

MINUTES OF THE  
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION  
REGULAR BAPTISTS OF  
JESUS CHRIST

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Fiftieth Annual Session



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HELD WITH THE  
LITTLE ZION CHURCH  
Jeff, Perry County, Kentucky

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August 31st and September 1, 2, 1945.



## PROCEEDINGS

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ assembled with the Little Zion Church, Jeff, Perry County, Kentucky, Friday, Aug. 31, 1945. Met under a large Elm tree near the Church house.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Sam Combs, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Caleb Creech from Hebrews 13:1. Let brotherly love continue. Then the delegates returned to the Church house. After some brief remarks by Elder E. V. Hopkins, singing by the delegates and prayer by Elder F. A. Hopkins, proceeded to business as follows:

1. The house was called to order by the Moderator, who then called for the letters from the several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

The Clerk, (Elder H. D. Caudill) was not present, as it was necessary that he be in the hospital with his son, who was seriously injured in an accident in the mines. So the letters were handed in to the Assistant Clerk (Brother Dawson Dixon). By move and second one letter was read by the Assistant Clerk, then all were received and delegates seated as shown in the table of statistics.

2. The Association then organized by electing Elder G. M. Caudill, Moderator; Elder Caleb Creech, Assistant Moderator; Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk; and Elder Kirby Ison, Assistant Clerk.

3. On motion, the reading of our Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution was omitted.

4. Called for newly constituted churches and received none.

5. Called for letters from sister associations and received one from the Union Association by the hands of her delegates to wit: T. G. Bates, B. H. Baker, John Hess, Harrison Stanley, Ted Swindall, W. S. Akers, Alex Rakes, Willie Bates and W. F. Hubbard. Also one from New Salem Association by the hands of her delegates to wit: Jerry Hall, F. A. Hopkins, M. C. Wright, E. V. Hopkins, Billy Moore, Alex Coburn, J. B. Hamilton, Sam Justice, Jarvey Vance, A. J. Tackett and Felix Scott, with file of minutes from each association.

6. Called for transient ministers and members and received Elders Charlie Cornett, F. F. Sumner, Wm. B. Smith, Bros. Noah Couch, Shilo Combs, George Gibson, W. D. Bryan 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 on ministry consisting of one delegate from each Church together with the entire delegation from the Little Zion Church to wit: Henry Blair, Manis Ison, Dan Day, Francis Owen, Riley Fouts, J. W. Pratt, Silas Caudill, Willie Fields, Troy Shepherd, A. C. Craft, John Back, V. T. Caudill, Squire Watts, L. D. Francis, Charles Baldrige, Willie Mullins, James Whitaker, James Fields, Milton Napier, Grover Patrick, Charlie Gibson, Troy Engle, Nathaniel Young, Hiram Amburgey, Millard Seals, Cleveland Fields, James Caudill, Baxter Bolling, Boyd Cornett, Sam Combs, Mason Whitaker.

9. Appointed same committee on arrangements as on ministry except just one delegate from the Little Zion Church.

10. On motion Bro. Dawson Dixon and Elder Kirby Ison were chosen to write corresponding letters to our sister associations, The Union and New Salem.

1. Called on the committee on Ministry to report who reported the following ministers to be on the stand Saturday:

1. W. F. Hubbard; 2. E. V. Hopkins; 3. Jerry Hall; 4. F. A. Hopkins.

12. On motion the association adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

### **Saturday Morning, September 1, 1945**

Met pursuant to adjournment, after singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Dan Gibson the association proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Called for transient ministers and members but received none.
3. Ministers chosen to be on the stand were excused.
4. Called the committee on arrangements which by motion was discharged.

5. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Brothers Mason Whitaker, James Whitaker and Elder Sam Combs who reported the sum of \$183.80, contributed by the several churches. The former clerk, Eld. H. D. Caudill, turned in to the association a balance of \$22.74 making a total of \$206.54. By move and second Brother Dawson Dixon was appointed treasurer and authorized to superintend the printing of 3000 minutes and reserve 200 copies for each of our corresponding associations; the Union and New Salem. By move and second the Association authorized that the clerk receive a fee of \$35.00 for his service.



6. Appointed same committee on Ministry as of yesterday whose report was as follows: 1. Dewey Sexton; 2. Cullen Hogg; 3. Ballard Baker; 4. G. M. Caudill.

7. Letters to the sister associations were read, received and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

To the Union, Elders Kirby Ison, Caleb Creech, L. D. Francis, F. F. Sumner, Dixie Ison and George Hagans. To the New Salem: Elders Nelson Seals, Kirby Ison, Caleb Creech, G. M. Caudill, Alva Caudill, Cullen Hogg, Dan Gibson and Howard Caudill.

8. Called on brethren who were to attend Union meetings to report. They reported and those who failed to attend were excused.

9. Called on Treasurer to report, whose report was as follows:

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1944 .....	\$ 11.59
Contributed by the several churches .....	167.00
Contributed by people at association .....	20.15

TOTAL RECEIPTS .....\$198.74

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEARS 1944-45:

Sept. 19, 1944, L. D. Francis to New Salem .....	\$ 3.00
Sept. 19, 1944, L. D. Francis to Union .....	2.00
Sept. 29, 1944, Joe Hagans to New Salem .....	3.00
Dec. 6, 1944, Mountain Eagle, printing Minutes.....	125.00
Jan. 16, 1945, Mountain Eagle, Mailing Minutes .....	8.00
Clerk's Fee .....	35.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....\$176.00

Balance in hands of Treasurer.....\$22.74.

10. Appointed Union Meetings as shown under that heading.

11. Called on Elders L. D. Francis who was appointed last year to write a circular letter; to report. He reported and the letter was read and received by the Association to be printed in our minutes.

12. On motion Elder C. C. Bates was appointed to write a Circular letter for the 1946 session of this association.

13. On motion it was agreed that our next association will be held with the Big Cowan Church, Day, Letcher County, Kentucky. To commence on Friday, before the first Saturday in September, 1946 and continue the two following days.

14. On motion Elder D. R. Caudill was appointed to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Riley Fouts to be his alternate.



15. On motion the association was closed by prayer by Elder George Hagans and adjourned to the time and place of our next association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER G. M. CAUDILL, Moderator.

ELDER CALEB CREECH, Assistant Moderator.

BROTHER DAWSON DIXON, Clerk.

ELDER KIRBY ISON, Assistant Clerk.

### **Sunday Morning, September 2, 1945**

The brethren to preach to the congregation at the stand for Sunday, met a large and well ordered congregation and preached as follows: 1. Elder Dixie Ison who took the place of Elder Dewey Sexton as he was not present. 2. Elder Cullen Hogg, text: "Revelation 20:6, Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection., etc.

3. Elder G. M. Caudill, text: St. John 14:1. Let not your hearts be troubled, etc.

The brethren on the stand were well pleased to preach the gospel of God's Kingdom. We feel that God's little children feasted on the holy manna that comes down out of heaven And poor sinners were informed of their lost condition. This association wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Jeff and the surrounding community for the hospitality which was shown us during this session of our association. We feel sure they will receive two-fold blessings for their loving kindness and painstaking care for us.

So let us pray that peace and love may continue with us and that God's holy spirit will guide us into the paths of righteousness.

Thus passes the fiftieth annual session of the Indian Bottom Association amid much rejoicing and praising the Lord.

—DAWSON DIXON, Clerk.

### **UNION MEETINGS**

JUNE, 1946

NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday; Ministers, Elders Elam Hale, Howard Caudill, Nelson Seals and Alva Caudill.

DRY FORK CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday. Ministers: Elders Wesley Caudill, W. R. Crase and Dan Noble.

MEADOW FORK — Second Saturday and Sunday, Min-



isters: Elders Willie Madden and George Hagans.

LITTLE DANIEL — Second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers: Elders Dan Gibson, Kirby Ison and George Hagans.

CLEAR CREEK—Third Saturday and Sunday; Ministers, Elders Dan Noble, Sam Combs, Harrison Williams and George Centers.

LITTLE DOVE—Third Saturday and Sunday; Ministers Elders George Hagans, James Pratt, Willard Akers and Cullen Hogg.

MALLET FORK—Third Saturday and Sunday; Ministers, Elders Dan Day, Sam Combs, Charlie Cornett and E. V. Hopkins.

POOR FORK CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday; Ministers: Elders D. R. Caudill, Dan Gibson, G. M. Caudill and Dan Day.

CARRS FORK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday; Ministers, Elders Frank Hopkins, Calem Creech and Cullen Hogg.  
JULY, 1946.

NEW HOME CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday; Ministers, Elam Hale, George Hagans, London Francis and Joe Hagans.

INGRAMS CREEK CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday; Ministers: Elders W. S. Akers, and W. C. Hogg.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Second Saturday and Sunday; Ministers Elders Cullen Hogg, L. D. Francis, George Hagans and Beckham Fields.

LITTLE ZION—Second Saturday and Sunday; Ministers: Elders Beckham Fields and Kirby Ison.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday; Ministers: Elders Sam Combs, Alex Coburn, Dewey Sexton, Caleb Creech and Henry Blair.

HOOVER HILL—Third Saturday and Sunday; Ministers: Elders Caleb Crech, Willie Madden and L. D. Francis.

SANDLICK—Third Saturday and Sunday; Ministers: Elders D. R. Caudill, Dan Gibson and Caleb Creech.

POWELL CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers: Elders E. V. Hopkins, Crit Eldridge, G. M. Caudill, Jerry Hall and Caleb Creech.



REYNOLDS FORK CHURCH — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers: Elders Kirby Ison, Charlie Cornett, Beckham Fields and Crit Eldridge.  
AUGUST, 1946.

CONWAY CHURCH — Second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers: Elders Caleb Creech, G. M. Caudill and H. D. Caudill.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers: Elders George Hagans, James Pratt, G. M. Caudill and Kirby Ison.

### CIRCULAR LETTER

It is with much weakness and unworthy feelings I will attempt to write a circular letter for the Association to consider whether it should be published in our 1945 Association Minutes or not.

First I shall say that Christ said to His Disciples: Greater love hath no man than this, than a man lay down his life for his friends. He says ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Again Christ says: If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's Commandments and abided in his love. And he said, This is my Commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you. Again in His address to them He said: Little children love one another for by this shall all men know that ye are my Disciples, if ye have love one for another. Love is the greatest thing to rule in any association church or home.

Fathers and mothers love their children. But God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son into the world that whosoever believeth on him should not perish; But should have everlasting life. Brethren I see the like of love being manifested toward one another as it ought to be giving space for strife and mallice to creep in. Dear beloved brethren if we were all sinners and God manifested His love toward us by sending His only begotten Son that through him we might have life; then we should love one another not in word but in deed. Perfect love casts out all fear. The Apostle John says: He that loveth his brother, abideth in the light and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness and walketh in darkness and knoweth not whether he goeth because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. The last chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews, Verse 1, says: Let brotherly love continue. Verse



2 says: Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. May the love of God reign in our hearts to be more loving and kind toward each other than ever before; and not to forget to entertain our strange brethrens according to the flesh but being not strangers in spirit.

All being born of love, for God is love. Begotten of our father God and born of our spiritual mother Jerusalem above bringing us into one spiritual family of God. So let's work and live together in love and in peace.

May the love of God rule or reign in the old Indian Bottom Association together with our sisters, the New Salem and the Union Associations. May God's blessings rest upon your lots now and forever.

I will close by saying, your unworthy brother,  
ELDER L. D. FRANCIS, Red Fox, Ky.

### 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, 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 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 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 of inability of man 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 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 no others.
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, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

9. We believe that washing of 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 there unto.

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 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 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.

## **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 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 nowise 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 As-



sociation 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 the 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 names of the several members shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association may require.

11. 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.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege 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.

## 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 full number in 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 powers over the churches nor shall they infringe on any of 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 the 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 churches 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 arises.

14. Amendment to this plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they 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 the 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 same, giving 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 to adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

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## OBITUARIES

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### ROSETTA SLONE

Rosetta Slone was born April 6, 1876. Died Nov. 16, 1944.

She was married to John Slone, July 17, 1890. To this union was born 15 children, 7 boys and 8 girls, 4 of which outstripped her in life. (3 girls and 1 boy).

She joined the Elkhorn Church of Old Regular Baptists, April, 1907, and lived in the Elkhorn Church until 1916, when an arm was given from the Elkhorn Church to organize a church near Waynesburg, Ky. The Powell Church was organized in October, 1916 and she remained in it a member in full love and fellowship until her death, but now she is gone. We cannot see her face nor hear her voice any more in this world, but, we hope that it may be our happy lot to meet her in heaven, where there will be no afflictions, sorrow, grief nor sad separation.

Her husband,

—JOHN SLONE.

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### W. R. ADAMS

It was late September when summer was beginning to fade and the shadows were lengthening that the Death Angel entered our home and took away our darling daddy and winged its way to that beautiful country where men never grow old or weary.

And only those that have experienced it know how lonesome we feel and how we long to see his dear face and hear his voice again. But rest on, dear daddy, rest on up there by the river of life and walk those beautiful golden streets and by the grace of God we will meet you and there will be no more tearful partings.

Dad came to live on the earth in the spring time, March 19, 1884, and lived a respectful life, loved by all who knew him. And how he loved his children and his home.

By his walk and conversations we have every reason to believe that in the last years of his life he walked humbly with his God. And I feel confident that he fell asleep in



Jesus.

In his early manhood he took for his companion along life's way, Janey Profitt. Faithful and true they lived together until death separated them. To this union was born seven children, six are still living.

Late in the fall, September 23, 1944, at 11:45 o'clock, in the Fleming Hospital, where he was suffering from hardening of the arteries, after sixty years of honest toil, trials, and temptations, had quietly folded his tired hands and slipped away into the great beyond to ever dwell where Jesus is.

Now Mother, children, Uncle Green and Aunt Hattie, his only sister and brother, if you want to live with dad again, learn to know Jesus here on earth, for only through him can we ever hope to reach that beautiful city that lieth four square, that city that is more beautiful than any words of mine can ever describe.

Written by his Daughter.

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**WILL SMITH**

With a Sad heart I will try to write a short sketch of my dear husband. W. M. Smith was born Oct. 11th, 1861, lived to be 82 years and 28 days. I was William Amburgey's daughter, (nick name Tanner Bill). We were married January 24th, 1883 and was blessed to have 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls. Three of the boys preceded him in death. The names of our children living are: Thomas Smith of Manchester, Ky.; Hiram Smith of Penwell, Texas; Mrs. Bettie Smith, Smithsboro, Ky.; Mrs. Allie Smith, Smithsboro, Ky.; Mrs. Rainey Amburgey, Hindman, Ky.; Mrs. Berta Smith, Hindman, Ky.; Mrs. Bessie Back, Cody, Ky.; Mrs. Lenore Cornett, Smithsboro, Ky.

He had many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He joined the Regular Baptist Church, February 4th Saturday, 1921. We lived 22 years together in the Church. I can just remember a little of his experience, he was traveling with a man toward a river, he saw no way of crossing. So this man spoke and said follow me, and he parted the river and we waked across on dry land and the river went back together, and I saw the most beautiful city I ever saw, everybody the same size, all dressed in white and the Lord preaching to them. I have a hope he is resting in peace with God. I want to say to our children that your loss is his eternal gain. Weep not for him but rather weep for yourselves. I know we miss him, his chair is vacant in the home and his seat vacant in the Church. A few nights before he died he seemed to rest and I slept all night. I told him he was a good patient



last night, letting me sleep. He said you can't guess what I was doing. I viewed heaven where my home will be. He asked his children to meet him in heaven. I have a hope to meet him someday.

Sleep on father, sleep on father,  
You have been a soldier brave,  
We will meet you in the morning  
When you leave your dusty grave.

Written by his wife—

MATILDA SMITH.

#### COLEMAN WINSTEAD

It is with a sad and broken heart that I attempt to write an obituary of my dear husband, Coleman Winstead, who left this world of sin and sorrow, Dec. 28, 1944. He was born July 18, 1895, was married to Nannie Brown, May 23, 1917. To this union four children were born, two preceded him in death. He died while his boy was home on furlough from the Army. He joined the Big Cowan Church the 4th Sunday in July, 1941, and was baptized the 4th Sunday in August by Bill Scott and Felix Fields. His walk in life proved he was a Christian many years before he joined the Church. He was chosen assistant Deacon of the Big Cowan Church the following Spring after he was baptized and served that church and assisted in other churches until death. He always filled his seat in the Church and helped in any way he could for the upbuilding of the Church. He was so kind to everyone and so good to his family. He always taught his children what was right. He had often told me that he felt like something was going to happen to one of us, but he was ready to. It was so hard to give him up. But God knows best. His favorite song was: "There's a Home Just Over Yonder". I have no doubt but what he is in that happy home where sorrows cannot come. I am waiting for the time when that home will be mine and I can meet my loved ones on the other side. Children, the circle here on earth is broken, but if you will live as Daddy has taught you and follow in his foot steps it will be complete some day.

There our hearts will not be aching for the one that we loved so dear, and our homes will not be lonesome for the one who was so near.

Written by—

His Wife,  
NANNIE WINSTEAD.



#### SARAH ELLEN MULLINS

It is with a sad heart that I write this obituary of my mother, Sarah Ellen Mullins. She was born June 3, 1878. Departed this life April 15, 1943, age 64 years, 10 months and 12 days. She was the daughter of George and Margrette Phillips. She was married to J. P. Mullins, Aug, 1901. To this union was born 8 children, one preceded her in death in infancy, the other seven are still living. Mother joined the old Regular Baptist Church. She was a member of Maple Grove Church at her death. She was a true and faithful member, always filling her seat as long as she was able to go.

She called all of her children to her bedside and talked to them and asked the boys to live better and try to meet her in heaven for she felt like there wasn't a hair between her and heaven. She called for her baby boy, Vallie, but he was across the water in this war, and couldn't answer her call. Two of her girls belong to the Old Regular Baptist Church. I was the last one she called for, she said: Genora, you have been a good little girl, you have been so good to Mama. I want you to meet Mama in heaven, and by the help of God, I'll meet here there. She always prayed for her children and wanted them to live right. Mother was sick about three months. She prayed most of the time. One day her son Sidney asked her why she prayed so much. She said she was praying for her blessed children.

I miss mother so much, as I was with her most of the time till I was 34 years old. Mother's funeral was on my birthday, that was a lonesome birthday for me, but I feel like our loss is heaven's gain, and I want to ask the other children, and especially the 4 boys to remember mother's words and try to live in this life, so as to meet mother in heaven when this is over.

Written by her Daughter,  
GENORA RALEIGH.

#### MARTHA R. LEWIS

Martha R. Lewis, born Mar. 11, 1858. Departed this life Jan. 27th, 1929, Age 71 years 10 months and 16 days. She was married to Frank M. Caudill about the age of 18 years, and to this union was born 9 children, 5 boys and four girls, one boy preceded her to the grave in infancy, two other boys passed on since she passed away. Walter died Mar. 12, 1930, Monroe died April, 1944, the other six children are still living as follows: Synthia Collier of Big Stone Gap, Va.; Ardelia Cress of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ollie Smith and Catherine Kesterson of Lynchburg, Va.; also Luther Caudill of Lynch-



burg, Arthur Caudill of London, Ky.

Grandma professed faith in Christ at about the age of 28, and joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Dave Maggard, and lived a true Christian life until death. She always had a word of advice for all she met, and always counseled her children well. She was confined to her bed for sometime before the Lord said come, and told us all she was ready to go, and ask us all to meet her in her happy home where she would be well again.

So let us all press on to the mark of the high calling and meet Grandma where there will be no more sickness or pain.

Sleep on Grandma until the trumpet shall sound and the dead in Christ shall arise to meet Him in the Air.

Written by her granddaughter-in-law,

—MRS. IRVIN COLLIER.

#### **FRANK M. CAUDILL**

Frank M. Caudill, born June 6, 1855, departed this life August 13th, 1929, age 74 years, 2 months and 7 days. He was married to Martha R. Lewis about the age of 22 and to this union was born 9 children, 5 boys and four girls, one boy died in infancy. Grandpa was a good husband, father, and neighbor. He requested that his funeral be preached by the Regular Baptists, and we feel he was trusting in the Lord more each day after Grandma was called away. He was heard praying several times and all could tell he was seeking the love of God. He was loved by all who knew him, and we hope our loss was heaven's gain, and that he is at rest with Grandma and the ones that have gone before. Sleep on Grandpa, By the Grace of God we will meet you by and by.

Written by his granddaughter-in-law,

—MRS. IRVIN COLLIER.

#### **BESSIE JUNE BOGGS**

We feel very heart-broken to try to write an obituary of our dear little daughter, much less than to ask our Clerk to print it in our church minutes. But we hope to not be burdensome.

Little Bessie Jene Boggs, the daughter of Benton and Rosie Boggs was born September 22nd, 1932, died June 9th, 1945. Little Bessie June had to suffer for several months. She was in the hands of the doctors for some time, then she seemed to realize that she could not live, so she put her trust in the Lord and was very much interested in calling the Old Regular Baptist Ministers in to pray and to sing for her. You know we hated to give her up, but this makes us believe



our Lord needed her more than we do. We could only wish to ask the prayers of God's children for our other six children that they would prepare to meet Besse June in Heaven.

By her Father and Mother,

—BENTON AND ROSIE BOGGS.

Riley Fouts.

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**ARMINDA REEDY**

Just as the day was fading, and all nature was lulling to rest and the stillness of the cold March night was hovering over the entire world, the tired spirit of Arminda Reedy took its flight to Heaven, there to bask in the blessed love of an eternal life, where it will forever dwell in the bright clime of eternal happiness.

Arminda Reedy left all that was of earth and earthly things March 18, 1945, at the age of 54 years. In her early life she married J. D. Kelley, and to them was born one child, then later she was married to Emery Reedy, and to them was born nine children, two of these died in infancy, and the others are still living to feel the loss of a dear and loving mother.

Sister Arminda joined the Old Regular Baptist Church eight years before her passing, and lived a carefully devoted Christian life, no better or more careful sister ever lived, never tiring in the least at any time of any of pleasures, and joys of the true Christian life that she so wonderfully devoted her entire life and soul to. She never seemed to tire in the least, while giving her children all the advice and admonition that was possible for a loving mother to give to them, always admonishing them to get in the Way, and keep in sight of the Footprints of Jesus, in whom she put all her trust, and in whose bosom (we believe) she now rests. She said, "I don't want any one to grieve for me, for I am going to a better home than this one". She numbered her friends as she met them and was so kind to all, that she was loved by all who knew her, she wanted everybody to stop and eat with her when at church. We miss her so much, we can't hear cheerful voice while on daily routine of work and while on her front porch singing the good old songs of Zion. We miss her at home, at church and at the bedside of any of her sick neighbors. Dear children if you ever expect to see mother in that bright home above, put all your trust in Jesus, then you can see her and hear her sing the praises to an eternal King. She left five sisters and two brothers who mourn for her. She loved her eight children, who are left behind, by the Grace of God, we can all meet her again.



### EXPERIENCE OF ARMINDA REEDY

(Born Aug. 22, 1888, Age 56 Years)

I joined the Church on August 22, 1935. It came a sweet thought to my mind, I wanted to write of my experience. I was on the meeting ground about 2:00 o'clock one evening. I was standing in the stand, I was wide awake, when I felt like God did pardon my sins. O how happy I felt. A beautiful light came as quick as lightning about three times—then that left me, and the elements were as bright as it could be, the whole world opened up bright for me, it was the brightest time I ever saw—the lights shone all around me and it made me rejoice and feel happy—and I felt like Jesus had pardoned my sins.

I felt like that light was from Heaven, my spirit was carried off in a bright world for a short time, then it left me—it was nothing I could see in this world at that time—and when that left me it all came back like the natural world here again. The birds and limbs and everything was rejoicing for me—and the great love I had for the people and friends. I joined the church shouting and praising the Lord and I feel like Heaven sweet Heaven will be my home when I leave here, and I want my children to follow my footsteps and meet me there.

Arminda Reedy's Experience. Written by her broken-hearted sister, — RHODA AMBURGEY.

#### J. E. CALLAHAN

J. E. Callahan was born May 20, 1864, died February 23, 1944, Age 79 years, 9 months and 3 days.

Was married to Abbie Gail Maggard on the 7th day of December, 1883.

To this union was born 7 children, 4 boys and 3 girls. Three of which preceded him in death. He leaves 24 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, his wife, many brethren and sisters of the church and a host of friends who greatly mourn his loss.

His children who survive him are Polly Howard, Berea, Kentucky, J. P. Callahan, Germantown, Ohio; A. J. Callahan, Miamisburg, Ohio; David Callahan, Miamisburg, Ohio.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church August 10, 1895, and was baptized by Eld. D. M. Maggard, Aug. 11, 1895. He was ordained to the ministry July 6, 1925. Was a faithful and loyal member of the Church and loyal to his trust even until death. Was chosen moderator of the Conway Church of Old Regular Baptists soon after he was ordained to the



ministry and remained moderator till death. He was blessed to see all his children baptized into the fellowship of the Conway Church to which he belonged and often rejoiced in the hope of an unbroken circle in heaven, but death has taken him from our embraces and we are left to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father. Though there is a hope in our souls that we will meet him again in heaven where death, and separation will not come.

—THE WIFE AND CHILDREN.

**Ordained Ministers**

Henry Blair .....	Pinetop, Ky.
Wm. B. Smith .....	Litt Carr, Ky.
Cullen Hogg .....	Cumberland, Ky.
Caleb Creech .....	Cumberland, Ky.
David Maggard .....	Cumberland, Ky.
Denver Blair .....	Cumberland, Ky.
F. G. Fields .....	Waynesburg, Ky.
D. B. Day .....	Dongola, Ky.
John D. Ison .....	Oscaloosa, Ky.
Harrison Boggs .....	Kings Creek, Ky.
Albert R. York .....	Whitesburg, Ky.
Hays Shepherd .....	Big Stone Gap, Va.
Frank Fugate .....	Fisty, Ky.
Martin Patrick .....	Tina, Ky.
Mander Yontz .....	Hazard, Ky.
Lawrence Sumpter .....	Partridge, Ky.
Riley Fouts .....	Partridge, Ky.
L. C. Riddle .....	Premium, Ky.
J. W. Pratt .....	Cornettsville, Ky.
Dixie Ison .....	Cornettsville, Ky.
G. M. Caudill .....	Hallie, Ky.
Roy Whitaker .....	Premium, Ky.
W. C. Dixon .....	Hyden, Ky.
Thomas Caudill .....	Holly Bush, Ky.
Willie Madden .....	Cumberland, Ky.
Evan Cloud .....	McWhorton, Ky.
Estis Cornett .....	Evarts, Ky.
A. C. Craft .....	Millstone, Ky.
James Caudill .....	Whitesburg, Ky.
Alva Caudill .....	Jeremiah, Ky.
James M. Adams .....	Jeremiah, Ky.
H. B. Whitaker .....	Jeremiah, Ky.
Wesley Caudill .....	Letcher, Ky.
David R. Caudill .....	Waynesburg, Ky.



George B. Ison ..... Skyline, Ky.  
 George Hagans ..... Vicco, Ky.  
 Joe Hagans ..... Red Fox, Ky.  
 L. D. Francis ..... Red Fox, Ky.  
 Paris Hagans ..... Red Fox, Ky.  
 Millard Morton ..... Smithsboro, Ky.  
 N. T. Maggard ..... Leburn, Ky.  
 Dan Gibson ..... Emmalena, Ky.  
 C. C. Bates ..... Waynesburg, Ky.  
 W. B. Mullins ..... Crab Orchard, Ky.  
 Kirby Ison ..... Whitesburg, Ky.  
 Crit Eldridge ..... Carcassonne, Ky.  
 James D. Fields ..... Carcassonne, Ky.  
 Beckham Fields ..... Carcassonne, Ky.  
 H. D. Caudill ..... Carcassonne, Ky.  
 H. B. Fouts ..... Skyline, Ky.  
 Ira McKnight ..... Keokee, Va.  
 Harrison Williams ..... Vest, Ky.  
 Isom Ritchie ..... Talcum, Ky.  
 Dan Noble ..... Anco, Ky.  
 Jordon Combs ..... Isom, Ky.  
 Wm. Tyree ..... Crown, Ky.  
 Nelson Seals ..... Carr Creek, Ky.  
 Elam Hale ..... Bath, Ky.  
 Morrell Slone ..... Garner, Ky.  
 Tip Cornett ..... Blackey, Ky.  
 Howard Caudill ..... Jeremiah, Ky.  
 Austin Combs ..... Diablock, Ky.  
 Sam Combs ..... Jeff, Ky.  
 F. F. Sumner ..... Sassafras, Ky.  
 Dewey Hampton ..... Red Fok, Ky.

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### Names of Church Clerks and Addresses

Carrs Fork—J. J. Sparkman ..... Litt Carr, Ky.  
 Poor Fork—Flora Gilliam ..... Cumberland, Ky.  
 Big Cowan—W. E. Brown ..... Whitesburg, Ky.  
 Clear Creek—Martin Patrick ..... Tina, Ky.  
 Oven Fork—Lawrence Jenkins ..... Partridge, Ky.  
 Big Leatherwood—Floyd Huff ..... Cornettsville, Ky.  
 Indian Bottom—Dawson Dixon ..... Blackey, Ky.  
 Mallet Fork—Willie Fields ..... May, Ky.  
 Hurricane Gap—P. H. Whitaker ..... Delphia, Ky.  
 Sandlick—A. C. Craft ..... Millstone, Ky.  
 Doty Creek—Oscar Back ..... Jeremiah, Ky.



Conway—V. T. Caudill .....	Eubanks, Ky.
Cedar Grove—Squire Watts .....	Hallie, Ky.
Little Home—James Hagens .....	Sassafras, Ky.
New Home—Charles Baldrige .....	Leburn, Ky.
Powell — Willie Mullins .....	Crab Orchard, Ky.
Ingrams Creek—James Whitaker .....	Roxana, Ky.
James Memorial—James D. Fields .....	Carcassonne, Ky.
Meadow Fork—Milton Napier .....	Keokee, Va.
New Bethlehem—Jennie Fugate .....	Talcum, Ky.
Little Daniel— Watson Sexton .....	Colson, Ky.
Maple Grove — Troy Engle .....	Eolia, Ky.
Dry Fork — Reeda Tyree .....	Crown, Ky.
Reynolds Fork—Murrell Slone .....	Garner, Ky.
Little Bethlehem—J. W. Mullins .....	Amburgey, Ky.
Tolson Creek—Ted Crase .....	Roxana, Ky.
Little Dove—Sam Combs .....	Sassafras, Ky.
Hoover Hill—Ambros Kelley .....	Keokee, Va.
Little Zion—Mason Whitaker .....	Viper, Ky.

## STATISTICS

### Names of Churches and Delegates

- CARRS FORK — Wm. Hale, J. J. Sparkman, Henry Blair,  
J. M. Blair, Nick Everidge.
- POOR FORK — Cullen Hogg, Caleb Creech, Bradley Gilliam,  
Manis Ison, and Princess Caudill.
- BIG COWAN — Isaac W. Fields, W. E. Brown, Hays Shepherd,  
D. B. Day and Silas Frazier.
- CLEAR CREEK — Silas Combs, Francis Owens, Martin Pat-  
rick, Nathan Smith and Ance Engle.
- OVEN FORK — Benton Boggs, David Standifer, Riley Fouts,  
Herman Collier and Charlie Yeary.
- BIG LEATHERWOOD — Dixie Ison, Fayette Caudill, Dee  
Caudill, J. W. Pratt and W. P. Pratt.
- INDIAN BOTTOM — G. M. Caudill, Silas Caudill, Leander  
Eldridge, Leonard Whitaker and Dawson Dixon.
- MALLET FORK — Willie Fields, T. G. Cook, K. Anderson,  
Irvin Amburgey and Ira Honeycutt.
- HURRICANE GAP — Willie Madden, D. D. Halcomb, Troy  
Shepherd, H. C. Cornett and Kelly Ison.



- SANDLICK — A. C. Craft, Curtis Caudill, J. D. Hampton and Ben Franklin.
- DOTY CREEK — John Back, Isom Hampton, Rich Caudill, Wesley Caudill and Alva Caudill.
- CONWAY — D. R. Caudill, V. T. Caudill, Henry Caudill and Amanda Caudill.
- CEDAR GROVE — George B. Ison, Bill Caudill, Squire Watts, A. Whitaker and Calvin Cole.
- LITTLE HOME — Bob Blair, Joe Hagans, George Hagans, L. D. Francis and Millard Morton.
- NEW HOME — Dan Gibson, M. V. Slone, R. G. Sparkman, Harlan Watts and Charles Baldrige.
- POWELL — W. B. Mullins, Dewey Fields, A. C. Caudill, Willie Mullins and C. C. Bates.
- CLOVER FORK — No Delegates.
- INGRAMS CREEK — James Whitaker, George Whitaker, Kirby Ison and Susan Whitaker.
- JAMES MEMORIAL — Crit Eldridge, Beckham Fields, James D. Fields, John Eldridge and H. D. Caudill.
- PILGRIMS REST — No delegates.
- MEADOW FORK — Ira McKnight, and Milton Napier.
- NEW BETHLEHEM — Harrison Williams, Grover Patrick, Lee Ritchie, Nancy Ann Ritchie and Leaner Hall.
- LITTLE DANIEL — J. R. Maggard, Cullen Sexton, Charlie Gibson, Monroe Combs and George Atkins.
- MAPLE GROVE — Henry Raleigh, Troy Engle, Mattie Engle and Nola Mullins.
- DRY FORK — Wm. Tyree, Nathaniel Young, Jesse Cornett, I. D. Craft and Bud Brown.
- LITTLE BETHLEHEM — E. A. Reedy, Hiram Amburgey, Monroe Couch, Corbin Campbell and Sol Mullins.
- PROVIDENCE — No delegates.
- REYNOLDS FORK — Elam Hale, Morrell Slone, Nelson Seals, John P. Amburgey and Millard Seals.
- TOLSON CREEK — Tip Cornett, Frazier Hampton, W. R. Crase, Cleveland Fields and Ted Crase.
- LITTLE DOVE — Howard Caudill, W. G. Caudill, Jimmie Caudill, Spencer Combs and Sam Combs.
- HOOVER HILL — Baxter Bolling, Claude Fleenor, Ambros Kelley.
- LITTLE ZION — Sam Combs, Austin Combs, Boyd Cornett and Mat Caudill.



### Form of Church Letter

We, the church of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptist Faith and order, now in session with the .....  
..... Church, being found in love and fellowship, sendeth greetings, our Christian love and salutation to the ministers and messengers that may compose the .....  
..... Association, when convened with the .....  
..... Church .....

County, State of ..... to commence on Friday before the .....  
Saturday in September, ..... 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: .....

Dear Brethren, received our letter and these, our brethren, to sit with you in all your advisory council. May the Lord bless you in all your work. We are at peace among ourselves.

The state of our church is as follows: Number of Ordained Ministers ..... Names and postoffice .....

Received by experience and baptism .....  
Received by Letter .....; Restored .....;  
Excluded .....; Dismissed by letter .....;  
By recommendation .....; Died .....;  
Total Membership .....; Money sent .....;  
Meeting time ..... Saturday and Sunday in each month; Postoffice address Church, Clerk .....  
County of ..... State of .....

Dear Brethren, pray for us, that Zion may have traveling spirit among us.

Done and signed by order of church,

Elder ..... Moderator

Brother ..... Clerk



### Table of Statistics

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Rec. by Ex. & Bapt.	Rec. by Letter .....	Rec. by Restoration	Rec. by Recomm. ....	Died .....	Dis. by Letter .....	Excluded .....	Total Membership ..	Meeting Time .....	Money Sent .....
1. Carr's Fork .....	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	93	4	\$10.00
2. Poor Fork .....	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	109	3	\$10.00
3. Big Cowan .....	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	163	4	\$10.00
4. Clear Creek .....	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	83	3	5.00
5. Oven Fork .....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	133	2	7.00
6. Big Leatherwood	5	2	0	0	4	0	4	87	2	8.00
7. Indian Bottom ..	1	5	0	0	1	5	0	58	1	9.00
8. Mallet Fork ....	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	46	3	5.00
9. Hurricane Gap ..	2	5	0	0	1	1	1	43	2	6.15
10. Sandlick .....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	42	3	10.00
11. Doty Creek .....	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	89	2	10.00
12. Conway .....	1	5	0	0	1	2	0	16	2	5.00
13. Cedar Grove ....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	32	4	4.00
14. Little Home .....	9	1	0	0	1	1	0	106	1	12.00
15. New Home .....	9	1	0	0	1	1	0	106	1	12.00
16. Powell .....	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	54	2	5.00
17. Clover Fork — No letter or delegates.										
18. Ingrams Creek ..	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	51	3	7.00
19. James Memorial	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	7.15
20. Pilgrim's Rest—No letter or delegates										
21. Meadow Fork ....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	0	5.00
22. New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	1.50
23. Little Daniel .....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	38	1	5.00
24. Maple Grove .....	12	0	0	0	1	0	1	51	2	7.00
25. Dry Fork .....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	5.00
26. Little Bethlehem	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	1	3.00
27. Providence—No letter or delegates.										
28. Reynolds Fork ..	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	5.00
29. Tolson Creek ....	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	18	4	3.00
30. Little Dove .....	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	33	3	5.00
31. Hoover Hill .....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	3.00
32. Little Zion .....	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	94	2	5.00
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