

PROCEEDINGS

of the  
Twenty-eighth Annual Session  
of the  
Indian Bottom Association  
of  
Old Regular Baptist  
Faith and Order

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*Convened with*  
**New Home Church**  
*Hindman, Knott County, Kentucky*  
*August 31st and September 1-2, 1923 A. D.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL  
SESSION OF THE INDIAN BOTTOM  
ASSOCIATION



The Indian Bottom Association of the Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ met with the New Home Church, Hindman, Knott County, Kentucky, Friday morning, August 31, 1923, and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Ira Combs, the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder D.M. Maggard, from I Cor. 13th Chapter and 13th verse: "AND NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY".....

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled at the school house, and after prayer by Elder Linzey Mosley, 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, read, and the delegates seated as shown in the table of statistics.

(2) The Association then organized by electing Elder D. M. Maggard, Moderator, Elder Ira Combs, Assistant Moderator, W.T. Francis, Clerk and George 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 the file of minutes by the hands of her delegates, Elder Joe Hall, and Willis Tolliver. One from the New Salem Association with the file of minutes by the hands of her delegates, Elders Henry Hall, E.V. Hopkins, J.D. Mosley, Earnest Moore, M.M. Chaffins, E.H. Hall, and brethren Henry Watson, S.R. Hall, J.R. Hall, Ballard Hopkins, and Jerry Cook.

(6) Called for transient Ministers and Members of the same faith and order, and received Elder S.T. Wright, George Cress, D. B. Day, John Sparkman, J. J. Mullins, Boyd Cornett, and Tom Stout.

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

(8) Appointed a committee to arrange the Ministry for Saturday consisting one member of each church with the entire delegation from the New Home Church, who reported as follows: First Elder Earnest Moore to introduce the services. Second Elder E.V. Hopkins, third Elder Willis Tolliver, fourth Elder G.B. Adams.

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

(10) Appointed a committee on arrangement, consisting of one delegate from each church, with the Moderators and Clerk, 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 1ST. 1923



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 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 contributions from the churches as shown on the table of statistics, amounting to \$111.58, which was turned over to W. T. Francis.
- (6) Appointed the same committee on Ministry as of yesterday who reported the following ministers to preach on the stand Sunday, as follows: First E. V. Hopkins, second George B. Ison, third J. T. Whittaker, fourth Ira Combs.

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

Amount received for year 1922...	\$99.35	
	Total.....	\$99.35
Amount deficit on year 1921....	13.72	
Amount paid for minutes 1922...	95.00	
" " " Postage 1922...	2.00	
" " " Delegates expenses	10.00	
	Total.....	\$120.72
Deficit for year 1922.....	21.37	

(8) On motion and second and by unanimous vote of the Association, W.T. Francis was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Association and to superintend the printing of these minutes and it is ordered that we have 1500 copies of them printed. Reserve 200 copies for sister Associations, and 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 to write letters to sister Associations. The letter to the Union Association was read, received and appointed Elder Ira Combs, George B. Ison, Boone Cornett, J.C. Brown, S.R. Blair, Rob Sexton, Silas Caudill, Jerry Combs, Clinton Richardson, J.T. Whittaker, and John Sparkman, to attend same. Letter in the hands of Elder Ira Combs. Letter to the New Salem Association read, received and appointed, Elder George B. Ison, Boone Cornett, Clinton Richardson, Marion Frazier, Henry Maggard, S. R. Blair, W.G. Caudill, and John P. Slone to attend same. Letter in the hands of Henry Maggard.

(10) Called on brethren 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 the Doty Creek Church, second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1924, Elders Ira Combs, J. T. Whittaker, and George Hagans to attend same. One with the Indian Bottom Church, first Saturday and Sunday in July, 1924. Elders Ira Combs, W. G. Combs, and G. B. Ison to attend same. One with the Cedar Grove Church, fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1924. Elders James Whittaker, Joe Hall, and W. T. Francis to attend same. One with the Clear Creek Church, Third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1924, Elders Earnest Moore, George B. Ison and Boone Cornett to attend same. One with the Old Carr's Fork Church, fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1924. Elders George B. Ison, Nath Maggard, J. T. Whittaker and W. G. Combs to attend same.

(12) Took up the item of the Laurel River Association in regard to opening correspondance with us, they, failing to show up, any further said item is now dropped from our record.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

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(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 Hindman and Community for their extreme kindness in caring for us and the people during the Association.

(5) Resolved that our next Association be held with the Little Zion Church, Jeff, Perry County, Kentucky, to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1924, and that Elder W. G. Combs preach the introductory sermon, and Elder George B. Ison 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  
W. T. Francis, Clerk  
George B. Ison, Assistant Clerk

#### SUNDAY

Sunday morning, September 2, 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.V. Hopkins who was appointed first on the stand, being absent, W.T. Francis introduced the services.

(2) Elder George B. Ison preached from II Timothy 4th Chapter, 1st verse: "I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ ..."

(3) Elder J. T. Whittaker preached from I John, 4th chapter, 1st verse: "Behold what manner of Love ..."

(4) Elder Ira Combs preached from Joel 2nd chapter second verse: "Blow Ye The Trumpet in Zion: And Sound An Alarm In My Holy Mountain..."

The preaching was a unit throughout the whole session of the Associations and the rejoicing of the Saints, as we feel, one of the best sessions of this 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.

I. The Association shall be called "The Indian Bottom Association."

II. 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.



III. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship; those baptised, received by letter, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and deceased since our last association.

IV. 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.

V. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

VI. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

VII. 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.

VIII. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

IX. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the Association.

X. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.

XI. 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 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.

XII. There shall be an Association book kept in which the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary.

XIII. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

XIV. Amendments to this plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union, when it may so desire.

XV. 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.

XVI. 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.

XVII. 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 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

I. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

II. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one member shall speak at a time and shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

IV. The person speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

V. 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.

VI. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of same.

VII. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any one subject without permission of the Association.

VIII. No member of the Association shall have liberty to laugh during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

IX. No member shall address another by any other name or term than that of brother.

X. 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.

XI. The names of several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as the Association may require.

XII. 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.

XIII. 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



I. 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.

II. 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.

III. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and that men sinned since the fall, and are by nature the children of wrath.

IV. 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.

V. We believe that the sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

VI. 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.

VII. 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 other.

VIII. We believe that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion, to baptise a person by their own consent, back foremost in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment when all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

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

XI. We believe that washing one anothers feet is a commandment of Christ left on record with his disciples and ought to be practiced by His followers.

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

XIII. 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 same.

XIV. We believe that 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.

XV. 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.

XVI. None of the above named articles shall be so constructed 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.

XVII. 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, Kentucky; to commence on Friday, before the first 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:

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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 ----- restored -----, dismissed by letter ----- excluded -----, died -----, total number at present -----, contribution to minute fund sent \$ -----, done signed by the order of the church.

Elder ----- Moderator

----- Church Clerk.



## DECEASED MEMBERS

Old Carr	Samuel Francis
	Barbara Francis
	Elijah Hale
Oven Fork	Austin Scott
	Katy Creech
Big Cowan	Mahala Fields
	Harriett Brown
Mallet Fork	Polly Hughes
Big Leatherwood	
Indian Bottom	Annie Whittaker
Little Zion	John Davidson
New Home	Louis Day
	Virgie Collins
Little Home	
Powell	Surrilda Collins

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAMES	ADDRESSES
D. M. Maggard	Partridge, Kentucky
Ira Combs	Jeff, "
Chas. Blair	Banham, "
W. R. Boggs	Conway, "
W. G. Combs	Sassafras, "
W. B. Mullins	Waynesburg, "
Wm. Scott	Poor Fork, "
G. B. Ison	Defeated Cr. "
T. J. Whittaker	Blackey, "
G. M. Caudill	Banks, "
W. T. Francis	Hindman, "
Wm. N. Rice	McWorter, "
N. T. Maggard	Hindman, "
Ira McKnight	Hisplint, "
G. C. Riddell	Hurricane Gap, "
George Hagans	Montago, "
F. C. Fields	Kings Creek, "
Joe Hagans	Red Fox, "
L. C. Riddell	Cornettsville, "
David Adams	Tillie, "
Boon Cornett	Cornettsville, "
Enoch Blair	McWorter, "
F. F. Sumner	Blackey, "
Harrison Boggs	

## 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	Ica "
Clear Creek	Sam Combs	Fisty "
Owen Fork	E. H. Stidham	Eolia "
Mallet Fork	N. G. Sturgill	Pinetop "
Big Leatherwood	A. F. Logan	Cornettsville, Ky
Indian Bottom	W. B. Caudill	Blackey "
Little Zion	J. E. Cornett	Lothair "
New Home	N. T. Maggard	Hindman "
Hurricane Gap	H. C. Frazier	Gordon "
Sand Lick	W. G. Caudill	Whitesburg, Ky
Little Dove	Samuel Combs	Sassafras "
Doty Creek	W. G. Caudill	Jeremiah "
Conway	J. P. Callahan	Conway "
Cedar Grove	Esquire Watts	Banks "
Little Home	James Hagans	Cody "
Powell Church	J. A. Boggs	Ubanks "

Churches	Delegates	Rec. by Exp. & Baptism	Restored	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Apl.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Meeting Times	Contributions
Carrs Fork	S.E. Blair, Wm. Hale, Clinton Richardson, Eli Allen, Sam Mullins, W.T. Francis.	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	132	4	\$11.78
Poor Fork	Wm. Scott	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	56	1	5.45
Big Cowan	D.M. Maggard, W.E. Brown, Dixon Caudill, J.C. Brown.	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	116	4	6.25
Clear Creek	Isaac Kitchie, J.F. Combs	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	3	2.50
Oven Fork	J.M. Stidham	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	105	2	6.00
Mallet Fork	Hard Stone, Robert Sexton	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	23	3	5.50
Big Leather	B.D. Cornett	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	2	5.00
Indian Bottom	J.T. Whitaker, F.F. Sumner, Silas Caudill, Preston Eldridge	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	77	1	7.80
Not Represented											
Clover Fork	Ira Combs, Austin Combs, Marion Combs	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	63	1	7.85
Little Zion											
New Home	N.T. Maggard, Henry Maggard, J. Stone, Harlan Watts	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	67	2	8.85
Hurricane Gap	Ed Shepherd, B. Holcombs	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	38	3	6.00
Little Dove	W.G. Combs, Sam Combs, Nath Smith	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	36	3	8.00
Sand Lick	Robert Thomas, L.R. Hale	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	36	3	7.25
Doty Creek	W.G. Caudill, Lee Adams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	2	10.25
Cedar Grove	Geo B Ison, Esq Watts, Harvey Whittaker, Hiram Campbell	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	34	4	5.30
Conway	Ira Combs Alt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	1.50
Colly Creek	Lismissed by letter, 1922	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	31	1	6.80
Little Home	George Hagans, Joe Hagans	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	29	4	1.50
Powell	Ira Combs, Alt	0	0	0	0	5	10	16	1029		111.58