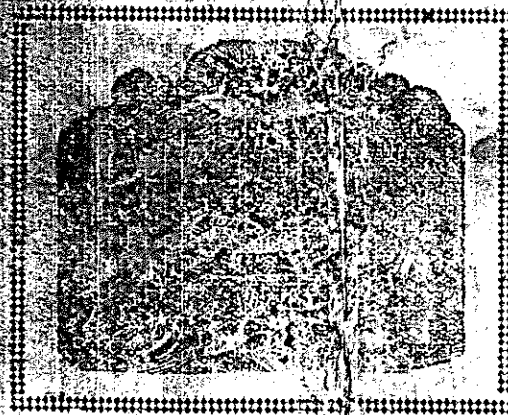


Proceedings  
OF THE  
Thirty-Second Session  
OF  
**Indian Bottom Association**  
OF  
Old Regular Baptist Faith and Order



CONVENED WITH  
**Clear Creek Church**  
FIFTY, KNOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
SEPTEMBER 2-4, 1927

—PROCEEDINGS—

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ met with Clear Creek Church, Fisty, Knott County, Ky., September 2-3-4, 1927, and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Eld. J T Whitaker, the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W G Combs from the 10th chapter and second verse of St. John: "He that entereth in by the door, etc".

After a short intermission the delegates assembled at the church house and after prayer by Eld. Ira Combs, the association proceeded in the following manner:

1 The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that composed the Indian Bottom Association. Letters received and read and delegates seated as shown in table of statistics, except letters from Cars Fork and Indian Bottom churches, which were referred to committee on arrangement, which will be shown in proceedings later.

2 The Association then organized by electing Eld. D. M. Maggard Moderator, Eld. Ira Combs and Eld. W. R. Boggs assistant Moderators and Eld. George B. Ison Clerk.

3 On motion the articles of faith and rules of decorum and constitution were omitted from the reading.

4 Called for newly constituted churches and received one, viz, Liberty Bell, and seated delegates.

5 Called for corresponding letters from sister associations and received the following: Union Association, with file of minutes by the hands of her delegates (by an agreement): Eld. Joe Hall, Eld. Ira Mullins, Eld Willie Bates, who were given the right hand of fellowship and who took seats and aided in counsel; also. New Salem Association was received and seated (by an agreement.) Delegates seated: Eld. Hiram Hall, who took seat also and aided in counsel.

6 Called for transient ministers and members of same faith and order and received Eld. Joe Hall and Eld. W. T. Francis.

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

8 Appointed committee to arrange ministry for Saturday, consisting of one member from each of the churches. With the entire delegation from Clear Creek church, who reported as follows: 1st to open Eld. W. M. Scott; second, W. B. Mullins; third George Hagans; fourth, Hiram Hall; fifth, Ira Mullins

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

10 Appointed a committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegates from each church with the Moderators and Clerks. corresponding transient ministers and invited to arrange the business for tomorrow.

11 On motion the association adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 3, 1927

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing by the delegates and prayer by Eld. W. R. Boggs, 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 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 table of statistic, amounting to \$83.60, which was turned over to Geo. B. Ison, Treasurer
- 6 Appointed the same committee on ministry as of yesterday, who reported the following minister to preach on the stand for Sunday: First, Ira Combs, open; Second, D. M. Maggard; third: Geo B Ison; fourth, Joe Hall; fifth, Ira Mullins.
- 7 Called on present secretary and treasurer to report, who reported \$87.77. \$23.00 printing, \$4 mailing \$10.25 expenses, leaving balance in hands of treasurer of \$5.52 for year 1926, and \$87.69 for 1927, making a total of \$93.12 now on hands. Ordered that 1500 copies of the Association minutes be printed, reserving 200 copies for sister associations and distributing the remainder among the churches in proportion to contributions and so as to give each church enough to supply its members.
- 8 Called on brethren to write letters to sister associations. The letters to Union Association was read, received, and appointed Eld. Cullen Hogg, Eld. W. M. Scott, Eld. G. M. Caudill, Eld. Ira Combs and others to attend
- 9 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.
- 10 Appointed union meetings as follow: Powell Church 4th Saturday and Sunday in July, 1928, Elders George B. Ison, Robert Combs, W. R. Boggs, W. C. Hogg, W. M. Scott and E. H. Hall to attend; Doty Creek Church 2nd Saturday and Sunday in August, Elders Robert Combs, Geo B Ison and G. M. Caudill to attend; Hurricane Gap Church 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June Elders G. M. Caudill, W. C. Hogg and George Haines and George B Ison to attend; Poor Fork Church 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June, Elders G. M. Caudill, George Hagins, H. D. Caudill and F. F. Summer to attend; Cedar Grove Church 4th Saturday and Sunday in August, Elders Ira Combs, L. C. Riddle and G. M. Caudill to attend.
- 11 Took up the item with reference to the Indian Bottom Church and its appearing that there has been a split in this church and two letters and sets of delegates, having been presented to this association and both having been referred to the committee on arrangements, and the committee, after investigation, reported with the recommendation that the D. M. Maggard letter and delegates of said church be received and delegates seated as the true orthodox and orderly Indian Bottom Church, which report was unanimously received and the recommendation adopted by order of this association. The James T. Whitaker letter and delegates were rejected. We therefore, as advisory council say to and advise that the Whitaker party return to Elder Hay

the letter they had attempted to receive from him, he having same from an association not in correspondence with us. We also advise this Whitaker party to go before the Indian Bottom Church and make proper acknowledgements to the church to forgive, each of them making such acknowledgements and restore them to full fellowship of the church, but should this party or any one of them fail to comply with this advice after reasonable time being given them, the church may deal with any of them and exclude them from the fellowship of the church.

12 Took up the item with reference to the Old Carrs Fork Church, the receiving of the letter from this church and the seating of her delegates, having been objected to when presented on Friday the first day of this session of the association, and the same was referred to the committee on arrangements and the committee. after hearing both sides, reported with the recommendation that the letter should be received and the delegates be seated, which on motion was advised this church to rescind the order of this church excluding Eld. W. T. Francis and then to deal with him according to the word of God. It still being insisted upon by Eld. W. T. Francis that this church was in disorder, we appoint Eld. W. R. Boggs, Robert Combs, Geo. B. Ison, G. C. Riddle and Boone Cornett as a committee to meet with this church at the house on the fourth Saturday in Oct, 1927 together with Eld W. T. Francis, to investigate the orders, proceeding and standing of said church as well as the order and standing of said Eld. W. T. Francis and report to this Association at our next session. Whereupon Eld. W. T. Francis withdrew from us as a transient minister, all of which this committee will investigate and report their finding herein at our next association.

13 It being settled and ordered by this association heretofore that the clerk should be paid \$10.00 for his services to this association out of the association's funds.

14 We want to express our sincere thanks to the Clear Creek Church and community for all kindness shown.

15 The Committee on finance, I. N. Lewis, Hendrix Caudill and L. R. Hale, reported \$87.60 cash, and was excused.

16 Our next association will be held at Hurricane Gap Church, Gordon, Letcher county, Kentucky, 1928, beginning on Friday before first Saturday in September.

17 We order that no church has any right to fellowship any member that has been excluded from another church unless reconciliation with the church from which member had been excluded has been made.

18 It is also ordered that no church should preach any one not of our faith and order in our churches at the regular church meeting times.

#### 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 Consitution and Form of Church Letter be printed in our minutes.

3 Resolved that this Association pay actual expenses, such as railroad fare

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and hotel bills of delegates of this Association who attend our sister Associations and the Treasurer G. B. Ison, is hereby authorized to pay same and 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.

6 Resolved that our next Association be held with Hurricane Gap Church Gordon, Ky., on Friday before first Saturday in September, 1928.

7 Resolved, that the Association give her compliments to the Clear Creek Church and the citizens in and around Fisty 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. W. R. Boggs Asst Mod Eld. G. B. Ison, Clerk  
SUNDAY MORNING SEPT. 4, 1927

The Brethren appointed to preach on the stand for Sunday met a large and well ordered crowd and preached as follows: First, Eld. Ira Combs opened (Text: I John 3-1; Behold what manner of love, etc.) second, Eld. D. M. Maggard, 11 Corinthians 5;17: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, etc.); third, Eld. George B. Ison 11 Timothy 4:1-2-3, I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, etc); fourth, Joe Hall, Gen. 9:27, God shall enlarge Joheth and he shall dwell, etc.) fifth, Ira Mullins, Peter 1:6, See that ye love one another, etc.) The preaching was a unity throughout the session of this association.

—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 "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.

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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 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 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, giving 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 which 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 ex-

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cept 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 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 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 any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have not 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 our faith and practice.

3 We believe in the doctrine of original sin and that all 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 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.

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 baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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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 to be 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 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 .....	Lee Combs, Fisty, Ky.
Corn Fork.....	E. H. Steadham, Folia, 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 .....	P. H. Whitaker, Delphia, Ky.
Sandlick, .....	W. G. Caudill, Whitesburg, Ky.
Little Dove .....	Nathan Smith, Sassafras, Ky.
Doty Creek, .....	W. G. Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.
Conway .....	J. P. Callahan, Conway, Ky.
Cedar Grove .....	Squire Watts Hallie, Ky.
Little Home .....	James Hagans, Cody, Ky.
Powell Church .....	J. A. Boggs Eubanks, Ky.
Clover Fork .....	H. H. Dixon, High Splint, Ky.
Providence .....	Maggie Blair, Dripping Springs, Ky.
Liberty Bell .....	Marion Richie, Alice, Ky.



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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 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 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, towit:

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 and signed by the order of the Church.

Elder ..... Moderator

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.
WILLIAM 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.
L. C. RIDDLE ..... CORNETTSVILLE, KY.
JOE HAGANS ..... RED FOX, KY.
BOONE CORNETT ..... CORNETTSVILLE, KY.
DAVID ADAMS ..... TILLIE, KY.
ENOCH BLAIR ..... LONDON, KY.
F. F. SUMNER ..... BLACKKEY, KY.
HARRISON BOGGS ..... ROXANA, KY.
MARION RICHIE ..... ALICE, KY.

