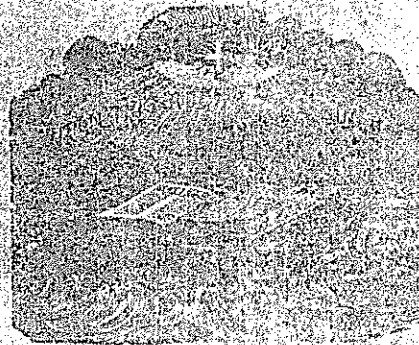


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Thirty-Fourth Session
OF
Indian Bottom Association
OF
Old Regular Baptist Faith and Order



CONVENED WITH
DOTY CREEK CHURCH

Jeremiah, Letcher County, Kentucky

September 6, 7, 8, 1929

1 PROCEEDINGS INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist churches of Jesus Christ met with the Doty Creek Church, Jeremiah, Letcher County, Kentucky, September 6, 7, and 8, 1929. After meeting at the church house after September 6, and after singing by Eld. Robert Combs, the introductory sermon was preached by W.R. Boggs; text, Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Let us hear the whole," and also 14, "For God shall, etc." The delegates and most of the people remained at the house and the delegation was called to order by Eld. W. R. Boggs, assistant moderator, and the association proceeded in the following manner:

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that composed the Indian Bottom Association. Letters were received and read, and delegates seated as shown in table of statistics, except Little Dove letter, which was referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association then organized by electing the old officers, to-wit: Elder D. M. Maggard, Moderator, Elder W. R. Boggs, assistant Moderator, Elder Geo. B. Ison, Clerk, Elder Hendrix Caudill, assistant Clerk.

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

4. Called for newly constituted churches and received none.

5. Called for corresponding letters from sister associations, and received the following:

(a) Union Association with file of minutes at the hands of her delegates, Elder Joe Hall, Elder T. R. Collier, who took seats with us and aided us in council. (b) New Salem Association with file of minutes at the hands of her delegates, Elder F. A. Hopkins, Elder Hiram Hall, who was also given the right hand of fellowship, and took seats and aided us.

6. Called for transient ministers and members and received none.

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

8. Appointed committee on arrange ministers for Saturday, consisting of one member from each of the churches with the entire delegation from the Doty Creek church, who reported as follows: 1st open Elder G. C. Riddle, 2nd Hiram Hall, 3rd W. M. Scott, 4th T. R. Collier, 5th F. A. Hopkins.

9. Appointed the clerk and the assistant clerk to write the corresponding letters to the sister association.

10. Appointed a committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each church with the Moderator and clerk and corresponding transient ministers to arrange the business for tomorrow.

11. On motion, the Association adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock, slow time.

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SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 7, 1929

Met pursuant to the adjournment at the school house, and after singing by the delegates and prayer by Elder George Hagans, 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 to transient ministers and members and received Elder Jim Caudill, Brother Lewis Caudill and Brother G. C. Crase.

4. On motion, ministers on stand for today were excused.

5. Appointed a committee on finance, who received the contributions from the churches as shown in table of statistics, amounting to \$106.07.

6. Appointed the same committee, ministering as of yesterday, who reported the following ministers to preach on the stand for Sunday: 1st Elder Harrison Boggs, 2nd Elder Geo. Hagans, 3rd Elder D. M. Maggard, 4th Elder W. R. Boggs, 5th J. H. Hall.

7 (a) Called on present secretary and treasurer to report, who reported as follows: \$30.94, for printing \$55.00, clerk \$10.00, expenses \$8.97, leaving a balance of \$6.97 in treasury for year ending 1928.

(b). \$6.97 in treasury plus \$10.07 for 1929, making total of \$13.04. Ordered 1400 copies of Association Minutes be printed, reserving 200 copies for sister associations, and distributing remainder among the churches in proportion to contributions, so as to give each church enough to supply its members.

8. Called on brethren to write letters to sister associations. Letters received read, and the following members appointed to attend them: (a). Union Association, to wit: Elder Geo. B. Ison, Elder Geo. Hagans, Elder Jim Caudill, Brother John Amburgey, Brother Henry Blair, Londen Francis. (b). New Salem Association: Elder G. M. Caudill, Elder David D. Caudill, Brother Henry Whitaker.

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 follows for 1930: 1. Carrs Fork, 4th Saturday in July and Elders Boon Cornett, George Hagans, Geo. B. Ison and G. M. Caudill to attend; 2. Clear Creek, 3rd Saturday in July, Elder Geo. B. Ison, H. D. Caudill, F. F. Sumner to attend; 3rd, Clover Fork, 1st Saturday in July, Elders Geo. B. Ison, Boon Cornett, L. C. Riddle and G. C. Riddle

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to attend; 4th, Little Dove, 3rd Saturday in July, Elders Robert Combs, F. F. Sumner and G. M. Caudill to attend; 5, Indian Bottom, 1st Saturday in May, Elders Robert Combs, Geo. Hagans, G. C. Riddle and Geo. B. Ison; 6th, Big Leatherwood, 2nd Saturday in August, Elders George Hagans, H. D. Caudill, Robert Combs and Geo. B. Ison to attend; 7, Oven Fork, 2nd Saturday in July, Elders Robert Combs and G. C. Riddle to attend; 8, Hurricane Gap, 2nd Saturday in August, Elders H. D. Caudill, Geo. Hagan, Edd Creech to attend; 9, Little Home, 1st Saturday in August, Elders G. M. Caudill, G. C. Riddle, Boone Cornett to attend; 10, Cedar Grove, 4th Saturday in August, Elders Geo. Hagans, G. M. Caudill, H. D. Caudill and Robert Combs to attend.

11. Took up the items with reference to Little Dove, and the committee reports that the association receive that part which stood by the association, which was granted by the association. (b) The Little Zion item was recommended and the Association hereby advises that the church have the member or members rebaptised that have not been baptised by a regular ordained minister who is in full fellowship with the Regular Baptist faith or drop them from the fellowship of said church. (c) we further advise that the church abstain from further seating and fellowshiping with any seceding members or ministers, and get herself in order.

12 Our next association will be held with the Sandlick Church and that Elder G. C. Riddle preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder G. M. Caudill be his alternate.

13. This Association wants to thank the Doty Creek Church and the surrounding country for kindness.

14. On motion this Association adjourned until the time and place of our next association.

15. We advise 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.

16. We also advise that no church should preach anyone not of our faith and order at our regular church meeting time.

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 different churches in our union and duly to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and

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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 letters, restorations, applications, 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, if 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, 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 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. Amendment 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 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 the same, giving the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; inquire into the cause why any church shall have failed to repre-

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sent 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 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, 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 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 no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which 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 one, true and living God, and notwithstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the 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 word of God, and were given by inspiration of God, and there is sufficiency in them contained for our instruction, and they are the only

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rules of our 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.

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 others.

8. We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion, to baptize a person by his 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 that 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 the 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 sin 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.

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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 greetings, our love and salutation to the Ministers and Messengers that may compose the Indian Bottom Association when convened with the ChurchCounty, Ky., to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 19..... and the two following days.

Dear Brethern: We are glad that we can correspond with you, and we have chosen these our beloved berthern to bear this letter to you, to-wit:

Dear Brethern: We are glad that we can correspond with you, and we 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 ment \$..... done and signed by order of the church.

Elder Moderator.

OBITUARY OF ELDER CHARLES BLAIR

It is with unworthy feelings I attempt to write an obituary of Elder Charles Blair.

He was born September 22, 1852, and died March 22, 1929, age 76 years and six months.

He was married to Susanna Maggard while a young man. To this union was born..... boys andgirls. His devoted wife and children survive him. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Oven Fork, July the second Saturday, 1872, and was ordained July the second Saturday, 1889, having manifested and exercised his call to the ministry for many years prior to his ordination. His theme was, "Salvation by grace."

His untiring zeal for the cause of his Master caused him to travel through heat and cold to visit the churches, the sick and the afflicted, even when his own body had become so feeble as to cause him much pain and worry.

Although he is missed by his family, his brethern and his friends generally—his friends being so pleasant—yet I am not uneasy about his future happiness, for I believe his soul is resting in the paradise of God, no more to sorrow, but awaiting the resurrection; when he will go forth with a glorified body, fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body.

—I. N. LEWIS.

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MARY COOK

It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of my dear mother, Mary Cook. She was the daughter of John and Sarah Profitt. She was born July 3, 1865, died April 12, 1928. She was married to Jake Cook, to whom was born eleven children, five living and six dead. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church thirty years ago. She was a dear wife and a loving mother, and a friend to all. The church misses her, and so does her children. We could not keep her any longer, for it was God's will to take her home, where there will be no more sorrow, sickness or pain; where God will wipe away all tears. She said she was ready to die any time, but hated to leave her children, and none of them could tell her that they would meet her. She asked for someone to pray again, but not to pray for her to get well, for she had lived long enough. She said that she had always prayed for God to let her live to see her children grown, and God had answered her prayers. She had often said her troubles would soon be over and all she dreaded was the sting of death. We have no doubt about her, for Christ said, "By their fruits ye shall know them," and she certainly did have fruits of a Christian. May God help us to meet her in that happy heavenly home, where there will be no more parting, sorrow nor pain, where death can never come. A place is vacant in our home which never can be filled.

Written by her baby,

LENA HOLCOMB.

SAMUEL CAUDILL

My dear husband, Sam Caudill, who died July 23, 1929, in the hospital at Hazard, where he underwent an operation. He had been ailing for several years from stomach trouble. He told me several times that if it was not for leaving his family, he would be proud how quick his time would come. He joined the Indian Bottom Church of Regular Baptists in June, 1915, where he lived a faithful member more than fourteen years. He leaves six children and myself to mourn his loss. I have a hope and belief that our loss is his eternal gain. Our home is sad and lonely without him. He told me as we went to Hazard that anyone did not know what real love is until they had to part, but he said that we cannot always stay together. I have a hope when I leave this world of trouble, that I will meet him where we will never have to part.

Written by his wife,

MRS. SAM CAUDILL.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Cedar Grove, Elizabeth Campbell, Jesse Ison.
Hurricane Gap, Dicy Fields.
Carrs Fork, Napoleon Mullins
Big Cowan, Annie Ison, Vina Cornett.
Indian Bottom William B. Caudill, Phoebe Ison, Samuel Caudill.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

D. M. Maggard	Partridge, Ky.
Ira Combs	Jeff, Ky.
W. R. Boggs,	Conway, Ky.
W. C. Mullins	Waynesburg, Ky.
W. M. Scott	Poor Fork, Ky.
George B. Ison	Skyline, Ky.
C. M. Caudill	Blackey, Ky.
William N. itice	Conway, Ky.
N. T. Maggard	Hindman, Ky.
Ira McKnight	High Splint, Ky.
G. C. Riddle	Hurricane Gap, Ky.
George Hagans	Vico, Ky.
F. G. Fields	Kings Creek, Ky.
L. C. Riddle	Hurricane Gap, Ky.
Joe Hagans	Red Fox, Ky.
Boone Cornett	Cornettsville, Ky.
Ben Adams	Mayking, Ky.
Enoch Blair	Poor Fork, Ky.
F. F. Sumner	Blackey, Ky.
Harrison Boggs	Roxana, Ky.
Marion Richie	Alice, Ky.
Robert Combs	Carrie, Ky.
David Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
H. D. Caudill	Gander, Ky.
W. C. Hogg	Cumberland, Ky.
Tip Cornett	Cumberland, Ky.
E. W. Creech	Chad, Ky.

CHURCHES, CLERKS, NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Carrs Fork	Henry Blair, Pinetop, Ky.
Poor Fork	Cullen Hogg, Poor Fork, Ky.
Big Cowan	W. E. Brown, Ice, Ky.
Clear Creek	Lee Combs, Fisty, Ky.
Oven Fork	I. N. Lewis, Whitesburg, Ky.
Big Leatherwood	A. F. Logan, Cornettsville, Ky.
Indian Bottom	H. D. Caudill, Gander, Ky.
Hurricane Gap	P. H. Whitaker, Delphia, Ky.
Sandlick	W. G. Caudill, Whitesburg, Ky.
Doty Creek	Oscar Back, 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, Eubank, Ky.
Clover Fork	H. H. Dixon, High Splint, Ky.
Providence	Mrs. J. W. Creech, Clay Co.
Liberty Bell	Marion Richie, Alice, Ky.

Table of Statistics

	Contributions	Meet. Time	Member	Deceased	Excluded	Dis. by Letter	Recd. by Letter.	Restored	Recd. by Bap.
Clarris Fork—W. M. Hale, Henry Blair, W. M. Smith C. W. Richards.	4\$311.35	1	109	7	1	0	0	0	0
Poor Fork—Hiram Fields, Caleb Creech, Wilson Eldridge, Eld. W.M. Scott	31.00	1	73	0	0	1	0	0	11
Big Cowan—D. M. Maggard, Harrison Boggs, W. E. Brown, Geo. Ison.	10.00	4	100	2	2	0	0	0	1
Clear Creek—Marion Richie, W. M. Richie, Andy Patrick.	3.10	3	81	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oventonk—W. R. Boggs, I. N. Lewis, John Jenkins, P. H. Wells.	4.50	2	94	3	1	6	0	0	3
Mallet Fork— not represented.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Big Leatherwood—D. B. Cornett, A. F. Logan.	5.10	2	45	2	0	0	0	0	0
Indian Bottom—F.F. Sumner, W. M. Caudill, H.D. Caudill Preson Eldridge.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thos. Fields.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Little Zion—J. E. Cornett, Noah Couch, W. M. Wells, S. C. Cornett.	6.50	1	68	3	1	2	1	0	1
New Home—W. M. Richie, John Owens, John P. Stone.	2.00	1	70	2	0	0	1	0	0
Hurricane Gap—G. C. Riddle, Kelly Ison, Sam P. Fields.	4.00	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sandlick—A. C. Craft, Ben Franklin, L. R. Hale, David Caudill.	3.81	2	39	2	2	0	0	3	0
Little Dove—John Amburgey, Frank Morton, Jordan Ashley.	5.03	3	33	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dety Creek—Willie Ralegh, Astor Back, Henry Whitaker Stephen Adams, David Caudill.	4.75	3	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conway—W. R. Boggs.	10.00	2	34	0	1	0	1	0	1
Cedar Grove—Geo. B. Ison, Hardin Griffith, John Eldridge, Johnnie Whitaker, Esquire Watts.	1.50	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Home—George Hagens, Joseph Hagens, London Francis, Richard Morton, Riley Fields, A. J. Williams.	6.00	4	27	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lawel—W. H. Vanover.	6.00	1	37	2	0	0	0	0	2
Cllover Fork—J. H. Brewer.	2.25	0	42	2	0	0	2	0	5
Providence — Alex Ison.	5.20	1	56	0	0	0	0	0	3
Liberty Bell—David Kelly.	4.00	3	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7.25	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	2