

PROCEEDINGS

Eighty-seventh Annual Session

British Edition Association of
Old Regular Baptist
Faith and Order

Convened with
POOR FORK CHURCH

Poor Fork, Harlan Co., Ky.
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION.**

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist faith and order, convened with the Poor Fork Church, Poor Fork, Harlan County, Kentucky, September 1, 2 and 3, 1922.

Services before the introductory were opened by Elder W. G. Combs, and the introductory was delivered by Elder Ira Combs, from Genesis 24th chapter and latter part of the 58th verse: "I will go."

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled at the church-house, and after prayer by Elder Joe Hall, the Association proceeded in the following manner:

(1) The Moderator then called for letters from the churches that composed the Indian Bottom Association, letters received and the delegates seated as shown in table of statistics.

(2) The Association then organized by electing Elder D. M. Maggard, Moderator, Elder Ira Combs, Assistant Moderator, Elder W. T. Francis, Clerk, and Elder Geo. B. Ison, Assistant Clerk.

(3) On motion the reading of the articles of faith, rules of decorum and constitution were omitted.

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

(5) Called for corresponding letters from the sister associations and received the following:

One from Union Association, with a file of minutes, by the hands of her delegates, Elders Joe Hall and R. A. Baker, and one from New Salem Association, but no delegates. The delegates from the Union Association were given the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us and aided us in counsel.

(6) Called for transient ministers of the same faith and order and received Elder Robert Combs and Robert Baker and Brother E. H. Stidham.

(7) On motion the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during this session of the Association.

(8) Appointed a committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday, consisting of one member from each church, with the entire delegations from the Poor Fork Church, who reported as follows: First, Elder Robert Combs; Second, Jas. T. Whitaker; Third, W. G. Combs; Fourth, Noah Adams, and Fifth, Charles Blair.

(9) Appointed the clerk and assistant clerk to write the corresponding letters to the sister associations, the Union and New Salem.

(10) Appointed a Committee on Arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each church, with the moderators and clerks, corresponding transient ministers and members invited to arrange the business for tomorrow.

(11) On motion the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 2, 1922.

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing by the delegates and prayer, the Association then proceeded to business in the following order:

- (1) Called the names of the delegates and marked the absentees.
- (2) Called on the Committee on Arrangements to report, who reported and were discharged.
- (3) Called for transient ministers and members and received none.
- (4) On motion the ministers who were appointed to preach on the stand for the day were excused.
- (5) Appointed a Committee on Finance, who received the contribution from the churches, as shown in the table of statistics, amounting to \$99.35, which was turned over to W. T. Francis, Treasurer.
- (6) Appointed the same Committee on Ministry as of yesterday, who reported the following ministers to preach on the stand Sunday. First, Elder Ira Combs; Second, W. T. Francis; Third, Joe Hall and Fourth, D. M. Maggard.

(7) Called on Secretary and Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Amount turned over by former Treasurer, year 1920.....	\$ 1.93
Amount of Old Carr Church Donation, year 1920.....	6.20
Amount received for the year 1921.....	74.15
Total.....	\$82.28
Amount paid for minutes for year 1921.....	\$85.00
Amount paid for postage for year 1921.....	2.00
Amount paid for delegates, expenses 1921.....	0.00
Total.....	\$96.00
Balance due.....	\$13.72

(8) On motion and second and by unanimous vote of the Association W. T. Francis is elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Association and to superintend the printing of these minutes, and it is ordered that he have 1,500 copies of them printed, reserve 200 copies for sister associations,

distribute the remainder among the churches according to contributions, as near as he can, so as to give each church at least as many copies as they have members.

(9) Called on brethren appointed to write letters to sister associations. The letter to the Union Association read, received and appointed Elders G. M. Caudill, Ira Combs, Boon Cornett, G. C. Riddell and Brethren Isaac Mitchell and J. M. Stidham to attend same. Letter in the hands of Elder Boon Cornett. Letter to the New Salem Association read, received and appointed Elders W. G. Combs, Noah Adams, George Hagans, W. T. Francis and Brethren S. R. Blair, John Sparkman to attend same. Letter in the hands of S. R. Blair.

(10) Called on those appointed last year to attend sister associations and union meetings to report, who reported, and those who failed to attend were excused.

(11) Appointed union meetings as follows: One with Big Leatherwood Church, second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1923, Elder G. C. Riddell, Simon Scott and W. T. Francis to attend same.

One with the Powell Church, fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1923, and Elders Charles Blair, E. Blair and W. R. Boggs appointed to attend same.

One with the Doty Creek Church, second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1923 and appointed Elders D. M. Maggard, Ira Combs, G. C. Riddle and W. T. Francis to attend same.

(12) Upon request of the delegates from the Little Collie Church, it is ordered that we grant the Little Collie Church a letter of dismission when joined to some other association of the same faith and order, and the clerk is ordered to prepare the letter.

(13) Then come forward Brother J. J. Brashear as committee under order of Laurel River Association with some of their minutes, seeking to open correspondence with us, which matter, after being fully discussed, is ordered to pass over until next year for investigation as to their order.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) Resolved, That the clerk supply all omissions that may have been made by oversight.

(2) Resolved, That the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, Constitution and Form of Church Letter be printed in our minutes.

(3) Resolved, That this Association pay the actual expenses, such as railroad fare and hotel bills of the delegates of this Association, who attend our sister associations and the Treasurer, W. T. Francis, is hereby authorized to pay same and take credit in his next report.

(4) Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and citizens of this community for their extreme kindness in caring for us and the people during this Association.

(5) Resolved, That our next Association be held with the New Home Church, Hindman, Knott County, Kentucky, to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1923, and that Elder D. M. Maggard, preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Ira Combs be his alternate.

(6) On motion and second, this Association adjourned until the time and place of our next Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER D. M. MAGGARD, Moderator.
ELDER IRA COMBS, Assistant Moderator.
ELDER W. T. FRANCIS, Clerk.
ELDER GEO. B. ISON, Assistant Clerk.

SUNDAY.

Sunday morning, September 3, 1923, the brethren appointed to preach on the stand for Sunday, met a large and well ordered congregation and preached as follows:

(1) Elder E. A. King, introduced the service by a short and pointed introductory by singing by the congregation and prayer.

(2) Joe Hall preached from Song of Solomon, 6th chapter, 9th and 10th verses, "My Dove, My undefiled is but one, etc."

(3) D. M. Maggard took no text, but with a short exhortation brought the Association to a close.

The preaching was a unit throughout the whole session of the Association and the rejoicing of the Saints, as we feel, one of the best sessions of the Association passed into history.

THE CLERK.

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 the "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 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, restoration, 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 affecting same shall be determined by the Association.

16. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a 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 and 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 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 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 privileges 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 Scripture 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 and 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 Saviour is absolutely needed.

5. We believe that the 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 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 meeting, 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 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.

CHURCH 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 salutation, 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 Saturday in September, 192., 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 counsel 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.....
..... restored..... dismissed by letter.....
excluded..... died..... total number at
present..... contribution to minute funds sent \$..... done signed,
by order of the church. Elder..... Moderator.
..... Church Clerk.

OBITUARIES

JACOB SANDERS.

It is with much sadness that we write a short sketch of the life of our dear beloved brother, Jacob Sanders, who was born in Pike County, Ky., October 27, 1841. In 1861 he joined the Confederate Army and fought for what he thought was right. He was married to Mahulda Ison in 1862, and to that union were born five boys and three girls. In 1909 he joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder G. W. Powell. He was a strong believer in the Apostolic Doctrine, that is, Salvation by Grace. He lived an humble Christian life until his death, which occurred August 6, 1922.

Written by W. B. MULLINS of the Powell Church,
Lincoln County, Kentucky.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

Old Carr-----
 Big Cowen--Easter Day, Mandy Ison.
 Indian Bottom--Fanny Dixon and Alexander Stamper.
 Clover Fork--Elder J. H. Metcalf.
 Hurrican Gap--Susanna Frazier and Cassie Shepherd,
 and Lick--Dorothy Creech.
 Little Dove--W. P. Cody, John Kelley.
 Doty Creek--Dave Caudil, Nancy Caudill and Betty Caudill.
 Cedar Grove-----
 Powell Church-----

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names	Addresses
D. M. Maggard	Partridge, Ky.
Ira Combs	Jeff, Ky.
Chas. Blair	Benham, Ky.
W. R. Boggs	Conway, Ky.
W. G. Combs	Sassafras, Ky.
W. B. Mullins	Waynesburg, Ky.
Wm. Scott	Poor Fork, Ky.
W. T. Francis	Hindman, Ky.
G. B. Ison	Defeated Creek, Ky.
J. T. Whitaker	Blackey, Ky.
G. M. Caudill	Banks, Ky.
Wm. N. Rice	McWorter, Ky.
N. T. Maggard	Hindman, Ky.
Ira McNight	High Splint, Ky.
G. C. Riddle	Hurrican Gap, Ky.
George Hagans	Montago, Ky.
F. C. Fields	Kings Creek, Ky.
Joe Hagans	Red Fox, Ky.
L. C. Riddle	Cornettsville, Ky.
David Adams	Tillie, Ky.
Boon Cornett	Cornettsville, Ky.
Enoch Blair	McWorter, Ky.

CHURCH CLERKS:

Churches	Clerk's Name	Address
Carr's Fork.....	S. R. Blair.....	Pinetop, Ky.
Poor Fork.....	Cullen Hogg.....	Poor Fork, Ky.
Big Cowan.....	W. E. Brown.....	Ice, Ky.
Clear Creek.....	Sam Combs.....	Fisty, Ky.
Oven Fork.....	E. H. Stidham.....	Bolia, Ky.
Mallett Fork.....	N. G. Sturgill.....	Pinetop, Ky.
Big Leather-Wood.....	A. F. Logan.....	Cornettsville, Ky.
Indian Bottom.....	W. B. Caudill.....	Blackey, Ky.
Clover Fork.....	H. H. Dixon.....	High Splint, Ky.
Little Zion.....	J. E. Cornett.....	Lothair, Ky.
New Home.....	N. T. Maggard.....	Leburn, Ky.
Hurrican Gap.....	H. C. Frazier.....	Gordon, Ky.
Sand Lick.....	James Collins.....	Whitesburg, Ky.
Little Dove.....	Samuel Combs.....	Sassafras, Ky.
Doty Creek.....	W. G. Caudill.....	Jeremiah, Ky.
Cedar Grove.....	Squire Watts.....	Banks, Ky.
Providence.....	J. D. Creech.....	Larue, Ky.
Powell.....	J. A. Boggs.....	Eubanks, Ky.
Conway.....	J. P. Callahan.....	Conway, Ky.
Little Collie.....	Wm. Tyre.....	Willahuee, Ky.

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	Rec. by Exp. and Baptism	Restored.	Rec. by Letter	Received by Application	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions
Carr's Fork.....	W. T. Francis, S. R. Blair, C. W. Richardson, and John Sparkman.....	6	0	2	0	0	5	1	137	4	\$14.55
Poor Fork.....	W. C. Hogg, Gideon Hogg, Wm. Scott and W. M. Hogg.....	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	56	1	4.00
Big Cowan.....	D. M. Maggard, Harrison Boggs, W. E. Brown, Bill Ison, Isaac Day and Isaac Mitchell.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	122	4	6.50
Clear Creek.....	Wm. Richie, Sam Combs.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	70	3	4.20
Oven Fork.....	Chas. Blair, John Jenkins, James Caudill, John D. Caudill, David Boggs and P. H. Wells.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	106	2	7.00
Mallet Fork.....	N. G. Sturgill.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	27	3	1.50
Big Leather-Wood.....	L. C. Riddell, D. B. Cornett, A. T. Logan.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	57	2	2.50
Indian Bottom.....	J. T. Whitaker, Marion Frazier and Silas Caudill.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	72	1	5.05
Clover Fork.....	Ira McNight, H. H. Dixon.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	1	3.25
Little Zion.....	S. L. Cornett, Ira Combs, Tom Stout.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	1	6.25
New Home.....	Henry Maggard, John P. Stone, Charlie Baldrige.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	2	5.60
Hurricane Gap.....	Joe Smith, Wess Cornett, P. H. Whitaker.....	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	40	3	5.05
Sand Lick.....	A. C. Craft, L. R. Hale.....	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	37	3	5.00
Little Dove.....	W. G. Combs, Frank Martin, Jasper Mullins.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	39	3	8.00
Doty Creek.....	W. G. Caudill, John P. Back, Joe Raleigh.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	44	2	5.60
Cedar Grove.....	G. C. Riddell, G. M. Caudill.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	36	4	4.00
Conway.....	W. R. Boggs, Enoch Blair.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	2.00
Colly Creek.....	Wm. Tyre, James Neace.....	3	0	2	0	3	1	0	40	1	3.00
Little Home.....	Noah Adams.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	33	1	3.55
Powell Church.....	W. H. Vanover, W. R. Boggs, Alternates.....	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	28	4	2.75
TOTALS.....		26	1	11	1	9	15	17	1122		\$99.35