

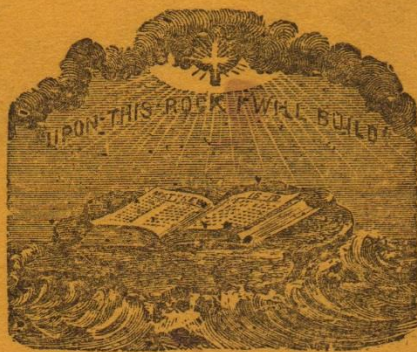
**MINUTES**  
- of the -  
**INDIAN BOTTOM**  
**ASSOCIATION**

**OF**  
**REGULAR BAPTISTS OF**  
**JESUS CHRIST**

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**FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**

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-Held With The-  
**LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH**  
**Amburgey, Knott County, Kentucky**  
**September 3, 4, 5, 1954**

## PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ in session assembled with the Little Bethlehem Church, Amburgey, Knott County, Kentucky, September 3, 4, 5, 1954.

The Association met at the place arranged for preaching and after singing some of Zions Songs, the service was introduced by Elder Alva Caudill, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Elder George Hagans, using the following text: Prov. Chapter 22, Verse 28. Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

The delegation then assembled at the Church house and after singing by the congregation, introduction by Elder Johnny Hall and prayer led by Elder E. V. Hopkins proceeded to business as follows:

1. The house was called to order by Elder G. M. Caudill, 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. One letter was read, then all of them were received and delegates seated, with all queries and requests referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association then organized by choosing Elder G. M. Caudill, Moderator; Elder J. W. Pratt, Assistant Moderator; Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk; and Elder H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly constituted churches and received none.

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

5. Called for corresponding letters from our Sister Associations and received the following:

UNION — with the following delegates: Elmer Church, Andy Bates, M. L. Amburgey, Earl Belcher, J. Marshall Davis, Tyree Church and Earl Hogston. Letters in the hands of Elmer Church.

NEW SALEM — with the following delegates: J. P. Hall, E. H. Howard, E. V. Hopkins, M. V. Burke, Wiley Coffee, Curtis Frasure, Dan Gibson, Jerry Hall, Jr. J. M. Moore, and Jerry Hall, Sr. Letter in hands of Elder E. V. Hopkins.

PHILADELPHIA — with the following delegates:

Eales Cotton, John Moore, Glenn Rose, Virgie Burnett. and M. W. Burnett. with letter in the hands of Elder Cales Cotton.

SARDIS — with the following delegates: Esther Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, and Edd May. Said letters with a file of minutes from all the above - named associations were received and the delegates extended the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator and given a seat with us.

6. Called for transient Ministers and members of our same faith and order and received as follows:

H. L. Raleigh, Fayette Caudill, Frank Hall, Millard Allen, Clarence Fields, Henry Blair, Gordon Caudill, Alvin Hagans, John W. Collins, E. F. Bentley, Talt Hall, Sherman Slone, J. T. Nichols, Paris Hagans, Monroe Couch, Jonah Tackett, Elam Hale, Marion Francis, William W. Francis.

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 the entire delegation of the Little Bethlehem Church.

9. Appointed the same Committee on Arrangements as on Ministry with only one delegate from the Little Bethlehem Church, together with Moderator and Clerk and visiting brethren and transients invited.

10. On motion, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed to write Corresponding Letters to our Sister Associations.

11. Called on the Committee on Ministry to report, who reported the following Ministers to preach Friday evening: 1—Elbert Short; 2—Harrison Bevins; 3—Johnny Hall; Saturday, 1—Eales Cotton; 2—Earl Hogston; 3—Ester Hopkins; 4—E. V. Hopkins; 5—Elmer Church.

12. On motion the Association adjourned until 9:00 A. M., Saturday morning.

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#### SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 4, 1954.

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder E. H. Howard, proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Called for Transient Ministers and members of our same faith and order and received as follows: Woodrow Dye, Hager Watts, Troy Nichols, and Lawrence Jenkins.

3. Ministers to preach at the stand were excused.
4. Called on the Committee on Arrangements to report. The report of this Committee was received and the committee was discharged.

ITEM 1.—The report of the Committee which was sent to investigate records of the Oven Fork Church November the Second Saturday, 1953. The report of this Committee which is printed in this minute was received and the committee was discharged.

#### COMMITTEE'S REPORT

November 14, 1953.

The second Saturday of November, 1953, this being the regular meeting time, the Oven Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ, met with a committee chosen by the Indian Bottom Association. The names of the delegates are as follows: Bros. John Moore of the Philadelphia Association, George Hagans, G. M. Caudill, and Beckham Fields of the Indian Bottom Association. These brethren were chosen to meet with the Ovn Fork Church for th purpose of examining the records of said church and to work with them in the love of God, and to help them restore peace, love, and fllowship among the church.

After introduction and prayer by Bro. Beckham Fields, and preaching by Bro. John Moore, the committee met and chose Bro. G. M. Caudill moderator of the committee, and Bro. Alonzo Allen, Clerk of same. Bro. Manis Isom brought the question of fourteen members being excluded in 1950 and asked a solution to this problem which semed to be uppermost in the mind of the committee. Bro. John Moore came forward and seemed to be wonderfully blessed in his instructions and admonitions in regard to a solution.

Then Bro. Riley Fouts got permission from his moedrator to speak. Bro. Riley then made his acknowledgement to the church and to those that felt that he had wrongfully treated them in dismissing them from the Oven Fork Church. He further stated he was willing to invite them all back to their seat and make his apology as the work was done contrary to Old Regular Baptist order and prtice.

Bro. George Hagans then came forward and being blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit gave th Church beautiful council asking them to go to those they had wronged out of their fellowship and labor with them, get them to come back home and to take up their fellowship again with

the Oven Fork Church and so continue in love one with another. And those who have gone out elsewhere and taken up fellowship, if they will not com back to their church, call them in question, and exclude them.

It was then moved by Bro. Beckham Fields and seconded by Bro. George Hagans that we pass this item into the hands of the committee.

Question: Why did the Oven Fork Church ask the Indian Bottom Association for letter to go to some other Association?

The answer given: Because some brethern spoke hastily and did not want to force orders of the Association upon members of the Oven Fork Church. They further stated that Bro. Ballard Baker had agreed to take them into the Unon Association by application according to Bro. Riley Fouts statement to the committee.

Bro. Albro Hubbard and Sster Bell Mullins stated that Bro. Fouts did not advise church to go to the Union Association, it was their own accord, but now the church is satisfied with the orders of the association and the majority of the church answered so.

Moved by Bro. George Hagans and seconded by Bro. Beckham Fields to close discussion on subject and turn same over to hands of committee.

Moved by Bro. George Hagans and seconded by Bro. Beckham Fields to adjourn and make up report of committee.

Committee now in conference:

Moved by Bro. George Hagans and seconded by Bro. Beckham Fields that the Oven Fork Church record the act of excluding those fourteen members of the Oven Fork Church without giving them a fair trial; we further request that Bro. Riley Fouts advise the church to make their acknowledgement as well as he himself to these brethern and sisters for injustice that thy did them and the way and manner with which they delt with them.

Item No. 2 — We further recommend that Brother Riley Fouts appear before the Indiana Bottom Association when it convenes with the Little Bethlehem Church on Irishman Creek, Knott county, Kentucky in september the first Friday and Saturday and Sunday, 1954, and make an acknowledgement to the delegation that he misinformed them and cause them to believe that he excluded fourteen members according to Old Regular Baptist discipline.

Moved by Brother Beckham Fields and seconded by

Brother G. M. Caudill that Brother Riley Fouts make an acknowledgement to the Indian Bottom Association for transgression against it by taking a church letter to the Union Association and asking them for admittance to their body after we, the Indian Bottom Association had refused them a letter of dismissal.

Moved and seconded that the committee be dissolved.

Done and signed by order of the committee.

Elder G. M. Caudill, Moderator

Bro. Alonzo Allen, Clerk

Bro. John Moore                                 Committee

Bro. George Hagans

Bro. Beckham Fields

By move and second the above report was unanously received and committee discharged.

We, the Association, say unanimously that we now withdraw our fellowship from the Oven Fork Church and cancel the credentials of Elder Riley Fouts, their Moderator for making false statements to The Indian Bottom Association, also for not obeying the advice given to him and the Oven Fork Church and leading them into further disorder by abruptly breaking away from our Association and joining themselves to the Thornton Union Association. Therefore, we publish Riley Fouts and Oven Fork Church in disorder.

ITEM 2.—This association also withdraws its fellowship from the Maple Grove Church and publish her in disorder for abruptly breaking away from this association and joining herself to the Thornton Union Association.

ITEM 3.—By unanimous voice the Indian Bottom Association agreed to send an answer query and request to the Union Association, New Salem Association and Sardis Association which reads as follows:

**ANSWER QUERY AND REQUEST TO UNION.**

**NEW SALEM and SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

We the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ now in session with the Little Bethlehem church of Amburgey, Knott county, Kentucky, September 3-4-5, 1954.

In answer to your request; we say that the Thornton Union Association has never complied with our request by giving us a direct answer to our request concerning cut or bobbed hair, and other differences as follows: They have

taken members into their fellowship who were legally excluded by us. They have also taken seven of our churches into their fellowship. One of these churches were under censure by us for her disorders and another had not been brought into question by us. The others were dropped from our fellowship for rebelling against the rules of our association.

We pray that you our beloved sister associations to seriously consider this our answer—query and request and give us an answer whether you are going to indorse the actions of the Thornton Union Association for violating the rules of our association, and deviating from the orthodox principles of religion, which is recorded in the 17th item of our constitution.

We therefore ask that you give us a direct answer Yes or No. If you feel to indorse the actions of the Thornton Union Association in her disorderly work; then give us our letter and we will not give you any more trouble.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association.

Elder G. M. Caudill, Moderator.

Elder James W. Pratt, Assistant Moderator.

Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk.

Elder H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

#### TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

Item 6. We received your request and it was read at the Committee of arrangements. There is nothing we can do as we are not in correspondence with Thornton Union directly.

In answer to this request, we do not believe that the things mentioned in this letter are in line with Old Regular Baptist doctrine.

In answer to Item One, concerning bobbed hair. Our churches have no such practice, neither does the Church of God.

In answer to the question of Elders preaching with other denominations. We have the same order as you have.

In answer to the Sixth Item concerning secret orders. We have none that we know of and do not want any.

We hope that something can be worked out to bring about peace among our Sister Associations.

This letter is written by order of The Philadelphia Association.

John Moore, Moderator.

Glen Rose, Clerk.

Item 4. In regard to query from the Powell Church asking that the Indian Bottom Association make peace with the Thornton Union Association to former suggestions of Elder F. A. Hopkins. It was moved, seconded and passed by unanimous voice of the Association as everything now stands we cannot comply with their request.

Item 5. In regard to a query from the Reynolds Fork Church asking the Association to interpret the true meaning of several scriptures. After a brief discussion it was made manifest that this was desired for the benefit of some young preachers. It was the mind of the association that preachers should depend upon God to revealate their minds when they attempt to preach. If any among you lack wisdom, ask of God who givth liberally to all and upbraideth none. By move and second, it was disposed of without further consideration.

5. Appointed a Committee on Finance consisting of Elders H. B. Reedy, Alva Caudill and Monroe Caudill who reported the sum of \$324.00 contributed by the several churches. By move and second Brothr Dawson Dixon was appointed treasurer and authorized to superintend the printing of 3,000 Minute Books and reserve 100 copies for each of our corresponding sister associations, and distribute the remainder among the several churches, according to their contributions and that he receive \$35.00 for his services and that he pay the assistant clerk \$20.00 for his services.

6. Appointed the same committee on Ministry as of yesterday to arrange for preaching Saturday evening and Sunday, which reported as follows: Saturday evening—1; James F. Collins; 2—Edd May; 3— James W. Pratt; Sunday: 1—H. B. Reedy; 2—M. V. Burke; 3—John Moore; 4—G. M. Caudill, the Moderator.

7. Letters to the Corresponding Associations were read and approved and delegates appointed to attend as follows: Union—to be held with the Bull Creek Church, Maxie, Buchannon county, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1954. Delegates to attend—Elders Lewis Day, George Hagans, Hillis Reedy, Mauder Fouts, Wilson W. Francis, G. M. Caudill, H. D. Caudill, Alonzo Allen, Manus Ison, J. W. Pratt, James F. Collins, Alonzo Watts, J. J. Sparkman, Olus Baldrige, and Brethern James Whitaker, Jerome Watts and Lee Adams. Letter in hands of Olus Baldrige.

NEW SALEM — To be held with the Caney Creek Church, Pikeville, Pike County, Ky., beginning on Friday



before the fourth Saturday in September, 1954—Delegates to attend: Eldrs Alonzo Allen, Alva Caudill, Olus Baldrige, George Hagans, G. M. Caudill, J. W. Pratt, Manus Ison, Paris Hagans, Mander Youts, H. B. Reedy, Lewis Day, H. D. Caudill, Green Fields, J. J. Sparkman, Alonzo Watts, Beckham Fields, Troy Shepherd, Wilson Francis and brethren James Whitaker, Jerome Watts and— Clarence Fields.

PHILADELPHIA — To be held with the Little Rosa Church on Smith's Branch, Loyd, Greenup County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1955. Delegates to attend: Elders Manus Ison, George Hagans, Green Fields, G. M. Caudill, H. D. Caudill, Beckham Fields, Mander Youts, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Frank Fugate, Paris Hagans and brethren Clarence Fields, Dawson Dixon, Jerome Watts and Dewey Hagans.

SARDIS — To be held with the Mount Pleasant Church, Canada, Pike County, Ky., beginning on Friday before second Saturday in September, 1954. Delegates: Manus Ison, G. M. Caudill, Mauder Youts, H. D. Caudill, H. B. Reedy, Wilson Francis, and brethren Dewey Hagans, Nick Everage, Arvill Mullins.

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

9. Financial report of the Treasurer Receipts—

Balance from last year .....	\$ 25.10
Sept. 5, 1953 contributed by the churches .....	317.00
Sept. 5, 1953 donated by the congregation .....	127.00
Sept. 11, 1953 by Oven Fork Church .....	16.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS .....

\$485.10

EXPENDITURES:

Sept. 9, 1953 To H. D. Caudill, assistant clerk .....	\$ 20.00
Sept. 18, 1953 To G. M. Caudill, expense to Association .....	10.00
Oct. 2, 1953 To Manus Ison, expense to Association .....	10.00
Oct. 2, 1953 To George Hagans, expense to Association .....	5.00
Oct. 2, 1953 To H. D. Caudill, expense to Association .....	6.00
Oct. 15, 1953 To Paris Hagans, expense to Association .....	6.50
Oct. 15, 1953 Mountain Eagle, printing Minutes .....	300.00
Nov. 18, 1953 Mountain Eagle, postage .....	14.60

Nov. 29, 1953 Clerk's Fee .....	35.00
Aug. 23, 1954 To George Hagans, expense to Association .....	16.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....	\$423.16
BALANCE ON HAND .....	\$ 61.94

10. Appointed Union meetings as shown under that heading.

11. The Circular Letter written by Elder Manus Ison was read, approved and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

12. On motion Elder Alonzo Allen was appointed to write a Circular letter for next year.

13. On motion it was agreed that the next session of the Association be held with the New Home Church, Leburn. Knott county, Ky, Highway 80, to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept. 1955 and continue the two following days. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder J. W. Pratt and Elder Manus Ison to be his alternate.

14. On motion the association was closed by prayer by Elder Johnny Hall and adjourned to the time and place of our next association.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association.

Elder G. M. Caudill, Moderator.

Elder J. W. Pratt, Assistant Moderator.

Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk.

Elder H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING. SEPT. 5, 1954

The preaching brethren met at the stand with a large and attentive congregation.

After singing some of the blessed songs of Zion the service was introduced by Elder H. B. Reedy. It seemed that the crystal fountains on high were opened unto him and heavenly manna was showered all around.

Elder M. V. Burke, of the New Salem Association, was second on the stand, whose text was from the Songs of Solomon, Chapter 6, Verse 9: "My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bear her, etc."

Elder John Moore of The Philadelphia Association was third on the stand and took as his text Isaiah Chapter 4. verse 1: "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach."

Then Elder G. M. Caudill our moderator concluded the service his text in Rev., Chapter 22, Verse 14: "Blessed are they that do His Commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

The preaching was in harmony and was accompanied by the uplifting spirit of God. A heavenly feast was bountifully spread for souls that were hungering and thirsting for righteousness. We feel to say that this was one of the best associations that we have attended and will long be remembered by all who were present.

So we now wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of The Little Bethlehem Church and the entire community for their kindness and generous hospitality shown us through this association. Thus the fifty-ninth annual session of the Indian Bottom Association ended amid great rejoicing and praising the Lord.

May the Lord bless us all.

Yours in hope,  
Dawson Dixon, Clerk

## CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist:

I will now try to comply with your request of our last association. by writing this circular letter.

It is with much feeling of weakness and void of understanding that I attempt to write that which I trust will meet your approval and will be pleasing unto God.

Having much love for my brothers and sisters and for the very name Indian Bottom Association, and the up build of God's Kingdom. I will by the help of God use Love as my subject.

We hear much spoken about this word love. and all people are possessors of a love, but the love I have in mind is the love that all of God's children have.

The love that God's children have is his love and his love is a perfect love, because the Bible teaches us that he is perfect, Then if he is perfect his love is perfect. Then if his love is perfect love and his children have his love then they have no fear of certain powers and things, because the Bible says that perfect love casteth out fear. 1st John 4-18. This perfect love doesn't cast out the fear of God, because the scriptures say. I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me, Jeremiah 32:40—also in

Psalms 11:10 we hear it saying the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and again in Ecclesiastes 12:13. Let us hear the conclusion of the matter. Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of men.

We hear people say they love God and that they love the Brethren, but according to Jesus own words they by their works do prove that they do not love God. For he did say. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me. John 14:21. This is why we say then by their works they prove that they do not love him for we see these people failing to keep his commandments.

Men who love God are not afraid to make public his commandments.

Men who love God want to be governed by God's commandments and they want to know his commandments because they love him and fear him and do not want to do that which is going to cause their father to become angered.

In John 14:15 we hear the scripture saying, If ye love me keep my commandments, and in John 14:23, If a man love me he will keep my words. In John 14:24, He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings.

Therefore then brethren let's let the word judge them. Ye shall know them by their fruits, Mat. 7:16.

Now brothers and sisters let us all show by our lives that we do love in deed and in truth. We hear people saying they love God, but we very seldom see or hear of any deeds to prove it. We are commanded to prove our love by works. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth, 1st John 3:18.

Let's show our love to God by keeping his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not grievous. 1st. John 5:3.

We also prove that we love God by proving our love for his children by this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. 1st. John 5:2.

We cannot love God and not love his children or the brethren. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? 1st. John 4:20.

We are commanded by God to love one another. This commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God

love his brother also. 1st. John 4:21.

It is an evident fact that if a man love God he will love his children and if he loves the father he will love the son. Every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten by him. 1st John 5:1.

Now brothers and sisters we do have many people to come to us telling us what Great love they have for us but inside us we do have a sense of feeling that they speak not the truth, very often they take advantage and offend, but we must not be overcome by the spirit of evil. For we are told not to render evil for evil. Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12:21.

Many times we fail to work by the plan of God's written word and by the Holy spirit. This causes us to have sorrow and gives our adversaries weapons to fight with. Hatred stirreth up strifes, but love covereth all sins. Prov. 10:12.

I pray God that we will continue to be in the spirit of love that we seem to be in at the time of my writing this. Let's watch over one another for good and not evil. We the children have a great battle ahead. Satan is roaring up and down the earth trying to deceive your child and my child, your neighbor's child and my neighbor's child. May we let God help us to unite together in his love and fight the devil with the sword of righteousness. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. St. John 13:34. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another, St. John 13:55.

We hear many preaching love, but they do not seem to want to give its full emphasis, neither do they themselves abide in love. Why? Because they do not teach all the commandments of God, neither do they themselves try to fulfill all the commandments of God. Therefore they are not declaring the whole counsel of God, and there will be many in that number that do such, and because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. Mt. 24:12.

Now brothers and sisters I have done the best I know with the help of God and the Holy scriptures. I trust this letter will be the means of bringing our fellowship closer together.

My love goes out to every brother and sister in Christ. I wish it were possible I could meet every one in person and prove my sincerity in love toward you, but I will have

to live in the love of God hoping that we shall all meet  
where all is love.

May the grace of God rest on all his true believers  
everywhere.

Your unworthy Brother,

MANUS ISON

## UNION MEETINGS:

APRIL, 1955

**CLEAR FORK**—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders:  
Burton Howard, Burley Combs, Harrison Williams, Alex  
Coburn, Steve Pratt, Frank Sugate, Baxter Osborne, and  
Beckham Fields.

**JAMES MEMORIAL**—Third Saturday and Sunday.  
Elders: Monroe Caudill, Lewis Day, Alvin Hagans and  
Manus Ison.

**LITTLE HOME** — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders:  
Hillis Reedy, Edd May, G. M. Caudill, M. V. Burke, Willie  
Madden, Manus Ison, and Elmer Church.

**REYNOLDS FORK** — Second Saturday and Sunday.  
Elders: Lewis Lucas, Beckham Fields, Lee Mosley, Cephus  
Mosley, J. J. Sparkman, and Alonzo Watts.

**HURRICANE GAP** — Second Saturday and Sunday.  
Elders: James F. Collins, John D. Ison, Willie Madden,  
Frank Fugate, and Moderator.

**CLEAR CREEK** — Third Saturday and Sunday. Eld-  
ers: Francis Hubbard, Eales Cotton, Wiley Coffee, Dan  
Noble, Troy Shepherd, and Grover Adkins.

**CEDAR GROVE** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Eld-  
ers: George Hagans, Willie Madden, Troy Shepherd, G. M.  
Caudill, Hillis Reedy, and Andy Bates.

**LITTLE MAGDALENE** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday.  
Elders: Alvin Hagans, Carvey Adams, Willie Madden, Ar-  
vil Mullins, Hillis Reedy, and Alonzo Watts.

JUNE, 1955

**INDIAN BOTTOM** — First Saturday and Sunday. Eld-  
ers: E. V. Hopkins, Alex Coburn, M. V. Burke, Jonah Tac-  
kett, Manus Ison, and J. W. Pratt.

**DRY FORK** — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders:  
M. V. Burke, Troy Shepherd, Beckham Fields, Manus Ison,  
Paris Hagans, Monroe Caudill, Moderator and Assistant  
Moderator.

**PILGRIM'S HOME** — First Saturday and Sunday.  
Elders: Burton Howard, Olus Baldrige, Willie Collins,

Manus Ison, Steve Pratt, L. B. Day, Hillis Reedy and Moderator.

NEW HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Mitchell Chaffin, Willie Madden, Grover Adkins, J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, Ellis Moore, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

DOTY CREEK — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. J. Sparkman, Curtis Caudill, Beckham Fields, L. F. Caudill, George Hagan and G. M. Caudill.

BIG LEATHERWOOD — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: G. M. Caudill, Beckham Fields and Manus Ison.

MALLET FORK — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: M. V. Burke, Jerry Hall, John W. Witt, Dan Gibson and Alonzo Allen.

CARRS FORK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Elmer Church, Neal Cornett, Wallace Mullins, John Moore, George Hagens and Lewis Day.

NEW BETHLEHEM — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alex Coburn, H. B. Reedy, Burley Combs, Manus Ison, Burton Howard, Sherman Slone and Troy Shepherd.

LITTLE DANIEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. B. Reedy, M. V. Burke, Elam Hale, Alvin Hagens, Howard Caudill, Curtis Caudill and Moderator.

BIG COWAN — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alva Caudill, Troy Shepherd, J. W. Pratt, M. V. Burke, George Hagens, and Moderator.

#### JULY, 1955

LITTLE ROSE — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: George Hagens, Frank Fugate, J. J. Sparkman, Mort Patrick, Steve Pratt, and Burley Combs.

INGRAMS CREEK — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: M. V. Burke, Jonah Tackett, Andy Bates, Beckham Fields, and J. W. Pratt.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. J. Sparkman, Manus Ison, Johnny Hall, George Hagens, M. V. Burke, Jonah Tackett and Elmer Church.

SANDLICK — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Troy Shepherd, Monroe Caudill, George Hagens, Alva Caudill, Willie Madden, Manus Ison and Moderator.

## 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 numbers 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 and given 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 churches 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. Amendments 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 adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

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## 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 rule of our faith, and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and that men sinned since the fall and are by nature the children of wrath.

4. We believe in the impotency of inability of man to recover themselves out of the state they are in; therefore a Saviour is absolutely needed.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints that through grace they are born again and adopted into the family of Heaven: that they become equal heirs with Jesus Christ in glory, and that He will raise them up at the last day.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances; that true believers are the proper subjects and we admit no other.

8. We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion to baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

9. We believe that washing of one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on records with His Disciples, and ought to be practiced by his followers.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general Judgment when all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.

12. We believe that no one has a right to administer the gospel ordinances but such as are legally called and qualified thereunto.

13. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to attend church meetings, and that it is the duty of the church to deal with them for neglecting the same.

14. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute to the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of 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 salva-

tion 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 of the above articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

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### 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 preceding speaker, but shall define his ideas on the proposition for debate as far as he can.

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

## • Obituaries •

WILLIE FIELDS



It is with a sad feeling I will try to write a sketch of the life of my husband, Willie Fields. He was born March 15, 1903, deceased September 15, 1953. He was married to Sinda Mullins in the year of 1919. To this union was born six children, three boys and three girls, Sesco Fields, Mayking, Ky., Truby Fields, Moses Lake, Wash.; Samuel Fields, Mayking, Ky., Irene Hall, Newport News, Va.; Emmy Polly, Mayking, Ky.; Zelma Asby, Newport News, Va. He joined The Old Regular Baptist Church at Mallet Fork Sunday, October 3, 1939 and lived a faithful life until death. He had a strike in 1953 which paralyzed him in his left side for quite a while. Then he got so he could go around again and September 12, 1953 he had a fatal stroke that took him over that great beyond. He was a strong believer in the faith and was faithful to attend his meeting and all other churches as far as he was able to go. He was loved by all who knew him. He was a deacon and clerk for several years

and more than all he loved to keep a clean church. He always said a church without order wasn't worth anything. He was a good father and loved his family. He always coun-ciled his children often. Children if you ever want to meet your papa repent of your many sins and live for Jesus for I have a hope to believe he is resting around the throne of God.

"A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled."

Written by a loving wife, Sinda Fields.



MRS. IDA COMBS

Mrs. Ida Combs Francis of Carr Creek, a member of one of the oldest and best known families in Eastern Kentucky, passed away at 8:15 Friday evening, June 11, just 6 days short of her 75th birthday, in the Mount Mary Hospital in Hazard.

Mother was born June 17, 1879 at Jeff. Ky., the youngest daughter of Clinton and Louanna Baker Combs. Early in life she was married to the late Simeon Francis, a school teacher and farmer of Carr Creek. To this union was born 13 children. She and Dad were great believers in the Old

Regular Baptist Church, and in good schools. They donated much of the land on which the Carr Creek School stands.

In May, 1903, Mother joined the Old Carrs Fork Regular Baptist Church. For over 51 years she was a true and faithful member, and was the oldest member (not in age) of the church. Even though she had been in poor health for several years, she was blessed to be able to attend various Old Regular Baptist Churches in Eastern Kentucky, and as far away as Michigan. It was her food and her drink—she was a true mother in Israel. Her life before her children and her neighbors was a shining example which will live on in the hearts of many.

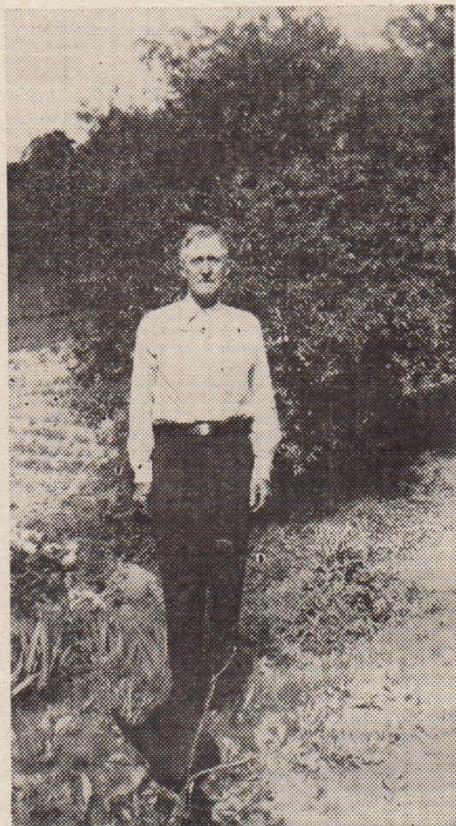
As she lay on her hospital bed she realized the end was near. She said, "I feel like all my sufferings will soon be over." All the family were at the bedside, and one of the best Doctors, and Nurses, in our land were standing over her, when without the least sign of a struggle she quietly and very peacefully went to "sleep".

Mother is survived by 10 children; Sam of Wichita Falls, Texas, Bill, Arthur, and Vincent of Detroit, and Wallace of Detroit and Carr Creek. Byrle, and Burnette at home, Mrs. Reuben Morgan of Emmalena, Ky., Mrs. Ray Marr of Detroit, and Mrs. B. T. Smith of Columbus, Ohio. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. George Knuckles of Bell county, Ky, and 16 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

On Monday, June 14, an overflowing multitude attended her funeral in the Old Carrs Fork Regular Baptist church. The Revs. Earl Howard read the obituary and opened, followed by Baxter Osborne, and Burton Howard, and Ellis Hopkins closed. They were all blessed wonderfully. Burial was in the Francis cemetery at Carr Creek, where prayer was held by Rev. John Sparkman. We tried our best to do everything exactly like we believe mother would have wanted it.

The old home is a lonesome one, and it never could possibly be the same any more. But, the good Lord saw fit to take our beloved mother across Jordan, and on over Home. She can not come back to us, but by the grace of God we can go to her.

Written by her son,  
Wallace B. Francis



E. H. PRATT

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband, E. H. Pratt. Born February 23, 1877 and departed from this life November 3, 1953, at the age of 76 years, 8 months, and 11 days. We were married January 1, 1906, and raised nine children. all are left to mourn his passing. He also leaves 22 grandchildren, one brother, one sister, and a host of friends and relatives.

He was a kind and loving husband and father. Oh, how we miss him, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. He confessed a hope in Christ while on his sick bed, but was unable to be baptised. Children if you want to see Daddy again, prepare to meet him in a better world than this, where there will be no separation.

Writtn by his weeping wife, Nannie Pratt.

## OBITUARY OF WILSON C. MULLINS

Written by Himself

I, Wilson C. Mullins, son of John and Selah Mullins was born September 29, 1870, deceased February 15, 1954. Age 82 years, 4 months, 16 days at time of death.

On March 5, 1902, I was married to Jane Emeline Boggs, daughter of Elisha and Sally Boggs. We lived a quiet and peaceable life until she deceased on January 3, 1928. Then on September 2, 1931, I was married to Rufine Blevins, the widow of Newton Blevins and living a quiet peaceable life with her. There were no children born to either union.

When I was eighteen years of age, I received that sweet hope that when I leave this world I will be ready to meet my Savior in that happy world where I will be forever with Him in happiness.

Then in a short time I began to want to follow in the footsteps of my Savior by being baptized. Many times in riding the road I would come to a hole of clear water and I desired so much for some good preacher to be there and put me in. But as I was young I felt that they would not want me in the church, and then besides that I had doubts all along and I wanted to put it off till I could get rid of them. So I put it off for about five years but I had to go without getting rid of them, and I am not rid of them yet. But when I told them what I felt the Lord had done for me and fulfilled his command all the desires were gone.

Now in regard to the funeral, many people want to send off and get so-called big preachers. I am too small and unworthy of that. So I will just get two preachers that are close at hand if they are living when I pass away, and that is Brother Henry Raleigh and Brother Fayette Caudill, but if any of the preachers of The Indian Bottom Association who are 100 percent for the orders of the Association and have time for them to exercise, I want them all to have a part but as they all live some distance, it would be some trouble for someone to go after them and take them back.

I want Brother Henry to read the obituary as he is a good reader and let Brother Fayette use all the time he wants to and offer prayer and Brother Henry use all the time he wants to use or if some of the other preachers are at the funeral that I have mentioned and they can read the obituary it is all right. Or if the way I have mentioned it does not suit their mind, I want them to exercise according to their mind.

Sent in by a Brother in hope of eternal life,  
—ELDER HENRY RALEIGH.



OBITUARY OF JEP CAMPBELL AND WIFE,  
MALINDA CAMPBELL.

Jep Campbell was born November 5, 1869, deceased October 20, 1953—age 84 years. Malinda Campbell was born February 28, 1867, deceased December 21, 1953—age 86 years. To this union was born 14 children, five of them have passed on while there are five girls and four boys living.

Thy were both kind and loving parents. Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church several years before her death and was faithful to her profession. She was the most humblest woman I ever saw. She was so easy and kind to us and everybody. In the last year or two of her life she was very feeble in mind. It hurt us so bad to see her in that condition. But God loved her and we believe he has took her where she will not be feeble any more, where no sorrow can ever be, where she will be as the Angels of God.

Dad never joined any church but he believed in the Old Regular Baptist way and would often call for the Brothers to come and preach for him, he was kind to everybody and was humble. I am thankful to the Good Lord I heard him pray many times. We are all satisfied about his condition. I feel sure according to his talk he is with mother now. He died about two months after mother did. To my brothers and sisters, if you want to see dad and mother again you must repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ then you can go where they are and be with them forever and forever in that happy land where all will be joy, peace and happiness.

—RITTER HALCOMB.

OBITUARY OF MILLARD MORTON AND  
WIFE, EVA ARMINTA MORTON

Millard Morton, born August 24, 1907, deceased December 25, 1952. Age 45 years, 4 months and 1 day.

Eva Arminta Morton was born March 12, 1905. Deceased December 25, 1952. Age 47 years, 9 months, 13 days.

They were married February 4, 1926. To this union was born two sons: James Morton, Jr., and Linzie Marton. James Morton, Jr., Hamilton, Ohio; Linzie Morton Smithsboro, Ky.

About the year of 1929, Brother Morton professed a hope in Christ and joined the Little Home Church of Regular Baptist. He was called to the Ministry and was faithful to his calling in expanding the doctrine of Chrst. No one

could condemn him by his life, because it was clean. Later he went to the Big Leatherwood Church by letter and was a great help to that church. He was always ready to go to the aid of any of our people in time of trouble and willing to assist any church in any way he could. Also Eva, his wife, later joined the Little Home Church and went by his side; helped him to bear his burdens. She bore every mark of a Christian. They went together with their lives devoted to the cause of Christ. Always ready to meet you with a friendly hand shake and a heart full of love. Their conversations were Godly. They dearly loved their boys and friends and wanted everybody to live right. Brother Millard preached his last sermon in the Sandlick Church of Regular Baptist. was wonderfully blessed and said, "I guess this will be the last sermon I will ever preach." And it was. Also he said he would never see his son Linzie again. And he did not. The boy was in service in Europe at the time. So they went to Hamilton, Ohio, to see their son, James. They were hit by a fast train and killed them both.

To you, James and Linzie, if you want to see Dad and mother again, you must repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. They have left a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss and our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by Elder J. W. Pratt, Elder L. B. Day

#### JULIA CRAFT

Obituary of Julia Craft, daughter of Frelind Parks and Sarah Meade, was born Dec. 29, 1864 in Grayson County, Virginia, died March 24, 1953, age 88 years, two months, twenty-two days.

She is survived by five children, three passed on to the Great Beyond, where trouble and sorrow is no more. The five who are living: Tonie Seals, Littcarr, Ky.; J. W. Perkins, Manor, Ky.; Ritter Short, Ivis, Ky.; Mayo Craft, Ivis, Ky., Joe Craft, Lexington, Ky.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1917, at Mallet Fork, and lived a faithful member to her death. We feel our loss is her Heavenly gain.

Mother's soul is at rest awaiting the adoption, with redemption of the body that now sleeps the sleep of death. We look forward to that day when Jesus Christ will come together with His sheep in one fold.

Written by her son—

—MAYO CRAFT.

### POLLY MOORE

With a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my loving mother, Polly Moore. She was born June 17, 1885 at Buckhorn, Ky. She was 68 years, three months and 24 days old. She died October 11, 1953. On August 21, 1901, she was married to Can Moore and to this union was born 9 children: Ollie Slone, Southdown, Ky.; Ezzie Short, Pippapass, Ky.; Willard Moore, Spider, Ky.; Hiram Moore, Mallie, Ky.; Myrtle Moore, Elkhorn City, Ky.; Delmar Moore, Mallie, Ky.; and John B. Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio; and a boy and a girl preceded her in death. She joined the Old Regular Baptists Church at Reynolds Fork, on April 5, 1950 and was baptized May 4, she was a faithful member until her death. She went to Church every Sunday as long as she was able. She was a dear sweet mother, we all miss her so, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain. Besides us children, she has three brothers and two sisters and a host of grandchildren to mourn her loss. Her father and mother, Bill Howard and Sarah Maggard Howard, preceded her in death. I feel sure that Mother was loved by all who knew her, so children, if we want to meet Mother again, we must follow in her footsteps, as you know she would want us to.

Written by her broken-hearted son,

—DELMAR MOORE,  
Mallie, Ky.

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### BILL CAUDILL

With a sad and broken heart I will try to write an obituary of my loving old Father, who has left our little home here on earth to go to live with Jesus, I feel.

Bill Caudill was born October 8, 1875, deceased October 2, 1952. He was married to Louisa Dixon about 1900 and to this union 9 children were born, 5 of them preceded him in death: Louisa died in 1917. He was married to Anna Caudill January 19, 1921, and to this union 8 children were born and 4 of them preceded him in death. He joined the Indian Bottom Church in January, 1911, was baptized in February, 1911, and was a faithful member until death; was ordained as a Deacon of Cedar Grove Church about 1930, and served them until he was called by death. The Church has been a faithful member, and the community an honest and upright citizen. He leaves his wife, 8 children, grandchildren, 1 brother and other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. I feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Just a few minutes before he passed away he was looking

around and his wife asked him what he was looking for and he said he was looking for his children. But we were unable to understand his very last words, as he was passing away. He loved his children and I'm sure he had some good words to tell us if we just could have heard him. He worked very hard all of his life for his family and I sure feel he's taking his rest in Heaven now. Us that don't have a hope to meet our father, after this life is over, I hope can be right before death comes.

Written by his son,

GEO. B. CAUDILL

Also requested by his Wife.

IRA McKNIGHT and NANCY ALLIE McKNIGHT

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write an obituary of the life of my dear Daddy and Mother, Ira McKnight and Nancy Allie McKnight. Daddy was born July 18, 1876, died February 10, 1953.

Mother was born May 10, 1879, died February 12, 1953. Just two days between their deaths. It must have been the Good Lord's Will for them to go the way they did, for they were all ways side by side. They had both been in bad health for several years with asthma. They stayed at my home most of the time for over a year until the Lord called them home. It was so sad to have to give them up. But the Lord knows best. I have heard poor Daddy say many times when his suffering was over here, it was all over for him. He was a Regular Baptist preacher for over 40 years. He would cross big mountains with his walking cane to go and preach the Gospel and be with his brethren. It did their hearts good for the Regular Baptist preacher and all the children of God to come to their home. My dear Mother didn't belong to the Church, but she was a believer in the Regular Baptist Church. We truly believe that she is at rest with daddy for she talked so sweet to her children the night Daddy died. She told us to prepare to meet him while we still have time and opportunity, so I believe she is at rest where she will not have to suffer no more. She was all ways so good and kind to her children. The night she died she looked at us all and said, "Children you all look good to me", she died with a smile on her face and clasped her little feeble hands, shouting as she left us. There are 4 girls and 3 boys living; two of the boys are dead, one died in infancy and one was killed in World War II. So I hope

by the Grace of God that each and everyone of their children will get ready to meet them in heaven where we will never have to part no more. I will never forget the prayers my poor Daddy prayed for his children and that they not be cut down in their sins. Sometimes I can almost hear Daddy singing the good old Gospel songs. His favorite song was, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound". Mother's song was, "Precious Memories".

Elder Caleb Creech and Elder Cullen Hogg preached their funeral and sung these songs. Sleep on, Daddy and Mother, until we meet again.

Written by their daughters,

—MALLIE FLEENOR and  
MARY KELLY.

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MARY WATTS FRANKLIN

Amburgey, Ky.

It is with a sad and broken heart, I will try to write an obituary of my Mother. Mary Watts Franklin. She was born May 5, 1874. She professed a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, May 1951; was baptized into fellowship with the Old Regular Baptist Church, Little Bethlehem. She was married to John Watts and to this union was born five children, four living; one boy preceded her in death. After her first husband deceased, she was married to Dave Franklin and to this union was born six children, one boy and one girl preceded her in death, four living. She was the mother of eleven children, three children and two husbands preceded her in death, eight children are still living and left to mourn her loss. She was loved by them all and we miss her so. Her death-bed confession was that she said she didn't want a mixed multitude preaching her funeral. The Old Regular Baptist Faith and Order, what she belonged to, was the only one for her and to let her light shine to her children who are still in the world, that they must repent and be born again before you leave this world, if you want to meet your Father and Mother again. Children, Mother's God is your God and if you want to meet Mother who has gone on to that happyLand, make peace with God in this world before it is too late.

Written by her son,

—BROTHER GARLAND FRANKLIN.

### ELL SHEPHERD

With a sad heart I will attempt to write the obituary of our dear father, Ell Shepherd.

He was born May 3, 1873, deceased March 6, 1952, making his stay on earth seventy-eight years, ten months and three days.

He was married to Susanna Whitaker December 19, 1894 and to this union was born ten children. His wife and ten children survive him. Five boys, E. R., Russell, Cibley, Robert and Arthur. Five girls, Mary, Pherby, Gracie, Celestie and Hattie.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the first Saturday of July, 1911 and was baptized the first Saturday of August, 1911. He lived a true and faithful member. As he was in poor health for 33 years, but he bore his sickness with patience. His passing away was sudden.

He had told our Mother that he was ready to go and had nothing to fear.

He said a few days before he died that all he hated to die for was that he hated to leave her and the children.

He was loved by all who knew him and he had many friends to visit with him.

We feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by a son,

—CIBLEY SHEPHERD.

### Names of Churches and Delegates

CARRS FORK — J. J. Sparkman, Alonzo Watts and William B. Smith.

BIG COWAN—Ellis Banks, Claude Jones, and John D. Ison.

CLEAR CREEK—Frank Fugate Burley Combs and Mander Yonts.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—J. W. Pratt, Henry Hall and Floyd Huff.

INDIAN BOTTOM—G. M. Caudill, H. D. Caudill and Dawson Dixon.

MALLET FORK—J. H. Fields, K. Anderson and T. G. Cook.

HURRICANE GAP—Troy Shepherd, Sibley Shepherd and Byrd Fields.

SANDLICK—Willie Hamilton, Dewey Cornett and James Brown.

DOTY CREEK—Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill, and Howard Caudill.

CEDAR GROVE—Manus Ison, A. Whitaker, Arch Holcomb.

LITTLE HOME—George Hagans, Nick Eberidge and Dock Short.

NEW HOME—Olus Baldridge, W. M. Ritchie and Jerome Watts.

POWELL—Dewey Fields, A. C. Caudill, and Howard Eldridge.

INGRAMS CREEK—James Whitaker Silas Cox, and Woodard Cornett.

JAMES MEMORIAL—Beckham Fields, Crit Eldridge and Gardner Jent.

NEW BETHLEHEM—Grover Patrick, Dan Noble, and Buck Patrick.

LITTLE DANIEL—John Madden, James F. Collins, and Watson Sexton.

DRY FORK—Bethel Campbell and Isaac Craft.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Lewis Day, H. B. Reedy and Newton J. Mullins.

REYNOLDS FORK—Nelson Seals, Elam Hale and Millard Seals.

IVY POINT—Cephus Mosley, John Wicker, and Maryland Slone.

PILGRIM'S HOME—Colonel Eldridge, Willie Madden and Alonzo Allen.

CLEAR FORK—Caney Gayheart, Wheeler Feltner, and Fred Combs.

LITTLE MAGDALENE—Wallace Mullins, Arthur Dixon and Willie Mullins.

LITTLE ROSE—Steve Pratt, Arvie Mullins, and Benton Holiday.

## Church Clerks and Addresses

Carrs Fork—J. J. Sparkman, Litt Carr, Ky.  
Big Cowan—Ellis Banks, Box 311, Whitesburg, Ky.  
Clear Creek—Mander Yonts, Hazard, Ky.  
Big Leatherwood—Floyd Huff, Cornettsville, Ky.  
Indian Bottom—Dawson Dixon, Blackey, Ky.  
Mallet Fork—J. H. Fields, Litt Carr, Ky.  
Hurricane Gap—Byrd Fields, Gordon, Ky.  
Sandlick—Lewis Craft, Millstone, Ky.  
Doty Creek—Monroe Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.  
Cedar Grove—Squire Watts, Hallie, Ky.  
Little Home—Clarence Fields, Red Fox, Ky.  
New Home—Jerome Watts, Garner, Ky.  
Powell—Dewey Fields, Waynesburg, Ky., Route 2.  
Ingrams Creek—James Whitaker, Skyline, Ky.  
James Memorial—Tommy Jent, Carcassonne, Ky.  
New Bethlehem—Jennie Fugate, Talcum, Ky.  
Little Daniel—Watson Sexton, Isom, Ky.  
Dry Fork—Edith Tyree, Crown, Ky.  
Little Bethlehem—Newton J. Mulins, Amburgey, Ky.  
Reynolds Fork—Millard Seals, Litt Carr, Ky.  
Ivy Point—Ed Mosley, Garner, Ky.  
Pilgrims Home—Alonzo Allen, Milan, Ind.  
Clear Fork—Lizzie Combs, Bulan, Ky.  
Little Magdalene—Willie Mullins, Crab Orchard, Ky.,  
Route 1.  
Little Rose—Monroe Cornett, Hindman, Ky.

## Ordained Ministers

J. J. Sparkman ..... Litt Carr, Ky.  
Alonzo Watts ..... Carr Creek, Ky.  
Wm. B. Smith ..... Bath, Ky.  
John D. Ison ..... Oscaloosa, Ky.  
William W. Francis ..... Coral Ridge, Ky.  
D. B. Day ..... Dongola, Ky.  
Frank Fugate ..... Fisty, Ky.  
Burley Combs ..... Ritchie, Ky.  
Martin Patrick ..... Collie, Ky.  
Lewis Lucas ..... Wiscoal, Ky.  
Mander Yonts ..... Hazard, Ky.  
J. W. Pratt ..... Cornettsville, Ky.  
G. M. Caudill ..... Jeremiah, Ky.  
H. D. Caudill ..... Carcassonne, Ky.  
H. L. Raleigh ..... Oven Fork, Ky.  
L. F. Caudill ..... Wentz, Ky.



Troy Shepherd .....	Gordon, Ky.
Estes Cornett .....	Evarts, Ky.
Curtis Caudill .....	Whitesburg, Ky.
Dewey Cornett .....	Whitesburg, Ky.
Lewis Craft .....	Millstone, Ky.
Lemual Hale .....	Waynesboro, Ky.
Alva Caudill .....	Jeremiah, Ky.
Howard Caudill .....	Jeremiah, Ky.
Monroe Caudill .....	Jeremiah, Ky.
Carl Back .....	Jeremiah, Ky.
Manus Ison .....	Hallie, Ky.
George B. Ison .....	Skyline, Ky.
George Hagans .....	Vicco, Ky.
Paris Hagans .....	Red Fox, Ky.
Alvin Hagans .....	Red Fox, Ky.
Nathan Young .....	Fisty, Ky.
Loy Maggard .....	Leburn, Ky.
Olus Baldrige .....	Leburn, Ky.
C. C. Bates .....	Waynesburg, Ky.
A. C. Caudill .....	Waynesburg, Ky.
H. B. Whitaker .....	Waynesboro, Ky.
B. F. Tackett .....	Waynesburg, Ky.
Beckham Fields .....	Carcassonne, Ky.
Crit Eldridge .....	Carcassonne, Ky.
Green Fields .....	Kodak, Ky.
Harrison Williams .....	Vest, Ky.
Dan Noble .....	Anco, Ky.
James F. Collins .....	Isom, Ky.
Lewis Day .....	Smithsboro, Ky.
H. B. Reedy .....	Amburgey, Ky.
William Everage .....	Litt Carr, Ky.
Elam Hale .....	Litt Carr, Ky.
Nelson Seals .....	Carr Creek, Ky.
Cephus Mosley .....	Garner, Ky.
Sam Johnson .....	Garner, Ky.
Maryland Slone .....	Bolyn, Ky.
Willie Madden .....	Otisco, Ind.
Silas Frazier .....	Sunman, Ind.
Alonzo Allen .....	Milan, Ind.
Ed Whitaker .....	Lothair, Ky.
John W. Brock .....	Vicco, Ky.
Wallace Mullins .....	Crab Orchard, Ky., Rt. 1
Arthur Dixon .....	Conway, Ky.
Steve Pratt .....	Amburgey, Ky.
Arvil Mullins .....	Amburgey, Ky.

## 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, Address ..... 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 .....

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these our brethren, to bear this letter to you, to-wit:

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these our brothers 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:

Ordained Ministers .....

Names:

Post Offices:

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Received: Experience and Baptism .....;  
Letter .....; Restored .....; Recommendation .....;  
Dismissed by Letter .....

Died .....; Excluded .....; Total Membership .....

Money Sent .....; Meeting Time .....

Saturday and Sunday of each month.

Dear Brethren, grant us a union meeting .....

Saturday and Sunday in ..... Ministers requested.

1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

4. ....

5. ....

6. ....

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

Clerk's Address .....

Statistical Table	CHURCHES										
	REC'D BY E. & BAPTISM	REC'D BY LETTER	RESTORED BY RECOMMENDATION	LOSS BY DEATH	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME	CONTRIBUTIONS		
CARRS FORK .....	4	1	1	0	3	3	2	102	4	\$20.00	
BIG COWAN .....	10	0	0	0	1	1	8	137	4	20.00	
CLEAR CREEK .....	10	0	0	0	1	3	1	108	3	15.00	
BIG LEATHERWOOD .....	2	3	0	0	6	0	0	84	2	20.00	
INDIAN BOTTOM .....	0	2	0	0	1	3	9	80	1	20.00	
MALLET FORK .....	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	35	3	10.00	
HURRICANE GAP .....	3	0	0	1	0	5	2	47	2	20.00	
SANDLICK .....	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	47	3	15.00	
DOTY CREEK .....	0	0	0	0	3	6	3	70	2	20.00	
CEDAR GROVE .....	7	0	0	0	2	1	2	32	4	20.00	
LITTLE HOME .....	6	2	0	1	2	2	0	148	1	25.00	
NEW HOME .....	8	0	1	0	3	0	0	71	2	15.00	
POWELL .....	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	60	3	12.00	
INGRAMS CREEK .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1	15.00	
JAMES MEMORIAL .....	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	37	3	10.00	
NEW BETHLEHEM .....	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	21	4	5.00	
LITTLE DANIEL .....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	49	4	7.00	
DRY FORK .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	1	\$ 5.00	
LITTLE BETHLEHEM .....	3	0	0	0	1	2	2	60	2	15.00	
REYNOLDS FORK .....	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	12	2	5.00	
IVY POINT .....	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	25	4	5.00	
PILGRIM'S HOME .....	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	15	1	10.00	
CLEAR FORK .....	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	13	1	5.00	
LITTLE MAGDALENE .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	5.00	
LITTLE ROSE .....	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	22	1	5.00	
TOTAL .....	78	24	3	5	29	28	42	1327		324.00	
MONEY FOR PICTURES .....										\$15.00	
GRAND TOTAL --										\$339.00	

