

UNIVERSITY

PROCEEDINGS
of the
Twenty-Ninth Session
of the
Indian Bottom Association
of
Old Regular Baptist
Faith and Order



Convened With
Little Zion Church
Jeff, Perry County, Kentucky
September 5, 6 and 7 A D, 1924

PROCEEDINGS



The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ met with the Little Zion Church, Jeff, Perry County, Kentucky, Friday morning September 5th., 1924; and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder George B. Ison. the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W.G. Combs, from 1st Cor. 12th Chapter, 13th Verse "FOR BY ONE SPIRIT ARE WE ALL BAPTISED INTO ONE BODY."

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled at the church and after prayer by Elder Charlie Blair, 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:

Union Association, with the file of minutes by the hands of her delegates, Elders J.C. Swindel, Harrison Stanley, and Brother Willie Bates. The delegates from Union Association were given the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us and aided us in counsel.

New Salem Association, but no delegates.

(6) Called for transient Ministers and Members of the same faith and order and received Elders S.T. Wright, G.B. Adams and Brethren Dixon Caudill, and Henry B. Caudill and J.P. Adams.

(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 of the churches with the entire delegation from the Little Zion Church, who reported at follows: First, Elder Willie Bates; Second, Elder G.B. Adams; third, Elder Harrison Stanley; Fourth, Elder S.T. Wright; and Fifth, Elder J.C. Swindel.

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

(10) Appointed a committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegate of each church, with the Moderators and Clerks. Corresponding Transient Ministers and members invited to arrange the business for to-morrow.

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

SATURDAY MORNING

SEPTEMBER 6, 1924

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 \$82.74, 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: 1st Elder Charles Blair; 2nd Elder D.M. Maggard; 3rd Elder J.C. Swindel; 4th Elder Ira Combs.
- (7) Called on Secretary and Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Amount turned over to Treasurer for 1923.....	\$111.58
Amount deficit from year 1923 on minutes.....	\$21.37
Amount paid delegates expenses year 1922.....	8.00
Amount paid for postage year 1923.....	2.00
Balance on hand..	\$80.21

(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 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 Elders Ira Combs, W.G. Combs, J.T. Whitaker, George B. Ison and W.T. Francis to attend the same. Letter in the hands of Elder W.G. Combs.

Letter to the New Salem Association read, received and appointed Elder W.T. Francis, and brethren S.R. Blair, J.P. Slone, Mose Everidge, Clinton Richardson, to attend same. Letter in the hands of S.R. Blair.

(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:

Little Zion Church: First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1925. Elders S.T. Wright, G.B. Adams, George B. Ison, James Whitaker, W.G. Combs, to attend same.

Conway Church: First Saturday and Sunday in July, 1925. Elders D.M. Maggard, Charles Blair and Ira Combs to attend same.

Carr's Fork Church: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1925. Elders Ira Combs, W.G. Combs, George B. Ison, and J.T. Whitaker to attend same.

Oven Fork Church: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1925. Elders F.G. Fields, J.T. Whitaker and G.C. Caudill to attend same.

Little Dove Church: Third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1925. Elders J.T. Whitaker, G.M. Caudill, W.F. Francis and George Hagans to attend same.

Doty Creek Church: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1925. Elders W.G. Combs, J.T. Whitaker and George Hagans to attend same.

Cedar Grove Church: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1925. Elders W.T. Francis, and Ira Combs to attend same.

Little Home Church: First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1925. Elders S.T. Wright, and G.B. Adams to attend same.

New Home Church; Second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1925. Elders S.T. Wright, G.B. Adams and Willie Tolliver to attend same.

(12) Took up the matter with reference to Mallet Fork Church in regard to the condition of her records. Appointed Elders Ira Combs, W.G. Combs, J.T. Whitaker and W.T. Francis to go as a committee and investigate the same and report at our next Association.

(13) Took up the matter of the Cedar Grove Church and appointed Elders Ira Combs, D.M. Maggard, J.T. Whitaker, and W.T. Francis as a committee to go and investigate the matter and make their report at the next session of this Association.

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 Jeff and their Community for their extreme kindness in caring for us and the people during this session of the Association.

(5) RESOLVED: That we extend our thanks to the Caney Creek Community Center for its liberal help in the printing of our minutes of last year.

(6) RESOLVED: That our next Association be held with the Indian Bottom Church, Blackey, Letcher County, Kentucky to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1925; and that Elder Ira Combs preach the introductory sermon and Elder W.T. Francis be his alternate.

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

Done and signed by order of Association:

- Elder D.M. Maggard, Moderator
- Elder Ira Combs, Assistant Moderator
- Elder W.T. Francis, Clerk
- Elder G.B. Ison, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING

SEPTEMBER 7, 1924

The Brethren appointed to preach on the stand for Sunday met a large and well ordered congregation and preached as follows: 1st, Elder Charles Blair gave a warm and interesting introduction: 2nd, Elder D.M. Maggard preached from.....3rd, Elder J.C. Swindel preached from.....4th, Elder Ira Combs preached from.....

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 this Association past 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 baptised, 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 the 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 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 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 vote.

17. The Association shall have power to decide 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

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with 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 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 preceeding speaker, but shall define his ideas on the proposition for debate as 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 whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another by 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 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 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, 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 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; that true believers are the proper subjects and we admit of none other.
8. 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.

9. 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.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment when all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.
11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.
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 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 to 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 to cause them to settle down on anything short of saving grace in Christ for Salvation is erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.
16. None of the above articles shall be construed as to hold with particular election or reprobation so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, so as to injure children of men.
17. No one of the above articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

CHURCH LETTER FORM

Datewe, 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 those 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 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

ORDAINED MINISTERS

D.M. Maggard	Partridge,	Ky.
Ira Combs	Jeff,	"
Chas. Blair	Banham,	"
W.R. Boggs	Conway,	"
W.G. Combs	Sassafras,	"
W.B. Mullins	Waynesburg,	"
W.M. Scott	Poor Fork,	"
G.B. Ison	Defeated Creek,	"
J.T. Whitaker	Blackey,	"
G.M. Caudill	Blackey,	"
W.T. Francis	Hindman,	"
Wm.N. Rice	McWorter,	"
N.T. Maggard	Hindman,	"
Ira McKnight	Hisolint,	"
G.C. Riddle	Hurricane Gap,	"
George Hagans	Vicco,	"
F.C. Fields	Kings Creek,	"
Joe Hagans	Red Fox,	"
L.C. Riddle	Cornettsville,	"
Boone Cornett	Cornettsville,	"
David Adams	Tillie,	"
Enoch Blair	McWorter,	"
F.F. Sumner	Blackey,	"
Harrison Boggs	Roxanna,	"

CHURCHES



Carr's Fork
Poor Fork
Big Cowan
Clear Creek
Oven Fork
Mallet Fork
Big Leatherwood
Indian Bottom
Little Zion
New Home
Hurricane Gap
Sand Lick
Little Dove
Doty Creek
Conway
Cedar Grove
Little Home
Powell Church
Clover Fork





CLERK'S NAME

ADDRESSES

S. R. Blair	Pinetop,	Ky.
Cullen Hogg	Poor Fork,	"
W. E. Brown	Ice,	"
Sam Combs	Fisty,	"
E. H. Steadham	Bolia,	"
Thomas Caudill	Pinetop,	"
A. F. Logan	Cornettsville,	"
W. B. Caudill	Blackey,	"
J. E. Cornett	Lothair,	"
N. T. Maggard	Hindman,	"
H. C. Frazier	Gordon,	"
W. G. Caudill	Whitesburg,	"
Samuel Combs	Sassafras,	"
W. G. Caudill	Jeremiah,	"
J. P. Callahan	Conway,	"
Esquire Watts	Banks,	"
James Hagans	Cody,	"
J. A. Boggs	Ubanks,	"
H. H. Dixon	High Splint,	"



STATISTICAL TABLE

- (A) Received by baptism
- (B) Restored
- (C) Received by letter
- (D) Dismissed by letter
- (E) Excluded
- (F) Deceased
- (G) Membership
- (H) Meeting time
- (I) Contributions

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Carr's Fork	W.T. Francis, W.M. Hale,	0	1	1	1	0	0	130	4	\$7.47
	Sam Mullins, S.R. Blair.	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	3	3.55
Poor Fork	W.M. Scott, W.M. Hogg.	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	3	3.55
Big Cowan	D.M. Maggard, F.G. Fields	0	0	0	0	2	4	110	4	3.40
	Isaac Fields W.E. Brown	0	0	0	0	2	4	110	4	3.40
Clear Creek	J.F. Combs Bill Richie	0	0	0	0	1	1	60	3	5.00
	E.B. Richie Marion Richie	0	0	0	0	1	1	60	3	5.00
Oven Fork	Chas. Blair J.M. Stidham	0	0	0	0	0	1	104	2	4.80
	Joe McKnight P.H. Wells	0	0	0	0	0	1	104	2	4.80
Mallet Fork	Robert Sexton	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3	3.00
	Press Caudill	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3	3.00
Big Leather-wood	L.C. Riddle D.B. Cornett	2	1	0	0	1	0	47	2	5.65
	A.F. Logan	2	1	0	0	1	0	47	2	5.65
Indian Bottom	J.T. Whitaker G.M. Caudill	6	0	2	0	0	1	84	1	4.40
	J.H. Brown F.F. Sumner	6	0	2	0	0	1	84	1	4.40
Clover Fork	Preston Eldridge G.C. Grace	4	0	0	0	0	4	41	1	4.00
	Ira McKnight H.H. Dixon	4	0	0	0	0	4	41	1	4.00
Little Zion	Ira Combs Ben Stacy	3	0	0	0	0	0	68	1	3.87
	J.E. Cornett	3	0	0	0	0	0	68	1	3.87
New Home	Jno P. Slone Mose Everige	1	0	0	2	0	0	67	2	6.00
Harrican Gap	P.H. Whitaker	0	0	0	0	0	2	36	3	3.05
	W.G. Caudill B.F. Holbrook	0	0	0	0	0	2	36	3	3.05
Sand Lick	L.R. Hale	0	0	3	1	0	0	36	3	5.00
	W.G. Combs J.J. Mullins	0	0	3	1	0	0	36	3	5.00
Little Dove	Nathaniel Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	3	6.00
	Sam Combs	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	3	6.00
Doty Creek	Lee Adams J.P. Back	0	0	0	1	0	0	41	2	7.00
	Geo B. Ison Esquire Watts	0	0	0	1	0	0	41	2	7.00
Cedar Grove	Hiram Campbell Henry Caudill	0	1	0	1	0	0	35	3	2.65
Little Home	George Hagans John Combs	2	0	0	0	0	1	35	1	4.40
Conway	Ira Combs (Alternate)	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	1.50
Powel	W.G. Combs (Alternate)	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	4	2.00
		19	3	6	6	4	17	1058		\$82.74

DECEASED MEMBERS

Carr's Fork

(Three)

Millie Adams

Big Cowan

Steven Hogg M.C. Fields
Jim Boggs, Rebecca Miles

Oven Fork

Elihu Boggs

Indian Bottom

Minnie Niece

Clover Fork

F.J. Creech, H.C.T. Bailey
Fannie Clark, Nancy Kelley

New Home

Jennie More

Harrican Gap

Elizabeth Holcomb, Susan Cornett

Little Home

(One)