

MINUTES
—OF THE—
INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION
OF
REGULAR BAPTIST OF
JESUS CHRIST



Fifty-Fourth Annual Session

HELD WITH THE
CLEAR CREEK CHURCH
Fifty, Knott County, Kentucky
September 2, 3, and 4, 1949.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ, in session, Assembled with the Clear Creek Church, Fisty, Knott County, Ky., Sept. 2, 3, and 4, 1949.

Met at the place arranged for preaching and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Riley Fouts the introductory sermon was preached by Elder G. M. Caudill, text St. Luke 24:46 "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

The delegates then assembled at the church house and after singing by the delegates and prayer by Elder Cullen Hogg, 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, which were handed in to the Clerk. The letter from the Little Dove Church was read, then all the letters were received and delegates seated, with all queries and requests to be referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association then organized by choosing Elder F. G. Fields, Moderator; Elder W. C. Hogg, Assistant Moderator; Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk and Elder H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly constituted churches and received none.

4. In order to redeem time the reading of Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith was omitted.

5. Called for letters from corresponding Sister Associations and received as follows:

Union — by the hands of Elders James Green, Mitchell Smythe, Tom Adkins, Baxter Bowling, Delbert Sanders, Stewart Childers, Bruce Mullins, Ted Parker, and Milton Thacker.

New Salem — By the hands of Elders Alex Coburn, R. E. Holbrook, Bert Newsome, J. B. Hamilton, E. V. Hamilton, M. C. Wright, Sol Kiser, Milford Adams, Sherman Slone, Tack Hall, J. P. Hall, Billy Moore, and Brethren Fred Coburn, Ballard Hopkins, Burgess Compton and Wm. Hicks.

Thornton Union — By the hands of Andy Bates, Bill

Sparks, Elzie Kiser, Kernel Sexton, Charles Cornett, Brethren Ray Collins and Harrison Collier.

Philadelphia — By the hands of Elders John Moore, Tom Ratliff, W. H. Gilliam, Brethren J. N. Rose, Gordon Pelphrey and W. L. Burnett.

Friendship — By the hands of Elders Willie Keen and N. J. Roberts and Brother J. R. Hicks.

Sardis — By the hands of Elders H. C. Maynard, Fayette Hackney, B. H. Bevins, Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Perry Cline, W. C. Hay, and Tracy Hatfield, and Brethren J. L. Hensley, Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Ralph Varney, Okey Bevins and Earl Belcher.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received as follows: Elders S. T. Wright, W. C. Hogg, P. W. Caudill, T. G. Bates, Caleb Creech, Dan Gibson, Riley Fouts and Willie Bates.

7. On motion the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

8. Appointed a committee on ministry consisting of one delegate from each church with all the delegates from Clear Creek Church as follows: Wm. Hale, Manis Ison, W. E. Brown, Lawrence Jenkins, J. W. Pratt, Herman Caudill, Willie Fields, Willie Maddn, Wm. Hamilton, Henry Steely, Perry Tackett, A. Whitaker, George Hagans, Alex Coburn, Willie Mullins, Silas Cox, Beckham Fields, Willie Walters, J. R. Maggard, Troy Engle, Nathaniel Young, Hiram Amburgey, Newton Cornett, Noah Eldridge, Sam Combs, James Caudill, Frank Fugate, Shiloh Combs, Silas Combs, Wheeler Feltner and Mander Yonts.

9. Appointed same committee on arrangements as on ministry with only one member from Clerk Creek Church, with the Moderator and Clerk and Corresponding Brethren from Sister Associations and transients invited.

10. On motion the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed to write letters to our Corresponding Sister Associations: The Union, New Salem, Thornton, Union, Philadelphia, Friendship, and Sardis.

11. Called on the committee on Ministry to report, who reported as follows: Friday evening, 1. Charles Cornett, 2. James Green, 3. Willie Keene.

Saturday, 1. Howard Gilliam, 2. Alex Coburn, 3. H. M. Bevins, 4. Ester Hopkins, and 5. Johnny Hall.

12. On motion the Association adjourned til 8:30 Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 3, 1949

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing by the delegates and prayer by Elder D. R. Caudill, proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Called for transient Ministers and members of our same faith and received as follows: Elders M. V. Burke, Sid Hudson, Baxter Osborne, F. A. Hopkins, Dan Noble, Morrell Slone, and brother Eddie Tackett.
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. First in regard to the query from the Oven Fork Church about Ordained Preachers criticizing the Household of Faith. Let the church deal with such preachers according to the word of God.

2nd In regard to the query from Clear Creek Church about reading the Proceedings of the Associations before the Association adjourns; we recommend that we comply with the 13th item of our Constitution.

3d. In regard to the query from the Little Bethlehem Church about the Carr's Fork Church taking the Sacrement with members of the Little Dove Church which was in disorder. We the Indian Bottom Association advise that the Carr's Fork Church send a committee to the Little Bethlehem Church stating that if the Brethren and Members of the Little Bethlehem Church are offended with us, we are sorry and ask that brotherly love continue.

4th. In regard to the query from the James Memorial Church to the Little Zion Church about preaching W. T. Francis at their regular meeting time after his church, the Little Dove, was pronounced in disorder and dropped from our Association. We recommend that this matter was satisfactorily disposed of by the Moderator of the Little Zion Church, Elder Sam Combs, saying if the Little Zion Church has offended any church in the Indian Bottom Association; we are sorry and ask that brotherly love continue.

5th. In regard to the query from the James Memorial church about members, who are excluded from the church,

going to other churches and being re-baptized into fellowship. We recommend that when a member is excluded they must come back to the church from which they were excluded and make satisfaction before they can ever obtain Regular Baptist fellowship again.

Unanimously adopted by the committee.

By move and second the report of the committee was unanimously approved and received by the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ and the committee discharged.

5. Appointed a committee of finance consisting of Elders G. M. Caudill, D. R. Caudill, and Caleb Creech; who reported the sum of \$245.50 contributed by the several churches and \$28.00 contributed by the delegates.

By move and second Dawson Dixon was appointed treasurer and authorized to superintend the printing of 3,000 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. Andy Batse, 2. R. E. Holbrook, 3. Johnny Hall; Sunday, 1. Tilden Wright, 2. Caleb Creech, 3. W. C. Hogg, 4. Dan Gibson, 5. F. G. Fields.

7. Letters to our corresponding Sister Associations were read and approved and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

UNION — To be held with the Home Creek Church, Grundy, Va., Route 1. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in Sept. 1949. Delegates: Elders George Hagans, L. D. Francis, Caleb Creech, G. M. Caudill, Mander Yonts and Paris Hagans. Letter in hands of Elder L. D. Francis.

NEW SALEM — To be held with the Rebecca Church, Hall, Knott County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in Sept. 1949. Delegates: Elders George Hagans, L. D. Francis, Beckham Fields, Dixie Ison, Caleb Creech, W. C. Hogg, Nelson Seals, Herman Caudill, G. M. Caudill, Willie Madden, Crit Eldridge, W. B. Mullins, A. C. Craft and brother Willie Fields. Letter in hand of Elder George Hagan.

THORNTON UNION — To be held with the Little Samuel Memorial Church, Lothair, Perry County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the Third Saturday in August 1950. Delegates: Elders; Nelson Seals, L. D. Francis, Caleb Creech,

Millard Morton, F. G. Fields, Bradley Sumpter, Dan Gibson, Beckham Fields, Paris Hagans, Dixie Ison, James Caudill, Mander Yonts, Willie Walters and Brethren Hiram Amburgey, Steve Pratt, Billy Day, W. G. Caudill, Dawson Dixon and Jimmie Caudill.

PHILADELPHIA — To be held with Little Rosa Church, of Smith Branch, P. O. Greenup, Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1950. Delegates: Elders L. D. Francis, Frank Fugate, Nelson Seals, Dan Gibson, G. M. Caudill, Caleb Creech, Paris Hagans, G. W. Everage and W. C. Hogg, Letters in hands of Elder George Hagans.

FRIENDSHIP — To be held with the Samaria Church, Jolo, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the First Saturday in Sept. 1950. Delegates: Elders Mander Yonts, Paris Hagans, Nelson Seals, and L. B. Day. Letter in hands of Elder Nelson Seals.

SARDIS — To be held with the Sardis Church at Delbarton, Mingo County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in Sept. 1949. Delegates: Elders Paris Hagans, Nelson Seals, Elam Hale, G. M. Caudill, Willie Walters and Brethren Cody Martin, Millard Seals and Dewey Hagans. Letter in hands of Elder Nelson Seals.

8. Called on Brethren who were to attend Union Meetings and Sister Associations to report. They reported and those who failed to attend were excused.

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

RECEIPTS:

Balance from last year	\$ 7.28
Contributed by the several churches	226.00
Contributed by the Delegates	27.50
From Cedar Grove Church, received late	10.30
From Hoover Hill Church, received late	2.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	273.08

EXPENDITURES:

L. D. Francis to Association	5.50
George Hagans, to Associations	7.50
Paris Hagans to Associations	3.50
Mountain Eagle Printing Minutes	200.00
Mountain Eagle Mailing Minutes	14.40
Clerks Fee	35.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	265.90
Balance in hands of Treasurer	7.18

10. Appointed Union Meetings as shown under that heading.

11. Called on Elder Willie Madden, who was appointed 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 W. C. Hogg was appointed to write a Circular Letter for the 1950 session of the Association.

13. On motion it was agreed that the next session of our Association be held with the Indian Bottom Church, Blackey, Letcher County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the First Saturday in September 1950 and continue the two following days.

14. On motion Elder D. R. Caudill was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year and Elder Willie Madden to be his alternate.

15. On motion the Association was closed by prayer by Elder F. A. Hopkins and adjourned to the time and place of our next Association.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association:

- Elder F. G. Fields, Moderator,
- Elder W. C. Hogg, Assistant Moderator,
- Bro. Dawson Dixon, Clerk,
- Elder H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 4, 1949

The Brethren appointed to preach on the stand met with a large congregation, and carried on the services as follows:

1. The services were introduced by Elder Frank Fugate.
2. Elder Dan Gibson, Text Rev. 13th Chapter 18th verse: "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast etc."
3. Elder W. C. Hogg, Text: "When the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness and all Kings thy glory etc."

We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to the good Brethren and neighbors in the community of the Clear Creek Church for the hospitality shown us during this Association.

—DAWSON DIXON — Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

MAY 1950

LITTLE HOME—First Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Willie Madden, Dixie Ison, James D. Fields, Alva Caudill and Beckham Fields.

HURRICANE GAP — Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Beckham Fields, Crit Eldridge, L. D. Francis, Paris Hagans, George Hagans, and Alvin Hagans.

NEW HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Morrell Slone, Nelson Seals, George Hagans and J. W. Pratt.

CLEAR CREEK — Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Morrell Slone, Henry Blair, G. M. Caudill, R. E. Holbrook, Millard Morton and Dixie Ison.

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DRY FORK — First Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Riley Fouts, Lawrence Sumpter, Willie Madden and Roy Whitaker.

NEW BETHLEHEM — First Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Sam Combs, Bill Sparks, Andy Bates, Steve Pratt, Dixie Ison, and J. W. Pratt.

DOTY CREEK — Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: B. F. Tackett, James Caudill, Beckham Fields, and G. M. Caudill.

CONWAY — Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Caleb Creech, W. C. Hogg, G. M. Caudill, Mark Burke, Sidney Hudson and Delbert Sanders.

LITTLE DANIEL — Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Andy Bates, Willie Madden and W. C. Hogg.

LITTLE DOVE — Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Willie Madden, David R. Caudill, and Charles Cornett.

POOR FORK — Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: G. M. Caudill, David R. Caudill, Henry Blair, and Riley Fouts.

POWELL — Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: James D. Fields, Beckham Fields, Kernel Sexton, Andy Bates, William Sparks, Martin Burks, and Ray Whitaker.

MALLET FORK — Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Alvin Hagans, Willie Madden, George Hagans, E. V. Hopkins, and R. E. Holbrook.

CARR'S FORK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders: W. C. Hogg, Caleb Creech, and Charles Cornett.

TOLSON CREEK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Crit Eldridge, W. C. Hogg, Beckham Fields, and Andy Bates.

REYNOLDS FORK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday,

Elders: Kernel Sexton, John Sexton, Dewey Sexton and Alex Coburn.

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

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BIG LEATHERWOOD — Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Delbert Sanders, M. V. Burke, L. D. Francis, Beckham Fields and Sidney Hudson.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM — Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders, W. C. Hogg, Austin Combs, George Hagans, Frank Fugate, Harrison Williams, and Charles Cornett.

OVEN FORK — Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders: Caleb Creech, F. A. Hopkins, N. J. Roberts, and James D. Fields.

MAPLE GROVE — Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders: G. M. Caudill, Willie Madden, George Hagans, and L. D. Francis.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist, faith and practice, having been chosen last year to write a circular letter for your approval. I hope to be led by the spirit of God. I'll refer you to Hebrew 11-1, Now faith is the substance of things hope for, the evidence of things not seen for by it the Elders obtained a good report, through faith we understand the worlds were formed by the word of God, Hebrew 11-6, but without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Now we understand that before the poor sinners can be saved, they must repent and be borned again, thy must believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that he died and rose again. The Apostle Paul said, who was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification. Thess. 4-14 said for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him.

So Brethren, we can see there that the power was not in the death, but in the resurrection of the son of God. For we were reconciled by his death moreover we are saved by his life. Roman 10-11, whosoever that believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Apostle Paul said I know whom I have believed, so faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God, and how shall thy hear without a preacher and how shall thy preach except they be sent. So Brethren it is im-

possible for a man to preach the gospel without a calling. So it is true, many have run and I've not sent them, saith the Lord, Brethren there are many false prophets and false teachers in the land teaching things they ought not for the love of the dollar, even holding the truth is in unrighteous and many are following their pernicious ways.

By reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of, Brethren one bad doctrine that has got among us is letting the wheat and the tares grow together and preaching the field church, instead of the world. I believe the world is one thing and the church another. The Bible teaches that we are just as much commanded to not fellowship the world as we are to fellowship the Brethren, and the Bible teaches well who are our Brethren if any man be in Christ he is a new creature. They that are Christs have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. Dear Brethren I want you to understand that I believe there is quite a difference in being called a brother and actually being a Brother.

I Cor. 5-11 if any man that is called a brother be a Fornicator or Covetous or extortioner or an idolator or a railer or a drunkard or a covetous man with such a one, not to eat, Brethren that shows that we are commanded, not to fellowship such and when he says, and such were some of you. He means we were such before we were ever borned again and not after for I am persuaded that God's children doesn't do these things. The Apostle James says that faith without works is dead for as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also, pure and unfilled, religion before the father is to visit the widow and orphan in their affliction and to keep your selves unspotted from the world.

Brethren let us remember the words of our saviour, ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost his saviour where with shall it be salted, it is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of man, as ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith. Brethren I believe that many of us need to read and pray, and become more established in the faith. There is too much pride getting among us. And I believe that the Sisters of the church should have long hair. I will close by saying have faith in God.

Written by your unworthy Brother,

ELDER WILLIE MADDEN.

OBITUARIES

PRESS CAUDILL

It is with a sad feeling I will try to write an obituary of my dear old father Press Caudill. He was born Feb. 1, 1877, deceased Nov. 16, 1948. He was 71 years, 9 months and 16 days old. At an early age he married Susan Caudill and to this union was born 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls, 4 of his children had outstripped him and gone on before and we hope they have gone to heaven.

His wife Susan Caudill, deceased the year 1909 and we hope her soul is resting in Heaven.

Father has been a hard working man all of his life, until he was stricken with a stroke about a year before his death.

He never did regain his health after he was stricken. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, on Oct. 4, 1948 and was baptized Oct. 8, 1948 by Rev. Buddy Caudill. We sadly miss him in our home. He had two children, one boy and one girl, three brothers and a host of friends to mourn his loss. His daughter now living is Lulie Cornett of Gordon, Ky. and son Johnnie Caudill of Banks, Ky. We hope our loss is heaven's gain. Written by his son,

—JOHNNIE.

CALLIE ELDRIDGE

Callie Eldridge, born March 4, 1888, married April 13, 1914, died April 21, 1949. She left a husband and four children to mourn her loss. We hope heaven has gained one more jewel. She was sick for about 15 years and was in bed for two years, but she bore her sickness patient always asking for her christian friends and preachers to come in and sing, preach and pray with her. Her husband,

—J. L. ELDRIDGE.

BROTHER SILAS MARTIN

It is with much unworthy feelings I write an obituary of my dear father in the flesh and Brother in the Lord I hope. Brother Silas Martin was born April 19, 1873 and deceased this life April 1, 1947 age 73 years 11 months and 12 days old. He was the son of Wite and Clerisa Martin. He was married to Millie Hall in 1894 and to this union was born nine children, two of them preceded him in death. His wife was the daughter of Jeff and Clerinda Hall. He joined the Old Carr Church by experience and Baptism about 1937 and went by letter later on to the Little Home Church, and

remained a faithful member until death. Through his two months sickness one day at the Stumbo Hospital we wanted him to stay there and he said no use for me to stay or why should I stay here when Christ is standing in the door waiting for me to come. And at home he was asleep and woke up and said some of the children of God says you don't know nothing.

But I know that I am going to heaven for the Lord has showed me my future home and while he was leading him across the floor one day he said the floor was full of little speckled birds. He left a good widow and 7 children with 57 grandchildren and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. But we hope our loss is Heavens eternal gain. We look forward to meet him in heaven to part no more. Gone but not forgotten.

Written by Elder L. D. Francis, Red Fox, Ky., and dedicated by Millie Martin his weeping widow, and Coda Martin, his son.

DOW COLLINS

Dow Collins was borned the 20 day of Jan. 1875, deceased this life at the age of 74 years 5 months and 23 days. He was the one of the family of the late Bob Collins and Lydia Adams Collins the last land mark of another pioneer family he was borned and grew to manhood at the mouth of Camp Branch of Rockhouse Creek, he was a grandson of the late Jimmie Collins, who was the first man to settle and build a home on Rockhouse Creek. When just a young man he married Nancy Ann Collins daughter of Watson and Sabrina Caudill. To this union was borned 17 grandchildren, 13 of which proceeded him in death, He leaves his wife and four children and a host of friends to mourn his passing. George Dishman, Josephine Lawson, Blanch Brashears and some grandchildren. He was a precious husband, father and grandfather. He made peace with God about 2 years before his death and joined the Regular Baptist, although he was in failing health he was faithful to fill his seat as long as he was able to get there. He will be badly missed by his wife and children, by his neighbors and his church.

Living closer to Big Cowan Church than to his home church, and faithfully attending, he will be almost if not quite as bad missed at Cowan as at Sandlick. Children you all know your fathers' request was to meet him in Heaven. I trust that you all take his advice, and repent, that the family circle be complete after this life is over. To serve Lord, does not take any joy out of your life here, but is the only thing that

makes a man or woman able to have any real joy in this world,
and the only way to make heaven their home.

—ELDER F. G. FIELDS.

RACHEL HAGANS

Rachel Hagans, born Jan. 27, 1870 and deceased this life July the 26, 1948, age 78 years 6 months. She was the daughter of Bill and Manerva Francis. She was married to Joseph P. Hagans, May 3, 1893. To this union was born 6 children, Alvin, Bertha, Thomas, Mary, Ora B. and Aaron Hagans, 3 boys and three girls. Her husband and three of her children Mary and Ora B. and Aaron preceded her in death. She leaves three children, two brothers and one sister and 21 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren to mourn her loss.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 50 years ago and was a faithful member until death. She is gone but not forgotten. We trust and hope that our loss was Heaven's gain. We look forward to that day when we will meet her again to part no more. Written by—

ELDER, L. D. FRANCIS, Red Fox, Ky.

SARAH HALCOMB CAMPBELL

It is with a sad heart we try to prepare a short obituary of our precious mother, Sarah Halcomb Campbell, she was born Feb. 12, 1874, died Nov. 17, 1946. She was 71 years, 9 months and five days old at her death.

She was married to Stephen Campbell on Dec. 27, 1893. To this union was born 13 children, five have preceded her in death. She was a good mother and worthy of much praise. She worked hard to raise her children. On the first Sunday in August 1911, she joined the big Leatherwood Church of Old Regular Baptist, was baptized first Sunday of Sept. 1911. She loved the church above all earthly things and she was a faithful member attended regular as long as she was able, and after she was disabled to go she would cry because she could not go. She would invite the preachers and neighbors to come in and have church in her own home, also she would invite her neighbors to come in and sing those good old religious songs.

"Jesus left his home in glory" and "Farewell Vain World" were two of her choice songs. Mothers calling left us the saddest home we ever have been in. We know in our minds that she is in God's care, so children let us all ask God to help us to make mothers home our home. The children by,

—I. T. DIXON.

MARTIN D. COLLIER

Martin D. Collier was born Dec. 12, 1880 and died May 14, 1949, age 68 years, 5 months and 2 days. He was married to Marnie Caudill 46 years ago. To this union 4 children were born, two girls and two boys all living.

He professed a hope in Christ about 26 years ago and joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized May 17, 1942 in the fellowship of the Poor Fork Church. He loved to attend his church meeting times when able. He suffered with high blood pressure and heart trouble for 3 years. He beared it patiently never complaining. We all miss him so much but we feel assured that our loss is heavens gain, and I hope that by the help of God that the family circle will not be broken. Wrote by his daughter.

—FLORA GILLIAM.

CALLIE ELDRIDGE

She was born March 4, 1888 age 63 years. She was married to John Eldridge April 7, 1914 and to this union was born seven children of which two have deceased. Still living are four daughters and one son. She professed faith in Christ about 19 years ago and has lived a Christian life ever since. Her church fellowship is with the Old Regular Baptist Church, Cumberland, Ky. She leaves a husband and children and many friends to mourn her loss, but we believe our loss is her eternal gain.

BELVIA MULLINS

Belvia Mullins was the daughter of Lee and Ida Mullins and was born July 23, 1924. Was married to Vollie Mullins Oct. 22, 1941. To this union was born three children, all living.

She professed a hope in Christ about two years before she died but got sick and never was baptized, but said she hoped to get well so she could be baptized, but Gods' call for her and she departed this life March 21, 1947. She leaves to mourn her, her husband and children, father and mother and sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss, but we hope our loss is her eternal gain. Written by a Brother in Christ,

—H. L. RALEIGH.

CURL BENTLEY

In precious memories of my mother Curl Bentley, I will try to write an obituary of her life. She passed away January 22, 1948 being 72 years 10 months and 28 days old, she

was married to Irvin Bentley March 4, 1892 and to this union was born 13 children. Father and five of the children preceded her in death, eight children are left. Also five brothers 4 sisters and 26 grandchildren to mourn her loss. She joined the Mallet Fork Church of Regular Baptist in Sept. 1938 and lived in love and fellowship with the church until death. She always attended her church as long as she was able to go before she died, she prayed for Jesus to draw closer to her and she told us while she was praying how Jesus come and stood on her bed, her praye was answered. Also while she was in the hospital one night she saw a vision of Angels, she tried to show them to me, but I could not see them. Now mother is gone to join those beautiful angels, she is with Jesus now at rest.

The world may change from year to year
Our lives from day to day
The loving memory of you dear mother
Shall never fade away

Always so true unselfish and kind
Few in this world your equal will find,
A beautiful life come to an end
You died as you lived everyones' friend.

Sleep on mother, sleep on mother,
You have been a soldier brave
We hope to meet you in the morning,
When you leave the dusty grave.

Written by her daughter,
—MAGNOLIA ADAMS.

LUTISHIE JOHNSON

It is with sad feelings I attempt to write a short obituary of Lutishie Johnson, she was born Feb. 10, 1878, deceased this life July 12, 1949, age 71 years 5 month and 2 days old when she died. She professed a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized in full fellowship. She had her fellowship at the Little Bethlehem Church. She told her children before she died that she was going home and wanted them all to meet her there, and wanted them all to be good to each other and always remember mothers council. She was a hard working woman, worked hard all of her life and was always a good neighbor. She

left her husband and six children, 3 boys and 3 girls and a host of friends to mourn her loss. We feel that she is resting in paradise waiting the redemption of her body, where they can both go home together. Now children if you ever expect to see mother you must get right with the Lord.

Dedicated by a good friend and nephew of hers.

—NEWTON J. MULLINS,

MY HOPES IN JESUS CHRIST

(Written by Mrs. Belvia Mullins age 21 Years, 6 months)

I'm thinking today of that home far away
Where there'll be no troubles there.
Where our loved ones are gone to grieve no more
And stand on the Golden Stair:

Our life is very short and so we should all prepare to go.
And meet with those we love in that beautiful home above.
God has gone on to prepare us a dwelling place there,
The gate is open to one and all. Who will on Him Cal'.
I have a hope that some day,
I'll join my savior above
And there I'll dwell forever more
On that bright and peaceful shore.

MARGARET GIBSON

It is with a sad and broken heart that I attempt to write an obituary of my dear mother-in-law Margaret Gibson. She was born Sept. 3, 1884, departed this life Feb. 24, 1949. She was married to Dan Gibson, Aug. 10, 1910, to this union was born 5 children, 4 girls and 1 boy. One descending before her death, the other four are still living. Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. She was a member of the New Home Church.

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. She asked all of us to live better and meet her in heaven some day. She told us not worry about her for because heaven was her home. She always prayed to God for her children and wanted them to live right. We hated so bad to give her up, but God knows best. I feel like our loss is heavens gain. The circle here on earth is broken, but if we will live like mother wanted us to, and follow in her footsteps 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 her daughter-in-law,

—KATHLEEN GIBSON.

MAUDE EVERSOLE

Maude Eversole was born March 13, 1886, and deceased this life Sept. 27, 1948, being 62 years, six months, and fourteen days old.

She was the daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Cornett. She was married to J. B. Eversole Jan. 26, 1905; and to this union was born six children, two boys, Cecil and John, and four girls, Ruby, Zola, Crystal and Violet. Zola and Violet preceded her in death several years ago. She professed a hope in Christ and never attached herself to any church; but was a strong believer in the Old Regular Baptist Church, and if she had lived, she would have been a member of this church. She lived a true and faithful Christian life until it pleased God to call her from earth to glory; and when the call came, she laid aside the old rugged cross in exchange for a crown in never fading glory. She leaves to mourn her passing a loving husband, and four children, and seventeen grandchildren one great grand child, five brothers, and two sisters, and a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors to mourn her loss. We, her husband and children, believe with all our hearts that our loss is her eternal gain. Written by her oldest son.

We the family, wish to express our thanks to everyone for their kindness and sympathy in our time of bereavement.

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 constructed 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 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 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 so desired.

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; inquiring 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

NAME	ADDRESS
Henry Blair	Pinetop, Ky.
Wm. B. Smith	Bath, Ky.
Caleb Creech	Cumberland, Ky.
W. C. Hogg	Cumberland, Ky.
Denver Blair	Cumberland, Ky.
David Maggard	Cumberland, Ky.
David Boggs	Highsplint, Ky.
F. G. Fields	Day, Ky.
Silas Frazier	Day, Ky.

John D. Ison Oscaloosa, Ky.
 A. R. York Whitesburg, Ky.
 D. B. Day Dongola, Ky.
 Harrison Boggs Kings Creek, Ky.
 Frank Fugate Fisty, Ky.
 Martin Patrick Tina, Ky.
 Mander Yonts Hazard, Ky.
 Riley Fouts Partridge, Ky.
 Lawrence Sumpter Partridge, Ky.
 L. C. Riddle Hot Spot, Ky.
 J. W. Pratt Cornettsville, Ky.
 Dixie Ison Cornettsville, Ky.
 G. M. Caudill Jeremiah, Ky.
 Roy Whitaker Jeremiah, Ky.
 W. C. Dixon Hyden, Ky.
 Herman Caudill Roxana, Ky.
 Thomas Caudill Holly Bush, Ky.
 Willie Madden Hiram, Ky.
 Evan Cloud McWhorter, Ky.
 Estes Cornett Evarts, Ky.
 Troy Shepherd Gordon, Ky.
 A. C. Craft Millstone, Ky.
 Curtis Caudill Whitesburg, Ky.
 James Caudill Dayton, Ohio
 L. P. Hale Waynesburg, Ky.
 James M. Adams Jeremiah, Ky.
 Wesley Caudill Letcher, Ky.
 Alva Caudill Jeremiah, Ky.
 H. B. Whitaker Waynesburg, Ky.
 Howard Caudill Jeremiah, Ky.
 Monroe Caudill Jeremiah, Ky.
 D. R. Caudill Waynesburg, Ky.
 Perry Tackett Wavnesburg, Ky., Rt. 3
 B. F. Tackett Eubanks, Kv., Rt. 2
 G. B. Ison Skvline, Ky.
 George Hagans Vicco, Ky.
 L. D. Francis Red Fox, Ky.
 Paris Hagans Red Fox, Kv.
 Millard Morto n..... Smithsboro, Ky.
 L. B. Day Smithsboro, Kv.
 Dan Gibson Vest, Kv.
 Loy Maggard Leburn, Kv.
 C. C. Bates Waynesburg, Kv.
 A. C. Caudill Waynesburg, Ky.

Wallace Mullins	Crab Orchard, Ky.
James D. Fields	Carcassonne, Ky.
H. D. Caudill	Carcassonne, Ky.
Crit Eldridge	Carcassonne, Ky.
Beckham Fields	Carcassonne, Ky.
F. S. Caudill	Cornettsville, Ky.
H. B. Fouts	Skyline, Ky.
Harrison Williams	Vest, Ky.
Dan Noble	Anco, Ky.
Isom Ritchie	Talcum, Ky.
Charlie Gibson	Sackett, Ky.
Wm. Tyree	Crown, Ky.
Nathaniel Young	Crown, Ky.
Nelson Seals	Carr Creek, Ky.
Elam Hale	Brinkley, Ky.
Tip Cornett	Linefork, Ky.
Sam Combs	Jeff, Ky.
Austin Combs	Hazard, Ky.
Walker Chaney	Jeff, Ky.
Dewey Hampton	Williamstown, Ky.

Church Clerk and Addresses

CARR'S FORK—J. J. Sparkman	Litt Carr, Ky.
POOR FORK—Flora Gilliam	Cumberland, Ky.
BIG COWAN—W. E. Brown	Whitesburg, Ky.
CLEAR CREEK—Mander Yonts	Hazard, Ky.
OVEN FORK—W. C. Mullins	Oven Fork (Ky.
BIG LEATHERWOOD—Floyd Huff	Cornettsville, Ky.
INDIAN BOTTOM—Dawson Dixon	Blackey, Ky.
MALLET FORK—T. G. Cook	Litt Carr, Ky.
HURRICANE GAP—P. H. Whitaker	Delphia, Ky.
SANDLICK—Curtis Caudill	Whitesburg, Ky.
DOTY CREEK—Oscar Back	Jeremiah, Ky.
CONWAY—Walter Mullins	Eubank, Ky.
CEDAR GROVE—Squire Watts	Hallie, Ky.
LITTLE HOME—James Hagans	Sassafras, Ky.
NEW HOME—Robert Smith	Garner, Ky.
POWELL—Willie Mullins	Crab Orchard, Ky., Rt. 1.
JAMES MEMORIAL—James D. Fields	Carcassonne, Ky.
NEW BETHLEHEM—Jennie Fugate	Talcum, Ky.
LITTLE DANIEL—Watson Sexton	Isom, Ky.
MAPLE GROVE—Troy Engle	Eolia, Ky.
DRY FORK—I. D. Craft	Crown, Ky.
LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Steve Pratt	Amburgey, Ky.

REYNOLDS FORK—John P. Amburgey Carr Creek, Ky.
TOLSON CREEK—Ted Crase Roxana, Ky.
LITTLE ZION—P. M. Whitaker Viper, Ky.
LITTLE DOVE—Rushia Combs Sassafras, Ky.

STATISTICS

Name of Churches and Delegates

CARR'S FORK — J. J. Sparkman, Wm. Hale, Henry Blair, Isom Everidge, and Wm. B. Smith.

POOR FORK — Manis Ison, Bradley Gilliam, J. B. Eversole, Benton Fields and David Boggs.

BIG COWAN — W. E. Brown, Isaac W. Fields, Ellis Banks, John D. Fields and A. R. York.

CLEAR CREEK—Shiloh Combs, Silas Combs, Wheeler Feltner, Frank Fugate and Mander Yonts.

OVEN FORK — Herman Collier, Delmer Raleigh, Bradley Sumpter, Lawrence Sumpter, and Lawrence Jenkins.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—J. W. Pratt, Bob Logan, Dixie Ison, Green Hall, and Elijah Ison.

INDIAN BOTTOM — G. M. Caudill, Herman Caudill, Silas Caudill, Willie Dixon and Dawson Dixon.

MALLET FORK — T. G. Cook, Irvin Amburgey, Ira Honeycutt, K. Anderson, and Willie Fields.

HURRICANE GAP — Willie Madden, Ester Cornett, Byrd Fields, Troy Shepherd, and H. C. Cornett.

SANDLICK — A. C. Craft, Curtis Caudill, Willie Hamilton, Ben J. Franklin, and Sarah Franklin.

DOTY CREEK — Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill, Rich Caudill, Steve Adams, and Henry Stealy.

CONWAY — D. R. Caudill, Perry Tackett, H. C. Whitaker, B. F. Tackett, and V. T. Caudill.

Cedar Grove — W. M. Caudill, George Caudill and A. Whitaker.

LITTLE HOME — George Hagans, L. D. Francis, L. B. Day, Millard Morton and Paris Hagans.

NEW HOME — Alex Coburn, Wm. Ritchie, Robert Smith, R. G. Sparkman, and Lee Mosley.

POWELL — Willie Mullins, Dewey Fields, Wallace Mullins, Levi Caudill, and C. C. Bates.

JAMES MEMORIAL — James D. Fields, Crit Eldridge, Beckham Fields, H. D. Caudill, and F. S. Caudill.

NEW BETHLEHEM — Harrison Williams, Richard Fugate, Grove Patrick, Isaac Creech, and Willie Walters.

LITTLE DANIEL — John Madden, Abbie Madden, Charlie Gibson, J. R. Maggard, and Liddie Maggard.

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

DRY FORK — Wm. Tyree, and Nathaniel Young.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM — Hiram Amburgey, Steve Pratt, George Everage, John Mullins, and Emery Reedy.

REYNOLDS FORK — Elam Hale, A. J. Taylor, Millard Seals, Newton Cornett, and Nelson Seals.

TOLSON CREEK — Noah Eldridge, Jasper Boggs, Cleveland Fields and Ted Crase.

LITTLE ZION—Austin Combs, Carson Cornett, Matt Caudill, Sam Combs, Bill Johnson, Bill Jones, John Mullins, and Jason Cornett.

LITTLE DOVE — Jimmie Caudill, Squire Eldridge, Billie Day, Willie Hampton and W. G. Caudill.

Statistical Table

NAME OF CHURCHES	Rec'd by Ex. & Bapt.....	Rec'd by Letter.....	Restored.....	Rec'd by Recommendation.....	Deceased.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded	Total Membership.....	Church Time.....	Contributions
Carr's Fork.....	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	95	4	8.00
Poor Fork.....	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	120	3	10.00
Big Cowan.....	10	0	1	0	2	1	0	167	4	15.00
Clear Creek.....	7	0	2	0	5	0	1	84	3	10.00 ^r
Oven Fork.....	6	1	0	0	2	0	4	134	2	15.00
Big Leatherwood.....	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	88	2	10.00
Indian Bottom.....	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	70	1	15.00 ^r
Mallet Fork.....	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	43	3	8.00
Hurricane Gap	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	43	2	10.00 ^r
Sandlick.....	9	1	2	0	2	0	0	49	3	10.00
Doty Creek.....	6	1	0	0	3	7	1	105	2	20.00
Conway.....	3	14	0	0	0	1	0	32	2	7.00
Cedar Grove.....	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	34	4	5.00
Little Home.....	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	126	1	20.00 ^r
New Home	2	0	1	0	3	2	3	60	2	10.00
Powell.....	1	1	1	0	0	8	1	43	3	6.00
Clover Fork	No Letter									
Ingrams Creek	No Letter									
James Memorial	9	0	1	0	2	2	1	41	3	10.00
New Bethlehem.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	1	5.00
Little Daniel.....	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	46	2	7.00
Maple Grove.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	5.00
Dry Fork.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	4.00
Little Bethlehem.....	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	30	2	8.00
Reynolds Fork.....	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	12	4	5.00
Tolson Creek.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	23	4	7.00
Hoover Hill.....	No Letter									
Little Zion.....	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	2	5.00
Meadow Fork.....	No Letter									
Little Dove.....	5	0	0	1	1	2	2	43	2	10.50
TOTALS.....	110				31		19	1634		245.50

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 fellow-
ship, 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 com-
mence on Friday before the
Saturday in September, and the two fol-
lowing 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, receive uor letter and these, our breth-
ren, to sit with you in all your advisory council. May the
Lord bless you in all your work. We are at peace among our-
selves.

The state of our church is as follows: Number of Or-
dained Ministers Names and postoffices

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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.

