

MINUTES

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***Indian Bottom
Association***

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REGULAR BAPTISTS OF
JESUS CHRIST

Sixty-Second Annual Session



Held With

Powell Church

Waynesburg, Lincoln County, Kentucky

September 6, 7, 8, 1957

ELDER J. W. PRATT
Moderator

BRO. DAWSON DIXON
Clerk

ELDER GEORGE HAGANS
Asst. Moderator

ELDER H. D. CAUDILL
Asst. Clerk

PROCEEDINGS:

Proceedings of the Sixty-Second Annual Session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ in session assembled with the Powell Church, Waynesburg, Lincoln County, Ky., Sept. 6, 7, and 8, 1957.

The Association met at the place arranged for preaching and after singing some of the old songs of Zion by the congregation and in introduction and prayer by Elder H. B. Reedy; the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Beckham Fields, who didn't take any particular text but preached a wonderful sermon.

The delegates then assembled at the church house and after singing by the congregation and inspiring remarks of introduction by Elder B. H. Baker and prayer by Elder Baxter Osbourne, proceeded as follows:

1. The house was called to order by Elder J. W. Pratt, 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 by the Assistant Clerk. Then all the letters were received and delegates seated with queries and requests referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The association then organized by choosing Elder J. W. Pratt, Moderator; Elder George Hagans, Assistant Moderator; Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk and Elder H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly organized churches and received none.

4. Reading of Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum—omitted.

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

- (a) UNION—Represented by the following delegates: Elmer Church, B. H. Baker, John Hess, Tyra Church, J. M. Mullins, Marshall Davis, and Earl Hogston.

- (b) NEW SALEM—Represented by the following delegates: Roy B. Akers, Hager Watts, Bert Howard, Dan Gibson, Coy Combs, Baxter Osbourne, Perry Tackett, Hassel Caudill, Walter Mullins.

- (c) SARDIS—Represented by the following delegates: Tracy Hatfield, Harold Varney, and Ralph Varney.

(d) PHILADELPHIA—Represented by the following delegate: John Moore.

The letters from the above named associations were read and received and delegates seated.

6. The letter from the Thornton Union Association with a petition saying that they would drop from their fellowship all members and churches taken from the Indian Bottom Association; with the understanding that after they remained with us for one year they are to have the privilege of asking for, and eligible to receive a letter of dismission. In this petition they did not say that they would have their Sisters stop cutting their hair or have their Ministers stop preaching with disorderly preachers sects and denominations. Their letter and petition was rejected because they had not fully complied with the advice given them by their mother, the Union Association.

7. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following: Andy Bates, H. B. Reedy, Hiram Amburgey, Millard Allen, Paris Hagans, Gordon Caudill, Noah Eldridge and Clarence Fields.

8. On motion the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during this session of the association.

9. Appointed a Committee on Ministry consisting of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Powell Church.

10. Appointed the same committee on arrangements as on ministry with only one delegate from the Powell Church with Moderator, Clerks, visiting brethren and transients invited.

11. On motion the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed to write corresponding letters to Sister Associations as follows: Union, New Salem, Philadelphia, Sardis and Mud River.

12. Called on the Committee on Ministry to report who reported the following Ministers to preach; Friday evening: 1. Coy Combs; 2. Troy Hatfield; 3. Tyra Church. Saturday: 1. Burton Howard; 2. John Hess; 3. Baxter Osbourne; 4. B. H. Baker; 5. Elmer Church.

13. On motion the Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Saturday morning, Sept. 7.

Saturday Morning, Sept. 7, 1957

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing by the congregation and introduction and prayer by Elder John Moore proceeded to business 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 Elder C. C. Bates.
3. Ministers to preach at the stand were excused.
4. Called on the committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and the committee discharged.
5. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Manus Ison, James Whitaker and Beckham Fields, who reported the sum of \$363.00 contributed by the churches. Then by move and second Brother Dawson Dixon was appointed treasurer and authorized to superintend the printing of 2500 Minute Books and reserve 50 copies for each of our corresponding Sister Associations and distribute the remainder among the churches according to their contributions. That he receive \$35.00 for his services and pay Elder H. D. Caudill \$20.00 as Assistant Clerk.
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. Roy Whitaker; 2. Paris Hagans. Sunday: 1. H. B. Whitaker; 2. John Moore; 3. George Hagans and 4. J. W. Pratt.
7. Letters to the corresponding associations were read and approved and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

(a) UNION—To be held with Pilgrims Rest Church, Myra, Pike County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in Sept., 1957. Delegates: W. C. Hogg, J. W. Pratt, L. B. Day, Cullen Sexton, Watson Sexton, Paris Hagans, Beckham Fields, H. B. Reedy, McKinley McIntosh, Alonzo Watts, Noah Eldridge, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, George Hagans, Manus Ison, Clarence Fields, Hiram Amburgey, John Fields, Marion Francis, Nicholas Everage. Letter in hands of L. B. Day.

(b) NEW SALEM—To be held with the Enterprise Church, Wales, Pike County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in Sept. 1957. Delegates: Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, L. B. Day, Alonzo Watts, Beckham Fields, Clarence Fields, H. B. Reedy, J. W. Pratt, George Hagans, Paris Hagans, Jerome Watts,

McKinley McIntosh, Marion Francis, John Smith, Hiram Amburgey, Green Fields. Letter in hands of Clarence Fields.

(c) PHILADELPHIA—To be held with the Mount Olivet Church, Warnock, Greenup County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1958. Delegates: Willie Madden, J. W. Pratt, Alvin Hagans, John Smith, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Manus Ison, Alonzo Watts, George Hagans, Beckham Fields, Jerome Watts, Marion Francis, Monroe Caudill, Wm. Sumner, Silas Nichols, and Paris Hagans. Letter in hands of Beckham Fields.

(d) SARDIS—To be held with Turkey Creek Church, Turkey Creek, Pike County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1957. Delegates: Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Jerome Watts, John Smith, George Hagans, Paris Hagans, J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, J. W. Witt, Tommy Jent, Monroe Caudill and Dawson Dixon. Letter in hands of Alonzo Allen.

(e) MUD RIVER—To be held with the Mount Zion Church, Pecks Mills, Mingo County, West Va. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1958. Delegates: Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Jerome Watts, John Smith, J. W. Pratt and Manus Ison. Letter in hands of J. W. Pratt.

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:

Balance from last year	\$ 56.35
Sept. 1, 1956—Contributed by the churches	353.00
Sept. 1, 1956—Amount for pictures in Minutes	15.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$424.35
Sept. 3, 1956—To George Hagans, expense to Association	\$ 5.00
Sept. 1, 1956—To Dewey Hagans, expense to Association	10.00
Sept. 3, 1956—To H. D. Caudil, Assistant Clerk	20.00
Oct. 8, 1956—To Paris Hagans, expense to Association	8.00
Oct. 26, 1956—To George Hagans, expense to Association	2.50
Oct. 26, 1956—To Dewey Hagans, expense to Association	2.50

Dec. 7, 1956—To Mountain Eagle, printing and mailing Minutes	302.36
Dec. 7, 1956—Clerk's Fee	35.00
Aug. 15, 1957—To Paris Hagans, expense to Association	5.00
Sept. 3, 1957—Postage on church letter forms	1.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$391.96
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 32.39

10. Appointed Union Meetings as shown under that heading.

11. The Circular Letter written by Elder Olus Baldrige was read and approved and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

12. On motion Brother McKinley McIntosh 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 Big Leatherwood Church, Cornettsville, Perry County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1958 and continue the two following days. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder Olus Baldrige and Elder Alonzo Allen to be his alternate.

14. On motion the Association was closed by prayer by Elder H. D. Caudill and adjourned to the time and place of our next association.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association.

ELDER J. W. PRATT, Moderator.

ELDER GEORGE HAGANS, Assistant Moderator.

BROTHER DAWSON DIXON, Clerk

ELDER H. D. CAUDILL, Assistant Clerk.

Sunday, Sept. 8, 1957

A very large and well ordered congregation assembled in the church house. After singing by the congregation the Introductory and prayer was made by Elder H. B. Whitaker who was wonderfully blessed.

Second in the stand was Elder John Moore from the Philadelphia Association whose text was, "I put forth my hand the second time to gather my people," etc.

Elder George Hagans who was to have been next on the stand was absent and Elder Paris Hagans filled the vacancy

caused by his absence. Then our beloved Moderator, Elder J. W. Pratt, concluded the services.

All the preaching was inspiring and in harmony. We believe this was one of the best associations we ever attended. Peace, love and joy prevailed throughout the entire association. And now we wish to extend to the brothers and sisters of The Powell Church and to the entire community our heart felt thanks and gratitude for their care and hospitality shown to us through this association. So may God's richest blessing be upon all till we meet again next year.

DAWSON DIXON, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ, believing that you could have made a much better choice in selecting one to write a circular letter but being willing to be submissive to my good brethren, I will make an humble effort to write one, trusting that the Almighty God will remember my prayers and guide my mind by His Spirit to do so.

Since there is a scripture that is uppermost in my mind I will try to write a few words on the subject. It is Isaiah: 31-3, "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses and trust in chariots because they are many; and in horsemen because they are strong; but they look not to the Holy One of Israel neither seek the Lord."

Now I want to call your attention to the fact that Egypt is a type or figure of the world, or as Isaiah 31:3 says: Now the Egyptians are men and not God, and their horses flesh and not Spirit. We begin to see what the Prophet was speaking about is that: men trusting in men to save them, not having come down from their high and lofty state in humble submission before the throne of grace and being born again by the Spirit of God.

Men who have gone in the way of Cain and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, men who have gone to the seminary to learn how to preach, yes they have gone down into Egypt for help, they have trusted in chariots, (chariots are devices of men for the purpose of carrying men about).

Men who have set up so called Churches throughout the world; and saying lo here is the way or there is the way, but Christ said go not after them.

They have taken every name that they can think of that will attract the minds of men, but God named His people by a new name and I believe it was Baptist.

Now I will have to try to explain why I believe this. Among

many reasons here are a few or rather one of them.

John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, "Repent ye for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" John was a man sent from God, and his mission was to make ready a people prepared for the coming of the Lord, and as had said the prophet: "To turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest the Lord come and smite the earth with a curse." (Mal. 4:6).

John did indeed baptize in water, but he (John) said there cometh one after me, who is mightier than I and He will baptize you with the fire and the Holy Ghost. Now we see that Christ was a Baptist being baptized by John and not only that but the greatest baptizer of all, the administrator of the baptism that will reach and save the souls of people.

So John's baptism which was water was a figure of the one to come when those whom John had baptized for the remission of their sins would receive the Holy Ghost Baptism.

But now we are baptised in water to show forth that we have already received the Holy Ghost Baptism and that we are no more of the world, having been crucified to the things of the world, having been buried in the likeness of His burial, and been raised to walk in the newness of life, in the likeness of His resurrection from the dead.

So now we see where men must go to get help, not to men but to God through His Son, not in a high mind but humble, not in mens devices but by God's plan, our souls being saved by the Blood of the everlasting covenant and our bodies having a promise from One who never fails, that He will raise them up at the last day.

I believe that we are now dwelling in the land of Egypt (in a figure), but God has said: "Out of Egypt have I called my Son." Yes, He called Him out in the days of Moses. He being a figure of Christ and they were baptized unto him (Moses) in the Red Sea. He led them up out of Egypt, yes He called Him out again when His Son Jesus was taken three by Joseph and Mary to escape the wrath of King Herod. Yes He called Him out again when His Son lay in the heart of the earth three days.

Yes He calls every man and woman to come up out of Egypt, but few obey, and those who do are made His sons. (Gal. 3:26-27-28-29). For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus and if ye be Christs, then ye are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

Now some may ask, saying what was the promise? Genesis

12:3: "And I will bless them that bless thee and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

And also, Gen. 15-13-14: "And He said unto Abram, know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; and also that nation whom they shall serve will I judge; and afterwards shall they come out with great substance."

Yes this was the promise that God would not leave His people in Egypt, but would bring them forth with great substance, in the resurrection day with a body that can't die a glorified one, one fit to go to Heaven in. Yes God will call His Son out of Egypt when He has heard their cries and groans long enough, and sends Jesus to bring them home. No matter how long they may have dwelt in the dust the prophesy will be brought to pass: Oh grave where is thy victory; Oh death where is thy sting.

And then God's judgment upon that nation (the world) who have so evilly treated His people shall be poured out as Paul says in 2nd Thes. 1:7-8-9: "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty Angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and the Glory of His power.

And so, dearly beloved Brethren and Sisters, as the Apostle Peter wrote in 1st Peter: 4-12: "Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rather rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering." Yes sometimes the load gets heavy and the burden hard to bear, but let's look back through the ages at God's people, who have borne the burden in the heat of the day. Men like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses. Also men like Gideon, Samson, Jephthae, David also, and Samuel and all the prophets that time fails me to tell, whom as Paul says were tortured, had trial of cruel mocking and scourgings yea, moreover bonds of imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sown asunder, were tempted, were slain by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of which the world was not worthy), they wandered in deserts and in mountains and in caves and dens of the earth.

And now we clearly understand that we must expect suffering, sorrow and trials here in this world, that we may receive a crown in the end. For as Paul said in Romans 8-18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. For I reckon the suffering of this present are not worthy

to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, notwillingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit the redemption of our body.

And now we also understand why so many go down into Egypt for help its because that its a promise of an easy way, a way wherein they can still enjoy the pleasures of sin, a worldly way that will lead them to destruction.

So now Brethren, Sisters and Friends I will bring my remarks to a close trusting that you can understand my awkward way of explaining my subject, and may the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus that great shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant. Bless you all until we meet again whether it be here in this troubled world or over on Canans happy shore.

Your Brother in hope,
ELDER OLUS BALDRIDGE.

UNION MEETINGS

APRIL 1958

CLEAR FORK — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Olus Baldridge, Harrison Williams, George Hagans, Alonzo Watts, Manus Ison and Moderator.

JAMES MEMORIAL—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Lewis Craft, Steve Pratt, Olus Baldridge, Alonzo Watts, Clarence Fields and Moderator.

OVEN FORK—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Lewis Craft, Monroe Caudill, Alva Caudill and Lewis Day.

MAY 1958

LITTLE HOME—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tracy Hatfield, Ballard Baker, Willie Madden, Bert Howard, J. W. Pratt, and Lewis Craft.

HURRICANE GAP—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Beckham Fields, Alonzo Allen, Coy Combs, Earl Howard, Frank Fugate, Monroe Caudill, and Olus Baldridge.

REYNOLDS FORK—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders:

Frank Fugate, Cephus Mosley, Alvin Hagans, Gordon Caudill, Lee Adams and Elam Hale.

LONE VALLEY—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Monroe Caudill, Steve Pratt, Carvey Adams, Alvin Hagans, George Hagans and Moderator.

CLEAR CREEK—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Steve Pratt, Harrison Williams, Dan Noble, Troy Shepherd, Ellis Hopkins and Loy Maggard.

CEDAR GROVE—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Burton Howard, Monroe Caudill, Coy Combs, Olus Baldrige, J. W. Pratt, Troy Shepherd and Beckham Fields.

LITTLE MAGDALENE—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: George Hagans, Carvey Adams, H. B. Whitaker, Alonzo Watts, Orville Mullins, and Paris Hagans.

JUNE 1958

INDIAN BOTTOM—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. W. Pratt, Lewis Craft, John Sparkman and Elam Hale.

PILGRIMS HOME—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Beckham Fields, Manus Ison, Steve Pratt, Baxter Osbourne, Hillis Reedy and Coy Combs.

DRY FORK—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alonzo Watts, Alva Caudill, Lewis Craft, Willie Madden, Clarence Fields, Troy Shepherd, Ballard Baker, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

NEW HOME—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: George Hagans, Ellis Hopkins, Baxter Osbourne, Steve Osbourne, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. B. Whitaker, Earl Hogston, Beckham Fields, Alonzo Watts, and Raymond Howard.

DOTY CREEK—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alvin Hagans, Carvey Adams, Green Fields, and Lewis Craft.

MALLET FORK—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Troy Shepherd, Olus Baldrige, Coy Combs, H. C. Caudill, Steve Pratt, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

POWELL—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Manus Ison, J. W. Pratt, J. W. Witt and John Moore.

LITTLE DANIEL—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Cul-

len Hogg, H. B. Reedy, Alonzo Watts and Moderator.

BIG COWAN—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tracy Hatfield, Elmer Church, Bert Howard, Coy Combs, Olus Baldridge, J. W. Pratt with Moderator.

CARRS FORK—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Earl Hogston, J. W. Pratt, Burton Howard, George Hagans, E. H. Howard and Mitchell Chaffens.

JULY 1958

LITTLE ROSE—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Neal Cornett, Lewis Lucas, Dan Gibson and Alonzo Howard.

DEFEATED CREEK—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: John D. Ison, Carvey Adams, Manus Ison, Jimmy Collins, Beckham Fields, and Steve Pratt.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Lewis Craft, H. D. Caudill, Coy Combs and Earl Hogston.

SANDLICK—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Carvey Adams, Lewis Day, J. W. Pratt, Monroe Caudill, Mark Burke, Willie Madden, Tracy Hatfield and Coy Combs.

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 respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these 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 and Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found, upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by the churches to the Association, being first debated in their own church, 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 is proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with Treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association for any pay the 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, who shall receive annual compensation for same.

13. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan of government may be made by a majority of the Union when in regular session, when so desired.

15. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best method of effecting the 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 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.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not withstanding 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 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 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 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 rea-

sonable expenses of same, never neglecting the poor, according to their several abilities.

15. We believe that any doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge the people in their sins or to cause them to settle down on anything short of saving grace in Christ for salvation is erroneous and such doctrines will be rejected by us.

16. None of the above articles shall be construed as to hold with particular election or reprobation as to make God partial directly or indirectly so as to injure children of men.

17. None of the above articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The 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 he is about to speak.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is done.

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, so far as he can.

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

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor to whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another in any other form or term than that of "brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt a brother or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his views on the subject unless he shall violate the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called as often as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided in which event he shall give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

Churches and Delegates

- CARRS FORK—Alonzo Watts, Marion Francis, Delzy Bowen.
BIG COWAN—Cullen Hogg, Jep Whitaker, Ellis Banks.
CLEAR CREEK—Burley Combs, Francis Owens, Jesse Singleton.
OVEN FORK—Vollie Mullins, Lawrence Jenkins, H. L. Raleigh.
BIG LEATHERWOOD—W.P. Pratt, Bob Logan, Reuben Riddle.
INDIAN BOTTOM—H. D. Caudill, Dawson Dixon, Marion Stamper.
MALLET FORK—John H. Fields, K. Anderson, Melvin Fields.
HURRICANE GAP—Troy Shepherd, Harrison Cornett, Preston Blair.
SANDLICK—Willie Hamilton, Lewis Craft, Dewey Cornett.
DOTY CREEK—Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill, James M. Caudill.
CEDAR GROVE—Gid Watts, Manus Ison, Squire Watts.
LITTLE HOME—George Hagans, Alvin Hagans, Silas Nichols.
NEW HOME—Olus Baldridge, John Smith, Jerome Watts.
POWELL—H. B. Whitaker, Howard Eldridge, John D. Cornett.
DEFEATED CREEK—James Whitaker, Coy Fields, Woodard Cornett.
JAMES MEMORIAL—Beckham Feilds, Green Fields, Tommy Jent.
NEW BETHLEHEM—Dan Noble, George Everage, Joda Ritchie.
LITTLE DANIEL—Cullen Sexton, John Madden, Watson Sexton.
DRY FORK—Aster Whitaker, Oscar Brown, Bethel Campbell.
LITTLE BETHLEHEM—L. B. Day, Nicholas Everage, McKinley McIntosh.
REYNOLDS FORK—Millard Seals, A. J. Taylor, Herman Slone.
IVY POINT—No delegates.
PILGRIMS HOME—Silas Frazier, Colonel Eldridge, Alonzo Allen.
CLEAR FORK—Caney Gayheart, Fred Combs, Wheeler Feltner.
LITTLE MAGDALENE—Arthur Dixon, Wallace Mullins.
LITTLE ROSE—Steve Pratt, Benton Holiday, George Everage.
LONE VALLEY—Willie Madden, Wheeler Witt, William Sumner.

Church Clerks and Addresses

Carrs Fork	John Spakman, Litt Carr, Ky.
Big Cowan	Ellis Banks, Box 311, Whitesburg, Ky.
Clear Creek	Robert Combs, Ritchie, Ky.
Oven Fork	H. L. Raleigh, Oven Fork, Ky., Box 23B
Big Leatherwood	Floyd Huff, Cornettsville, Ky.
Indian Bottom	Dawson Dixon, Blackey, Ky.
Mallet Fork	John H. Fields, Litt Carr, Ky.
Hurricane Gap	Harrison Cornett, Gordon, Ky.
Sandlick	Lewis Craft, Whitesburg, Ky.
Doty Creek	Hubart Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.
Cedar Grove	Squire Watts, Hallie, Ky.
Little Home	Casa Combs, Red Fox, Ky.
New Home	Jerome Watts, Box 32, Garner, Ky.
Powell	Howard Eldridge, Waynesburg, Ky., Rt. 3
Defeated Creek	James Whitaker, Dupont, Ind., RR. 1
James Memorial	Tommy Jent, Jeremiah, Ky.
New Bethlehem	Sarah Dobson, Anco, Ky.
Little Daniel	Watson Sexton, Isom, Ky.
Dry Fork	Edith Tyree, Crown, Ky.
Little Bethlehem	McKinley McIntosh, Sassafras, Ky.
Reynolds Fork	Newton J. Mullins, Brinkley, Ky.
Ivy Point	Birtchell Mosley, Garner, Ky.
Pilgrims Home	Alonzo Allen, Milan, Ind.
Clear Fork	Lizzie Combs, R.R. 2, Hazard, Ky., Box 206
Little Magdalene	Arthur Dixon, Conway, Ky.
Little Rose	Monroe Cornett, Hindman, Ky.
Lone Valley	William L. Sumner, R.R. 1, Memphis, Ind.

Ordained Ministers

Elam Hale	Litt Carr, Ky.
Wm. B. Smith	Bath, Ky.
John Sparkman	Litt Carr, Ky.
Alonzo Watts	Carr Creek, Ky.
William W. Francis	Phoenix, Ariz.
Cullen Hogg	Whitesburg, Ky.
John D. Ison	Day, Ky.
D. B. Day	Dongola, Ky.
Frank Fugate	Fisty, Ky.
Burley Combs	Fisty, Ky.
Lewis Lucas	Anco, Ky.
H. L. Raleigh	Oven Fork, Ky., Box 23B
J. W. Pratt	Jeff, Ky.
H. D. Caudill	Carcassonne, Ky.
L. F. Caudill	Wentze, Ky.

Roy Whitaker	Premium, Ky.
Troy Shepherd	Gordon, Ky.
Estes Cornett	Evarts, Ky.
Curtis Caudill	Whitesburg, Ky.
Lemuel Hale	Waynesburg, Ky.
Dewey Cornett	Anco, Ky.
Lewis Craft	Whitesburg, Ky.
Alva Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
Monroe Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
G. B. Ison	Skyline, Ky.
Manus Ison	Hallie, Ky.
George Hagans	Vicco, Ky.
Paris Hagans	Red Fox, Ky.
Alvin Hagans	Red Fox, Ky.
Loy Maggard	Leburn, Ky.
Olus Baldridge	Box 222, Dillsboro, Ind.
H. B. Whitaker	Waynesburg, Ky.
B. F. Tackett	Waynesburg, Ky.
Beckham Fields	Ash Camp, Ky.
Green Fields	Kodak, Ky.
Gardner Jent	Carcassonne, Ky.
Estill Jent	Carcassonne, Ky.
Tommy Jent	Jeremiah, Ky.
Harrison Williams	Vest, Ky.
Dan Noble	Sassafras, Ky.
James F. Collins	Isom, Ky.
L. B. Day	Smithsboro, Ky.
Hillis Reedy	Amburgey, Ky.
William Everage	Sassafras, Ky.
Clarence Fields	Red Fox, Ky.
Cephus Mosley	Garner, Ky.
Sam Johnson	Garner, Ky.
Merlin Slone	Bollen, Ky.
Silas Frazier	Sunman, Ind.
Lawrence Day	Sippo, Ohio
Alonzo Allen	Milan, Ind.
Colonel Eldridge	Rt. 2, Moores Hill, Ind.
Dan Fields	Lawrenceburg, Ind.
Ed Whitaker	Lothair, Ky.
Arthur Dixon	Conway, Ky.
Wallace Mullins	Crab Orchard, Ky.
Steve Pratt	Amburgey, Ky.
Arvil Mullins	Amburgey, Ky.
Nathaniel Young	Anco, Ky.
Willie Madden	Otisco, Ind.
Wheeler Witt	Underwood, Ind.

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, and we have chosen these, our beloved Brethren, to bear this our letter to you, to-wit:

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

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

The state of our church is as follows: Ordained Ministers

Names:

Post Offices:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Received: Experience and Baptism _____ Letter _____;
 Restored _____; Recommendation _____; Dismissed
 by Letter _____; Died _____; Excluded _____;
 _____; Membership _____ Money Sent _____;
 Meeting Time _____ Saturday and Sunday in _____

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 _____

OBITUARIES

OBITUARY OF CHESTER MILLER

It's with an humble heart that I try to write an obituary of friend Chester Miller. Friend Miller was born August 11, 1928 and deceased this life July 8, 1957. This young man grew up and married at about 20 years of age and to this union was born one only daughter. The war came along in 1942 and friend Miller was taken to the services of his country and served his country well until the war was ended. Upon his release from service to his country he took down sick with a dreadful sickness and the remainder of his stay here on earth was spent in the hospital until the doctors announced that there was no better for Chester and his life



Chester Miller

was short. Therefore, Chester's father and mother, brother and sister Dixon Miller, came back from Florida and looked after Chester until the blessed Lord saw fit to call him home. Friend Miller grew to be a very humble young man and became very interested in the welfare of his soul. The writer of this obituary had several occasions to talk to Chester and seeing he was fast approaching the end, I asked him how he felt about his condition when the Lord called. Chester answered me like this: "I pray always and have been praying for a long time and I believe the Lord has heard my prayers and I'm ready to go." Chester's father and mother tells me that he told them that there was nothing in his way that he had a better home than this where he wouldn't have to be sick any more. Two sisters and one brother preceded Chester in death and he leaves three sisters, one brother, father and mother, wife and daughter, Deborah, and many friends to mourn his loss.

To the sisters, brother, wife, daughter and friends, you can't bring Chester back, and the sweet testimony he left behind you shouldn't want to, but you have an opportunity and chance to go to where we hope and feel Chester has gone. "Repent ye and believe for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Friends,

it's with much tribulation that we enter the Kingdom of God. It's not an easy way and not all the professing people are going to enter because too many are professing to be Christians today yet go right on their way when the Lord says follow me. It's not man's way but the Lord's way. I could write much on this subject the way I feel but space won't permit. Remember this much for the Lord's sake, "It's appointed unto man once to die and after death the judgment" as death finds you so will the judgment.

Yours in hope of eternal life,

—Alonzo Allen.

OBITUARY OF POLLYANN COMBS

It is with much sadness that I will try with the help of God to write the obituary of Pollyann Combs. She was the daughter of Silas Watts and Sally Caudill Watts. Pollyann was born April 28, 1886, and died May 18, 1957, making her stay on earth, 71 years and 20 days. In 1913 she married Cullen Combs, then being the mother of one and stepmother of three, and to this union were born six children, but three children and her husband preceded her in death. Leaving here to mourn her loss, four children, Mrs. Grover Moore of Columbus, Ohio; Mr. Adam Combs of Hindman, Ky.; Mrs. John Smith of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Clarence Johnson, of Leburn, Ky.; and stepchildren, Mrs. Elmine Watts of Hindman, Ky.; Mr. Pearl Combs of Bulan, Ky.; Mr. Mar-



Pollyann Combs

cus Combs of Garner, Ky.; three brothers, Harlen, Wade and Troy; four sisters, Luetta, Mallie, Matilda and Minda, and a host of grandchildren and relations and neighbors and friends which time will not permit me to name.

For her last fifteen years she suffered with a cancer on her face, and though she had many treatments and operations she never complained. I knew her for many years and I never saw her angry at anyone in my life. She was as humble as a little

child. I never heard her speak evil of anyone in my life.

Although she never was baptized here in literal water I believe she had been baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire because she let her light shine by her walks and was recognized by all who knew her as one of God's little humble children. She also told some that she would join the church but was afraid that some might not want her in her condition. But God forbid that we would ever let such a thought enter our mind, for Acts 11th Chapter and the 7th Verse says, "And I heard a voice saying unto me, arise Peter slay and eat, but I said not so Lord, for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth; but the voice answered me again from Heaven, what God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."

Pollyann went to church as long as she lived. She would put a handkerchief over her mouth when she was in public because some would ask questions about her mouth and it made her feel bad when they would tell her that her mouth was getting worse.

On May 15 she had a brain hemorrhage and was not permitted to speak again, but if she could have even opened her eyes I am sure they would have been centered on Heaven and immortal glory.

So to the children that are left of Pollyann and Cullen, you have nothing to worry about. Your father repented on his death bed and died with Heaven in view because he said he saw his first wife standing in the door of Heaven waiting for him, and your mother has told you many times that there was nothing in her way.

So, children, if you don't have your ticket start now and be ready when the Lord calls you to meet father and mother around the throne of God where no troubles can ever come for God Himself will wipe away all tears.

—Written by Brother John Smith.
936 Madison Ave., Columbus 5, Ohio

OBITUARY OF CULLEN MORTON

"My beloved has gone down into his garden, to the bed of spices, to feed in the garden and gather lilies."

Our beloved husband, Daddy and son has gone from our home and our embraces. But we believe he has gone down into the pleasant garden where God walks in the cool of the day and soothes the brow of His children, and wipes away their tears.

Cullen Jennings Morton was born December 4, 1895, to John and Martha Collins Morton. He died February 12, 1957.

Early in life he married Flora Gibson; to them were born six children. Three died in infancy. Three are still living, Nannie

and Frank of Louisville, Ky., and Carl of Texas.

After the death of his first wife he met and married Tilda Mae Adams, who with two little girls, Patty and Frieda K., still survive him.

Slim, as he was known to his many friends, was loved by all who knew him. He had a manner about him that attracted people and made them love him. We do not always understand the ways of God, for His ways are past finding out, but He is good and does all things well. Slim told us the last years of his life, he was praying and we know God in His goodness never turns away a praying man, for "To the humble and contrite of heart will I look, saith the Lord." He told his brothers not to worry about him there was nothing in his way.

His wife and children see many lonesome hours and have many heartaches, for they dearly loved him. But God in His wisdom saw fit to call him home where the weary and troubled shall sorrow no more. He does all things well. He heals the broken in heart and binds up their wounds.

—His wife and children.

OBITUARY OF LOISE MULLINS

Loise Mullins was born April 26, 1933, deceased this life Nov. 24, 1956, age 23 years, six months and 29 days.

She leaves here to mourn for her, her father, Carlie Mullins; her mother, Sarah Mullins; also five brothers, Loyd Mullins, John C. Mullins, Guy Mullins, Donald Mullins and Tommy Mullins; also three sisters, Beulah Mae Askley, Joyis Mullins and Wanda Mullins.

One brother and one sister have preceded her in death. She also leaves a great host of relatives and friends who will greatly miss her.

She was afflicted all her life and could not enjoy life as other children did, but she was very sweet and kind and a very good child. All who knew her loved her and will never forget her sweet ways. She was a sweet blessing to the family and now God has seen cause to call her home to Him where there is always happiness. She is now in Heaven, waiting for you all to come and be with her. She was a shining light here in your home and now she is in the arms of Jesus. She will never come back in your home any more, but by the help of God you can go to her. Dad and Mother, press onward toward Heaven. Children, you can never forget Sister, she was so sweet, so turn about and go to be with her in Heaven.

Written by

—Elder Steve Pratt

OBITUARY OF BERTHA STURGILL

Bertha Sturgill was born Nov. 28, 1884, deceased Nov. 8, 1955.

She was married to Mock Sturgill June 1, 1911, and lived together until the death of her husband in 1954. He preceded her in death one year and six months.

She was a member of the Little Rose Church of the Old Regular Baptist. She was baptized by Brother Steve Pratt and Brother Arvil Mullins and Brother Burley Combs.

She said the door in heaven was open to her. She was never blessed with a child, but she leaves a great host of relatives and friends to mourn for her. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. We feel, if we are worthy to enter God's Kingdom that we will meet Sister Bertha there. She told sister Martha Holliday that the doors were open in Heaven for both of them and to come on, that she would be waiting for her.

—Written by her nephews.

OBITUARY OF JIM MULLINS

Brother Jim Mullins was born July 13, 1887, deceased this life April 14, 1956, age 68 years, 9 months and one day. His first wife and seven children have preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn for him his second wife, Lottie Mullins, also six girls and twelve boys, also 51 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Brother Jim professed a hope in Christ and joined the Little Rose Church in July 1954. He lived a good Christian life the remainder of his life. His home was always open to his friends and neighbors. He greatly loved little children and was kind to everyone. He met everyone with a smile and a kind word. Brother Jim will long be remembered by everyone in this country and will greatly be missed.

Sister Lottie, you have lost a dear companion. Children, you have given up a good kind Daddy. No one can take his place in our hearts. He tried his best to lay down the right kind of life before them. Now that God has called him home, don't forget the kind words he has spoken to you or the good example he has laid before you, but try with all your hearts to make peace with God, that you may meet Daddy in Heaven some day. The Little Rose Church will greatly miss Brother Jim, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by

—Elder Steve Pratt

OBITUARY OF DOCK HOLCOMB

It is with a sad heart that I try to write a sketch of my deceased father, who passed away Sept. 8, 1956. He was born Nov. 13, 1875.

He leaves his wife, Sallie, who is 67 years of age and 17 children and 24 grandchildren. He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church at Hurricane Gap and had been for many years. I know his seat is empty, but he has a better one in Heaven. The last time I talked to him he asked me to talk to my mother; he knew he didn't have long. He said our loss was Heaven's gain. He leaves so many friends; everyone who knew him loved him. Children, if you want to see him again prepare to meet him there. As he so often tried to teach us about Jesus, I like to remember him at home reading his Bible. I know I am ready to meet him there. Children, don't wait too long. That was his desire, to see his children take Jesus as their Saviour.

Written by his daughter, Evelyn.

OBITUARY OF GROVER GAYHEART

Grover Gayheart, son of Tom Gayheart and Hub Turner Gayheart, was born June 22, 1897. Deceased Aug. 23, 1957, being 60 years, 2 months and 1 day old when he died. In 1922, Nov. 17, he was married to Bertha Gayheart and to this union was born 11 children; 3 preceding him in death; 8 living, 3 boys, Hershel, Chandler and Tommie, 5 girls Thelma Bultman, Edith Ratliff, Nadine, Etheline, and Joanne, 2 brothers, 3 sisters, living. Grover was a hard working man, a good neighbor. Even though Grover did not belong to the Church he would always tell Bertha to prepare for the Church time, and in the last days of his life he told Bertha to be sure that everybody was cared for and had something to eat.

In February after Brother Grover had been sick for some-time he called for a meeting and confessed a hope in the Lord, telling a wonderful experience of a hope in the Lord, and telling the children how he had wasted his life by not obeying a long time ago.

The day before he died, Brother Grover called me to his bed and told me that his faith and hope was all in the Lord, telling the children not to worry over him, for we all had to die and for them to prepare to meet him in Heaven.

Grover also leaves five grandchildren and a large host of friends to mourn his passing, but we believe our loss is his eternal gain.

—Elder Burton Howard

OBITUARY OF MARTHA PRATT

It is with a sad heart and lonesome feeling that I try to write this obituary of my loving wife, Martha Watts Pratt. She was born Feb. 18th, 1884, deceased Nov. 26, 1956. She was 73 years, 10 months and 7 days old. To this union was born eight children. Two preceded her in death; six are still living, the Elder J. W. Pratt, Jeff, Ky.; Mrs. Ada Cornett, Slemp, Ky.; Mae Bowling, Cecil and Charlie and Marie Caudill, all of Cornettsville, Ky. She joined the Big Leatherwood Regular Baptist Church the second Saturday in September, 1910, and due to sickness she was baptized second Sunday in Aug., 1911. She was faithful to her Church, and was loyal to her duty as a Deaconess. She lived a member 47 years. We are all proud of her humble life while here with us. It was a bright light to all. We miss her so much in our home and Church, but she has only paid the debt we all owe and have to pay. So at this time I am 80 years old; I know my stay here on earth is short, but I have a hope and believe I will meet her over on the sunny shore where parting is no more, and I hope my children and all people, will get on the wedding garment.

Written by W. P. Pratt

OBITUARY OF PHILIP SMITH

He was born August 24, 1925, deceased this life, Oct. 2, 1955. He was 30 years, one month and 10 days old. He was the son of Bob and Matilda Smith. He leaves to mourn his passing a father and mother and one brother and 5 sisters and a host of friends and relatives. While he lay a corpse, I was preparing to go and see him. I went to my barn to feed; I was studying about him, had he sinned enough to be lost or not. About the time I entered the barn lot someone spoke to me above my head and said go and write his obituary. To me one of the greatest feelings was on me. I can't express it, tongue can't tell. To show you how the Lord worked, when I went to his home, where he lay a corpse. While looking at him, his mother came to my side and said, "Will you write his obituary." I said, "Yes;" that brought me back to the barn where the Lord told me to go and write the obituary. His mother said she told them to wait that I would be there. Then they told me of his confession of a hope in Christ while on the sick bed, I told his mother that I would write his obituary. He said he was ready to go and welcomed death. He told his brother Freddie to remember those words that without God we are lost and he told his mother to not weep he was all right and was ready to go. He called for his father and mother's picture. When he got the picture he looked at them

so as to not worry them. He realized death was near. He was loved by all who knew him. Now to his father and mother, brother and sisters, Philip is not dead, but sleepeth awaiting the redemption of the body. Now to father and mother and brother and sisters, I feel this will relieve me as this comes to me almost every night and causes me to shed tears because I haven't written this sooner. We feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. So may God bless you all is my prayers. Although he never joined the church laking of a chance.

Written by a friend,
—Harrison Cornett

OBITUARY OF ORPHIE MADDEN CORNETT

Mrs. Orphie Madden Cornett was born Dec. 10, 1890, deceased this life March 28, 1957. Age 66 years, 3 months and 18 days. She leaves to mourn her passing on, four children: a girl, Mrs. Henretta Hale, and 3 boys, John Duke Cornett, Lee Roy Cornett and Jimmy Cornett; also two grandchildren; also six sisters, Elizabeth Collins, Albie Cody, Mattie Madden, Hattie Adams, Lura Smith, and Ada Ward; also one brother, James Cornett Madden. Her husband, Luther Ishamel Cornett, preceded her in death Feb. 5, 1950. Also one daughter preceded her in death, Lois Fern Cornett, age 10.

Orpha was born and raised on Irishman Creek and at the age of 31 was married to Ishamel Cornett. They lived together for many years and enjoyed their children and life together until they were separated by death. Several years ago she made peace with God and professed a wonderful hope. She told me her experience shortly afterward and many times through the following years she talked about her wonderful travels with the Lord. She never joined the church and she often told me she felt she was not doing her duty by staying out of church. She was loved and known by most everyone in this country and her life has been a wonderful example to everyone and especially to the mothers of our land. She loved to talk about the Lord and told me many times that she never ceased to pray for her children and hoped to see them all make peace with God. She loved little children so much and was so kind and good to them that they all loved her. The people in this community will never forget this kind sweet mother, but God loved her more and chose to call her home to live with him and her loved ones forever where she will never suffer or worry any more. We have lost

the presence of a true friend and neighbor and sister. Children, you have given up a sweet good mother that no one can ever replace, but she is waiting for you in heaven.

Daughter, I feel that you are on your way to meet her and now boys never forget mother's good advice and pray that you can meet her up there.

Written by

—Elder Steve Pratt

Statistical Table

CHURCHES:

	Contributions	Meeting Time	TOTAL Membership	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Loss by Death	Received by Recommendation	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism
Carrs Fork	20.00	4	95	1	1	0	0	1	2	3
Big Cowan	20.00	4	140	3	1	2	0	0	0	1
Clear Creek	10.00	3	109	1	0	2	0	0	0	8
Oven Fork	15.00	4	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Big Leatherwood	20.00	2	80	1	0	5	0	0	0	1
Indian Bottom	20.00	1	71	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
Mallot Fork	10.00	3	32	2	1	0	1	0	0	1
Hurricane Gap	10.00	2	34	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Sandlick	20.00	3	42	3	2	0	0	0	1	2
Doty Creek	20.00	2	63	2	1	0	0	0	2	1
Cedar Grove	20.00	4	40	4	2	0	1	0	0	4
Little Home	30.00	1	156	1	0	3	1	0	0	4
New Home	20.00	2	76	2	1	2	3	0	2	5
Powell	10.00	3	48	3	0	2	2	0	2	0
Defeated Creek	10.00	1	17	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
James Memorial	10.00	3	31	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
New Bethlehem	10.00	4	39	4	0	2	0	0	0	4
Little Daniel	10.00	3	45	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dry Fork	10.00	1	21	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Little Bethlehem	20.00	2	67	2	0	2	0	0	0	1
Reynolds Fork	10.00	2	17	2	0	4	0	0	0	6
Ivy Point	5.00	4	24	4	0	4	0	0	0	2
Pilgrim's Home	10.00	1	14	1	0	7	0	0	0	0
Clear Fork	5.00	1	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Magdalene	5.00	4	8	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Little Rose	5.00	1	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Lone Valley	8.00	2	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS			1329		22	32	23	0	9	48
Amount for pictures	10.00									

TOTAL \$373.00

