a better world where partings will be no more.

N. T. Maggard.

*Ira Combs was the
Preacher I loved!*

Churches Deceased Members.

Carrs Fork, Elda Mullins, J. W.
Kinser, Duff Mullins,
Ella Combs.
Sand Lick, Stella Holcomb.
Hurricane Gap, Enoch Whitaker.
Big Cowan, Martha Williams.
Martha Fields, Jinsey
Fouts, Susana Sumpter
Lucinda Triplett, Hannah
Holcomb, Leroy Eldridge.
Clear Creek, Sallie Combs, Susan
Combs, Sallie Dobson, Arty
Collins, Holley Owens
Little Home, King Ison.
Powell, Jane Addington.
Doty Creek, Ella Back, Dave
Hampton, Isom H. Caudill.
Cedar Grove, Ellen Watts.
Indian Bottom, Nancy Dixon,
Easter Eldridge, Mose
Whitaker, Margaret
Caudill, Phebe Dixon.
New Home, Dan Terry.

Ordained Ministers.

Names	P. O. 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,	Hagh Splint, Ky.
J. H. Metcalf,	Norlandsburg, Ky.
Ira Combs,	Jeff, Ky.
N. T. Maggard,	Hindman, Ky.
Noah Adams,	Cody, Ky.
G. C. Riddle,	Cornettsville, Ky.
L. C. Riddle,	Cornettsville, Ky.
G. B. Ison,	Defeated Creek, Ky.
W. T. Francis,	Dirk, Ky.
Enoch Blair,	McWorter, Ky.
G. M. Caudill,	Banks, Ky.
J. T. Whitaker,	Indian Bottom, ..
F. G. Fields,	Kings Creek, Ky.
George Hagan,	Hazard, Ky.
Joe Hagan,	Cody, Ky.
Wm. Scott,	Poor Fork, Ky.
Boone Cornette,	Cornettsville, ..
W. B. Mullins,	Waynesburg, Ky.

Form Of Church Letter.

Date....., We the Regular Baptist church of Jesus
Christ, now in session at the.....church,.....
County, Kentucky; send greeting our christian love and saluta-
tions, to the ministers and messingers, that may compose the In-
dian Bottom Association, when convened with the.....church,
.....County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the first

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STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	DELEGATES
Carrs Fork	S. R. Blair, W. M. Hale and Sam Mullins
Poor Fork	Wm. Scott, A. Scott, A. Dixon
Big Cowan	D. M. Maggard, F. G. Fields Sr., W. R. Crace, W. H. Sumpter
Clear Creek	Sam Combs, Jerry Combs, Wm. Ritchie
Oven Fork	Charles Blair, W. R. Boggs, J. Jenkins, J. S. Hamilton
Mallet Fork	N. G. Sturgill, Robert Sexton, M. M. McIntosh
Indian Bottom	J. T. Whitaker, Preston Eldridge, Silas Caudill, Daw Adams
Little Zion	Elder Ira Combs, and Bro. Noah Couch
New Home	Henry Maggard and John P. Slone
Little Home	Elders Noah Adams and George Higgins
Hurricane gap	Joe Smith and H. C. Frazier
Sand Lick	W. G. Caudill, A. C. Craft, and Robert Thomas
Little Dove	Eld. W. G. Combs, Bros. Frank Martin, and R. B. Young
Doty Creek	W. Hampton, and James Caudill
Cedar Grove	G. C. Riddle, G. B. Ison, S. G. Caudill and Squire Watts
Providence	No Delegate
Powell	W. R. Boggs alternate
Conway	Joe Calahan
Ky. Mo.	No delegate
Big Leatherwood	Delegates, but no letter
Clover Fork	Not represented

TABLE

Contributions	Meetings Times	Total Membership	Deceased	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	By Application	Received by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by ex. & bapt.
4 5.65	4	138	4	1	2				3
3 4.25	3	44							3
4 7.45	4	134	7	1	1			1	3
3 3.00	3	88	5						3
2 5.00	2	106		2					1
2 2.50	2	29					1		1
1 3.85	1	71	5					1	1
1 2.50	1	55		1				1	3
2 4.05	2	72			1				7
1 2.35	1	27					1		3
3 3.25	3	48							3
3 3.80	3	31		1					3
3 3.00	3	37					1		4
2 4.50	2	42							5
4 3.90	4	37							5
2 1.50	2	20							
4 2.00	4	24							
1 2.00	1	10							
2 1.00	2	66							

44, 3, 2, , 4, 7, 34, 1079, 65.55

Saturday in September 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 receive, by experience and baptism, restored..... dismissed by letter, excluded..... died., total number at present, contribution to minute fund sent \$..... Done and signed by order of the church, Elder.....Moderator,Church Clerk.

<i>Charches</i>	<i>Clerks</i>	<i>Post Offices</i>	
Carrs Fork,	S. R. Blair,	Pine Top,	Ky.
Poor Fork,	Cullen Hogg,	Poor Fork,	"
Big Cowan,	W. E. Brown,	Ice,	"
Clear Creek,	Sam Combs,	Elic,	"
Oven Fork,	E. H. Stidham	Eolia,	"
Mallet Fork,	N. G. Sturgill,	Pine Top,	"
Big Leatherwood,	H. G. Pratt,	Cornettsville,	"
Indian Bottom,	W. B. Caudill,	Blackey,	"
Clover Fork,	H. H. Dixon,	Highsplent,	"
Little Zion,	J. E. Cornett,	Lothair,	"
New Home,	N. T. Maggard,	Leburn,	"
Little Home,	James Hagans,	Cody,	"
Hurricane Gap,	H. C. Frazier,	Gordon,	"
Sand Lick,	J. H. Collins,	Whitesburg,	"
Little Dove,	R. B. Young,	Elic,	"
Doty Creek,	W. G. Caudill,	Jeremiah,	"
Cedar Grove,	J. P. Caudill,	Banks,	"
Providence,	J. D. Creech,	Larue,	"
Powell,	W. C. Mullins,	Eubanks,	"
Conway,	J. P. Callahan,	Conway,	"

