

MINUTES

— Of The —
**INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION**

— Of —
REGULAR BAPTISTS
— Of —
JESUS CHRIST



Sixty-Fourth Annual Session

HELD WITH

Cedar Grove Church

Hallie, Letcher County, Kentucky

September 4, 5, 6, 1959

ELDER J. W. PRATT
Moderator

ELDER H. B. REEDY
Clerk

ELDER BECKHAM FIELDS
Asst. Moderator

ELDER H. D. CAUDILL
Asst. Clerk

PROCEEDINGS:

Sept. 4, 5, 6, 1959.

Proceedings of the 64th Annual Session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ in session assembled with the Cedar Grove Church, Hallie, Letcher County, Kentucky, Sept. 4, 5, 6, 1959.

The Association assembled at the place arranged for preaching, and after singing some sweet songs of Zion, the service was introduced by Brother Alva Caudill, who took the place of Brother Louis Craft, who was selected by the Association, but was absent. Then followed by the introductory sermon, preached by Elder Monroe Caudill, who gave us some wonderful council. The delegates then moved from the stand to the Church house. And after singing one of Zion's songs the Association was opened and prayer by Elder Baxter Osborne from the Northern New Salem Association.

1. The house was called to order by Elder J. W. Pratt, our Moderator, who then called for the letters from the several churches which composed the Indian Bottom Association, which were handed in to the clerk. One letter was read by the Assistant Clerk, all letters were received and the delegates were seated, with all queries and requests referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by choosing J. W. Pratt moderator, Beckham Fields, Assistant Moderator; H. B. Reedy, Clerk, and H. D. Caudill, Assistant Clerk.

3. Call for newly organized churches and received none.

4. Then called for letters from churches that had gone into the Thornton Union Association illegal.

(a) Then came forth the delegates from the Little Zion Church with their letter.

(b). Then came forth the delegates from the Little Dove Church with their letter. Then by move and second, the church letters were received and delegates seated, but were referred to the committee on arrangements.

5. Moved and second to omit the reading of Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution.

6. The Moderator asked for the letters from the corresponding associations.

(a). UNION ASSOCIATION—represented by the following delegates: Emmitt Belcher, Willie Bates, Tyree Church, Elmer Church, Mander Yonts, Floyd Polly, Orville Tackett, W. F. Hubbard, Andy Bates, John M. Mullins, Boyd Smallwood, Delmer Newsome.

(b). NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION—represented by the following delegates: Burgess Compton, B. H. Tackett, Ballard Little,

R. G. McCray, Erwin Breeding, Alonzo Yonts, Jerry Hall Jr., Jerry Hall, Troy Nickles, Jonah Tackett, M. V. Burke, Henry King, E. V. Hopkins, Levy Page, Burton Howard, Sherman Slone, L. G. Frazier.

(c). PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION—Represented by the following delegates: John Moore, John Reed, George Woods, Jesse Boggs, John Griffith.

(d). SARDIS ASSOCIATION—Represented by the following delegates: Ester Hopkins, Ed May, Harvey Lowe, Tracy Hatfield, Lloyd SESCO.

(e). MUD RIVER ASSOCIATION—No delegates.

(f). NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION—Represented by the following delegates: Steve Osborne, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Hershel Sturgill, W. M. P. Deal, Banner Collins. Letters from the above associations were read and received by move and second by the association to seat the delegates who aided us in counsel.

No. 7. Call for transit, ministers and members of our same faith and order, and received as follows: Elders, E. F. Bentley, Henry Blair, Alva Caudill, Hamilton Blevins, Tilden Wright, and Bros. Hager Watts, Tip Collins, G. W. Everage, Gordon Caudill and McKinley McIntosh.

No. 8. On Motion the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during this session of the Association.

No. 9. Appointed a committee on Ministry for Friday night and Saturday morning, consisting of one member from each church with entire delegation from the Cedar Grove Church.

No. 10. Appointed the same committee as on Ministry with only one member from the Cedar Grove Church with moderators, clerks, and delegates from corresponding associations, and transits to meet and arrange the work for Saturday morning.

No. 11. Moved and second that the clerk and assistant clerk write the corresponding letters to our sister associations as follows: Union, New Salem, Philadelphia, Sardis, Mud River, and Northern New Salem Associations.

12. Call on committee on Ministry to report, who reported the following ministers: Friday Night—(1) John Moore; (2) Tyree Church; (3) Burton Howard.

Saturday Morning—(1) Ed May; (2) Tracy Hatfield; (3) Baxter Osborne; (4) Ellis Hopkins.

13. On Motion, the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock A. M., Saturday morning, Sept. 5th, 1959.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 5, 1959

Saturday morning, Sept. 5, 1959, the Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing some songs,

introduction remarks were made by Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator from Sardis Association, and prayer by Elder Elmer Church, from Union Association. Then proceeded to the business by calling the Association to order by Bro. J. W. Pratt, the Moderator.

(1). Called the roll and marked the absentees.

(2). Called for transient ministers and members of same faith and order, and received the following Elders: Clarence Fields, Lewis Craft, Charlie Gibson and Brethren; Isom Stallard, Marion Stamper, Nick Everidge.

(3). Ministers to preach on the stand were excused. (1) Elder Edd May from Sardis Ass'n; (2) Elder Francis Hubb, Union Association; who replaced Elder Tracy Hatfield from Sardis Association; Elder Steve Osborne, Northern New Salem Association, who took the place of Brother Baxter Osborne from same Association; (4) Bro. Ellis Hopkins from New Salem Association closed the meeting at the stand.

(4). Called for the Committee on Arrangements to report. The report was received and the Committee was discharged.

(5). In regard to request from Powell Church concerning item No 6 in our Articles of Faith. It was moved and seconded to chance it to read: "By Grace Through Faith Are We Saved."

(6). In regard to the history of Reg. Baptist from New Home Church it was moved and seconded for Bro. J. W. Pratt, the Moderator, to appoint a committee to take care of our part of the history.

The Committee: Bro. H. B. Reedy; Bro. Beckham Fields, Bro. J. W. Pratt, Bro. Hendrix Caudill, Bro. Monroe Caudill.

(7) In regard to the query from the Sandlick Church concerning having women clerks, it was moved and second to advise all churches to replace them with male clerks and if they don't have a suitable male clerk, you have the right to borrow one from your sister church and he can serve you until you are able to secure a male clerk.

(8). In regard to 3 queries from 3 churches: Little Bethlehem, Lone Valley, and Sandlick, concerning members being excluded from one church and going to another church and being baptised into fellowship of that church; it was moved and seconded to recant item No. 5 in our minutes and adopt it as our Mother—the New Salem Association has it which reads as follows: We, as an Advisory counsel, advise that no church has no right to receive into their fellowship an excluded member from another church without requiring the excluded member to go back to the church from which they were excluded and make satisfaction with that church and get back in fellowship with them, then they can get a letter of dismission and go to another church of the same faith

and order.

(9). In regard to request from the Big Cowan Church concerning members and churches that has been dropped from our churches and association and gone into churches and associations in disorder. What can we do to receive orderly part of the above mentioned members and churches? It was moved and seconded that we adopt the same answer as our sister—the Northern New Salem Association which reads as follows:

We, the Northern New Salem Association, as an Advisory Council, say to all our churches that we do hereby agree to follow the footsteps of our Mother, the New Salem Association, and our Sister, the Union Association in whatever decision that they may make pertinent to this question.

(10). In regard to the letter from Little Zion Church asking to be restored to fellowship back into the Indian Bottom Association. A good acknowledgement was made by their moderator, Bro. Austin Combs. It was moved and seconded to receive their letter and seat the delegates and that Bro. J. W. Pratt, our moderator appoint a committee to go and investigate the church to see that it was in legal working order and the Committee was given power to advise the church what to do to get back in order and report their finding back to our Association next year.

The Committee: Brother Elmer Church from Union Association; Bro. Mark Burke from New Salem Association, Brothers J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields and Alvin Haggins. The committee is to meet at the Little Zion Church the 3rd Saturday in October, 1959.

(11). In regards to letter from Little Dove Church asking to be restored back to fellowship into Indian Bottom Association; It was moved and seconded that the same committee that was picked to investigate the Little Zion Church go to the Little Dove Church and check into their work as requested in Item No. 10. They are to do the same as item 10 requests, also advise church to drop Cullen Hogg and drop I. D. Back as moderator. They are to meet with the Little Dove Church the 2nd Saturday in October, 1959.

(12). In regard to request from Big Cowan Church asking that Bro. W. C. Hogg be published in disorder. He has been excluded from their church for lying and taking his letter into disorderly church. Some of the delegates of the Indian Bottom Association seemed to feel that Bro. W. C. Hogg didn't get a fair trial and it was moved and seconded that our Moderator, Bro. J. W. Pratt appoint a committee to go and check into the legality of Brother Cullen Hogg being excluded. The Association did not grant their request pending the investigation. The committee is to meet the

4th Saturday in October, 1959. The committee is as follows: Bro. Ellis Hopkins from New Salem Association; Bro. Elmer Church from Union Association; Brothers Beckham Fields, J. W. Pratt, and Alvin Higgins from Indian Bottom Association.

(13). Concerning song by Edd Whittaker, asks it be printed in our Minutes. The Association felt it would run into too much expense to have songs printed in our Minutes. If we put this song in maybe next year we would have 3 or 4 more to put in. Moved and second not to print in minutes.

(14). Request from Little Home Church to have our Sacrament Meeting Time printed in our Minutes. It was moved and seconded by our Association to do so.

(15). Request for the Association in 1960. Little Home Church and Little Rose Church, since the Little Rose Church being new and needing help, it was moved and seconded that our next Association be with the Little Rose Church located on Highway 80—2 miles below Hindman, Ky., in Knott County. Turn left up Big Branch 1 mile to Church house. The Association begins on Friday before the 1st Saturday in September, 1960, and continuing the two following days.

(16). Appointed a committee on Finance: Brother Alonzo Watts, Bro. Beckham Fields, Bro. Curtis Caudill. The churches contributed \$360.00 to take care of printing minutes, etc.

(a). Moved and seconded to appoint bro. H. B. Reedy, Treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes. He is to have 2500 copies of minutes printed and is to be paid \$35.00 for his services. He is to pay out of treasury to Bro. Hendrix Caudill for his services as Assistant Clerk, \$20.00.

(17). Appointed the same committee on Ministry as of yesterday to arrange the preaching for Saturday evening and Sunday. The committee report is as follows: (1) Brother Manus Ison; (2), Bro. Otis Baldrige; (3), Bro. Beckham Fields to close.

Sunday—(1) Sherman Sloan; (2) Tracey Hatfield; (3), Baxter Osborne; (4) J. W. Pratt, our Moderator, to close. Bro. Sherman Sloan being absent, the Association appointed Bro. Parris Higgins to take his place. Bro. Baxter Osborne being absent, the Association picked Bro. H. B. Reedy to take his place.

(18). Letters to the corresponding associations were written, read, and approved by the Association and delegates appointed to attend the Associations.

(a). UNION ASSOCIATION: Brothers Paris Higgins, H. B. Reedy, Alonzo Watts, Arlie Adams, Alvin Hagans, J. W. Pratt, E. A. Reedy, Manus Ison, McKinley McIntosh, Otis Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Troy Shepherd, Press Blair.

(c) NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION: H. B. Reedy, E. A. Reedy,

Otis Baldridge, Alonzo Allen, L. B. Day, Alonzo Watts, Beckham Fields, Clarence Fields, J. W. Pratt, McKinley McIntosh, Dewey Hagan, Alvin Hagan, Press Blair, Paris Hagan, Troy Shepherd, John Smith, Jerome Watts.

(c). PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION: H. B. Whittaker, Dewey Hagan, Arnold Whittaker, Paris Hagan, Carvey Adams, Alvin Hagan, Beckham Fields, Otis Baldridge, Alonzo Allen, Alonzo Watts, Arlie Adams.

(d). SARDIS ASSOCIATION: Dewey Hagan, Paris Hagan, Carvey Adams, Arlie Adams, Beckham Fields, Otis Baldridge, Alonzo Allen.

(e). MUD RIVER ASSOCIATION: Otis Baldridge, Alonzo Allen, Arlie Adams, Dewey Hagan, Paris Hagan.

(f). NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Alonzo Allen, Otis Baldridge, Paris Hagan, Arlie Adams, Dewey Hagan, H. B. Whittaker, Alonzo Watts, J. W. Pratt, John Smith, Meryl Caudill, H. B. Reedy, Beckham Fields, Manus Ison.

11. Financial Report of the Treasurer

19). Financial Report of the Treasurer for 1958:

Balance from last year (1957)	\$ 49.96
Sept. 6, 1958, contributed by churches	357.00
Sept. 6, 1958, Amount for pictures	15.00
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	\$421.96

EXPENDITURES:

Sept. 10, 1958, to Paris Hagan to Assn.	\$ 5.00
Sept. 10, 1958, H. D. Caudill, Asst. Clerk fee	20.00
Oct. 21, 1958, Paris Hagan to Assn.	5.00
Dec. 5, 1958, Hazard Herald, printing and mail minutes	278.00
Dec. 9, 1958, Hazard Herald, postage on minutes	16.65
Aug 20, 1959, Paris Hagan to Assn.	4.00
Dawson Dixon, Clerk Fee	35.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

 \$363.65

BALANCE ON HAND, 1959

 \$ 58.31

This amount turned over to New Clerk, H. B. Reedy.

(20). Called on Brethren to make report on attending Union Meetings and Association who reported generally that they attended to the work that was assigned to them. Some failures were reported by the brethren were excused.

21). Appointing Union Meeting as shown under that heading.
22). The circular letter was written by Bro. Steve Pratt and was read and approved by the Association to be printed in our minutes:

(23). It was moved and seconded that Bro. H. B. Whittaker be appointed to write our next circular letter to be read at the next session of Indian Bottom Association in 1960.

(24). It was moved and seconded that our next Association be held with the Little Rose Church, Hindman, Knott County, Ky., 2 miles below Hindman on Highway No. 80. The introductory sermon to be preached by Bro. Beckham Fields and Bro. Alvin Hagan to be his alternate.

(25). It was moved and seconded by the Association after the minutes were read, to approve them and to have Bro. Cullen Hogg name taken out of the minutes as a transient minister.

(26). This bringing us to the end of our 64th Annual Session of the Indian Bottom Association, and it was closed by prayer by Bro. Baxter Osborne of Northern Salem Association and adjourned to the time and place of our next Association.

Done and signed by the order of the Indian Bottom Association.

ELDER J. W. PRATT, Moderator
ELDER BECKHAM FIELDS, Asst. Moderator
ELDER H. B. REEDY, Clerk
ELDER H. D. CAUDILL, Asst. Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 6, 1959

A large congregation met at the church house and after singing some sweet songs of Zion, prayer was made by Bro. Parris Higgins who was selected to fill the place of Bro. Sherman Sloan from New Salem Association; (2), then came forth Bro. Tracy Hatfield from the Sardis Association and was blessed to preach on the Plan of Redemption. There was much rejoicing among the children of God. Third to the stand was Bro. H. B. Reedy. He to fill the place of Bro. Baxter Osborne from Northern New Salem Association. His subject was, "Behold the Lamb of God that Taketh Away the Sin of the World." (St. John 1st Chapter, 29th Verse). (4), Bro. J. W. Pratt, moderator of our association brought a conclusion to our services by extending an open door for members by experience and baptism.

There was much shouting, hugging, handshaking and rejoicing in the Spirit of the Lord. Now to the Brothers, Sisters and neighbors that live around the old Cedar Grove Church, I want to speak for all the brothers and sisters of the Indian Bottom Association and tell you how grateful we are to you for your love and kindness by throwing your doors open to the delegate of our

association and to our sister association and welcoming us in too food and shelter.

May the Good Lord, help us that we may live in peace together and that we may all be able to meet again next year in another good old Association, is your unworthy servant's prayer.

—ELDER H. B. REEDY, Clerk

UNION MEETINGS

April 1960

CLEAR FORK—First Saturday and Sunday. Troy Shepherd, Alonzo Watts, Neal Cornette, H. B. Reedy, Nan Noble, Moderator. Sacramento Meeting 1st Sunday in July, 1960.

JAMES MEMORIAL—Third Saturday and Sunday. Reuben Riddle, Clarence Fields, Monroe Caudill, Carvey Adams, Moderator.

SACRAMENT MEETING TIME

Sacramento Meeting—Third Sunday in August, 1960.

May 1960

LITTLE HOME—First Saturday and Sunday. J. W. Pratt, Ollis Baldrige, Baxter Osborne, Ellis Hopkins, Ellis Cotton, Beckham Fields.

Sacramento Meeting—First Sunday in August, 1960.

REYNOLDS FORK—Second Saturday and Sunday. J. W. Pratt, Vincell Sloan, Marlin Sloan.

Sacramento Meeting—Second Sunday in June, 1960.

LONE VALLEY—Second Saturday and Sunday. Carvey Adams, H. P. Caudill, Alvin Hagan, Beckham Fields, Silas Frazier and Moderator.

Sacramento Meeting—Second Sunday in July, 1960.

HURRICANE GAP—Second Saturday and Sunday. Cephus Mosley, Raymond Howard, Coy Combs, Mirt Burke, Ellis Hopkins, Alonzo Watts.

Sacramento Meeting—Second Sunday in July, 1960.

CLEAR CREEK—Third Saturday and Sunday. Troy Shepherd, Steve Pratt, Moderator and Asst. Moderator.

Sacramento Meeting—Third Sunday in August, 1960.

CEDAR GROVE—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Burley Combs, H. B. Reedy, Ollis Baldrige, Alonzo Allen.

Sacramento Meeting—Fourth Sunday in August, 1960.

CRAB ORCHARD—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Minister: Carvey Adams, Claren Williams, Paris Hagan, Orville Mullins, Steve Pratt.

Sacrament Meeting—Fourth Sunday in May, 1960.

June 1960

INDIAN BOTTOM—First Saturday and Sunday. Elmer Church, Gardner Jent, Curtis Caudill, and Moderator.

Sacrament Meeting—First Sunday in August, 1960.

PILGRIMS HOME—First Saturday and Sunday. Lewis Craft, H. B. Reedy, Burton Howard, Tracey Hatfield, Dan Gibson, Wayne Harold, Beckham Fields, Manus Ison, J. W. Pratt.

Sacrament Meeting—First Sunday in August, 1960.

DRY FORK—First Saturday and Sunday. Troy Shepherd, Roy Whitaker, Alvie Caudill, Carvey Adams, Willie Madden, Tracey Hatfield, M. V. Burke, Moderator and Assistant Moderators.

Sacrament Meeting—First Sunday in July, 1960.

NEW HOME—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elder Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Wiley Coffey, E. D. Hopkins, Newton Vanderpool, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Sacrament Meeting—Second Sunday in June, 1960.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Second Saturday and Sunday. Mart Burke, Burton Howard, Elmer Church, Beckham Fields, Alvin Hagan.

Sacrament Meeting—Second Sunday in August, 1960.

DOTY CREEK—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elder H. B. Whitaker, Curt Caudill, M. V. Burke, Beckham Fields.

Sacrament Meeting—Second Sunday in July, 1960.

MAGGIE MEMORIAL—Second Saturday and Sunday. Alonzo Allen, Curtis Caudill, Lewis Craft, Alonzo Watts, Beckham Fields, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Sacrament Meeting: Second Sunday in July, 1960.

MALLET FORK—Third Saturday and Sunday. Burton Howard, Mack Burke, Burtchell Mosley, Burley Combs, Beckham Fields.

Sacrament Meeting: Third Sunday in July, 1960.

POWELL—Third Saturday and Sunday. Monroe Caudill, Alvie Caudill, Ollis Baldrige, Roy Whitaker, Carvey Adams, Claren Williams.

Sacrament Meeting—Third Sunday in August.

LITTLE DANIEL—Third Saturday and Sunday. Carvey Adams, Alvin Hagan, Alonzo Watts, Troy Shepherd.

Sacrament Meeting—Third Sunday in July, 1960.

BIG COWAN—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. H. D. Caudill, Monroe Caudill, Burton Howard, Coy Combs.

Sacrament Meeting—Fourth Sunday in July, 1960.

OLD CARR CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers: H. B. Whitaker, Burton Howard, Frank Fugate, Elmer Church, J. W. Pratt and Moderator.

Sacrament Meeting—Fourth Sunday in July, 1960.

NEW BETHLEHEM—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Neal Cornett, Andy Bates, Carvey Adams.

Sacrament Meeting—Fourth Sunday in July, 1960.

July 1960

LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Second Saturday and Sunday. Beckham Fields, Alvin Hagan, Lewis Craft, John Sparkman, Burton Howard, Tracey Hatfield.

Sacrament Meeting—Second Sunday in August, 1960.

SANDLICK—Third Saturday and Sunday. Monroe Caudill, Troy Shepherd, Willie Madden, Alvin Hagan, Clarence Fields.

Sacrament Meeting—Third Sunday in August, 1960.

August 1960

DEFEATED CREEK—First Saturday and Sunday. J. W. Pratt, Ruben Riddle, Troy Shepherd, H. B. Reedy, Beckham Fields.

Sacrament Meeting—First Sunday in August, 1960.

IVY POINT—

Sacrament Meeting—Fourth Sunday in July, 1960.

LITTLE ROSE—First Saturday and Sunday in July.

Sacrament Meeting—First Sunday in August, 1960.

LITTLE ZION—Third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers: J. W. Pratt, Manus Ison.

Sacrament Meeting—Third Sunday in July, 1960.

LITTLE DOVE—

Sacrament Meeting—Second Sunday in July, 1960.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, of the Indian Bottom Association:

Having been chosen by you to write a circular letter, I will attempt to do so. Knowing that within myself I am unable to do so, yet I trust in the only true and all-wise God, hoping that he will lead my mind and guide my pen that I could write a few lines that would be accounted worthy by you, my more worthy Brothers of this Association, to be printed in the minutes of this year.

Now the God whom we serve is an all-wise God, knowing the inner-most thoughts of man's heart, for we hear him saying in the scripture that we must give account for every idle thought. He

is also an all powerful God, for when he had risen from the dead, conquered death, hell, and the grave, we hear him saying, "All power is given unto me both in heaven and the earth." He is also an omnipotent God, which means a God that is everywhere at one time. There is, therefore, no place for man to flee from God, that he could hide himself from his presence. This same God whom we serve has an all-seeing eye for we hear him saying again, "Mine eye is ever beholding both the good and the evil upon the earth." So Brothers, as we fully realize these things we come to see why the true children of God have no need for any other God upon the earth. Now the scripture says that there be Lords many and Gods many upon the earth but unto us, the true believer of Jesus Christ, there is only the one true and living God. Also we hear the Lord saying, have no other Gods before me for I am a jealous God. Now we in this day and time have been taught from our youth up that the images made by man are false Gods and can not help us in any way.

Also our sons and daughters are taught these things. But many are not being taught that there are many other things that are being made into Gods by mankind, such as silver and gold, homes, families, cars, radios, television, and many more things that mankind finds pleasure in. Now the scripture says that where your treasure is, there is your heart also. In other words, anything that a person loves more than he loves God, that thing has come to be their God. It has come between you and the all-mighty God and it will lead you to an eternal Hell if you continue to do so. For if there is another God in your life, other than the all-wise God, you are still in your sins and where God and his Christ is you cannot appear. It is no wonder that the Lord said that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Again he says to fear not one who can destroy the body only and when they have done so that there is nothing more they can do; but he says, rather fear one who can cast both body and soul into Hell fire. Now who is it that can cast both body and soul into Hell fire? Listen to what the Lord says, "I hold the keys of death and hell in mine own hands." Again he says, "I kill, I slay, and I make alive." Now we fully realize that God shines a light into the heart of every sinner man and woman and teaches them they are a sinner in the sight of God and that if they die in that condition that Hell will be their home. So when that light penetrates the heart is the time that sinners can begin to fear God and come to be a beggar for the tender mercies of God. And when this fear set up in the heart they can forsake their sinful way and turn away from all other Gods and the pleasure of sin and come to be a repenting soul. For repentance is a Godly sorrow for sin in the heart, and the fear of

God causes this sorrow to begin to set up in the heart. Fearing that you will die in your sins and be cast into Hell fire forever.

It also causes us to fully realize that there is a life beyond death and that there will be a general resurrection and judgment day, as our articles of faith have always stated, where that all mankind will stand before God to be judged according as their works shall be. For the Lord says as the tree falls so shall it be. Also the Lord spoke in many places of a judgment day where mankind would be judged and separated before him. Now when this Godly sorrow sets up in the heart, God will bring every sin before you and to your remembrance, that you have done. Then he will give you time to suffer for those sins of you are willing to do so. For he is a God that cannot lie and he says that time and chance has happened to them all. You have a chance to choose between God and Helle and time to suffer for your sins and repent before death. There has never yet, nor never will be, a sinner die in his sins without this time and chance to repent. Now many have tried within themselves to state just how long it takes a man to repent. But the Holy Bible tells me that he hat has done many sins has much suffering to do before God forgives them and he that has few sins has less suffering to do. So we see why the scripture says, "Seek ye the Lord in the days of thy youth, that it may be well with thee." So we see that me must fear only the one true and living God, we must repent this side of the grave, and suffer for every sin we have done or else be cast into Hell fire forever. It is also a dangerous thing for a man or woman to begin to repent and then turn back after the Gods of this world and pleasures of sin, for God says, "He that taketh hold of the plow handle and looketh back is not worthy of the kingdom of Heaven." But when you start, continue to mourn and beg until God reveals unto you that he has forgiven you of all, and then you will have a true experience of Grace that will give you a right to ask for fellowship in this old Regular Baptist family, which is the true and living church of Jesus Christ.

So may the God of all the earth whom I serve, with what little knowledge and strength that I have, strive a while longer with sinners, and lead a few more to repentance with his loving kindness. May he bless his children everywhere and help us to walk in the old path and work out all difference, which may come between us, in a pleasing way unto him.

Your Unworthy Brother in the Lord,

ELD. STEVE PRATT.

OBITUARY OF ELIZA JANE FIELDS



With much weakness and lonely feeling I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear mother, Eliza Jane Fields who has deceased this life. She was the daughter of John and Mary Hall, born April 27, 1890, deceased May 27, 1959, leaving her stay on earth 69 years and 1 month old.

She was married to Wilson Fields July 3, 1908, the son of Henry Fields and Nervia Fields. To this union was born 10 children; 6 girls and 4 boys. One son has preceded her in death, Grant Forester Fields. Three sisters and 1 brother, 39 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and a host of friends mourn her loss.

Her sons were: Clarence Fields, Red Fox, Ky., Green Fields, Carcassonne, Ky., John Henry Fields, Hamilton, Ohio. Daughters: Nervia Caudill, Fusonia, Ky., Mary Caudill, Fusonia, Ky., Bertie Holland, Fusonia, Ky., Rhoda Begley, Hamilton, Ohio, Gracie Holland, Carbon Glo, Ky., Celia Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the later part of 1934. She took her fellowship at the James Memorial Church of Regular Baptist and was a faithful member until she took sick. She was taken to the hospital on December 27, 1958, and in January, 1959 she was operated on for cancer, which brought her death. While in the hospital and at home she always had a smile for everyone. She said she didn't care to die except she hated

to leave her children. While in the hospital she told her daughter-in-law a few evenings before she died to look at those pretty white houses and don't you see those angels flying around my bed. We feel that the angels of God came and took her soul home. If the children ever expect to be with mother they must repent and be born again.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Her request was that brother Hillis Reedy, Alva Caudill, Monroe Caudill and Beckham Fields preach her funeral.

Written by her son,

Clarence Fields, Red Fox, Ky.

OBITUARY OF IDA MAE AMBURGEY



It is with a sad and broken heart, I try to write a short obituary of my loving wife, Ida Mae Amburgey. She was born March

30, 1885, deceased August 17, 1959, age 74 years, 4 months, 17 days. She was the daughter of Richard Vance and Sarah Pigman Vance. She was married to Woots Wallen and to this wedlock was born two girls, Monnie and Ona. Woots and Ona preceded her in death. On June 30, 1924 she was married to Wiley J. Amburgey. To this wedlock was born one girl, Dulcie Amburgey. She leaves her husband, two daughters, three grandsons, two brothers, and a great host of friends to mourn her loss. But the best thing of it is our loss is heaven's gain.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church Nov. 3, 1940, at Mallet Fork Church, and lived a faithful member until death. She enjoyed the good singing and the preaching. She was a light to the church and the neighborhood where she lived. She loved everybody, both saint and sinner. Always for the right and against the wrong. She was a faithful and loving wife to me.

Her heart, like her door, was always open for one and all. She loved to have people stop and eat with her and everybody was always welcome.

Sad and sudden was the call
Of one so dearly loved by all.
A bitter grief, a shock severe
To part with one who was so dear.
We miss her now, our hearts are sore.
As time goes on, we'll miss her more.
Her loving smile, her gentle face
No one can fill her vacant place.

In a cold and silent graveyard
Just a few yards away,
Lies the form of my dear wife
Who is sleeping day by day.
Your going has left an empty seat
That never can be filled,
And many a year will slowly pass
But the pain will linger still.

We often sit and think of you,
And think of how you died,
To think we couldn't say good-bye
Before you closed your eyes.
Some may think we have forgotten,
Here on earth you are no more,
But in memory you are just
As you were before.

It was on a Monday morning, when the sun was shining bright,

-the death angel came to our home and took the one we love so well up to live with Jesus in a better home prepared for her.
Written by her husband,

Wiley J. Amburgey.

OBITUARY OF BRO. WILL HAYNES



It is with a sad and lonely heart that we attempt to write the obituary of our dear father and husband, Will Haynes, who was born May 8, 1878 and departed this life November the 27, 1958, making his stay here on earth 80 years 6 months and 20 days. He was the son of Columbus Haynes and Elizabeth (Middleton) Haynes. He married Katherine (Campbell) Haynes February 5, 1914 and was the father of 13 children, 2 deceased and 11 still living; five boys, Bennie, Archie, Woolery, Isom and Willie, and 6 girls; Virgie Sexton, Ruby Caudill, Carrie Wilson, Nannie Malock, Bettie Frazier and Gladys Back, and 25 grandchildren and three great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

He professed a hope in Jesus Christ and joined the James Memorial Regular Baptist Church on the third Saturday in June, 1958, and was baptized by Elders Beckham Fields and Green

Fields the first Sunday in July, 1958, and was a faithful member to his church. On Monday morning after he had joined the Church he told me he wouldn't take thousands and thousands of dollars for what he had done, and I walked to him and put my arms around him and said, what honey joining the church—and he said yes. I don't know when I have ever felt so good, and he said there wasn't a thing on earth hurting him. I had been helping him to get his clothes on, and he never needed me to help him to dress much more after he had done what God had commanded him to do. He was always ready to help anyone in need. He was a good companion and father to his wife and children. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Children, all prepare to meet him in a better world, where there will be no more sorrow and partings.

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

We loved him, yes we loved him
But angels loved him more
They have come and called him
To yonder shining shore,

The golden gates are open
A gentle voice said come in,
And with farewell unspoken,
He gladly entered home.

Written by Elder H. D. Caudill for his wife and children.

OBITUARY OF ELDER HENRY L. RALEIGH



Elder Henry L. Raleigh was born September 25, 1895. Deceased this life April 2nd, 1959. Age 63 years, 7 months and 7 days. He was the son of H. K. Raleigh and Louisa Mullins Raleigh and married Florence Coldiron on the 16th day of June, 1915 by Elder D. M. Maggard, a Regular Baptist minister, and to this union was born five children: Edith Violet Thornton, an infant; Marvis, James Emil and Hubert Stanley, all still living except the infant. His faithful and loving wife also preceded him in death August 2, 1937. He is survived by ten grandchildren, one son-in-law, G. B. Thornton, and two daughters-in-law, Vivian Raleigh and Kay Raleigh. He later married Genora Mullins on May 7, 1943 by Elder Caleb Creech, and they have been married 15 years, ten months, 25 days and she has been a faithful and loving wife unto him and has tenderly cared for him through all his sickness and afflictions. Elder Henry L. Raleigh was baptized

into the fellowship of the Poorfork Church on the third Sunday in August, 1936. Later he took his letter to the Maple Grove Church and began preaching on the fourth Sunday in September in 1944 and was libertized by the Church to preach on the third Saturday in August, 1946, and was ordained to preach and to officiate in all the functions of the gospel on the 3rd Saturday in May, 1951 by a presbytery composed of elders: Riley Fouts, Buddy Caudill, Howard Caudill, James Pratt, John D. Ison, and Dan Day, and Deacons Troy Engle and Alvaro Hubbard. He filled bond to marry people September 21st, 1951 and married William Osborne and Kathleen Scott, September 21, 1951, and Doyle Hunsucker and Jean Engle, May 10, 1952.—Attended Church work of Maple Grove Church first time third Saturday in October, 1951, stood as Pro-Tem Moderator for Oven Fork Church 2nd Saturday in October, 1952; Became assistant Moderator of Maple Grove Church 3rd Saturday of December, 1952, and resigned on the 3rd Saturday in May, 1953 and also got his letter from the Maple Grove Church and laid it into the Indian Bottom Church on the 1st Saturday in June. He had Florence, his first wife, raised from the Coldiron Cemetery on Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1953 and was buried near his home. Got his letter from Indian Bottom Church on 1st Saturday in December, 1954 and laid it into the old Orthodox Oven Fork Church on the third Sunday of December, 1954, and was chosen Clerk of this Church and on the fourth Saturday in July, 1955 he became assistant Moderator. He was in the baptism of his mother, Louisa Raleigh, 12th day of October, 1952; also sister Mary Eldridge into the fellowship of the Indian Bottom Church April 4th, 1953; also Bro. Vollie and sister Anna Mae Mullins, January 29, 1956, and sister Genora Raleigh, his wife, April 29, 1956, and thus Bro. Henry finished his course and entered into his great reward.

He was loved by those who knew him. Leaving his children, grandchildren, son-in-law and daughters-in-law, his two brothers, Edison and Gus, and three living sisters, Nora, Martha and Alva, together with his blessed mother and sister Genora his broken-hearted wife, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Sister Genora wishes to express her sincere heartfelt appreciation to all who has so kindly come into her home and spoke comforting words and assisted her in so many ways in our lonely hours, and especially his daughter Edith Thornton for all she has done through her Daddy's sickness and her brothers Vollie, Lonnie, and her sister Nola, sister Ola and Milford for all they did through his afflictions, and Delmar and Mabel for the much needed assistance which they have so freely given, and also sister Anna Mae and Norma, Ann, Doris, Jackie, Leroy and Clara, all

who loved him so much and he loved them as his own. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. But oh! Bro. Henry we miss you so much today. It was his request not to have any flowers.

By Elder H. D. Caudill.

OBITUARY OF SOLOMON H. HAMPTON



Solomon H. Hampton, the son of Solomon Hampton and Peggy Maggard Hampton, was born Aug. 18, 1875, and departed this life June 30, 1958, age, 82 years, 10 months, 12 days.

In his young manhood he met and married Dora Dixon. To

this happy union 12 children were born, 8 girls and 4 boys.

They are: Millard, Troy, Llyod, living, and J. P. who died in defense of his country. The girls Mae Hampton, deceased, Mrs. Essie Caudill, Mrs. Stella Collins, Mrs. Virgie Back, Mrs. Grace Caudill, deceased, and Mrs. Edna Jean Hampton; also Anna Marie Hampton and an infant daughter, both deceased in infancy.

Uncle Solomon, as he was called by his host of friends, joined the Doty Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist June 15, 1941, and was baptized into full fellowship July 12, 1941.

After the passing of his first wife he spent a few lonely years without a companion. Then he met and married Susan Fields with whom he seemed completely happy until he was taken away.

In his passing his good wife has lost a faithful companion. His children a loving father. His church a consecrated member and his community a well-loved citizen who will be greatly missed; but all these losses we feel are heaven's eternal gain, since he has only gone on to be reunited with Sister Dora, Mae, Grace, J. P. and the two little ones who preceded him in death.

May the God of all grace help the bereaved children and friends in their hour of grief and sorrow.

If Daddy could speak, I believe he would say as the poet has said:

"Oh weep not for me, I am anxious to go,
To that haven of rest where tears never flow;
I fear not to enter that cold lonely ward;
For soon I shall rise from the old churchyard.

Yes, soon I shall join that heavenly band,
Of glorified souls at my Saviour's right hand
Forever to dwell in bright mansions prepared,
For the saints, who shall rise from the old churchyard."

Written by a son-in-law,

Rev. Herman Caudill.

OBITUARY OF MARION M. FRANCIS



Master Jesus! Let me see my children again," were the last words of my beloved father, Marion M. Francis, spoke just before he was called home. Meditating on these last words causes me to wonder and rejoice somewhat. Was he wanting to see them again in this world? Or was he asking to see them all around the Throne of his Master?

Brother Marion Francis was born the 23rd of January, 1880, near Litt Carr, Ky. He married Arlena F. Collins on the 23rd of January, 1906. To this union were born 10 children to-wit: Ophelia V. Stewart, Lexington, Ky., Audrey M. Turley, Louisville, Ky., Wallace M. Francis, Arcadia, Calif., Samuel Raymond Francis, deceased, John F. Francis, Red Fox, Ky., Daphne K. Osolnik, Berea, Ky., William W. Francis, Erma L. Bird, and Paul J. Francis, Spokane, Wash. Except for Samuel Raymond, these children along with 21 grandchildren, one great grandchild, and widow to mourn his loss!

Brother Marion joined the Old Carr Fork Church of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, July 4th, 1950 and was a faithful member. He loved the old time doctrine just as Jesus taught his followers, and as He had it recorded in His Holy Writ. Like many Pilgrims who have gone before him,

Brother Marion stood firm for the Old Fashioned Way as it was laid down from the banks of Jordan River to the Washing of the Brethren's feet. He believed in following his Master Jesus all the way! He was baptized by Elders Henry Blair and Kernal Sexton.

This is why I rejoice somewhat when I meditate on his last words! It indicates to me that my father was on speaking terms with The Son of God, the Only Mediator and Advocate between God and man. In order for one to look upon the Saviour's face without shame, fear, and doubting, and to ask a favor of him, one must have first gotten acquainted with him personally through Repentance and a Free Pardon of sin. So then, I rejoice in the blessed thought that my father had an experimental knowledge of a travel from nature to Grace, the prerequisite to joining the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ. Matt. 3:17, Luke 13:24-30, Rom. 8:13-14, Col. 3:1-15, and Deuteronomy 30:11-20, Mark 5:19, and John 13:1-38.

He was an example in his community and especially to his children to follow him even as he followed Christ. You children must remember his good words of council. You'll never hear them from him again in this world. You'll never see his smiling face and joyful tears as he spoke of his Jesus. But you can see him again, if you trust and obey his Lord and Master Jesus as he so often told you too!

He deceased the 18th day of December, 1958. The old Church house was crowded for his funeral which was preached by those he loved, to wit: Elders Alonzo Watts, John Sparkman, and Burton Howard. He was a member of the Old Church that his father lived in before him. But he loved her most of all because his Master Jesus was there and is the Head of His church and Shepherd of his people.

Written by his son, and brother in Hope of Eternal Life,

Elder William W. Francis.

OBITUARY OF SARAH MULLINS



It is with a sad feeling that I try to write a short sketch of the life of my dear mother, Mrs. Sarah Mullins. She was born Aug. 19, 1878, died April 9, 1959, being 80 years, 6 months and 28 days old. She was the daughter of A. J. and Rebecca Johnson. She was married to J. C. Mullins in the year 1894. To this union was born 10 children, seven boys and three girls, two of them preceded her in death in infancy. Seven still living, one missing for about 12 years, not known whether he is still living, or not.

Father preceded her in death 17 years, having died in March 1942. She joined the Providence Church of Old Regular Baptist in Oct. 1913, was baptized by Elder Sherman Gibson. She obtained a letter of dismission from the Providence Church, having moved to Lincoln County in 1914. She took up fellowship with

the Powell Church in Oct. 1916, the day it was organized and remained until 1952, when she was in the arm that was organized into the Crab Orchard Regular Baptist Church of which she was a member at the time of her death, having been a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for about 46 years, lived a faithful member all these years. She was always faithful to fill her seat, when it was possible for her to go. No mother is gone, we do not see her sweet face no more but I feel that our loss is heaven's gain. She called me to her side just a few nights before taking her departure and told me she was going home, asked me to go home with her. I want to say to her children that have not repented of your sins that if you ever want to see mother again and I will add Dad, also, that you had better forsake your evil ways, your unrighteous thoughts and return to the Lord who will have mercy and unto our God who will abundantly pardon. Seek him while he may be found. Call on him while he is near. I have heard mother shout praises to his holy name many times and give him praise. When she was overcome with joy in the love and spirit of God I feel she just layed down a life of misery and trouble for one of peace and happiness, and is there under the Altar of God with Dad, waiting for the time when she will come in that angel band to get the body she left here, and then go to live with Jesus forever more. Her funeral will be preached the 4th Saturday and Sunday in April, 1960. Preachers requested: Corney Adams, Paris Hagan, Clive Williams. Everybody. George Cook is invited, Arvill Mullins to come.

Written by a heart-broken son,

Elder W. B. Mullins.

OBITUARY OF POLLY CAUDILL-COLLINS

It is with a sad heart that we will try to write the obituary of our dear mother—Polly Caudill-Collins. She was born October 19, 1882. Deceased this life April 26, 1958, making her stay on earth 75 years, 6 months, and 7 days. She was married to John M. Caudill, November 3, 1906 and to this union was born 7 children. Alta Morton, Dixie Fields, Dalna Caudill, Ethel Polly, Cecil Caudill, Arvel Caudill—all of Pike County—and Fred Caudill who preceded her in death.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Indian Bottom about 30 years ago and was a faithful member as long as she lived. She went to church every time she could and always liked to have them come and have meeting at her home.

She was liked by all her neighbors. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

A loving one from us is gone,
A voice so sweet is still.
Her place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
Now she's gone and left us
Her memory here will stay
We hope, by God's great mercy
To meet her some sweet day.

Written by all her heartbroken children.

OBITUARY OF NEWTON CORNETT

It is with a sad and broken heart and lonesome feeling I will try to write an obituary of my dear husband.

Newton Cornett was born Oct. 10, 1882. Deceased this life Feb. 12, 1958. His stay on earth was 76 years, 4 months, 2 days. He was married to Mary Smith June 20, 1929, and to this union was born two children, Mose Cornett of Underwood, Ind., and John Claborn Cornett, of Austin, Ind. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in April of 1939, lived a good Christian life till death. He was loved by every one who knew him. Met everybody with a smile. The last word he spoke he said "Mary, don't worry over me. I will be alright." I believe our loss is heaven's gain and I feel like, before long I will meet him where we won't have to part no more. Now children if you ever want to meet daddy get right with the Lord. We all feel so lonesome without him.

Gone but not forgotten.

Written by his heart - broken wife.

Mary Cornett, Sassafras, Ky.

OBITUARY OF MARRION CAUDILL

By request I will in my much weakness try to write an obituary of our beloved Bro. Marrion Caudill. He was born May 16, 1881, deceased April 1, 1958, age 77 years and 11 months and 15 days, was married to Sylvania (Bush) Caudill and to this union was born 11 children. Five preceded him death, six are still living. Mason Caudill, Unity, Ky., Mrs. Myrtle Obrien, Ypsilanti, Mich., Mrs. Mattie Griffie, Wentz, Ky., Fred Caudill, Dayton, Ohio, Hobert Caudill, Blackey, Ky., Mrs. May Eldridge, Ypsilanti, Mich., and 24 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, to mourn the loss of a father and grandfather. He has been a good citizen,

a good husband and father. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Big Leatherwood Regular Baptist Church the 3rd Sunday in Oct., 1938.

Was ordained a Deacon and filled the office of a Deacon well. He was always willing to do anything for the upbuilding of our Church and to help his neighbor and fellowman. Always showed love to every one, both saint and sinner, was humble, and always wanted church in his home. He did not wait until he got sick to call for church in his home. His door was always open to his many Baptist friends. He often talked to me about his passing out. He said he was ready to go, and was sometimes willing to go, and get out of misery. He knew his time was short the last time I talked to him he said that cancer was eating him up. There are many, many things I could write and all good things. He has preached his own funeral and to his children I hope you will do as he has done, live the life God wants you to, and some day you can see your dad again where there will be no sorrow or trouble. Where you will never have to part, but always be in the joy of the Lord.

J. W. Pratt.

OBITUARY OF SARAH ANN CAUDILL

It is with sadness of heart I attempt by the request of the children that I write an obituary of Sarah Vanover Caudill, a dear sister in the Lord. She belonged to the Powell Church and was a true believer in the Old Regular Baptist faith and order to which she was faithful in defending. She also tended her meetings regular as long as she was able and after she could no longer attend she often called on the Brethren of her faith to come to her home to preach and pray with her. She was married to W. H. Vanover and to this union was born 9 children. Two preceded her in death, leaving children, four girls and three boys, to mourn her passing: Earn Vanover of Eubank, Harry Vanover of Danville and Willard of Eubank, Ky.; girls: Kay Mofard, Franklin, Ohio, Alleen Plummer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, May Mullins, Petersburg, Fla., Viola Riddle, Memorial Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. Her first husband preceded her in death Jan. 19, 1937. She later married Leevy Caudill who also preceded her in death. Sister Sarah Ann was born No. 23, 1884, departed this life June 12, 1957. So I want to say to the children, if you want to see mother again trust in the Lord that mother trusted, repent you that haven't of your sins and believe with a whole heart and God will save your poor souls and remember the advice which mother always gave you, and to the daughter that was

hospitalized trying to come to see mother, I pray God's richest blessings upon you and may some sweet day you can meet that dear mother of yours for I feel without a doubt her soul's at rest today waiting the redemption of the body when it will raise and go home to God. The church has lost a dear sister, the children a good mother, but I feel our loss is her eternal gain for to know her was to love her, so I want to say to her children again: May the Lord's richest blessings ever keep and save you is the prayer of your unworthy,

Elder H. B. Whitaker.

OBITUARY OF VINA HAMPTON

It is with sad feelings that I attempt to write a short obituary of my Dear Mother, Vina Hampton. She was born April 10, 1874, deceased Nov. 15, 1955. Her stay here on earth was 81 years, 7 months and 5 days. She was the daughter of David D. and Bettie Caudill. She was married to James W. Hampton November 16, 1893. To this union was born nine children, five daughters and four sons. Her husband and four children preceded her in death, leaving to mourn her loss two sons John and Carl Hampton and three daughters, Angeline Back, Ritter Caudill and Ranie Caudill; also twenty-two grand children and twenty-nine great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, two brothers, Jim Caudill and Rich Caudill and three sisters, Pheba Caudill, Polly Caudill and Ranie Hampton. She professed a hope in Christ when she was twenty-nine years old and she joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Doty Creek 2nd Saturday in November, 1916, and was baptized November 2nd Sunday, 1916, and lived a faithful member thirty-nine years in the Doty Creek Church. She was a true Christian and a loving mother. She had been in our home seventeen years. For some reason best known to the Lord I had to be away in the hospital at the time of her passing and there is no one that will ever know what my home looked like and seemed like when I got home for I wasn't able to see and seems like I was just listening for that sweet voice to speak to me, but it wasn't there any more. Three weeks later I was taken to the hospital again. I feel I might of grieved too much over her and while I was there and so sick one day it seemed to me she was an Angel flying all day over me and I thought she was the happiest thing ever was. That made me have no doubts but what she was in much more happier home than I could give her, although the spot where she spent her last painful days can never be filled. I feel like we have nothing to worry about how we treated her, for she was always first.

Written by her daughter—

Ranie Caudill.

OBITUARY OF CHARLIE MULLINS

Charlie Mullins was born January 6, 1936. Deceased this life September 17, 1958. Age 52 years, 8 months, 11 days. He leaves to mourn his absence his wife, Sarah Mullins; also 3 girls and 5 boys: Beaulah Mae Ashley, Joyce Mullins, Wonda Mullins, Lloyd Mullins, John C. Mullins, Guy Mullins, Donald Mullins, Tommy Mullins. Also two grandchildren, Paul Randell and Ronnie Lee Ashley. Also two sisters, Martha Holliday, Elsie Mullins, and six brothers: Riley Mullins, Herman Mullins, Arvil Mullins, Everett Mullins, Willie Mullins, and Ellis Mullins. Also three half sisters and six half brothers.

Three children have preceded him in death. Also his father and mother and two brothers and two sisters.

Bro. Carl has worked the greater part of his life in the mines. He has been a hard worker and an honest man in the sight of his neighbors and all who knew him. He met one with a smile and a kind word. He was loved by his neighbors and all who knew him. A few years before he died he expressed a hope in Christ and told me many times of his travels with the Lord. He never joined the church but often said that he felt he was not doing his duty by staying out. His conversation was mostly about the good Lord and his tender mercy. He was sick several months before he passed away but he never dreaded death and said he only hated to leave his family.

No mother and children we feel that you did all you could for Bro. Carl in his sickness and tried to comfort him all you could. Thou you will greatly miss him here just get ready to live with him again for he is waiting for you beneath the Altar of God. You have given up a great father, one that can never be replaced in this life. Sarah, you have given up a good kind companion. Friends, we have given up a great neighbor but our loss is heaven's gain and I pray that we can all meet him around the throne of God.

By Eld. Steve Pratt.

OBITUARY OF ALVA H. CAUDILL

With much unworthy feelings I will attempt to write an obituary of a beloved Brother in the Lord.

Alva H. Caudill was born April 15, 1895. Departed this life January 20, 1958, making his stay here on earth 63 years, 9 months and 5 days.

Early in life he met and married Maggie Caudill. To this union was born ten children, two sons and eight daughters. Two sons and three daughters and his loving wife preceded him in death.

Leaving five daughters, Alta Bowling, Letha Hampton, Delphia Whitaker, Mertie Hampton and Bessie Whitaker to mourn his passing and a host of grandchildren and many friends.

After being left alone for a few years he married Cora Back, who is left behind to mourn his passing.

Alva H. Caudill joined the Doty Church of Old Regular Baptist the 2nd Saturday in July 1932 and was baptized the 2nd Sunday morning in July. I have heard him talk of what a happy day that was, being buried in the liquid grave and then falling down and washing the saints feet all the same day.

I could say many good words about the precious brother but the life he lived speaks louder than any words that I or any one can put on paper. He lived a life before the world of mankind and his blessed children that will long be remembered.

I feel the most of his children if not all are walking in father's and mother's footsteps. So dear children, father is gone and can not come back to us, but if we will put our trust in the Lord we can meet father again where there will be no mines or rock falling to take our loved ones from us any more.

A Brother in the Lord.

Monroe Caudill.

OBITUARY OF CLARINDA KING

She was the daughter of Silas and Millie Martin. Born Feb. 13, 1913, deceased this life June 7, 1959, her age 45 years, months old. She married Joe King and to this union was born 3 children, 2 boys, Manford and J. C., 1 girl Ebbie. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, mother, the 3 children, 4 brothers and 2 sisters and a host of friends. She didn't belong to the church, but before she died she professed a hope in Christ and told her people that the Lord had saved her, that she had put on a long white robe and she was putting one on Calvin Nickles. She said that she saw 2 roads, one was a broad road and the other a strait and narrow one and she and her father were on the straight and narrow road. Her father had preceded her in death about 12 years ago. We believe from her testimonies that her soul is now in the Paradise of God. Gone but not forgotten.

Dictated by her mother, sister and brother-in-law.

Written by Elder Alvin Hagans.

OBITUARY OF MARY BELL HAGANS

She was the daughter of William and Rachel Ison. Born about the year 1871, her age, 88 years old. Deceased this life June 10

1959. She was married to James Hagans about the year of 1923, to this union were no children. She joined the Regular Baptist Church about the year of 1915. She lived a faithful Christian life until death. She leaves to mourn her loss 2 sisters, 1 step-daughter, 2 step-sons, 4 step-grandchildren, 4 step-great grandchildren and a host of Baptist Brothers and Sisters and friends. We hope our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by Elder Alvin Hagans.

OBITUARY OF SARAH WATTS MADDIN

Sarah Watts Maddin was born April 13, 1875 and deceased Jan. 9, 1958, age 82 years 8 months, 27 days. She leaves to mourn her passing 3 boys: Gobel Maddin, Hagar Maddin, and Linza Maddin and 4 daughters: Elizabeth Cornett, Minta Bowens, Gladys McKulsky, and Eva Cochrone. Also 23 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. Also a great host of friends and relatives. Also one sister, Matilda Franklin. Her husband Charles Francis Madden and 3 children have preceded her in death. Two were small infants and one son, Thee Maddin, was deceased at the age of 29. Her husband deceased this life at the age of 59 years, 2 months, and 4 days. He professed a hope in Christ, at Carr Fork. Sarah Maddin, who was better known as Aunt Saly, lived for about 30 years after the death of her husband as a widow indeed. She tried to teach her children and bring them up in the right way and in her latter years she professed a hope in Christ but never joined herself to any church.

She was loved by every one that knew her and she met every one with a smile and a kind word. She would go and help with the sick people and do all that she could for them. She greatly loved little children and would set for hours playing with them and talking to them. She loved a good meeting and greatly enjoyed talking to the children of God.

She was afflicted in the last few years of her life. The last one she was unable to talk to her loved ones. She bore her suffering with patience and never complained about anything. She told us all that she was ready to go and to meet God in peace.

It pleased her so much when any one come to see her that she would try so hard to talk to them. You could see the joy in her face as she would reach her hands to greet you.

The life that this deceased mother lived here will long be remembered by every one that knew her. She was a shining light to every mother and daughter in our land and country. God loved her more than we all did so he blessed her to quietly go to sleep in his arms and took her home with him as we stood by

her bedside dreading to have to part with her so badly but willing for God's will to be done. Now children you have given up a mother that no one can replace but she is waiting for you around the throne of God if you will only do God's will and meet her. There is no doubt in my mind but that Aunt Sally and Uncle Charlie are once again united together to never more be separated but will sing together praises unto God forever more.

By Elder Steve Pratt.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

OLD CARR CHURCH—Alonzo Watts, William Amburgey, Esquire Eldridge.

BIG COWAN—Grant Banks, A. J. Fields, Ellis Banks.

CLEAR CREEK — Francis Owens, Frank Fugate, Berley Combs.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—W. P. Pratt, Ruben Riddle, Clarence Griffie.

INDIAN BOTTOM — H. D. Caudill, Dawson Dixon, Willie Whitaker.

MALLET FORK—Ira Honeycutt, Irvin Amburgey, Creed Amburgey.

HURRICANE GAP — Troy Shepherd, Harrison Cornett, Preston Blair.

SAND LICK—Dewey Cornett, W. M. Hamilton, Curtis Caudill.

DOTY CREEK—Noah Eldridge, Manuel Amburgey, Monroe Caudill.

CEDAR GROVE—Manis Ison, Lovel Polly, Vernon Fields.

LITTLE HOME—Alvin Hagan, Paris Hagan, Dewey Hagan.

NEW HOME—Alvis Baldrige, John Smith, Gerome Watts.

POWELL—H. B. Whitaker, Henry Whitaker, Howard Eldridge.

DEFEATED CREEK—James Whitaker, Woodord Cornett, Silas Cox.

JAMES MEMORIAL—Beckham Fields, Gardner Jent, Green Fields.

NEW BETHLEHEM—Dan Noble, Silas Williams, Jody Ritchie.

LITTLE DANIEL—Watson Sexton, John Madden, Cullen Sexton.

DRY FORK—Astor Whitaker, Bethel Campbell, Oscar Brwn.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM—Lewis Day, H. B. Reedy, Everett Everage.

REYNOLDS FORK—Millard Seals, A. J. Taylor, Sam Smith.

IVY POINT—Arthur Slone, Cephus Mosley, Birchell Mosley.

PILGRIMS HOME—Colonel Eldridge, Howard Caudill, Alonzo Allen.

CLEAR FORK—Caney Gayheart, Wheeler, Feltner, Ed Whit-

aker.

CRAB ORCHARD—W. B. Mullins, Arthur Dixon.

LITTLE ROSE—George Everage, Jim Holliday, Steve Pratt.

LONE VALLEY—Willie Madden, Wheeler Witt, William L. Sumner.

MAGGIE MEMORIAL—Dan Gibson, Leslie Patrick, Bob Terrill.

LITTLE DOVE—J. B. Eversole, Dave Hampton, Brax Combs.

LITTLE ZION—Austin Combs, Brint F. Logan.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Old Carr Church—John Sparkman	Litt Carr, Ky.
Big Cowan—Ellis Banks	Box 311, Whitesburg, Ky.
Clear Creek—Robert Combs	Ritchie, Ky.
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 — Louis Craft	Whitesburg, Ky.
Doty Creek — Hubert Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
Cedar Grove — Lovel Polly	Cornettsville, Ky.
Little Home — Cassa Combs	Red Fox, Ky.
New Home — James Watts	Garner, Ky.
Dowell — Howard Eldridge	Route 3, Waynesburg, Ky.
Defeated Creek—James Whitaker	R.R. 1, Dupont, Ind.
James Memorial—Tommy Gent	Jeremiah, Ky.
New Bethlehem — Sarah Dubson	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 — Birchell Mosley	Garner, Ky.
Pilgrims Home — Alonzo Allen	Milan, Ind.
Clear Fork — Lizzie Combs	Route 2, Box 206, Hazard, Ky.
Crab Orchard — Arthur Dixon	Conway, Ky.
Little Rose — Monroe Cornett	Hindman, Ky.
Lone Valley — William L. Sumner	Memphis, Ind.
Maggie Memorial — Bob Terrill	Tina, Ky.
Little Dove — Brax Combs	Sassafras, Ky.
Little Zion — Brent Logan	Jeff, Ky.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elam Hale	Litt Carr, Ky.
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WM. B. Smith	Bath, Ky.
John Sparkman	Litt Carr, Ky.
Alonzo Watts	Carr Creek, Ky.
Corbett Hale	Etonville, Wash.
John D. Ison	Day, Ky.
D. B. Day	Dongola, Ky.
Frank Fugate	Fisty, Ky.
Burley Combs	Fisty, Ky.
Louis Lucas	Anco, Ky.
J. W. Pratt	Jeff, Ky.
Ruben Riddle	Viper, Ky.
H. D. Caudill	Carcassonne, Ky.
L. F. Caudill	Wentz, Ky.
Roy Whitaker	Premium, Ky.
Troy Shepherd	Gordon, Ky.
Estes Cornette	Evarts, Ky.
Curtis Caudill	Whitesburg, Ky.
Lewis Craft	Whitesburg, Ky.
Dewey Cornett	Anco, Ky.
Lemuel Hale	Waynesburg, Ky.
Alva Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
Monroe Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
James M. Caudill	Jeremiah, Ky.
Howard Caudill	Waynesburg, Ky.
Manus Ison	Hallie, Ky.
Alvin Higgins	Red Fox, Ky.
Paris Higgins	Red Fox, Ky.
Claren Williams	Red Fox, Ky.
Loy Maggard	Leburn, Ky.
Olis Baldrige	Box 222, Dillsboro, Ind.
H. B. Whitaker	Waynesburg, Ky.
Beckham Fields	Ashcamp, Ky.
Green Fields	Carcassonne, Ky.
Gardner Jent	Carcassonne, Ky.
Estill Jent	Carcassonne, Ky.
Tommy Jent	Jeremiah, Ky.
Harrison Williams	Vest, Ky.
Dan Noble	Vicco, Ky.
Silas Williams	Vest, Ky.
George Patrick	Dwarf, Ky.
Martin Patrick	Talcum, Ky.
James F. Collins	Isom, Ky.
L. B. Day	Smithsboro, Ky.
H. B. Reedy	Smithsboro, Ky.
Clarence Fields	Red Fox, Ky.
William Everage	Sassafras, Ky.

Cephus Mosley	Garner, Ky.
Merlin Slone	Bolden, Ky.
Tandy Ramey	No Address
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 Maptist 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 -----;
Restred -----; Recommendation -----; Dismissed
by Letter -----; Died -----; Excluded -----;
Total 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 -----

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Received by Exp. & Baptism	Restored	Received by Recommendation	Lost By Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions
Old Carrs Fork	1	0	0	5	2	0	84	4	20.00
Big Cowan	2	0	1	3	0	7	125	4	20.00
Clear Creek	4	2	2	5	0	2	113	3	10.00
Big Leatherwood	1	0	0	1	0	0	77	2	20.00
Indian Bottom	3	0	0	0	0	2	68	1	20.00
Mallet Fork	0	0	0	1	0	0	31	3	10.00
Hurricane Gap	0	0	0	1	0	0	35	2	10.00
Sandlick	0	1	0	1	0	2	40	3	20.00
Doty Creek	1	2	0	1	0	1	64	2	20.00
Cedar Grove	4	0	0	1	0	0	51	4	20.00
Little Home	0	2	1	3	1	4	145	1	30.00
New Home	9	1	0	2	0	0	89	2	20.00
Powell	0	0	0	2	0	0	43	2	10.00
Defeated Creek	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	1	10.00
James Memorial	0	0	0	2	0	2	29	3	10.00
New Bethlehem	4	0	2	0	1	0	43	4	10.00
Little Daniel	0	0	1	0	0	0	37	3	10.00
Dry Fork	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	1	7.00
Little Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	1	62	2	20.00
Reynolds Fork	0	1	0	0	0	0	21	2	8.00
Ivy Point	1	2	0	1	2	0	34	4	5.00
Pilgrims Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	10.00
Clear Fork	1	0	0	1	0	0	13	1	5.00
Crab Orchard	1	0	0	1	0	0	8	4	5.00
Little Rose	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	1	10.00
Lone Valley	3	0	0	1	0	0	11	2	10.00
Maggie Memorial	1	0	0	0	2	0	14	2	10.00
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	3	—
Little Dove	1	3	1	1	0	0	37	2	—
TOTAL	42	14	8	33	8	23	1377		360.00

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and notwithstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle or practice.

2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written Words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.

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

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

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

6. We believe in the preservative of the Saints. That by grace through faith 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 doctrine 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.

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 expense of the same, for the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in 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.