

MINUTES
of the
SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Indian Bottom Association
of
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
The Church of Jesus Christ



held with
Reynolds Fork Church
Mallie, Knott County, Kentucky
September 6, 7 and 8, 1963

Elder J. W. Pratt
Moderator

Elder Alonzo Allen
Clerk

Elder Beckham Fields
Assistant Moderator

Elder Olus Baldrige
Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1963
Mallie, Knott County, Kentucky

Proceedings of the 68th annual session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist the Church of Jesus Christ, in session assembled with the Reynolds Fork Church, September 6, 7, and 8, 1963, at Mallie, Knott County, Kentucky.

The Association met at the Reynolds Fork Church and, after singing several of the old songs of Zion, Elder Crit Eldridge came forward, according to appointment of 1962 session of the Indian Bottom Association, and opened the services of the Association with well spoken remarks and wonderful prayer. Elder James Fields, according to appointment, preached the introductory sermon using for his text these words from Timothy "Speak Thou The things that become Sound Doctrine." He was wonderfully blessed. The delegates were dismissed to place arranged for the work of the Association.

After assembling ourselves together at the house, "Amazing Grace" was sung and Elder Roy B. Akers of North New Salem Association was called to the stand to introduce the service of the Association and being lifted up in the spirit spoke many good things after which Elder Verlin Fields of Indian Bottom Association led in prayer.

The Indian Bottom Association was 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. After reading the letter of Reynolds Fork Church it was moved and seconded to receive all church letters, as they were in regular form, and seat their delegates and refer the queries and requests to the Committee on Arrangements.
2. The Association was organized by electing Elder J. W. Pratt, Moderator; Elder Beckham Fields, Assistant Moderator; Elder Alonzo Allen, Clerk, and Elder Ollus Baldrige, Assistant Clerk.
3. The Moderator called for newly organized churches and received none.
4. Called for churches desiring to take up correspondence with us, received none.
5. It was moved and seconded to omit reading of the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution, but to have same printed in our minutes.
6. Called for letters from our Corresponding Associations and received the following:
 - A. Thornton Union with delegates Elders Kirby Isom, Austin Combs, Ray Collins, Wesley Yonts, W. M. Cox, Jack Davidson, Otis Williams, T. P. Bentley; Brothers: Verlon Shepherd, Russell Collins, Marion Sparkman.
 - B. Northern New Salem with delegates Elders Roy B. Akers, Anthony Hamilton, and Brother Harold Varney.
 - C. Philadelphia, with delegates and a beautiful apology by Elder John Moore; Brothers: Donald Merritt, Golden Adkins, and Sterling Cole.
 - D. New Salem with delegates, Elders Banner Manns, Burton Howard, M. V. Burke, M. C. Wright, Troy Sparkman, Alonzo Younts; Brethren Hagar Watts, and Reuben Hall.
 - E. Union with delegates, Elders John Hess, Evans Bailey, Bruce Mullins, Mander Yonts, Willie Bates, Delbert Saunders, Elmer Church, John Sexton, and Brother Canton Martin.
 - F. Sardis, with delegates, Elders Emitt Case, J. G. Thornsberry.Letters from all the Corresponding Associations were received and delegates were seated with us in council.
- G. Transients called for and received the following: Elder Cullen Hogg and Brethren Luster Isaac and Isom Slone.
7. Moved and seconded that Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Appointed one delegate from each church, with entire delegation from Reynolds Fork Church, as Committee on Ministry to arrange for preaching Friday evening and Saturday morning.

9. Appointed same Committee as on Ministry, one delegate from Reynolds Fork Church, Moderator's, Clerk's, delegates, and transients from our sister Association to meet with us Friday afternoon to arrange the work for Saturday morning.

10. Moved and seconded that we correspond with the following Associations and that the clerk prepare letters to the following: Thornton Union, Northern New Salem, Union, New Salem, Sardis and Philadelphia.

11. The Committee reported stand will be filled Friday night by: 1. Odis Williams, 2. Ray Collins, 3. Evans Bailey.

Saturday morning to preach on the stand: 1. John, 2. Emmitt Case, 3. John Hess, 4. Banner Manns.

12. On motion Association adjourned until 9 a. m. Saturday morning, September 7, 1963.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1963

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment and after singing some of the old songs of Zion, Elder Cullen Hogg was called to the stand and was wonderfully blessed in remarks and prayer.

The Association was then called to order by our beloved Moderator, Elder J. W. Pratt.

1. Called the roll and noted absentees.

2. Ministers who were chosen by the Committee to preach on the stand and congregation were excused from the house to go to the stand.

3. Committee on Arrangements called to report. By move and second report was received and Committee discharged.

4. In regard to request of the Cedar Grove and Oven Fork Churches requesting next session of Indian Bottom Association, the brethren of Cedar Grove Church gave way to the brethren of Oven Fork Church. It was moved and seconded to hold the next session of the Indian Bottom Association with the Oven Fork Church. The session will commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1964 and the two following days.

5. In regard to James Memorial Church, requesting the privilege of changing their name to Bull Creek Church, it was moved and seconded to grant this request.

6. Appointed a committee on finance, who reported the sum of \$250.00 from the churches and \$20.00 for pictures, making a total of \$270.00.

7. It was moved and seconded to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and that the clerk superintend printing of same.

8. Appointed same Committee on Ministry as on Friday to arrange for preaching Saturday and Sunday. They submitted the following report: Saturday evening, 1. Elders Hershel Baldrige, 2. Olus Baldrige, 3. Nelson Seals. Sunday morning, Elders, 1. Alonzo Allen, 2. Kirby Isom, 3. Elmer Church, 4. J. W. Pratt.

9. The circular letter was read by Elder Perry Tackett. The congregation voted to receive the letter and to have it printed in the minutes. Elder Manis Isom was appointed to write a letter for inspection of our 1964 session of Indian Bottom Association.

10. Moved and seconded to appoint Elder Alonzo Allen secretary-treasurer, the Association voted to pay for expense of one car to take delegates to the Union Association to be held with the Little Ruth Church, Green Cove, Springs, Florida, and that Elders Alonzo Allen and Olus Baldrige attend.

11. Report of brethren who were appointed to attend union meetings and Associations, was that, in general, they had done the best they could.

It was moved and seconded to receive their report and excuse their failures.

12. Moved and seconded to have obituaries printed in our minutes, with understanding that there be \$5.00 enclosed for printing of pictures.

13. The Treasurer submitted the following report.

Last years balance.....	\$328.65
Cost of printing minutes	\$186.90
Postage and mailing	7.60
Total expense	\$194.50 194.50
Balance in treasury	\$134.15
From Churches this year	250.00
For pictures	20.00
Total in treasury this year	\$404.15

It was moved and seconded to receive treasurer's report.

14. Letters to sister Associations prepared as follows:

A. Sardis, to be held with Sardis Church, Delbarton, W. Va., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1963, and the two following days. Delegates chosen were: Elders, J. W. Pratt, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Beckham Fields and Brother J. B. Eversole.

B. Union to be held with the Little Ruth Church, Green Cove Springs, Florida, to commence on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1963 and the two following days. Delegates chosen were: Elders Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, J. W. Pratt, Hershel Baldrige and Dillas Combs.

C. Philadelphia, to be held with the Friendship Church, Flatwoods, Boyd County, Kentucky, to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1964 and the two following days. Delegates chosen were: Elders Crit Eldridge, Beckham Fields, J. W. Pratt, Dillas Combs, Estill Jent, Verlin Fields, Perry Tackett, Hershel Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Reuben Riddle, and Brother Henry Eldridge.

D. New Salem, to be held with the Bethel Church, Maytown, Floyd County, Kentucky, to commence on Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1964 and the two following days. Delegates chosen were: Elders Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Dillas Combs, J. W. Pratt, Reuben Riddle, Hershel Baldrige, Verlin Fields, Riley Fouts, Beckham Fields, Manis Isom, Estill Jent, and Brethren Millard Seals, A. J. Taylor and Rich Smith.

E. Northern New Salem, to be held with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio, to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1964 and the two following days. Delegates chosen were: Elders Dillas Combs, J. W. Pratt, Hershel Baldrige, Perry Tackett, Beckham Fields, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Cullen Hogg, Verlin Fields, Reuben Riddle, Estill Jent, Riley Fouts, and Brethren Henry Eldridge, J. B. Eversole, A. J. Taylor, and Millard Seals.

F. Thornton Union, to be held with the Blair Branch Church, Jeremiah, Letcher County, Kentucky, to commence on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1964 and the two following days. Delegates chosen were: Elders Lester Hubbard, J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, Crit Eldridge, Riley Fouts, Cullen Hogg, Troy Engel, Carl Back, Verlin Fields, Perry Tackett, Manis Isom; Brethren, A. J. Taylor, Millard Seals, Dave Hampton, J. B. Eversole Alvro Hubbard, Henry Eldridge, and Artie Caudill.

17. Moved and seconded to select brethren and his alternates to preach introduction by secret ballot at our 1964 session of the Indian Bottom Association. Elder Manis Isom was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. W. Pratt was chosen alternate.

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

19. Moved and seconded that clerk prepare note of appreciation to people who so generously granted the use of their house for purpose of conducting the business part of our 1963 session of Indian Bottom Association.

20. Moved and seconded that we adjourn to the time and place of the 1964 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

21. The 68th annual business session of the Indian Bottom Association was brought to a close by Elder J. G. Thornsberry of Sardis Association, who was wonderfully blessed to set forth the old time doctrine.

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

Elder J. W. Pratt, Moderator
 Elder Beckham Fields, Assistant Moderator
 Elder Alonzo Allen, Clerk
 Elder Olus Baldrige, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1963

A large and well behaved congregation assembled at the Reynolds Fork Church and after singing some of Old Zion's beautiful hymns, Elder Alonzo Allen, from Indian Bottom Association, came forward according to arrangements and made several wonderful remarks and led in prayer, Elder Kirby Isom from Thornton Union Association followed, using as his text "What Think Ye of Christ." He pointed out the many beautiful things that Christ did while here on earth and the wonderful promises He left His people when He went away.

Elder Elmer Church of Union Association came forward, using for a text "Come See A Man That Told Me All Things I Ever Did," and was wonderfully blessed to show forth the wonderful works of our Lord, and was blessed to open the understanding of those who had ears to hear concerning the great wisdom of our Lord and Savior.

Elder J. W. Pratt, our beloved Moderator, made many kind and loving remarks and showed forth great appreciation for the wonderful Association the Lord blessed us to have.

RESOLUTION

We the officers of the Indiana Bottom Association, and delegates likewise, wish to extend a warm, gratifying, and heartfelt thanks to the officers and members of the Reynolds Fork Church and their many friends of the Mallie Community who contributed toward making the 68th session of the Indian Bottom Association the best ever to be held. We don't want to forget our little sister, the Thornton Union Association, brothers and sisters, who so generously contributed food, aided and assisted us throughout the three day session of this great work.

We, The Indian Bottom Association, felt sad and our hearts did ache within us, when we read the names of two beloved Elders that had been delegated to come to our Association and, because of death, were absent. These Elders were Raymond Howard and Ester Hopkins, two wonderful devoted brethren to the furtherance of the cause of Christ. Both, I'm persuaded to believe, died at the post. The fond memories we of the Indian Bottom Association have of these two precious brethren will long be remembered by us.

Let me, the clerk say to the friends and loved ones of these two brave and untiring Pilgrims of the Cross, "You would do well to live and pattern your lives after the example they left on record during their stay here on earth, God's footstool."

Little children of the Heavenly King, love one another. By this, The Lord said, All men will know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one for the other. This doesn't mean to love in word, but in deed. The love spoken of in this instance comes from within. A love the world knows nothing about, it's born in men and women from above. When Mother Jerusalem is delivered she brings forth sons and daughters filled with love, and sealed with the holy spirit of promise Christ within us, the hope of glory formed in the soul both sure and steadfast, unmovable, what more do we need to convince us that we have passed from death unto life than when darkness has fled away and gone and the day star dawns in our hearts, filling us with matchless love for the brothers and sisters of the Cross!

Maybe we are old foggy people and behind the advancement of worldly wisdom but let me tell you, and the Bible supports it, It is written, My People are a separate people, a peculiar people, a Royal Priesthood, and an holy nation, possessors of the faith in a pure conscience.

So farewell beloved of the eternal King, if we nevermore meet here on earth, God's footstool, my hopes are that we can meet around the great, eternal white throne of grace where we need not the light of the sun, as God and His Son, will, with the presence of their glory, outshine any light we know anything about.

Your unworthy servant in hope of eternal life through Christ Jesus the Lord.

Elder Alonzo Allen, Clerk

UNION MEETINGS

May, 1964

LITTLE DOVE — Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders: any of same faith and order that have a mind to come.

Communion—Second Sunday in July, 1964.

REYNOLDS FORK — Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders: Beckham Fields, Carl Back, Nelson Seals, Charlie Gibson, Crit Eldridge and Raymond Collins.

Communion—Third Sunday in July 1964.

CEDAR GROVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders: Burton Howard, Kirby Isom, Olus Baldrige, Dallas Ramsey and Moderator.

Communion—Fourth Sunday in August.

BULL CREEK — Third Saturday and Sunday in May 1964. Elders, no list received by clerk, but we are sure that any of same faith and order that have a mind to come will be welcome.

Communion—Third Sunday in August, 1964.

June, 1964

PILGRIMS HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, Emmitt Case, Clifford Colley, Paris Tackett, Perry Tackett, and Moderator and whoever has a mind of same faith and order.

Communion—First Sunday in July, 1964.

NEW HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Tracy Hatfield, J. W. Pratt, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

Communion—Second Sunday in July, 1964.

OVEN FORK — Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders, all that have a mind to come.

Communion—Second Sunday in July, 1964.

KINGDOM COME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders: all of the same faith and order who have a mind to come are welcome to our union meeting.

Communion—Second Sunday in July, 1964.

MAPLE GROVE — Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1964. Elders, all ministers of same faith and order are welcome.

Communion—Third Sunday in July, 1964.

LITTLE ZION — Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders: Verlin Fields, Carl Back, John Hess and Moderator.

Communion—Third Sunday in July, 1964.

POWELL — Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders: Hiram Osborne, Ivory Sowards, Alonzo Allen, Paris Tackett, Carl Back, Crit Eldridge, and Moderator.

Communion—Third Sunday in July, 1964.

DIXON MEMORIAL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders, all brethren of same faith and order.

Communion—Fourth Sunday in July, 1964.

TOLSON CREEK — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. No list received by clerk but we feel sure that any that have a mind to come will be welcome.

Communion—Fourth Sunday in July, 1964.

July, 1964

BIG LEATHERWOOD — Second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1964. Elders: John Hess, Evans Bailey, Odis Williams, Verlin Fields, and Moderator.

Communion—Second Sunday in August, 1964.

August, 1964

DEFEATED CREEK — First Saturday and Sunday in August, 1964. Elders: Verlin Fields, Beckham Fields, Reubin Riddle, Kirby Isom, Riley Fouts.

Communion—First Sunday in August, 1964.

IVY POINT — None requested.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association:

In order to comply with your request that I write a circular letter to be read at our next association for your approval or rejection, I need the guiding hand of God; for, it is with much weakness that I try to do so, trusting God will guide my hand and direct me while I write.

My mind is caught back to where Moses was with the children of Israel; and we hear him saying, "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him shall ye harken; this is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spoke to him in Mount Sinai, and with our fathers who received the lively oracles to give to us. (Acts 7th chapter, 37th and 38th verses).

Dear Brethren, we see Stephen, the old Deacon, as he was pleading for his life before that wicked council which was trying him. He began back with God's covenant to Israel, and came on up with that covenant to the time and coming of Christ, whom Moses had spoken of in these verses; and, as Moses was in Israel, and was their leader, so should Christ be in His church, and He be her leader. This is proven in Acts 3, verse 22 when Moses said unto them; **A PROPHET SHALL THE LORD THY GOD RAISE UP UNTO YOU OF YOUR BRETHREN LIKE UNTO ME, HIM SHALL YE HEAR IN ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER HE SHALL SAY UNTO YOU.**

So we see that Christ was to be raised up of his brethren in the church, the same as Moses was of the tribe of Israel and was Israel's leader; for, we hear Moses saying that Christ should be "like unto me." And so the children of Israel were to hear Moses, and to observe all things that he spoke unto them. In like manner we, today, are to hear and observe all things that Christ says to his brethren in the church. For Christ is just as much a member of the church as Moses was of Israel; for, he could not have been like unto Moses if he had not taken up fellowship with his brethren. And thus we see him coming to John and demanding baptism of him. And John baptised Christ in the River Jordan, and laid the corner stone in Zion as was prophesied by Isaiah 28th chapter, 16th verse: "Therefore, said the Lord God, 'Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation. He that believeth shall not make haste.'" And we see now that John was a man sent from God, and was the porter of the sheepfold, and he that entered in was the shepherd of the sheep. Then was the saying of the prophet Isaiah fulfilled when he said, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." This shows us that he was in the midst of his brethren in Zion which is the church.

This fact is declared in Hebrews 2nd chapter, 12th verse, "Saying I will declare thy name unto my brethren; in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto Thee." And further declares in 1st Corinthians 3: 11th verse, "For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." This is clear, my brethren, that Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and is a fulfillment of the saying of David in the 118th psalm, 22nd verse, "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." This further shows that Christ was in the midst of the church. I will cite you to Deuteronomy 18, 15th verse; also 18th and 19th, "And it shall come to pass that whosoever will not harken to my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." Here is the fulfillment of Isaiah 9th chapter, verse 6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called wonderful counsellor, **THE MIGHTY GOD**, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Verse 7, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth and forever."

We hear the Prophet, Malachi, speaking of that time saying, "Behold I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant whom ye delight in. Behold he shall come saith the Lord of Hosts.

So you see, Brethren, that the prophets foretold of his coming and of his kingdom here on earth. We hear Daniel saying, "In the days of these kings, shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and it, the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all the kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Daniel further says, "But the Saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess it forever and forever."

And again we hear the prophet Isaiah saying, "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah, 'We have a strong city, Salvation shall God appoint for walls and bulwarks.'" John the Baptist came singing that song in the wilderness saying, "Repent ye for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." And the Bible says that the people round about Jerusalem and Judea and the Jordan went out and was baptised of John in Jordan confessing their sins. So we see baptism in water was a door into the Kingdom or Church, which are the same. There are many scriptures which will affirm this. And, Brethren, there are many more great sayings that I could leave with you at this time, but space won't permit as my letter is getting to be quite lengthy.

But now, my dear Brethren, there can be no doubt about Jesus being that prophet that was to be raised up of his brethren like unto Moses; and there is no doubt that it was Jesus Christ that was in the church in the wilderness; for the scriptures I have given in this letter establish that fact beyond any doubt. So now we have the church in the wilderness with Jesus as her shepherd leading her from the River of Jordan upon the mountain. There he chose twelve of his disciples whom he named apostles and ordained them to preach the gospel, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers. He commanded them to not go by way of the Gentiles, nor into any city of the Samaritans, but commanded them to go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. So we see that the Gospel of Jesus Christ began with the preaching of John the Baptist. Mark the first chapter and first verse says, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," and the second verse says, "As it is written in the prophets, Behold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare the way before thee." 3rd verse, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His path straight."

So, Brethren, we see that Christ journeyed about with his apostles. Three years he gave them instructions while he laid all examples before them. So having finished all the work that the Father had given Him to do, He was crucified for the sin of the world, was buried, and on the third day arose and appeared to his apostles again and declared, "All power is given in my hands both in Heaven and Earth, and said unto them, "Go teach all nations baptising them 'n the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

So now we see that He leaves the visible church with whom He had dwelt in the midst of His brethren about three years and said unto them, "I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also. When He comes it will be after His bride, the church, which He left here on earth.

So, Brethren, we can now see by all the prophets, and even by the works of righteousness at the River of Jordan **THAT THIS WAS HE THAT WAS TO BE RAISED UP IN THE MIDST OF THY BRETHREN;** for, we see John now while baptising in Jordan River as he lifts his eyes and says, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. And to Christ John said, "Thou camest unto me but I need to be baptised of thee." Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so for it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. So John took the Son of God, the prophet, in the water and baptised Him, and God did own Him from the throne above because He sent the message on the wings of a dove. Oh, Brethren what a message that was to the men and women of that day!

So my dear Brethren and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association, if you want your work sanctioned from above, do as the prophets and this Son of God, Jesus bid you do. Hear Him in all things, and observe whatsoever he hath commanded you. He said when He was about to take His leave to Glory, "Little Children, love one another", and so in closing this letter let me beg you to live in peace, showing your love one for the other, leading men and women in the way of all truth.

Pray on, Brethren and Sisters, that God's people may be bound together in one bundle of love. Be strong in the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

So, dear Brethren, if I nevermore see you on earth, go on. I have a hope in my bosom, I'll meet you over yonder on the sweet shores of Canaan where all will be love, peace, and happiness. This is the prayer of your little, unworthy, and humble servant in the Lord in hope of eternal life!

Elder Perry Tackett

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

6. We believe in the 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 SAM ALLEN



Sam Allen, 79, was born at Elmrock in Knott County, Kentucky on Quicksand Creek, a tributary of the Kentucky River, and near Jackson, Kentucky on Feb. 7, 1884 and died quietly as he had lived; for he passed very quietly and peaceably away into that life beyond death, to meet there the life that he had lived, on Sunday morning at two o'clock June 23, 1963 at the Margaret Mary Hospital at Batesville, Indiana, a probable victim of a paralytic stroke. He became ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Polly Diehl and was rushed to the hospital where he died.

Mr. Allen was the son of "Rebel" Jack Allen and Lorraine Allen, who both died when Sam was just a

young man. Thereafter he made his home for some time with William and Sarah Maggard Howard at Mallie, Kentucky, where he met and married

Rhoda Helen Reynolds, daughter of Wesley Reynolds. To this union was born three sons and four daughters, one daughter, Loureza, and the wife preceded him many years in death.

During the thirty some-odd-years that Mr. Allen was rearing and educating his family, he lived near and was associated with The Caney Creek Community Center and Caney Junior College at Pippa Passes, Kentucky where Mrs. Alice Geddys Lloyd, founder and head of the famous school, was honored some years ago in the nationally televised program, "This Is Your Life". Mr. Allen was one of the group of friends, associates, and personnel that appeared on this program.

Besides Mrs. Polly Diehls with whom he lived in Milan where she teaches, Mr. Allen leaves to mourn his loss three sons: Stanley Deamos, an employee of Joseph Seagrams and Sons for about sixteen years; Woodrow W. Allen, principal of the Prestonsburg High School at Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Alonzo, owner of the Milan Bottle Gas Service and Bargain Store and The Allen's Standard Station in Aurora; Flora A. Wallen who taught for a few years at Bright, Indiana but is now of Rome City, Indiana; Linda Marvis Cornett, an employee of Arvin Industries at Columbus, Indiana where she now has her home; Linda Allen Collins, a niece he raised, now at Brinkley, Kentucky; a brother, William Allen of Hindman, Kentucky; a half brother and two half sisters, Tom Allen and Mrs. Elizabeth Collier both of Logan, West Virginia; and Angeline Gayheart of Tipler, Wisconsin.

The Stepleton Funeral Home had charge of the body and arrangements at Milan, but transferred same to Hindman Funeral Home at Hindman, Kentucky where Mr. Allen lay in state from Tuesday morning until Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. He was taken from there to The New Home Church at Leburn, and on to the Howard Cemetery at Mallie, Kentucky where he was placed beside his wife. The ministers who officiated in the funeral were: Elders Ollus Baldrige, Dillsboro, Elders, Raymond and Burton Howard of Mousie, Kentucky.

Same Allen was dearly loved by all who knew him. His gentle ways, his fatherly kindness, his love for children and people endeared him to both young and old alike.

Dear Dad's long years of toil are o'er,
His beloved work well done,
His life laid down to start again
Beyond this earthly sun.
Not "an endlers sleep" as some believe,
Nor "birth" as some will say;
But he'll wake from death on the Great Day,
When Christ will raise the sleeping clay,
The just to STAND, be asked, "Come in!"
The unjust cast away.
Among the hills where Dad was born
We laid his body there to rest
In scenic mountain terrain, high above
The valley's deep, by hills caressed!
He'll rise someday, (Oh blessed Hope!)
To live again, in heaven be blessed
To hear, to taste, to smell, to know,
And see the heavenly scenes of life
On the other side of death;
And things he loved on earth so well
God knows! He planned it so!

In loving memory of one we miss!
The Sam Allen Family

We, the children of Dad Allen, found a letter which was ready to be mailed to a sister-in-law of Dad Allen, Aunt Susie Stone. In the letter Dad had told Aunt Susie that he had worked out his salvation with his Lord the year of his stroke while he yet lived on Caney.

He explained in the letter that he had not gone into the church yet but that he believed in the Old Regular Baptist Church, and said, "I believe you believe in it, too."

Dad used to tell us to stop by to take him to church but when we stopped he'd usually feel too weak to go.

Just before he died he asked the family to permit Alonzo to take care of the funeral, as he believed the same way Alonzo believed.

We believe Dad Allen will enter into that rest that belongeth to the children of God!

The Allen Children

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 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 28, 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.

OBITUARY OF PARILEE PETREE

It is with much sadness and sorrow that we attempt to write an obituary of our much loved and good neighbor, Parilee Petree. She was loved by all who knew her. She was one among the best Mothers to her family. She was married to George Petree, who preceded her in death. To this union was born nine children, four girls, and five boys. One girl, Mary Magdoline, and one boy, Samuel Petree, preceded her in death.

She lived to be eighty-two years, nine months, and five days old. She has seven children, and many grandchildren, all her neighbors, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She told a beautiful experience. It was sometime before her departure that she said she had been praying and thought she was almost dying. When one evening she was returning to the house, she looked toward the east and saw a man like Christ coming in the sky. She felt all her burdens begin to move out, and away from her. The closer he came to her the faster her sins moved away. Then I asked her if she believed God had pardoned her sins, and if she had to die, did she believe she would be saved? She said, "Yes, I have never been so happy in all my life!" She wanted to be baptised but was not able. Five days later she was bed-ridden. She did see many more blessings before death. She told her daughter that she saw a host of little babies playing on her bed, and she heard preaching like the Old Regular Baptist, and singing, the sweetest she ever heard!

It was the desires of her children that I write her Obituary and experience, and also preach her funeral. Although it's hard for us to give her up, our loss is Heaven's gain, we do believe! So I must say to her children and friends, if you want to meet Mother again, you must get ready in this life. Pray without ceasing, look to God, and go to Church.

Written by a brother in Hope,
John Kelley

OBITUARY OF ELDER B. F. TACKETT



It is with much weakness that I attempt to write a short sketch in memory of a loved one that has outstripped us and gone on to his long sought rest above.

Elder B. F. Tackett, the son of Maryland Tackett and Rhoda Caudill Tackett, was born January 24, 1897 and died May 18th, 1962 making his stay on earth 65 years, 3 months, 24 days.

Bro. Tackett married Laura Ellen Tyler, June 28, 1917. To this union was born 5 children, 4 boys; James M. Roy, Jasper, and B. F. Jr.; 1 girl; Vivian, all living.

Bro. Tackett leaves four brothers, Silas, Dewey, Perry, and M. D.; one uncle, and many other relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Bro. Tackett joined the Powell Church of Regular Baptist in 1918, and has faithfully discharged his duties down to this present time. The life Bro. Tackett lived before his family and neighbors, and the doctrine he preached, begging and pleading with sinners to repent, gives us great consolation and faith to believe that the work of the laying on of hands of the presbytery on Bro. Tackett in 1949 was sanctioned of God.

It's hard to give up one who was so faithful and kind, but God knows best. So children, if you want to see the family circle complete again, repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and let Father's God be your God, and there will be a happy reunion in the sweet by and by when this life's warfare is over. We can meet him in Heaven, sweet Heaven, where no trouble comes!

Submitted by your little, humble, and unworthy servant in hope of eternal life.

Elder Perry Tackett

OBITUARY OF MATT MUNCY



Matt Muncy was born in Leslie County, Ky., Mar. 3, 1877, the son of Joshua Muncy and Lucinda Bagley Muncy.

He passed away Aug. 4, 1960, making his stay on earth 83 years, 5 months, one day. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hall, Feb. 2, 1917. To this union was born two children: a daughter, Mrs. Nardine Vaughn, of Los Angeles, Calif., one son, Espie Muncy of Wichita, Kansas.

Matt was a member of the Powell Church of Regular Baptist having been baptised on April 18, 1960. He took an active part from

then on as much as his health would permit.

Bro. Muncy also served his country for three years during the Spanish American War.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, and son, also five grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends as well as brothers and sisters in the church to mourn his passing. But we feel our loss is his eternal gain. So, in closing, will say to the children, turn in to the Lord and let father's God be your God, and there will be a happy reunion over on the Golden Shore. This is the prayers of your unworthy writer. Requested by his wife.

Elder Perry Tackett

OBITUARY OF JUDY ISON HEVNER

It is with much weakness and an unworthy feeling that I attempt to write a short sketch of a dear Sister, to-wit Judy Ison Hevner. She was born Sept. 12, 1881, deceased Nov. 30, 1962, the daughter of Gideon and Mary Ison.

Judy was married to J. W. Hevner, June 2, 1917 at Jackson, Ky., by S. H. Palliet. Sister Hevner was here on earth 81 years, two months and eighteen days. She professed a hope in Christ, and joined The Powell Church of Regular Baptist in July, 1928. She lived a faithful member. As long as able she attended church. She requested me to preach her funeral if I were still living, and that I write an obituary to be printed in our minutes, with her hope, which she had written herself. I truly hope you will find room and space for this. Sister Hevner left no children, just her heartbroken husband, J. W. Hevner, several nieces and nephews, and a host of brethren, sisters, and friends to mourn her loss. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Elder Perry Tackett

My Hope

While on life's journey here on earth, I sought to know Heaven and the New Birth. I'll never forget the place when Jesus lightened my burden and pardoned my sins. I came to Him as I was feeling unpardoned, weary, and sad. I found in Him a resting place that has always made me glad. When My days on earth are over and I reach my journey's end, I hope, someone some where, can say "She has been a friend." I've tried to scatter sunshine along folks darkened road, to light the path of the weary who was carrying a heavy load. Hope I'll be remembered for some kind word or deed. I've given a helping hand to those who were in need. When I say "good-by" to those I

love dear, hope my heart will be thrilled and I won't shed a tear. Hope I'll see on yonder shore some souls I've helped to win. First I want to see is King Jesus, then all my dear friends. While I traveled life's pathway, though my ways been rough and steep, I tried to smooth the road for others feet. I've tried to let the world see Him in my actions, see Him in my talk, see Him in my daily living, and see Him in my walk. I know no one hates sin more than I, but Jesus loved the sinner, was for the sinner He died.

Jesus knows all about me as I wander through this land. He knows my every weary. He knows I am holding to his hand. When the Books are opened and my Lord can see, I wonder if He'll be satisfied with me. I would like to be buried under a tree where the birds will sing over me.

Don't tell folks I was a perfect saint or anything else you know I ain't. Don't go buy some flowers for which you'll have to pay. If you have roses, bless your souls, why didn't you pin them on me as I strolled? And do it while I was at my best? Not wait till I am gone to rest.

As the years come and go I grow older. Soon my loved ones I shall see. I'll share their mansions in Heaven for I know they must be waiting for me.

Written by Judy Ison Hevner

Submitted by her husband, Mr. J. W. Hevner

OBITUARY OF BROTHER IRA BANKS



Bro. Ira was born Sept. 12, 1891.

Deceased this life April 1, 1963. His stay on earth, 71 years, 6 months, and 19 days.

He was married to Pearlle Caudill in November 1910 and to this union were born ten children, four boys and six girls. Virgie Adams, Whitesburg, Ky.; Ethel Banks, deceased, Whitesburg, Ky.; Ernest Banks, Burlington, Ky.; Maynard Banks, Benham, Ky.; Enos Banks, Livona, Mich.; Ellis Banks, Benham, Ky.; Edna Meade, Phil, Ohio; Ellen Creech, Kingscreek, Ky.; Marie Ison, Oscaloosa, Ky.; Vera Ray, Lankster, Ky. His wife deceased this life April 29, 1932.

Ira joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in April 1947, and was baptized by Elder G. Bennet Adams, May 3, 1947.

Bro. Ira married sister Tilda Banks, June 23, 1944.

Bro. Ira was a charter member in The Kingdom Come Regular Baptist Church as he was in the organization. He lived a faithful member until his death. Bro. Ira was a great worker in the church and a wise counselor.

He will be greatly missed by the church, by his neighbors, and by his many friends.

I never knew a man with greater faith than Brother Ira. His conversation was always about Heaven, and that beautiful home the Lord has prepared for his children. He would say, "I am ready to go. I'm just awaiting for the Lord to call me."

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, nine children, thirty-five grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

But we feel assured that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Elder James D. Fields, Moderator, Kingdom Come Regular Baptist Church.

OBITUARY OF BROTHER JEROME WATTS



He was the son of Harlen and Salley Watts. Born June 26, 1903 this making him 59 years, 11 months, and 2 days old at the time the death Angel called him to come to his long sought rest, and eternal, happy, home. In his early life he was wed to Hester Combs, to this union was born 5 boys and one girl: John Harlen, Jerome Jr., Chester R., James, Leroy, and Bulah. In the year 1950 Brother Watts professed a hope in Christ and lived a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church until death. Bro. Watts leaves, besides his companion and six children, two brothers and six sisters, twelve grandchildren, hundreds of friends and other relatives, to mourn his passing.

Brother Watts was the clerk of New Home Church for several years and no doubt his services, as well as presence will be missed. Bro. Watts lived a humble life, showing forth good works unto the world of mankind. Brother Watts and his family were very close, manifesting a great love for one another. His companion and children did everything possible to help him survive, but the hand of God took him. So I believe, according to the Bible, He is resting from all his labours and his works do follow him.

He has one son and two daughter-in-laws that have professed a hope in Christ. This makes us feel that Brother Watts lived not in vain, for, surely the life he lived before his family had something to do with these three loved ones turning in to the Lord.

By Request
Elder Burton Howard

November 3, 1951, Saturday morning

I will try to write a brief sketch of the reason of my hope in Christ and not of a positive knowledge.

In the fall of 1932 in the Linzy Dyre Graveyard, old Bro. George Higin was preaching, and he cried with a loud voice and said, "Except You Repent, You Shall All Likewise Perish." Those words cut through my heart like a dagger and my sins rolled up before me like a mountain, and I was made to cry out in my heart and say, "Oh Lord What Can I Do?" I was a swearing man and a drunkard. On my way home to Ball Branch, my burden got or became so heavy, that on top of the mountain I got down from my horse and went out in the bushes, got down on my knees, and began for the first time to beg God to have mercy, and remove the thirst of whiskey from my lips and those vile oaths from my tongue, so I could live a better life. After begging for about one hour, I began to feel a little better. I went on home and continued to beg. Finally the thirst was gone and I never thought of swearing. I could tell that I was different from the way I once was; but still, I was not satisfied.

On the 21st day of July, 1934 at 11:15 I saw death preying upon my blessed old mother and I fell down at the head of her bed and tried to beg God, if it could be His will, that He would take me and let mother live! But God being merciful did not hear my cries. After mother was buried I could

see her in dreams at night and in visions by day, and everytime I saw her she was just like she was while she was with us. She always seemed to be in great pain and I began to wonder and plead unto God to show me if I was yet a sinner or could my mother have been deceived. At last on the 22nd of June, 1935 when I laid down on my bed, I had the greatest burden on me that I had ever had! I began to plead and cry unto God to show me what the trouble was and continued until about two o'clock in the morning when a voice said unto me, "I know you have quit your evil ways and are living a different life, but except you repent of your old sins you will never see your mother again!" I can not tell you how I felt thinking I was all right with God. My burden began to grow worse and I got to where I was afraid to go to sleep, afraid I would die before I awoke. I got to where all I could do was moan and groan, and say, "Oh Lord Have Mercy On Me, A Sinner." I got to where I don't believe I could have shed one tear if my whole family had died.

Finally on the 11th night of November, 1935, when I lay down, I knew without a change, I would never see another day; and I knew if I died in that condition that hell would be my doom. Around 1 o'clock in the night, I began to realize I was not worthy of being found dead in the bed with my little boy that now is in the Army. I got up and fixed the cover around him and when I stooped down to kiss him farewell, there was the saddest look I ever saw on his sweet face. The tears burst from my eyes in a stream. I said "Farewell" and started to go out in the yard to die there, and when I came to myself I was on my knees in the kitchen at the window. I heard a great roaring noise as it were a mighty storm. I lifted my eyes towards the west, and I saw the blackest cloud I ever saw. It moved on until it seemed as though the whole mountain was coming down on my house, and I fell on my face on the floor and cried out, "Oh Lord, if it can be thy holy will, save my poor soul and my little family and let this body die! The next thing I knew the storm had passed. The dark cloud had fled and a light brighter than the noon day sun was shining around me, and a sweet voice saying to me, "arise yea, therefore now and go unto where I will show thee and be baptised, take up the cross and follow me."

I got up and I felt so light I hardly could tell when my feet touched the floor! I went back to my bed and took my child in my arms and there was the sweetest smile on its face I ever saw! All at once the East side of my house seemed to roll back like a double door, and I looked and saw my mother coming out of the East down from heaven. She came and stood by my bed, and had on a long white robe whiter than any thing I ever saw, and a crown of light around her head, and a light on her breast with sparkles, like diamonds going in all directions. While she talked with me I heard the sweetest singing ever was, and I turned my head to see where it was, and I saw a large congregation of people by the prettiest hole of water ever was, and old brother Linzy Mosley standing in it up to his waist. He had on the same kind of robe that mother had on, and the same crown and light and they both looked to be about 16 years old, and didn't look like the sun had ever shined on them. I turned back to see mother and she was gone, and I looked back and the rest were gone. I felt so happy I could not go to sleep! The only thing I could do was praise God.

On Saturday morning I could hardly wait until my wife got breakfast ready to start to the New Home Church. Before I got out of Watt's Fork, I saw a man that was called a Baptist preacher with a bottle of whiskey to his lips, and he saw me and went to put it in his pocket and spilled it on his coat and, instead of going on to church, he went back home. Then I began to wonder again can a man be a preacher and still do the thing which I had to suffer so much for.

So it went on this way from time to time until the 6th day of February, 1950 when my blessed boy started to the Army, and when he looked back at me, there was that sad look on his face. I thought my heart would burst, realizing I had not done what I believed God had told me to do just on the account of what that man who called himself a preacher was doing. After 3

days and nights without closing my eyes for sleep or hardly eating a bite, begging God to show me if I was right and promising Him if He would let my child come home again and give me a mind to call some of the old regular Baptist preachers in, I would have a meeting in my home and do what he told me to do on the 11th night of November, 1935, I dropped off to sleep about day break and saw Bros. E. H. Howard, Alex Colburn, Bert Howard all standing in my room. Then I began to ask god if this was his will to cause them all to come, and to let my dear companion come in with me. And the 2nd Sunday in May, my child came in with that sweet smile again on his face instead of a sad look. The four Brothers came, as I had seen them, and when they extended the privilege, my blessed wife gave her hand, as I had asked! She didn't know I was going to join the church, neither did I know she was, but trusting in God to grant my request. The only thing I regret is, I put it off as long as I did, but mighty thankful that God let us both come in at the same time!

So dear children, if you ever see how it looks in heaven you must get on the wedding garment in this life. And to my companion, if I go first, you may have this read at my funeral if you wish. I would love for Bros. E. H. Howard, Alex Colburn and Bert Howard to preach my funeral if they are still living. If you want anybody else, that is up to you. Tell them to give my children good advice and tell them to meet me in a better world than this, and to you, Honey, if I go first I will be waiting for you to come where we will never have to say farewell no more.

So farewell for a while.

Jerome Watts

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES .

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Floyd Huff, Cornettsville, Ky.
 CEDAR GROVE—Lovell Polly, Cornettsville, Ky.
 NEW HOME—Rich Smith, Leburn, Ky.
 POWELL—Howard Eldridge, R. 3, Waynesburg, Ky.
 DEFEATED CREEK—Woodard Cornett, James Whittaker, Jonah Roark.
 BULL CREEK—Crit Eldridge, Estill Jent, Tommy Jent.
 REYNOLDS FORK—N. J. Mullins, Brinkley, Ky.
 IVY POINT—Birchel Mosley, Garner, Ky.
 PILGRIMS HOME—Alonzo Allen, Milan, Ind.
 LITTLE ZION—E. F. Logan, Jeff, Ky.
 LITTLE DOVE—Brax Combs, Sassafras, Ky.
 KINGDOM COME—Arlie Caudill, Premium, Ky.
 TOLSON CREEK—Hiram R. Whittaker, Rt. 588, Whitesburg, Ky.
 MAPLE GROVE—Chalme Engel, Whitesburg, Ky.
 OVEN FORK—Lester Hubbard, Pardee, Va.
 DIXON MEMORIAL—Hobart Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BIG LEATHERWOOD—J. W. Pratt, Reubin Riddle, Bob Logan.
 CEDAR GROVE—Beckham Fields, Manis Isom, Verlin Fields.
 NEW HOME—Olus Baldrige, Hershel Baldrige, Rich Smith.
 POWELL—Perry Tackett, Dewey Fields, Henry Eldridge.
 DEFEATED CREEK—Woodard Cornett, James Whitaker, Jonah Roark.
 BULL CREEK—Crit Eldridge, Estill Jent, Tommy Jent.
 REYNOLDS FORK—Verlin Slone, A. J. Taylor, Millard Seals.
 IVY POINT—Dillas Combs, Sam Johnson, Merlin Slone.
 PILGRIM HOME—Kelly Day, James Combs, Alonzo Allen.
 LITTLE ZION—B. F. Logan, Malcom Hicks, Van B. Combs.
 LITTLE DOVE—Brax Combs, Dave Hampton, J. B. Eversole.
 KINGDOM COME—James D. Fields, Kelly Isom, Arlie Caudill.
 TOLSON CREEK—Hiram R. Whitaker, Watson Whitaker, Jasper Boggs.
 MAPLE GROVE—Troy Engel, Chalmer Engel, Dale Roberts.
 OVEN FORK—Riley Fouts, Alvro Hubbard, Lester Hubbard.
 DIXON MEMORIAL—Carl Back, John Back, James M. Caudill.

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.
DILLAS COMBS, Leburn, Ky.
ALONZO ALLEN, Milan, Ind.
CULLEN HOGG, Cumberland, Ky.
JAMES D. FIELDS, Blackey, Ky.
R. H. FIELDS, Kings Creek, Ky.
CARL BACK, Jeremiah, Ky.

DEWEY ELDRIDGE, Roxana, Ky.
FRANCIS MAGGARD, Partridge, 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.

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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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 Expedi- ence and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Recommutation	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions \$
BIG LEATHERWOOD	0	0	1	2	1	2	2	79	2	25
CEDAR GROVE	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	76	4	30
NEW HOME	0	0	1	0	5	0	2	73	2	25
POWELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	3	20
DEFEATED CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	1	10
BULL CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	3	10
REYNOLDS FORK	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	3	10
IVY POINT	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	34	4	15
PILGRIMS HOME	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	20
LITTLE ZION	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	24	3	15
LITTLE DOVE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	2	10
KINGDOM COME	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	33	2	10
TOLSON CREEK	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	24	4	10
MAPLE GROVE	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3	10
OVEN FORK	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	81	2	20
DIXON MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4	10
TOTALS	11	2	3	5	15	6	10	601		\$250

"Behold the Day, behold, it is come: The morning
is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath
budded. Violence is risen up into a rod of wicked-
ness."

The Clerk



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