

MINUTES OF THE

INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

REGULAR BAPTISTS OF
JESUS CHRIST

Fifty - Third Annual Session



HELD WITH THE

MALLET FORK CHURCH

May, Knott County, Kentucky

September 3, 4, and 5, 1948.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the fifty-third annual session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ in session assembled with the Mallet Fork Church, May, Knott County, Kentucky, Sept. 3, 4, and 5, 1948.

Met in the church house and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder W. C. Hogg, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Henry Blair whose text was Heb. 13th Chapter, 1st verse, "Let brotherly love continue."

The delegates then retired to a school house some little distance away and after singing by the delegates and prayer by Elder Alex Coburn; proceeded to business as follows:

1. As our moderator, Elder F. G. Fields, was very ill and not able to be present: The house was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Elder Caleb Creech, who then called for the letters from the several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association, which were handed in to the Clerk. All letters were received and delegates seated except the one from the Little Dove Church which together with all queries and requests was referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association then organized by choosing Elder Caleb Creech, Moderator; Elder Riley Fouts, Assistant Moderator; Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk; and Elder Kirby Ison, Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly constituted churches and received none.

4. By move and second, the reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith was omitted.

5. Called for letters from corresponding sister associations and received as follows:

Union; — no letter but one delegate to wit: Elder A. D. Turner who stated that a letter had been prepared but had got misplaced.

New Sales — by the hands of Elders F. A. Hopkins, E. V. Hopkins, Troy Nickles, Willie Collins, McKinley Moore, R. E. Holbrook, E. D. Moore, Burton Damron, J. M. Stumbo, Jim Sanders, Baxter Osborne, Alex Coburn, and J. B. Hamilton; and Brethren Ballard Hopkins, Andy Tackett and Ode Kiser.

Thornton Union — by the hands of Elders T. R. Collier, Denver Tolliver and D. N. Asher, and Brethren J. Mart Potter and Noah Couch.

Philadelphia — by the hands of Elder Ealis Cotton and

Brethren Fred Akers, Joe Coldgrove and J. M. Rose.

Said letters were received and the right hand of fellowship were extended to the delegates and they were seated with us.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received as follows: Elder Howard Caudill and Brother Willie Bates.

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 with all the delegates from Mallet Fork Church as follows: Henry Blair, W. C. Hogg, Frank Fugate, J. W. Pratt, G. M. Caudill, Willie Fields, Willie Madden, A. C. Craft, Oscar Back, V. T. Caudill, George Hagans, Dan Gibson, A. L. Eldridge, J. D. Fields, Dan Noble, George Atkins, H. L. Raleigh, Nathaniel Young, Hiram Amburgey, Morrell Slone, Cleveland Fields, Carson Cornett and Lawrence Jenkins.

9. Appointed same committee on arrangements as on ministry except just one delegate from the Mallet Fork Church, together with the Moderator and Clerk, also corresponding Brethren from Sister Associations and transients invited.

10. On motion brother Dawson Dixon and Elder Kirby Ison, were appointed to write corresponding letters to our sister associations; The Union, New Salem, Thornton Union, and Philadelphia.

11. Called on the committee on ministry to report who reported the following ministers to preach; Friday evening 1. Caleb Creech, 2. M. C. Wright, 3. A. D. Turner, 4. T. R. Collier, Saturday; 1. Alex Coburn, 2. Ealis Cotton, 3. Willie Madden, 4. F. A. Hopkins, 5. E. V. Hopkins.

12. On motion the Association adjourned till 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning Sept. 4, 1948

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing by the delegates, some touching remarks by Elder Thomas Mosley and prayer by Elder Willie Collins, proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Called for transient ministers and members and received none.
3. Ministers to preach on the stand for the day, were excused.
4. Called on the committee on arrangements to report

whose report was as follows:

1st., We recommend that the Association adopt the resolution from the James Memorial church, which is as follows:

Resolved: That the officers of our Association; Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, be elected without nomination. That is the delegates shall vote for the man whom they deem best qualified to serve them. Said vote to be taken secretly by roll call of the several churches. Each delegate shall have the privilege to vote for a moderator, assistant Moderator, Clerk, and assistant clerk, all at the same time in order to redeem time.

Furthermore resolved; that any question coming before the Association requiring a vote; that said vote shall be taken secretly by roll call of the several churches. 2nd In regard to the Little Dove church having failed to obey the previous order of this association in regard to double married ordained ministers; we wish to recommend that they be held in disorder until they obey the orders of this Association. We further recommend that this Association hold all official work done since the 1947 session of this Association, by W. T. Francis, be held in disorder and that all illegal work done by other churches by W. T. Francis be ratified and the work done orderly.

3rd In answer to the request from the Thornton Union Association in regard to a Regular Baptist Orphanage we recommend that this Association endorse the resolution passed by the council of Regular Baptist Churches of America while in session at the Little Samuel Memorial Church on Saturday July 31, 1948. And that we ask the several churches of this Association to endorse this movement and those who wish to contribute to this cause to place their contributions in the hands of their regular church treasurer who will in turn forward same to the authorized treasurer of this grand and noble organization.

The above report was accepted and approved by the Association to become a part of our records. Then by move and second the committee was discharged.

5. Appointed a committee on Finance consisting of Brothers G. M. Caudill, Henry Blair and Manis Ison who reported the sum of \$226.00 contributed by the several churches.

By move and second Brother Dawson Dixon was appointed treasurer and authorized to superintend the printing of 3000 Minutes and reserve 50 copies for each of our corresponding Sister Associations, and distribute the remainder among

the several churches according to their contributions and that he receive a fee of \$35.00 for his services.

6. Appointed same committee on Ministry as of yesterday who reported the following ministers to preach Saturday night. 1. Dixie Ison, 2, Troy Nickles, 3, Thomas Mosley, 4. Willie Collins, 5. S. T. Wright. Sunday 1, Willie Collins, 2. W. C. Hogg, 3. Riley Fouts, 4. Caleb Creech.

7. The letters of our sister associations were read and approved and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

UNION—Elders L. D. Francis, George Hagans, Dan Noble, Riley Fouts, and Caleb Creech and brother Hiram Amburgey.

NEW SALEM—Elders Kirby Ison, Henry Blair, Frank Fugate, Caleb Creech, George Hagans, Willie Madden and L. D. Francis and brothers Hiram Amburgey, Steve Pratt and Willie Fields.

THORNTON UNION — Elders Kirby Ison, Henry Blair, W. C. Hogg, Dan Gibson, Riley Fouts, and Paris Hagans, and brothers W. E. Brown, Hiram Amburgey, Steve Pratt, and Monroe Slone.

PHILADELPHIA—Elders L. D. Francis, Paris Hagans, George Hagans, G. M. Caudill, Caleb Creech, W. C. Hogg and Kirby Ison.

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:

Receipts:

Contributed by the several churches	\$211.50
Donated by the Delegates	42.50
Total Receipts	254.00

Expenditures:

L. D. Francis transportation to Associations	\$6.00
George Hagans transportation to Associations	5.00
Mountain Eagle Printing Minutes	190.00
Mountain Eagle Postage on Minutes	9.04
Debit for last year	1.68
Clerks Fee	35.00
Total Expenditures	\$246.72
Balance in hands of Treasurer	7.28

10. Appointed Union Meetings as shown under that heading.

11. Called on Brother Dawson Dixon who was appointed for last year to write a circular letter to report. The letter was

read and received by the Association to be printed in our Minutes.

12. On motion Elder Willie Madden was appointed to write a circular letter for the 1949 session of the association.

13. On motion it was agreed that the next session of our Association be held with the Clear Creek Church, Fisty, Knott County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept. 1949 and continue the two following days.

14. On motion Elder G. M. Caudill was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year and Elder Riley Fouts to be his alternate.

15. On motion the Association was closed by prayer by Elder G. M. Caudill and adjourned to the time and place of our next Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

Elder Caleb Creech — Moderator,

Elder Riley Fouts — Assistant Moderator,

Brother Dawson Dixon — Clerk,

Elder Kirby Ison — Assistant Clerk.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 5, 1948

All the brethren appointed to preach Sunday were present except Elder Willie Collins. It was agreed that Elder L. C. Riddle fill his place and introduce, who was wonderfully blessed in the opening and also in prayear.

2. Elder W. C. Hogg, Text 1 Cor. 15 Chapter and 40 verse, "There is also celestial bodies and bodies terrestrial."

3. Elder Riley Fouts. He didn't get any text but he was blessed wonderful in exhortation and admonishments.

4. Elder Willie Madden who was blessed wonderful in counseling people how to live and how to raise up their children.

5. Elder Caleb Creech, the Moderator, closed the services with a wonderful revival.

All the Brethren were blessed with that same power that Paul said it took to preach the gospel we believe: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believed to the Jews first and also to the Greeks.

We want to thank the good people around the Mallet Fork Church and other communities for their kindness shown us through this session of the Indian Bottom Association. We hope the Lord will bless each and everyone seven fold in

basket and in store.

May the good Lord bless each and everyone to meet at our Association next year and that our work when brought before the judgment will be accepted as good; And let us all pray for our meeting next year, if it be the Lords will, that we meet to be in unity, peace and love is the prayer of your unworthy but humble servant.

HENRY BLAIR

UNION MEETINGS

MAY 1949

LITTLE HOME CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday
Elders: Willie Madden, Caleb Creech, Riley Fourt, Beckham Fields and L. C. Riddle.

HURRICANE GAP CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: G. M. Caudill, George Hagans and L. D. Francis.

JUNE 1949

NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Elam Hale, L. C. Riddle, Thomas Mosley and Alva Caudill.

DRY FORK CHURCH — First Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Dan Gibson, Frank Fugate, Albert York, Crit Eldridge.

OVEN FORK CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Alvin Hagans, Frank Fugate, Frank Hopkins and George Hagans.

DOTY CREEK CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Elam Hale, Beckham Fields, Crit Eldridge and G. M. Caudill.

LITTLE DANIEL CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders L. D. Francis, Paris Hagans, Henry Blair and Tip Cornett.

CONWAY CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Willie Madden, Riley Fouts, Caleb Creech, G. M. Caudill, and Crit Eldridge.

MALLET FORK CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday Elders: Alva Caudill, Willie Madden, James D. Fields and G. M. Caudill.

POWELL CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: James D. Fields, Beckham Fields, Crit Eldridge, Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill and G. M. Caudill.

CLEAR CREEK CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Dan Noble, W. C. Hogg, Willie Collins, R. E. Holbrook

and Troy Nickles.

BIG COWAN CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders: G. M. Caudill, Riley Fouts, Willie Madden, George Hagans and Caleb Creech.

CARR'S FORK CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders: T. R. Collier, W. C. Hogg, Caleb Creech, Willie Collins, F. G. Fields and Sam Combs.

REYNOLDS FORK CHURCH — Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Beckham Fields, Harrison Williams and H. D. Caudill.

JULY 1949

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Frank Fugate, Willie Madden, W. C. Hogg, Kirby Ison, and George Hagans.

NEW HOME CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Eppie Holbrook, G. M. Caudill, J. W. Pratt, Harrison Williams and Henry Blair.

BIG LEATHERWOOD CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: G. M. Caudill, Beckham Fields, Paris Hagans and H. D. Caudill.

JAMES MEMORIAL CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill, Perry Tackett, A. C. Caudill, D. R. Caudill and Ray Whitaker.

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: G. M. Caudill, Dixie Ison and Alva Caudill.

AUGUST 1949

INDIAN BOTTOM CHURCH—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders: J. W. Pratt, Willie Madden and Beckham Fields.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dearly Beloved Brethren and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Faith and Practice: Having been chosen last year by the delegates to write a circular letter to be approved or rejected by the delegates of our next Association and if approved to be published in our Minutes. I will now attempt to do so.

I feel so weak and unworthy to undertake this task. I feel that any other brother of this Association would be more able and better qualified than myself to do this work. But Paul says in the 2nd Cor. 12th chapter and 10th verse, "When I am weak then am I strong." And I realize that unless I be guided by God's Holy and Divine spirit that what I might write would not be worth your consideration. For He says in John 15:5 "Without Me, ye can do nothing." So I trust his spirit will direct

my mind in a way that will be pleasing to him in this undertaking.

I hope and trust that each and every delegate will go to the Association with prayerful hearts and that their prayers will be that God's will be done. That He will lead and direct our minds in all that we do. Now if we go in this attitude of mind all that is done will be down to the honor and glory of God. And love peace and harmony will abound.

When Jesus was about to take his departure from this earth he said to his little children; "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" He also said in John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you my peace, I give unto you not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid."

In Paul's letter to the Hebrews in Chapter 13 verse 1, "Let brotherly love continue." Now Brethren if we want to receive blessings from the Lord we must be in obedience to his commandments for only in obedience are ye blessed.

I hope that sweet, loving holy and dove like spirit will rest and rule in the hearts of every delegate in this Association and that we will be bound into one bundle of love, peace and sweet Union. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity."

So dear Brethren and Sisters when hills and mountains separate us and it goes well with you pray for me and mine.

And may the Lord's richest blessings abide with you all is the prayer of your unworthy brother in Love.

DAWSON DIXON.

OBITUARIES

BROTHER J. M. BLAIR

With much unworthy feelings I will try by the help of God to write a short obituary of my dear beloved brother in the flesh and in the Lord I hope to: wit, Brother J. M. Blair. He was born Dec. 11, 1881, deceased, Oct. 24, 1947, age 65 years 10 months and 13 days of age at his death. Brother Monroe joined the Carrs Fork Church July 4th Saturday, 1919 and was baptized on Sunday following together with the writer Elder Henry Blair. Brother Monroe was an active member as you will find in our Minutes in attending churches and also Associations. he Hived in this church for 28 years and 3 months until death called him away. We miss him in our

church and also at our home.

Brother Monroe leaves four brothers, W. M. Blair, Charlie Jessie and Henry. Also six sisters, Elizabeth Hays, Maggie Hale, Nancy Mullins, Celio Back, Julie Singleton, Minta Huff, also a good wife and five children four boys and one girl to mourn his loss but I hope our loss is his eternal gain. I hope the Lord will bless Sister Matilda his wife and all the children to meet again over on the other shore where trouble and separations can not come. Children I know you miss your father as it seemed that you and him could enjoy life more than any family I ever saw.

I feel that Brother Monroe and Sister Matilda's children far exceeds any family I ever saw, as it seems to me that they thought more of one another than any family I ever seen.

So children be good and trust in the same God that Brother Monroe trusted in. If you will do that while life holds out and get a part in the first resurrection then this separation is not so much after all.

So may God bless you all together with all his Brothers and Sisters to meet in that Glory world when this toilsome life is over, where there will be no more separation nor sickness. So may God bless each and every one of you heretofore mentioned in this letter to meet again around the throne of God.

Written by your unworthy servant.

ELDER HENRY BLAIR,

HOME GOING OF AUNT RACHEL DIXON

Rachel E., the daughter of the late Levi and Easter Caudill E'dridge, born October 15, 1854 three and one half miles east of Blackey, on Rockhouse Creek.

On March 20, 1947 at 1:00 A. M., she went to her reward. The last one of her family of four brothers and eight sisters, age ninety-two years five months and five days.

She defied the span of life decreed in his prayer of David, when he said in 90th Psalm that the days of our years are three score years and ten. She has even gone farther and exceeded the next limit, set out in this prayer that says, "And if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow." She knew the meaning of labor and sorrow, but never complained.

This Christian pioneer of the mountains, had graduated from the school of hard knocks and received her diploma from the college of experience, many years ago. During her more

than four score years in dealing with neighbors, she leaves behind her no enemies. This is a record seldom equaled if ever.

These relatives and a great host of friends can hardly overcome the shock of realizing the stillness of this body, that has been among them so long.

She has passed over into a world of which we know so little, but heard so much spoken about. Though we have no doubt about the resting place of this soul, it will be found resting upon the right hand of God in judgment, when books of the recording angel are opened, there will be no difficulty in making a decision.

More than 50 years ago she joined the Old Indian Bottom Church and was baptized into full fellowship by Elder James Dixon, she lived consistent christian life until death, attending church regularly as long as she was able to go.

As I write, this thought came to me, "To die is gain," is it probable, that when Aunt Rachel goes through the gates of Paradise, would Uncle John meet her and ask are the children coming on to be with us?

She was married to John W. Dixon, 1889, was left a widow in 1903. She reared her children to be respected and honored by those who knew them. Those surviving her are Hiram, Knoxville, Tenn., Polly Ann, Pearl B. and Rebecca of Blackey, Mary of Canel City, Ky., Cinda and Gideon preceded her in death many years ago.

By—R. B. CAUDILL, Blackey, Ky.

MONROE COMBS

It is with a sad heart I will try to write an obituary of my loving husband Monroe Combs son of David and Nancy Combs. He was born June 23, 1889 died June 5, 1948 age 58 years 11 months, and 21 days of age at his death. He was married to Millie Amburgey April 28, 1915 to this Union was born 16 children 9 girls and 7 boys, two of the boys twins died in infancy so he leaves 14 children wife and 12 grand children four brothers and Six Sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn the loss of a good father, he always loved to talk to people about the Bible and Heaven, and tell sinners about Jesus. I never will forget that sweet look on his face on Thursday before he died he looked up at me and said honey I am leaving you now and he lived until Saturday night at six thirty. he passed away.

I miss him so much, I feel like he is at rest while I am

left here in this troublesome world with six little children at home with me eight is married he joined the Little Daniel Church on Saturday, Sept. 9, 1944 and was baptized on Sunday Sept. 10, 1944, he lived a true christian on till death and I want all our children and our grandc hildren try to remember the advice papa has always given you and how he wanted every one of you to try to live for the Lord and try to meet papa again. So may God bless our children, I ask ever brother sister to pray for my children and me. I believe I will meet my husband in a world where there is no sickness pain or death. Oh how he wanted to be able to go back to the Little Daniel Church one more time. Written by his wife,

MRS. WILLIE COMBS,

PRESTON ELDRIDGE

With a sad and unworthy feeling I will try to write the obituary of my father, Preston Eldridge. He was born Dec. 4, 1864—Deceased April 6, 1947 age 82 years, 4 months and 2 days. He was married to Elizabeth Crase and to this union was born 13 children, 4 died in infancy and the other 5 that preceded him in death all professed a hope in Christ. Four children are still living, Leander, Crit, Noah and Colonel, they are all members of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Mother departed this life in December, 1927. He was married to Mary Bush in 1928 and she is still living to mourn his loss. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the 3rd Sunday in Aug. 1910. He was ordained as Deacon on the first Saturday in September 1911 in the Indian Bottom Church.

Father was a faithful member of the church and was just as faithful in performing his duty as deacon. He was a pillar that is greatly missed and gave good council to younger members. He always told his children to attend their meetings. The last advice he gave the younger Brethren was that they stand firm on the word of God—not to waver from the word of God to please no man, to always be faithful unto the calling where in God had called them.

Written by his son — CRIT ELDRIDGE.

FRANK FIELDS

Franklin Fields was born in 1871, and at an early age of eighteen years old he was married to Polly Everage of the same age. To that union were born ten children. They were blessed with

a happy family circle; all children living to be grown up, and kept in a close loving communion.

Through many hard toils of life he managed to care for his family and provide to see that all were able to be on their own. Through this long struggle he was over-taken by the burdens of Sin, and began to heed to the calling of his Superior. Often he was seen and heard in remote places in heated discussions; defending God and his Holy Word. This continued for a long duration, when finally he broke down and confessed his travels, joined and was attached to the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church, whereby he lived and grew in grace for over a period of ten years. He was a faithful member to his calling, and put on the Armour which he was not ashamed to bear.

In his later years he was stricken with a disease which through a long lingering took him to the grave. But alas, he put up the fight of Job. Patiently awaiting the summon, and trusting the return of Christ to bear him home.

"By the Fruits Ye shall Know Them!" and to his many friends and us his bereaved wife and children left to mourn his loss, we do rest assured he measured up to the above, and not dead, but now asleep in Jesus.

His earthly presence were a joy to us, but now from us he's gone and we cannot recall; although we can pick up the cross of Jesus and meet him in Glory where the joys will be multiplied a thousand times and parting shall be no more.

Dear loving Husband and Father: We're not saying Farewell, just so-long, and hoping how soon we shall meet again.

Written by his wife — POLLY FIELDS.

HARRISON BLAIR

Harrison Blair was born Dec. 20th, 1893 and departed this life Nov. 7th 1946, age 52 years, 9 months and 13 days old. He was married to Sarah Elizabeth Adams, April 10, 1919, to this union was born four children, McKinley, Brady, Vance, and Bradley Blair. Bradley preceded him in death. He joined the Old Regular Baptist church about 10 years before he died and was a faithful member as long as he lived. He was taken to a government hospital in West, Va., and stayed about two months and there he departed this life, but God was there as well as here. He left a good wife and 3 children, 2 Brothers and one sister and many relatives to mourn his loss. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain. He was the son of Elihu and Rebecca Jane Blair, gone but not forgotten. Written by:

—Elder L. D. FRANCIS.

JOHN ELDRIDGE

In sad memory of my dear husband I write:
John Eldridge was born Nov. 7, 1884 died April 29th 1948, was married to Eliza Fields in the year of 1928. He belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church about 27 years. He was a faithful member and a loving husband, until death. He leaves seven children and 4 step children and a wife to mourn his death. He was kind and was loved by all who knew him. We miss his vacant seat in home and in the church but our loss is Heaven's eternal gain, and we hope that in the future we will be able to meet him in the bright city he has so often told us about. He belonged to the James Memorial Church at the time of his death. He was sick about two years but was able to go about his work from time to time. He was bedfast 20 days. But by the help of God, we can go on to him where there will be no heartaches or pain or separation.

(Songs and must this body die.)

I want to go where Jesus stays and not be left behind like some.

Will the circle be unbroken.

Written by his heart broken wire—Eliza Eldridge.

OBITUARY OF MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

Lucinda Ison and Pearlie Genedon. It is with a sad and aching heart I try to write an obituary of my dear mother and sister who Jesus called to heaven so close together, just 3 days apart. It left our home so sad and lonely. They belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church for several years, and lived a good Christian life until their parting. How we miss you mother and sister but I feel our loss is heaven's gain. Mother was 82 years old and Pearlie 40 years old.

Our home is sad and lonely.

While grief fills our heart.

O pray we children will meet

Then with Jesus and never more part.

Written by a broken hearted daughter — Bettie Amburgey

OBITUARY OF NANNIE BELLE CAUDILL

It is with a sad and lonesome feeling that I try to write a short sketch of the life of my dear daughter Nannie Belle Caudill. She was the daughter of Emmett H. and Sallie Stidham. She was born Sept. 3, 1893, deceased this life May 12, 1948, age 54 years, 8 months and 8 days old. She was married

to G. W. Caudill. To this union was born 5 boys and 3 girls all living. She joined the Powell Church Lincoln, Co., Ky., while living there, later moving back near the Ovenfork Church of Old Regular Baptist, she obtained her letter from the Powell Church of Old Regular Baptists and took fellowship in the Oven Fork church. She lived a true christian life and enjoyed her self in church, she looked closely after her children and her aged husband waiting on them at every call. Her husband came afflicted. She waited on him. When it looked as she could not stand on her feet at last that dreadful disease T. B. got such a hold hold on her, she sad to give up to the bed for a short time, after asking the girls Ellen and Marie if they were looking after their daddy they did: One evening late she asked if Brother Riley Fouts was there. He being there she said she wanted him to sing "Farewell vain world, I am going home" and then pray he did, she lived till the next morning, then passed away, and now at rest a thing I cannot doubt.

Dear children if you want to see your mother again you will have to pray to the God that your mother prayer to and walk the road she walked In you allknow her life (you all are grown.) Written by her aged father.

—E. H. STIDHAM.

LOURANIE CORNETT

Louranie Cornett was born Jan. 3, 1882. was married to Jesse Cornett April 26, 1899, obtained a hope in Christ in 1900. Give in to Hurricane Gap Church the 2nd Sunday in August, 1911. Told a good rich experience. She lived a nice Christian life. Proved her love to everybody she met by a pleasant smile and a favorable hand shake. She deceased March 14, 1947. There were eight children, four boys and four girls. One girl preceded her in death. The other seven are still living. So my hopes are that she is not lost but gone on before and that me and the children may meet her in the sweet by and by. This written by her husband,

—JESSE CORNETT.

ELIHU BLAIR

Elihu Blair borned April 8, 1841 and departed this life April 10, 1941, age 72 years and 2 days old. He was married to Rebecca Jane Whitaker about the year of 1892 and to this union was born 15 children. 12 children and his wife preceded him in death. He joined the Old Regular Baptist

Church while he was sick and never did get able to be baptised. He left two boys and 1 girl, 1 brother and a host of relatives to mourn his loss. We hope that our loss is heaven's gain. Gone but not forgotten.

Written by—

ELDER L. D. FRANCIS.

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 preservance 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 doctrines 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. None 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 and address the Moderator 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 proceeding speaker, but shall define his ideas on the proposition for debate as far as he can.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of same.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any 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 ex-

amination 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 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; inquiry 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.

Ordained Ministers

Henry Blair	Pine Top, Ky.
Wm. B. Smith	Bath, Ky.
Caleb Creech	Cumberland, Ky.
David Maggard	Cumberland, Ky.
Cullen Hogg	Cumberland, Ky.
Denver Blair	Cumberlaand, Ky.
F. G. Fields	Day, Ky.
D. B. Day	Dongola, Ky.
John D. Ison	Oscalosa, Ky.
Albert York	Whitesburg, Ky.
Hays Shepherd	Big Stone Gap, Va.
Harrison Boggs	Kings Creek, Ky.
Silas Frazier	Day, Ky.
Frank Fugate	Fisty, Ky.
Martin Patrick	Tina, Ky.
Mander Yontz	Hazard, Ky.
Riley Fouts	Partridge, Ky.
Lawrence Sumpter	Partridge, Ky.
J. W. Pratt	Cornettsville, Ky.
L. C. Riddle	Premium, Ky.
Dixie Ison	Cornettsville, Ky.
G. M. Caudill	Hallie, Ky.
W. C. Dixon	Hyden, Ky.
Ray Whitaker	Premium, Ky.
Thomas aCudill	Holly Bush, Ky.
Willie Madden	Hiram, Ky.
Evan Cloud	McWhorter, Ky.
Estes Cornett	Evarts, Ky.
Troy Shepherd	Gordon, Ky.
A. C. Craft	Millstone, Kv.
James Caudill	Dayton, Ohio
Weslev Caudill	Letcher, Ky.
H. B. Whitaker	Waynesburg, Ky.
Alva Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
Monroë Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
James M. Adams	Jeremiah, Ky.

Howard Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
David R. Caudill	Waynesburg, Ky.
George Hagans	Vicco, Ky.
Paris Hagans	Red Fox, Ky.
Millard Morton	Smithsborough, Ky.
L. D. Francis	Red Fox, Ky.
Daan Gibson	Vest, Ky.
Loy Maggard	Leburn, Ky.
C. C. Bates	Waynesburg, Ky.
A. C. Caudill	Waynesburg, Ky.
W. B. Mullins	Crab Orchard, Ky.
Perry Tackett	Waynesburg, Ky.
H. D. Caudill	Carcassonne, Ky.
Kirby Ison	Whitesburg, Ky.
Crit Eldridge	Carcassonne, Ky.
J. D. Fields	Carcassonne, Ky.
H. B. Fouts	Skyline, Ky.
Harrison Williams	Vest, Ky.
Dan Noble	Anco, Ky.
Isom Ritchie	Talcum, Ky.
Charlie Gibson	Colson, Ky.
W. M. Tyree	Crown, Ky.
Nathaniel Young	Crown, Ky.
Nelson Seals	Carr Creek, Ky.
Elam Hale	Brinkley, Ky.
Morrell Slone	Garner, Ky.
Tip Cornett	Line Fork, Ky.
Sam Combs	Jeff, Ky.
Walker Chaney	Jeff, Ky.
Austin Combs	Diablock, Ky.

Church Clerks and Addresses

Carr's Fork—J. J. Sparkman,	Litt Carry, Ky.
Poorck Fork—Flora Gilliam	Cumberland, Ky.
Big Cowan—W. E. Brown	Whitesburg, Ky.
Cleark Creek—Mander Yonts	Hazard, 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. Whitakaer	Delphia, Ky.
Sandilck—A. C. Craft,	Millstone, Ky.

Doty Creek—Oscar Buck, Jeremiah, Ky.
 Conway—V. T. Caudill Waynesburg, Ky.
 Little Home—James Hagans Sassafraz, Ky.
 New Home—Robert Smith Garner, Ky.
 Powell—Willie Mullins Crab Orchard, Ky.
 James Memorial—James D. Fields Carcassonne, Ky.
 New Bethlehem—Jennie Fugate Talcum, Ky.
 Little Daniel—Watson Sexton Sackett, Ky.
 Dry Fork — I. D. Craft Crown, Ky.
 Little Bethlehem—Steve Pratt Amburgey, Ky.
 Reynolds Fork—Morrell Slone Garner, Ky.
 Tolson Creek—Ted Crasae Roxana, Ky.
 Maple Grove—Troy Engle Eolia, Ky.
 Little Zion—P. M. Whitakaer, Viper, Ky.

STATISTICS

Name of Churches and Delegates

CARRS FORK—Henry Blair, W. M. Hale, Wm. B. Smith,
 Isom Everidge and John Francis.

POOR FORK—Culen Hogg, Caleb Creech, David Maggard,
 Denver Blair, Bradley Gilliam and Manis Ison.

BIG COWAN—Isaac W. Fields, D. B. Day, John W. Day, John
 D. Ison and W. E. Brown.

CLEAR CREEK—Francis Owen, Nathan Smith, Silas Combs,
 Frank Fugate, and Ance Engle.

OVEN FORK—E. H. Stidham, David Standifer, Alvro Hub-
 bard, Bradley Sumpted and Lawrence Jenkins.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—J. W. Pratt, L. C. Riddle, Dixie Ison,
 Bob Logan and W. P. Pratt.

INDIAN BOTTOM—G. M. Caudill, Roy Whitaker, Silas
 Caudill, Leander Eldridge, and Dawson Dixon.

MALLET FORK—Willie Fields, Ira Honeycutt, T. G. Cook,
 Thomas Caudill and Irvin Amburgey.

HURRICANE GAP—Willie Madden, Estes Cornett, and Troy
 Shepherd.

SANDLICK—A. C. Craft and Curtis Caudill.

DOTY CREEK—Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill, Mose Adams,
 Rich Caudill and Oscar Back.

CONWAY—D. R. Caudill, Rebecca Caudill, V. T. Caudill,
Amanda Caudil, Henry Y. Caudill.

LITTLE HOME—George Hagans, Millard Morton, Paris
Hagans, L. D. Francis and Arthur Madden.

NEW HOME—Dan Gibson, Harlan Watts, Robert Smith,
Charlie Baldrige and Ira G. Sparkman.

POWELL—Willie Mullins, A. L. Eldridge, A. C. Caudill, Perry
Tackett, and Dewey Fields.

JAMES MEMORIAL—Crit Eldridge, Beckham Fields, J. D.
Fields, S. F. Caudill and Green Fields.

NEW BETHLEHEM—Harrison Williams, Grover Patrick,
Richard Fugate, Isaac Creech, and Dan Noble.

LITTLE DANIEL—Watson Sexton, George Adkins, Cullen
Sexto nand Charlie Gibson.

MAPLE GROVE—Troy Engle, Mattie Engle, H. L. Raleigh,
Wendell Sturgill and Willie Sturgill.

DRY FORK—Wm. Tyree, and Nathaniel Young.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Steve Pratt, Hiram Amburgey, Sol
Mullins, Monroe Couch and T. W. Mullins.

REYNOLDS FORK—John P. Amburgey, A. J. Taylor, Newton
Cornett, Morrell Slone and Elam Hale.

TOLSON CREEK—Tip Cornett, Cleveland Fields, Jasper
Boggs, W. R. Crase and Ted Crase.

LITTLE ZION—P. M. Whitaker, Carson Cornett, Brint Logan,
Dallia Logan.

Statistical Table

NAME OF CHURCHES	Rec'd by Ex. and Bapt.	Received by Letter	Resored	Rec'd by Recommendation	Deceased	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	Contributions
Carr's Fork	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	92	4	10.00
Poor Fork	15	0	0	1	1	0	1	119	3	10.00
Big Cowan	4	0	0	0	4	0	1	159	4	15.00
Clear Creek	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	81	3	7.00
Oven Fork	1	0	0	0	3	0	6	133	2	13.00
Big Leatherwood ..	3	0	1	0	2	0	1	89	2	12.00
Indian Bottom	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	1	15.00
Mallet Fork	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	45	3	7.00
Hurricane Gap	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	2	7.00
Sandlick	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	3	10.00
Doty Creek	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	108	2	20.00
Conway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2	5.00
Cedar Grove.....	No letter nor delegates									
Little Home	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	118	1	20.00
New Home	9	1	2	0	0	1	1	67	2	12.00
Powell	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	3	6.00
Clover Fork	No letter nor delegates									
Ingrams Creek	No letter nor delegates									
James Memorial	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	37	3	10.00
New Bethlehem	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	1	5.00
Little Daniel	3	0	0	0	4	0	1	46	2	8.00
Maple Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	5.00
Dry Fork	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	3.00
Little Bethlehem ..	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	27	2	8.00
Reynolds Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	5.00
Tolson Creek	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	20	4	8.00
Hoover Hill	No letter nor delegates									
Little Zion	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	64	2	5.00
Meadow Fork	No letter nor delegates									
TOTALS.....	88	6	6	1	24	6	16	1502		226.00

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 the Church.

Elder Moderator
Brother Clerk.

