

MINUTES
of the
SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
**INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION**
of
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



HELD WITH

Kingdom Come Church
Premium, Letcher County, Kentucky

August 31 - September 1, 2, 1962

ELDER J. W. PRATT
MODERATOR

ELDER ALONZO ALLEN
CLERK

ELDER BECKHAM FIELDS
ASS'T. MODERATOR

ELDER OLUS BALDRIDGE
ASS'T. CLERK

DIRECTIONS TO INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

1. WEST VIRGINIA

Follow 119 to Pikeville, turn right on 23 to near Allen, turn left on 80 to Hindman, turn left on 160 to Junction 1393, turn left and follow 1393 to association.

or

2. Follow 119 to Junction 15 near Whitesburg, turn right on 15 to right hand Junction of 15 and 160 (not left junction) turn right on 160 to Junction 1393, turn right on 1393 to association.

3. VIRGINIA

Follow 460 to Junction 119 and 460 near Pikeville, turn left on 119 and follow No. 2 above.

or

4. Follow 23 to Junction 119 and 23 at Jenkins, turn left on 119 and follow No. 2 above.

5. ASHLAND-PRESTONSBURG

Follow 23 to Junction 80 and 23 near Allen, turn right on 80 and follow No. 1 above.

6. LEXINGTON-LOUISVILLE

Follow 60 to Junction 15 and 60 at Winchester, turn right on 15, follow 15 to Junction 80 and 15 at Dwarf, turn left on 80, follow 80 to Junction 80 and 160 at Hindman, turn right on 160 to Junction 160 and 1393, follow 1393 to association.

PROCEEDINGS:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1962

Premium, Letcher County, Kentucky

Proceedings of the 67th annual session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, in session assembled with the Kingdom Come Church, Premium, Letcher County, Kentucky.

Met at the place arranged for preaching, and after singing some of the old songs of Zion, Elder Manis Ison came forward and made some wonderful remarks and led in prayer. Then came Elder Beckham Fields who preached the introductory sermon, whose text was: "But Speak Thou the Things Which Become Sound Doctrine," (Titus Chap. 2, Verse 1) and the brother was well blessed to preach from this text.

Delegates were dismissed from stand to go to church house. When assembled at the church house, and after singing a few verses of Amazing Grace, Elder Troy Nickles of New Salem Association was called to the stand to open the association. He came forward and made some wonderful remarks and led in prayer.

The Association was then called to order by our moderator, Elder J. W. Pratt, who called for the letters of the several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. After reading the Kingdom Come church letter, in order to redeem time, it was moved and seconded to receive all the churches' letters and to seat their delegates, (as all letters were on regular form) and to refer their requests and queries to the committee on arrangements.

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

3. Then moderator called for newly organized churches, and received letter with organization from Dixon Memorial. It was moved and seconded to receive letter and to seat their delegates.

4. Called for churches desiring to take up correspondence with us. Received none.

5. It was then moved and seconded to omit reading of the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Constitution but to have them printed in minutes.

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

A. Thornton Union with delegates: Elders Charlie Cornett, R. H. Welch, Willie Back, Austin Combs, Kirby Ison, James Wright, Raymond Collins, Jack Brown, Guy Holbrooks, I. D. Back, and Bros. Jack Davidson, Billie Day, D. N. Asher, Agnan Back, Pearl Dixon and Lawrence Maggard.

B. Northern New Salem with delegates: Elders Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers and Brethren Dixon Miller, Hershel Sturgill, Harold Varney, V. B. Hall, Howard Collins and Morris Short.

C. Philadelphia, no letter.

D. New Salem with delegates: Elders Raymond Howard, Troy Nichles, Brethren Elbert Little, Hagar Watts, and Henry Little.

E. Union with delegates: Elders Bruce Mullins, Evans Bailey, Roy Caudill, John Sexton, Mander Yontz, Andy Bates, Willie Bates, Willie Kendrix, and Wesley Caudill, and Bros. Jerome Watts Jr. and Hendrix Hampton.

F. Sardis with delegates: Elders Emmitt Case, Brethren Earl D. West, Ralph W. E. Varney Jr. and Ballard Blackburn.

Letters from all corresponding associations received, delegates, who aided us in council, seated.

G. Transient ministers and members called for and received the following: John Wright, Harrison Cornett, James Whitaker, W. P. Pratt, Silas Caudill, Melvin Blair, Arlie Brown, R. A. Shaw, Halie Dyre, Cullen Hogg, Cleon Combs and Monroe Hubbard. These also received the right hand of fellowship, and aided us in council.

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

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

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

10. Moved and seconded that we correspond with the following associations and that clerk, Alonzo Allen, prepare letters to same as follows: (a) Thornton Union; (b) Northern New Salem; (c) Union; (d) New Salem; (e) Sardis.

11. Called for committee report, who reported as follows: (a) Friday night: John Wright, Troy Nichles, James Wright and Frances Hubbard. (b) Saturday morning: Raymond Collins, Evans Bailey, Raymond Howard, Bruce Mullins, and Baxter Osborne.

12. On motion, association adjourned until 9 a. m. Saturday morning, September 1, 1962.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1962

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing some of the beautiful songs of Zion, Elder I. D. Back was called to the stand to introduce the service and lead in prayer and was wonderfully blessed.

The association was then called to order by our beloved moderator, Elder J. W. Pratt.

1. Called the roll and noted the absentees.

2. The ministers (who were chosen by the committee to preach on the stand) and congregation, except the delegates, were dismissed from the house to go to the place arranged for preaching.

3. Called on committee on arrangements to report. By move and second committee's report received and committee discharged.

4. In regard to the request from the Powell Church: The association advised the brethren of the Friendship Church, and the brethren of the Friendship Church humbly agreed, to give Brother Lloyd Day his letter back. A committee was appointed to meet with the Friendship Church and report back to the association in 1963 the results of the meeting. The committee appointed consisted of the following brethren: Manis Ison, Verlin Fields and the brethren of the Powell Church.

5. The request of the Reynolds Fork Church for the 68th annual session of the Indian Bottom Association to be held the First Friday before the First Saturday in September 1963 and the two following days: It was moved and seconded to grant their request. (The directions to the Indian Bottom Association will be found on inside front cover of these minutes.)

6. In regard to query from Cedar Grove Church concerning the 16th item of the constitution: After some discussion of same it was moved and seconded to let item stay as it is in minutes.

7. In regard to request of Friendship Church requesting letter of dismissal from the Indian Bottom Association: It was moved and seconded to grant their request when joined to another association of the same faith and order.

8. Appointed a committee on finance, consisting of Elders Manis Ison, James Fields and Crit Eldridge, who reported the sum of \$259.00 received from the several churches.

9. Moved and seconded that we have 1500 copies of minutes printed and that clerk, Elder Alonzo Allen, superintend printing of same.

10. Appointed same committee on ministry as on Friday to choose the ministers to preach on stand, and who also should decide who should preach the introductory sermon, who should be his alternate, and also decide who should write the circular letter for inspection of the association in 1963. The committee reported as follows: (a) To preach on stand on Sunday Elders: Roy B. Akers, R. A. Shaw, Kirby Ison, Baxter Os-

borne, and J. W. Pratt. (b) Elder Perry Tackett, was chosen to write circular letter for inspection of association next year. (c) Elder James Fields was chosen to preach introductory sermon in 1963 and Elder Crit Eldridge to be his alternate.

11. Circular letter was called for and read by Elder Carl Back who was chosen at our 1961 session. It was moved and seconded to receive same to be printed in our 1962 minutes.

12. Moved and seconded to appoint clerk as secretary-treasurer.

13. Report of Elders appointed to attend associations and union meetings is reported as follows: They did the best they could, and promised to try to do better next year. The report was received and brethren were excused for their failures.

Moved and seconded that we have obituaries and pictures printed in our minutes with the understanding that there be \$5.00 enclosed with picture to pay for cuts being made of the picture.

15. Treasurer's report. Reported as follows: A balance last year of \$314.25, cost of printing minutes, \$218.00, cost of printing pictures, \$35.00, postage and mailing, \$6.60, making a total of \$259.60 total expense, leaving a balance in treasury of \$54.65. Received from churches this year, \$259.00 and \$15.00 for pictures, making a total of \$328.65 for 1962. It was moved and seconded to receive report of treasurer.

16. Letters prepared and read and delegates chosen to attend our corresponding associations.

A. Sardis: to be held with the Pilgrim Home Church Varney, Pike county, Kentucky to commence on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September 1962 and the two following days. Delegates: Elders Riley Fouts, J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Hershel Baldrige, Lester Hubbard, and Brothers Albro Hubbard and J. B. Eversole.

B. Union: to be held with the Bull Creek Church, Harmon, Buchanan county, Va. to commence on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September 1962 and the two following days. Delegates: Elders J. W. Pratt, Estill Jent, Manis Ison, Riley Fouts, James Caudill, Cullen Hogg, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Hershel Baldrige, Beckham Fields, and brethren Dave Hampton, Jerome Watts, B. F. Logan and J. B. Eversole.

C. New Salem: to be held with the Samaria Church, Teaberry, Floyd county, Kentucky. To commence on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September 1962 and the two following days. Delegates: Elders Manis Ison, Riley Fouts, Lester Hubbard, J. W. Pratt, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Estill Jent, Hershel Baldrige, Carl Back, James Caudell, and brethren J. B. Eversole, Albro Hubbard, Jerome Watts, and Dave Hampton.

E. Northern New Salem: to be held with the Little Ida Church, Ecourse, Wayne Co. Mich. to commence on Friday before the 1st Saturday in August 1963 and the two following days. Delegates: Elders Beckham Fields, J. W. Pratt, Crit Eldridge, Estill Jent, Manis Ison, Tommy Jent, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Hershel Baldrige, and brethren Jerome Watts and J. B. Eversole.

F. Thornton Union: to be held with the Little Ruby Church, Letcher, Letcher county Kentucky, to commence on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August 1963 and the two following days. Delegates: Elders Manis Ison, J. W. Pratt, Estill Jent, Cullen Hogg, Beckham Fields, Riley Fouts, Crit Eldridge, Tommy Jent, Carl Back, Hershel Baldrige, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Brethren J. B. Eversole, Dave Hampton, and Jerome Watts, letter in the hands of Elder J. W. Pratt.

17. Moved and seconded that we have Union meeting and communion time printed in the minutes.

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

19. Moved and seconded that we adjourn to the time and place of the next session of the Indian Bottom Association in 1963.

20. The 67th session of the Indian Bottom Association was closed by some wonderful remarks and prayer by our beloved moderator, Elder J. W. Pratt.

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 2, 1962

A large and attentive congregation assembled at the Kingdom Come church house, and after singing several of the beautiful songs of Zion, Elder Roy B. Akers, of the Northern New Salem Association, came forward and after several inspiring remarks, led in prayer, being blessed in same, then came Elder Kirby Ison of the Thornton Union Association, then Elder R. A. Shaw of Northern New Salem, followed by Elder Baxter Osborne of Northern New Salem. Then Elder J. W. Pratt, our moderator, came forward and concluded the service.

We are very sorry that we were unable to make known the brethren's texts as we lost our notes on same, but the brethren were all wonderfully blessed to preach the old time doctrine of salvation by grace through Faith.

To the brothers and sisters and neighbors in the community around about the Kingdom Come Church: We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you for the love and hospitality extended to us in this 67th session of the Indian Bottom Association. May the Lord of all Grace bless you for all your labors, and highly reward you for your faithfulness in waiting on the brethren and visitors from our correspondence. May God bless us to ever hold up the blood stained banner of King Emmanuel, and teach men and women everywhere to repent and look to Christ Jesus the Lord for deliverance, the only one in Heaven or on earth that can cleanse the Adam race from every fault. Therefore have faith and hold up your heads, you soldiers bold, for your redemption draweth nigh. May God bless His called servants and strengthen all of us in the faith, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Your humble servant and fellow laborer in the Lord,

Elder Alonzo Allen, Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

May, 1963

LITTLE DOVE — 1. Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1963—Elders: Anyone that will come of the same faith and order is welcome.

2. Communion—Second Sunday in July, 1963.

REYNOLDS FORK — Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1963—Elders: Beckham Fields, Austin Combs, Nelson Seals, Carl Back and Buster Flanery.

2. Communion—Second Sunday in May.

CEDAR GROVE — Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963—Elders: Dallas Ramsey, Crit Eldridge, Agnon Back and Moderator.

Communion—Fourth Sunday in August, 1963.

JAMES MEMORIAL — Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1963—Elders: Perry Tackett, Beckham Fields, Riley Fouts, Agnon Back, and Moderator.

Communion—Third Sunday in August, 1963.

June, 1963

(UNION MEETINGS)

PILGRIMS HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963—Elders Emmitt Case, Clifford Colly, Fred Stiltner, Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield, and Moderator.

Communion—First Sunday in July, 1963.

NEW HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963—Elders:

Manis Ison, Roy Caudill, Hershel Huff, Francis Hubbard, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Communion—Second Sunday in July, 1963.

OVEN FORK — Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963—Elders: Lester Baker, Beckham Fields, Carl Back, Crit Eldridge, Floyd Polly, and Charlie Gibson.

Communion—Second Sunday in July, 1963.

FRIENDSHIP — Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963.—Elders: John Wright, Jim T. Caudill, Paul Adkins, Glenn Adkins, and I. D. Back.

Communion—Second in August, 1963.

KINGDOM COME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963.—Elders: All of the same faith and order that have a mind to come.

Communion—Second Sunday in July, 1963.

MAPLE GROVE — Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963.—Elders: L. P. Sumpter, Herman Caudill, Lester Hubbard, and Moderator.

Communion—Third Sunday in July, 1963.

LITTLE ZION — Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963.—Elders: Verlin Fields, R. H. Welch, Carl Back, Cullen Hogg, and Moderator.

Communion—Third Sunday in July, 1963.

POWELL — Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963.—Elders: Hiram Osborne, Crit Eldridge, Steve Osborne, Tommy Jent and Alonzo Allen.

Communion—Third Sunday in July, 1963.

TOLSON CREEK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963.—Elders: Carl Back, James Fields, and Moderator.

Communion—Fourth Sunday in July, 1963.

DIXON MEMORIAL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1963.—Elders: All brethren of the same faith and order invited.

Communion—Fourth Sunday in July, 1963.

July, 1963

BIG LEATHERWOOD — Second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1963—Elders: John Wright, Carl Back, Verlin Fields, Beckham Fields and Moderator.

Communion—Second Sunday in August, 1963.

August, 1963

DEFEATED CREEK — First Saturday and Sunday in August, 1963—Elders: R. H. Fields, Ruben Riddle, Verlin Fields, J. W. Pratt, and Beckham Fields.

Communion—First Sunday in August, 1963.

IVY POINT — None requested.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association:

As you have chosen me to write a letter to be read at our next Association, it seems to me you have chosen one of the least and one of the weakest among you to do this work. I feel so little to write when I think of all my good brothers who are more able and more worthy to write than I am. By the mercies and the help of the good Lord I will try to write a few lines.

My mind goes back to the time when the good Lord of Heaven saw fit and was pleased to send His darling Son down to this low ground of sorrow to die for you and me so that we would have a right back to the Tree of Life, and that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. So, Brothers and Sisters, if we have repented of our sins, and been born again we have the love in our soul of the One who died on the Cross. And He was so willing to suffer and to shed His blood for us. Now Brothers and Sisters, the Lord has asked very little for us to do.

I feel from the bottom of my heart, if we would live humble before Him, look to Him for His guidance, look to Him to lead us, and act and move accordingly, we, the children of God, would be marching hand in hand as the Lord of Heaven and earth would have us to walk. I can see

how the Brothers and Sisters would rejoice and praise the Lord—when they would gather at the church house or wherever they would meet! The Lord would bless us greatly for being humble.

Brothers and Sisters, I can think of our young boys and girls when they would come to be with us. The light of God's children would be so bright, and our love would be so strong that our young boys and girls would feel surely that we are the children of God, because they would feel the love of God!

The Lord said, "By my loving kindness have I drawn thee." So the more love, kindness, and friendship shown among us, the more people it will draw to our church houses, and more will turn unto the Lord. So, Brothers and Sisters, let's live more humble so that Old Satan will have to stand back and let God's little children go on preaching, praying, singing, and marching on to our heavenly home. And when we get up there we will be shouting and praising the Name of the Lord forever and forever.

And now, Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association, I have written as I felt. I hope you will feel as I have while I have been trying to write this letter. So may the God of heaven bless you all that we may meet around the throne of God some sweet day.

Your Brother, Elder Carl Back

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 ortho-

dox 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 Mother

Virgie Stamper—Daughter of Joner and Dicy Ison, born Sept. 12, 1904, deceased May 10, 1959. Her life on earth, 54 years, 7 months and 28 days. She was married to Denver Stamper on Feb. 3, 1923. (Denver died April 10, 1945). To this union five sons and three daughters were born, Delmer Otis, Imogene, Oneita, Edsel Dean, Harold Rudy, James Lowell, and Floretta. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church Oct. 10, 1928 and was baptised by Elder Lou Riddle at the Big Leatherwood Church. She was a regular and faithful member to this church until her death.

Left behind to mourn her death are her eight children, 12 grandchildren, her mother, Dicy Ison, five sisters, Judy, Hettie, Lizzie, Essie, and Vina; countless number of friends, brothers and sisters of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Her family is scattered all over the United States. We all feel that she is at rest in Heaven, where she has prayed so many times to go. Her loss on earth is Heaven's gain.

Her Sons and Daughters

YEAR 1952—Sister Virgie Stamper wrote this letter seven years before she died.

Dear Children and Friends:

Please some one do me a favor. Take care of my children for me, especially Delmer and Floretta. I love them all, but understand what I

mean with them. They mean so much to me. Put them all in school some place. I have tried so hard to do for them but can't go on much longer. I am writing this in tears and praying for God to carry them through for me safely, and I want you all to do better and pray to meet Mother and Daddy in the far beyond. I have seen my Kingdom and long to go to be with Jesus and the one that has gone on before.

I have prayed for my children to be shown the right road to travel. Please don't listen to the Devil. He is a betrayer, and leader of all evil and wishes to destroy God's little children. So, turn to God for all help and he will forgive the past. I hope to see you all in Heaven, where trouble will be no more. My trouble here on earth has been great! You have failed Mother in many ways, but I have never turned any of you away, and can pray for every enemy that I have on earth, if any, and hope they will ask God to forgive the past, and will long to be with me in Heaven! Will close in prayer. May God bless the world is my worst wishes for anyone.

Virgie Stamper

P. S. Read at the grave to my friends and relatives. Songs to sing for me: Rejoice and be happy now. Angels Get My Mansion Ready. My Wondering Boy. Fairwell Vain World I Am Going Home.

A little later: I am going to Heaven now. Be good and meet me. Pray more and God will surely hear your prayers. Closed in tears and a prayer for you all. Cheer up and leave me with a smile. I am a happy mother now.

Cephus Mosley



I will try to write a few short lines about my dear sweet Dad who has gone to live with Christ, the almighty God. He was a good man and lived a good christian life while living here on earth.

Dad would get up and go when friends were in trouble and sorrow. He prayed so hard for his children and begged them to change their ways. The morning he was struck down with a rock and was taken to the hospital, we all were praying and begging the Lord to save our Daddy whom we all loved so much! He told the family, "The Lord has called me, I am willing to go." One question that he asked on his dying bed was about his baby girl, and he told Mama to let the good Lord's will be done!

I will never forget his last words to me: He said, "Honey, be a good girl." His sweet voice still rings in my ears! I hope some day I will meet him in heaven where we will always be together!

Written by his daughter, Noris Marie Mosley

Obituary of Sister Susie Eldridge



Susie Eldridge was born January 4, 1898, deceased July 1, 1962. Her stay here on earth, 64 years, 6 months, and 27 days. She was the daughter of John and Sarah Caudill. She was married to Crit Eldridge November 20, 1918. To this union was born 13 children. Six of them preceded her in death. She leaves behind, two boys, Jim and John P., and five girls, Vera, Vada, Mallie, Maxine

and Lily. She professed a hope in Christ.

She and her husband joined the Regular Baptist Church at the same time, September, 1925, and were baptized the third Sunday in October, 1925. They were ordained Deacons in the church in 1928. This office she filled faithfully until her death.

Sister Susie had been in poor health for the past four years. As long as she was able to go about she was always ready to lend a helping hand to her neighbors in sickness, and to anyone in time of trouble.

She had a great interest in her church, which she attended faithfully, even when she was not able to go. In the close of the services she would shout praises to God and tell her neighbors and her children to prepare to meet her in heaven when this life was over.

The last meeting of her church, she was bedfast, and asked the brethren and sisters to come to her home after services were over to have services in her home. In the close of the service when her brethren, sisters, and friends came to her bed to shake her hand, she took them in her arms one by one, as though she realized she was bidding them good-bye.

Sister Susie loved everybody and loved to hear all her brethren preach. But she left a request that Elders Carl Back, Frank Caudill, Tommy Jent, and Buster Flannery preach her funeral.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss, her husband, seven children, nine grandchildren, two sisters, and one brother.

The church has lost a faithful member, a great worker, and her neighbors and community, has lost a good friend. To know her, was to love her. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Children, neighbors, friends, prepare to meet her again when this life is over.

Written by Husband and Children

Obituary of Nancy Jane Whitaker



With a sad and a lonesome feeling, I'll try to write an obituary of my dear mother, Nancy Jane Fields Whitaker. She was the daughter of Henery and Nerua Fields. She was born Sept. 27, 1883 and departed this life Jan. 1, 1962. Her stay on earth being 78 years, 3 months, and 5 days.

At the age of 19 she met and was married to Henery Whitaker, who preceded her in death 1 year and 7 months. To this union was born 11 children. Six preceded her in death. She leaves behind five children, three girls, Roma Brock of Eubank, Anna Bryant of Eubank, and Cindo Adams of Isom; and two boys, Rufus Whitaker of Eubank, and Hendrix Whitaker, (the little crippled boy who misses Dad and Mother so much); 26 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church over 48 years ago. She and Daddy were ordained deacons of Doty Church and for many years they filled their duties as deacons. They were faithful members until God called them home.

Mom was a bright and shining light to her children, and to all who knew her. To know her was to love her. Mother and Daddy's doors were always open to their friends and brethern, and sisters of the church. Many times after Daddy passed way, I've heard Mother say that she wanted to go on home to live with Daddy and her children there.

On the first day of January about 10:20 in the night, God came and called her quickly home with a heart attack. Daddy and Mother are gone from us here. But I hope by the help of God some day I'll meet them, where no more sorrows, troubles, nor parting will come; where all tears are wiped away. I hope all the children and grandchildren will try to meet them in Heaven some day.

A flower from our home is gone; the voice we loved is stilled,
There's a vacancy in our home, that never can be filled.

Written by her Daughter

Obituary of Helen Slone Owens



Sister Owens was born to Tandy and Ann Slone August 29, 1879, and departed this life, November 26, 1951. In early life she was wed to John Owens. To this union was born fifteen children, nine girls and six boys. Her husband, and nine children, six girls and three boys, preceded her in death.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church 45 years ago, and lived an obedient and faithful life. She was a pattern of good works by which her children and her neighbors' children should live.

She leaves Alvie Owens, Hindman, Ky., Edward Owens, Garner, Ky., Kennel Owens, Lackey, Ky., Ethel Caudill, Lackey, Ky., Mary Tuttle, Garrett, Ky., Gracie Slone, Softshell, Ky., forty-eight grandchildren, eighty-six great grandchildren, and six great, great grandchildren. A large host of other kindred and many friends also mourn her passing.

Sister Owens left a good hope, one in which her children, her grandchildren, and all concerned should take notice and live by the faith that their mother has lived by. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

By Elder Burton Howard

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- BIG LEATHERWOOD—J. W. Pratt, Ruben Riddle, and Bob Logan.
 CEDAR GROVE—Beckham Fields, Manis Ison and Verlin Fields.
 NEW HOME—Olus Baldrige, Jerome Watts and Hershel Baldrige.
 POWELL—Perry Tackett, Henry Eldridge and Howard Eldridge.
 DEFEATED CREEK—Woodard Cornett, Silas Cox and Jonah Roark.
 JAMES MEMORIAL—Crit Eldridge, Tommy Jent and Estill Jent.
 REYNOLDS FORK—Verlin Slone, Luther Seals and A. J. Taylor.
 IVY POINT—Merlin Slone, Dillas Combs and Arthur Slone.
 PILGRIMS HOME—Alonzo Allen, James Combs and Kelly Day.
 LITTLE ZION—George Everage, Malcolm Hicks, and B. F. Logan.
 LITTLE DOVE—J. B. Eversole, Cullen Hogg and Dave Hampton.
 KINGDOM COME—James D. Fields, R. H. Fields and Arlie Caudill.
 TOLSON CREEK—Jasper Boggs, Watson Whitaker and George Whitaker.
 MAPLE GROVE—Troy Engle, Chalmer Engle and Joshua Maggard.
 OVEN FORK—Lester Hubbard, Alvro Hubbard and Riley Fouts.
 FRIENDSHIP—Raymond Caudill, George Shea and Hassell Caudill.
 DIXON MEMORIAL—James Caudill, Carl Back and John Back.

CHURCHCLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Floyd Huff, Cornettsville, Ky.
CEDAR GROVE—Lovel Polly, 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, Carcassone, Ky.
REYNOLDS FORK—N. J. Mullins, Brinkley, Ky.
IVY POINT—Birchell Mosley, Garner, Ky.
PILGRIMS 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.
DIXON MEMORIAL—Hobart Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. PRATT, Jeff, Ky.
RUBEN RIDDLE, Viper, Ky.
BECKHAM FIELDS, Ash Camp, Ky.
MANIS ISON, Hallie, Ky.
VERLIN FIELDS, Banks, Ky.
HOWARD CAUDILL, Waynesburg, Ky.
OLUS BALDRIDGE, Box 222, Dillsboro, Ind.
HERSHEL BALDRIDGE, Leburn, Ky.
PERRY TACKETT, Waynesburg, Ky.
L. R. HALE, Waynesburg, Ky.
WOODARD CORNETT, Line Fork, Ky.
CRIT ELDRIDGE, Carcassone, Ky.
TOMMY JENT, Carcassone, Ky.
ESTILL JENT, Carcassone, Ky.
GARDNER JENT, Peru, Ind.
FRANK CAUDILL, Jeremiah, Ky.
ORELL FLANNERY, Jeremiah, Ky.
SAM JOHNSON, Garner, Ky.
MERLIN SLONE, Bolen, Ky.
EDD MOSLEY, Drift, Ky.
DILLAS COMBS, Leburn, Ky.
ALONZO ALLEN, Milan, Ind.
CULLEN HOGG, Cumberland, Ky.
JAMES D. FIELDS, Blackey, Ky.
R. H. FIELDS, Kings Creek, Ky.
DEWEY ELDRIDGE, Roxana, Ky.
FRANCIS MAGGARD, Partridge, Ky.
LAWRENCE SUMPTER, Oven Fork, Ky.
TROY ENGLE, Eolia, Ky.
CHALMER ENGLE, Whitesburg, Ky.
RILEY FOUTS, Partridge, Ky.
LESTER HUBBARD, Pardee, Va.
EDWARD SUMPTER, Blair, Ky.
DAVE BOGGS, Highsplint, Ky.
JAMES M. CAUDILL, Jeremiah, Ky.
CARL BACK, Jeremiah, Ky.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

We, the church of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptist Faith and order, now in session with the _____ Church, being found in love and fellowship, sendeth greetings, our Christian love and salutation to the ministers and messengers that may compose the _____ Association, when convened with the _____ Church, Address _____ to commence on Friday before the _____ Saturday in September, _____ and the two following days.

Dear Brethren, we are glad that we can correspond with you, and we have chosen these, our beloved Brethren, to bear this our letter to you, to wit:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 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:

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	0	2	0	2	0	8	0	79	2	\$ 25
CEDAR GROVE	4	1	0	5	0	2	3	74	4	30
NEW HOME	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	76	2	25
POWELL	0	4	0	1	2	1	0	39	3	20
DEFEATED CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	18	1	10
JAMES MEMORIAL	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	23	3	10
REYNOLDS FORK	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	21	2	10
IVY POINT	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	4	9
PILGRIMS HOME	1	0	0	3	2	10	0	10	1	25
LITTLE ZION	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	26	3	15
LITTLE DOVE	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	30	2	10
KINGDOM COME	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	34	2	10
TOLSON CREEK	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	4	10
MAPLE GROVE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	3	10
OVEN FORK	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	78	2	15
FRIENDSHIP	0	5	2	0	0	5	0	25	2	15
DIXON MEMORIAL	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	4	10
TOTALS	16	21	2	15	13	31	4	627		\$259

THE 23RD PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



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