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of the

INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

of

OLD REGULAR BAPTIST

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



HELD WITH

POWELL CHURCH

Waynesburg, Lincoln County, Kentucky

SEPTEMBER 1, 2, 3, 1961

ELDER J. W. PRATT
MODERATOR

ELDER ALONZO ALLEN
CLERK

ELDER BECKHAM FIELDS
ASS'T. MODERATOR

ELDER OLUS BALDRIDGE
ASS'T. CLERK

PROCEEDINGS:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1961

Waynesburg, Lincoln County, Kentucky

Proceedings of the 66th annual session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, in session assembled with the Powell Church, Waynesburg, Lincoln County, Kentucky.

After remarks and prayer by Elder Carl Back, and introduction by Elder Alonzo Allen, who preached repentance to sinners and love toward brothers and sisters, Elder Steve Osborne of the Northern New Salem Association, very ably led in prayer opening the 66th session of the Indian Bottom Association. The association was then called to order by our beloved moderator, Elder J. W. Pratt, who called for the letters of the several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. It was moved and seconded that we read the letter of the Powell Church, receive all the letters, seat the delegates, and refer the queries and requests to the committee on arrangements. Then proceeded the reading of the letters, receiving same, and seating delegates.

2. The association then organized by electing Elder J. W. Pratt, moderator; Elder Beckham Fields, assistant moderator; Elder Alonzo Allen, clerk and Elder Ollus Baldrige, assistant clerk.

3. Called for newly organized churches and received none.

4. Called for letters of churches that wished to take up correspondence with us, and received one from the Friendship Church with a letter of dismissal from the New Salem Association. Letter of application and the letter of dismissal read. It was moved and seconded to receive and seat their delegates.

5. Moved and seconded to omit reading of articles of faith, rules of decorum, and constitution but to have same printed in minutes.

5. Called for letters from corresponding associations and received the following:

A. Thornton Union Association with delegates: Elders Kirby Isom, Raymond Collins, James Wright, Jack Davidson, Jack Brown, Carl Duty, Billy Day, letter in hand of Elder Ray Collins. Letter was read. A move and second was made to receive same and seat their delegates.

B. Northern New Salem with delegates: Elders Baxter Osburn, Ray B. Akers, Steve Osborne, Saval Combs, Bros. Banner Collins, Van B. Hall, Hershel Sturgill, Hiram Osborn, Dave Fullum and Bill Collins, the letter in the hands of Roy B. Akers. The letter was read and it was moved and seconded to receive same and seat their delegates.

C. Called for the letter of Philadelphia Association and received report from Elder Alonzo Allen concerning same which was as follows: they rejected our letter against the advice of their moderator, Eld. John Moore.

D. Called for letter from Mud River Association and also received a report from Elder Alonzo Allen concerning same as follows: they also rejected our letter against the advice of their moderator and clerk, Elder Emory White and Wetzel Ball.

E. Called for transients from our sister associations to whom we had not yet lettered, and received the following: (a) New Salem, Elder Burton Howard, Bros. Hagar Watts and Reece Bolen; (b) Union, Elder Charlie Gibson and Brother Hendrix Hampton; (c) Sardis, not represented.

F. Transient ministers and members wishing to take a seat with us and received, Brethren Hershel Baldrige, Powell Pratt, Worley Cornett,

Vernon Harper and Lovell Polley.

7. Moved and seconded that moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Appointed one delegate from each church with entire delegation from Powell Church as committee on ministry to arrange for preaching Friday night and Saturday morning.

9. Appointed same committee on arrangements as on ministry with only one delegate from Powell Church with moderators, clerks, and delegates from our sister associations and transients invited to meet and arrange the work for Saturday morning.

10. Called for committee on ministry to report who reported as follows: (a) Ministers to preach Friday evening: Hiram Osborne, Kirby Isom, Burton Howard; Saturday morning: Roy B. Akers, Ray Collins, Steve Osborne and Baxter Osborne.

On motion the association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, Sept. 2, 1961.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 2, 1961

The association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing some beautiful songs of Zion, introduction was ably made by Elder James Wright of Thornton Union Association, and prayer by Elder Charlie Gibson of Union Association. Then proceeded by Bro. moderator calling the association to order.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Called for transient ministers and members and received none.
3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. The report received and committee discharged.
4. In regard to the request of Little Dove Church, it was moved and seconded not to grant their request, but if they still desired a letter of dismission next year it would be granted. The reason for not granting the request of Little Dove Church at this time was because of the condition of the association in regard to correspondence.
5. In regard to the request of Cedar Grove Church concerning 17th item of constitution, it was moved and seconded to let item read as it is.
6. In regard to requests of Reynolds Fork and Kingdom Come churches for the 1962 session of the Indian Bottom Association, it was moved and seconded that the association be held with the Kingdom Come Church.
7. Appointed committee on finance consisting of Brethren James Whitaker, James Wright, and Carl Back, who reported the sum of \$215.00 from the several churches.
8. It was moved and seconded to have 1,500 copies of the minutes printed and that Elder Alonzo Allen superintend printing of same.
9. Appointed same committee on ministry as on Friday to choose ministers to preach on stand and also to choose minister to preach introductory sermon in 1962 and his alternate. It was reported as follows: (a) for Saturday night: Elders Carl Duty, James Wright and Perry Tackett; (b) for Sunday: Elders Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige and Beckham Fields; (c) appointed Elder Beckham Fields to preach introductory sermon and Elder Manis Isom to be his alternate.
10. It was moved and seconded to appoint clerk as secretary-treasurer and he is to receive \$35 and assistant clerk \$20 for their services.

11. Circular letter read by Elder Olus Baldrige; it was moved and seconded to receive same and have it printed in our minutes. By the same move Elder Carl Back was appointed to write circular letter for inspection of the association next year.

12. Treasury Report: Balance on hand last year, \$379.25; cost of printing minutes, \$295.00; cost of printing letter forms, \$15.00. Total expenses, \$310.00. Balance on hand, \$69.25; received from the several churches, \$215.00; received for pictures, \$30.00. Balance in treasury September 2, 1961, \$314.25.

13. Moved and seconded that we correspond with the following association and that the clerk, Eld. Alonzo Allen, prepare letters to same: New Salem, Union Sardis, Northern New Salem, Thornton Union, and Philadelphia.

A. New Salem to be held with the Island Creek Church, Pikeville, Pike County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the fourth Saturday of September, 1961 and the two following days. Delegates sent: Elds. Beckham Fields, Manis Isom, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Bros. Jerome Watts, Hershel Baldrige, J. B. Eversole, and Arthur Slone, letter in hand of Alonzo Allen.

B. Union to be held with the Bethel Church, Jenkins, Letcher county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the third Saturday in September and the two following days. Delegates sent: Elders J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, Riley Fouts, Manis Isom, Crit Eldridge, Henry Eldridge, Carl Back, J. B. Eversole, James Caudill, Lawrence Sumpter, Riley Fouts, Brent Logan, Jerome Watts, Hershel Baldrige, Albro Hubbard, Olus Baldrige and Alonzo Allen, letter in hands of J. W. Pratt.

C. Sardis to be held with the Dix Fork Church, Canada, Pike County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in September and the two following days. Delegates Elders: J. W. Pratt, Manis Isom, Beckham Fields, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, J. B. Eversole, Arthur Slone, Jerome Watts, Riley Fouts, Hershel Baldrige. Letter in hands of Alonzo Allen.

D. Northern New Salem to be held with the Little Memory Church, Sunman, Ripley county, Indiana to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1962 and the two following days. Delegates sent, Elders Perry Tackett, B. F. Tackett, J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, Manis Isom, Crit Eldridge, Henry Eldridge, Riley Fouts, J. D. Cornett, Gardner Gent, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Jerome Watts and Hershel Baldrige, letter in hands of Olus Baldrige.

E. Philadelphia to be held with the South Fork Church, Worthington, Greenup county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1962 and the two following days. Delegates sent: Elders J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, Carl Back, James Caudill, Manis Isom, Olus Baldrige, and Alonzo Allen, letter in hands of Olus Baldrige.

F. Thornton Union to be held with the Thornton Church, Mayking, Letcher county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1962 and the two following days. Delegates sent: Elders Riley Fouts, J. W. Pratt, Manis Isom, Beckham Fields, Carl Back, Crit Eldridge, Gardner Gent, Perry Tackett, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, and Brethren Henry Aldridge, Brent Logan, Hershel Baldrige and Jerome Watts. Letter in hands of Manis Isom.

14. Moved and seconded to have union meetings and communion time printed in minutes.

15. Called on brethren to report who had been appointed in union meetings and associations. They reported they had been as faithful as they could. The report was received. A move and second was made to excuse their failures.

16. Moved and seconded to omit reading of minutes in order to redeem time.

17. Moved and seconded that we adjourn to the time and place of the next session of the Indian Bottom Association.

18. The 66th session of the Indian Bottom Association was closed by many wonderful remarks by Elder Baxter Osborn of Northern New Salem Association and prayer by Elder Charlie Gibson of Old Union Association.

Done and signed by order of the association.

Elder J. W. Pratt, Moderator

Elder Beckham Fields, Assistant Moderator

Elder Alonzo Allen, Clerk

Elder Olus Baldrige, Assistant Clerk.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1961

The congregation assembled at the stand and, after some of Zion's songs, Elder Alonzo Allen came forward and brought up the service and prayer. Then came Elder Olus Baldrige whose text was: "The Sceptre shall not depart from Juda nor the law giver from between his feet until Shiloh come". Then came Elder Beckham Fields whose text was: "They that speak the words of God are the sons of God" and "Except ye become converted and become as a little child ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of God". He was wonderfully blessed to preach and close the 66th session of the Indian Bottom Association by extending an open door for the reception of members by experience and baptism. There was much love and great rejoicing manifested through handshaking, shouting and praising the Lord!

To the brothers, sisters, and neighbors of the community of the Powell church we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratefulness to you for your love and much hospitality extended to us in this 66th session of the Indian Bottom Association. May the Lord richly reward you for the many sacrifices that you must have made in making this association one of the best we have ever had.

May God bless His people everywhere to live in peace and to show forth love for one another. May the unity of the spirit bind the Old Baptist family together so strong that Satan's seat will be destroyed from among them and that the remainder of our days here on earth, God's footstool, will be spent to the glory and honour of Our King. This is the prayer of your unworthy servant in Christ, I hope.

Elder Alonzo Allen, Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

May, 1962

LITTLE DOVE — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Raymond Collins, Beckham Fields, Manis Isom and I. D. Back.

Communion time, second Sunday in July, 1962.

REYNOLDS FORK — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Charlie Gibson, J. W. Pratt.

Communion time, second Sunday in June, 1962.

JAMES MEMORIAL — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Carl Back, James M. Caudill, Jack Brown, Manis Isom, and Perry Tackett.

Communion, third Sunday in August, 1962.

CEDAR GROVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. D. Back, Dallas Ramsey, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Kirby Isom.

Communion, fourth Sunday in August, 1962.

June, 1962

PILGRIMS HOME — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: ANY and all orderly OLD REGULAR Baptist that can get a mind to come.

Communion, first Sunday in July, 1962.

NEW HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Francis Hubbard, Bill Hall, and moderator.

Communion, second Sunday in July, 1962.

KINGDOM COME — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: All old Regular Baptist of same faith and order are invited to come.

Communion, second Sunday in July, 1962.

FRIENDSHIP — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Steve Osborne, Hiram Osborne, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Manis Isom, and Jim Caudill.

Communion, second Sunday in August, 1962.

OVEN FORK — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Charlie Gibson, Manis Isom, Gardner Jent and Ruben Riddle.

Communion, second Sunday in July, 1962.

POWELL — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Elders: Hiram Osborne, Reuben Riddle, France Maggard, James D. Fields, Riley Fouts, Steve Osborne, Olus Baldrige, and moderator.

Communion, third Sunday in August, 1962.

July, 1962

LITTLE ZION — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: R. H. Welch, Andy Bates, Manis Isom, Alonzo Allen, and moderator.

Communion, third Sunday in July, 1962.

MAPLE GROVE — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Lawrence Sumpter, Crit Eldridge, Otis Pigman, moderator, and Herman Caudill.

Communion, third Sunday in July, 1962.

TOLSON CREEK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Chalmer Engle, Odus Pigman, and moderator.

Communion, fourth Sunday in August, 1962.

BIG LEATHERWOOD — Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Beckham Fields, I. D. Back, Kirby Isom, Carl Back, Verlin Fields and moderator.

Communion, second Sunday in August, 1962.

August, 1962

DEFEATED CREEK — First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. W. Pratt, Jim Collins, Beckham Fields, Ed Sumpter, and Kirby Isom.
Communion, first Sunday in August, 1962.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren of the Indian Bottom Association, it being moved, seconded, and passed by the delegates of this association when met in our special session in last April that I write (for your approval or disapproval) a circular letter, and after much prayerful consideration, I at times did think that I would not even make this feeble attempt. But remembering that two of my dearly beloved brethren and much loved by this and our corresponding association's brethren, made and seconded the move that put this duty upon me, have since been taken from our fond embraces and the troubled shores of this life and their souls are resting in the glorious regions of God, and their bodies asleep in Jesus awaiting the redemption to wit: the resurrection day.

And so to the memory of Elder Cephus Mosley and Brother John Smith I dedicate this humble attempt. And knowing these worthy brothers' lives, and their love for the LORD and His Church and their deep concern that love and peace should abound among the brothers and sisters, I will try to write a few words on this subject.

First of all we hear Jesus Himself saying: John 15 beginning at the 10th verse, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in love; Even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love, These things have I spoken unto you and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you."

Jesus goes on to say that "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends, and ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

So by these words we see that we are commanded to love one another and thereby reap the reward of our time salvation in the joyful blessings of the Lord. Otherwise we cannot even be called His friends.

We also hear Jesus saying in Matt. 23rd verse, 5th chapter, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee. Leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way: First be reconciled to thy brother then come offer thy gift."

I believe the gift or offering spoken of is our spiritual offerings whether in singing, prayer, or preaching or any other spiritual work, so in this there is small wonder that preachers sometimes wound the congregation by hurtful speech and villifying, they had not kept the Lord's commandment and therefore could not receive a blessing, for I John 1. 9: says: "He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now. But, he that loveth his brother abideth in the light and there is none occasion of stumbling in him."

Paul says, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self."

So dear brethren let's do all that lies within us to keep the Lord's commandment even to loving them that hate us; praying for them that

despitefully use us, showing our love one for another that all men may know that we are His disciples, always remembering to lend a helping hand to those that are weak, for there be many travellers from Jerusalem to Jericho who need a neighbor along the rugged way. Let's keep in mind the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd and the hundred sheep and the one that went astray.

For we read in Galatians 6:1: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted". By this I believe to be spiritual is to have love for one another, for we also read in Gal. 5:22: "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against which there is no law."

Brethren I want you to take note of the above scriptures and study them diligently for space will not permit me to write all that could be said of each of those wholesome words.

But on the other hand consider what the works of the flesh are: That is not to possess the spirit or to work in the spirit; Gal. 5:19 says: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, revelling and such like, of the which I tell you before as I have told you in time past that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Now study also these, especially the definitions to the words: variance, emulation, sedition and heresy, and you can see why this old church suffers so much violence even now in these last days thereby fulfilling the scriptures, which say that because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. Now the word iniquity means sin in which all the above words are encompassed.

Yes, my dear brethren, the time is at hand when you and I and every child of God should be about the Father's business, for the day is evil, the time is short and many of our children and our friends are not ready to meet Him in Peace. We have no time to be smiting our fellow servants for the Lord will come at an unexpected time for those who do. So let's you and I gird on the whole armor and march toward Canaan's happy shores, always asking the Lord to lead us in all things and to help us win the victory, FOR THE CAUSE IS HIS. So farewell, my dear brethren, and may the Lord ever bless and keep you all is the prayer of your humble servant.

Elder Olus Baldridge.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

6. We believe in the perseverance 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 privileges 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 the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think 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.

Obituary of Wilburn H. Dixon

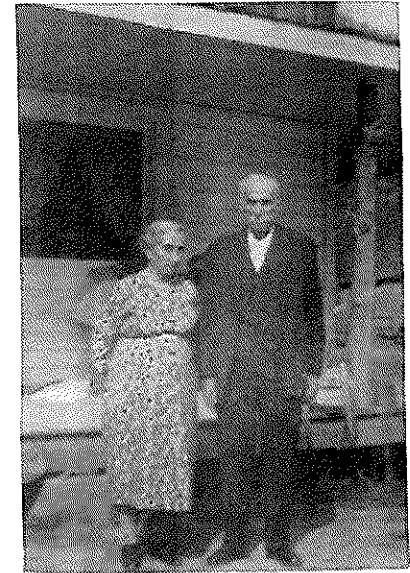
It's with a sad heart and a lonesome feeling that I will try to write an obituary of my dear dad, Wilburn H. Dixon. He was the son of Elder James and Susanna Dixon. He was born May 7, 1866 and deceased this life August 20, 1959, age 93 years, three months, and 13 days.

He was married to Louisa Cornett on May 21, 1887, and to this union were born seven children, four girls and three boys: Anna Caudill, Catherine Hampton, Artie Caudill, Arminta Campbell, and Oscar (now deceased), Dave and Arch Dixon.

Mother preceded dad in death February 8, 1931. He later married Sarah Caudill, and she preceded him in death two years. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the first Saturday in August, 1937.

He had his membership with the James Memorial Church, and was a true and faithful member as long as he lived. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his heartbroken daughter.



Obituary of Cephus Mosley

With a sad and broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear brother, Cephus Mosley. I feel like the little song "My Heart is Full of Trouble", over the loss of him but I feel a loss on earth of him is heaven's gain. I have heard him say so many times that he would give up this old world of worry and get a big payday from the Lord. He told us two days before he got hurt and died that if something happened to him not to have Mother's sons and daughters drove out of the church house by saying cruel things about them.

Brother Cephus was born February 14, 1907 and died July 26, 1961. His stay here on earth was 54 years, five months and 12 days. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 17 years ago and shortly began preaching. He was the son of Brother Ruben Mosley and Martha Hayes Mosley.



He was married to Ola Silone in 1927 and to this union were born 12 children. Eleven of them are still living to mourn their loss. He left a wife, his mother and father, one sister and one brother, and seventeen grandchildren to mourn also. I feel he also left many friends behind, all of his relatives and neighbors, and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We know we can't see him any more on this earth but by the help of the good Lord we can see him in a world where trouble can not come.

Written by his brother, Birtchel Mosley, Garner, Kentucky.

Obituary of Squire Watts

Squire Watts was the son of James Watts and Elizabeth (Ison) Watts. He was born December 28, 1881 and passed from this life on September 5, 1960, being 79 years, eight months and seven days of age. Some 57 years ago he was married to Ceila Caudill and to this union were born eight children, Georgan Spencer, Kirt Watts, Alice Watts, and Mary Ison, all of Hallie, Ky. and Martha Ison, Skyline, Ky.

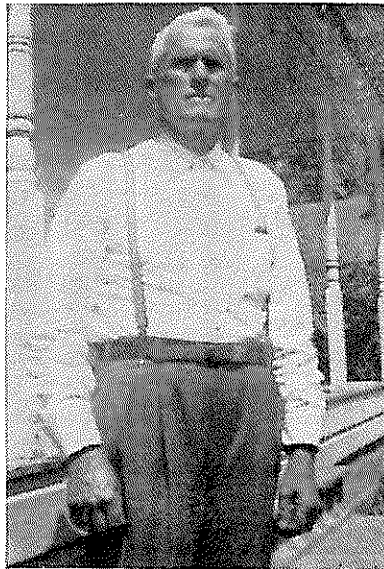
Artha, Kirby and James Watts and his wife Ceila preceded him several years in death.

Squire was a hard working man and was ready to help his neighbors who were in distress. His door was always open to anyone in need of food or shelter. He loved his neighbors and always was ready to discuss with them the things about the Lord, and how dangerous it would be to die in sin.

He had the greatest love for his children of any father I ever knew. His life was clean before them and his counsel was always good. About three years before he died, after he became too disabled to go about, he told me he would like to live just three more years, and his reply was that he wanted to go to church with his children.

It is with great pride that three of these children have already made their decision for eternity and have attached themselves to the Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church at Hallie, Ky.

Squire Watts joined the Big Leatherwood Regular Baptist Church Saturday, August 2, 1911 and was baptised Saturday, Sept. 4, 1911. He remained a member of that church until May 23, 1914 when the Cedar Grove Church was organized and then he came as an Arm to the Cedar Grove Church. He helped to build a new church and was later clerk in which capacity he served until a few years before his death. He also donated his money and time to the building of the new block building at Cedar Grove Church. He was a faithful member and always filled his seat every church time until he got disabled in his last few years. He had



a great love for his children and always wanted them around. He counselled them to live for the Lord and be good to everybody.

The church has missed his presence. At church we all could hear him leading his favorite songs, "Amazing Grace", "Farewell Vain World", "I'm Going Home", "I Am Not Ashamed to Own My Lord", "I Am a Soldier Bound for Glory". He always took great pride in singing these old songs.

We feel according to the life he lived and testimony and the fruits he bore, that his soul is resting in the Paradise of God, just waiting the redemption of the old Tabernacle that he lived in here while he was such a good father and companion to his children. I am sure if Squire could speak to his children once more he would tell them not to weep after him, but rather weep for those who are still in sin. So in the words of the great Apostle Paul, Squire is not dead, he just fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and will be among the first to arise on the morning of the great and noble resurrection to meet with those who have been redeemed.

Obituary of Camellia Jean Watts Lovely

Camellia Jean Watts Lovely was born December 17, 1931, and passed from this life July 2, 1961, age 29 years, six months, and 16 days.

She was the daughter of Arthur and Alice Watts, Hallie, Ky. She was married to Joe Lovely September 4, 1948, and to this union were born four children, Micky Wayne, Shelia K., Palma Yuvonne and Vaenda Linette Lovely, all at home. She also leaves seven sisters and one brother, Janice Dean Porter and Hettie Annette Ison of Indianapolis, Ind. Dorothy Noble, Chicago, Ill., Mary Lou Creech, Hallie, Ky., Jenelle Sue McArthur, Carolyn and Sharon Watts at home.

Jean was a good Christian mother and loved her husband and children very much.

She told her mother she had been praying before she ever got sick and after she got sick she began begging and praying to the Lord much harder, and talked about what a good merciful Lord we have, while she was on her bed in the hospital she said to mother, "I was lying here watching that pretty pasture of sheep", and she said, "Yes, mother I will meet you in a better world". She seemed to be so happy. She said "She got her good feelings in the hospital where she felt the Lord forgive her of her sins". She told us she had to die and wanted us to meet her over in the Glory Land. She told her husband she wanted Manus Ison "I want to join the church". She told him she prayed and did all she knew to do; she told us she was willing for the Lord to use her just any way he wanted to. She prayed to the Lord that he would take her on where her suffering would be over. "Mother, I wish you could go with me". She remarked to Joe, her husband, "God bless you, you have been so good to me. I love everybody."

She prayed to the Lord to take her in her sleep; her prayer was answered, she passed from this world in her sleep. We hope our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by the family.

Obituary of Rosa Watts

It is with a sad heart I try to write a short obituary of my dear mother, Rosa Watts. She was the daughter of Wilson Short and Nancy Short and was born June 16, 1879. She was married to John Watts, and to them were born 12 children, four boys and eight girls, all living. Her husband preceded her in death, leaving her with the children to do the best they could. She remained a widow, worked and reared her children and was blessed to see them all grown and married. She was dearly loved by all who knew her.

She became sick August 1, 1952 and died August 14, 1952, aged 73 years, one month and 28 days. She never joined the church but lived a quiet and peaceable life.

Mother left a good hope. The evening before she died she said if anything happened she was ready to meet the Lord in peace. Mother said she dreamed three times that Earl Howard baptised her. The last time she dreamed of being baptised Earl placed a gold crown on her head. I believe when mother departed this life she united with Jesus and the holy angels of God around the great white throne.

Children, let us all repent and pray over our sins and try to meet our dear mother in heaven.

Written by daughter, Lizzie Pigman.

Obituary of Leander Eldridge

Leander Eldridge, the son of Preston and Elizabeth Eldridge, was born in Letcher county, Kentucky June 14, 1888 and departed this life November 7, 1960 making his stay here on earth 71 years, nine months, and seven days.

He was joined in marriage to Betty Day, daughter of Hiram and Liza Day, January 18, 1906. To this union were born nine children, four girls and five boys, Henry, Eva, Howard, Willie, Ethel, Elma, Lloyd, Arlie, and Astor. They also reared a daughter of Sister Eldridge's brother. This child, Margaret, was only seven months old when left to Brother and Sister Eldridge to rear.

Brother Leander joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1926 and was a faithful member until death, having served his church thirty some years as deacon.

He always worked for peace in the church so that saints and sinners alike could find refuge there from the storms of life, a home for the saved and a beacon to the sinner.

Brother Leander leaves, besides his family, to mourn their loss, a host of friends and church brethren and sisters. His wife and loyal com-



panion has passed many a lonesome hour since his going. She sadly awaits the time when she can again be joined with him in a land where suffering is unknown, where there are no painful partings, and where joy eternally will be.

Brother Leander loved his children so much and his cry, same as mother's, is that all the children will be willing to suffer affliction here in a world of a few days and full of trouble, that they also may have that blessed hope of a home in heaven where the circle can again be made complete.

Mother's advice is that you children strive to gain the home I feel your father Leander today is enjoying. Our loss here on earth has been so great, but we believe it has been heaven's gain.

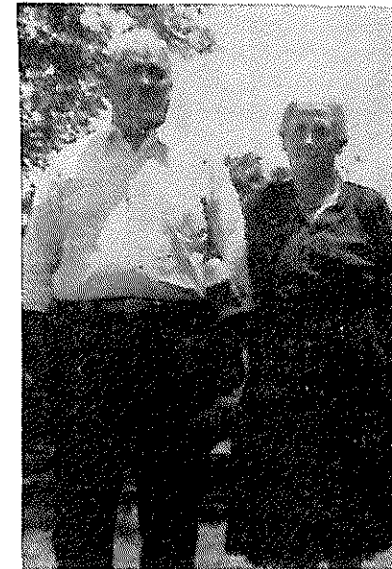
Written by his wife and family.

Obituary of Cleveland Fields

With many fond memories and a sad heart I will attempt to write a short obituary of my dear friend and beloved Brother in the Lord.

Cleveland Fields was born November 25, 1895. He departed this life October 27, 1960. His stay on earth was 64 years, 11 months and two days.

Very early in life he met and married Susan Day. To this union were born twelve children: Vivian, Lee, Coy, Clyde, Monroe, Liza, Cora, Charles, Billie Jean, Irene, Lovel, and Dixon. The Lord saw fit to take four of the children away: Billie Jean, Irene, Clyde, and Dixon, who died in the defense of his country. Besides his children he leaves 25 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, four brothers, and six sisters to mourn their loss.



At an early age he obeyed the Master's call. He was obedient to his Lord and joined the greatest army on earth. He joined the Regular Baptist Church at Indian Bottom and was baptised in the cold month of February. He proved his inheritance by keeping the Lord's words, "By this may all men know that ye are my disciples in that ye have love one to another". His delight was in having his brethren visit his home. He did not have to tell of his love because it could be felt. I fancy now I see him as he goes by wagon or truck in Eastern Kentucky asking his brethren to come and go to church.

Brother Fields was ordained a deacon at the Tolson Creek Church and was true to his duty which he proved on the night of his call as he was at the bedside of a sick brother. Little did he dream that night that he must go first. It is the writer's sincere desire that the children who remain will prepare to meet daddy again where separation never comes.

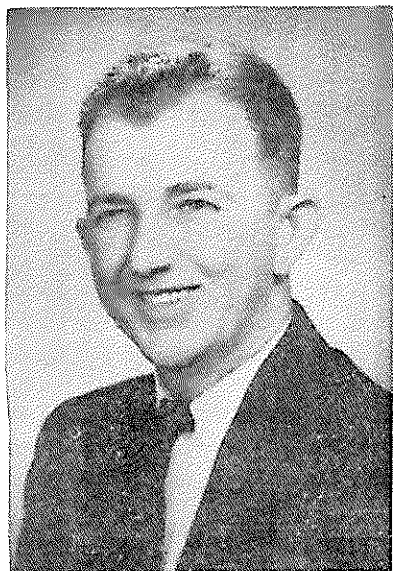
He proved his love on the night of his call,

At the home of a sick brother, his duty did fall,
 Although he was sick he faltered not,
 Little did we dream the message he got.
 A lonely widow now stands at the door,
 She looks for a loved one she sees no more,
 But some glad day when the dead arise
 She'll meet him again up in the skies.

Written by Howard Caudill and heartbroken family.

Obituary of John Smith

John Smith, the son of Grover and Rosania Smith, was born January 24, 1919, deceased July 31, 1961, being 42 years, six months and six days old at the time of his death. He was stricken with a heart attack, in which he had to suffer terribly. The doctors did everything possible but it was time for him to go.



Brother John was loved by all who knew him. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church February 2, 1956, being baptized by Elders Coy Combs and Burton Howard. Brother John showed his love for his brothers and sisters by his loving kindness toward all of them as well as his neighbors and friends, many of whom he gave jobs, for the Lord had blessed brother John to have great skill as a carpenter through which trade he prospered in the city of Columbus, Ohio. His work in that city was in great demand, and he had lived there for the last several years.

Whenever the church asked for a donation, brother John would go right down into his pocket and give generously. He also helped to build several church houses, giving his time and skill freely.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Eva and two daughters Carol and Rheba. Having lost a son several years ago with Hodgkin's disease, we feel brother John's spirit has met him and is roaming with the blessed in the region around about the throne. He also leaves three brothers, Ernest, Hillard and Bethel, and eight sisters, Gladys, Eva, Ruthie, Louise, Vonda Lee, Elsie, Verna and Phyllis, and his father and mother, Grover and Rosania, as well as a host of kindred and friends.

Written by Elder Burton Howard.

Obituary of Henry Whitaker

Henry Whitaker was born December 20, 1883 and departed this life June 1, 1960.

He married Jane Fields October 25, 1902. To this union were born eleven children, four of whom died in infancy. Tom and Solomon also preceded him in death. The children are: Orben, Rufus, Roma, George, Alton, Granville, Cinda, Hendrix, Anna, Thomas Reed and Solomon Custer. He also leaves 25 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. He leaves one brother and three sisters besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

He joined the Doty Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist early in life and was ordained a deacon. He served in this office faithfully all his life. Brother Henry was a strong defender of the faith. His presence will be greatly missed in the church. Moreover he fulfilled his calling as a deacon by not only waiting on tables but also going to the needy and oppressed. His love and patience was proven in one instance in the wheeling of his son, who was crippled, in a wheel chair through the aisle of the church. On each Wednesday night his place is missed by his loving companion and crippled son. On this night he always took out his song book and they sang the old songs of Zion that he so dearly loved.

I fancy now I hear his voice as he sang for the last time, "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord". His son Rufus and I laid him on the bed and we silently stepped out, he sang in a clear voice two stanzas of this old song.

Brother Henry was a pioneer both in faith and practice. Earlier in life he journeyed with his family from the hills on Smoot Creek in Letcher county to Oklahoma, and from there back to Tennessee. He finally settled on a farm near Eubank, Ky. Here he spent many happy days until God said it was enough.

No doubt he is now in the presence of one he loved so well.

His wife and son he dearly loved
 Will often think of June,
 Out in the yard a chair is shoved
 But now he's gone and they are here
 Yet they will meet him soon.

May God bless all the children and grandchildren to be ready to live with dad over in the country where the rose of Sharon will ever bloom. Always remember your mother and the crippled son whom brother Henry loved so well.



Written by Howard Caudill.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BIG LEATHERWOOD — Bob Logan, John Back, James Caudill.
 CEDAR GROVE — Beckham Fields, Manis Isom, Carl Back.
 NEW HOME — Odis Watson, Jerome Watts, Olus Baldrige.
 POWELL — J. D. Cornett, Dewey Fields, Howard Eldridge.
 DEFEATED CREEK — James Whitaker, Woodroe Cornett, Silas Cox.
 JAMES MEMORIAL — Gardner Jent, Estill Jent, Crit Eldridge.
 REYNOLDS FORK — A. J. Taylor, Tandy Ramey, Sam Smith.
 IVY POINT — Arthur Slone.
 PILGRIMS HOME — Alonzo Allen, Lloyd Eldridge.
 LITTLE ZION — Brent Logan, Malcom Hicks, Van B. Combs.
 LITTLE DOVE — Dave Hampton, Ike Caudill.
 LITTLE KINGDOM COME — Francis Maggard, L. H. Hubbard.
 TOLSON CREEK—Lawrence Sumter, Hiram Whitaker, Watson Whitaker.
 MAPLE GROVE — Chalmer Engle, Joshua Maggard.
 OVEN FORK — Riley Fouts, Alvro Hubbard.
 FRIENDSHIP — B. F. Tackett, Perry Tackett, V. T. Caudill.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

CHURCH	CLERK	ADDRESS
BIG LEATHERWOOD	Floyd Huff	Cornettsville, Ky.
CEDAR GROVE	Lovel Polley	Cornettsville, Ky.
NEW HOME	Jerome Watts	Garner, Ky.
POWELL	Howard Eldridge	R. 3, Waynesburg, Ky.
DEFEATED CREEK	James Whitaker	R. 1, Dupont, Ind.
JAMES MEMORIAL	Tommy Jent	Carcassonne, Ky.
REYNOLDS FORK	N. J. Mullins	Brinkley, Ky.
IVY POINT	Birchel Mosley	Garner, Ky.
PILGRIM HOME	Alonzo Allen	Milan, Ind.
LITTLE ZION	B. F. Logan	Jeff, Ky.
LITTLE DOVE	Brax Combs	Sassafras, Ky.
KINGDOM COME	Arlie Caudill	Premium, Ky.
TOLSON CREEK	Jasper Boggs	Roxana, Ky.
MAPLE GROVE	Chalmer Engle	Whitesburg, Ky.
OVEN FORK	Lester Hubbard	Pardee, Va.
FRIENDSHIP	Walter Mullins	Waynesburg, Ky.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. PRATT, Jeff, Ky.
 REUBEN RIDDLE, Viper, Ky.
 JAMES M. CAUDILL, Jeremiah, Ky.
 BECKHAM FIELDS, Ash Camp, Ky.
 VERLIN FIELDS, Banks, Ky.
 CARL BACK, Jeremiah, Ky.
 OLUS BALDRIDGE, Box 222, Dillsboro, Ind.
 WOODERD CORNETT, Line Fork, Ky.
 GARDNER JENT, Carcassonne, Ky.
 TOMMY JENT, Carcassonne, Ky.
 ESTILL JENT, Carcassonne, Ky.
 CRIT ELDRIDGE, Carcassonne, Ky.
 SAM JOHNSON, Garner, Ky.
 COLONEL ELDRIDGE, R. 2, Moores Hill, Ind.
 DALLAS COMBS, Leburn, Ky.
 MERLIN SLONE, Bolen, Ky.
 LAWRENCE DAY, Okiana, Ohio
 DAN FIELDS, Lawrenceburg, Ind.
 ALONZO ALLEN, Milan, Ind.
 JIMMIE COLLINS, Ison, Ky.
 HOWARD CAUDILL, Rt. 1, Milan, Indiana
 CULLEN HOGG, Cumberland, Ky.
 JAMES D. FIELDS, Blackey, Ky.
 R. H. FIELDS, Kings Creek, Ky.
 DEWEY ELDRIDGE, Roxana, Ky.
 FRANCE MAGGARD, Partridge, Ky.
 L. R. HALE, R. 1, Waynesburg, Ky.
 MANIS ISOM, Hallie, Ky.
 LAWRENCE SUMPTER, Oven Fork, Ky.
 TROY ENGLE, Eolia, Ky.
 CHALMER ENGLE, Whitesburg, Ky.
 RILEY FOUTS, Partridge, Ky.
 LESTER HUBBARD, Pardee, Va.
 DAVE BOGGS, High Splint, Ky.
 PERRY TACKETT, Rt. 1, Waynesburg, Ky.
 B. F. TACKETT, Rt. 2, Waynesburg, 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:

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

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these 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 of each month _____.

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 Experience and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Recommendation	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions
BIG LEATHERWOOD	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	97	2	\$ 20
CEDAR GROVE	8	1	0	9	3	5	0	69	4	20
NEW HOME	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	74	2	25
POWELL	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	39	3	20
DEFEATED CREEK	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	1	5
JAMES MEMORIAL	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	23	3	10
REYNOLDS FORK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	10
IVY POINT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	32	4	5
PILGRIMS HOME	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	18	1	20
LITTLE ZION	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	25	3	10
LITTLE DOVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	2	10
KINGDOM COME	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	31	2	10
TOLSON CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	4	10
MAPLE GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	3	10
OVEN FORK	1	0	0	2	1	6	0	96	2	15
FRIENDSHIP	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	24	2	15
TOTALS	14	5	0	14	9	19	9	652		\$215

"Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;
for the mouth of the deceitful are opened against
us; they have spoken against us with a lying
tongue.

"They compassed us about also with words
of hatred; and fought against us without a cause:
For our love they are our adversaries; but we give
ourselves unto prayer; and they have rewarded
us evil for good, and hatred for our love."

Forgive them, O Lord, of their transgres-
sions, as they know not what they do.

Clerk's note.