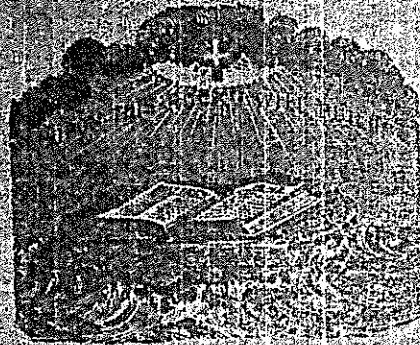


PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
Thirtieth Session
 OF THE
Indian Bottom Association
 OF
Old Regular Baptist Faith and Order



CONVENED WITH
Indian Bottom Church
 BLACKKEY, LETCHER COUNTY, KY.
 SEPTEMBER 4-5-6, A. D., 1925

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTISTS

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ met with the Indian Bottom Church, Blackey, Letcher County, Ky., September 4-5-6, 1925, and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Eld. W. R. Boggs the introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Ira Combs, from Rom. 8:1, "There is therefore no condemnation," etc.

After a short intermission the delegates assembled at the Presbyterian College building, and after prayer by Eld. W. G. Combs 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 read and delegates seated as shown in the table of statistics.

2 The Association then organized by electing Eld. D. M. Maggard Moderator, Eld. Ira Combs, Asst. Moderator, W. G. Combs Clerk, Geo. B. Ison, Asst. 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 Harrison Stanley, J. C. Swindel, Ira Mullins, G. B. Adams, B. H. Baker and Bros. A. P. Potter, N. R. Webb. 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 with letter by the hands of her delegates, Eld. E. M. Moore, F. A. Hopkins, who were given the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us and aided us in counsel.

6 Called for transient ministers and members of the same faith and order and received Brethren M. M. McIntosh, Tom Stout, Dave Caudill, J. D. Caudill, C. W. Richardson, Marion Caudill, J. J. Watts, and G. C. Crase.

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 Indian Bottom Church, who reported as follows: First G. C. Riddle, second B. H. Baker, third E. M. Moore, fourth G. B. Adams, fifth Ira Mullins.

9 Appointed the Clerk and Asst. Clerk to write the corresponding letters to Union and New Salem Associations.

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 tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

MINUTES INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 5, 1925.

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing by the delegates and prayer by Eld. Ira Combs, the Association then proceeded to business in the following manner:

- 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 in the table of statistics amounting to \$90.48, which was turned over to W. G. Combs, Treas.
- 6 Appointed the same committee on ministry as of yesterday, who reported the following ministers to preach on the stand for Sunday: First, W. R. Boggs, second J. C. Swindel, third D. M. Maggard, fourth Ira Combs.
- 7 Called on Secretary and Treasurer to report, who reported as follows: The present Treasurer being sic failed to report and the Association appointed Eld. W. G. Combs as Secretary and Treasurer and to superintend the printing of the 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.
- 8 On motion it is ordered that Eld. W. G. Combs, Treas., make settlement with W. T. Francis, former Treasurer, and that said Francis turn over whatever amount of the Association's funds that he may have left in his hands to the present Treasurer, Eld. W. G. Combs.
- 9 Called on brethren appointed to write letters to sister Associations. The letter to the Union Association was read, received, and appointed Elds. Ira Combs, Geo. B. Ison, W. M. Scott, W. G. Combs, J. T. Whitaker, Ben Adams, and Brethren W. G. Caudill, Dave Boggs, James Caudill, Isaac Mitchell, and E. H. Steadham to attend the same. Letter in hands of Ira Combs.
The letter to the New Salem Association was read, received, and appointed Elders Harrison Boggs, Boone Cornett, J. T. Whitaker, Brethren Dave Caudill, Isaac Mitchell, C. W. Richardson and S. R. Blair to attend same. Letter in hands of Eld. Boone Cornett.
- 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: Doty Creek Church, second Saturday and Sunday in June 1926, Elds. Ira Combs, D. M. Maggard to attend same. Hurricane Gap Church, second Saturday and Sunday in July 1926, Elds. G. B. Ison, J. T. Whitaker, B. H. Baker, W. M. Scott to attend same.

Indian Bottom Church, first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1926, Elders W. G. Combs, F. G. Fields, Harrison Boggs and Bill Scott to attend same.

Big Leatherwood Church, second Saturday and Sunday in August 1926 Elds. G. B. Ison, W. G. Combs, Ira Combs to attend same.

Little Dove Church, third Saturday and Sunday in August 1926, Elds. J. T. Whitaker, G. M. Caudill, Geo. B. Ison, W. T. Francis to attend same.

Cedar Grove Church, Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August 1926 Elds. W. G. Combs, Harrison Boggs, Boone Cornett to attend same.

12 Took up the matter in regard to the Mallet Fork Church and the Brethren appointed last year to investigate their order and records now report that they advised the Church to send her records to the Association by her delegates for investigation and advice, upon examination, the Indian Bottom Association as an advisory counsel say to the Mallet Fork Church to correct and make the proper record as to the charges against Bro. Preston Caudill. Also say to them to make an acknowledgement to the Carrs Fork Church Brethren that was seated with them and then unseated; And for failing to recognize the work of the Carrs Fork Church, and we advise that the Mallet Fork Church proceed no further with the ordination of Bro. Noah Reynolds until the above orders are complied with and the church is set in order and approved by the Association.

13 Took up the matter of the Cedar Grove Church and the Brethren appointed to go and investigate reported that all the differences were satisfactorily settled.

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 and Constitution and Form of Church Letter be printed in our minutes.

3--Resolved, that this Association pay actual expenses, such as railroad fare and hotel bills of the delegates of this Association who attend our sister associations and the treasurer, W. G. Combs, is hereby authorized to pay the same and take credit in his next report.

4--Resolved, that the delegates of the Association not leave the Association until the final close.

5--Resolved, that we print in our minutes the obituaries of our deceased members and that the same be furnished the Secretary during the session of the Association.

6--Resolved, that our next Association be held with the Big Cowan Church, Lee, (station) Letcher county, Ky.; to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1926; and that Eld. D. M. Maggard preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. G. CoCombs be his alternate.

7--Resolved, that the Association give her compliments to the

Presbyterian Church and citizens in and around Blackey for their kindness and good treatment during this session of Association.

8—On motion and second this Association adjourned until the time and place of our next Association.

Eld. D. M. Maggard, Moderator; Eld. Ira Combs, Asst. Mod.
Eld. W. G. Combs, Clerk; Eld. G. B. Ison, Asst. Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 6, 1925.

The Brethren appointed to preach on the stand for Sunday met a large and well ordered congregation and preached as follows: 1. W. R. Boggs to open; 2 Eld. J. C. Swindel preached from Sol. 8:8, "We have a little sister," etc.; 3 Eld. D.M. Maggard preached from End Cor. 5:11, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord," etc; 4, Eld. Ira Combs preached from Prov. 31:14 "She is like the merchants' ships," etc.

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 passed into history. 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 debarred 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 th churches in the Union.
- 5 The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decum.
- 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 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 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 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 preceding 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 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 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 no 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.

DECEASED MEMBERS

- Carrs Fork—Nancy Jane Amburgey, Malinda Madden.
- Big Cowan—Nancy Day, Susie Blair, Sally Day.
- Indian Bottom—Mary Ison, David Back.
- Little Dove—Jessie Combs.
- Doty Creek—Sarah Adams.

CHURCH LETTER FORM

Date..... We, the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, now in session at the.....Church,.....County, Ky., send greeting, our Christian Love and Salutation, to the Minister 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 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:.....

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 10.....

restored 1..... dismissed by letter 2..... excluded 4..... died

10....., total number at present 99 contribution to minute

fund sent \$..... *received letter 4* done and signed by the order of the Church.

Elder Moderator.

..... Church Clerk.

CHURCHES, CLERK'S NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Carrs 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. Steadham, Eolia, Ky.
Mallet Fork	Thomas Caudill, Pinetop, Ky.
Big Leatherwood	A. F. Logan, Cornettsville, Ky.
Indian Bottom	W. B. Caudill, Blackey, Ky.
Little Zion	J. E. Cornett, Lothair, Ky.
New Home	N. T. Maggard, Hindman, Ky.
Hurricane Gap	H. C. Frazier, Gordon, Ky.
Sand Lick	W. G. Caudill, Whitesburg, Ky.
Little Dove	Samuel Comb.s, Sassafras, Ky.
Doty Creek	W. G. Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.
Conway	J. P. Callahan, Conway, Ky.
Cedar Grove	Esquire Watts, Hallie, Ky.
Little Home	James Hagans, Cody, Ky.
Powell Church	J. A. Boggs, Eubanks, Ky.
Clover Fork	H. H. Dixon, High Splint, Ky.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. M. MAGGARD	PARTRIDGE, KY.
IRA COMBS	JEFF, KY.
CHAS. BLAIR	BENHAM, KY.
W. R. BOGGS	CONWAY, KY.
W. G. COMBS	SASSAFRAS, KY.
W. C. MULLINS	WAYNESBURG, KY.
W. M. SCOTT	POOR FORK, KY.
G. B. ISON	DEFEATED CREEK, KY.
J. T. WHITAKER	BLACKKEY, KY.
G. M. CAUDILL	BLACKKEY, KY.
W. T. FRANCIS	HINDMAN, KY.
WM. N. RICE	CONWAY, KY.
N. T. MAGGARD	HINDMAN, KY.
IRA McKNIGHT	HIGH SPLINT, KY.
G. C. RIDDLE	HURRICANE GAP, KY.
GEORGE HAGANS	VICCO, KY.
F. G. FIELDS	KINGS CREEK, KY.
JOE HAGANS	RED FOX, KY.
L. C. RIDDLE	CORNETTSVILLE, KY.
BOONE CORNETT	CORNETTSVILLE, KY.
DAVID ADAMS	TILLIE, KY.
ENOCH BLAIR	LONDON, KY.
F. F. SUMNER	BLACKKEY, KY.
HARRISON BOGGS	ROXANA, KY.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES	Rec. by Bap.....	Restored	Rec. by letter	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Meeting time	Contribution
Carrs Fork—S R Blair, Sam Mullins.....	1	4	0	3	2	2	128	4	\$6.10
Poor Fork—W C Hogg, W M Scott, Gid Hogg	1	0	0	0	0	0	57	3	5.90
Big Cowan—D M Maggard F G Fields W E Brown, Ben Adams, Harri- son Boggs	2	1	0	0	0	3	110	4	4.00
Clear Creek—Jno. Combs, Dave Kelley Oven Fork—W R Boggs, Jas. Caudill, David P. Boggs	7	0	2	0	1	2	77	3	3.70
Mallet Fork—Hardn Slone, Thomas Caudill	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	3	2.50
Big Leatherwood—Boone Cornett, A. F. Logan, Lige Cornett, Henry Pratt	0	1	0	0	1	1	46	2	5.75
Indian Bottom—J T Whitaker, G C Riddle, G M Caudill, J H Brown, Jeptha Watts, Jno Caudill, Silas Caudill, Lewis Caudill	16	0	5	2	1	2	100	1	6.29
Clover Fork—R L Baker Iva McKnight Little Zion—Ira Combs, J E Cornett, W M Wells	0	0	0	0	1	0	66	1	6.30
New Home—Jaspe, Pratt, Morgan Slone	0	0	0	3	0	0	61	2	6.00
Hurricane Gap—Kelly Ison, P H Whit- aker, John Fields	2	0	0	0	1	0	37	3	4.60
Sand Lick—W G Caudill, L.R.Hale JH Collins, E A Craft, A C Craft.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	3	6.05
Little Dove—W G Combs, Sam Combs, Jno Combs, Nathan Smith	9	0	0	1	4	1	45	3	8.00
Doty Creek—W G Caudill, Lee Adams, W Hampton, Jno. Caudill, G. B. Ison, Esquire Watts	3	0	2	1	0	1	47	2	5.75
Cedar Grove—Hiram Campbell, Bill Caudill	0	1	0	2	1	1	33	4	3.70
Little Home—Jos. Hagans, Richard Morton	2	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	3.10
Conway—W R Boggs, alternate	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	1.50
Powell—Rec. let & cont. but no deleg.....	5	0	0	1	1	1	32	4	2.59
TOTALS	48	7	9	13	13	15	1093		90.48