

MINUTES
OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION

—OF—
REGULAR BAPTISTS
—OF—
JESUS CHRIST



Sixty - Third Annual Session

HELD WITH

Big Leatherwood Church

Cornettsville, Perry County, Kentucky

September 5, 6, 7, 1958

ELDER J. W. PRATT

Moderator

BRO. DAWSON DIXON

Clerk

ELDER BECKHAM FIELDS

Asst. Moderator

ELDER H. D. CAUDILL

Asst. Clerk

PROCEEDINGS:

Proceedings of the Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ in session assembled with the Big Leatherwood Church, Cornettsville, Perry County, Ky., Sept. 5, 6, and 7, 1958.

The Association assembled in the church house, and after singing some of the good old songs of Zion, introduction and prayer by Elder Alonzo Allen, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Olus Baldrige, whose text was: Isaiah, Chapter 26, Verses 1 and 2, "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judea, etc."

The congregation then moved out to the place arranged for the preaching, and the delegates remained at the house and proceeded to business 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 received all the letters and seated the delegates, with all queries and requests referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by choosing Elder J. W. Pratt, Moderator, Elder Beckham Fields, Assistant Moderator, Brother Dawson Dixon, Clerk and Elder H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly organized churches and received none.

4. Called for churches with letter of dismission from corresponding association and received letter from Maggie Memorial Church, dismissed from New Salem Association, and seated her delegates.

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

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

- (a). UNION—Represented by the following delegates: Mander Yonts, Bruce Mullins, John Hess, Teddy Parker, John M. Mullins, Earl Hogston, Elmer Church and Rufus Perrigon.

- (b). NEW SALEM—Represented by the following delegates: Jonah Tackett, Johnnie Tackett, J. M. Moore, L. G. Frazier, Burgess Compton, M. V. Burke, Lloyd Mullins, Baxter Osborn, Robert Bates, Ballard Little, Fred Luxmore, and Troy Nichols.

- (c). PHILADELPHIA—Represented by the following delegates: John Moore, John Reed, and Jesse Boggs.

- (d). SARDIS—represented by the following delegates: Harvey Lowe, Edd May, Emmette Case, Tracy Hatfield, Lloyd

Sesco, Earl D. West, and Dewey Walters.

(e). MUD RIVER—Received a letter with file of minutes by mail but no delegates.

(f). NORTHERN NEW SALEM—Represented by the following delegates: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Joshua Hicks, Roy B. Akers, Tip Collins, Jesse Bryant, Sollie Miller, Edd Morrison and R. L. Taylor.

Letters from the above-named associations were read and received and delegates seated who aided us in council.

7. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received as follows: Henry Blair, Green Fields, Noah Eldridge, John Collins, McKinley McIntosh, M. L. Amburgey, Nick Everage, George Everage, and Hagar Watts.

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 Big Leatherwood Church.

10. Appointed the same committee on arrangements as on ministry with only one delegate from Big Leatherwood Church with moderators and clerks together with the delegates corresponding associations and transients to arrange the business for Saturday.

11. On motion, the clerk and assistant clerk were appointed to write corresponding letters to sister associations as follows: Union, New Salem, Sardis, Philadelphia, Mud River, and Northern New Salem.

12. Called on the committee on ministry to report, who reported the following ministers to preach Friday Night: (1) Roy Akers, 2. John Hess, and Saturday, 1. Edd May, 2. John Moore, 3. Tracy Hatfield, and 4. Baxter Osborne.

13. On motion the Association adjourned until 9:00 A. M., Saturday morning, Sept. 6.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 6, 1958

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing by the congregation and introduction and prayer by Elder M. V. Burke, 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 the following: Andy Bates, Dewey Cornett, Curtis Caudill and Marion Stamper.

3. Ministers who were to preach at the stand were excused.

4. Called on the committee on arrangements to report.

Their report was received and the committee was discharged.

5. In regard to the request from the Little Magdalene Church asking permission to change the name of their Church to Crab Orchard Church. On motion their request was granted.

6. In regard to the query from the Hurricane Gap Church. We wish to advise all our Churches not to receive into your fellowship any woman with bobbed hair unless she agrees not to have it bobbed any more. And after you receive them to exclude from your fellowship all those who violate this agreement or continue to have their hair cut, and not restore them back to fellowship except by an experience of Grace.

7. In regard to the request from the Pilgrims Home Church concerning item 5 in our 1949 minutes of Indian Bottom Association. We advise and say to all our churches; that in our judgment this 1949 advice means what it says and for all churches to be governed by same concerning excluded members.

8. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Elders Manus Ison, Monroe Caudill and Cullen Hogg, who reported the sum of \$357.00 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 service and pay Elder H. D. Caudill \$20.00 as Assistant Clerk.

9. Appointed the same committee on ministry as of yesterday to arrange for preaching. Saturday evening and Sunday which reported as follows: Saturday evening, 1. Sollie Miller, 2. Andy Bates, 3. Manus Ison. Sunday, 1. Burley Combs, 2. H. B. Reedy, 3. Curtis Caudill, 4. J. W. Pratt.

10. Letters to the corresponding associations were read and approved and delegates appointed to attend as follows:

(a). UNION — To be held with Union Church at Jonancy, Pike County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the Third Saturday in September, 1958. Delegates to attend: Alonzo Watts, L. B. Day, Manus Ison, Alvin Haggans, H. B. Reedy, Paris Haggans, Hiram Amburgey, Lovel Polly, J. W. Pratt, Clarence Fields, Alonzo Allen, McKinley McIntosh, Monroe Caudill, Arlie Adams, H. D. Caudill, Carvey Adams, and Olus Baldridge. Letter in hands of H. B. Reedy.

(b). NEW SALEM — To be held with the Little Creek Church, at Pikeville, Pike County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in September, 1958. Delegates to attend: Olus Baldridge, Alonzo Allen, L. B. Day, Jerome Watts,

Alonzo Watts, Manus Ison, H. B. Reedy, Hiram Amburgey, Arlie Adams, Alvin Hagans, Paris Hagans, Carvey Adams, Clarence Fields, J. W. Pratt, Dewey Hagans, John Smith, Marion Francis, and Beckham Fields. Letter in hands of Alonzo Allen.

(c). PHILADELPHIA — To be held with the Little Mary Church, at Ashland, Boyd County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the Second Saturday in August, 1959. Delegates: H. B. Reedy, Dan Gibson, Manus Ison, Arvil Mullins, Hiram Amburgey, Olus Baldridge, Alonzo Allen, Paris Hagans, H. B. Whitaker, Alvin Hagans, Carvey Adams, H. D. Caudill, John Smith, Arlie Adams, and Beckham Fields. Letter in hands of Alonzo Allen.

(d). SARDIS — To be held with the Tabitha Church at Omar, Logan County, W. Va. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1958. Delegates: H. B. Reedy, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldridge, Paris Hagans, Alvin Hagans, Arlie Adams, Hiram Amburgey, Manus Ison, H. D. Caudill and J. W. Pratt.

Letter in hands of H. B. Reedy.

(e). MUD RIVER — To be held with The Providence Church at St. Albans, Kanawho County, W. Va. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1959. Delegates: Olus Baldridge, Alonzo Allen, Manus Ison, and John Smith. Letter in hands of Olus Baldridge.

(f). NORTHERN NEW SALEM — To be held with the Maggie Home Church, McArthur, Ohio. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1959. Delegates: H. B. Reedy, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldridge, Clarence Fields, J. W. Pratt, John Smith, L. B. Day, Melvin Fields, Jerome Watts, Manus Ison, I. T. Dixon and Dan Gibson. Letter in hands of Alonzo Allen.

11. FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS:

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| Balance from last year | \$32.39 |
| Sept. 7, 1957, contributed by the churches | 363.00 |
| Sept. 7, 1957, amount for pictures | 10.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$405.39 |

EXPENDITURES:

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| Sept. 18, 1957. To Dewey Hagans-- | |
| Expense to Association | \$ 4.00 |
| Sept. 18, 1957. To Paris Hagans, | |

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| Expense to Association ----- | \$ 4.00 |
| Oct. 2, 1957. To George Hagans, Expense to Associations ----- | 10.00 |
| Oct. 4, 1957. To Paris Hagans, Expense to Association ----- | 5.00 |
| Oct. 5, 1957. To H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk ----- | 20.00 |
| Nov. '29, 1957. To Mountain Eagle, For Printing Minutes ----- | 260.00 |
| Dec. 17, 1957. To Mountain Eagle, Postage on Minutes ----- | 17.43 |
| Dec. 17, 1957. Clerk's Fee ----- | 35.00 |
| Total Expenditures ----- | \$ 355.43 |
| Balance on Hand ----- | \$49.96 |

12. Called on brethren who were to attend Union Meetings and Sister Associations to report, who reported generally that they attended to the work that was assigned them. Some failures were reported but the Brethren were excused.

13. Appointed Union Meetings as shown under that heading.

14. The Circular Letter, written by Brother McKinley McIntosh was read and approved and ordered to be printed in our minutes.

15. On motion, Elder Steve Pratt was appointed to write a Circular Letter for next year.

16. On motion, it was agreed that the next session of our Association be held with the Cedar Grove Church, Hallie, Letcher County, Ky. To begin on Friday, before the First Saturday in September, 1959, and continue the two following days. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder Monroe Caudill and Elder Lewis Craft to be his alternate.

17. On motion, the Association was closed by prayer by Elder Earl Hogston, from the Union Association, 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 BECKHAM FIELDS, Assistant Moderator
BROTHER DAWSON DIXON, Clerk
ELDER H. D. CAUDILL, Assistant Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 7, 1958

A very large, respectable and well ordered congregation assembled in the church house. Then, after singing some of the good old songs of Zion, Introduction and prayer was made by Elder Manus Ison, who was wonderfully blessed.

Next in the stand was Elder H. B. Reedy, who used for a text, St. John, Chapt. 1 and Verse 6. "There was a man sent from God whose name was John," etc.

Third on the stand was Elder Curtis Caudill. His text was 2nd Timothy, Chapter 4, Verse 2. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort," etc.

Fourth, was Elder Sherman Slone; who used a text, St. John Chapter 3 and verses 14 and 15. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish," etc.

The service was concluded by our Moderator, Elder J. W. Pratt, who used for a text the following passage of Scripture: "I being in the way the Lord led me to the house of my Master's Brethren."

The Brethren were wonderfully blessed. The preaching was inspiring and in harmony, which brought to a close the Sixty-Third annual session of The Indian Bottom Association. And now, let us express our gratitude and heart-felt thanks to the good brothers and sisters of The Big Leatherwood Church and the surrounding community for the painstaking care and hospitality shown us during this Association.

So, may God bless every one till we meet again next year, and may we meet in peace and love, is the prayer of your unworthy.

—DAWSON DIXON, Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

April 1959

CLEAR FORK -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Troy Shepherd, Dan Gibson, Willie Madden, Jim Pratt, Beckham Fjelds, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

JAMES MEMORIAL -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill, Reuben Riddle, Lewis Craft, Manus Ison, and Beckham Fjelds.

OVEN FORK -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Lewis Day, Curtis Caudill, Green Fields, Alvin Hagens, and Lewis Craft.

May 1959

LITTLE HOME -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Edd May, Mark Burke, Tracy Hatfield, Willie Madden and John Moore.

REYNOLDS FORK -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Carvey Adams, Paris Hagans, Cephus Mosley, Lee Mosley, Bro. Haywood, and Charlie Gibson.

LONE VALLEY -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. B. Whitaker, Carvey Adams, Alvin Hagans, Beckham Fields, Silas Frazier and Moderator.

HURRICANE GAP -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Burley Combs, Dan Gibson, Reuben Riddle, Neal Cornett and Steve Pratt.

CLEAR CREEK -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Troy Shepherd, Alonzo Watts, Olus Baldridge, and Steve Pratt.

CEDAR GROVE -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Elmer Church, Olus Baldridge, Alvin Hagans, Sollie Miller, Beckham Fields, and J. W. Pratt.

CRAB ORCHARD -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Carvey Adams, Arvil Mullins, Steve Pratt, Hillis Reedy, Dan Noble and Clive Williams.

June 1959

INDIAN BOTTOM -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: M. V. Burke, Olus Baldridge, Burley Combs, Tracy Hatfield, J. W. Pratt and Berkham Fields.

PILGRIM'S HOME -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Herrald, Tracy Hatfield, Dan Gibson, Manus Ison, Beckham Fields, and Jim Pratt.

DRY FORK -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tracy Hatfield, Elmer Church, Olus Baldridge, Mark Burke, Willie Madden, and Lewis Day.

NEW HOME -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tracy Hatfield, Baxter Osborne, Francis Hubbard, Ellis Hoskins, Alvin Hagans, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

BIG LEATHERWOOD -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Hillis Reedy, Alvin Hagans, Jimmie Collins and Moderator.

DOTY CREEK -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Gardner Jent, Curtis Caudill, Tommy Jent and Roy Whitaker.

MAGGIE MEMORIAL -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Paris Hagans, Alonzo Allen, Manus Ison, Beckham Fields, and Martin Burke.

MALLET FORK -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders:

Ellis Hopkins, Willie Madden, John Sparkman, Jim Pratt, Burley Combs, and Alvin Hagans.

POWELL — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alonzo Watts, Andy Bates, Manus Ison, Monroe Caudill and Dan Noble.

LITTLE DANIEL — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Troy Shepherd, Alonzo Watts, Manus Ison, Alvin Hagans, and Moderator.

BIG COWAN — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Troy Shepherd, Neal Cornett, Lewis Day, Monroe Caudill and Willie Madden.

CARR'S FORK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Hillis Reedy, Monroe Caudill, Beckham Fields, Troy Shepherd, Mark Burke, J. W. Pratt and Moderator.

NEW BETHLEHEM — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders, Frank Fugate, Jim Pratt, Mander Yonts, Carvey Adams, Marlin Slone and Wallace Mullins.

July 1959

LITTLE BETHLEHEM — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tracy Hatfield, Olus Baldrige, Mark Burke, Steve Pratt and Earl Hogston.

SANDLICK — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: M. V. Burke, Olus Baldrige, Carvey Adams, Alvin Hagans, Willie Madden, Lewis Day, Monroe Caudill and Tracy Hatfield.

August 1959

DEFEATED CREEK — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Beckham Fields, Manus Ison, Reuben Riddle, J. W. Pratt, Burton Howard and Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This Sept. 1958.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Indian Bottom Association:

As you all requested me at our last Session, that I write a Circular Letter for your inspection at this session of our Association, I feel deeply thankful to the Almighty God that you all have thought me worthy to write this Circular Letter. I know without God's help, I cannot write a Circular Letter that will be worth anything.

I have had many things to come to my mind, but the thing that oppressed my mind the most, is love. It was love that caused this world to be spoken into existence. After God had made this world and all that was in it, He saw that it was good. He loved the workmanship of His Mighty Hand, and God said, let us make Man in Our Image, after our likeness, and let them

have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over every living thing upon the Earth. God created man in His own image. In the image of God created He him, male and female, created He them. God made man to worship and glorify Him. Then after the fall of man, man had no way to redeem himself back into the favor of God. So God sent his only begotten Son down into the world that everyone that would believe on His name would be saved. So, we see that love caused the way, made for our escape, from that eternal punishment, the lake.

I do believe that when a Soul is borned again, all hatred is taken out by that Great Power of God. The Devil's goods are spailed and him and his goods are cast out to never be back in that Soul no more. That Soul is borned of God and God is love. That Soul is filled with the love of God, no place for the things of the world or any of its goods. That love causes that Soul to love the ways of God every step of it's life here, and what it takes to get this love is to forsake the things of this world and look to God. The Lord says to have no other gods before Me, for I am God and beside Me there is none other. Then this love of God shed abroad in our hearts, will cause us to love our families better, it will cause us to love our Brothers and Sisters better; it will cause us to love Sinners everywhere; it will cause us to pray for our enemies everywhere. This is all God requires of a man, fear God and keep His Commandments. This God is a God of Love, He stands with out-stretched hands, saying, "Come unto Me, all ye ends of the Earth, and be ye saved, for I am God and beside Me, there is none other." Listen what (Prov. 8-17-v) says: "I love them that love me, and those that seek me diligently shall find me. Then listen what John 15-13 verse, says: "Greater love hath no man, than this, that a man lay down his life for His Friends. This, Jesus says: "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you, and after all of His trials and tribulations here in this world, just before he had to leave His Disciples, He began to talk and council them. He said, "Little children love one another and also let your light shine that the world may see your good work and glorify your father who art in heaven."

Therefore, let us give Him all the honor, the glory and all the praise for His loving Blessings he so graciously bestowed upon us through His loving Son. So, dear Brethren and Sisters, since we met last on this occasion, one who was dearly loved has gone, our beloved Assistant Moderator. I believe his tired and longing Soul is resting in the light of God's love. He has

stood the trials of live, and kilks and stripes of men, but stood firm in the faith, never wavered to the right or to the left, but looked as David did of old, to the high courts of heaven, whence cometh his help. Brethren, here truly stood a Great Soldier of the Lord, and he was scorned by the world for being so bold and steadfast in Regular Baptist faith, practice and ordinances. Therefore, I pry God to send us another such soldier as he was. But I feel he was like Paul, he fought a good fight, he kept the faith. Therefore, there was a crown of glory laid up for him.

So Brethren, if I am never permitted to write or meet with you again, in this world, my prayers are that you will all move along in harmony among you nd at peace with each other, and let the world say and do what they will, let us go on in the good old way.

So, finally Brethren and Sisters, farewell. I hope to meet you all around the Throne of God, where our trouble will be over, and we can give our Blessed Lord all the praises due Him. All of one mind, all with a body just alike and outshine the Sun.

So Brethren, Farewell.

Your Unworthy Brother,

—McKinley McIntosh.

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, certifyinb 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 or 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 reasonable expenses of same, never neglecting the poor, according to their several abilities.

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

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

17. None 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

CARR'S FORK -- John Sparkman, Alonzo Watts and Marion Francis.

BIG COWAN -- Ellis Banks, A. J. Fields, and Cullen Hogg.

CLEAR CREEK -- Frank Fugate, Francis Owens, and Burley Combs.

OVEN FORK -- Steve Raleigh, Vollie Mullins, and H. L. Raleigh.

BIG LEATHERWOOD -- Henry Hall, W. P. Pratt and Reuben Riddle.

INDIAN BOTTOM -- H. D. Caudill, I. T. Dixon, and Dawson Dixon.

MALLET FORK -- Creed Amburgey, Irvin Amburgey and Melvin Fields.

HURRICANE GAP -- Troy Shepherd, Harrison Cornett and Milton Napier.

SANDLICK -- Lewis Craft, Willie Hamilton and J. D. Hampton.

DOTY CREEK -- Monroe Caudill, James Caudill and Noah Eldridge.

CEDAR GROVE -- Manus Ison, Lovel Polly, and Gid Watts.

LITTLE HOME -- Alvin Hagans, Paris Hagans, and Silas Nichols.

NEW HOME -- Olus Baldrige, William Terry, and Jerome Watts.

POWELL -- H. B. Whitaker, Howard Eldridge, and Henry Eldridge.

DEFEATED CREEK -- Silas Cox, Woodard Cornett and James Whitaker.

JAMES MEMORIAL --- Beckham Fields, Gardner Jent and Tommy Jent.
 NEW BETHLEHEM --- Dan Noble, Joda Ritchie, and Siley Williams.
 LITTLE DANIEL --- James F. Collins, John Madden and Watson Sexton.
 DRY FORK -- Astor Whitaker, Oscar Brown, and Bethel Campbell.
 LITTLE BETHLEHEM --- Lewis Day, H. B. Reedy, and Clarence Fields.
 REYNOLDS FORK --- A. J. Taylor, Millard Seals, and Newton J. Mullins.
 IVY POINT --- Bitrcnell Mosley, Cephus Mosely, and Sam Johnson.
 PILGRIMS HOME --- Howard Caudill, Silas Frazier, and Alonzo Allen.
 CLEAR FORK --- Caney Gayheart, Fred Combs, and Wheeler Feltner.
 LITTLE MAGDALENE --- Wallace Mullins and Arthur Dixon.
 LITTLE ROSE -- Steve Pratt, Orville Mullins and Nathan Young.
 LONE VALLEY -- Willie Madden, Wheeler Witt, and William Sumner.
 MAGGIE MEMORIAL --- Dan Gibson, Bob Terrell, Leslie Patrick.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

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| Carr's Fork --- John Sparkman | 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 23-B. |
| Big Leatherwood --- Floyd Huff | Cornettsville, Ky. |
| Indian Bottom -- Dawson Dixon | Blackey, Ky. |
| Mallet Fork -- John H. Fields | Pine Top, Ky. |
| Hurricane Gap -- Harrison Cornett | Gordon, Ky. |
| Sandlick -- Lewis Craft | Whitesburg, Ky. |
| Doty Creek -- Hubart Caudill | Jeremiah, Ky. |
| Cedar Grove --- Lovel Polly | Cornettsville, Ky. |
| Little Home -- Cassa Combs | Red Fox, Ky. |
| New Home --- Jerome Watts | Garner, Ky. |
| Powell --- Howard Eldridge | Rt. 3, Waynesburg, Ky. |
| Defeated Creek -- James Whitaker | Dupont, Ind., R. R. 1 |
| James Memorial -- Tommy Jent | Jeremiah, Ky. |
| New Bethlehem --- Sarah Dobson | Anco, Ky. |

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| 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 | Rt. 2, Box 206, Hazard, Ky. |
| Crab Orchard -- Arthur Dixon | Conway, Ky. |
| Little Rose -- Monroe Cornett | Hindman, Ky. |
| Lone Valley -- William L. Sumner | Memphis, Ind., Rt. 1. |
| Maggie Memorial -- Bob Terrill | Tina, Ky. |

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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| 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. |
| Corbett Hale | Eatonville, Wash. |
| John D. Ison | Day, Ky. |
| D. B. Day | Dongola, Ky. |
| Cullen Hogg | Whitesburg, Ky. |
| Frank Fugate | Fisty, Ky. |
| Burley Combs | Fisty, Ky. |
| Louis Lucas | Anco, Ky. |
| H. L. Raleigh | Oven Fork, Ky., Box 23-B. |
| J. W. Pratt | Jeff, Ky. |
| Reuben Riddle | Viper, Ky. |
| H. D. Caudill | Carcassonne, Ky. |
| L. F. Caudill | Wentz, Ky. |
| Roy Whitaker | Premium, Ky. |
| Troy Shepherd | Gordon, Ky. |
| Estes Cornett | Evarts, Ky. |
| Curtis Caudill | Whitesburg, Ky. |
| Lewis Craft | Whitesburg, Ky. |
| Dewey Cornett | Anco, Ky. |
| Lemuel Hale | Waynesburg, Ky. |

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| Alva Caudill | Jeremiah, Ky. |
| Monroe Caudill | Jeremiah, Ky. |
| James M. Caudill | Jeremiah, Ky. |
| Manus Ison | Hallie, Ky. |
| Alvin Hagans | Red Fox, Ky. |
| Paris Hagans | Red Fox, Ky. |
| Loy Maggard | Leburn, Ky. |
| Olus Baldrige | Box 222, Dillsboro, Ind. |
| H. B. Whitaker | Waynesburg, Ky. |
| Beckham Fields | Ash Camp, Ky. |
| Green Fields | Carcassonne, Ky. |
| Gardner Jent | Carcassonne, Ky. |
| Tommy Jent | Jeremiah, Ky. |
| Estill Jent | Carcassonne, Ky. |
| Harrison Williams | Vest, Ky. |
| Dan Noble | Vicco, Ky. |
| James F. Collins | Isom, Ky. |
| L. B. Day | Smithsboro, Ky. |
| Hillis Reedy | Amburgey, Ky. |
| Clarence Fields | Red Fox, Ky. |
| William Everage | Sassafras, Ky. |
| Cephus Mosley | Garner, Ky. |
| Sam Johnson | Garner, Ky. |
| Merlin Slone | Bolden, Ky. |
| Silas Frazier | Sunman, Ind. |
| Howard Caudill | Milan, Ind. |
| Lawrence Day | Sippo, Ohio |
| Colonel Eldridge | Rt. 2, Moores Hill, Ind. |
| Dan Fields | Lawrenceburg, Ind. |
| Alonzo Allen | Milan, Ind. |
| Ed Whitaker | 202 Bunker La, Oak Ridge, Tenn. |
| Arthur Dixon | Conway, Ky. |
| Wallace Mullins | Crab Orchard, Ky. |
| Steve Pratt | Amburgey, Ky. |
| Nathaniel Young | Anco, Ky. |
| Willie Madden | Otisco, Ind. |
| Wheeler Witt | Underwood, Ind. |
| Dan Gibson | Fisty, 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, and we have chosen these, our beloved Brethren, to bear this our letter to you, to-wit:

1. _____
2. _____
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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:

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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 _____

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial of Elder George Hagans and Sister Charity Hagans, his wife, will be held at the Little Home Church, the First Saturday and Sunday in July, 1959.

Dear Brothers, you are the ones we want to preach in this Memorial Meeting Saturday. First, Elder Tyree Church; second, Elder Beckham Fields; third, John Moore; fourth, J. W. Pratt, and Moderator to close. Saturday night, first, Perry Cline to open; second, Johnnie Cline; third, Tracy Hatfield; fourth to close, Elmer Church.

Sunday—first, Baxter Osborne; second, Willie Madden, third, Elias Cotton; fourth, E. V. Hopkins; fifth, M. V. Burke; sixth, Burton Howard to close.

Requested by Dewey Hagans and wife.

OBITUARIES



ELDER GEORGE HAGANS

Elder George Hagans, the son of Simon and Lucinda Hagans, was born June 22, 1880. Deceased this life, July 4, 1958. His stay on earth was 78 years and 12 days. He was married to Chartie Combs near or about 1904, and to this union was born 7 children, 3 children and his wife preceded him in death.

Left to mourn his loss are his four brothers, one sister, and a host of Baptist Brothers and Sisters to mourn his loss.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about the year of 1911, and was baptized by Elder Noah Adams into the Fellowship of the Little Home Church.

He began preaching about the year of 1912 and after the death of Elder Noah Adams, he became Moderator of the Little Home Church, and continued until his death.

He was widely known throughout the Baptist territory in every state where Regular Baptists are established. He preached in Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana and in Ohio.

He was known as a man that stood and fought for Regular Baptist practice and order; a man that never wavered. We know he will be badly missed among Regular Baptist Associations; and his good council will also be badly missed.

We believe that our loss is Heaven's gain,

Written by—

—Alvin Hagans,
and Dewey Hagans.

Request of Elder George Hagans

This request of your unworthy servant:

I want my dead body to be kept in the Little Home Church house, the last night on earth with my loving brothers and sisters of the old Regular Baptist Army, and also with my dear children and grand children. Also with my many Christian and sinner friends which death has bade me to cease preaching and praying for you.

I want some of my brothers or friends to see to having my funeral broadcasted among the associations and churches where I have so long labored. I want singing and prayer and preaching all night, if the Lord is with you all.

Night Service:

After singing some good songs, opening by Elder Paris Hagans. Song before prayer, "Tarry With Me". At the end of song, prayer by Brother Charren Williams.

Preachers:

1st, Elis Moore; 2nd, Tracy Hatfield; 3rd, Elder Beckham Fields and Elder Perry Clines.

Last call for order, and coffee and lunch. Singing and close by prayer by Brother Lee Adams, or any one of your choice.

See that as many preachers as you can get to preach or if there is time for some one else, O. K.

Morning Service:

First, the obituary read by Elder Alvin Hagans. Then a few

remarks to the bereaved. Next, a song before prayer.

Dear friends farewell.

Then, prayer by Brother Carvey Adams.

Preachers:

1st, Elder Jim Pratt; 2nd, Elder Willie Madden; 3rd, Elder Baxter Osborn to close. Then I want as many of you brothers and sisters as can, if the weather is fair, to go to the grave with the Undertaker. I want Brother Lovel Williams to give out some of the songs. I am going home to die no more. I want prayer by Elder Hillis Reedy.

If you all see that there is time, please have other Baptist preachers to preach.

Elder Elis Hopkins, if he is present. We were boy preachers about the same time.

If the Brothers of my choice can't be present, pick some of your choice.

—by: Elder George Hagans.



WATSON G. COMBS

(Requested by his wife, Fannie Combs)

Bro. Watson G. Combs was born July 16, 1870, and passed from this life Feb. 19, 1958. His life on earth was 87 years, 7 months and 3 days.

He was the son of Andrew and Nancy Combs, who preceded him in death many years ago. He has two brothers living, Mat and Alvin Combs; 8 brothers deceased; Riley, Melvin, Spencer, Ira, Andrew, Jr., Dock, and Cullen Combs.

Early in life he met and married Bessie Amburgey, who preceded him in death many years ago, and to this union was born four children. The boys, Cullen, Corbin and Ivan Combs; one girl Ollie Engle. Late in life he met and married Fannie Franklin, and lived with her until death. He also had one step-son, Eugene Franklin.

He leaves two brothers, four children, companion and step-son, to mourn his passing.

Bro. Watson joined the old Regular Baptist Church on the 2nd Sunday in April, 1952, and became a member of the Little Home Church and lived a faithful and obedient member until death.

Now, dear children you have lost a good father, and Sister Fannie, you have lost a good companion, but we feel his soul is at rest thound the Throne of God. Awaiting for the Redemption of the body. I had the privilege to visit Brother Watson while he was in his wheel chair and he would tell me he had the Best Nurse on Earth. And I too, noticed how patient and kind you was with him, and I feel God has and will Reward You, for being so good to him

Nowfi we feel according to his confession and the kind, humble life he lived in his later days, he has just crossed over the River of Death and beat us to that good Country where sorrow can't come.

Written by—

Bro. H. B. Reedy.

MRS. MARY HUFF

I will try with a sad and worried mind to write a short sketch of a loved one who has past and gone to a place of stay, until the Judgment Day, Mrs. Mary Huff, the wife of W. M. Huff. She was born May 10, 1863, died May 12, 1958, her stay on earth being 95 years and two days. She leaves to mourn her passing one brother and one sister and 6 children, two boys and four girls and 48 grand children and 79 great grand children and 20 great great grandchildren and a host of friends. She joined the Big Leatherwood Regular Baptist Chhrch in August, 1935. As long as she was able, she was a faithful member, but she was in poor health for the past 6 years. She was humble as a child and always talked about going home and we believe her soul is

now in Paradise awaiting for the redemption of the body, then go on saved, as she talked so much about. I feel that our loss is heaven's gain and we too can meet her there if we strive to get in. No one can take the place of Mother. Mother loves her children, but God loves us all.

Written by a Son.

—Floyd Huff.

OBITUARY OF MOLLIE SEXTON

Just after the dark days of the Civil War, a young man whose name was David Combs, left the Western part of Indiana, drove across the plains of that state in a horse and buggy, up the Valley of the Kentucky River, and into the lower part of Perry County in search of his brother. Here he met, fell in love and married a young woman by the name of Nancy Niece. The first flower, Mollie Combs, was born on February 29, 1884 and died on July 14, 1958, making her stay on earth 74 years, 4 months, and 17 days. She was the oldest of a family of 15 or 16. She grew into womanhood and was married to Marion Sexton, August 15, 1903 and to this union was born 11 children. Two died in infancy, the rest lived to be grown men and women, then the Lord began to call them away as follows: Onedith, Arnold, Delzy and Bradford. These passed away before Mother followed.

She has left behind—her faithful husband, Marion, and two sons: Cullen and Lundy and three daughters, Myrtle, Destie, Mae, and a foster daughter, Merlene whom she loved as her own. She also has left behind a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, four brothers: Gordon, Van, Nat, and John; three sisters, Polly Ann, Maudy, and Bertha.

Forty-two years ago in August, Mother professed a hope in Christ the Lord, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Old Sandlick Church, on November 14, 1936. She came in and helped to organize the Little Daniel Church and there remained until death. She was a true and faithful member and was an old time Baptist. She believed in the old-time faith, doctrine and practice and would not accept any other.

I believe that Mother's soul is resting in the Paradise of God awaiting for that great and notable day when the grave can no longer hold what we still have left here with us. I have sat by her bedside many nights by myself and she would drop off to sleep, and she would start to sing them good old songs, like "Tarry With Me, Oh My Saviour"; "Amazing Grace," etc. Although her strength was weak, her voice was very strong and

clear and the expressions I could see on her face would make my soul rejoice.

I know we will miss Mother but thank God, I have a hope that we can join her again in that Happy Land. I pray to God that I can live to see the day that my three sisters can walk the path along with me that I feel I have been walking for the past twenty years. I feel that if you children and grand children and all her friends ever see Mother again you will have to make her God yours here in this time and life.

Written by her Son,

—Cullen Sexton.



BLAINE ISON

It is with a sad and broken heart and lonesome feeling that I will try to write this obituary of my beloved husband, Blaine Ison. He was born December 20, 1910. He was at the age of 47 years, 3 months and 16 days old, when he left me in death on April 6th, 1958. We were married November 30, 1931, and to this union was born eleven children, all are living: Mrs. Evalene Poland; Mrs. Eulamae Haddix; Mrs. Bertie Beal, all of Indianapolis, Ind; Ophie Doris Wendell; Manon Blaine Junior, James Robert, Dona and Jeraidean; 5 grand children and a mother and six sisters to mourn the loss of him. We miss him so much and

my home is so lonesome without him.

He was the son of Joner and Dicy Ison. He was loved by everybody and he trusted in the Lord and joined the Big Leatherwood Regular Baptist Church on the second Saturday in July, 1957 and was baptized on the second Saturday in August, 1957. He was humble and good and kind to everybody. Not long before he died he told me he dreamed of singing the sweetest song he ever heard, and said he believed it would be the song they would be singing in heaven.

I believe he is at rest. I feel like I will meet him in heaven some sweet day and I hope all my blessed children will put their trust in the Lord, and meet us in that Glory Land where we will never have to part no more.

Written by his broken-hearted wife,

—Mattie Ison.

AN EASTER ANGEL

Oh; Dear Brother so good and true,
We loved you more than you ever knew.
An Easter Angel called you away,
And left us here to weep and pray.

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Since you left us here behind,
Peace on Earth, we cannot find;
Your seat is vacant here below,
You have exchanged it to a better one we know.

3

Often times when I kneel to pray,
I hear a Voice so sweetly say:
God loves His Children, one and all,
Who trust in Him, both great and small.

4

We miss you more, both day and night,
But understand God's works are right;
I often wish to touch your hand,
And join you in the Heavenly Band.

Sometimes I feel you are so near,
 Yet far away and, Oh, so dear—
 God has called you away,
 To make things ready for our day.

It will be needful soon with Thee,
 Have a seat, prepared for me;
 I will be ready when you call,
 To meet with your Angels, one and all.

God teaches us every day,
 How to live and how to pray,
 Have a place in the sky,
 I will be with you, bye and bye.

Written by a Sister,

—Virgie Stamper,
 Viper, Ky.

AGGIE JANE HALL AMBURGEY

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write an obituary of my dear Mother, Aggie Jane Hall Amburgey. She was born June 19, 18j0, and deceased Dec. 16, 1956, agt 76 yars, 5 months, 2 days. She was married to Howard Amburgey April 19, 1899, and to this union was born 8 children, one daughter and seven boys. Htr husband and ont son preceded her in death, leaving 7 children and a whole host of grandchildrtn and several great grandchildren to mourn her loss: Mr. Creed Amburgey of Piné Top, Ky; Mr. Irvin Amburgey, Hindman, Ky., and Mr. Carles Amburgey, Pine Top, Ky.; Mr. Delza Amburgey, Mallie, Ky.; Fred Amburgey, Mallie, Ky.; Mrs. Callie Amburgey, Omaha, Ky.; Sidney Amburgey, New Carslile, Ohio; Four brothers and two sisters.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist at Mallet Fork Church, forty some years ago, and was a faithful member until death, and on the day of her death she went to Church and filled her seat. It is sad here on this earth without mother. She is missed, not only by her children, but by friends and neighbors. We feel

that our loss is Heaven's gain.

She has often told her children she believed with all her heart that when she left this world her troubles would be over. She always loved to shout and praise the Lord. She loved to talk on Heavenly things, to her children and her friends.

Now children, Mother is gone and she can never come back to us, but if we will just put our trust in the Lord we can meet Mother again where we will never have to part no more. Let's all remember Mother's good advice and how we have often heard her pray for her dear children. I feel that her troubles are over. Mother is not dead, but only sleeping, waiting for Jesus to come. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her only Daughter,

--Callie Amburgey.

BILL ISON

With much unworthy feeling, I will attempt to write an obituary of our father, Bill Ison. He was born February 16, 1860 and died Aug. 29, 1934, making his stay on earth 74 years and 6 months. He was married to Nancyelen Halcomb, and to this union was born five children, two boys and three girls, and later he married Mary Adams Halcomb and to her was born two children, one girl and one boy and Stacy died, leaving six of us still living, and Mary had 3 boys by her first husband, and we all got along good.

Daddy joined the Big Cowan Church of Jesus Christ many years ago. I was in my teens and was standing at the window of the old Church house looking in, and I heard him tell his experience of grace, and it was good to hear the wonderful words of the dealing of the Lord, and when Daddy took sick with that dreadful disease, heart dropsy, he suffered awful bad. But he talked about his home in heaven and said that there was not anything in his way.

Written by,

Elder John D. Ison

MARY ISON

Now, I will write an obituary of Mary Ison. She was born Oct. 25, 1865, and died May 16, 1951, making her stay on earth 86 years. She joined the old Regular Baptist Church on fourth Saturday, 1934 and was baptized on Sunday. Me and her was baptized on the same day and she talked of her home thru her sickness and said to the boys, that the Lord would be after her

before morning. So I don't have now a doubt about her and Daddy. They lived good Christian lives before their children and always were good and kind to each other. She was a good step-mother, and she loved company as good as anyone I ever saw, and enjoyed her brothers and sisters to come and stay with her. She was confined in her chair for about twenty-five years and bore it as patiently as anyone I ever saw.

Written by,

Elder John D. Ison

UNCLE WILL ADAMS

Uncle Will Adams was born Oct. 1, 1864 and died January 10, 1955, making his stay on Earth 91 years, three months and 10 days. Uncle Will joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ fifteen years ago and lived a true and Christian life until death. Uncle Will was the son of Allen Adams, and married Mary Frazier, March 8, 1900, and to this union was born seven children: Ludema, Malisia, Cynthia, Beckie, Zettie, Alga, Ruby, and these all preceded him in death, and this leaves five children and his wife, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. There are two of the children, Ludema and Malisia, joined the same Church that he belonged to and that is the Bgi Cowan Church.

I would like to say a few words concerning Brother Will Adams. I helped to receive him in the Church and his wife also joined the same day and there was much rejoicing, and I live here close to him, and he lived up to his profession. I and others held Church in his home many times and it seems like it was an easy place to get a Blessing. So children, I could write much more, but it takes too much space in our minutes. Children, if you want to live with Daddy, you must be born again, and adopted in that Heavenly family. So I will close,

Written by your unworthy,

--John D. Ison.

OBITUARY OF VINA MORGAN

Vina Morgan was born April 6, 1877. Dedeased January 16, 1953, Age 76 years, 9 months, 10 days.

She was the daughter of Jesse and Fanny Ison and a sister to Rev. G. B. Ison.

She marrien Douglas Irvin (Herb) Morgan about 1898. To this union was born six chilnren: Four girls, Stella, Reva, Reda, and Bertha and two boys, Jesse and Henry. Papa and Stella pre-

ceded her in death. She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Cedar Grove Church about 25 years ago. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend Church. After she became unable, she would often talk to me about how well she would love to go to Church. During her illness she would often ask God to take her home. She said all she hated to die for was, she hated to leave her children. She didn't want any flowers bought for her after she died. She said what flowers we had for her to sow them while she was living. She lived a simple inexpensive life, and wanted a simple inexpensive burial. To all the children who are not right with God: If you want to meet Mamma on that bright and happy shore, get right with God, before it's too late.

Written by her daughter,
—Reva Ison.

ELIGE ISON

Elige Ison was born October 1, 1882. Died June 11, 1957. He was seventy-four years, nine months and ten days old. He was married to Mary Logan Ison, to this union was born eleven children. One preceded him in death, his oldest son, Gid Ison. Leaving ten children to mourn his loss. He was a member of the Leatherwood Regular Baptist Church. He lived as close as any one could, he was also very much interested in the building of our new church house, and would often put in money when he needed it for other purposes. He would always defend the old Baptist doctrine and order, but in the last two years of his life he was somewhat feeble in his mind. When the call came for him he fell in the porch of his home when no one was there but his wife and son, Bill. But we believe the Spirit of the Lord was there to carry his soul to the Paradise of God, there to await the redemption of the body.

He is badly missed in our church and home. But children, we all can meet him again around the Throne of God. Where no parting can come, if you will believe and repent.

Submitted by,
—Elder J. W. Pratt.

HIRAMY GRIFFITH

Hiramy Griffith was born September 23, 1895, died November 20, 1957. He was married to Rebecca Campbell, to this union was born two girls: Vernie and Ethel and seven grandchildren.

He was also survived by one brother, F. A. Griffith and one sister, Pollie Brashear. He was not sick very long and when taken to the hospital, I went in to see him. I saw he was very ill and was praying. I talked some with him about his future destiny and I told him to pray on, and I left the hospital and in about an hour he sent for me to come back. I went as soon as I could and when I arrived he told me he wanted to talk with me and wanted me to pray for him. I led in prayer, he prayed too with me and said to me, "It's awful a man would live as long as I have and put off getting right with God, and now have to die, I could have gotten pleasure out of life if I would have done right." I told him not to give up but have faith. He said, "I will pray as long as I live for His mercy" and before he died he told some of his folks he was all right and that he was ready to go.

So we believe our loss is Heaven's gain, and to his girls and grandchildren and all, take warning from his testimony and don't wait too late. There is joy in serving the Lord.

Submitted by,

—Elder J. W. Pratt.

WILLIAM HUFF

A short sketch of a Brother in the Lord, who has passed and gone. William Huff was born February 23, 1860. Died April 8, 1950, age 90 years old, 1 month and 8 days.

He was the husband of Mary Riddle Huff, also was a member of the Big Leatherwood Regular Baptist Church until death. At his death he left his wife and children to mourn his passing. He lived most of his life here in Perry County and was loved by all who knew him. He loved everybody, loved to talk to everybody that he knew. He was badly missed by everyone here on Leatherwood. But his loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by

—Marion Caudill

STATISTICAL TABLE

| Churches | Received by Exp. & Baptism | Received by Letter | Restored | Received by Recommendation | Loss by Death | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Total Membership | Meeting Time | Contributions |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Carr's Fork | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 91 | 4 | 20.00 |
| Big Cowan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 132 | 4 | 20.00 |
| Clear Creek | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 111 | 3 | 10.00 |
| Oven Fork | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 15.00 |
| Big Leatherwood | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 2 | 20.00 |
| Indian Bottom | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 67 | 1 | 20.00 |
| Mallet Fork | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 3 | 10.00 |
| Hurricane Gap | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 2 | 10.00 |
| Sandlick | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 42 | 3 | 20.00 |
| Doty Creek | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 2 | 20.00 |
| Cedar Grove | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 4 | 20.00 |
| Little Home | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 151 | 1 | 30.00 |
| New Home | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 81 | 2 | 20.00 |
| Powell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 45 | 3 | 10.00 |
| Defeated Creek | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 10.00 |
| James Memorial | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 32 | 3 | 10.00 |
| New Bethlehem | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 42 | 4 | 5.00 |
| Little Daniel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 3 | 10.00 |
| Dry Fork | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 1 | 7.00 |
| Little Bethlehem | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 63 | 2 | 20.00 |
| Reynolds Fork | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 5.00 |
| Ivy Point | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 33 | 4 | 5.00 |
| Pilgrims Home | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 10.00 |
| Clear Fork | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 5.00 |
| Crab Orchard | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 5.00 |
| Little Rose | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 5.00 |
| Lone Valley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 10.00 |
| Maggie Memorial | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 2 | 5.00 |
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